

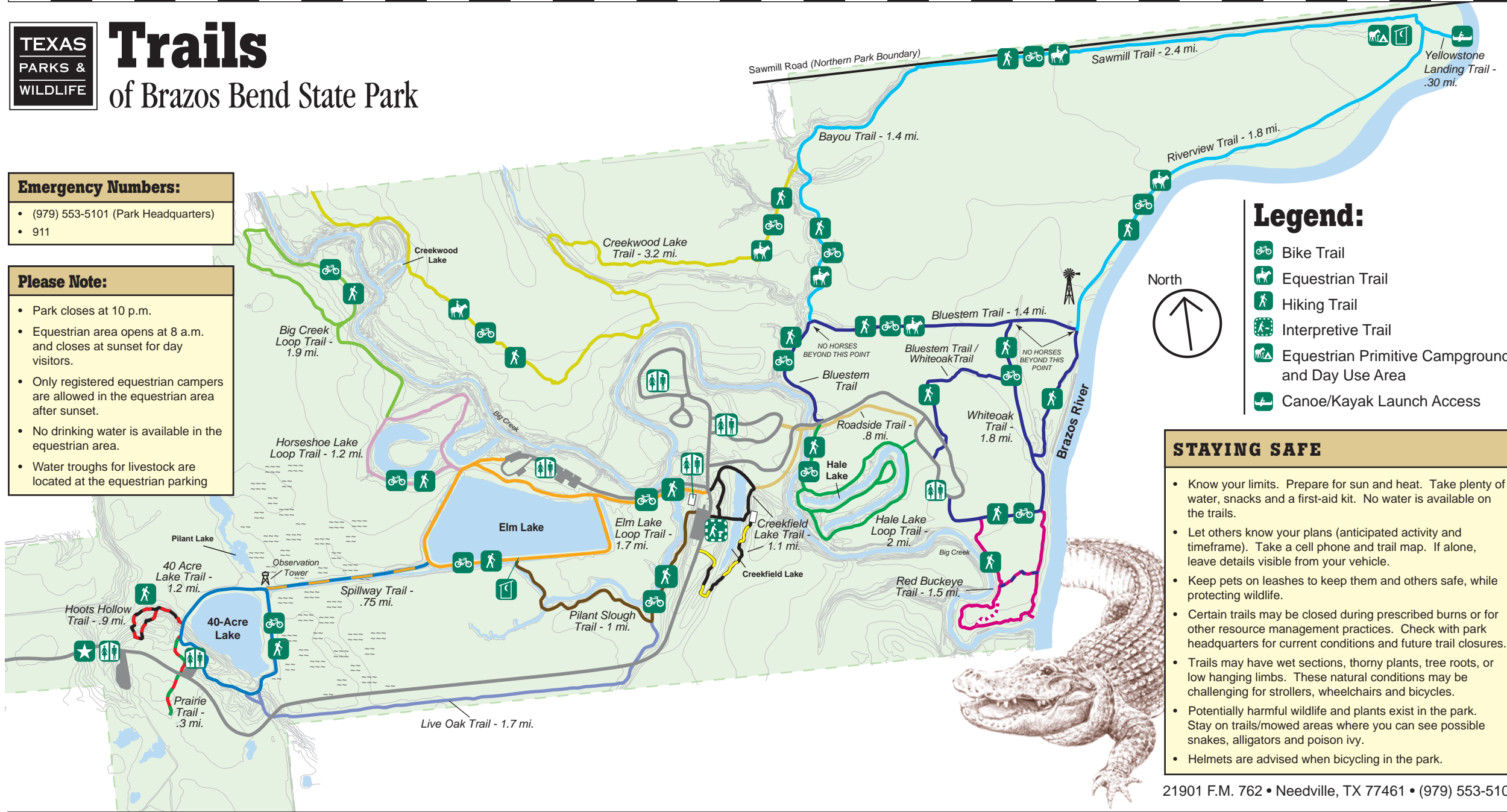
# Trails of Brazos Bend State Park

### Emergency Numbers:

- (979) 553-5101 (Park Headquarters)
- 911

### Please Note:

- Park closes at 10 p.m.
- Equestrian area opens at 8 a.m. and closes at sunset for day visitors.
- Only registered equestrian campers are allowed in the equestrian area after sunset.
- No drinking water is available in the equestrian area.
- Water troughs for livestock are located at the equestrian parking



### Legend:

- Bike Trail
- Equestrian Trail
- Hiking Trail
- Interpretive Trail
- Equestrian Primitive Campground and Day Use Area
- Canoe/Kayak Launch Access

### STAYING SAFE

- Know your limits. Prepare for sun and heat. Take plenty of water, snacks and a first-aid kit. No water is available on the trails.
- Let others know your plans (anticipated activity and timeframe). Take a cell phone and trail map. If alone, leave details visible from your vehicle.
- Keep pets on leashes to keep them and others safe, while protecting wildlife.
- Certain trails may be closed during prescribed burns or for other resource management practices. Check with park headquarters for current conditions and future trail closures.
- Trails may have wet sections, thorny plants, tree roots, or low hanging limbs. These natural conditions may be challenging for strollers, wheelchairs and bicycles.
- Potentially harmful wildlife and plants exist in the park. Stay on trails/mowed areas where you can see possible snakes, alligators and poison ivy.
- Helmets are advised when bicycling in the park.



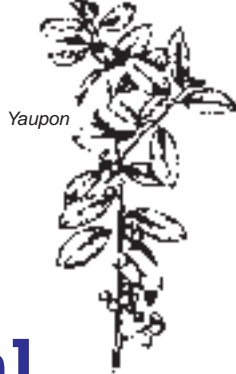
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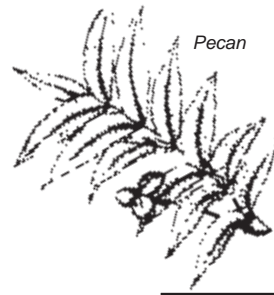
Live Oak



Red-shouldered Hawk



Yaupon



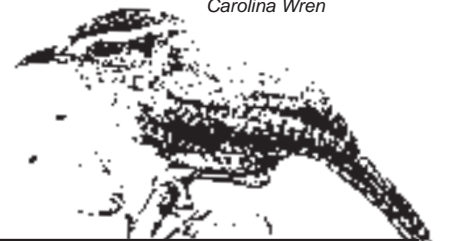
Pecan



Poison Ivy



Little Bluestem



Carolina Wren

Pileated Woodpecker



# Explore the ecological crossroads of Brazos Bend

We invite you to enjoy, appreciate and learn from the trail system at Brazos Bend State Park. Watch the many kinds of birds that feed in the park's lush wetlands. Observe the interrelations of nature and listen to sounds of the marsh, prairie and woodlands as they reveal many species of wildlife.

## SUGGESTED HIKES

**30 Minutes:** Creekfield Lake Trail – A relaxing 1/2-mile walk around the lake on an asphalt path (wheelchair accessible). No bicycles, skateboards or rollerblades. ■

**1 Hour:** 40-Acre Lake Trail – Experience several different aquatic habitats on a 1-mile hike. This trail is an excellent way to view wildlife, including the American Alligator. You can also

climb the four-story observation tower to get a bird's eye view of the park. ■

**2 Hours:** Red Buckeye Trail – For visitors looking to get away from the crowds and take a walk in the woods, this trail offers 2 miles of tranquility and wild discovery. ■

**3 Hours:** 40-Acre Lake, Spillway and Elm Lake trails – This very

popular 5-mile hike can begin at either 40-Acre Lake or Elm Lake and gives you some of the best wildlife viewing anywhere. ■ ■ ■

**All Day:** Get out and explore the 35 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails that Brazos Bend has to offer. There's something for everyone in this nature lover's paradise!

Trail maps provided by the Brazos Bend State Park Volunteer Organization, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation visit [www.brazosbend.org](http://www.brazosbend.org)

American Alligator



## TRAIL INFORMATION

<b>Bayou, Sawmill, Riverview and Yellowstone Landing trails</b>	■	These multi-use trails (hiking, biking and equestrian), totaling 5 miles in length, take visitors to the far reaches of the park where they can experience a sense of solitude. The north (Sawmill Trail) and west (Bayou Trail) portions of this trail are sometimes closed due to wet trail conditions. The Yellowstone Landing Trail accesses a canoe launch point.
<b>Big Creek Loop Trail</b>	■	This 2-mile-long primitive trail takes visitors on a hike along the creek and to the park's north boundary.
<b>Creekwood Lake Trail</b>	■	This primitive trail is 3.2 miles one way (6.4 miles round-trip) and takes visitors on an extended hike, bike or horseback ride through the forest and on to the remote Creekwood Lake. This trail is sometimes closed due to wet trail conditions.
<b>Hale Lake Loop Trail</b>	■	This popular 2-mile long trail takes visitors around and into the "point" of an oxbow lake. This is an excellent choice for bird-watchers as well as anglers.
<b>Hoot's Hollow Trail</b>	■ ■	A 1.5-mile foot trail leads through spectacular bottomland forest habitat and some of the largest live oak trees in the park.
<b>Horseshoe Lake Loop Trail</b>	■	A 1.2-mile loop around an oxbow lake offers an enjoyable walk through the woods with a view of the two oxbow lakes.
<b>Live Oak Trail</b>	■	Be one of the first to hike this brand new 1.7-mile route along the park's southern boundary.
<b>Pilant Slough Trail</b>	■	A 1-mile long trail starts near the amphitheater at the nature center and follows Pilant Slough as it meanders through the bottomland forest.
<b>Prairie Trail</b>	■ ■	This short trail takes visitors to an elevated observation platform overlooking a coastal tall grass prairie and boardwalk over a small temporary pond.
<b>Roadside Trail</b>	■	This trail follows the road from the Creekfield Lake Trail to the parking area at Hale Lake.
<b>Spillway Trail</b>	■ ■	This trail leads through a bottomland hardwood swamp and connects Elm Lake Trail with 40-Acre Lake Trail.
<b>Whiteoak and Bluestem trails</b>	■	Approximately 3 miles long, these trails allow visitors to get away from the more crowded areas of the park and experience a peaceful hike or bike ride through the woods. The north part of this trail is also used by equestrian riders.