

Trails of Huntsville State Park

Huntsville State Park Headquarters
open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week
(936) 295-5644

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Walker County Sheriff's Office
(936) 435-2400 or dial 9-1-1



TRAIL ETIQUETTE

The future of Huntsville State Park is in your hands. Here's how you can help protect this special place:

- **Stay on designated trails.** Protect yourself, wildlife and vegetation.
- **Leash your pets.** Leashes protect your pets, other people and wildlife.
- **Trash your trash.** Keep this park natural, pick up litter and put it in its place.
- **Take only memories and pictures.** Federal and state law protects all plants, animals and artifacts.
- **Respect fellow trail users.** Be courteous to all trail users; **bikers must yield to hikers.**
- **Protect Texas history.** Historic Civilian Conservation Corps structures exist in the park. Please observe these protected structures with admiration and respect.
- **Preserve your trails.** Biking on wet trails can cause rutting and lead to erosion and destruction of trails.

STAYING SAFE

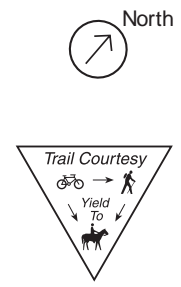
Know before you go, plan ahead and be prepared.

- **Weather conditions change rapidly.** Forecasts and trail conditions available at the Park Headquarters.
- **Let others know your plans** (anticipated activity and timeframe). If alone, leave details visible from your vehicle.
- **Know your limits.** Prepare for sun and heat. Take plenty of water, snacks and a first aid kit.
- **People average two miles per hour hiking.** We recommend you take at least one full quart of water per hour of activity.
- **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.**

- ### Legend:
- Headquarters
 - State Parks Store
 - Trailhead and Parking
 - Nature Center
 - Amphitheatre
 - Rest Rooms
 - Parking
 - Picnic Sites
 - Self-Guided Nature Trail
 - Stables
 - Restricted Trail
Guided Equestrian
Use Only
 - Campgrounds
 - Boat Ramp
 - Fishing Pier
 - Boat House and Rentals
 - Swimming Area
(No life guards on duty)
 - Nature Viewing Opportunity
 - Scenic Overlook
 - Maintenance
 - Points of Interest
 - Trail Kiosk
 - Intermittent Creeks
(subject to flooding)
 - Boardwalks
(please use caution)

Please note that we continue to construct new trail bridges and boardwalks to protect our trails which may not be indicated on this map.

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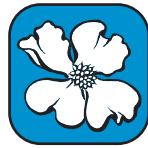




Triple C



Chinquapin



Dogwood



Prairie Branch Loop



Coloneh



Lone Star



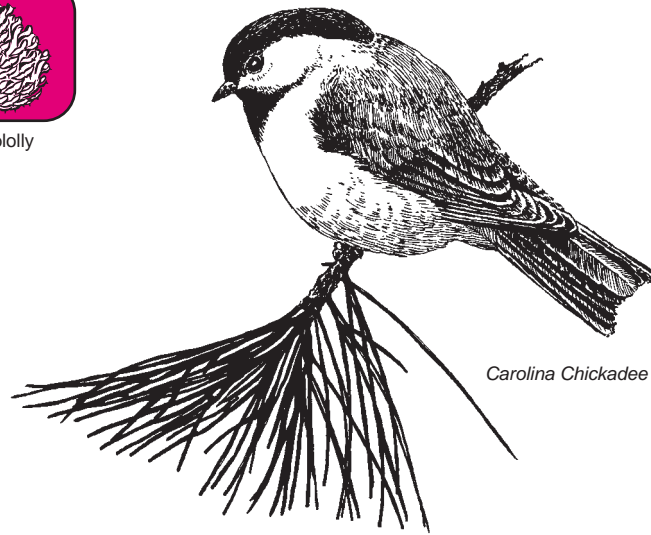
Loblolly



Bald Eagle

Welcome to the Pineywoods at Huntsville State Park

Adventure, exploration and solitude await you in this beautiful mixed-pine and hardwood forest. A keen eye may spot an American Alligator or Bald Eagle. Listen for the screeches of Pileated Woodpeckers or simply smell nature at this historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built park.



Carolina Chickadee



Pileated Woodpecker

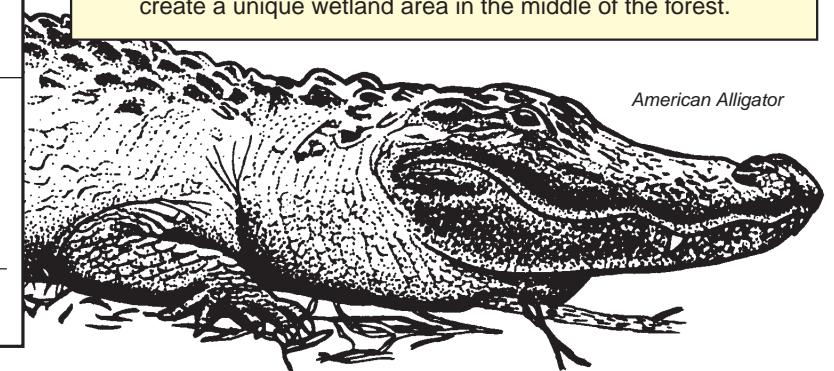
POINTS OF INTEREST

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

- 1 Headwater Boardwalks** (30° 37.593" N; 95° 32.201" W)
Hike above wetlands and marshes of Lake Raven's headwaters. An excellent place for viewing birds, dragonflies and other wildlife species.
- 2 Historic Dam and Spillway** (30° 36.345" N; 95° 32.013" W)
Originally constructed by the CCC to create Lake Raven, the 1,000-foot earthen dam failed in 1940 and was not rebuilt until funds from timber sales were raised in 1956.
- 3 CCC Culverts** (30° 38.025" N; 95° 31.163" W)
An excellent example of CCC craftsmanship built by Company 1823. This African American Company of World War I veterans also worked at Longhorn Cavern and Palmetto state parks.
- 4 CCC Lodge** (30° 36.517" N; 95° 32.068" W)
Built by the CCC in 1939, the lodge was a major feature of the park and designed to blend with its natural surroundings.
- 5 Tram Railroads** (30° 36.437" N; 95° 32.452" W)
A number of trails lie along historic tram railways which hauled timber from the area around the turn of the 19th century until World War I.
- 6 Wildlife Blinds – Hunting Stand #4** (30° 37.505" N; 95° 32.239" W)
Over 20 wildlife blinds are located in good wildlife viewing locations throughout the park. Hunters use these blinds during public hunt events designed to maintain the health of the park's deer population. (Locations of all blinds are found at Park HQ.)
- 7 Nature Center and Outdoor Amphitheatre** (30° 37.347" N; 95° 31.410" W)
Interpretive hub of the park. Exhibits include history and natural features of the park, including live exhibits. Check here for morning and evening programs.
- 8 Lone Star Trailhead** (30° 38.038" N; 95° 31.354" W)
This **hiking only** access trail takes you to the Sam Houston National Forest trail system. This National Recreation Trail, which meanders the breadth of the National Forest, is over 129 miles long.
- 9 Flatwater Ponds** (30° 36.554" N; 95° 31.130" W)
The Triple C Trail partially dams Little Chinquapin Creek to create a unique wetland area in the middle of the forest.

SUGGESTED HIKES

Distance and Approximate Hiking Time	Trail	Description	Trail Profile	Meanings behind the trail
0.2 miles 15 minutes	Loblolly	Take a few minutes of your time to uncover some of the stories this park has to tell. This short, self-guided trail leads you under the pines as you learn about the history of these majestic trees, learn who lived here long ago, and learn what lives here now.		Triple C (9.5 miles) — This boundary trail honors Company 1823 of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The African American company helped construct the park beginning in 1937. Chinquapin (6.8 miles) — Named after the Big and Little Chinquapin creeks, not the oak tree. Today, no chinquapins exist in the park. Dogwood (1.9 miles) — A prominent understory tree is the beautiful Dogwood, which in early spring produces wonderful white flowers that announce the forest is emerging from winter. Prairie Branch Loop (1.5 miles) — Four named creeks flow into Lake Raven, but only Prairie Branch Creek flows out through the man made dam to the south. Coloneh (0.8 miles) — Named to honor one of Huntsville's most famous residents – General Sam Houston who was given the name "Coloneh" (raven) from Cherokee Chief Oolooteka. Lone Star (0.3 miles) — This access trail takes you to the Sam Houston National Forest trail system. Loblolly (0.2 miles) — Named for the prominent pine species found at the park.
1.3 miles 30 minutes	Prairie Branch Loop	Explore two completely different habitats as you walk this short loop. One half of the trail's length is along the shore of Lake Raven, and the other half is through the mixed pine and hardwood forest. Notice the difference in plant and animal life as you experience the different habitats.		
2.3 miles 1.25 hours	Chinquapin to Coloneh, across creek bridges to Dogwood	This route will give you a great snapshot of the park. The trail crosses Big Chinquapin Creek, showcasing the bottomland plant and animal life in the park, before it moves to higher ground through the towering pines.		
6.8 miles 4 hours	Chinquapin	If you want to see the whole park, this is the trail. This trail encircles the entire lake. You will travel over marshes teeming with wildlife where you are likely to see shorebirds and nutria. Listen carefully for the drumming of a pileated woodpecker high in the pines and watch for eagles as you cross the dam.		



American Alligator