



The East Texas Trekkers
Welcomes you to
Lake Tawakoni State Park
 AVA Seasonal Event



This walk is composed of 5km and 11km routes. The walk is rated 1B and is along state park roads and nature trails. The walk explores Lake Tawakoni State Park situated along the shores of Lake Tawakoni. The 5k walk goes thru some campgrounds and include several nature trails. The 11k route continues thru forested areas on a 3 looping hiking trails. There is very little change in elevation.

Walk Registration:

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event or contact the POC for remote registration. Join us on Sat, Nov 4 between 9:00 and noon for a walk and hotdogs.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

Driving Directions to Start Point:

The walk starts at Lake Tawakoni State Park at 10822 FM-2475, Wills Point. From Tyler, take I-20 west to US-64, then north on US-64 to Wills Point where US-64 merges with US-80. West on US-80 to 4th St. Right (north) on 4th St to Lake Dr (TX-47). Right on Lake Dr to FM-2475. Left on FM-2475 to Lake Tawakoni State Park. After paying the entry fee (\$5/adult, free with state park pass), continue on the park road to the large parking lot on the left (passing the trailer dump station) close to the restrooms. From Dallas, take I-20 east to FM-2965, then turn north toward Wills Point where FM-2965 merges with US-80. Right (east) on US-80 to 4th St, then left on 4th St to Lake Drive

(TX-47). Follow above directions from Wills Point to the park. (N32.84606 W95.99367)

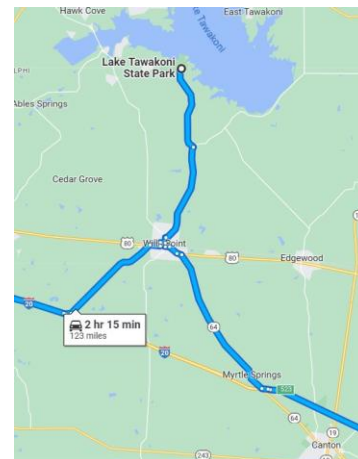


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Lake Tawakoni State Park – 5/11K

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

1. **FROM** the parking lot, walk toward the restrooms. Continue past the restrooms and cross road to another parking lot staying on the right edge of the parking lot.
2. Look for the Nature Trail (Spring Point Trailhead) at the far right corner of the parking lot.
3. **ENTER** the trail passing the group camping area and a trail on the right. Continue to a viewpoint of the lake (#3 on map).
4. Trail makes a sharp turn to the right. Continue on trail to another viewpoint of the lake (#5 on map).
5. Trail continues to a 'Y-intersection' and intersects with the Spring Point East Trail.
6. **LEFT** on the Spring Point East Trail and follow it as it makes a loop and then returns to the previous intersection.
7. **LEFT** onto the Spring Point Branch Trail (Post #2) ignoring the #5 Spring Point Trail on the right. Continue until it emerges between campsites 62-64.
8. **LEFT** on campground road passing sites 62, 61, and 60, then **LEFT** on the next campground circle passing sites 59..52, then straight back to the main park road close to sites 47 & 78.
9. **LEFT** on park road (start point is across the road, but don't go there) a short distance to the pedestrian crosswalk and sign to another trail on the left connecting to the White Deer Reach Camping Loop. This short trail crosses a bridge.
10. **FOLLOW** trail to site 34.
11. **LEFT** on campground loop passing sites 24..21..17..13..1 and a second campground loop.
12. **Just before** exiting the campground, look for the Nature Trail on the left for the White Deer Trail.
13. **LEFT** on the White Deer Trail as it makes a loop and returns to campground loop.
14. **LEFT** to exit the campground loop back to the main park trail.
15. **RIGHT** on park road returning to the parking lot and your car. **END of 5K.**
16. **11K ONLY: From the parking lot**, walk toward the amphitheater and look for the Farkleberry Trailhead just behind the amphitheater.
17. **ENTER** the Farkleberry Trail and follow it ½ mile to the intersection with the Osage Orange Trail.
18. **RIGHT** on Osage Orange .1 mile to the Red Oak Trail. Follow the Red Oak Trail (.4 mile) counter-clockwise returning to the Osage Orange Trail intersection.
19. **RIGHT** on the Osage Orange Trail and follow it counter-clockwise for .8 miles back to the intersection with the Blackjack and Farkleberry trails.
20. **RIGHT** on the trail to the Blackjack Trail and follow it to the right counter-clockwise returning to the junction with the Osage Trail
21. Continue a short distance to the main intersection with the Farkleberry Trail.
22. **RIGHT** on Farkleberry back to the parking lot and your car. **END of 11K.**

Event related assistance:

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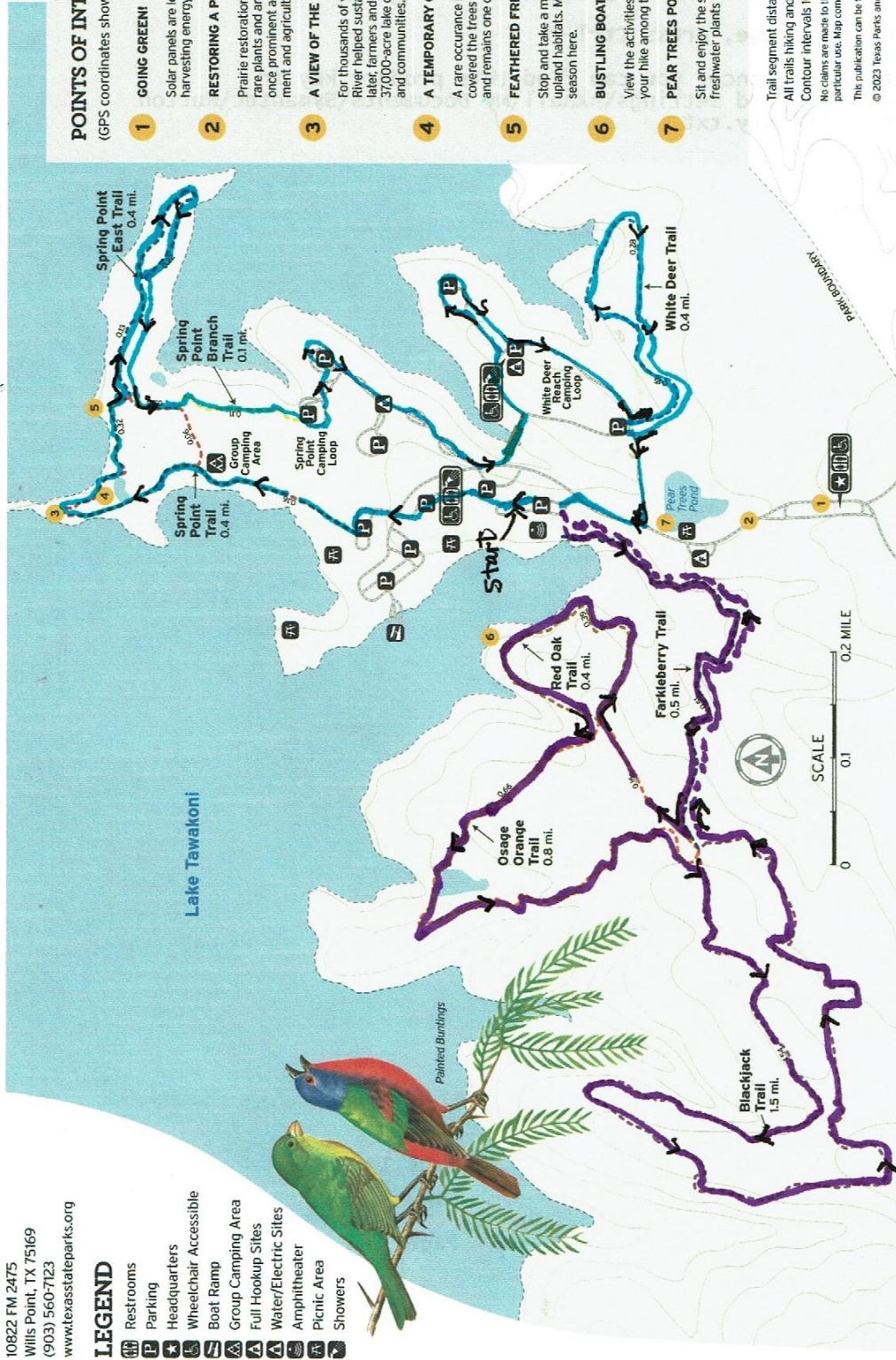


Lake Tawakoni State Park Trails Map

10822 FM 2475
Wills Point, TX 75169
(903) 560-7123
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LEGEND

- Restrooms
- Parking
- Headquarters
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Boat Ramp
- Group Camping Area
- Full Hookup Sites
- Water/Electric Sites
- Amphitheater
- Picnic Area
- Showers



POINTS OF INTEREST

(GPS coordinates shown in decimal degrees)

- 1 GOING GREEN!**
Solar panels are located at more than 15 parks across the state, harvesting energy from the sun, providing power for facilities. **32.8420° -95.9936°**
- 2 RESTORING A PRAIRIE**
Prairie restoration projects provide important habitat for many rare plants and animals; imagine vast acres of tallgrass prairie once prominent across the state, now lost to urban development and agriculture. **32.8430° -95.9939°**
- 3 A VIEW OF THE LAKE**
For thousands of years, the meandering waters of the Sabine River helped sustain early nomadic hunters and gatherers and later, farmers and ranchers of the 20th century. Today, an over 37,000-acre lake conserves water for recreation, industry, and communities. **32.8524° -95.9941°**
- 4 A TEMPORARY GATHERING**
A rare occurrence in 2007 - a large communal spiderweb covered the trees like a sheet. The web only lasted a few days, and remains one of the largest spiderwebs ever recorded. **32.8518° -95.9938°**
- 5 FEATHERED FRIENDS**
Stop and take a moment to enjoy the birds in the wetland and upland habitats. Many species spend part of the winter season here. **32.8520° -95.9924°**
- 6 BUSTLING BOATS**
View the activities at the boat ramp while you take a break from your hike among the trees. **32.8465° -95.9959°**
- 7 PEAR TREES POND**
Sit and enjoy the sounds of nature near the pond and view the freshwater plants that make this a good fishing spot. **32.8442° -95.9940°**

Trail segment distances are measured between trail intersections. All trails hiking and biking unless otherwise indicated. Contour intervals 10 feet. Check with HO for trail conditions. No claims are made to the accuracy of the data or to the suitability of the data to a particular use. Map compiled by Texas State Parks staff. This publication can be found at twpd.texas.gov/guestbook/imapspark_maps

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5K - Blue Route
11K - Extension - Purple Route