Christmas in the Parks

2021
Christmas is a great time to get out and visit a Texas state park or historic site. Whether it’s a festive event with family and friends, a nature walk on a crisp evening, or re-living Christmases past in a historic home there’s something for just about everyone this time of year. Before attending any event, please check with the park to confirm applicable fees, availability, and to ensure the event is still taking place. Events marked with a ! are taking place at a site managed by the Texas Historical Commission.

Visit www.TexasStateParks.org/holidays for the most up-to-date information on State Park holiday events and promotions.

To find information about state parks, visit TexasStateParks.org or call (512) 389-8900. Visit www.storiedsites.com to learn more about THC Historic Sites and events.
Wishing You a Safe and Healthy Holiday

The health of our visitors is of the utmost importance. Social distancing and wearing a mask when inside buildings or when gathered with others is encouraged. Local and statewide limitations and restrictions may apply, these can change rapidly and may force an event to cancel or be modified.

*Please call the park directly or check social media for updates before departing for your visit.*

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**Abilene State Park**

*Fa La La in the Forest*

Dec. 11 6–9 p.m.

Campers are encouraged to adorn their campsites, screen shelters, or yurts with lights and decorations. The public is invited to take a free drive-through tour the park to see the decorated sites. A $5 cash donation to the Friends of Abilene State Park is appreciated. (325) 572-3204

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**Atlanta State Park**

*Christmas in the Park*

Dec. 17-18 6–9 p.m.

Campsites will be decorated to bring Christmas cheer. Visitors can enjoy a free drive through the decorated park and will get the chance to see Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Grinch and Smokey Bear. Visitors are asked to bring a donation of canned good foods for the local food pantry! (903) 796-6476

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**Barrington Plantation**

*State Historic Site*

**Candlelight Christmas**

Dec. 10-11 4:30–8 p.m.

Walk candlelit paths at Barrington Plantation and experience a Texas Christmas in the decade before the Civil War. Discover the origins of some of our favorite holiday traditions as costumed interpreters bring the festivities of the season to life with musket-fire, stories, dancing, and more. (936) 873-2633

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**Bastrop and Buescher State Parks**

Turkey Trot Sunrise Hike (Buescher)

Nov. 25 7–8 a.m.

Start off Thanksgiving on the right turkey leg with a beautiful and relaxing sunrise hike! This ranger-led hike will start and end at the Scenic Overlook and is guaranteed to help you burn some calories before the big meal! (512) 718-0211

Gobble Till You Wobble Backcountry Hike (Bastrop)

Nov. 26 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#Optoutside on Black Friday and take a ranger-led hike through areas of the park not often seen by the public! Bring your Thanksgiving leftovers because we will be stopping halfway through for a picnic by
the creek! Let’s burn off some calories from your Thanksgiving feast and have fun exploring the beautiful backcountry of the Lost Pines! (512) 718-0211

Fa La La Through the Forest – Scavenger Hunt (Both Parks)

Dec. 1-31
Santa’s park ranger elves have hidden ornaments around both Buescher and Bastrop State Parks! Start off at either park headquarters building and find the first ornament. Each ornament will have a riddle for you to find where the next ornament will be! Have fun Fa La-ing through the lost pines forest! (512) 718-0211

A Lost Pines CCC Christmas (Bastrop)

Dec. 18 1–4 p.m.
Come join park staff and volunteers for an afternoon of Christmas fun! Tour the inside of the historic Refectory and see how the Civilian Conservation Corps celebrated Christmas away from home! Then head outside to the back porch to make a nature inspired ornament, pinecone bird feeder, write a last minute letter to Santa and enjoy a dutch oven dessert! (512) 718-0211

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park

Festive Frontera Family Fun Day

Dec. 5 1–4 p.m.
Spend an afternoon with family and discover the park’s furry, fishy, and feathered friends! Ride the shuttle to the Pavilion for some fun and challenging activities. Make a holiday ornament to decorate your tree. Check out our touch tables, open an owl pellet “present,” play the “Backyard Bass” fishing game, or go birdwatching with an expert. Social distancing will be in effect and in groups of 10 or less. Limited space – reservations required. (956) 584-9156.

Bonham State Park

Light up the Park

Dec. 17 & 18 6–9 p.m.
Campers are encouraged to “deck the halls” by decorating their campsite – camping fees will be waived for those that participate. Visitors are welcome to come see all the decorated sites. Entry fees will be waived for visitors who make a donation of a new children’s gift which will be collected for the Fannin County Children’s Center. Participating campers should contact the park directly for campsite reservations. (903) 583-5022

Brazos Bend State Park

Holiday in the Park

Dec. 11 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Celebrate the holidays outdoors with Brazos Bend State Park. Bring your family and friends and join us for a day full of fun
programs and activities. There will be birding hikes, alligator and snake programs, holiday crafts, a visit from Santa, hayrides and much more. (979) 553-5101

Caddo Lake State Park

**Thankful for Caddo!**

Nov. 27 10:30 a.m. – noon

Feeling thankful for Caddo Lake? So are we! Close out your Thanksgiving holiday by joining one of our rangers on a nature hike along the Pine Ridge Loop. (903) 679-3351

**A Crafty Caddo Holiday**

Dec. 17 1–3 p.m.

Express your holiday cheer and join us at Caddo Lake for ornament crafting! Space and supplies are limited, so please see our Facebook page for reservation details. (903) 679-3351

Cedar Hill State Park

**Christmas at Penn Farm**

Dec. 11 6–8 p.m.

Come explore a Christmas-themed Penn Farm and learn about the history and pioneering spirit of the Penn Family and the farm they started building here over 150 years ago. Conclude with an evening of caroling around a campfire with sweet treats and hot chocolate for you to enjoy! (972) 291-3900

Colorado Bend State Park

**Santa and S’mores**

Dec. 18 1–3 p.m.

Hang out with Santa and his helpers before they start their busiest night of the year! We’ll be making and sharing s’mores and hot chocolate so Santa has a full belly before his big trip. (325) 628-3240

Cooper Lake State Park – Doctors Creek Unit

**Winter Wonderland**

Dec. 10 & 11 6–9 p.m.

Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and kick off the holiday season with a visit to Cooper Lake State Park. Campsites will be decorated to celebrate the season. Visitors can enjoy a free, leisurely drive through the park to view the decorations. Bring your camera and join in the fun! (903) 395-3100

Daingerfield State Park

**9th Annual Christmas in the Park**

Dec. 15 & 16 6–9 p.m.

Dec. 17 & 18 6–10 p.m.

Come experience a Pinneywoods Christmas! Follow the lights through the pine forest where you will find the campsites and day-use area decorated with Christmas cheer! Feel the excitement of Christmas everywhere and maybe catch a glance of Jolly Old St. Nick himself! Free entrance with canned food donation. (903) 645-2921
**Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site**

**Holidays on the Homefront**

Dec. 11-23
Grab a self-guided tour packet, walk the grounds, and learn about Christmas past in North Texas. Find out what Christmas looked like during the 1890s (when Dwight Eisenhower was born) and 1940s (when the Denison community preserved the Birthplace house) with this free tour. Enjoy activities and children’s craft kits. (903) 465-8908

**Eisenhower State Park**

**Dutch Oven Cookoff**

Nov. 20  2:30 p.m.
It’s the return of the Dutch Oven Cookoff at Eisenhower State Park! Join us for a day of great food, family, and fun! Sample unique dishes, vote for your favorites, enjoy a dutch oven demonstration and other exciting programs and activities! Public tasting and voting begins at 2:30 p.m. Standard park entry fees apply. For more information or to sign up as a cook, email elizabeth.booth@tpwd.texas.gov (903) 465-1956

**Holiday Toy Drive**

Nov. 26 – Dec. 20  8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Support the Eisenhower State Park Toy Drive! The park is collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Grayson County Welfare Board for kids in need this holiday season. If you’re visiting the park and donate during this time your entry fee will be waived per vehicle. For more information, email amanda.parsons@tpwd.texas.gov. (903) 465-1956

**2nd Annual Light Up the Park**

Dec. 10 & 11
The tradition continues! Pull out your Jingle Bells because it is Christmas Time at the park! The campground will be decorated, and visitors can drive through the and see our camper's displays. We will have candy canes and DIY treats for the kiddos and a visitor from the North Pole – Santa will be there! Standard entry fees apply but entry fees per vehicle will be waived with the donation of a new unwrapped donated toy for the local Grayson County Welfare board. For more information, please email amanda.parsons@tpwd.texas.gov. (903) 465-1956

**Christmas in the Park**

Dec. 5  10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Santa will be out and about at one of his favorite places, Enchanted Rock! Join a park ranger or volunteer in the picnic area where you can sign or create a holiday greeting card to send to someone in need. We’ll also have a special holiday-themed scavenger hunt available at the office! (830) 685-3636

**Enchanted Rock State Natural Area**

**Campfire Carols**

Dec. 11  6-7 p.m.
Join us for an exploration of the holiday traditions that make a Texas Christmas special. We’ll provide the campfire, stories and songs, you provide the singing voices! Join us in the main campground; look for large campfire ring. (830) 685-3636

**Estero Llano Grande State Park**

**Bird Walk with Santa**

Dec. 11  8:30–10:30 a.m.
It shouldn’t be a surprise that Santa’s a birder: he loves keeping a list and checks it twice during his annual trip to the RGV to spot those South Texas special-...
ties like Green Jay, Plain Chachalaca, and the Great Kiskadee, to name a few. He also loves to look for butterflies, lizards, and other critters native to south Texas. Join Santa and his favorite nature guide friends on a special nature walk. Regular entrance fees apply. Attendance is limited, call to reserve your spot. (956) 565-3919

*Discovery Night with Santa*

Dec. 18 8–10 p.m.
Join us for a night adventure full of Christmas cheer and nature discovery as we embark on a 2-hour journey to search for nocturnal creatures with Santa. We will discover owls, scorpions, tarantulas, and more on our journey. Regular entry fees apply. (956) 565-3919

*Fanthorp Inn*  
**State Historic Site**

Twilight Firelight

Nov. 27 6–9 p.m.
Come enjoy this historic inn in all its candlelit glory. A horse-drawn ride will pick you up in front of the Grimes County Courthouse and deliver you to the Inn. Once you step off the wagon, staff and volunteers will transport you to 1850s Texas, where you will tour the spectacular Fanthorp Inn. Enjoy costumed re-enactors, music, and dancing throughout the night. (936) 873-2633

*Falcon State Park*

3rd Annual Falcon Lake Christmas Boat Parade

Dec. 11 7–10 p.m.
Join us for a terrific and fun event for the whole family. Find a spot by the day use area to watch boats that are beautifully decorated for the holiday season float by. (956) 848-5327

*Fort McKavett*  
**State Historic Site**

Victorian Christmas Fair

Dec. 18 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Visit the fort’s historic buildings and get festive with historical Christmas activities. Create homemade Christmas decorations, help make delicious treats in the Officers Kitchen, write a Christmas card to a friend, and get your image captured with our very own Victorian Santa. (325) 396-2358

*Fort Parker State Park*

Lakeside Christmas

Dec. 18 5–8 p.m.
Join Fort Parker State Park and the Groesbeck Volunteer Fire Department for a toy drive holiday event. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for waived entry, benefiting local area families. Take a picture with the Christmas Beaver and the fire truck, decorate Christmas cookies and ornaments while sipping hot chocolate and apple cider, and learn how to make desert in a Dutch oven! (254) 562-5751
distance: 1.5 miles. Moderately difficult trail. Bring good hiking shoes and plenty of water. (915) 444-9100

**Art in the Park: Ornaments and Christmas Cards**

Dec. 5 noon – 3 p.m.
Make your tree and Mother Nature happy! We’ll be making ornaments and holiday cards with recycled materials. (915) 444-9100

**Cookies and Cocoa**

Dec. 18 2:30 p.m.
Gather with us to share food, fun, and family time. Watch as we demonstrate solar cooking techniques and enjoy the tasty results: gingerbread and sugar cookies! Decorate and take home your own Christmas treat while sipping on a cup of hot chocolate. (915) 566-6441

**Santa Hike**

Dec. 26 9 a.m.
Celebrate Boxing Day and stretch your legs by joining us for a guided hike to Agave Loop. Total distance: 1.5 miles. Easy to moderate trail. Bring good hiking shoes and plenty of water. Don’t forget to wear your Santa hat! (915) 444-9100

**Black Friday Paddle**

Nov. 26 8-10:30 a.m.
Instead of spending the day in those dreaded long lines at the store, let’s get outside and go for a paddle this Black Friday. Regular entry fees apply. (409) 737-1222

**Coastal Tidings Hike**

Dec. 11 & 18 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.
Seas & greetings! Come join park staff for a short hike to celebrate a coastal Christmas. Don’t forget to dress for the weather. We’ll end the hike with some hot cocoa. Regular entry fees apply. (409) 737-1222
Goose Island State Park

Gratitude Hike
Nov. 13 & 20  4–5 p.m.
The perfect way to kick off your Thanksgiving holiday! Join a ranger for a one-mile gratitude hike. We’ll hike the Turks Cap Trail in search of reminders for all that we have to be thankful for and finish up just in time to enjoy the sunset.  (361) 729-2858

Christmas in the Park
Dec. 18  6–8 p.m.
Experience Christmas on the Coast! Visitors are invited to enjoy a free drive through the live oak forest to see campsites decorated in lights and join us at the Youth Group Area for holiday crafts, games, hot chocolate around the campfire, and to drop off letters to Santa in the “North Pole Mailbox.” Campers who agree to decorate their campsites will camp for free. Reservations for this weekend are available only by contacting the park via email at GooseIslandSP@tpwd.texas.gov. Participating campers may begin arriving on Dec. 16. Community groups are encouraged to decorate a “dark spot” please contact the park for details.  (361) 729-2858

Guadalupe River State Park

Turkey Talk
Nov. 25  10 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Going stir-crazy on Thanksgiving Day? Get out of the house and find out where wild turkeys live, how they raise their families, what they like to eat, and more! All ages welcome. Meet at the Amphitheater behind the Discovery Center.  (830) 438-2656

Pigments, Plants, and People
Dec. 18  11 a.m.
A rainbow of colors exists in our environment. Learn how to make and use natural pigments from plants, minerals, even insects! Need a last-minute gift? Bring your own cotton garment or we will provide bandanas, so you can try your hand at dyeing! Space is limited; call Hueco Tanks for reservations.  (915) 857-1135

Hill Country State Natural Area

Holiday in the Hill Country
Dec. 11  1–4 p.m.
Make it a Hill Country-inspired Christmas this year. Stop by to play outdoor games, create some animal-inspired crafts, enjoy Christmas stories, and learn about the Texas Hill Country!  (830) 796-4413

Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site

Home for the Holidays Hike
Dec. 4 & 11  9:30 a.m.
Home for the holidays? Bring your loved ones out for a hike among the beautiful natural features of Hueco Tanks. Choose from an easy family hike or a more challenging moderate hike. Prepare for an outdoor adventure with appropriate apparel, water, and snacks. Space is limited; call Hueco Tanks for reservations.  (915) 857-1135

Santa Watch Amongst the Stars
Dec. 24  7–9 p.m.
Twas the night before Christmas and all through the park, guests looked to the stars, as they sat in the dark. Create a magical Christmas Eve memory and join the park rangers on the patio of the Raven’s Lodge as we look at the stars. You’ll also get to enjoy
a reading of *Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Bring your binoculars just in case we see reindeer pulling a sleigh through the sky. (936) 295-5644

**Inks Lake State Park**

**Highland Lake Holidays**

Dec. 17 & 18

Come one, come all, to our First Annual Highland Lakes Holidays. We will be inviting our campers to decorate their campsite the weekend before Christmas in the spirit of the holidays. Imagine thousands of twinkling holiday lights reflecting on the lake! The winner will receive a gift card equal to the cost of an Annual Pass, with smaller prizes for honorable mentions (judging on the 18th). Visitors are invited to join our celebration of the season, drive through and enjoy the radiance of lights at Inks Lake. (940) 528-2211

**Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State Historic Sites**

**Trail of Lights**

Dec. 4, 10, 11, 17, 18  5:30–8 p.m.

The grounds will be transformed with beautiful holiday lights during the evenings in December. While walking the trail and exploring the decorated grounds, guests can enjoy live entertainment, holiday refreshments, family activities, visits with Santa, living history programs, and more. (979) 968-5658

**Lake Arrowhead State Park**

**Christmas in the Park**

Dec. 4     Sunset – 9 p.m.

Join us by decorating your campsite and help spread the Christmas cheer! Visitors will be allowed a free drive through the park. Fees will be waived for those campers who participate by decorating their campsite! Prizes will be awarded for the best decorations. Site reservations for this weekend are available through the park only; call the park in advance to sign up for a site. Participating campers may begin arriving on Dec. 3. (903) 572-5531

**Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill SHS Trail of Lights Encore**

Dec. 19-23     5:30–8 p.m.

Enjoy scenic vistas, light displays, and a traditionally decorated Kreische House exterior. This “Encore” event does not feature entertainment, refreshments, family activities, and other programming featured during the regular Trail of Lights. (979) 968-5658

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**Lake Bob Sandlin State Park**

**10th Annual Christmas in the Park**

Dec. 10 & 11     6–9 p.m.

Visitors are invited to drive through and see the park decorated in lights. On Saturday there will be a visit with Santa. Free entry for visitors during the event. Campers who agree to decorate their campsites will camp for free; cabin campers decorating will receive a 50% discount. Reservations for this weekend are available through the park only; call the park directly to sign up. Participating campers may begin arriving on Dec. 10, and must have displays ready by noon on Dec. 11. Community groups are encouraged to decorate a “dark spot.” Please contact the park for details. (979) 968-5658
Lake Corpus Christi State Park

Turkey Talk and Craft

Nov. 24 2–3 p.m.
Learn about wild turkey by reading along with a ranger, and then trying your hands at different turkey-themed crafts! Best suited for elementary age children, but all ages are welcome. (361) 547-2635

Lighted Holiday by the Lake

Dec. 11 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Enjoy a lakeside holiday! Start the celebration with two unique craft opportunities for all ages—we’ll be creating a watercolor holiday card from 10–11 a.m. and then decorating recycled bird feeders from 2–3 p.m., the perfect gift for your backyard bird friends. From 6–9 p.m. you can check out our camper’s holiday spirit by taking a drive through lighted camping loops and park buildings! The card and bird feeder activities are free with paid park entrance. The drive-through event is free for individuals just visiting to see the lights. Those wishing to decorate a campsite must contact the park directly to reserve their site; availability is limited. (361) 547-2635

Winter Solstice Storytime

Dec. 19 10–11 a.m.
Join a ranger to read a book about the Winter Solstice, and then get some hands-on fun with arts and crafts. Best suited for elementary age children, but all ages are welcome. (361) 547-2635

Lake Mineral Wells State Park

Cross Timbers Cowboy Christmas

Dec. 11 7 p.m.
Bring the whole family to the Lone Star Amphitheater and experience Christmas cowboy style. Join us around the campfire for an evening of cowboy culture through music, sing-alongs, stories and poems. Enjoy Chuck Wagon Dutch Oven treats. Accessible for the mobility impaired. The program is free with paid park entrance fee or a State Parks Pass. (940) 328-1171

Lake Whitney State Park

Christmas in the Park

Dec. 18 Sunset – 8 p.m.
Decorate your campsite and help share some Christmas cheer. Visitors can enjoy a free drive through the decorated park and can check out the campsites decorated by those campers participating in the Christmas season. Call the park headquarters for more details. (254) 694-3793

Lockhart State Park

Turkey Trot

Nov. 20 9 a.m.
Ready, Set … Gobble! All ages and abilities are invited to join

Lake Tawakoni State Park

Twinkle Tour

Dec. 4 5–8 p.m.
Come camp with us and decorate your campsite with your favorite Christmas decorations.

There will be a contest with prizes for the most festive decorations. Guests who decorate their site will receive their second night of camping for free. Visitors can drive through the park to enjoy the festive Christmas lights. Event fee of $5 per vehicle. (903) 560-7123
us for a 1-mile or 5K run (or walk) to celebrate fall in the park! (512) 398-3479

**Taffy Pull and Christmas in the Park**

Dec. 18 2–8 p.m.

Join us at 2 p.m. to learn how to make a sweet holiday treat – taffy! Starting at 6 p.m., visitors can drive through the park and see decorated campsites. Campers will be given a discount for participating, and prizes will be awarded for the best decorations. Campers, call the park directly to register. (512) 398-3479

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**52nd Annual LBJ Tree Lighting**

Dec. 19 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Join the Texas Hill Country Community in this special tradition started 52 years ago by President and Mrs. Johnson. Enjoy the park headquarters beautifully decorated for the holiday season. Walk the trails and revisit Christmas from the past at the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm. Visit the gift shop for unique holiday items. Call for times and more details. (830) 644-2252

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**Magoffin Home State Historic Site**

**Holiday Open House**

Dec. 4 1–4 p.m.

Start the holiday season with an El Paso tradition. Bring your family and get cozy as the Magoffin Home comes alive with the sights and sounds of the season. There will be music and free activities for the kids. (915) 533-5147

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**Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site**

**Deck the Halls**

Nov. 27 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us at the park for a walk to the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm to learn about the German holiday traditions of candle making and stringing popcorn. Learn how pioneer settlers made handmade wreaths out of homegrown cedar. The park’s gift shop will be stocked with unique holiday items and more that will complete anyone’s gift shopping. (830) 644-2252

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**Martin Creek Lake State Park**

**Christmas in the Piney Woods**

Dec. 3 & 4 6–8:30 p.m.

Take a drive through the Piney Woods and enjoy the decorated campsites. Families will have the opportunity to take photos and visit with Santa Claus. Enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, or cider by the fire at the Group Picnic Pavilion. Entrance fees will be waived for all visitors who bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Tatum community’s Operation Blue Santa. (903) 836-4336

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**Mother Neff State Park**

**A Mother Neff Christmas**

Dec. 5 2–4 p.m.

Join us for creative Christmas crafts, a festive scavenger hunt, guided hikes and shop our
unique gift selections for the outdoor enthusiast on your list. Please visit our website or Facebook page for more details. (254) 853-2389

**Pedernales Falls State Park**

**Christmastime Constellations**

Dec. 4 & 11 7 p.m.
The winter night sky is filled with more than just magical sleighs and reindeer! Come join us in gazing at the stars that bless our night sky each Christmas season. (830) 868-7304

**Santa’s Workshop**

Dec. 18 & 19 2 p.m.
Our feathered friends deserve gifts, too! Come help Santa’s elves build bird feeders for all those birds that have been good all year long. (830) 868-7304

**Ray Roberts Lake State Park**

**Harvester’s Scavenger Hunt (Isle du Bois & Johnson Units)**

Nov. 1-30
Have you ever harvested your own food? Let’s see how well you can harvest these clues to complete this self-guided scavenger hunt! (940) 686-2148

**Turkey Talk (Isle du Bois Unit)**

Nov. 24 1–2 p.m.
Join a ranger to learn all about turkey! We will dive into the species of turkey in Texas, their history, and some of their interesting adaptations followed by a Turkey Myth Buster game. (940) 686-2148

**Walk off the Stuffing with Tom (Johnson Unit)**

Nov. 27 10 a.m.
Join Tom the Turkey for an easy hike through the park. We will meet at the Dogwood Canyon parking lot. (940) 637-2294

**Winter Wonderland Scavenger Hunt (Isle du Bois & Johnson Units)**

Dec. 1-31
Texas is a wonderful place all year, but the winter can be challenging for some of us heat loving critters! Accept the challenge and seek the answers to this self-guided scavenger hunt. (940) 686-2148

**Woodland Ornaments (Isle du Bois Unit)**

Dec. 4 1–2 p.m.
Join a ranger to create holiday memories and ornaments! You will get to make your own woodland ornament while learning about the trees these natural ornaments come from. (940) 686-2148

**S’mores and Stories with Mrs. Santa Claus (Johnson Unit)**

Dec. 10 4 p.m.
Join Mrs. Claus for an evening with holiday stories, s’mores, and hot cocoa. Wear your coziest pajamas, bring a blanket, and snuggle up! We will finish the evening making reindeer food for Santa’s Sleigh Team. Meet at the Kid Fish Pond Amphitheatre. (940) 637-2294

**Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site**

**Maxey House Birthday and Christmas Celebration**

Dec. 16 6–7 p.m.
Experience historical Christmas activities, enjoy treats, and take a free tour of the Sam Bell Maxey House in Paris. Families will enjoy making crafts and historic holiday traditions. (903) 785-5716

**San Angelo State Park**

**Holly-Days in the Park**

Dec. 11 6–8 p.m.
Campers are encouraged to adorn their campsites with lights
and decorations. Campsite fees will be waived for Friday and Saturday night for anyone who decorates their site. Stop by the Chaparral Pavilion for pictures with Santa and Smokey Bear. The public is invited to tour the park. Those interested in decorating a campsite should contact the park in advance. (325) 949-4757

Sea Rim State Park

**Very Marshy Christmas**

Dec. 18 3–5 p.m.

Ever wonder how Santa gets around in the marsh to visit the good little boys and girls? By air boat of course! Santa and Mrs. Claus have booked Sea Rim State Park’s cabin and will be arriving by air boat. Children will have a photo opportunity with Santa beginning at 3 p.m. when he arrives. Bring your camera to capture the day. There will be hot chocolate and cookies to help warm you up and kids are invited to create their own craft and take it home to spread holiday cheer. Entrance fees are waived for the event or arrive early and pay standard entry fees to visit the beach prior to Santa’s arrival. (409) 971-2559

**South Llano River State Park**

*Turkey Trot*

Nov. 25 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Earn those Thanksgiving calories here at the park for our 3rd annual Turkey Trot 5K. South Llano River State Park is home to a large Rio Grande Turkey roost, so we found it fitting to trot among the turkeys! Why not? Come see if you can spot any as you run/walk through the roost area towards the finish line. Free to the public. (325) 446-3994

**Christmas at the Ranch**

Dec. 4 2–5 p.m.

Come join park staff and volunteers for a day of cookies, hot chocolate, music, holiday crafts, and more. Maybe a surprise visit from Santa, too! Free to the public. (325) 446-3994

**Starr Family Home State Historic Site**

*Wonderland of Sites*

Dec. 18 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season at Starr Family Home with free tours of the site and crafts for all ages. (903) 935-3044
Stephen F. Austin State Park

Cocoa with the Cardinals
Dec. 18 10 a.m. – 3 p.m
Warm up inside the Nature Center with hot cocoa and cookies and learn about cardinals, one of the few nonmigratory birds that reside here at the park. After the presentation, feel free to stay and watch them from the open windows or go outside to be amongst these festive colored birds. Remember to bundle up! (979) 885-3613

Tyler State Park

14th Annual “Walk Off the Bird” Bird Walk
Nov. 26 9 a.m. – noon
Walk off that Thanksgiving feast and enjoy the bird life of the East Texas Pineywoods. Bring your binoculars, good walking shoes, and dress for the weather. Meet at the Silver Canoe Park Store. (903) 597-5338

Reading Ranger – Christmas Edition
Dec. 4 3:30-4 p.m.
Sit around a cozy campfire and listen to A Tale of Two Beasts and, since it’s Christmas time, Santa’s Sleigh is on its Way to Texas. Bring your imagination, a chair or a blanket, and dress for the weather. Meet at the amphitheater fire ring. (903) 597-5338

Nature Wonderland Hike
Dec. 11 4–6 p.m.
Join us for a walk around Tyler State Park Lake as the sun goes down and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of winter. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and be ready for a 2-mile hike. Meet at the Silver Canoe Park Store. (903) 597-5338

A Pineywoods Christmas
Dec. 10 & 11 5–9 p.m.
Take a stroll or drive through the Lakeview and Big Pine campgrounds of Tyler State Park and enjoy campers’ elaborately decorated sites to put the jolly in your Christmas season. Stop by the Silver Canoe Park Store for discounts on unique gifts for the holidays. (903) 597-5338

Village Creek State Park

Christmas on the Creek
Dec. 11 6:30–9:30 p.m.
Bring the entire family and join us at the Village Creek cabin where refreshments will be provided along with a variety of family photo opportunities. There will be a hayride to help put you in the holiday spirit. (979) 345-4656

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