

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT

Sensory Tips:

Noisy places

- The children's playground can get very loud during busy times. Quieter times are generally in the morning and on weekdays.
- Grassy areas around the park are mowed by staff from spring through fall.
- Loud motorized boats sometimes drive by on the lake, especially in summer.

Quiet places

- The Educational Garden and Natural Play Area, located between the Cypress Shelter and the restroom building, provide a quiet, shady spot to relax or play.
- The Cypress Trail (0.2 miles) is a quiet loop around the Cypress Pond where visitors can enjoy lake views and wildlife watching.

How to Make the Most of Your Visit:

- The park is open from 8 a.m. to sunset every day. Keep your eye out for exact closing times as you are driving in, as it changes throughout the year.
- The park is most busy on weekends and holidays, especially in the summer and on warmer days.
- Come prepared for the weather. Wear comfortable shoes, a hat, and bring plenty of water and snacks. Our water fountains are turned off in the winter, but bottled water can be purchased with cash at the restroom building.
- Feel free to bring noise canceling headphones or fidget toys to make your experience more enjoyable.
- Make sure to check out the Educational Garden for native plant ideas for your home garden, as well as the Peninsula Trail for bird watching and to immerse yourself in nature. The History Trail is a loop off of the Peninsula Trail where visitors can see historic homesites and artifacts while learning about who once called the area home. The Fishing Pier also offers a place to fish as well as a gorgeous view of the lake and its waterfowl.