

# 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

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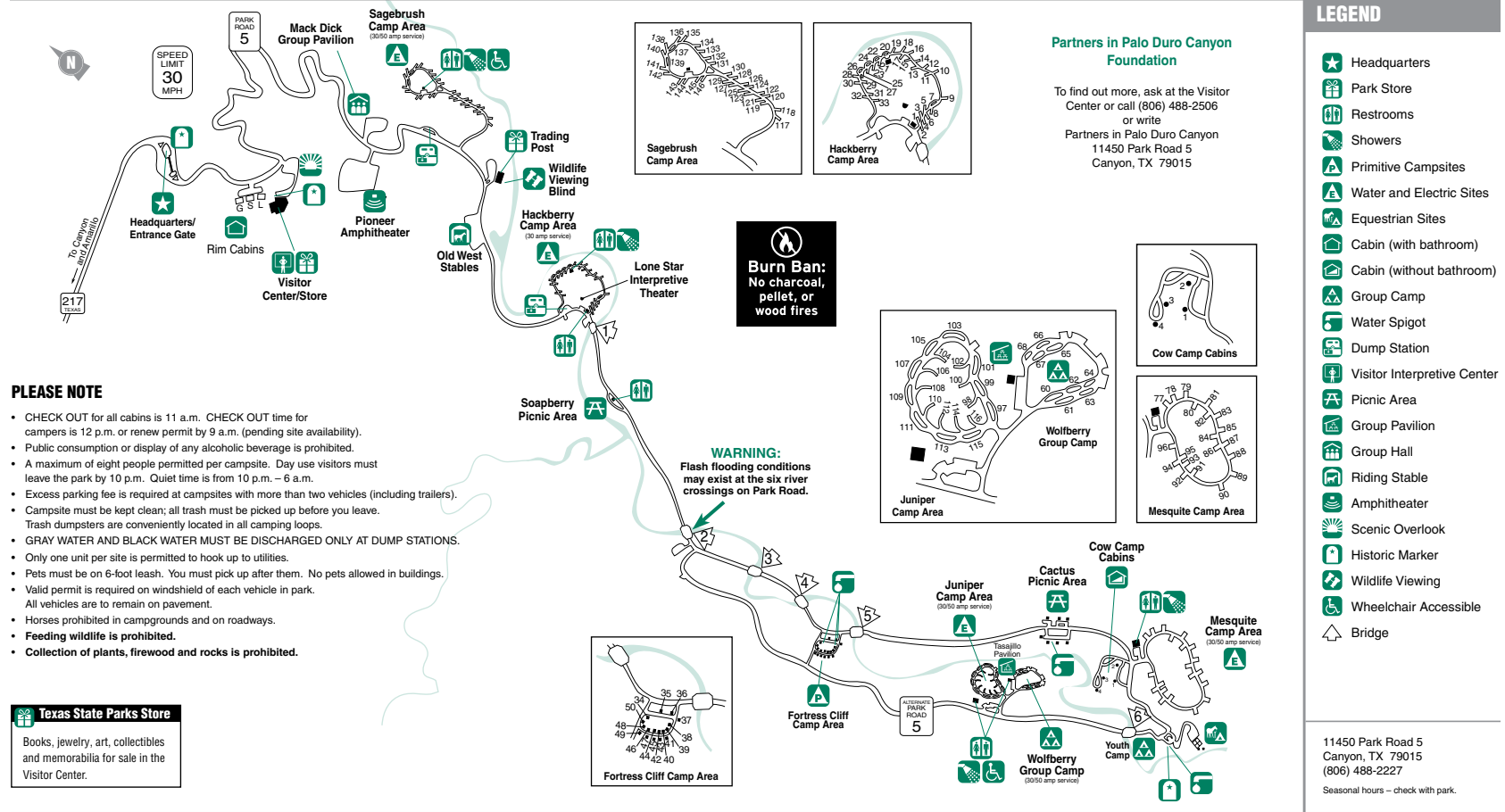


# Palo Duro Canyon

State Park



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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
- Your 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

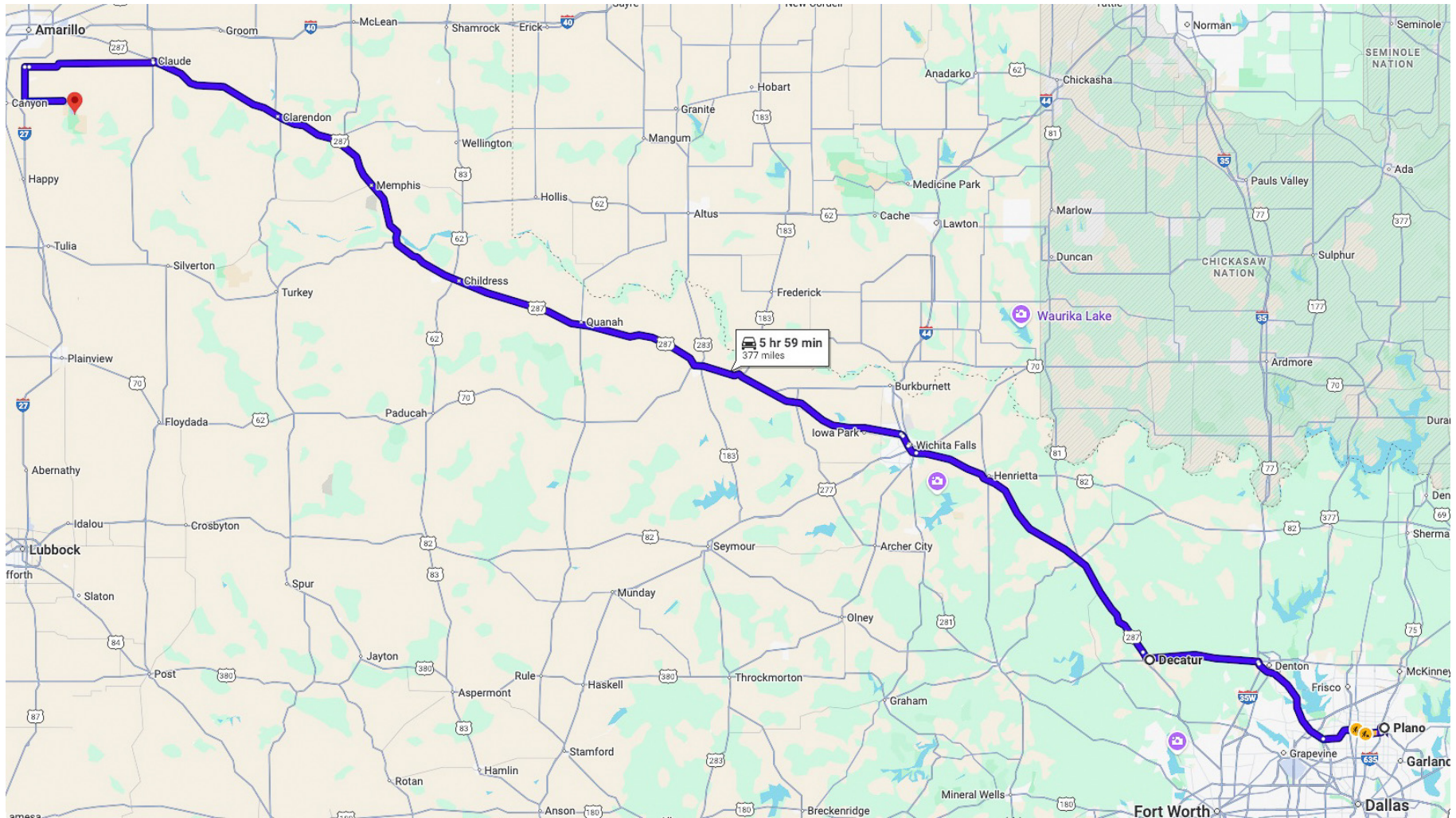
## May 15-17, 2026 - Day Three

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

## Times to remember

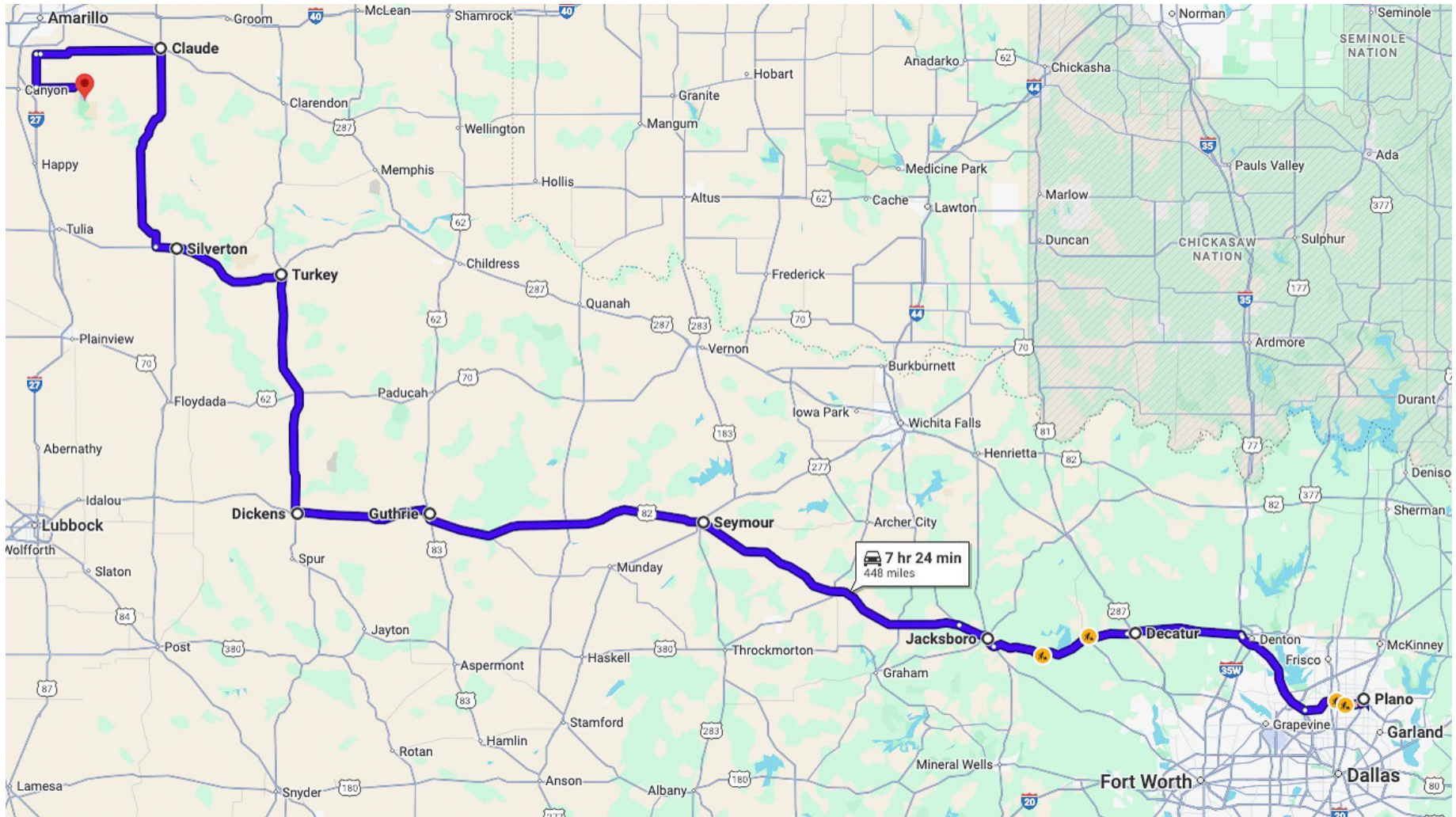
- Arrive Palo Duro State Park Friday afternoon – no group dinner
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- Saturday Sunrise 6:41am – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Saturday Lunch 12 noon TBD
- Saturday Sunset 8:43pm – (Scenic Overlook) or your choice of location
- Sunday 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



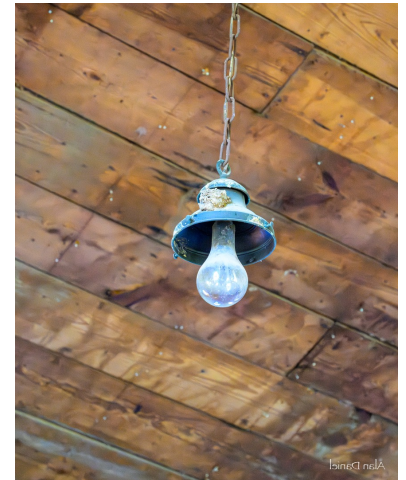
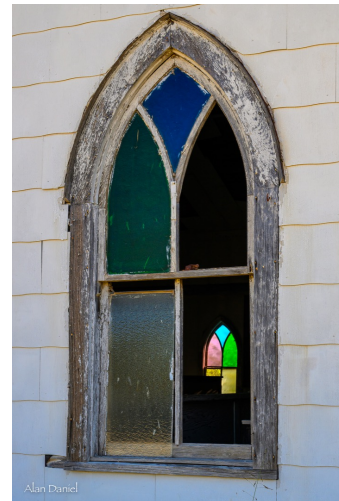
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# On the Road - Jerymn

Abandoned First Methodist Church  
Corner of Wise St and 1<sup>st</sup> 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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Make sure you take the Exit  
to US 83 into town



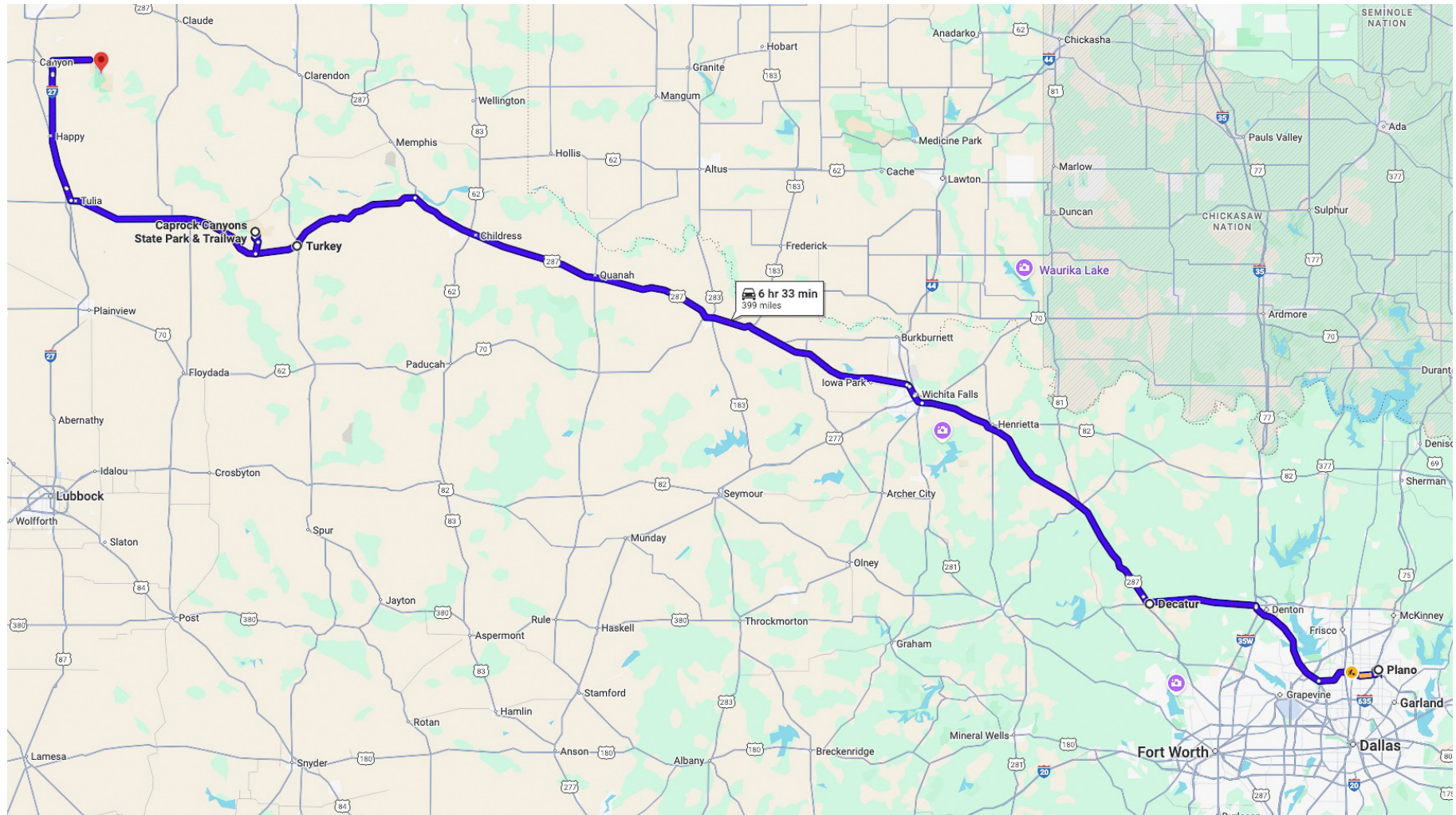


# Turkey and Quitaque Texas





## 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 through 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



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# Caprock Canyons

## State Park



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Caprock Canyons is a fragile place.  
Please stay on the trails.

### BISON SAFETY

- Stay at least 50 yards away from bison.
- Never surround, crowd, approach or follow the bison.
- Do not feed the bison.
- If other visitors are putting you in danger, leave the area and notify a park ranger.

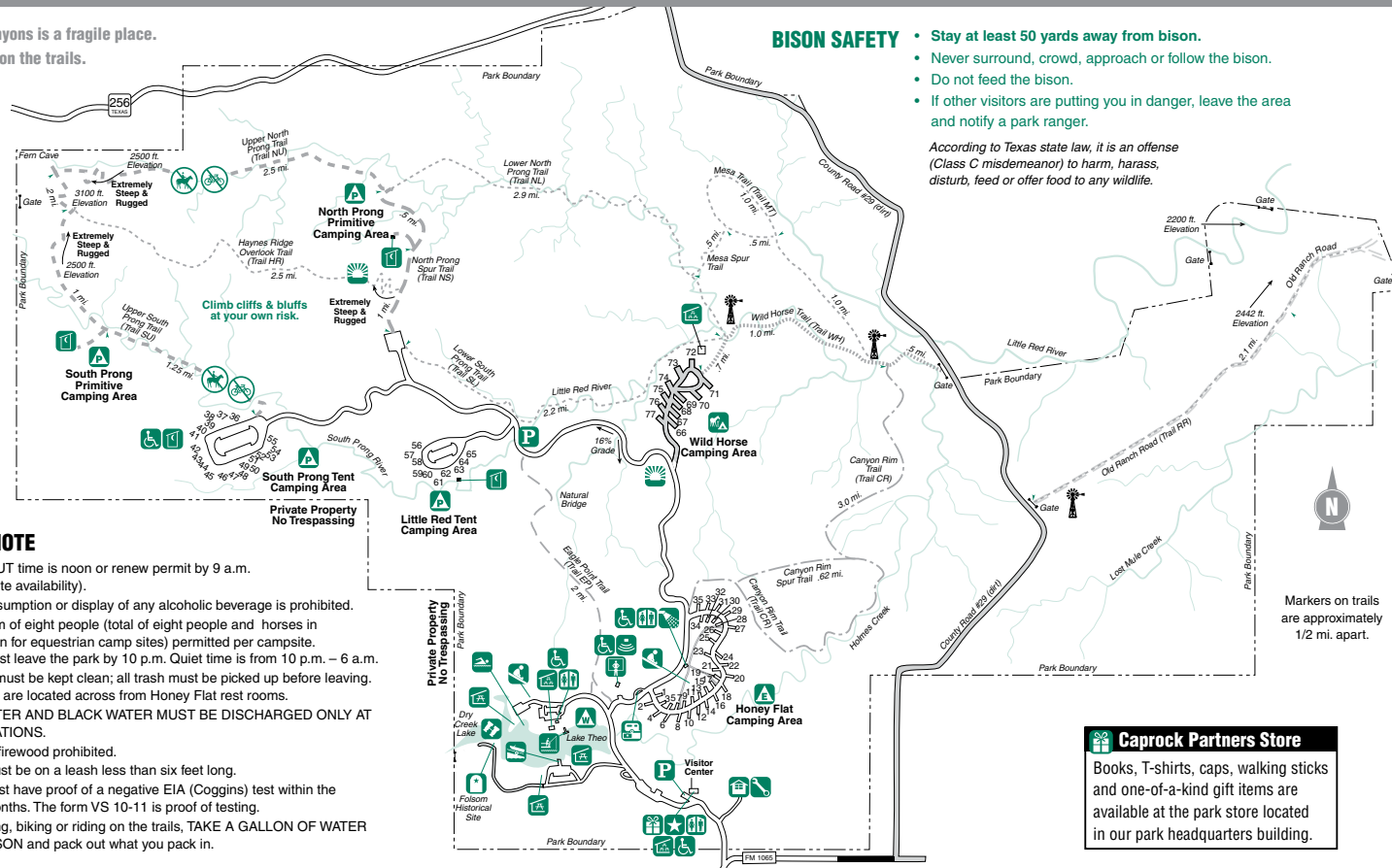
According to Texas state law, it is an offense (Class C misdemeanor) to harm, harass, disturb, feed or offer food to any wildlife.

### LEGEND

- Headquarters
- Park Store
- Restrooms
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Showers
- Chemical Toilet
- Primitive Sites
- Water Only Tent Sites
- Water and Electric Sites
- Equestrian Sites
- Dump Station
- Picnic Area
- Group Picnic Pavilion
- Swimming
- Boat Ramp
- Fishing Pier
- Playground
- Amphitheater
- Historical Marker
- Scenic Overlook
- Wildlife Viewing Blind
- Interpretive Center
- Parking
- Residence
- Maintenance

### 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.



### Caprock Partners Store

Books, T-shirts, caps, walking sticks and one-of-a-kind gift items are available at the park store located in our park headquarters building.

Markers on trails are approximately 1/2 mi. apart.

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# 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



# Caprock Canyons State Park

## Add on a Day

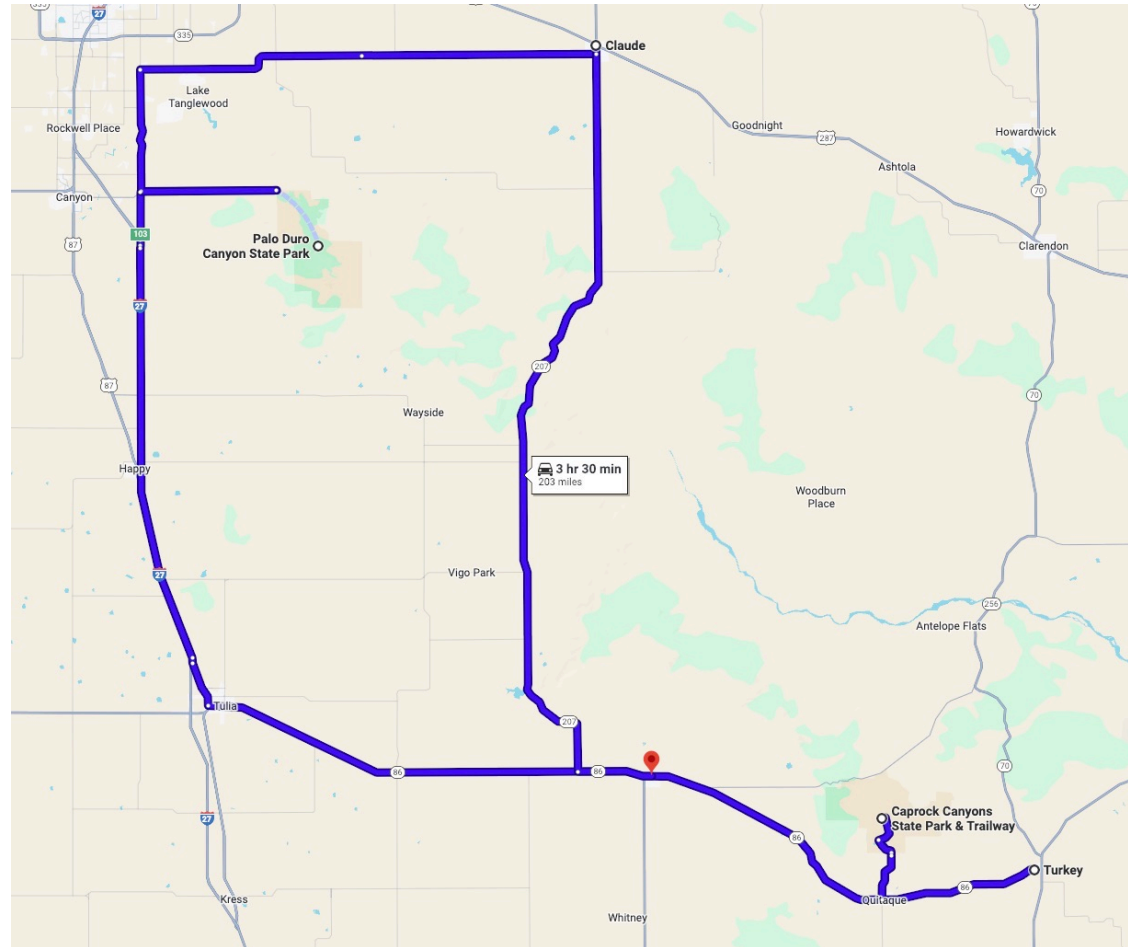
- If you want spend more time at Caprock Canyons and the surrounding towns. I suggest you add a day on the beginning or end of your trip
- Hotels are limited – so book early (info – next slide)
- You can also do astro photography in Caprock Canyons park
  - Buy “Overflow Camping Permit” \$10/per car 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](http://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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