Old River, New Lake

The great camping, hiking, fishing and boating draw us all to Texana Park & Campground. But this is also a landscape in transition. Life here was historically centered around the Navidad River. Then the impoundment of the river created a natural environment that is still to this day undergoing a transformation from river to lake. The rich variety of plants and animals you'll discover here reflect the changes set in motion by the creation of Lake Texana.

POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates given in Lat/Long Minute Decimal - NAD 83)

1. **Texana Community Education Center (28°57'28.2"N; 96°32'32.0"W)**
   Come visit the Community Education Center and learn about the local flora and fauna that reside in Jackson County. The Center offers educational programs, and live animal encounters!
2. **Spider Tree and Wildflower Field (28° 57.364" N; 96° 32.417"W)**
   Many curving branches grow from an ancient live oak, giving this tree its namesake. Look for alligators and waterfowl in the cove behind the adjoining wildflower patch.
3. **Nature Stop (28° 57.872" N; 96° 32.568" W)**
   Located at a footbridge, this area offers a place to rest and a wetland area where wildlife can be observed.
4. **Leaning Tree (28° 57.843" N; 96° 32.624" W)**
   This large live oak is often sadly over looked while walking the trail. Just imagine what the area looked like when it was a mere seedling.
5. **Quiet Cove (28° 57.744" N; 96° 32.967" W)**
   A quiet spot for viewing wildlife.
6. **Peaceful Footbridge (28° 58.091" N; 96° 33.078" W)**
   A bridge over an inlet to the lake is a place to observe wildlife on the edge of a wetland.

TRAIL INFORMATION

Alligator Cove Trail		Alligator Cove Trail connects with Bobcat Track and Savannah Trail in the northwest corner of the park. It wanders through the woods along an inlet to the lake starting at Trail Head 2 in the tent camping loop and offers areas for wildlife watching. See if you can find the woodpecker hole in a tall tree just off the trail.
Bobcat Track		Aptly named, the Bobcat Track connects to the Savannah Trail and the Alligator Cove Trail after crossing a foot bridge in the northwest corner of the park. It starts at Trail Head 1 behind the office and follows Hwy. 111, where you can find many spring flowers. After crossing a foot bridge, it turns and follows the edge of the park boundary.
Hummingbird Roost Trail		A shortcut from the Nature Stop on the Texana Trail to the Post Oak Trail, this path runs through a natural arbor of Yaupon Holly. A small area halfway through retains water from rainfall and wetland plants (sedges) grow right along the trail.
Post Oak Trail		This half-mile shortcut starts at Trail Head 4 in the multi-use camping loop and wanders through woodlands until it dead-ends into the Savannah Trail.
Savannah Trail		The Savannah Trail runs from Trail Head 4 in the multi-use camping loop along the wooded lake shore. It then turns and tracks through the coastal prairie. It intersects with the Post Oak Trail and continues until it connects with the Bobcat Track and the Alligator Cove Trail in the northwestern boundary of the park.
Texana Trail		Heralded as the first trail of Lake Texana, this trail starts at Trail Head 2 in the tent camping loop, intersects with the Alligator Cove Trail and turns toward the Nature Stop. After crossing the footbridge it follows the waterway to Trail Head 3 in the multi-use camping loop. Before you reach the footbridge look for the large live oak leaning over the trail.
Nature Center Trail		Located directly behind the Nature Center, this semi-improved trail is the newest jaunt in Texana Park. Many wildlife viewing opportunities in a natural setting are present along this entirely riparian retreat, and numerous species of wildflower and fungi can be observed throughout. To keep this path a bit on the wild side, no bikes or pets please.

SUGGESTED HIKES

- **30 Minutes:** Park at Trail Head 3 in the multi-purpose camping loop and walk alongside the water inlet through the woods to the Nature Stop Footbridge, then use the Hummingbird Roost Trail under the natural arbor, formed by Yaupon Holly, to join the last section of Post Oak Trail and finish up at Trail Head 4 in the multi-purpose camping loop for an easy hike.
- **1 Hour:** Take a walk through the woods on Texana Trail, Lake Texana's original trail. Park at Trail Head 2 in the tent camping loop and enjoy an easy hike to the Nature Stop Footbridge. Note the large live oak hanging over the trail before reaching the footbridge. Several benches offer rest and excellent views of the water inlet. Finish the hike at Trail Head 3 in the multi-purpose camping loop.
- **2 Hours:** For a longer hike, start at the office and take Bobcat Track to the western park boundary. Wildflowers brighten the area, and agricultural fields and grazing pastures expose the impacts humans have on the landscape. Turning down Alligator Cove Trail toward Trail Head 2 look for Quiet Cove's bench. Take a break and watch for alligators, herons, egrets and hawks. Then finish the hike on the Texana Trail to Trail Head 2 in the tent camping loop.
- **3 Hours:** Starting on Bobcat Track at Trail Head 1 by the office, hike through several different ecosystems along the highway and agricultural fields and join Savannah Trail after crossing the second footbridge. Don't miss the remnant of Coastal Prairie along the northern park boundary. The lake comes into view as the trail turns into the woods again. The hike ends at Trail Head 4 in the multi-purpose camping loop.
- **Half Day:** Wander through all 6 miles of trails the park offers. Enjoy everything from a walk through the woods to a stroll through wildflowers. Watch for migrating birds and listen for the vireos and owls in the brush. On the shoreline, watch egrets, herons and ibises. Who knows, perhaps you'll see a Bald Eagle hunting for fish along the shoreline!

Brackenridge Recreation Complex

Texana Park & Campground is part of the Brackenridge Recreation Complex which is owned and operated by the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority.

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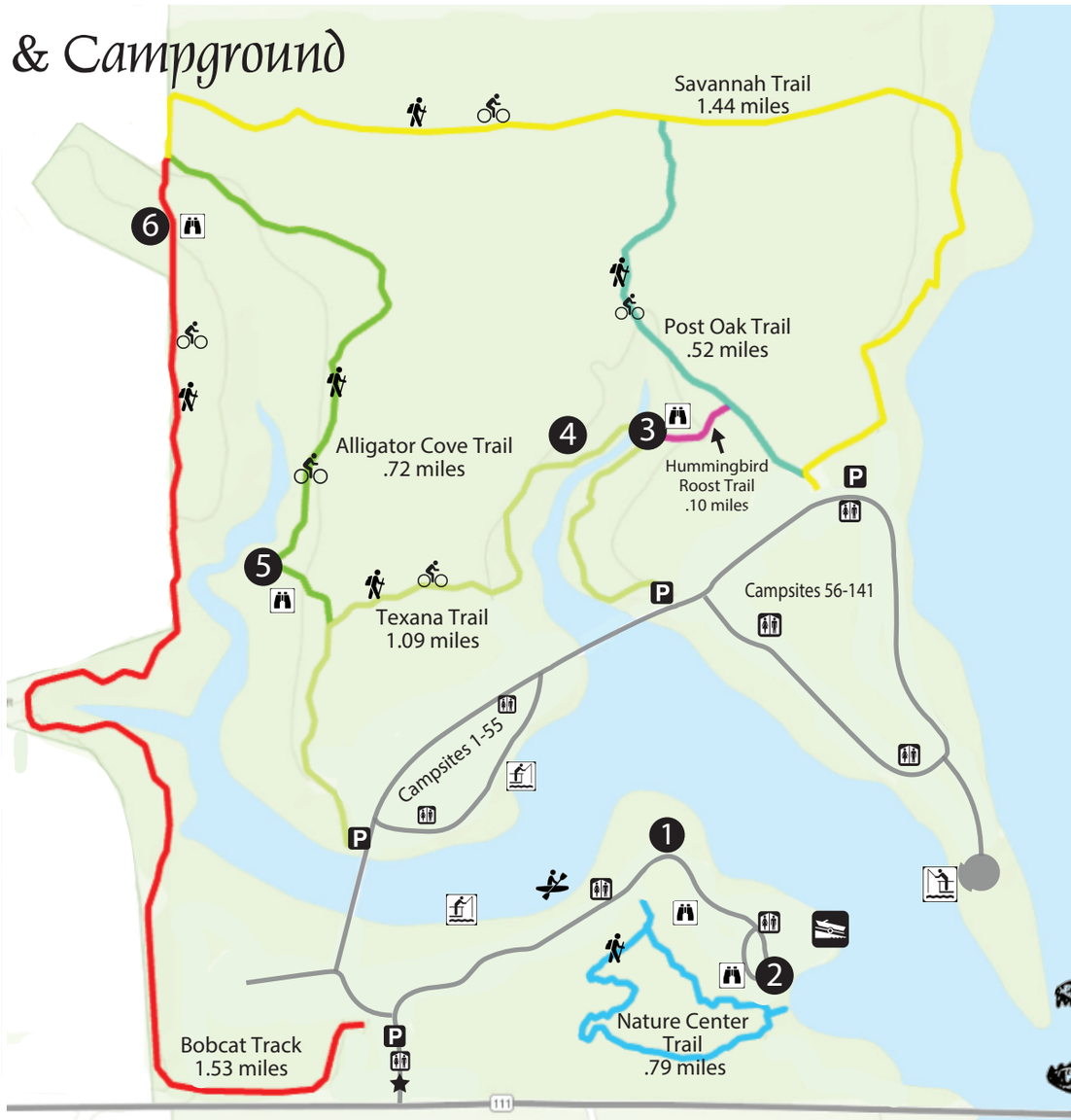
Trails of Texana Park & Campground

STAYING SAFE

- Know your limits. Prepare for sun and heat. Take plenty of water, snacks and a first-aid kit. No water or rest rooms are available on the trails.
- Let others know of your plans (anticipated activity and timeframe). Take a cell phone and trail map. If you go alone, leave details visible from your vehicle.
- Keep pets on leashes to keep them and others safe, while at the same time 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.
- Beware of alligators, venomous snakes, poison ivy, and any other harmful wildlife that may be in the park. Stay on trails/mowed areas where you can easily avoid possible hazards.
- Helmets are advised when bicycling in the park.

WATER ACTIVITIES

- Lake Texana has no designated swimming area. Swim at your own risk.
- Do not swim near pier, boat ramp or off bridges.
- Adults are required to possess a freshwater fishing license to fish in Lake Texana. Information regarding fish size and catch limits are available at the park headquarters.



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Legend:

- Park Office
- Parking
- Biking Trail
- Boat Ramp
- Rest Rooms
- Hiking Trail
- Wildlife Viewing
- Kayak Launch
- Fishing Pier

PARK EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- (361) 782-5718 Texana Park Office
- (361) 782-8013 Park Security
- 911

PARK HOURS

- Texana Park & Campground hours:
  Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  Saturday - Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Texana Community Education Center hours:
  Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  Office Number: 361-782-2070
- Late arrivals please register by 11 a.m.
- Park gates are locked when office is closed. Outside guests will need to contact security for park access.

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