



PALMETTO STATE PARK WALK – Y3758

Texas Volkssport Association

Reserve passes online [Park Reservations - Texas State Parks - TPWD](#) website or call 512-389-8900. Park Ranger Station address: 78 Park Road 11, Gonzales, TX 78629. (Use 29°35'49.1"N 97°35'06.4"W for navigation or search for Palmetto State Park Headquarters.) There is a \$3 daily fee for anyone over 12 years. The park office is open daily 8:15am – 4:45pm Wed-Mon, noon - 1pm on Tuesday. The park resembles the tropics more than Central Texas due to the Dwarf Palmettos for which the park is named. This walk is composed of 2 loops for 10K and 5K walks. Loop 1 is the “wildlife” loop. Loop 2 is considered the “suburban” loop as it goes to the park ranger station and the nearby Order of the Elks camp.

Walk Registration:

Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish and complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's 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 person is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's 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.) Also note that an event registration expires after 30 days, but if your registrations lapses, you may re-register without cost.

Driving Directions to Palmetto State Park:

From San Antonio or Houston take 1-10 and use exit 632. Turn onto US183 South to County Road 261. Turn left on CR 261 which veers left and becomes Park Road 11S. After crossing CR 1586 the ranger station is on the right.

From Gonzales, TX take US183 north turn left on FM1586. Turn left on Park Road 11S and the ranger station will be on the right.

Driving Directions to Start Point:

From the Palmetto State Park Ranger Station, turn right Park Road 11S, FM 2091. After two bridges, turn left to continue on Park Road 11S. At the Y intersection bear left to the Refectory, a CCC Project from c. 1937. Parking is available and the walk starts here. (Restrooms are available 3 minutes away at the Palmetto State Park RV Campground by walking left with the Refectory behind you & turning left on Park Road 11.)

Event related assistance: Mike Schwencke 210-382-0367 or mike.schwencke@outlook.com

IN EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

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PALMETTO STATE PARK 10K/5K TEXAS VOLKSPORT ASSOCIATION

Loop 1 – 5K

1. Facing the Refectory **RIGHT** to Park Road.
2. **LEFT** on Park Road (restrooms straight ahead).
3. **RIGHT** on Park Road to camping slip #9.
4. **ENTER** Mossycup Spur Trail (stay on gravel trails).
5. **RIGHT** on Canebreak Spur Trail.
6. **LEFT** on San Marcos River Trail (SMRT).
7. **VEER RIGHT** at Mossycup Spur Trail sign to continue on SMRT and cross wooden bridge.
8. **Exit** SMRT at Park Road (Restrooms and water on left).
9. **STRAIGHT** on Park Road to third trail on left. (Second entrance to Palmetto Interpretive Trail.
10. **LEFT** into Palmetto Interpretive Trail. Pass Hydraulic Water Pump and Water Tower.
11. **RIGHT** on Mesquite Flat Trail.
12. **LEFT** on SMRT.
13. **LEFT** on Park Road (restrooms on right).
14. **RIGHT** to Refectory Start/Finish area.

Loop 2 – 5K

1. Facing the Refectory **LEFT** down cement trail.
2. **CROSS** San Marcos River to Park Road at top of the hill.

3. **RIGHT** on Park Road to restrooms and water.
4. **RIGHT** on Lake Trail (right of the restrooms). Follow path to Park Road.
5. **CROSS** Park Road to split in trail for Oxbow Lake and Park Office Trails.
6. **RIGHT** on Park Office Trail. Pass park office to stop sign.
7. **RIGHT** at intersection, follow sidewalk to the BPOE Memorial at top of hill. (Water tower on right).
8. **RETRACE** steps to Park Office Trail. **ENTER** trail and continue to Oxbow Lake Trail.
9. **RIGHT** onto Oxbow Lake Trail keeping lake on left.
10. **PASS** the Little Hill Baptist Church on right. Ahead on left through trees, go under Oxbow Lake bridge to paved road.
11. **RIGHT** on short paved circle keeping Artesian well and ponds on left. Turn **RIGHT** on Park Road to pass playground and camping slips to restrooms.
12. **RIGHT** on Park Road, walk past campsite #37.
13. **LEFT** on cement San Marcos River crossing.
14. **RETURN** to Refectory Start/Finish area.

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Palmetto State Park 5K Loop 1



