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POINTS OF INTEREST (GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

1 HISTORIC DAM AND SPILLWAY

30.6095° -95.5341°

Originally constructed by the CCC to create Lake Raven, the 1,000-foot earthen dam failed in 1940 and was not rebuilt until funds from timber sales were raised in 1956.



30.6338° -95.5386°

Hike above wetlands and marshes of Lake Raven's headwaters. You'll find an excellent place to view birds, dragonflies and other animals.



CCC CULVERTS

30.6339° -95.5208°

The culverts, built by Company 1823, are excellent examples of CCC craftsmanship. The company was made up of African American veterans of the First World War.



CCC LODGE

30.6132° -95.5337°

Built by the CCC in 1939, the lodge was a major feature of the park and was designed to blend with its natural surroundings.



BIRD BLIND

30.6209° -95.5288°

Located just off the Coloneh Trail, this blind gives you an opportunity to view a wide variety of birds, including the great blue heron, pileated woodpecker, great egret, red-shouldered hawk and many other species.



FLATWATER PONDS

30.6154° -95.5207°

The Triple C Trail partially dams Little Chinquapin Creek to create a unique wetland area in the middle of the forest.

Huntsville State Park

Welcome to the Pineywoods at Huntsville State Park

Adventure, exploration, and solitude await you in this beautiful mixed pine and hardwood forest. A keen eye may spot an American alligator or bald eagle. Listen for the screeches of pileated woodpeckers or simply bask in nature at this historic park, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

STAYING SAFE

KNOW YOUR LIMITS. Prepare for sun and heat. Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

TELL OTHERS WHERE YOU'LL BE. If possible, avoid exploring alone. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

WEAR A HELMET WHEN BIKING. Check with park HQ to match the trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET. The law requires that all children under age 13 wear one with adult supervision while boating.

WEATHER CHANGES QUICKLY. Check forecasts before you leave and prepare for changes in the weather.



pileated woodpecker

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.



TRAIL	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
TRIPLE C TRAIL	8.4 mi. (round trip)	Challenging	If you'd like to experience a large diversity of habitats in a remote setting, then this is the hike for you. Check out the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps as you encounter its work.
CHINQUAPIN TRAIL	6.9 mi. (round trip)	Challenging	If you want to see the whole park, this is the trail: it encircles the lake. You will travel over marshes teeming with wildlife where you are likely to see shorebirds and nutria.
DOGWOOD TRAIL	1.8 mi.	Moderate	Named for the prominent understory tree here, the dogwood. Dogwoods welcome spring with beautiful white, petal-like bracts.
PRAIRIE BRANCH LOOP	1.5 mi. (round trip)	Moderate	Explore two completely different habitats as you walk this short loop. Half of the trail's length is along the shore of Lake Raven, and the other half is through the mixed pine and hardwood forest.
COLONEH TRAIL	0.8 mi	Easy	This short trail is named to honor one of Huntsville's most famous residents – General Sam Houston. Cherokee Chief Oolooteka gave him the name "Coloneh" (Raven).
LOBLOLLY TRAIL	0.2 mi. (round trip)	Easy	Named for the prominent pine species found at the park, this short walk begins and ends at the nature center.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Keep the park natural. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick and more likely to harm people.

Take only memories and pictures. Please don't disturb or remove any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts.

Don't Pocket The Past. Help preserve Texas heritage. Leave artifacts where you find them and report their location to a ranger.

Keep pets on leashes for their safety, and to protect wildlife.

We need to know about your caches. Please check with park HQ before placing geocaches within the park.



