

COOPER LAKE STATE PARK DOCTORS CREEK UNIT INSTRUCTIONS AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS

The start point for the Cooper Lake State Park Doctors Creek Unit event is the Pelican Point day use area of Cooper Lake State Park Doctors Creek Unit, 1664 FM 1529 South, Cooper, TX 75432.

From IH-30 East or West Bound exit at exit 122 and turn north on TX 19. Drive approximately 14 miles and turn left on CR 4795 for approximately 2 miles to the Corps of Engineers office. Cross the dam and drive approximately ½ mile to the park entrance. Once inside the park continue on the park road to the Pelican Point day use area.

Park gates are open daily. Daily use fee is \$5.00 for adults and Texas Parkland Passports are accepted. Reservations are recommended and can be made online.

Restrooms available in the day use area and campgrounds.

WALK COMPLETION AND CREDIT – Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish and complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB TX-37 system does not deduct any event fee from a participants Event Bank until they have submitted event completion information indicating the date of the event, the distance and the selection of applicable special programs that the person is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the users Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a users Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion information as a paying “for credit” participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.)

THESE WALK DIRECTIONS AND MAPS MAY ONLY BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SIGNED AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION ATHLETIC WAIVER. ALL OTHER USES ARE PROHIBITED



In case of Emergency: Dial 911

For event related issues contact: Gerald Kamicka,
(210)658-2160, GeraldK726@aol.com

Cooper Lake State Park Doctors Creek Unit



Enjoy the natural beauty of the forest, prairie, and lake.

Close to the city, though far away from the hustle and bustle. Visitors of all ages can take a journey through dense, shaded forest and wide-open prairie along the Cedar Creek Trail, which is named for a nearby community settled in the 1800s.

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, always ride to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

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

CHECK FOR TRAIL CLOSURES. Certain trails may be closed during prescribed burns or for other resource management work.



Copperhead

TRAIL	DISTANCE	TIME	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
CEDAR CREEK TRAIL - NORTH LOOP	0.6 mi.	40 min.	Easy	Follow this trail into the South Loop using the i.d. markers for trees and other plants as your guide. Keep an eye out for alienlike mushrooms as you pass the dead oak full of life.
CEDAR CREEK TRAIL - SOUTH LOOP	0.5 mi.	30 min.	Easy	Journey to the leopard frog marsh through the woods where vultures perch and the pocket prairies full of life. Don't miss out on the sight of the lakeside just off the main trail.
CEDAR CREEK TRAIL - EAST LOOP	1.3 mi.	1 hr. 25 min.	Easy	This trail is a must for wildlife viewing. Open prairies full of wildflowers and marshy grasslands lead to an exclusive view of the levee where deer abound and hawks patrol.
CEDAR CREEK TRAIL - WEST LOOP	0.6 mi.	35 min.	Easy	Gnarled old oaks line this trail where owls can often be heard in the evenings. The path crosses the old road of farm days past, along remnants of a farm fence line, then into a new-growth prairie and woodland.

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.

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. Disturbing or removing any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts is a violation of state law.

We need to know about your caches. Please check with park HQ before placing geocaches within the park.

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

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.

COOPER LAKE STATE PARK DOCTOR'S CREEK UNIT 10 KM

1. From the parking lot enter the Cedar Creek South Loop trail on the northwest side of the parking lot.
2. Continue on this trail first passing a trail leading to the right (Cedar Creek North Loop) then a short trail leading to the lake on the left to a small parking area.
3. Turn LEFT on the road toward the Liberty Grove camping area.
4. Turn LEFT into the camping area and follow the road circling the camping area.
5. Continue on the road to return to the small parking area.
6. Turn LEFT on the first trail on your left (Cedar Creek West Loop)
7. Continue on this trail crossing a dirt road twice. The trail name changes to Cedar Creek East Loop.
8. Continue past a park bench where the East Loop and North Loop trails converge bearing LEFT to remain on the East Loop trail and continue across a trail intersection (Cedar Creek North Loop) to the vicinity of the small parking area where you entered the trail.
9. Turn RIGHT onto the Cedar Creek North Loop trail (the middle of the three trails starting at the small parking lot).
10. Continue on the Cedar Creek North Loop trail across a trail intersection (Cedar Creek East Loop) to the park road.
11. Turn LEFT on the park road passing the Bluebonnet Day Use Area on the right to the next intersection.
12. Turn RIGHT into the Lone Pine Boat Ramp area.
13. Circle the boat ramp area counterclockwise and return to the park road.
14. Turn RIGHT on the park road to the park entrance.
15. Circle the park headquarters and return along the park road passing the Lone Pine Boat Ramp and the Bluebonnet Day Use Area on your left to return to the Pelican Point day use area and the finish.

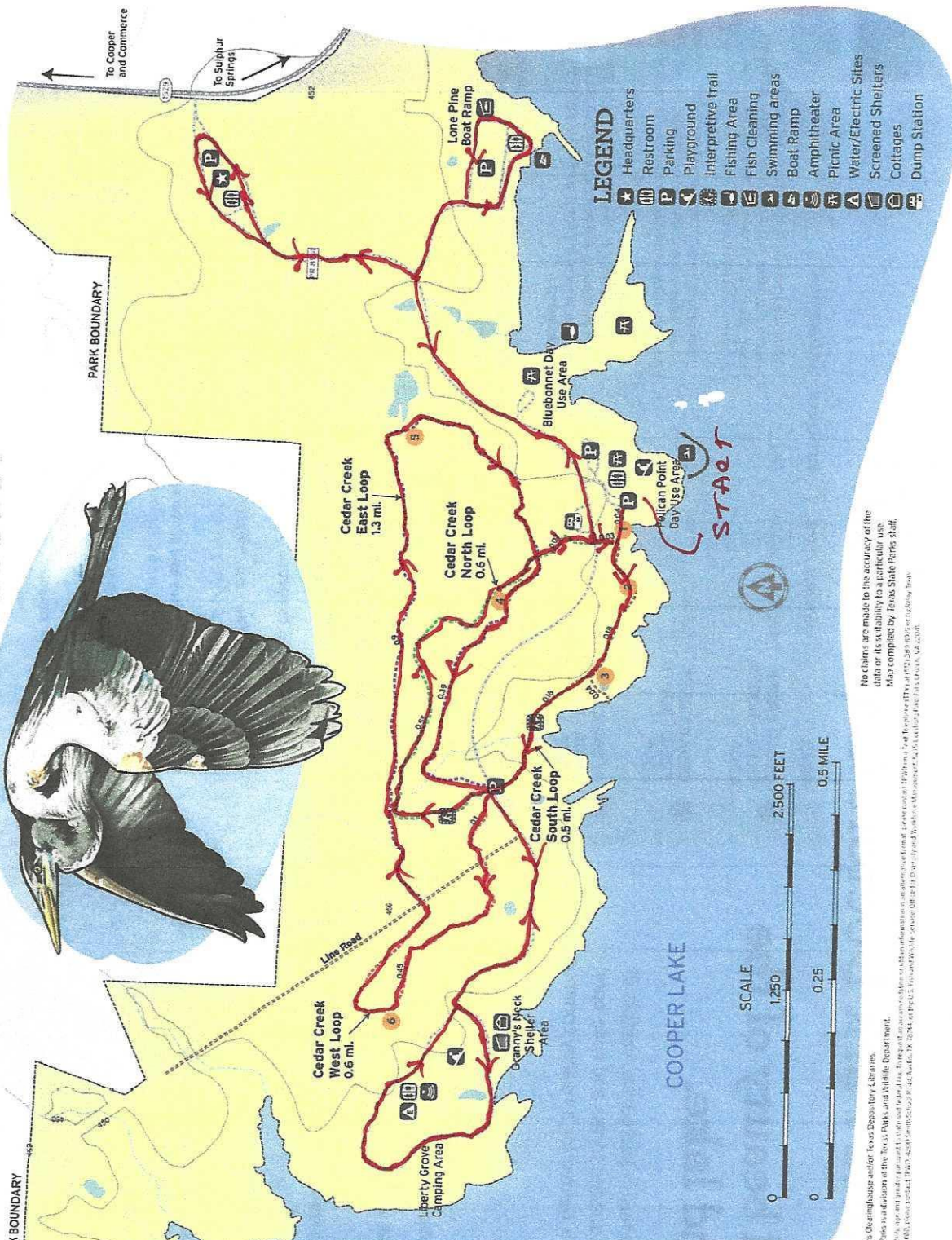
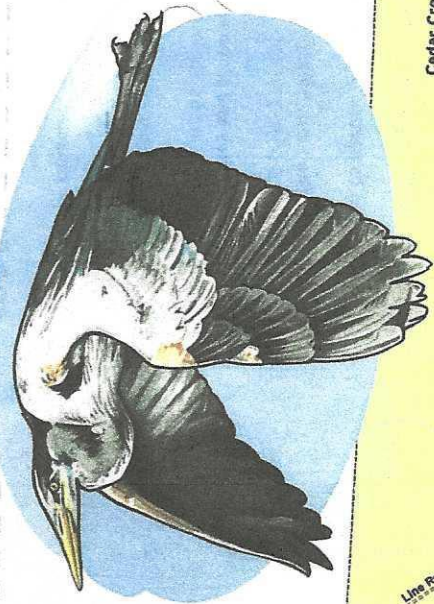
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Cooper Lake State Park Trails Map

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PARK BOUNDARY

LIBERTY GROVE CAMPING AREA

POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

- 1 WETLAND WONDERS**
 33.3415° -95.6703°
 After sunset, listen as a chorus of frogs welcomes the night from among the cattails and other wetland plants.
- 2 PAST AND PRESENT**
 33.3413° -95.6715°
 This beautiful view of Cooper Lake was once a view of the Sulphur River floodplain. Can you imagine what this area looked like before the lake? Pause for a minute to reflect.
- 3 FROM GRASSLAND TO PASTURE**
 33.3417° -95.6732°
 During the mid-1800s, the grasslands were transformed with barbed-wire fences. The fertile bottomland soil grew healthy crops and held water for ponds, making it ideal for farmsteads and tenant farms.
- 4 IF TREES COULD TALK**
 33.3434° -95.6719°
 Over 100 years ago, oak trees like this one were only saplings. What stories can they tell about the grasslands, where fences changed life on the land forever?
- 5 WATER IS LIFE**
 33.3450° -95.6684°
 Take a moment. Watch for wildlife like farmers watched their livestock at this old farm pond to the north. You may just see an egret or a heron.
- 6 MIGHTY OAKS**
 33.3450° -95.6803°
 Gnarled oak trees throughout the park provide cavities and dens, sheltering birds, squirrels, and other small mammals.

- LEGEND**
- Headquarters
 - Restroom
 - Parking
 - Playground
 - Interpretive trail
 - Fishing Area
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1. From the parking lot enter the Cedar Creek South Loop trail on the northwest side of the parking lot.
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3. Cross the road to the leftmost trail (Cedar Creek West Loop).
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7. Continue on the Cedar Creek North Loop trail across a trail intersection (Cedar Creek East Loop) to the park road.
8. Cross the park road and continue on the trail (Cedar Creek South Loop trail) a short distance to the next trail intersection.
9. Turn LEFT to return to the start/finish.

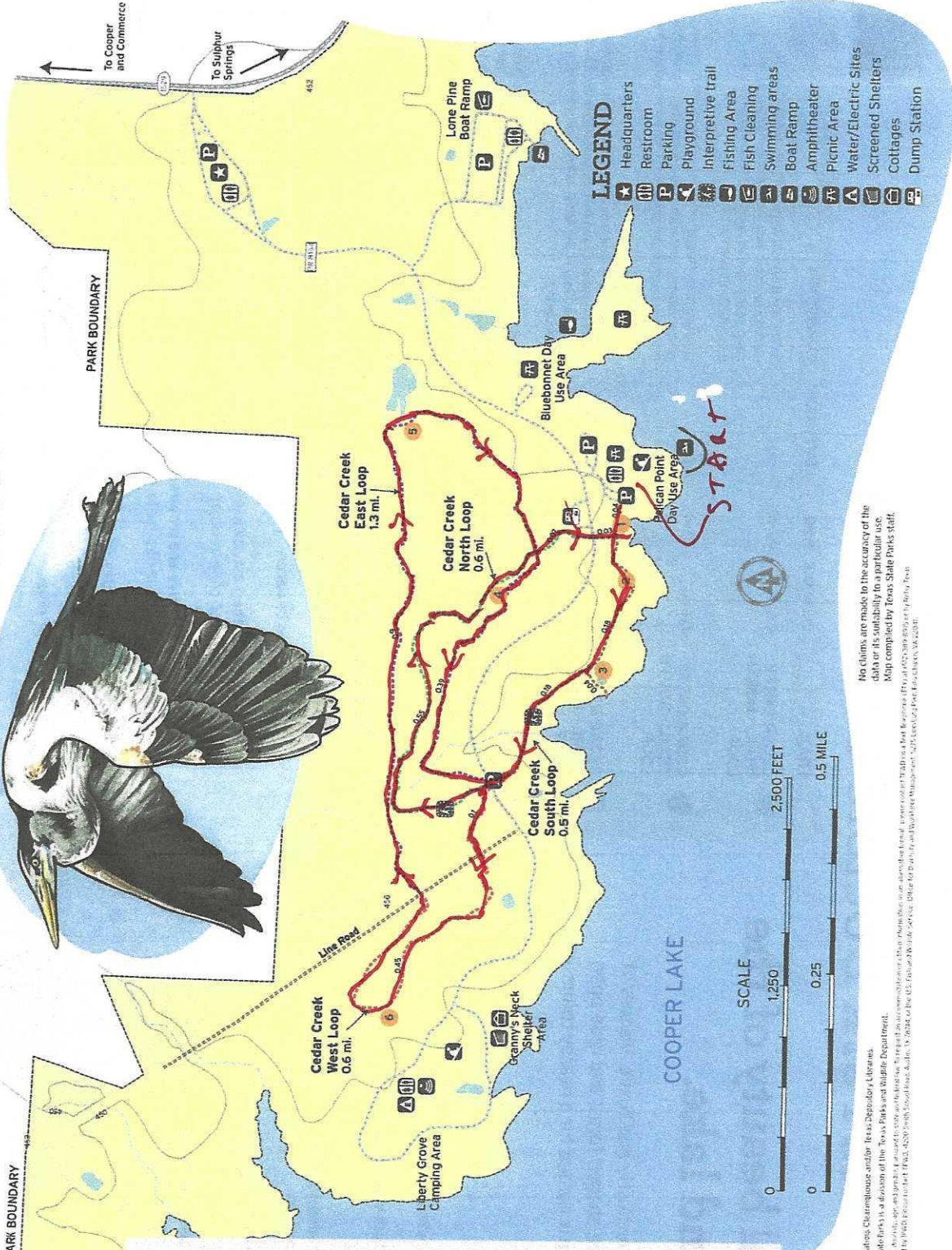
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