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East Texas (Explore spooky Caddo Lake)



(Photo by Joe Lowery)

Do ghosts dwell amid the murky, mysterious tentacles of Caddo Lake? Certainly Caddo offers a ghostly setting, its swamps and bayous studded with bald cypress trees shrouded with Spanish moss.

Straddling the Texas-Louisiana border in northeast Texas, Caddo, the state's only natural lake, exhibits a dark beauty that a man-made lake could never summon. You might see a great blue heron or alligator as you explore the canopy in a canoe or kayak. Consider hiring a guide to help you through this serpentine tangle of waterways, or in the town of Uncertain, book a trip aboard the Graceful Ghost paddlewheeler, a replica of an 1800s steamboat.

Rumors persist that Bigfoot, whom-ever or whatever that may be, lives around Caddo Lake. No telling. But bass live here for sure, and you can fish for them (bring your own gear or borrow a pole) in Caddo Lake State Park's Big Cypress Bayou. The park also offers hiking trails, and you can spend the night in a 1930s cabin. If you dare.

[Caddo Lake State Park](#), Karnack. Call 903/679-3351.