Lake Somerville State Park
Natural diversity, recreational activities...your outdoor adventure begins here.

Known for fishing and boating, the Lake Somerville State Park complex offers so much more. Owls announce their presence as you hike through a post-oak forest. White-tailed deer leap through waist-high bluestem grasses as you bike past them. Saddle your horse and pack your tent!

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 mountain biking, check with park HQ to match the trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS MAY LIVE HERE. You'll see them more easily if you stay on the trails. Do not approach wildlife!

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick. Please do not feed them.

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

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

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

TRAIL DISTANCE TIME DIFFICULTY DESCRIPTION

LAKE SOMERVILLE TRAILWAY 13.4 mi. 6 hrs. Challenging The gem of the Lake Somerville State Park Complex, Lake Somerville Trailway provides users with a terrific avenue to experience the great outdoors.

WILDERNESS RUN (Birch Creek) 1.3 mi. 1 hr. Moderate This trail takes you on a trip along a beautiful creek bottom filled with an abundant variety of wildlife.

SUNSET TRAIL (Birch Creek) 0.9 mi. 1 hr. Moderate In addition to fine sunset views, the trail affords great views of native prairie grasses and mature hardwood trees.

HONEYBEE HILL TRAIL (Birch Creek) 0.4 mi. 20 min. Easy This easy, wheelchair-accessible trail connects to the Lake Somerville Trailway.

CEDAR CREEK LOOP (Nails Creek) 1.9 mi. 1.5 hrs. Moderate Offers great access to fishing and wildlife viewing.

FLAG POND LOOP (Trailway) 1.7 mi. 1 hr. Easy This trail offers exceptional, unobstructed views of Flag Pond. While you're here, take a look at the control structures that help us manage this wetland for migratory birds.

ALLIGATOR LOOP (Trailway) 1.5 mi. 1.25 hrs. Moderate Venture down the sand hill to this loop trail. It provides great fishing on Yegua Creek. You may spot a resident alligator sunning itself along the creek bank.

GERDES SPUR (Trailway) 1.6 mi. 1.5 hrs. Moderate This spur trail is a converted old ranch road that provides equestrians an enjoyable, secluded ride.

SANDY SLOUGH TRAIL (Trailway) 2.1 mi. 2 hrs. Moderate Perhaps the most picturesque trail in the Lake Somerville State Park Complex, this primitive trail skirts Yegua Creek and passes through mature hardwoods and seasonal wetlands. Check with headquarters for conditions.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.