LONGHORN PASTURE  34° 59’ 04.380”N 101° 42’ 04.572”W
Look for longhorns from Texas’ Official Longhorn Herd.

CCC OVERLOOK AT VISITOR CENTER  34° 58’ 48.684”N 101° 41’ 27.672”W
Marvel at a grand view of the park before descending into the canyon.

EL CORONADO LODGE  34° 58’ 45.192”N 101° 41’ 29.436”W
Learn a little history of the park and maybe do some shopping.

BRIDGES ON UPPER CCC TRAIL  34° 58’ 52.320”N 101° 41’ 32.100”W
Inspect the handiwork of the CCC craftsmen.

CCC FIREPLACE  34° 59’ 05.208”N 101° 41’ 29.832”W
Visit the lone sentinel from a once-thriving CCC camp.

WILDLIFE VIEWING BLIND  34° 58’ 25.320”N 101° 40’ 35.148”W
Relax and watch some of the park’s natural residents.

DUGOUT  34° 57’ 49.392”N 101° 40’ 16.752”W
Take a peek into the life of a 19th-century cowboy.

LIGHTHOUSE  34° 56’ 11.220”N 101° 41’ 48.264”W
The symbol of Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

ROCK GARDEN  34° 56’ 25.476”N 101° 39’ 6.408”W
Take a hike through an ancient landslide.

THE BIG CAVE  34° 56’ 52.454”N 101° 38’ 40.704”W
There are no outlaws in this hole in the wall.
Palo Duro Canyon State Park

Discover hoodoos and history at this scenic canyon.

You'll discover an artist's palette of colors as you explore the geologic wonders of the grandest canyon in Texas. From canyon rim to floor, you can marvel at nature's diversity and the history of the Texas Panhandle Plains.

**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 loses fluid quickly when you're on the trail. Bring at least one quart of water per person per mile. Don't forget extra water for your pets.

**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 LIVE HERE.** Staying on the trail makes them easier to see.

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

**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 cause harm to people.

**Please stay on designated trails and do not cross fences.**

**Keep pets on leashes** to keep them safe, while protecting wildlife.

**Don't pocket the past.** Help preserve Texas heritage. Leave artifacts where you find them and report their location to a ranger.

**Take only memories and pictures.** Help preserve nature. Leave all plants and animals in the park.

**FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.**

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### TRAIL ETIQUETTE

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<td>CCC</td>
<td>1.4 mi.</td>
<td>1.5 hr</td>
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<td>Cross four historic CCC bridges as you descend 500 feet through four geologic layers from the canyon rim to the canyon floor.</td>
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<td>CAPITOL PEAK</td>
<td>3.5 mi.</td>
<td>1.5 hrs</td>
<td>Easy to Difficult</td>
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<td>EQUESTRIAN</td>
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<td>Take your horse for a canyon ride through the former grazing lands of the historic JA Ranch.</td>
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<td>GIVENS, SPICER, LOWRY</td>
<td>3.0 mi.</td>
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