

Good morning all,

Lost Pines State Park Complex Visitation through August 2024:

Park Name	YTD Fiscal Year 2024	YTD Fiscal Year 2023	Increase/Decrease	Percentage inc/dec
Bastrop SP	124,337	118,946	5,391	4.5%
Buescher SP	54,610	46,675	7,935	17.0%
<b>Complex Totals</b>	<b>178,947</b>	<b>165,621</b>	<b>13,326</b>	<b>8.046%</b>

For reference this is where we were sitting as of August 2011 before the Bastrop County Complex Fire (9/2011):

Park Name	YTD Fiscal Year 2011
Bastrop SP	127,001
Buescher SP	37,210
<b>Complex Totals</b>	<b>164,211</b>

Comparing FY2011 visitation to FY2024 holistically the Lost Pines Complex is seeing an **8.97%** increase in visitation from pre-fire times.

- We are in full swing of FY2025, and have refreshed budgets. So we are purchasing consumable supplies and items for maintenance projects this year.
- Construction on our Historic Golf-Pro Shop CCC exhibit is still underway and we have hit some delays. Hopefully this will be completed very soon.
- In the recent fire academy Bastrop State Park graduated 5 wildland firefighters to increase our wildfire response potential and Prescribed burning abilities.
- We acquired 33 acres known as the Bailey Tract off of Lost Pines Loop and adjacent to the SP increasing the protected land and habitat that we manage.
- We are still getting our interpretive programming scheduled for October. Normally come Oct we ramp up programming conducting programs at both parks each day on the weekend. The Texas Master Naturalists also help with programming guided hikes, etc. So the calendar below will likely have things added to it.
- This the start of our busy season and we expect to get busier and busier as the weather gets cooler.

Upcoming Programs:

**October 2024**

Oct 5

10:00a

**Go Native, Go Wild**

Buescher State Park

Wildscaping is coming to a yard near you!

**Oct 16**

10:30a

**Reading Ranger**

Buescher State Park

Join Ranger Madalyn at the Smithville Public Library for themed book readings and a craft! All ages welcome!

**Oct 17**

5:30p

**Picnic in the Park**

Buescher State Park

Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks presents their annual Picnic in the Park at the Picnic Pavilion at Buescher State Park! There may be a bat program associated with this. More to come.