



## Lost Maples State Park

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Prime Viewing late October - Early November  
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[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lost-maples](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lost-maples)

Hidden in the hills of the western Hill Country is a natural gem that attracts thousands of people each year. Lost Maples State Park is renowned for its natural beauty, especially every fall when the maple trees and Texas red oaks turn color. There are hiking trails for every level of fitness, from a short stroll down the creek to longer hikes up into the hillsides.

Lost Maples has actually been popular for centuries - the area was home to a large population of Indian tribes including Apache, Lipan Apache and Comanche tribes which threatened the region well into the 19th century. The park offers a wide variety of outdoor activities including picnicking, camping, backpacking, sightseeing, hiking, photography, bird watching, fishing, swimming and nature study.

The park showcases the best in Edwards Plateau plant and wildlife, with all kinds of terrain ranging from limestone canyons, clear streams and springs and wooded slopes. Bird watchers will delight in the abundance of species including the green kingfisher, the endangered black-capped vireo and golden-cheeked warblers who nest and feed in the park spring and summer. For overnight guests, the park offers two types of camping sites - 40 primitive hike-in camping sites (\$10) and 30 campsites with both water and electricity (\$20). In the fall these sites fill quickly so make your reservations as early as possible.

As you stroll along the creek, the shoreline is bathed in red, gold, yellow and green. For more information and updates on the status of the foliage, call the number above or visit their web site for the latest news.

