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GARNER STATE PARK IN CONCAN, TEXAS

Garner State park is a state park in the community of Concan, Texas located in Uvalde County, Texas in the United States. Garner State Park, in the Texas Hill Country, is the most popular state park in Texas for overnight camping, per Google.

DAY ONE

6 AM – Hit the road early for this 5-hour drive from Houston

Noon Lunch: Antoine's Poboy Sandwiches, mandarin oranges & chips

- Packed this lunch before leaving and placed it at the top of the cooler for easy access while driving
- Refuel at Bucc-ee's and pick up wraps or sandwiches for the next day

2 PM - arrive at [Garner State Park](#)

- You must check-in and register with the front desk, bring a print off of your reservations
- This takes a little while so bring snacks while you wait

3 PM - set up your home for the weekend

- There is a metal pool with a hook on the end - this is for your [trash bag](#)
- While you can trust your campsite neighbors, leave important or valuables in the locked car
- Hike down by the stream or plan how to explore the 9 different [trails](#)

4 PM - Ride your bike or venture to the visitor's center - find the wall of old photos

6 PM Dinner: Bratwurst, buns, carrots & chips

- Grab condiments: sauerkraut, ketchup and mustard

Luckily our campsite backed up to the river raven, so we went for an evening stroll

Dessert: [Campfire Brownie](#)

- Bake brownies inside of orange peels and it's delicious

Lay outside and count the [stars](#)

DAY TWO

7 AM Breakfast: coffee with biscuits, sausage patties, jam & grapes

- Although you don't want to be up early, the sun will still come up
- Fill up the water canteen and follow the Bridges Trail (challenging...but not really)
 - o You can branch off to Donovan Trail and follow that around to the top - Painted Rock
 - o Foshee Trail is the longest trail but has the most scenic and beautiful views
- Make sure to follow the path to Crystal Cave and burrow down into the ground

Back to the camp for lunch

Noon Lunch: wraps from Bucc-ee's & chips and leftover carrots and grapes

- Rest for an hour or so then back a swimming bag and your hiking shoes!

1:30 PM - Jump in the Frio River and float around

- Wonder why it's called the Frio? Because it's bone-chilling cold water
- Check with the visitor's center to see what event is happening in the evening

4 PM - Afternoon climb up Old Baldy Summit (moderate)

- Don't walk on the white rock beds, they will easily slip out from under you

6 PM - Shower time

7 PM Dinner: Pre-seasoned and cut fajita meat, soft tacos & canned beans

- Pre-cut veggies like lettuce, tomatoes or corn for toppings
- Fill a Ziploc with sour cream and cut off the tip for a squeezable, easy to use bag - this also works for guacamole and salsa

8:30 PM - Visitor Centers for two-stepping and listening to the local band

- Bring fold out chairs and a plastic bottle of spirits to sip on

Dessert: S'mores!

DAY THREE

7 AM Breakfast: coffee with cinnamon rolls & apples

- Last day which means time to take down camp
- Now that you're sweaty from breaking down the campsite, time to clean off

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- The bathroom is less crowded in the morning, the earlier you break down camp the better
 - Venture up to the general store or dip your feet in the Frio for an hour or so before hitting the road
- Before exiting the camp, find the gift shop to get a little memento
Goodbye Garner State Park. Head home.
- You don't have to 'check out' but be mindful of how you leave the campsite for the next campers

PACKING LIST

'DS' STANDS FOR DOLLAR STORE. SAVE MONEY AND GET YOUR ITEMS HERE!

NECESSITIES FOR CAMPING:

- Tent
- Sleeping bags
- Sleeping Pad/Air Mattress & Pump
 - think about how the pump works
 - do you need batteries?
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Extra tarp (in case of rain – cover kitchen items left out)
- Headlamp
- Handheld flashlights
- Batteries (AA & AAA)
- First Aid Kit (Benadryl, allergy meds, hangover cures) - take this when hiking
- Lantern
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Fold-able Chairs
- Hammock & ties
- Purell Hand Cleaner & Wet Wipes (baby wipe or makeup remover work great too) **(DS)**
- Bikes, Locks, Helmet, Gloves and Bike Pump
- Multi-purpose tool & Swiss Army Knife
- Scissors
- Ear Plugs
- Duct Tape
- String or Yarn **(DS)**
- Water Bottle, per person
- Shovel
- Fold-up Table (if your campsite doesn't come with a picnic bench)
- Backpack

ESSENTIALS FOR COOKING:

- Cooler
- Ice - one in big Ziploc for using
- Paper Plates, Cups, Towels & Bowls **(DS)**
- Plastic Utensils **(DS)**
- Trash Bags **(DS)**
- Ziploc Plastic Bags – small and large **(DS)**
- Fire sticks
- Bring dryer lint for easy burning
- Matches/Fire Lighters/BBQ Bricks
- Frying Pan
- Oven Mitt **(DS)**
- Spatula or Mixing Spoon, and Tongs **(DS)**
- Sharp Knife
- French Press & Coffee
- Water Bottles
- Freeze gallon jugs of water and place in cooler to keep things cold and can be used as drinking water
- Salt & Pepper **(DS)**
- Aluminum Foil **(DS)**
- Cooking oil/spray **(DS)**
- Heat-proof gloves
- Chip Clips **(DS)**
- Tablecloth (and clips) or old bed sheet liner **(DS)**
- Bottle Opener & Wine
- Koozies & Beer & Can Opener
- Dish Soap & Sponge **(DS)**
- Bucket or Plastic Tub (to clean dishes and cooking items) & Drying Towel **(DS)**

DON'T FORGET:

- Hiking Boots & Socks
- Windbreaker
- Warm Clothes for the Evening
- Gloves
- Flip Flops
- Water Shoes
- Hat
- Playing Cards (DS)
- Camelback
- Outdoor speaker
- Chargeable Battery Pack & Cords
- Shower Items - catty, shoes, towel, etc.