



# MONUMENT HILL AND KREISCHE BREWERY STATE HISTORIC SITES

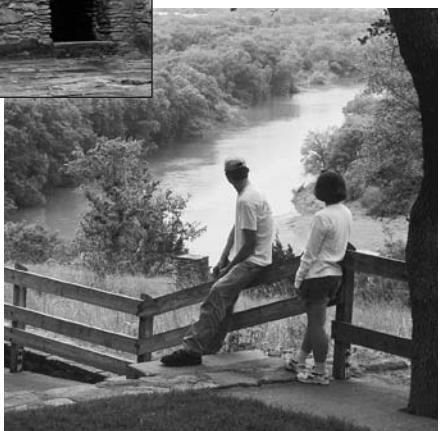
*Picnicking • Hiking • Nature Study  
History Studies • Guided Tours • Museum  
Scenic Views • Volunteering  
Weddings • Birthday Parties • Family Reunions  
Special Events • Christmas Programs*

*School Groups and Tour Buses Welcome!*



Kreische Brewery

Overlook



## *Be a good park citizen!*

Helpful hints to make your visit more enjoyable:

### **Closing Hours**

Please be mindful that the park closes at 5 p.m. and all gates are locked. Entering the park without authorization when it is closed is a violation of state law. This is for the protection of our visitors and our fragile resources. Please help us preserve your park for future generations!

### **Wildflowers and Plants**

*Protect*, don't pick the wildflowers! Wildflowers and other plants in Texas state parks and historic sites are all protected by state laws. Picking them can prevent them from coming back the next season so take only pictures and leave the wildflowers for all of us to enjoy. Also, please do not pull leaves, bark or moss off the trees. This, too, can be damaging.

### **Before you pop that cold one...**

Even though the park used to be the site of "good times on the bluff," public consumption or display of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited and enforced in all Texas state parks and historic sites. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department promotes a family-friendly atmosphere for all to enjoy.

## **Pets**

Pets are welcome, but must be kept on a leash and under control to help protect your pet, wildlife and other visitors. Noisy or dangerous pets are not permitted. Thanks for keeping your pet out of state buildings, including restrooms, historic buildings and park headquarters (exception for service animals), and please clean up after your pet as no one likes to “step in it.”

## **Garbage**

Please help us keep your park clean! Help us by picking up litter and placing it in garbage cans located throughout the park and picnic areas.

## **Peace and Quiet**

Remember that Monument Hill is the burial site of our Texas heroes. Help keep the park quiet so you and others can enjoy the serenity as well as have increased opportunities to view resident wildlife such as deer, birds, squirrels and small reptiles. Snakes do reside in the park, but like all animals, they just need a little space.

## **Responsibility for Children**

Kids love the outdoors! We want them to have a fun and safe experience while learning a little about Texas history and nature. The park sits on a 200-foot bluff, and we encourage visitors to look out for their safety and that of their children. We also have buildings and structures that are over 150 years old and are irreplaceable. Children younger than 15 years who enter the park must be supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult over the age of 17 years at all times.

## **Artifacts and Metal Detectors**

Metal detecting and treasure hunting are becoming more and more popular. However, these activities are prohibited in Texas state parks and historic sites except for geocaching that has been approved by park management. Artifacts, rocks and other geological features are protected by state and federal laws. If you see someone metal detecting in the park or someone who is removing artifacts or stones, please contact the park staff immediately.

*Every state park rule and regulation is designed to ensure that your experiences are safe and enjoyable and, at the same time, preserve these precious resources for the use and enjoyment of future generations. The preceding list provides just a few highlights of Texas state park rules and regulations. Don't hesitate to notify the park staff if you know about others who may be infringing on your rights and violating these rules.*

You can also help the park by volunteering! Join the Friends of Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historic Sites. Ask any staff member how you can help!

# FEES and TOURS

## Entrance fees and guided tour fees:

FREE! Entrance fees and guided tour fees are no longer charged at Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery SHS. Donations are accepted and appreciated. All donations are collected by the Friends of Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery and go to support special events, activities and maintenance projects here at the park.

## Guided tours offered:

*(Groups of 10 or more may make special reservations for any of the tours.)*

**Kreische Brewery Tour:** October through May, every Saturday at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. June through September, every Saturdays only at 10 a.m. Weather permitting! Tour the remains of one of the first commercial breweries in Texas. *\*\*Physically demanding walk. Participants must be in good physical condition to participate.* Allow one hour for tour, which includes a 3/4-mile hike.

**Kreische House Tour:** January through November, every Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. No house tours offered in December. Tour the 1850s-built home of German immigrant Heinrich Kreische. Allow one hour for tour, which includes a 1/8-mile walk including walking up stairs. Please call ahead for tour guide availability.

**Monument Hill Tour:** Listen to the history of the men who fought and died in the Dawson and Mier expeditions. Allow one hour for tour, which includes a 1/8-mile walk. By reservation only.

**Historic and Scenic Tour:** Includes the Monument Hill Tour and history of the Kreische family. Allow one hour for tour, which includes a 1/2-mile scenic walk. By reservation only.

**Nature Tours:** Learn more about the natural beauty of the park. Tours available year-round by reservation only. Tours include a hike around selected areas of the park. Duration of hike and content of tour vary depending on the season.

**Weddings and other special events:** Inquire with the park staff about having your wedding at the park. The park also rents tents that may be used in the park for special events and family reunions.

**Geocaching:** There are geocaches in the park. Geocaching is a treasure-hunting game played outdoors to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using GPS devices. Any geocaches placed in the park must receive prior approval from the park management. For more information inquire at the park headquarters or visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

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