



Martin Dies, Jr. State Park Trails Map

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LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Fishing Pier
- Playground
- Boat Ramp
- Paddling Trail
- Picnic Sites
- Swimming Area
- Water Only Campsites
- Water & Electric Campsites
- Screened Shelters
- Dump Station

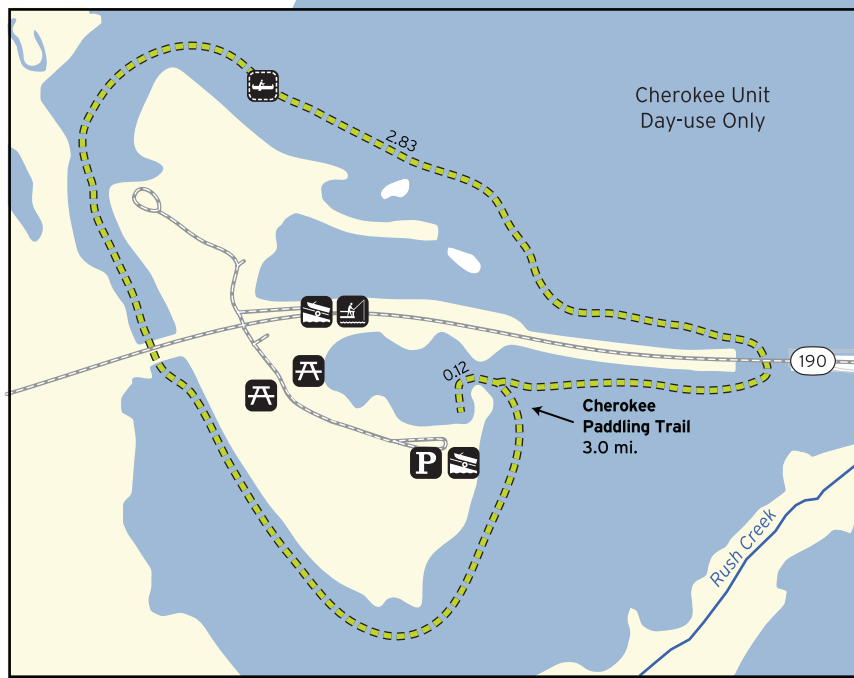
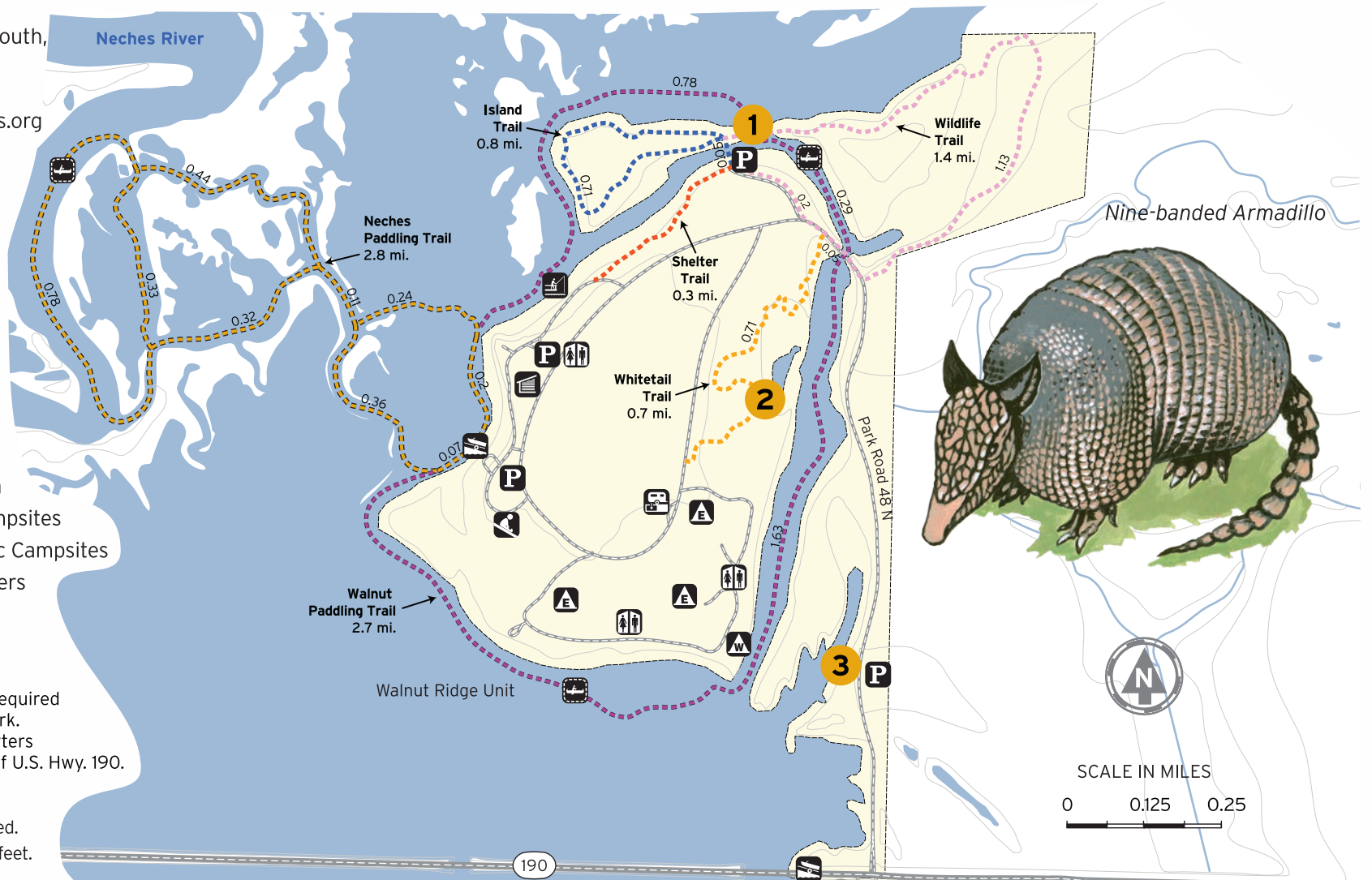
NOTES:

An entrance permit is required for all visitors to the park. Visit the park headquarters at the main entrance off U.S. Hwy. 190.

All trails allow multiuse unless otherwise indicated. Contour intervals are 10 feet. Trail lengths are in miles. Elevation levels are in feet.

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Map compiled by Texas State Parks staff.



POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

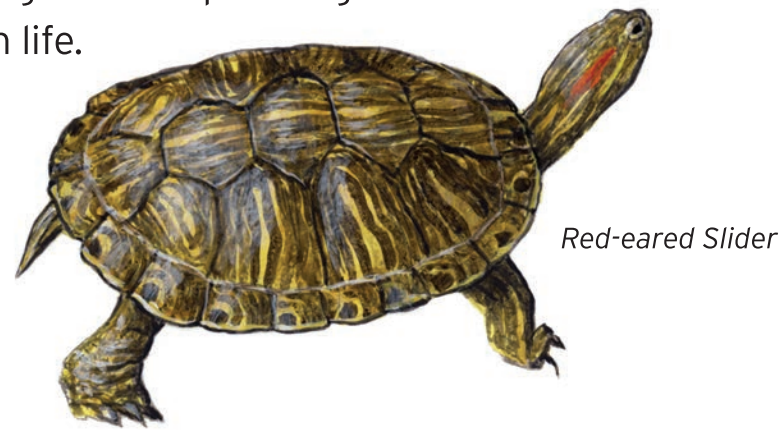
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| <p>1 OBSERVATION PIER
30.8704° -94.1752°
This elevated pier provides an excellent view of the lake's wildlife.</p> | <p>4 NIGHT SKY LOOKOUT
30.8412° -94.1727°
You can really see the stars here, a rare public place untouched by light pollution.</p> |
| <p>2 CYPRESS FOREST
30.8642° -94.1748°
This bench on a high point overlooks a majestic cypress grove often visited by wood ducks.</p> | <p>5 SWAMP DECK
30.8388° -94.1642°
A boardwalk that takes you right through a lush, swamp wonderland.</p> |
| <p>3 WILDSCAPE
30.8576° -94.1725°
Native plants attract insects and butterflies in this natural garden next to the nature center.</p> | <p>6 SUNSET VISTA
30.8352° -94.1621°
This shoreline spot offers a quiet place to view nature's artwork.</p> |

Martin Dies, Jr. State Park

Journey through quiet woods and waters...

As you travel the trails, alligators glide through dark water, citrus-scented white blossoms hang from magnolia trees, and woodpeckers tap in majestic pines. Elsewhere, sandy-bottomed Lake Steinhagen offers paddling destinations through waters swollen with life.

Create lasting memories of journeys through Martin Dies, Jr. State Park.



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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 HELMET WHEN BIKING. Check with park HQ to match the trail to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

ALLIGATORS LIVE IN THIS PARK. Keep at least 30 feet away from them. Stay out of the water! Never annoy or try to feed an alligator!

BE CAREFUL IN THE BOAT. Upon entering or exiting a canoe or kayak, stay low, move slowly and hold onto both sides of the boat.

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 harm people.

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

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

Campfires are permitted only in designated rings and not in the primitive camping area due to potential for ground scarring and wildfires.

Use only your muscles. To protect park resources, no motor vehicles are allowed on the trails.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.

TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
WILDLIFE TRAIL	1.4 mi.	1 hr.	Moderate	Encounter a landscape of variety, both clearings and dense woods, on the Wildlife Trail. The trail travels both the park and the adjoining wildlife management area.
WHITETAIL TRAIL	0.7 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Hike along a cypress slough and hardwood forest for a variety of ecological experiences and natural beauty.
FOREST TRAIL	1.0 mi.	45 min.	Easy	Many different kinds of trees, shrubs and woody vines attract hikers to this trail. The park headquarters provides a booklet to help you identify the most common ones.
ISLAND TRAIL	0.8 mi.	30 min.	Moderate	Giant beech and pine trees catch your eye on this trail. Its curves and hills will also challenge even the most avid biker.
SHELTER TRAIL	0.3 mi.	10 min.	Easy	This short corridor connects the shelter loop to the day-use area on the Walnut Ridge Unit.
SLOUGH TRAIL	2.2 mi.	90 min.	Challenging	Sixteen bridges over wetlands make up the Slough Trail, providing an excellent view of many marsh plant species. Each bridge crossing also enhances the beauty of this trail.
SANDY CREEK PADDLING TRAIL	5.4 mi.	2.5 hr.	Challenging	The longest of the park's three paddling trails, this route hugs the shoreline and then crosses open water. Two boat ramps along the way allow you to get out and stretch your legs.
NECHES PADDLING TRAIL	2.8 mi.	90 min.	Moderate	Follow the buoys on a twisting trail toward the Neches River. You can ride the southern current of the river or take a shortcut to calmer waters.
WALNUT PADDLING TRAIL	2.7 mi.	90 min.	Moderate	Travel all the way round the park's Walnut Ridge Unit on the Walnut Paddling Trail. Your trip doesn't end until you've crossed under both the park's observation bridge and road bridge.
CHEROKEE PADDLING TRAIL	3.0 mi.	90 min.	Moderate	Paddle around the Cherokee Unit and watch ducks gather amid cypress groves. Land your boat and cast your fishing line from the shore for a promising fishing opportunity.