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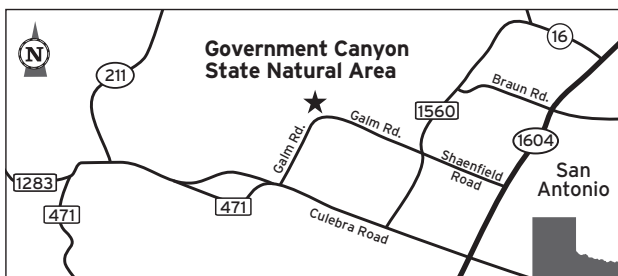
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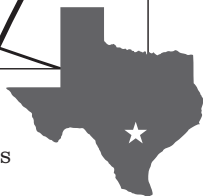
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Located within the city limits of San Antonio, Government Canyon SNA is one of the nation's largest urban preserves, protecting thousands of acres of recharge zone for the Edwards Aquifer. It also protects an oasis of rich natural communities, including habitat for several endangered species. The nearly 40 miles of hiking and biking trails range from rugged canyonland to gentle rolling prairie. Stone buildings and other structures give glimpses of the natural area's ranching heritage. The visitor center complex includes meeting facilities, a gift store, interpretive and visitor orientation, native plant garden and rainwater harvesting system.

-  **Camping:** 23 walk-in tent campsites; 2 group walk-in tent campsites. Water and primitive restrooms.
-  **Group Facilities:** Group picnic pavilion (Pavilion). Enclosed, open-air meeting room (Gallery) available for rent.
-  **Picnicking:** Day-use area (tables, water and rest rooms).
-  **Exhibits:** Tell the stories of Government Canyon and the importance of the Edwards Aquifer.
-  **Trails:** Nearly 40 miles of hiking and biking trails include easy to moderate Frontcountry trails and moderate to technical Backcountry trails (some have seasonal closures for wildlife). All trails subject to weather-related closures.
-  **Wildlife Viewing:** Diverse habitats offer excellent opportunities.
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-  **Interpretive Programs:** Regular interpretive programs and opportunities for school groups.
-  **Texas State Parks Store:** Unique, environmentally friendly gifts, books, souvenirs etc.



Located in Bexar County, 3.5 miles northwest of Loop 1604, 1.5 miles north on Shaenfield Road, then continue 2 miles north on Galm Road.



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