

Join HOTC for a great time at Caddo Lake State Park in the Big Cypress Bayou, a waterway into Caddo Lake! The bayou is filled with large old cypress trees with overhanging Spanish moss, creating a beautiful and somewhat mystical scene. At Caddo Lake State Park, you can fish, paddle, & hike. Explore Caddo Lake’s twists and turns. Rent a canoe in the park or bring your own canoe or kayak. You can also venture onto more than 50 miles of [paddling trails in the Caddo Lake area.](http://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/inland/)  There is a boat ramp for fishing boats. Alligators do live in these waters but we have yet to see one in our 4 trips here so far; just be aware.

**Schedule of Events (tentative)**

All meals, bring your own set-ups (utensils, plates, napkins, drinks) and chairs

For those coming early on Thursday: Meet at Jim & Debi’s site 15 for after dinner drinks and snacks with campfire around 6PM.

**Friday**: If you arrive early enough, you may want to go into historic Jefferson to look around town at their historic sites, shop and have lunch.

**5PM** meet & greet at site 15 for a Margarita happy hour and bring your favorite hors d’oeuvres around a campfire. (Margaritas provided)

**Saturday: 8AM -9:30AM Site 15,** Early-risersbreakfast on the griddle with bacon, sausage, eggs, & coffee. Bring whatever else you may want to share.

**10:00AM** meet to drive to the old abandoned Army Ammunition plant nearby, (tentatively) led by John Coppedge. Very interesting history here and see old abandoned buildings overgrown with moss, brush & trees. Great Photography opportunity!

**1PM-** Those with kayaks, canoes, join us for a paddle tour. We’ll follow one of the paddle trails to see the bayou. It will take at least a couple of hours to do the trails at a leisurely pace.

There are also commercial boat tours available: Captain Ron’s Swamp Tours is the closest to the State Park, boarding at Big Pines Lodge & Restaurant, Karnack, TX. Captain Ron’s number is 903 679-3020.

OR, if boating isn’t your thing, take a 13-mile drive into Jefferson to enjoy the historic town.

**5-6PM** Happy Hour at the Rich’s site 15. **6PM** will start dinner. The Rich’s will be frying chicken strips served with various dips. Bring your favorite side dish or use the grill to cook your own meat.

**Sunday: 8AM-10AM** Farewell Coffee & Pastries at site 15

Happy Trails to you, ‘til we meet again!

Your Rally Hosts: Jim & Debi Rich

**Additional info:** The campground is heavily wooded, sites are a good ways apart, and our site 15 is sort of in the middle. You may want to bring a wagon or cart to haul your chairs, etc. back and forth, especially if you are parked in sites 26-36. Also, there is a parking lot for about 5 vehicles across from site 15. If you have access to firewood, please bring some for our campfires. Any further questions email me at divadebi@swbell.net or if you need to call, our numbers are: **Debi 405 650-0235 Jim 405 650-7113**

