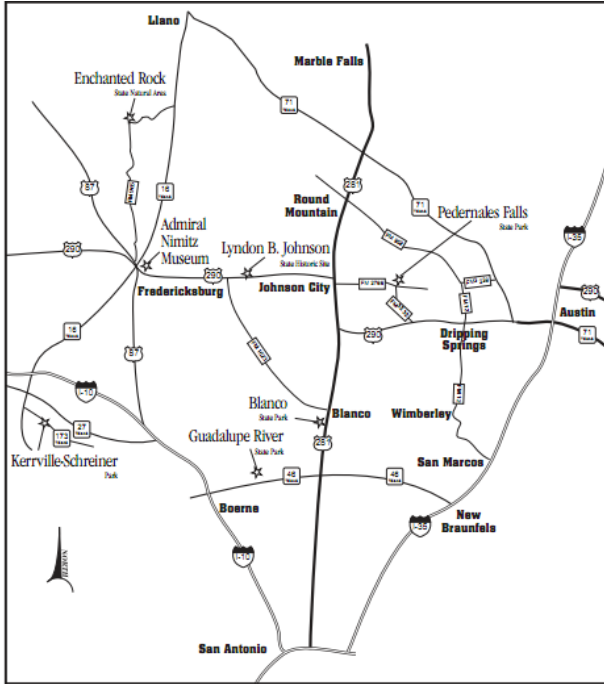


Map



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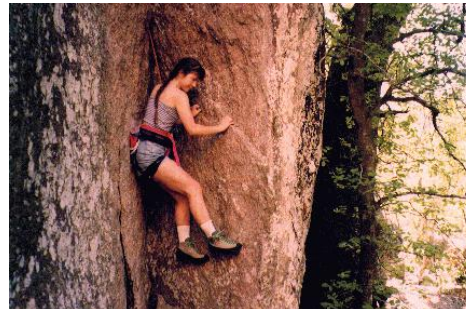
Directions: You will find us 18 miles north of Fredericksburg on Ranch Road 965. From Llano, take State Highway 16 for 14 miles south and then go west on Ranch Road 965.

Latitude: (degrees, minutes, seconds)
N: 30° 29' 45.45"

Longitude: (degrees, minutes, second)
W: 98° 49' 11.53"

Climbing/Safety:

- We prohibit the use of pistons. Climb “clean” and preserve the resource for others to enjoy.
- Please leave your leather-soled shoes at home, as the climbing rocks are slippery.
- To ensure safety, carry at least one light source and wear loose, protective clothing and proper foot gear such as climbing boots or rubber-soled shoes.
- Visitors exploring Enchanted Rock Fissure should **use caution**. This 1,000-foot-long talus fissure contains over 20 entrances with tight passages, wet, slippery surfaces, numerous steep inclines and hazardous vertical drops. You must be experienced to climb safely.
- Keep it safe. You can access the nearest medical facilities in Fredericksburg, and most parts of the park are accessible only by foot.
- **Should an emergency arise, contact the headquarters: (830) 685-3636 or 911**



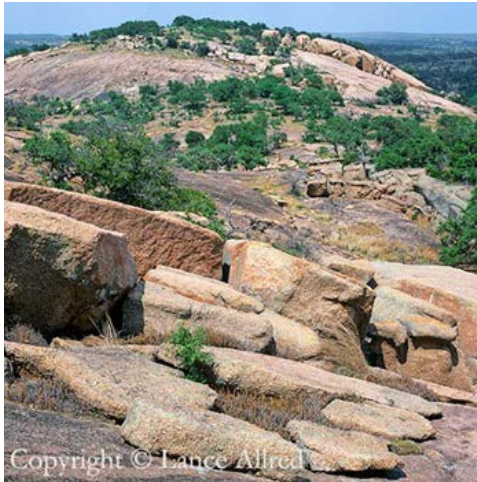
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An Enchanting Visit

Enter a primitive hiking and camping area, an experience far removed from the everyday “civilized” life to which we are accustomed. Walk through the country which is reverting to its natural condition. Incursions are minimized. Enjoy this natural setting by experiencing the sounds, smells, and feel of nature.



Become inspired by our enjoyable trails. Future generations will, too, be able to enjoy and experience this primitive area if today’s visitors care for their heritage. You will be satisfied with camping here by leaving the area with no traces of your visit. Help preserve the harmony and nature of the backcountry.

Vernal Pools

A Threatened Natural Resource:

The “islands” of vegetation on the bare granite summit of Enchanted Rock are some of the most ecologically significant and severely threatened features of this area.

Known as soil islands, weather pits, gammas or vernal pools, these patches of vegetation on bare rock develop in depressions formed by weathering over thousands of years. Adapted animals and plants shelter themselves in these depressions.



At Enchanted Rock, you will see the progressive development of the biome from bare rock-bottom pits, to annual plant establishment, to miniature prairies with grasses like little bluestem and trees such as live oak. The fairy shrimp makes its home here in the vernal pools.

Be Active, Be Safe

Backpacking/Camping:

- Camp only in designated primitive camping areas.
- Leave the landscape as it is.
- Leave branches, trees, and saplings as they are.
- As much as possible, please avoid disturbing the groundcover and topsoil.
- Locate your camp in order to take advantage of natural drainage and topography.
- Pitch your tents on naturally flat ground. Leave the ground unaltered.
- Please remove all traces of your camp when you leave. Be advised that the river and low-lying areas are subject to flash flooding.
- Set fires in designated areas only to minimize the risk of wildfire.
- Please cook only on containerized fuel stoves.
- Dispose of trash (including cigarette butts) in trash cans at the trailheads.
- Seek out self-composting toilets by the trail in the camping areas.
- Dispose of non-biodegradable waste and smoking materials properly, instead of in the composting tank.