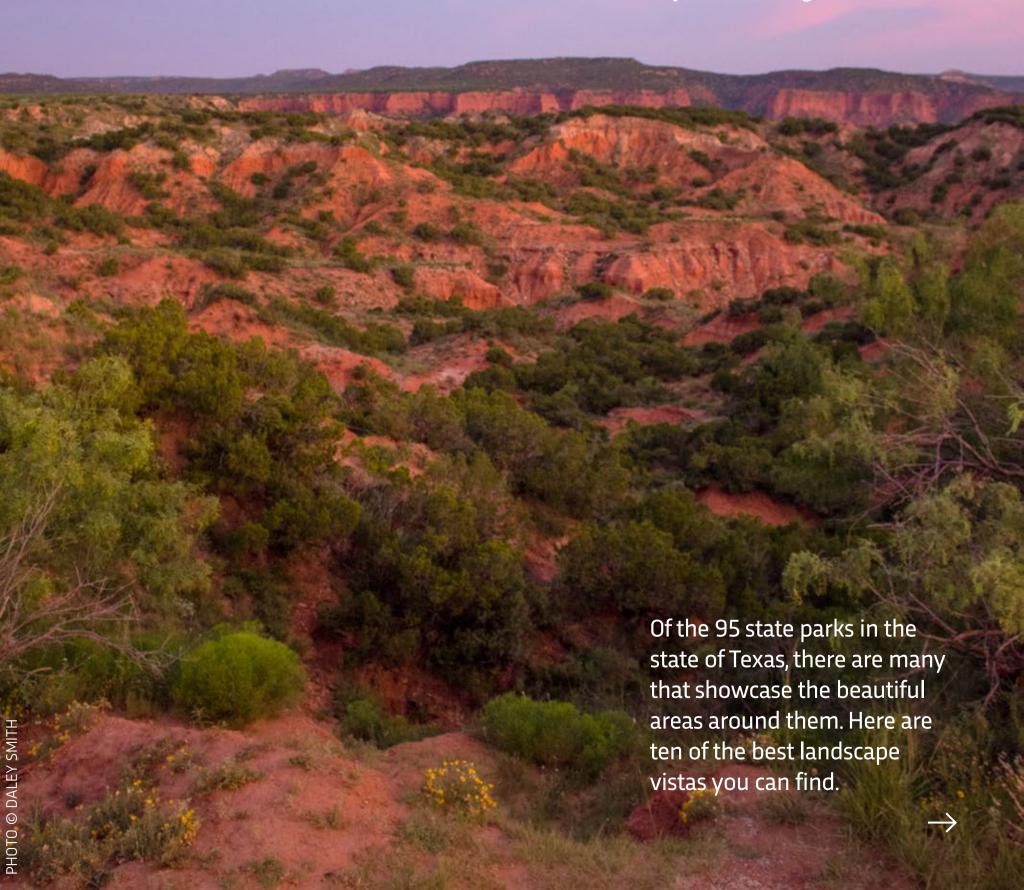
10 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

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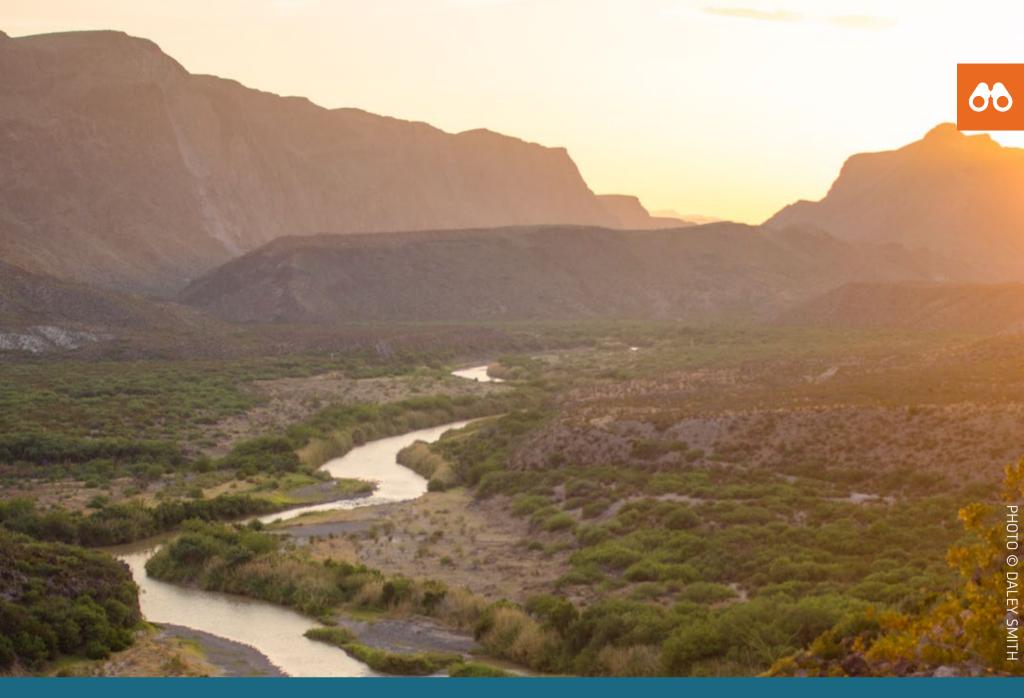


ATLANTA STATE PARK

66 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

Pack a lunch and park your car along the shore of Wright Patman Lake, enjoying how the waves gently roll in against the trees. The drive into the park is just as pretty, with miles of towering trees shading parts of the road.

- Map and directions
- 4 927 Park Road 42 Atlanta, TX 75551
- Latitude: 33.230735 Longitude: -94.249683
- Online reservations
- **(**903) 796-6476
- Entrance Fees Adult Day Use: \$3 Daily Child 12 and Under: Free
- **Visit park website**



BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK

60 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

Whether you choose to stick to the paved roads of FM 170 or venture onto the unpaved roads in the interior of the park, you can't go wrong with these views. Make sure to check out the views from FM 170's Big Hill and the rock formations along the Rio Grande.

- Map and directions
- 1900 Sauceda Ranch Rd Presidio, TX 79845
- Latitude: 29.418054
 Longitude: -103.989751
- Phone reservations (512) 389-8919
- **(**432) 358-4444
- Entrance Fees Adult (Peak): \$5 Daily Adult (Non-peak): \$3 Daily Child 12 and Under: Free
- **Visit park website**



CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK

66 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

If you're lucky, you'll get to witness the beautiful scenery of the Caprock with a special guest, a bison. Caprock Canyons is the home of the state bison herd, which adds to the majesty of this park. A favorite spot to stop and breathe in the view is just before the Wild Horse Camping Area.

- Map and directions
- P.O. Box 204Quitaque, TX 79255
- Latitude: 34.439742 Longitude: -101.051622
- Online reservations
- **(**830) 232-6132
- Entrance Fees Adult Day Use: \$4 Daily Child 12 and Under: Free
- **Visit park website**



DAVIS MOUNTAINS STATE PARK

66 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

The hike or drive along Skyline Drive leads you to the best views of the town of Fort Davis and the park itself, including the beautiful Indian Lodge. The state park is also only 12 miles away from the McDonald Observatory, where star parties provide views of a more celestial nature.

- Map and directions
- A PO Box 1707 Fort Davis, TX 79734
- Latitude: 30.599926 Longitude: -103.925934
- Online reservations
- **4** (432) 426-3337
- Entrance Fees Adult (Day Use Only): \$6 Daily Adult (Overnight): \$5 Daily Child 12 and Under: Free
- **Visit park website**



ENCHANTED ROCK STATE NATURAL AREA

66 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

Perhaps the most popular view in all of Texas is from the top of Enchanted Rock, in the granite Llano Uplift near Fredericksburg. The climb to the top, three-quarters of a mile, is challenging, but the view is worth it. Make sure to get there early during peak season to beat the crowds.

Map and directions

- A 16710 Ranch Rd. 965 Fredericksburg, TX 78624
- Latitude: 30.505381Longitude: -98.819844

Online reservations

- **(**830) 685-3636
- Entrance Fees
 Adult Day Use: \$7 Daily
 Child 12 and Under: Free
- **Visit park website**



GARNER STATE PARK

60 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

The view from the Old Baldy summit is a special one, especially after the leaves change color in the fall. There's no better spot to catch the cypress-lined Frio River and the miles of land around it. Likewise, the view of Old Baldy from the Painted Rock area is also worth your time.

- Map and directions
- 234 RR 1050 Concan, TX 78838
- Latitude: 29.590745Longitude: -99.739754
- Online reservations
- **(**830) 232-6132
- Entrance Fees Adult Day Use: \$7 Daily Child 12 and Under: Free
- **Visit park website**



LOST MAPLES STATE NATURAL AREA

TO PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

For a look at leaves changing color, hiking in Lost Maples during the fall is a must-do for any Texan. The best view in the park is at the scenic overlook along the East Trail, where you get a bird's-eye view of the spectacular maple trees.

- Map and directions
- **A** 37221 F.M. 187 Vanderpool, TX 78885
- Latitude: 29.826021Longitude: -99.586952
- Online reservations
- **(**830) 966-3413
- Entrance Fees Adult Day Use: \$6 Daily Child 12 and Under: Free
- **Visit park website**



MONUMENT HILL STATE HISTORIC SITE

60 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

Monument Hill is home to perhaps the most underrated view in all of Texas. The trail from the visitors center features two fantastic overlooks: one looking down on the ruins of the old Kreische Brewery and the other over the Colorado River, with views of the rail bridge headed into La Grange.

- Map and directions
- **4** 414 State Loop 92 La Grange, TX 78945
- Latitude: 29.888953Longitude: -96.875351
- **(**979) 968-5658
- Entrance Fees
 None
- **Visit park website**



PALO DURO CANYON STATE PARK

66 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

No view in Texas beats the scene from the Lighthouse at the end of a 3-mile hike. No worries, though, if you're not into strenuous activity. You can check out Palo Duro's beauty from an overlook at the visitors center parking lot.

- Map and directions
- **A** 11450 Park Road 5 Canyon, TX 79015
- Latitude: 34.984677Longitude: -101.7018083
- Online reservations
- **(**806) 488-2227
- Entrance Fees Adult Day Use: \$5 Daily Child 12 and Under: Free
- **Visit park website**



WYLER AERIAL TRAMWAY

60 PARKS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

If you're impressed by the Franklin Mountains, why not go to the top? Gondolas and a really sturdy cable will take you on a 2,600-foot ride up the east side of the mountains to Ranger Peak, where you will have a 360-degree view of three states and two countries.

- Map and directions
- **A** 1700 McKinley El Paso, TX 79930
- **6** Latitude: 31.812314 Longitude: -106.483857
- Hours Friday/Saturday Noon - 7pm Sunday/Holidays 10am - 5pm Closed Monday - Thursday
- **(**915) 566-6622
- Tram Ride Fees
 Adults: \$8 / 12 & under \$4
- Visit website

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