

The Friends of Lost Pines State Parks



Bastrop and Buescher State Parks

Become a Friend

Some of the Projects the Friends of the Lost Pines have accomplished

Built Playgrounds in both Bastrop and Buescher State Parks

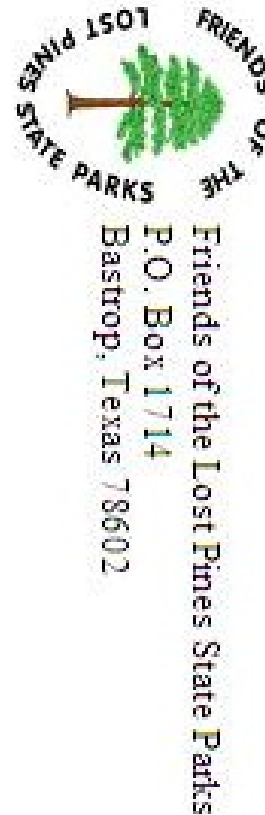
We built an Amphitheater in Buescher State Park

Provide canoes and kayaks for visitors at Buescher State Park

Helped restoration and repairs of the historic Refectory at Bastrop State Park

Provide community swimming lessons at Bastrop State Park

Maintain the Park firebreaks and hiking trails clear of brush



Our Future at Lost Pines

We will continue to support Texas Parks and Wildlife with projects to improve the physical plant as well as bring attention to both Parks to improve our visitors experience at Bastrop and Buescher State Parks.

Future Projects

Building Wildlife Viewing Blinds for Visitor Use

Assist with Developing a new Visitor Center

Develop an Archival Library of the History of the Lost Pines State Parks

Continue Trail Development and Landscape Projects

Represent the Parks in Local Events

Continue with the Operation and Planning of Special Events at the Lost Pines State Parks

If you can help us with these projects and have ideas for others,

JOIN US TODAY!

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About our Parks

Set amongst the famous Lost Pines of Texas, Bastrop and Buescher State Parks are places like no other. On these park's 7,500 acres you will find pine forests, old-growth hardwoods, and post-oak savannahs with a rich diversity of plants and animals, a distinctive history, and first-class outdoor recreation.

The Lost Pines of Texas are small, isolated islands of Loblolly Pines separated from the vast East Texas piney woods by more than 100 miles. In Buescher State Park three ecosystems converge, as the Lost Pines flow into old-growth hardwoods and post-oak savannah. The diversity of wildlife found amongst these pines and hardwoods includes over 250 species of birds and the endangered Houston toad.

Bastrop and Buescher State Parks also embody the rich Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) history that provided hope for the nation during the Great Depression. The parks were built by CCC companies 1805 and 1811 in the 1930's. Due to the superior craftsmanship by the CCC boys, Bastrop State Park is designated as a National Historic Landmark.

The park's forests, lakes, and 16 miles of hiking trails allow visitors of all ages to experience the wonder of nature first-hand. The parks are excellent for wildlife watching, fishing, and canoeing. There are also family fun activities such as swimming at the pool, playing a round of golf, or taking the scenic drive between Bastrop and Buescher.

Join Us

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The CCC at Lost Pines

Bastrop and Buescher State Parks were originally built by the CCC, the Civilian Conservation Corps, starting in 1933 and finishing in 1939.

The Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks, working with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is working on a visitor use archives of this time period.

Our Mission Statement

The purpose of Friends is to assist Park Staff in the management and conservation of the natural and cultural resources of Bastrop and Buescher State Parks, for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Friends' support of the Parks may include providing information about the Parks and their resources to the public; assisting and educating visitors to the Parks; fund-raising to support special projects or general operations for the Parks; and, other activities which contribute to the care and conservation of the Park.