One of the oldest parks in the Texas state park system, Mother Neff State Park is located along the shady banks of the Leon River. In 1921 Isabella Eleanor Neff donated six acres of land along the river for community meetings. Her son, Governor Pat M. Neff, created the Texas State Parks Board in the 1920s and made his mother’s property one of the first state parks. The Civilian Conservation Corps developed the Neff site in the 1930s and built a stone tabernacle and recreational hall that remains popular to this day. This quiet retreat also offers picnicking, hiking and fishing.

- **Camping:** 35 campsites.
- **Group Facilities:** Rock tabernacle pavilion (capacity 250/seating for 96), breezeway (capacity with patios 50/seating for 32), wood tabernacle pavilion (capacity 50/seating for 32) and an overnight group barracks facility (sleeps 8).
- **Picnicking:** Picnic sites with tables and grills. Playground.
- **Fishing:** Permitted in river. No fishing license required within park boundaries.
- **Trails:** Over 3 miles of hiking trails that begin at the river bottom, meander through a limestone escarpment, and circle through a natural prairie.
- **Special Feature:** Interpretive programs and activities (call for details).

Located in Coryell County, 15 miles northwest of Temple on Texas 36, then 6 miles north on Texas 236.