



# Colorado Bend State Park Trails Map

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## LEGEND

- Parking
- Headquarters
- Compost Toilet
- Tent Camping
- Fish Cleaning
- Boat Ramp
- Scenic Overlook
- Group Site
- Day Use Area
- Rinse-off Shower
- Amphitheater
- Hiking Trail Only



Trail segment distances are measured between trail intersections. All trails hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated. Contour intervals are 10 feet. Check with HQ for trail conditions. Map compiled by State Parks staff.

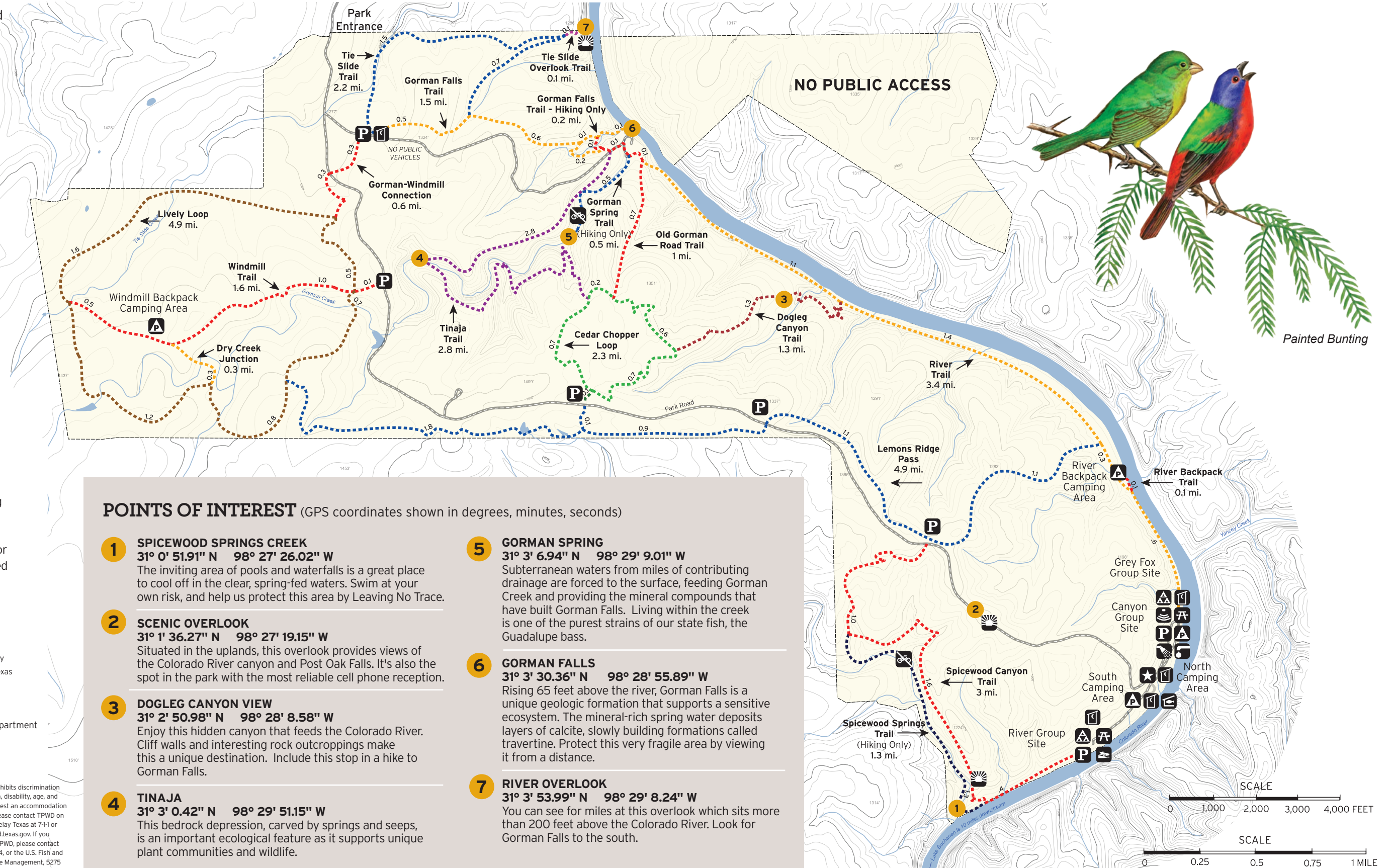
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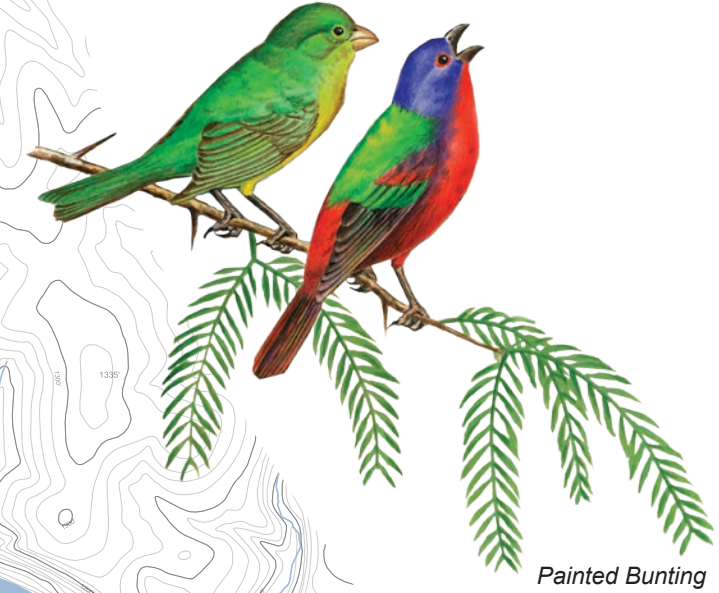
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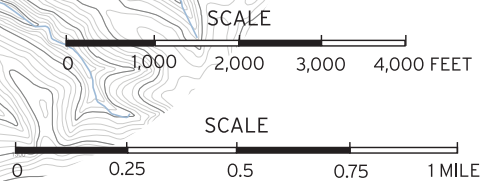


## POINTS OF INTEREST (GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 SPICEWOOD SPRINGS CREEK**  
**31° 0' 51.91" N 98° 27' 26.02" W**  
 The inviting area of pools and waterfalls is a great place to cool off in the clear, spring-fed waters. Swim at your own risk, and help us protect this area by Leaving No Trace.
- 2 SCENIC OVERLOOK**  
**31° 1' 36.27" N 98° 27' 19.15" W**  
 Situated in the uplands, this overlook provides views of the Colorado River canyon and Post Oak Falls. It's also the spot in the park with the most reliable cell phone reception.
- 3 DOGLEG CANYON VIEW**  
**31° 2' 50.98" N 98° 28' 8.58" W**  
 Enjoy this hidden canyon that feeds the Colorado River. Cliff walls and interesting rock outcroppings make this a unique destination. Include this stop in a hike to Gorman Falls.
- 4 TINAJA**  
**31° 3' 0.42" N 98° 29' 51.15" W**  
 This bedrock depression, carved by springs and seeps, is an important ecological feature as it supports unique plant communities and wildlife.
- 5 GORMAN SPRING**  
**31° 3' 6.94" N 98° 29' 9.01" W**  
 Subterranean waters from miles of contributing drainage are forced to the surface, feeding Gorman Creek and providing the mineral compounds that have built Gorman Falls. Living within the creek is one of the purest strains of our state fish, the Guadalupe bass.
- 6 GORMAN FALLS**  
**31° 3' 30.36" N 98° 28' 55.89" W**  
 Rising 65 feet above the river, Gorman Falls is a unique geologic formation that supports a sensitive ecosystem. The mineral-rich spring water deposits layers of calcite, slowly building formations called travertine. Protect this very fragile area by viewing it from a distance.
- 7 RIVER OVERLOOK**  
**31° 3' 53.99" N 98° 29' 8.24" W**  
 You can see for miles at this overlook which sits more than 200 feet above the Colorado River. Look for Gorman Falls to the south.



Painted Bunting



# Colorado Bend State Park

## Discover the quiet wilderness of Colorado Bend State Park.

Rugged beauty and hidden gems await as you hike or bike miles of spectacular trails. From gorgeous views to pristine waters, and deep canyons to riverside trails, there are options for everyone!

### STAYING SAFE

**KNOW YOUR LIMITS.** Watch out for uneven terrain, and don't venture into areas beyond your ability.

**DRINK PLENTY OF WATER.** Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart (32 oz.) 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.

**HAZARDS EXIST ALONG THE TRAILS.** Many trails are rugged. Watch out for cliffs, caves, dangerous plants and animals, and slippery stream crossings.

**CHECK FOR TRAIL CLOSURES.** Certain trails may be closed during prescribed burns or for other resource management work.

**CAVE ACCESS IS RESTRICTED.** Caves are closed except by guided tour or special permit. Caves contain "bad air" and other hazards that could cause injury or death.

### TRAIL ETIQUETTE

**Trash your trash.** Keep the park natural. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace, including dog waste bags!

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

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

**Campfires are permitted only in designated rings** and not in the primitive camping area due to potential for ground scarring and wildfires.

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

TRAIL	DIST	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 <b>SPICEWOOD SPRINGS TRAIL</b>	1.3 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Challenging	Enjoy a trail along breathtaking pools and waterfalls fed by Spicewood Springs. Watch your footing as you meander back and forth across the creek and hike up the canyon to take in gorgeous views.
 <b>SPICEWOOD CANYON TRAIL</b>	3 mi.	2.5 hrs.	Challenging	The trail follows the ridge overlooking Spicewood Springs Creek featuring spectacular overlooks of the pools and waterfalls as well as the Colorado River canyon.
 <b>RIVER TRAIL</b>	3.4 mi.	2 hrs.	Easy	Enjoy the dense canopy and river access on this easily navigable trail.
 <b>LEMONS RIDGE PASS</b>	4.9 mi.	3 hrs.	Moderate	This trail climbs from the river canyon near the River Backpack Camping Area to the uplands following Lemons Ridge west to the Windmill Area.
 <b>CEDAR CHOPPER LOOP</b>	2.3 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Moderate	This loop winds through cedar brakes on relatively flat terrain. But several rocky sections keep it interesting.
 <b>GORMAN SPRING TRAIL</b>	0.5 mi.	.5 hr.	Easy	Lush vegetation frames the trail as it meanders through Gorman Canyon; be prepared for creek crossings.
 <b>GORMAN FALLS TRAIL</b>	1.5 mi. (one-way)	1.5 hrs.	Challenging	Our most popular trail is very rocky, has little shade, and includes a steep and slippery descent near the falls. Bring more water than you think you need, and know your own limits.
 <b>LIVELY LOOP</b>	4.9 mi.	3 hrs.	Moderate	Enjoy views of the rolling hills.
 <b>WINDMILL TRAIL</b>	1.6 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Easy	This classic upland savannah area has had regular prescribed fires to restore the grasslands to a more natural state.
 <b>DRY CREEK JUNCTION</b>	0.3 mi.	15 min.	Easy	Watch for notable rock outcrops and wildlife.
 <b>DOGLEG CANYON TRAIL</b>	1.3 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Challenging	Enjoy views of this hidden gem's cliff walls and canyon rim.
 <b>OLD GORMAN ROAD TRAIL</b>	1 mi.	.5 hr.	Easy	Bikers will like this extended downhill run.
 <b>TIE SLIDE TRAIL</b>	2.2 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Moderate	The trail features views of Tie Slide Creek and the River Overlook, the most spectacular view of the Colorado River in the park.
 <b>TINAJA TRAIL</b>	2.8 mi.	2.5 hrs.	Very Challenging	Our most challenging trail offers impressive vistas and access to a hidden rock bowl (tinaja).