



Caprock Canyons Trailway Trails Map

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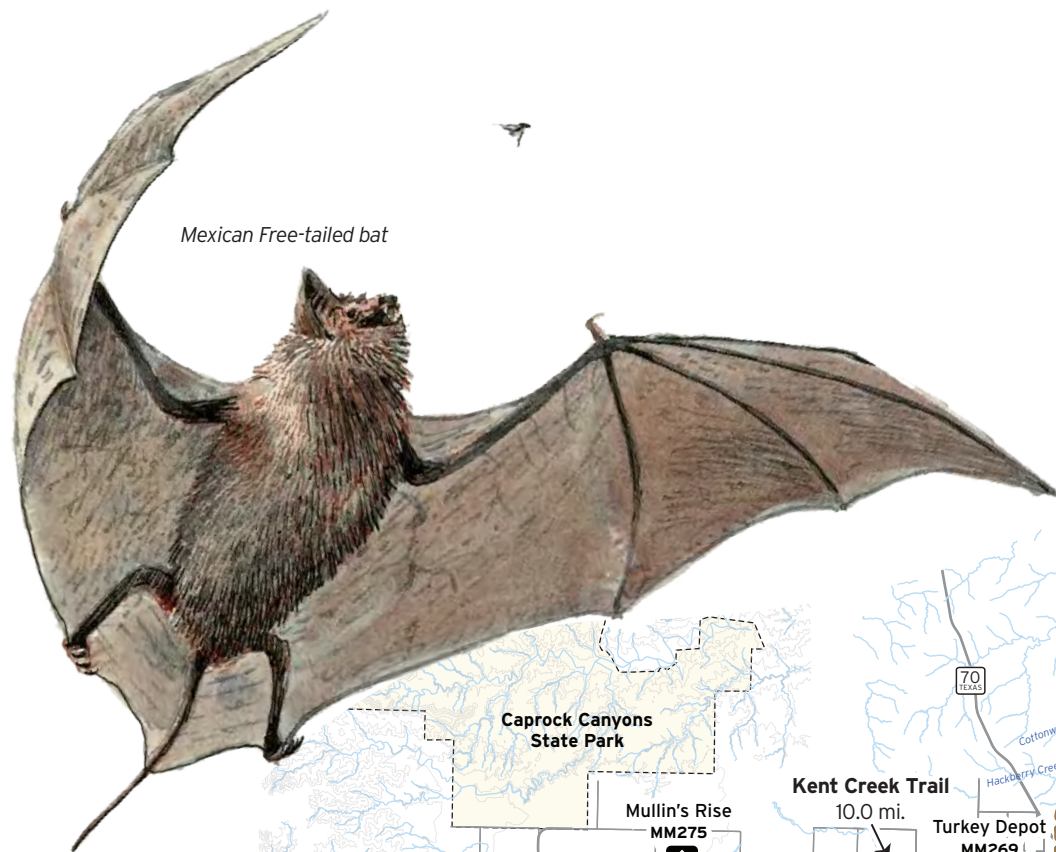
- Parking
- Primitive Toilet
- Trailhead
- Primitive Camping



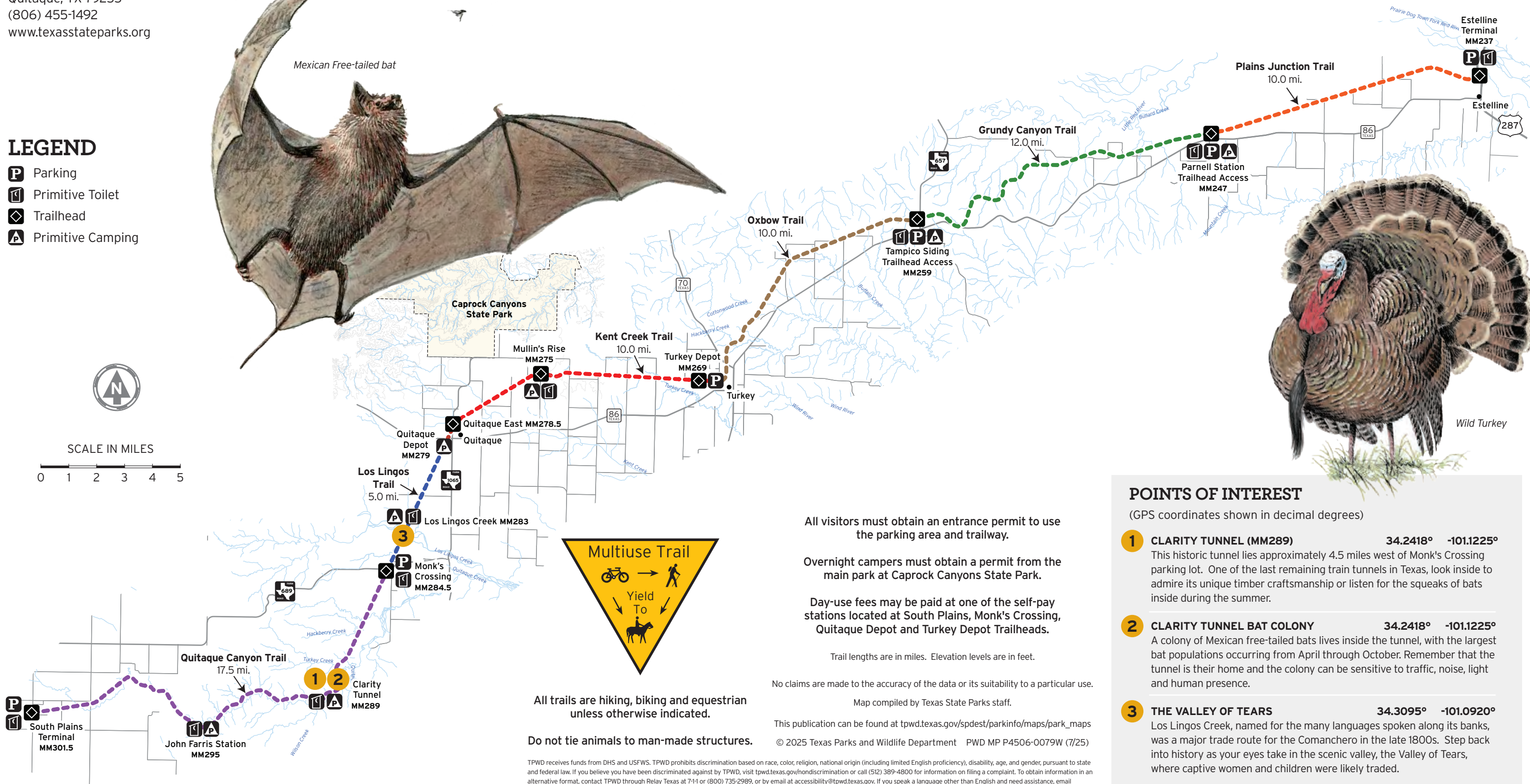
SCALE IN MILES



Mexican Free-tailed bat



Wild Turkey



All trails are hiking, biking and equestrian unless otherwise indicated.

Do not tie animals to man-made structures.

All visitors must obtain an entrance permit to use the parking area and trailway.

Overnight campers must obtain a permit from the main park at Caprock Canyons State Park.

Day-use fees may be paid at one of the self-pay stations located at South Plains, Monk's Crossing, Quitaque Depot and Turkey Depot Trailheads.

Trail lengths are in miles. Elevation levels are in feet.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

- 1 CLARITY TUNNEL (MM289)** **34.2418° -101.1225°**
This historic tunnel lies approximately 4.5 miles west of Monk's Crossing parking lot. One of the last remaining train tunnels in Texas, look inside to admire its unique timber craftsmanship or listen for the squeaks of bats inside during the summer.
- 2 CLARITY TUNNEL BAT COLONY** **34.2418° -101.1225°**
A colony of Mexican free-tailed bats lives inside the tunnel, with the largest bat populations occurring from April through October. Remember that the tunnel is their home and the colony can be sensitive to traffic, noise, light and human presence.
- 3 THE VALLEY OF TEARS** **34.3095° -101.0920°**
Los Lingos Creek, named for the many languages spoken along its banks, was a major trade route for the Comanchero in the late 1800s. Step back into history as your eyes take in the scenic valley, the Valley of Tears, where captive women and children were likely traded.



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FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.

Though the railroad is no longer in operation, its legacy of instilling life along the Caprock Escarpment still remains.

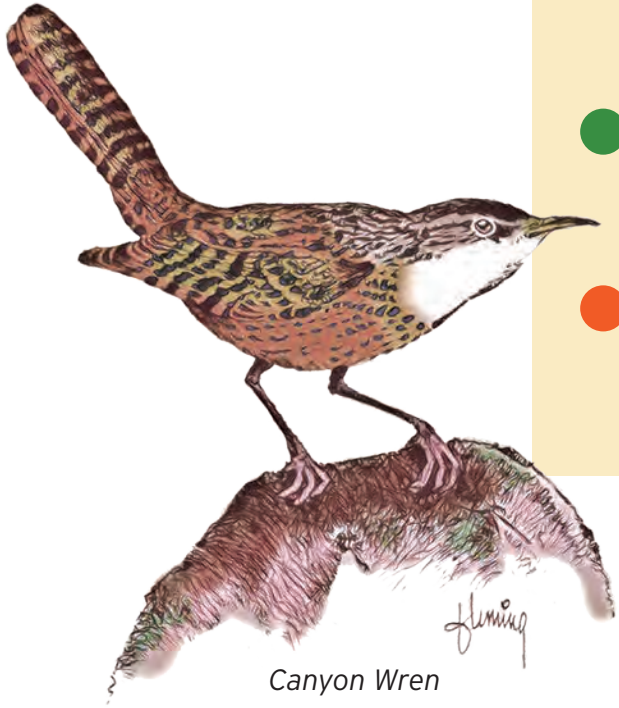
This 64 mile-long, abandoned railroad bed turned rails to trails offers a unique and exciting recreational and historical experience for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders.

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.
- Keep pets on leashes** for their safety, and to protect wildlife.
- Primitive camping is allowed.** Check with park HQ for information on areas where you may camp.
- Use only your muscles.** To protect park resources, no motor vehicles are allowed on the trails.

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.
- BIKE SAFELY.** Check with park HQ to match the trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.
- DO NOT TOUCH BATS.** Never pick up a grounded bat whether dead or alive. A bat easily captured or on the ground could be sick.



Canyon Wren

TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 QUITAQUE CANYON TRAIL (South Plains to Monk's Crossing)	17.5 mi.	Hikers: 12-15 hrs. Bikers: 1.5-2 hrs. Horseback: 5 hrs.	Easy	Begin your descent down the scenic Caprock Escarpment and experience one of the last remaining train tunnels in Texas! Stop and watch the bat emergence flight at a summer sunset! Recommended Backcountry Sites: Near the restrooms at John Farris Station (MM295) Near Clarity Tunnel Eastbound (MM289)
 LOS LINGOS TRAIL (Monk's Crossing to Quitaque Depot)	5.0 mi.	Hikers: 2-2.5 hrs. Bikers: 30-45 min. Horseback: 1.25 hrs.	Easy	Reminisce the days of old while you overlook the "Valley of Tears," a scenic and famed Comanchero trade area. Walk along a long train trestle over beautiful Los Lingos creek. Recommended Backcountry Site: Near the restrooms at Los Lingos Creek (MM 283)
 KENT CREEK TRAIL (Quitaque East to Turkey Depot)	10.0 mi.	Hikers: 5-7 hrs. Bikers: 1-1.5 hrs. Horseback: 2.5 hrs.	Easy	Experience the farmland and agricultural commerce the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains railway supported. You may also discover a wealth of wild plum thickets! Recommended Backcountry Site: Mullin's Rise (MM 275)
 OXBOW TRAIL (Turkey Depot to Tampico Siding)	10.0 mi.	Hikers: 5-7 hrs. Bikers: 1-1.5 hrs. Horseback: 2.5 hrs.	Easy	Experience rural communities that once were thriving towns during the heyday of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railway. Stop in at historic Hotel Turkey for a rest! Recommended Backcountry Site: Westbound from Tampico Parking (MM259)
 GRUNDY CANYON TRAIL (Tampico Siding to Parnell Station)	12.0 mi.	Hikers: 6.5-9 hrs. Bikers: 1-1.5 hrs. Horseback: 3.5 hrs.	Easy	As you traverse eastward, experience the transition from agricultural farmland to red rolling plains. Recommended Backcountry site: Parnell Station (MM 247)
 PLAINS JUNCTION TRAIL (Parnell Station to Estelline)	10.0 mi.	Hikers: 5-7 hrs. Bikers: 1-1.5 hrs. Horseback: 3 hrs.	Easy	Enjoy a cool respite underneath a vast shelter of trees where wildlife abounds. Recommended Backcountry site: Parnell Station (MM247)

PLEASE NOTE: There is no 'designated' camping along the Trailway. Primitive campers may camp anywhere along the right of way except on private property or in the middle of the trail. Campsites must be at least 1/4 mile from the trailhead and 1/4 mile from each end of Clarity Tunnel.