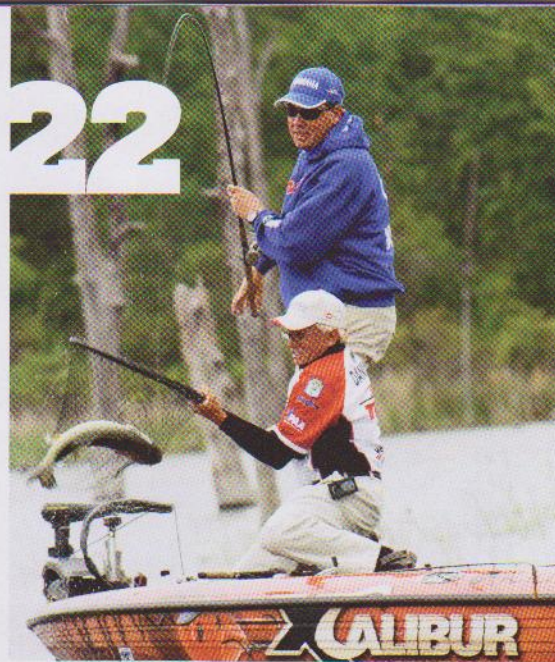
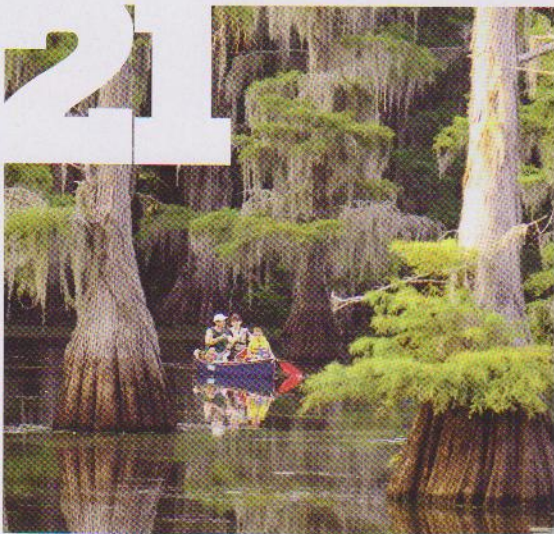


BEST MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Caddo Lake State Park, Uncertain

With its sprawling maze of ancient cypress trees draped in Spanish moss, Caddo Lake may be Texas' most magical and mysterious place. Rent a canoe or take a pontoon boat tour from Caddo Lake State Park to see the most beautiful parts of the lake in what's known as Hell's Half-Acre, or book a guided fishing, hunting or bird watching trip. Visit at sunset for some truly spectacular sights of the surroundings.

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/caddolake



BEST TINE OF YOUR LIFE

Lake Fork, Quitman

Consistently one of the top trophy bass lakes in the country, Lake Fork is where the big lunkers wait. Many of Texas' largest bass, including the current state record, were caught here. While largemouth bass are the most popular sport fish on Lake Fork, depending on the season, anglers will also find an abundance of crappie, catfish and sunfish. Enjoy the catch, but remember to release all bass between 16 and 24 inches.

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More Precious Than Gold

Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Amarillo

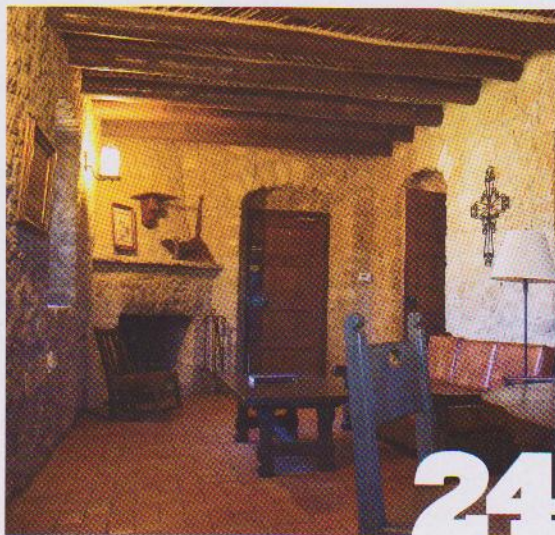
In early North America it was a valuable mineral, prized for centuries, traded across thousands of miles and often at the heart of conflict and war, but it wasn't a precious metal or jewel. Flint was the gold of its day, essential for making weapons and tools, and the red hills of the Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument were the source of some of the most coveted, a type of agatized dolomite streaked with bright blues and reds and golds. More than 700 quarries exist where the flint was dug out by hand. See this historic area and surrounding village ruins on a ranger-guided tour. Call the park at 806-857-3151 to make reservations. www.nps.gov/alif/index.htm

BEST PLACE TO HUNT GHOSTS

Aldridge Sawmill Historic Site, Angelina National Forest, Jasper

Once producing 125,000 board-feet of lumber per day and supporting a community of hundreds of workers, the turn-of-the-century Old Aldridge Sawmill, now crumbling ruins, rises out of the East Texas forest like a mirage. The outer walls of four mill buildings, portions of the railroad tramway and a green-carpeted mill pond persist as haunting evidence of the past. Listen closely and you might just hear the whine of those long-ago saws. To access the site, take the scenic, five-mile round-trip Sawmill Hiking Trail from Boykin Springs Recreation Area, or follow the driving directions provided on the Angelina National Forest's website.

www.fs.fed.us/r8/texas/recreation/angelina/aldridge.shtml



SLEEP WITH HISTORY

The Quarters at Presidio La Bahia, Goliad

Just across the river from Goliad State Park and Historic Site's Mission Espiritu Santo lies the circa-1749 Presidio La Bahia, the most fought-over fort in Texas, and the only Spanish fort in the U.S. in which you can stay overnight. At "The Quarters" — rooms formerly used by Spanish officers and later by priests — historic stone walls surround today's sound sleepers, or perhaps not so sound, given the fort's tradition of ghostly occurrences. The Quarters can house up to four guests, and includes a kitchen.

www.presidiolabahia.org

