Abilene State Park Trails Map

Legend:
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Headquarters
- Baseball Field
- Bikeway
- Bird Viewing
- Boat Ramp
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Dump Station
- Fishing
- Full Hookups
- Water & Electric Hookups
- Primitive Camping
- Group Buildings
- Group Picnic Area
- Handicap Accessible
- Hiking Trail
- Equestrian Trail
- Interpretive Trail
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Screened Shelters
- Showers
- State Parks Store
- Swimming
- Volleyball Court
- Water
- Yurts

Points of Interest:

1. Civilian Conservation Corps Water Tower and Playground
   - GPS: 32.2387°, -99.882°
   - The CCC water tower could hold 5,800 gallons of water.
   - The playground is shaded by trees.

2. Civilian Conservation Corps Concession Building and Swimming Pool
   - GPS: 32.2384°, -99.8808°
   - The park's focal point - this pool has kept visitors cool for over 80 years!

3. Cowdry Circle
   - The perfect spot for a campfire.
   - GPS: 32.2392°, -99.8801°

4. Star Picnic Table
   - Superb location for a picnic on Elm Creek.
   - GPS: 32.2373°, -99.8775°

5. Bird Viewing Blind
   - Discover the birds and other wildlife that live in the park.
   - GPS: 32.2346°, -99.878°

6. Buffalo Wallow
   - The spring-fed pond is the ideal spot for fish, bird, or look for wildlife.
   - GPS: 32.2349°, -99.8855°

7. Fishing Dock
   - The spring-fed pond is the ideal spot for fish, bird, or look for wildlife.
   - GPS: 32.3232°, -99.8902°

8. Back Boat Ramp
   - Launch canoes and kayaks here.
   - GPS: 32.2334°, -99.9028°

9. Lake Picnic/Swimming Area
   - Take a break under the oak trees.
   - GPS: 32.2334°, -99.8951°

Trail segment distances are measured between trail intersections.
All trails hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated.
Contour intervals 10 feet. Check with HQ for trail conditions.
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Abilene State Park

Discover Texas history and natural beauty at Abilene State Park.

Explore a Civilian Conservation Corps treasure built in a wooded oasis where the Rolling Plains and the Edwards Plateau meet. Here oak and juniper woodlands mix with prairies, creating a rich natural diversity for wildlife watching. Explore the park’s hiking trails, visit the red sandstone CCC structures, or relax at Lake Abilene.

### 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.** Disturbing or removing any of the park’s plants, animals or artifacts is a violation of state law.

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

**Campfires are permitted only in designated rings.** Ground fires are not permitted due to potential for ground scarring and wildfires.

**POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS MAY LIVE HERE.** You'll see them more easily if you stay on the trails.

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

### 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.

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### TRAIL INFORMATION

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<tr>
<td>Abilene Dam Road</td>
<td>3.5 mi.</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Bring plenty of water for this scenic loop trail overlooking Lake Abilene and Elm Creek Valley. Look for roadrunners and white-tailed deer in the hills, and waterfowl and beavers near the lake.</td>
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<td>AmphiTheater Trail</td>
<td>0.02 mi.</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>This hidden amphitheater is the perfect place for a secluded ceremony, worship service, or acoustic concert.</td>
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<td>Bird Trail</td>
<td>0.3 mi.</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>This Civilian Conservation Corps road turned hiking trail will take you to the bird blind.</td>
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<td>Buffalo Wallow Nature Trail</td>
<td>0.2 mi.</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>Make your way around the spring-fed pond. This is the ideal location to spot the resident amphibians and reptiles.</td>
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<td>Connecting Trail</td>
<td>0.1 mi.</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>Use this Civilian Conservation Corps trail to bypass the road to get between Elm Creek Nature Trail and the Bird Trail.</td>
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<td>Eagle Trail</td>
<td>0.2 mi.</td>
<td>Easy ADA Accessible</td>
<td>Look up as you make your way past the park’s water tower – vultures often roost on it at night. Benches along the trail are great places to rest and enjoy the surroundings.</td>
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<td>Elm Creek Nature Trail</td>
<td>0.9 mi.</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>As you make your way around the park on this scenic trail, notice the elm, pecan, oak, and black willow trees that tower over the trail.</td>
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<td>Oak Grove Trail</td>
<td>0.2 mi.</td>
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<td>This CCC trail follows Elm Creek. It is a great trail for spotting the tracks of wildlife that use the creek as a source of water.</td>
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