



# Texas State Parks need your help.



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*Mother Neff  
State Park, 1920s.*

**For almost 90 years,** Texas State Parks have endeavored to provide the best in outdoor recreation and education to the citizens of Texas. We have helped create countless memories for millions of park visitors. They leave with experiences including picnics by the lake, stories around the campfire, and nights spent in tents, RVs, or cabins. All the while, park staff has been diligent in preserving the land, historic places, and cultural legacies that make Texas distinct.

These unique landscapes, and their many benefits, have become destinations, drawing visitors from across the state, the country, and from around the world. These out-of-area visitors contribute to local economies and to the growth of nearby industry.

Early on, it was established by the Texas government, and the Parks and Wildlife Commission, that those who use and visit parks should help pay the costs to operate these special places. The Texas State Park system has traditionally recovered almost half of its yearly operating budget through usage fees. However, the challenge to meet the financial demands of operating a quality park system continues to grow.

To help meet these challenges, elected officials have provided an opportunity for citizens to donate \$5 or more, each time they purchase or renew their vehicle registration. This opt-in program offers a means for local governments to collect these donations and credit the dollars to the state park account. Every cent of your donation goes directly to benefit state parks.

State parks need your help now, more than ever; please make a contribution each time you register or renew vehicle registration. Simply look for the blank in the summary box and enter the amount of your contribution.

*Current and future generations of park users thank you.*