

VOTE YES FOR STATE PARKS

PROTECT TEXAS STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES VOTE YES - PROP 5 ON NOV 5

For decades, Texas' state parks and historic sites have been underfunded. The result is inadequate facilities, people being turned away from parks, insufficient funds to open new parks, and \$800 million in needed maintenance and repair.

Now we have the opportunity to fix these problems!

If passed, Proposition 5 on the November 5 ballot would ensure that Texas' state and local community parks, and historic sites, would have the resources they need to be world class!

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Proposition 5 would dedicate the revenues from the *already-existing* Texas sales tax on sporting goods equipment to fund Texas parks and historic sites. THERE WOULD BE NO NEW TAXES AND NO INCREASE IN THE SALES TAX RATE ON SPORTING GOODS.

The Texas Legislature authorized the use of the Sporting Goods Sales Tax for state parks and historic sites in 1993, but in the intervening years, only 40% of the revenues have actually been spent on parks. Passing Proposition 5 will mean over \$150 million per year for state parks and more than \$10 million for historic sites. A portion of the state park fund would be passed through to fund local community parks, in recent years a boon of \$10 to \$20 million for Texas communities. No money would be taken from hunting and fishing programs, which are funded by other sources.

This is one of the greatest conservation opportunities in our time. Texas State Parks protect some of the best wildlife habitat in the state and provide a place for millions of Texans and out-of-state visitors to get close to nature and learn about conservation and Texas' amazing outdoor world.

Early voting starts October 21. *Vote YES on Proposition 5!*

