

Cooper Lake State Park Trails Map

Doctors Creek Unit

1664 FM 1529 South
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POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 WETLAND WONDERS**
33° 20' 29.5"N 95° 40' 13.1"W
After sunset, listen as a chorus of frogs welcomes the night among the cattails and other wetland plants.
- 2 PAST AND PRESENT**
33° 20' 28.9"N 95° 40' 17.5"W
This beautiful view of Cooper Lake was once a view of the Sulphur River floodplain.
- 3 FROM GRASSLAND TO PASTURE**
33° 20' 30.3"N 95° 40' 23.6"W
During the mid-1800s, the grasslands were transformed with barbed-wire fence. The fertile bottomland soil grew healthy crops and held water for ponds, making it ideal for farmsteads and tenant farms.
- 4 IF TREES COULD TALK**
33° 20' 36.3"N 95° 40' 18.9"W
Over 100 years ago, oak trees like this one were only saplings. What stories can they tell about the grasslands, where fences changed life on the land forever?
- 5 LIFE AFTER DEATH**
33° 20' 32.5"N 95° 40' 14.7"W
Tree down; trail closed. This fallen tree continues to provide shelter for small mammals, birds and insects.
- 6 WATER IS LIFE**
33° 20' 42.09"N 95° 40' 06.36"W
Quiet! You may see a white egret or great blue heron on the old farm pond to the north. Once providing water for livestock, it is now a water source for wildlife.
- 7 MIGHTY OAKS**
33° 20' 42.2"N 95° 40' 49.3"W
Gnarled oak trees throughout the park provide cavities and dens, sheltering birds, squirrels, and other small mammals.



All trails hiking and biking.
Map data compiled by Texas State Parks staff.
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Enjoy the natural beauty of the forest, prairie, and lake.

Close to the city, though far away from the hustle and bustle. Visitors of all ages can take a journey through dense, shaded forest and wide-open prairie along the Cedar Creek Trail, which is named for a nearby community settled in the 1800s.

STAYING SAFE

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

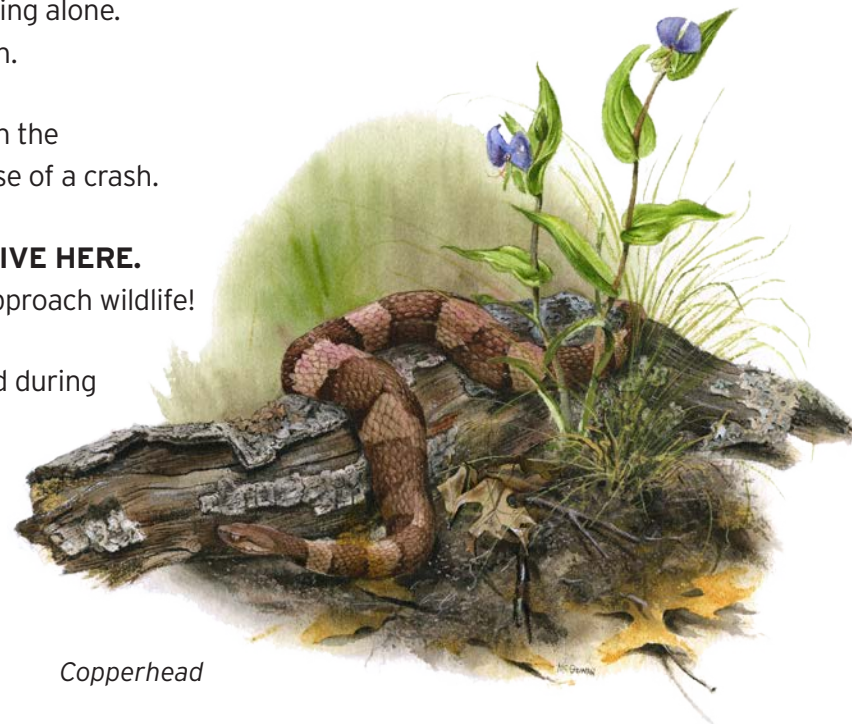
DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

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.

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS MAY LIVE HERE. Staying on the trail paths makes them easier to see. Do not approach wildlife!

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



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TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 CEDAR CREEK TRAIL - NORTH LOOP	.62 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Ask for a self-guided booklet at park headquarters to learn about plants and trees on the north and south trail loops.
 CEDAR CREEK TRAIL - SOUTH LOOP	.47 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Take the path to the shore and enjoy a beautiful view of Cooper Lake.
 CEDAR CREEK TRAIL - EAST LOOP	1.29 mi.	1.25 hrs.	Easy	Enjoy an easy stroll through woods and pockets of prairie.
 CEDAR CREEK TRAIL - WEST LOOP	.55 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Gnarled old oaks along this level path through the forest provide shade and shelter 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. Disturbing or removing any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts is a violation of state law.

We need to know about your caches. Please check with park HQ before placing geocaches within the park.

Use only your muscles. To protect park resources, no motor vehicles are allowed on the trails.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.