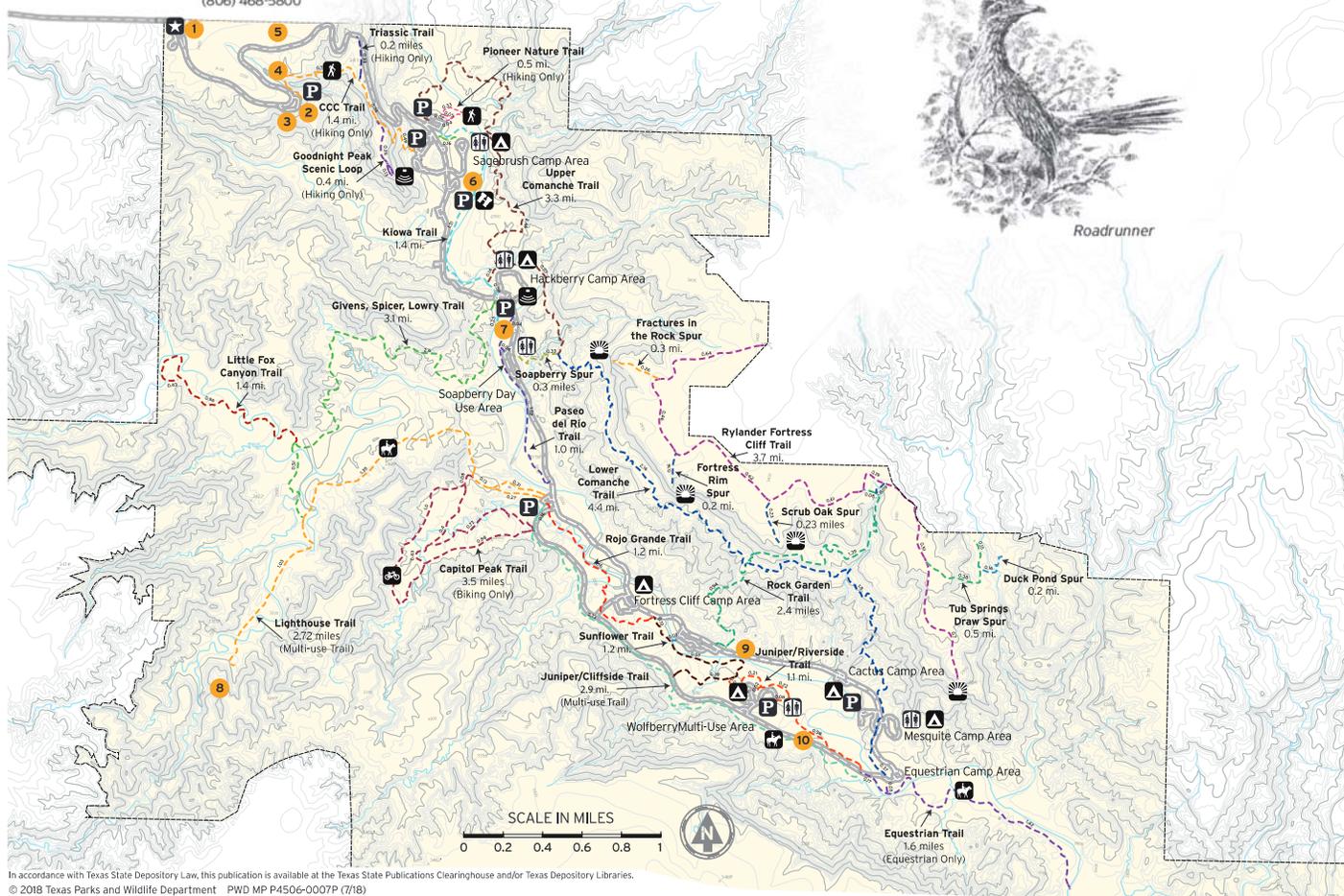




Palo Duro Canyon State Park Trails Map

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Canyon, TX 79015
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(806) 488-2227
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(806) 468-5800



Roadrunner

LEGEND

- ★ Headquarters
- P Parking
- 🚻 Restrooms
- 👁 Wildlife Viewing
- 👤 Hiking Trail Only
- 🏕 Campground
- 🚲 Biking Trail Only
- 🎪 Amphitheater
- 🐎 Horse Trail
- 🌅 Scenic Overlook

All trails are hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated by icons. Contour intervals 10 feet. No claims are made to the accuracy of the data or its suitability to a particular use. Map compiled by Texas State Parks staff.

POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in degrees, minutes, seconds)

- 1 LONGHORN PASTURE**
34° 59' 04.380" N 101° 42' 04.572" W
Look for longhorns from Texas' Official Longhorn Herd.
- 2 CCC OVERLOOK AT VISITOR CENTER**
34° 58' 48.684" N 101° 41' 27.672" W
Marvel at a grand view of the park before descending into the canyon.
- 3 EL CORONADO LODGE**
34° 58' 45.192" N 101° 41' 29.436" W
Learn a little history of the park and maybe do some shopping.
- 4 BRIDGES ON UPPER CCC TRAIL**
34° 58' 52.320" N 101° 41' 32.100" W
Inspect the handiwork of the CCC craftsmen.
- 5 CCC FIREPLACE** 34° 59' 5.208" N 101° 41' 29.832" W
Visit the lone sentinel from a once-thriving CCC camp.
- 6 WILDLIFE VIEWING BLIND**
34° 58' 25.320" N 101° 40' 35.148" W
Relax and watch some of the park's natural residents.
- 7 DUGOUT** 34° 57' 49.392" N 101° 40' 16.752" W
Take a peek into the life of a 19th-century cowboy.
- 8 LIGHTHOUSE** 34° 56' 11.220" N 101° 41' 48.264" W
The symbol of Palo Duro Canyon State Park.
- 9 ROCK GARDEN** 34° 56' 25.476" N 101° 39' 6.408" W
Take a hike through an ancient landslide.
- 10 THE BIG CAVE** 34° 56' 2.544" N 101° 38' 40.704" W
There are no outlaws in this hole in the wall.

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Discover hoodoos and history at this scenic canyon.

You'll discover an artist's palette of colors as you explore the geologic wonders of the grandest canyon in Texas. From canyon rim to floor, you can explore nature's diversity and the history of the Texas Panhandle Plains.

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 loses fluid quickly when you're on the trail. Bring at least one quart of water per person per mile. Don't forget extra water for your pets.

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 HELMET. When mountain biking, check with park HQ to match the trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE HERE. Staying on the trail makes them easier to see.

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

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Keep the park natural. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick and more likely to cause harm to people.

Please stay on designated trails and do not cross fences.

Keep pets on leashes to keep them safe, while protecting wildlife.

Don't pocket the past. Help preserve Texas heritage. Leave artifacts where you find them and report their location to a ranger.

Take only memories and pictures. Help preserve nature. Leave all plants and animals in the park.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.

TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
 CCC	1.43 mi. (One way)	1.5 hr	Difficult	Cross four historic CCC bridges as you descend 500 feet through four geologic layers from the canyon rim to the canyon floor.
 CAPITOL PEAK	2.96 mi. (Loop)	1.5 hrs	Easy to Difficult	This mountain-biking trail traverses the scenic canyon country around Capitol Peak with three levels of difficulty for various biking skills: Green-Easy; Blue-Moderate; Black-Difficult.
 EQUESTRIAN	1.66 mi. (One way)	2 hrs	Moderate	Take your horse for a canyon ride through the former grazing lands of the historic JA Ranch.
 GIVENS, SPICER, LOWRY	3.08 mi. (One way)	2.5 hrs	Difficult	Named for avid runners who helped build the canyon's trail system, this trail offers a challenging workout and amazing scenery.
 JUNIPER/CLIFFSIDE	2.83 mi. (One way)	2 hrs	Moderate	Notice the percolation caves carved by moving water in the sides of the cliffs along this trail.
 JUNIPER/RIVERSIDE	1.07 mi. (One way)	1 hr	Moderate	Watch for the colorful Spanish Skirts rock formations along this flat trail along the edge of the river.
 LIGHTHOUSE	2.72 mi. (One way)	2 hrs	Moderate	Don't miss the park's most popular trail leading to the iconic Lighthouse rock formation. Do take plenty of water, as most heat-related injuries and deaths to people and pets occur on this trail.
 PASEO DEL RIO	1.03 mi. (One way)	1 hr	Easy	As you walk along the river, stop at the Cowboy Dugout to see how the cowboys lived in the 1880s.
 PIONEER NATURE	.49 mi. (Loop)	1/2 hr	Easy	Watch for Texas horned lizards on this easy, family-friendly trail that loops down to the river and back.
 ROCK GARDEN	2.39 mi. (One way)	2.5 hrs	Difficult	Climb 600 feet from a field of boulders at the bottom of the canyon to the Rylander Fortress Cliff Trail along the canyon's rim.
 ROJO GRANDE	1.17 mi. (One way)	1 hr	Moderate	Explore this shady, scenic trail through the rusty red Quartermaster geologic formation at the canyon bottom.
 RYLANDER FORTRESS CLIFF	3.73 mi. (One way)	3 hrs	Easy	As you hike this easy trail along the canyon rim, take the spur trails to the scenic overlooks for stunning views of the canyon below. This trail is only accessible from the Rock Garden Trail.
 SUNFLOWER	1.17mi. (One way)	1 hr	Easy	Watch for beautiful veins of white satin-spar gypsum about a quarter-mile past the trailhead on this shady, family-friendly trail.
 UPPER COMANCHE	3.3 MI. (one-way)	3 hrs	Difficult	Explorer the heart of the territory of the Comanches on this beautiful multi-use trail. Cross the river that is the main force that formed the canyon, then enjoy the breathtaking views across the canyon from a view point about halfway up the canyon's wall.
 LOWER COMANCHE	4.4 mi. (one-way)	4 hrs	Difficult	Marvel at the amazing scenery as you hike beneath the craggy face of Fortress Cliff on this challenging trail. Watch for spring fed streams crossing the trail, and stop to rest in the shade of a Rocky Mountain juniper, the tree that gives the "Hard Wood" Canyon its name.
 KIOWA	1.5 mi. (one-way)	1.5 hrs	Easy	This easy trail provides great views of Triassic Peak, an original CCC road bridge, and the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River. You'll also get up close and personal with the 250-million-year-old Permian formation that gives the river its red color.

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