



The 10 Best Adventures In Texas

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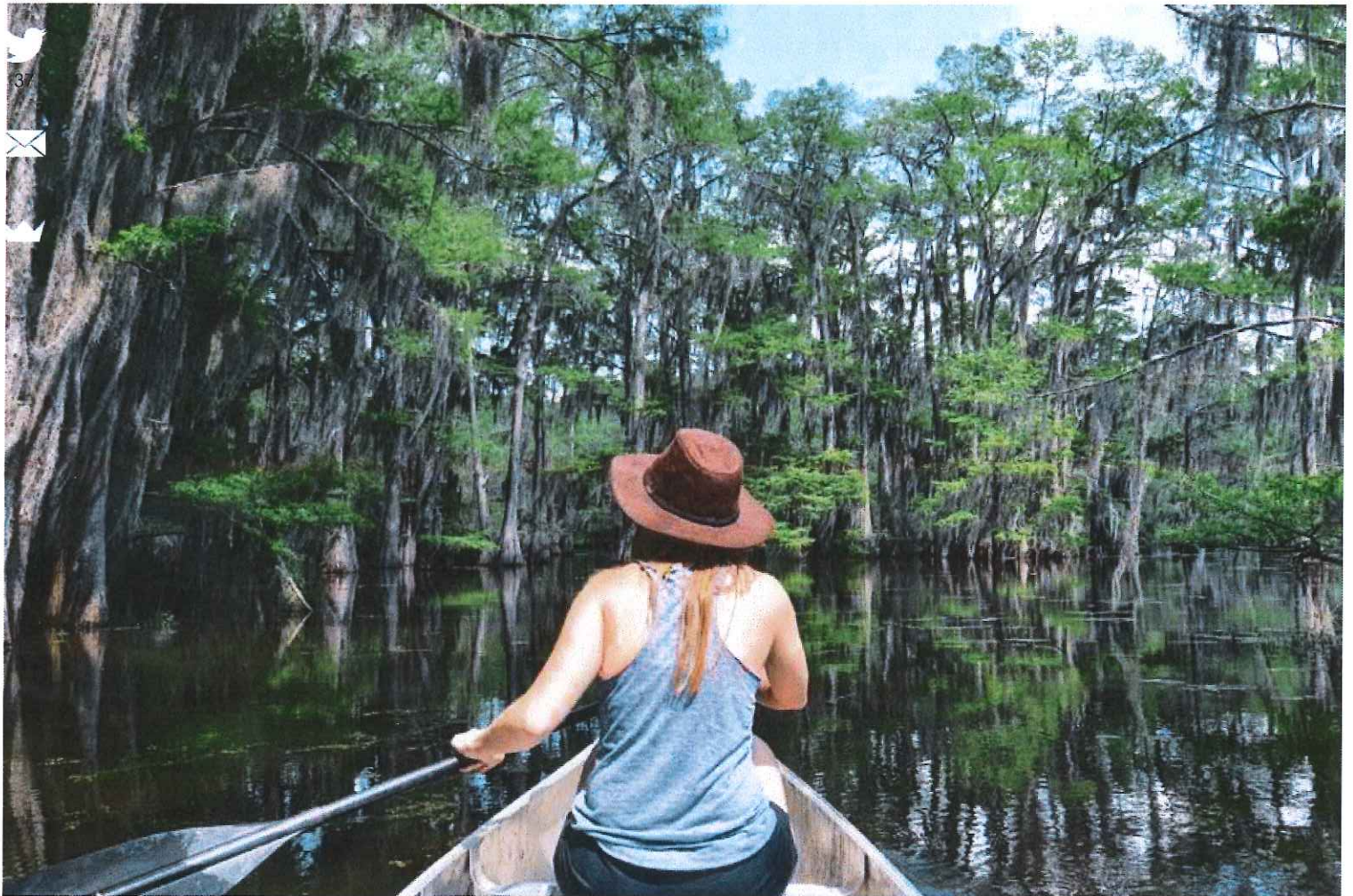
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Caddo Lake is like stepping into a time machine and visiting a period in ancient history. Situated on the border of Texas and Louisiana, it offers a unique canoeing experience like no other. With cypress trees and often mossy waters, it's a sought after place in the world of canoe aficionados. Rentals are available overnight and some of the campsites even have private access straight to the lake. [**Learn More.**](#)

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Canoeing Caddo Lake

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About this Adventure:

To start this trail you'll enter Caddo Lake State Park located on Park Road 2, Karnack, Texas. Immediately after turning into the entrance, you'll see the park headquarters where the park rangers will get you set up with a key to a canoe. You'll drive to Saw Mill Pond after that to find a small cabin that has life vests and your designated canoe next to it.

After launching your canoe into Saw Mill Pond, head to the opposite end where you'll find the bayou and turn right. You'll follow the bayou through Hell's Half Acre and end in Carter's Chute where you'll turn around and head back to Saw Mill Pond. This canoeing trail is great because if you have the time and desire to do the full 7.6 miles, you can, but if you're interested in only paddling around for about an hour Saw Mill Pond offers spectacular views of the unique Bald Cypress trees that are only found in the Southeastern region of America.

If you don't live near Caddo Lake and you're visiting during the cooler seasons (October- April) there is a campground to stay the night in. For those muggy summer months, camping in Texas isn't for the faint of heart. You might want to consider renting a cabin in the park to find some relief from the heat. Either way, make sure to bring some firewood, hotdogs, and marshmallows to enjoy a day of canoeing and an evening away from the city.

Pack List:

- Water
- Lake Map
- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping Pad
- S'mores fixins
- Hotdogs
- Beer
- Firewood

The Draw:

- Distance: 7.6 miles round trip
- Duration: 3-4 hours
- Entrance Fee: \$3/ person (free for children under 12)
- Rental Cost: \$10/ hr (discount with a Texas State Parks Pass)
- Incredible scenery with year-round canoeing
- The only natural lake in Texas