



# Purtis Creek State Park Trails Map

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## LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Park Store
- Restroom
- Showers
- Chemical Toilet
- Parking
- Hiking Trail
- Biking Trail
- Playground
- Fishing Pier
- Fish Cleaning
- Swimming Area
- Boat Ramp
- Amphitheater
- Picnic Area
- Group Pavilion
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Water/Electric Camping
- Tent Camping
- Primitive Camping
- Park Residence
- Maintenance
- Dump Station
- Dam



Bald Eagle

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### POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

- 1 BLUESTEM PRAIRIE** 32.3541° -95.9932°

Summer or winter, birds and mammals find a use for bluestem grass species, for food or shelter. Here at the park, we're working to restore this important habitat.
- 2 NATIVE WATER PLANTS RESTORATION** 32.3581° -96.0023°

Just at the lake's edge, you will notice a wire cage partially submerged in the water. TPWD biologists built and placed 10 of these cages around the lake to keep invasive grass carp from eating native grasses as they grow.
- 3 ENTRANCE TO OAK FOREST** 32.3626° -96.0066°

All trails here lead to an upland forest composed primarily of post oak, blackjack oak, and black hickory trees. White-tailed deer, coyotes, raccoons and a multitude of bird species call this area home.
- 4 BENT BY NATURE** 32.3648° -96.0080°

Check out the bend in this young oak tree's main trunk; it has been bent 90° twice and it is still thriving on its own! What do you think caused these bends?
- 5 BURLWOOD TREE** 32.3646° -96.0066°

A burl is where the wood grain of a tree has grown in a deformed way. It's usually caused by stress and is typically found on the tree's trunk as a rounded outgrowth.
- 6 FEATHERED FRIENDS** 32.3640° -96.0016°

Take a peek from this bird blind to see the birds that frequent Purtis Creek Lake. Bald eagles nest in the area and white pelicans can be found here during the winter. What species can you identify?
- 7 A PLACE TO REST** 32.3643° -96.0004°

Pause here next to the bridge spanning one of the many water inlets to the lake, and take in a gorgeous view. You may hear a hawk cry, or even see beaver out and about in the early evening.

### SCALE



All trails hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated.  
Contour intervals are 10 feet. Trail lengths are in miles. Elevation levels are in feet.  
Map compiled by Texas State Parks staff.  
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# Purtis Creek State Park

## More than just great bass!

An hour southeast of Dallas, Purtis Creek State Park is known for its bass fishing, but there's so much more to do! Come for the fish, and stay to swim, hike or bike the trails, or just relax by the lake.

### STAYING SAFE

**KNOW YOUR LIMITS.** Prepare for sun and heat. Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

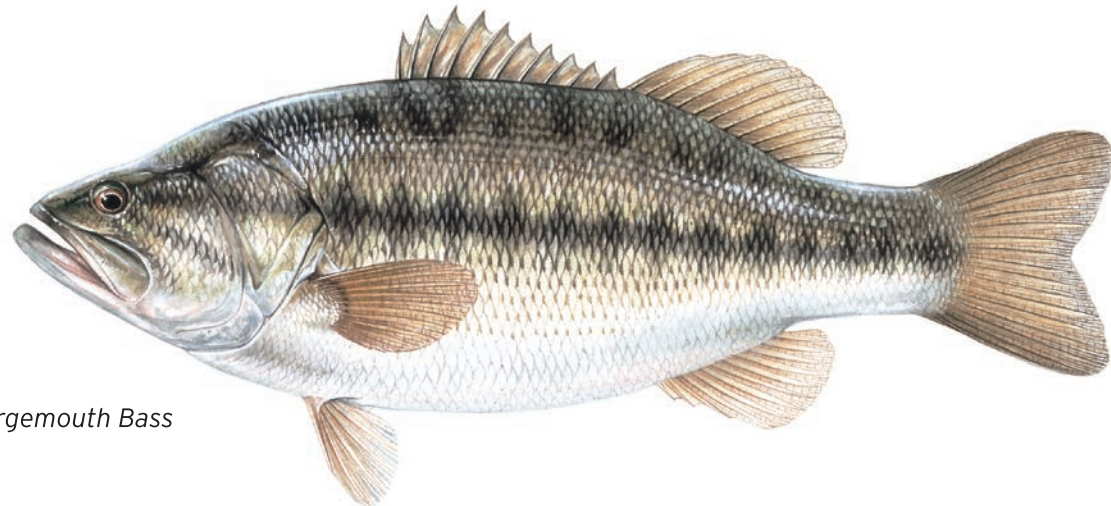
**DRINK PLENTY OF WATER.** Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

**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.

**YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONNECT.** It's a good idea to take along a cell phone and GPS unit, but don't count on them.

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



Largemouth Bass

TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 <b>SOLAR WALK TRAIL</b>	0.5 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Take a short hike along this concrete trail that follows alongside the dam. As you hike, signs demonstrate the relative distance of our planets from the sun.
 <b>BEAVER SLIDE NATURE PATH</b>	1.3 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Easy	One of the favorite trails in the park, this trail offers spectacular views of the lake. There are also plenty of wildlife viewing opportunities as you hike. No bike use on this trail.
 <b>WOLFPEN HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL (GREEN LOOP)</b>	0.8 mi. (one way)	45 min.	Easy	This short trail is great for families with small children. Perfect for hiking and biking, this trail segment will lead you to the remaining Wolfpen Trail loops.
 <b>WOLFPEN HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL (BLUE LOOP)</b>	2.0 mi.	2 hrs.	Easy	This section of the Wolfpen Trail is very shaded; great hiking or biking on a sunny day!
 <b>WOLFPEN HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL (RED LOOP)</b>	1.2 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Easy	Follow the third segment of the Wolfpen Trail, and hike or bike over some mild elevation changes. Keep your eyes open for 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.

**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.** 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.

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