

## Cooper Lake State Park-South Sulphur Unit July activities

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### Life is better outside

June is in the rear view mirror and straight ahead is July! And right off the bat is July 4 weekend. If you haven't made your reservations for camping this weekend you need to make them soon. There

are a handful of sites still available. There will be several additional programs being offered over the weekend that might be of interest, and whether you are a camper or just want to come out for the programs we look forward to having you here at Cooper Lake State Park!

I want to highlight several of the programs. The Dutch Oven Cooking program will be held on Friday, July 4, at 9:30 a.m.; you will be able to watch a demonstration of camp Dutch oven cooking. On Saturday, July 12, there will be an Orienteering Program at 9:30 a.m. to demonstrate and experience how to use a compass to navigate. Reservations are required for this program. The very popular Night Sky Activities and Wonders of the Night Sky will be on July 19 at 2:30 p.m. and at 8 p.m., respectively. And then ... because the lake is up sufficiently ... we will be offering the Guided Canoeing Tour again on July 26 at 9 a.m. Reservations can be made for this program by calling the Park Office.

July 1 is also the date that new boating regulations begin regarding the transporting of water from one body of water to another body of water in a watercraft's livewells, bilges, motors, or other receptacles. This also will affect the transporting of live bait and the water they are stored in. All of this has been put in place to help stem the movement of the invasive zebra mussel from one body of water to another. More information is available on the TPWD website at this link: <http://texasinvasives.org/zebramussels>

We look forward to seeing you out at Cooper Lake State Park. Whatever you do over this holiday weekend BE SAFE!

### July Schedule of Programs at Cooper Lake State Park

**Note:** *Programs may be cancelled because of weather. Contact the park office at 903-945-5256*

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*for updated information.*

### July 4

- 9:30 a.m. Lip Smackin', Good Eatin'/Dutch Oven Program — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater. Bring a fork and bowl to sample the food.
- 2:30 p.m. Discover the Trees At Cooper Lake State Park— Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater and take a hike with a ranger around the 0.2-mile Nature Trail. Bring water.

### July 5

- 2:30 p.m. Geocache Treasure Hunting — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater. GPS receivers will be provided
- 8 p.m. Night Sounds — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater to discover what makes all the noise at night around Cooper Lake State Park.

### July 12

- 9:30 a.m. Orienteering — Reservations required. Meet at Coyote Run Trailhead and learn to navigate using a compass; compasses will be provided
- 2:30 p.m. What's A Knot and What's Not/Knot Tying Program — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater. Rope will be provided.

### July 19

- 2:30 p.m. Night Sky Activities — Meet at Gulls Bluff Group Pavilion Make a "Sky Wheel" and learn about the night sky. Bring water.
- 8 p.m. The Wonders Of The Night Sky/Stargazing — Meet at Honey Creek parking lot

### July 26

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- 9 a.m. Guided Canoeing Tour/Canoeing Basics — Meet at Park Headquarters. Cost \$12 for canoe rental for up to three people. Reservations Are required. Wear appropriate clothing and bring water. Optional items-binoculars and a camera.
- 2:30 p.m. Conservation in the Parks — Meet at Honey Creek Amphitheater and talk about conservation of plants, wildlife and the water supply. “Leave No Trace” principles will be presented.