Not far from downtown Houston lies Brazos Bend State Park, a scenic haven for birdwatchers, wildlife observers and even stargazers. More than 270 species of birds have been sighted here, and the prehistoric-looking American alligator is the park’s most noteworthy resident. Hiking and biking trails meander through the park’s varied terrains, and several lakes offer excellent fishing.

Camping: Campsites with water and electricity. One mini cabin. Also screened shelters.

Group Facilities: Two group pavilions (capacity 75). Dining hall (capacity 100).

Picnicking: Tables and grills in day-use area.

Fishing: Excellent in lakes. Fishing piers.

Wildlife Observation: Observation tower and platforms provide excellent viewing.

Trails: 40 miles of hiking and mountain bike trails.

Nature Center: Exhibits pertaining to the three major ecosystems in the park. (979) 553-5122

Special Attraction: George Observatory (open for viewing Saturdays). For more information, call (979) 553-3400.

Ye Olde Gator Shoppe: Unique gifts, books, etc.

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