

# Inks Lake State Park

# Explore this oasis in the Hill Country!

Despite its size, the park has lots of ways to discover the wonders of nature as you cross creeks and walk over rocks more than a billion years old. You'll find a plethora of wildlife viewing opportunities and places to connect to the outdoors on over eight miles of trail.

#### **STAYING SAFE**

**KNOW YOUR LIMITS.** Prepare for sun and heat. Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body quickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

**TELL OTHERS WHERE YOU'LL BE.** If possible, avoid exploring alone. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

**WEAR A LIFE JACKET.** The law requires that all children under age 13 wear one with adult supervision while boating.

**WEATHER CHANGES QUICKLY.** Check forecasts before you leave and prepare for changes in the weather.

**POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE HERE.** You'll see them more easily if you stay on trails. Do not approach wildlife!

## TRAIL ETIQUETTE

**Trash your trash.** Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

**Leave feeding to nature.** Feeding wild animals will make them sick. Please do not feed them.

**Take only memories and pictures.** Please don't disturb or remove any of the park's plants, animals, rocks, or artifacts.

**Keep pets on leashes** for their safety, and to protect wildlife.

**Campfires are only permitted in fire rings** due to potential for ground scarring and wildfires.

We need to know about your caches. Please obtain a permit from HQ before placing geocaches within the park.

### FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.



TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
CONNECTING TRAIL	0.6 mi.	30 min.	Moderate	As the name suggests, this connects you from the Pecan Flats Trail to the Woodland Trail. Experience rocky outcrops and hilly sections while seeing a diversity of cactus and tree species.
FISHERMAN'S TRAILS	1 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Single track trail that leads from the South Fishing Pier and camping loops to the lake, and provides access to several great fishing spots.
LAKE TRAIL	1.2 mi.	45 min.	Easy to Moderate	Starting from the Pecan Flats Trailhead, this trail takes you through the lowlands surrounding Stumpy Hollow and then loops around a rocky hill with several scenic vistas of Inks Lake.
PECAN FLATS TRAIL	1.8 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Moderate	A rugged trail that takes you to the highest elevation on our trail system which includes several scenic viewpoints.
VALLEY SPRING CREEK TRAIL	0.9 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Starting at Devil's Waterhole, this scenic trail takes you along Spring Creek before looping back through oaks, juniper and mesquite woodlands
WOODLAND TRAIL	2.2 mi.	1.5 hrs.	Moderate	An excellent backcountry hike that will take you through oak woodlands, over rocky outcrops and to very scenic views of Hoover Valley.
DEVIL'S BACKBONE NATURE TRAIL	1.2 mi.	45 min.	Moderate	From the Valley Spring Creek Trail, you will cross the creek before passing several beautiful vistas of Inks Lake as you walk along the north shoreline until you reach the wildlife viewing station.
DEVIL'S WATERHOLE NATURE TRAIL	0.2 mi.	7 min.	Easy	Trail section that takes hikers from the Devil's Waterhole trailhead and parking lot to the waterhole. Great views of the lake and access to several fishing spots.



