

PPC Spring Excursion

May 15-17, 2026

Palo Duro Canyon
Caprock Canyons

Overview

- Things to see and photograph on the way to Palo Duro
- Where to Stay in Canyon
- Tips for exploring the canyon and important times
- Information for Astro Photography
- Multiple Routes to Palo Duro Canyon
 - Fastest route
 - Scenic route with multiple stops
- Add on Day at Caprock Canyons State Park Information



Hotel Information

Palo Duro Canyon

- **Holiday Inn Express**
2901 4th Ave, Canyon, TX 79015
806-655-4445
- They will have a block of rooms for PPC until April 15, 2026
- Use Holiday Inn Express website or call 806-655-4445
 - Under “Rate Preference”
 - Pick Group Rate – Use code “CSU” for \$109 Rate
- 13 minutes from Palo Duro State Park

For assistance using this map, [contact the park](#).



Palo Duro Canyon

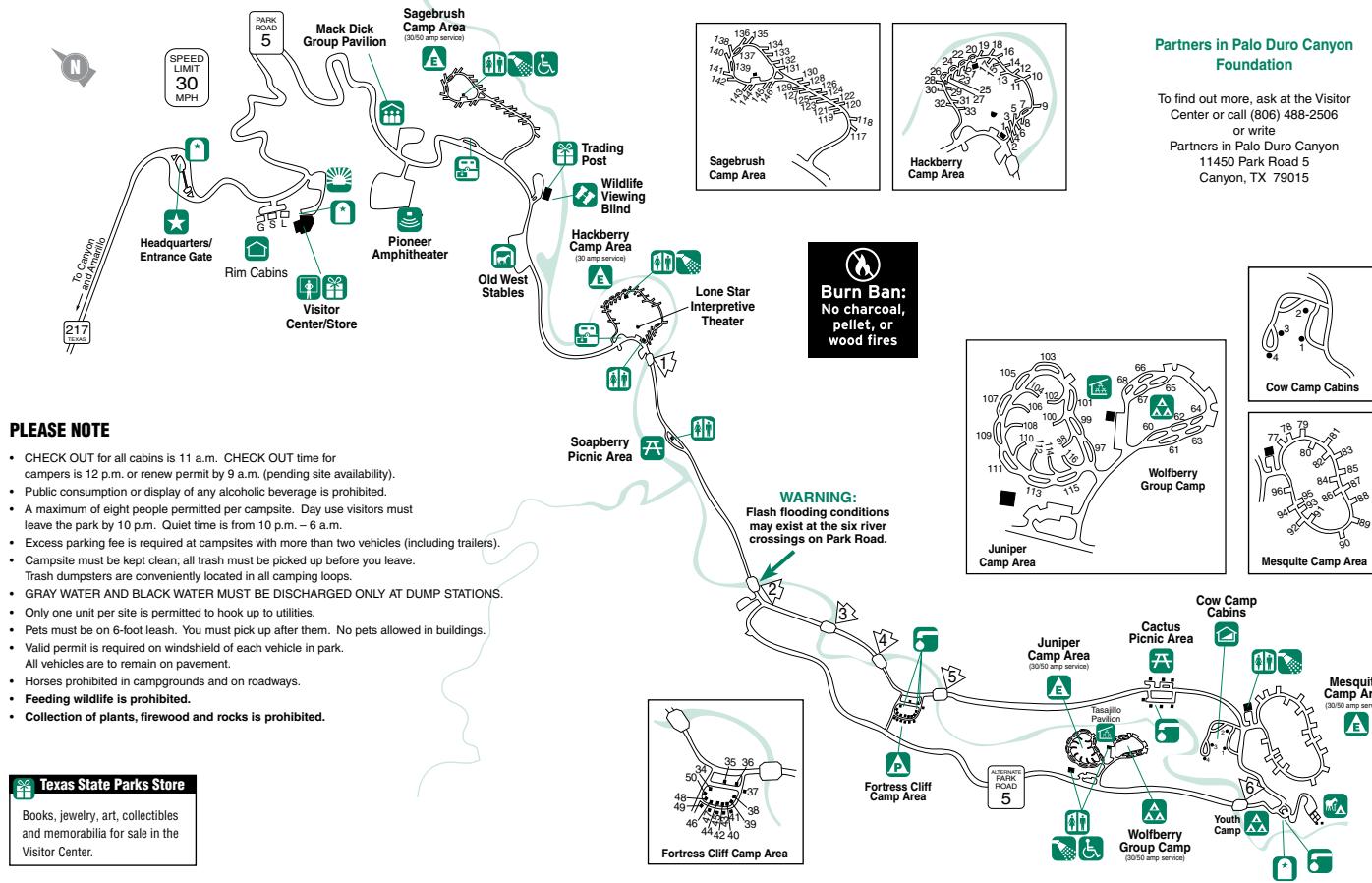
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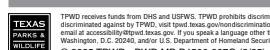
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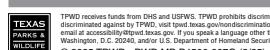
LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Park Store
- Restrooms
- Showers
- Primitive Campsites
- Water and Electric Sites
- Equestrian Sites
- Cabin (with bathroom)
- Cabin (without bathroom)
- Group Camp
- Water Spigot
- Dump Station
- Visitor Interpretive Center
- Picnic Area
- Group Pavilion
- Group Hall
- Riding Stable
- Amphitheater
- Scenic Overlook
- Historic Marker
- Wildlife Viewing
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Bridge

11450 Park Road 5
Canyon, TX 79015
(806) 488-2227
Seasonal hours – check with park.



Books, jewelry, art, collectibles and memorabilia for sale in the Visitor Center.



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Palo Duro Canyon Trip

May 15-17, 2026 - Day One

- Plan to arrive at Palo Duro Canyon Friday afternoon for the 16-mile scenic drive through the state park (Day Pass required - \$8)
- No group dinner is planned
- Friday Sunset 8:42pm – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- You day pass will allow in and out until 10pm
- If you are interested in astro photography – See Astro details

Palo Duro Canyon

Astro Photography

- The entrance to the park closes at 10pm
- No entry after 10pm
- Purchase a “Back Country Permit” \$12/per car in addition to day pass
- You may photograph from anywhere in the park.
- The exit gate will open when you are ready leave the park

Palo Duro Canyon Trip

Tips and Suggestions

- Drive Slow and make frequent stops at pull outs and trail heads.
- Don't forget, you are in a canyon; sunset comes earlier than the posted times and sunrise later. – Plan accordingly
- The color and contrast of the canyon walls change dramatically during the day.
- We may or may not have clouds. So, don't forget your B&W photography
- Take time to explore



Palo Duro Canyon Trip

Tips and Suggestions

- Stop by the visitor's center - lots see and a good place to ask questions
- For food or snacks in the park, check out the Trading Post.
- Bonus - There is wildlife so keep an eye out. Some subjects will even pose.



Palo Duro Canyon Trip

May 15-17, 2026 - Day Two

- Saturday Sunrise 6:41am – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Explore the Park – trail heads and pull outs - plenty of trails
- Saturday Lunch 12 noon TBD
- Saturday Sunset 8:43pm – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Your day pass will allow in and out until 10pm
- If you are interested in astro photography – See Astro details

Palo Duro Canyon Trip

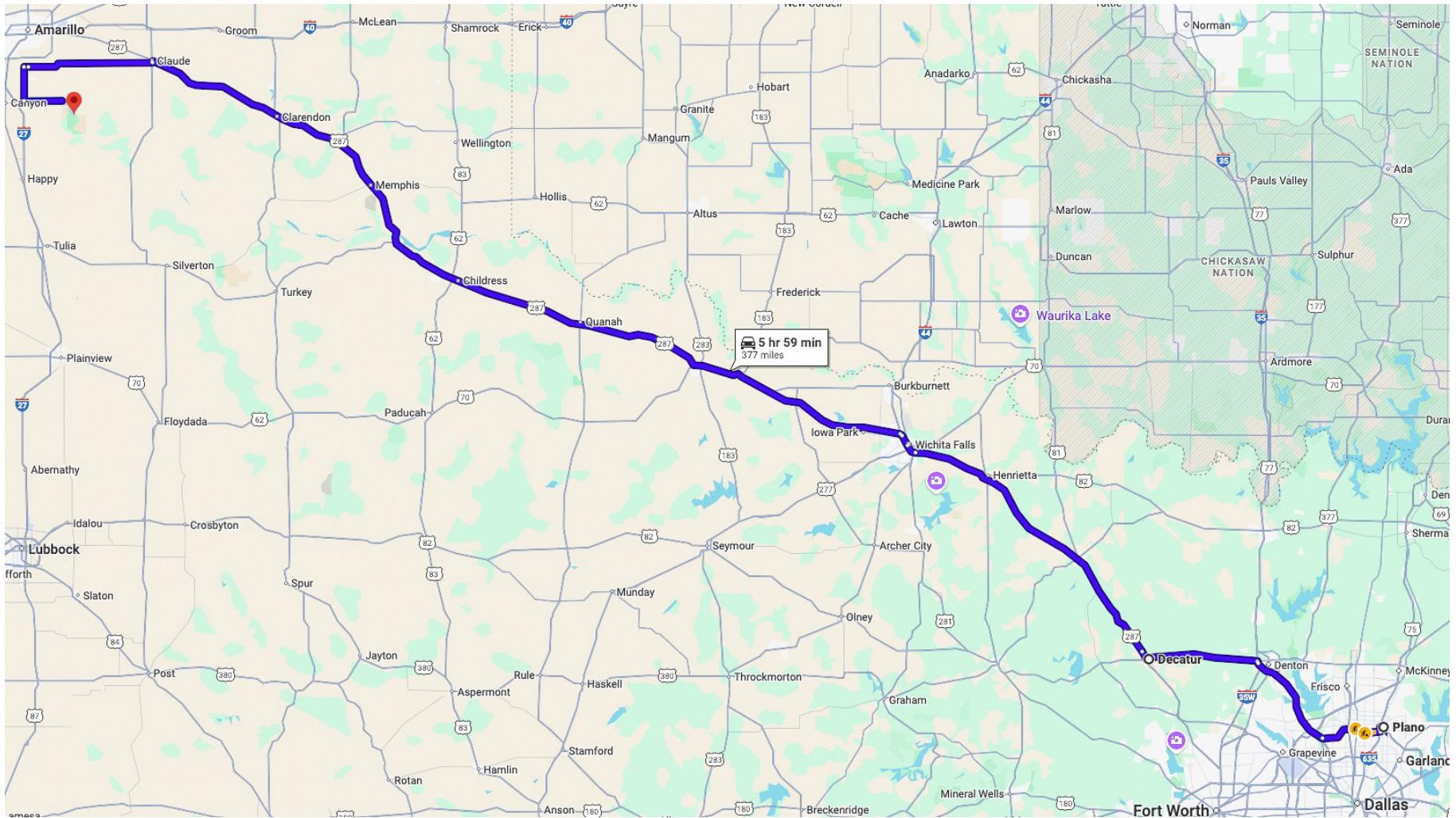
May 15-17, 2026 - Day Three

- Sunday Sunrise 6:41am – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Depart for home or your next stop

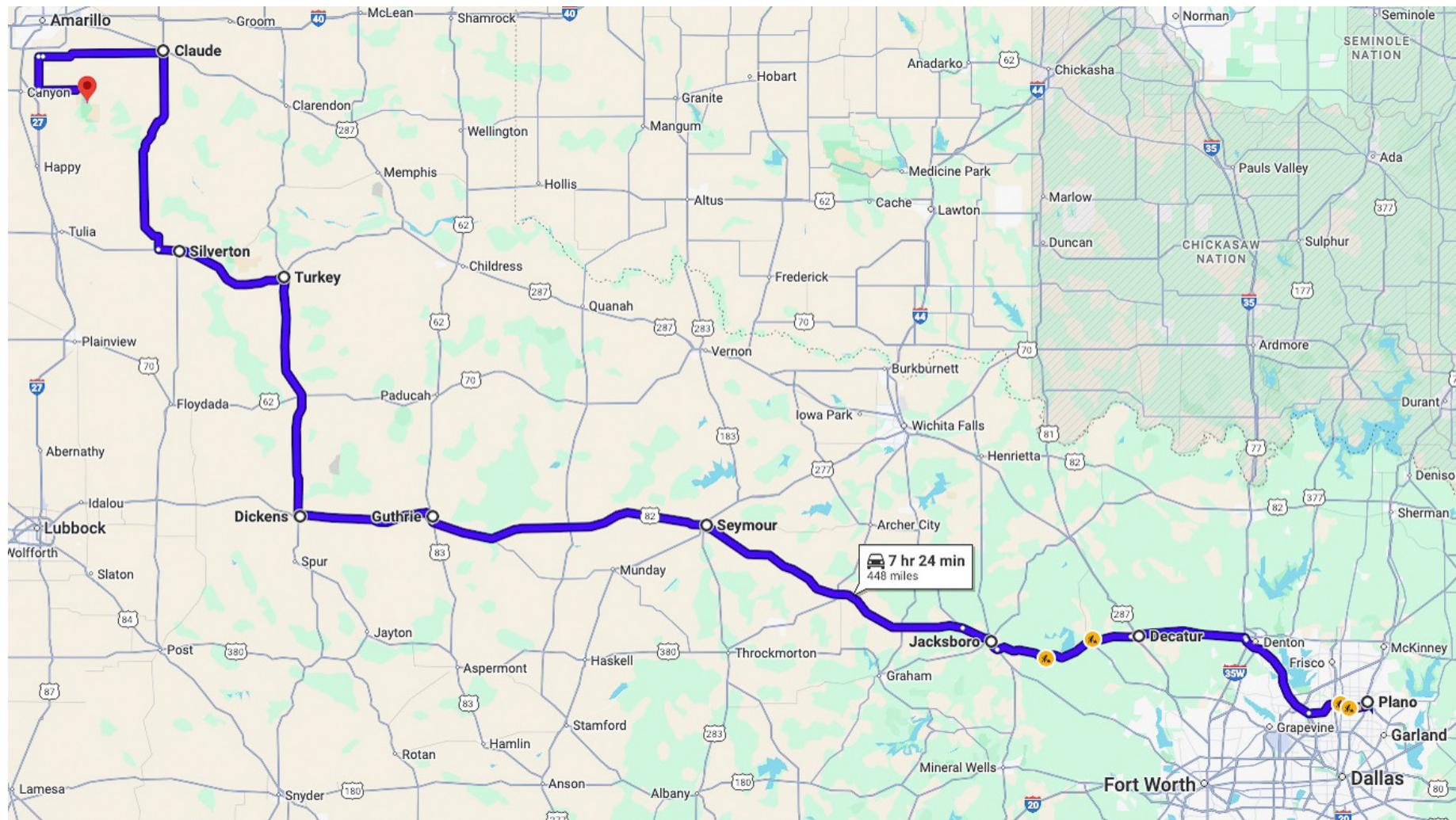
Times to remember

- Arrive Palo Duro State Park Friday afternoon – no group dinner
- Friday Sunset 8:42pm – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Saturday Sunrise 6:41am – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Saturday Lunch 12 noon TBD
- Saturday Sunset 8:43pm – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Sunday Sunrise 6:41am – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Astro for Friday and Saturday after 10pm optional – (pass required)
- No additional group meals planned on Sunday

If you are in a hurry to get there



If you are interested in a little exploring

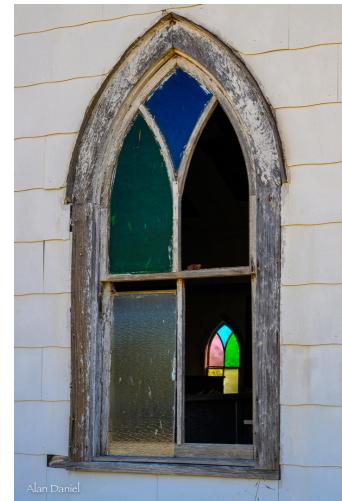


On the Road - Jacksboro



On the Road - Jerymn

Abandoned First Methodist Church
Corner of Wise St and 1st Street.
(Must see inside)



On the Road - Guthrie

Home of the 6666 Ranch

Make sure you take the Exit
to US 83 into town



On the Road – Dickens and Matador

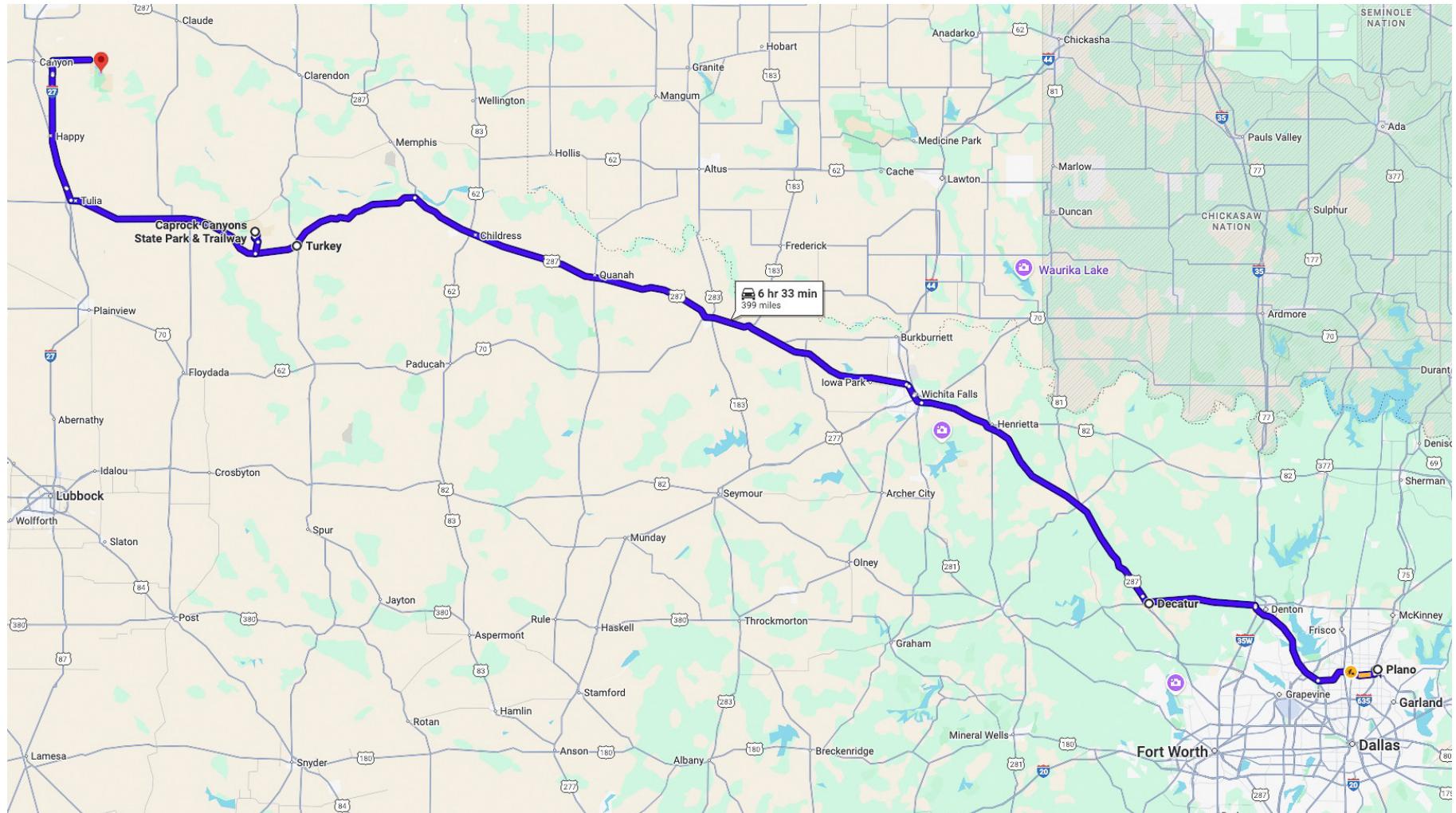
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Turkey and Quitaque Texas



Fastest Route that includes Caprock Canyons

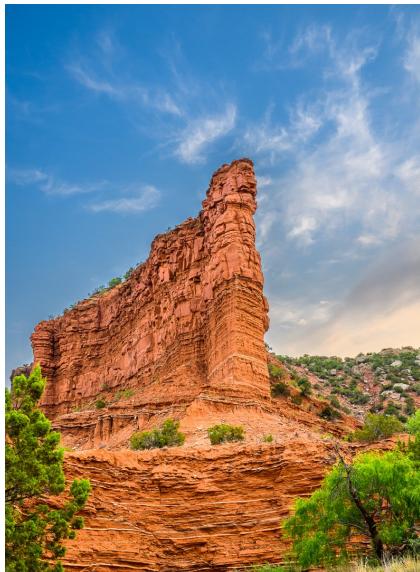


Caprock Canyons State Park

Overview

- Three miles north of Quitaque
- Day Pass is \$5 per person
- The short drive though the park and you can see:
 - Beautiful canyon views
 - Multiple pull-outs and trail heads
 - Wildlife – Bison, prairie dogs and an occasional bird
- The exit gate will open when you are ready leave the park
- More detail to come if you plan to stay and extra day at this location

Caprock Canyons State Park



For assistance using this map, [contact the park](#).



Caprock Canyons

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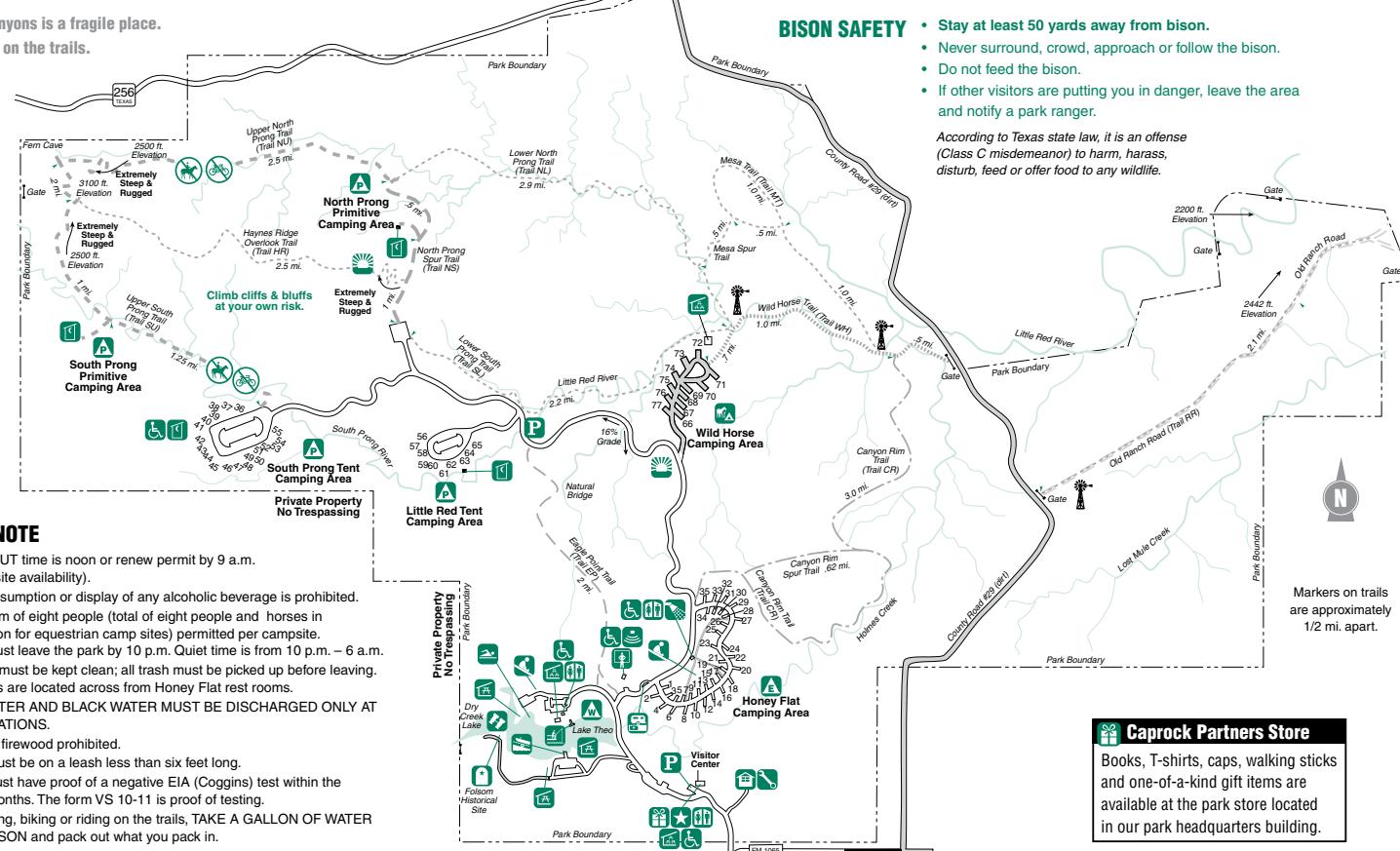
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Caprock Canyons is a fragile place.

Please stay on the trails.



PLEASE NOTE

- CHECK OUT time is noon or renew permit by 9 a.m. (pending site availability).
- Public consumption or display of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- A maximum of eight people (total of eight people and horses in combination for equestrian camp sites) permitted per campsite. Guests must leave the park by 10 p.m. Quiet time is from 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.
- Campsite must be kept clean; all trash must be picked up before leaving. Dumpsters are located across from Honey Flat rest rooms.
- GRAY WATER AND BLACK WATER MUST BE DISCHARGED ONLY AT DUMP STATIONS.
- Gathering firewood prohibited.
- All pets must be on a leash less than six feet long.
- Equine must have proof of a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the past 12 months. The form VS 10-11 is proof of testing.
- When hiking, biking or riding on the trails, TAKE A GALLON OF WATER PER PERSON and pack out what you pack in.

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- Boat Ramp
- Fishing Pier
- Playground
- Amphitheater
- Historical Marker
- Scenic Overlook
- Wildlife Viewing Blind
- Interpretive Center
- Parking
- Residence
- Maintenance

3 miles N of Quataque on FM 1065
P.O. Box 204
Quataque, TX 79255
(806) 455-1492

Highway 207 Silverton to Claude

Make sure you stop at Tule Creek canyon on 207 –
You will know it when you see it – pull outs available
for photos.



Highway 207 Silverton to Claude

And there are some
stretches of road where
you can just keep driving



Highway 207 Silverton to Claude

You can take a detour off 207 to 285 to see the abandoned Wayside #7 School (interesting but dirty) then backtrack to 207 and continue



Highway 207 Silverton to Claude

Palo Duro Canyon Lookout

Located on the East side of highway 207
Plenty of Parking and big vistas



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Add on a Day

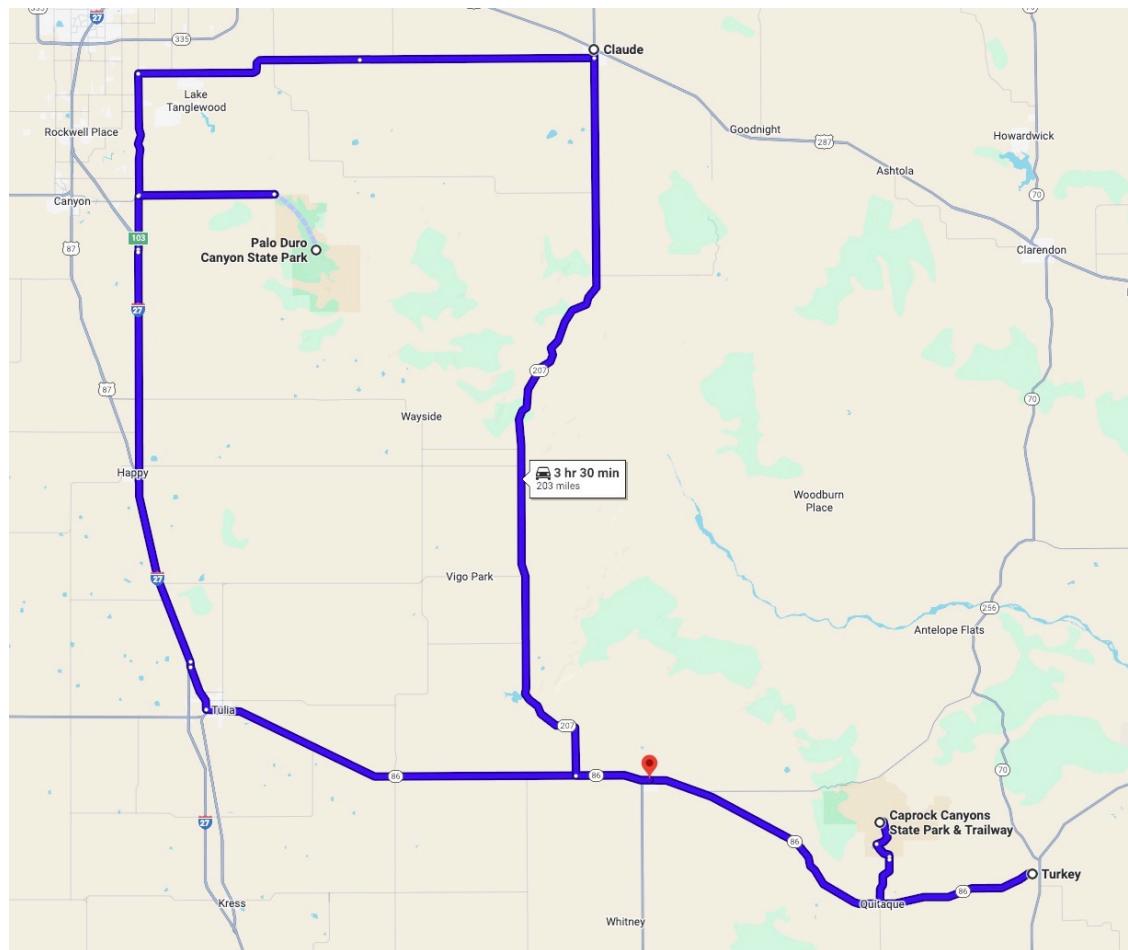
- If you want spend more time at Caprock Canyons and the surrounding towns. I suggest you add a day on the beginning or end of your trip
- Hotels are limited – so book early (info – next slide)
- You can also do astro photography in Caprock Canyons park
 - Buy “Overflow Camping Permit” \$10/per car in addition to day pass
 - No entry after 10pm
 - You may photograph from anywhere in the park.
 - The exit gate will open when you are ready leave the park

Hotel Information

Caprock Canyons Area

- Hotel Turkey – 9 rooms plus 5 containers (14)
Turkey, Texas - hotelturkey.com 806-423-1151
- Old Lumber Lodge – 4 rooms plus more in annex
Turkey, Texas 806-423-1414
- Silver Wind Cabins – 5 cabins
Silverton, Texas 806-823-2166

Optional routes between State Parks



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