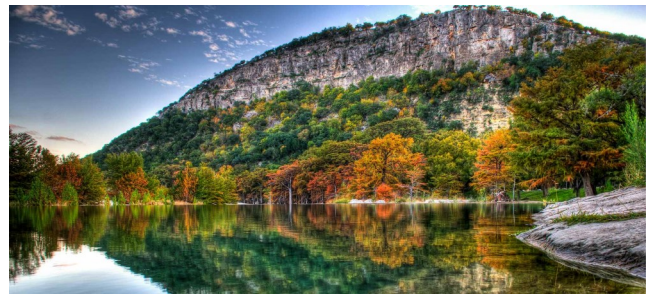


Teaching students how to think, not what to think, about the environment.

One of the most beloved spots in Texas, Garner State Park, has become a family tradition for many Texans. Each year, more than 300,000 people visit the park, which has seen visits from up to five generations of the same family.

Located 30 miles north of Uvalde in Uvalde County, Garner State Park was named for John Nance Garner, a Uvalde man who went on to serve as vice president of the United States from 1933 to 1941.

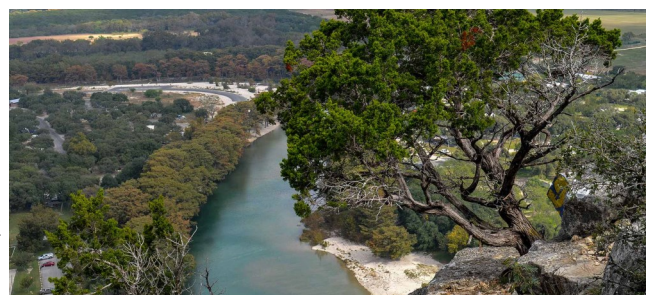


The 1,774-acre park was opened in 1936, and it's been a favorite of Texas campers ever since.

Rich in natural features, the park has abundant wildlife and native plants. Hilltops left behind by ancient seas that once covered this part of Texas reach as high as 1,800 feet in some parts of the park. Geologically, visitors can find canyons, cliffs, and mesas in the limestone that makes up the bedrock.

Even if you're not interested in hiking and nature, there still are plenty of activities for you. Miniature golf and bike riding are popular pastimes. People of all ages can be found in the concession area each evening, waiting for the nightly dance with music furnished by the jukebox.

The park is full of fun activities for everyone. Unfortunately, with all the tourists in the park come the problems of too many people.



Waiting times to check-in at the park have increased. Running a park that is operating at full capacity all summer puts a strain on all

resources. Litter left by park visitors can be a problem. Park staff work diligently to regulate the number of visitors to help keep the park a Texas favorite.

#### Links

Texas Parks & Wildlife  
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