Welcome to the Texas Schoolhouse State Forest

The trails comprise two loops, a longer one of about 3 miles (shown in red) and a shorter one of about 1 mile (cut-off shown in green). The trails are rated as easy to moderate difficulty with little elevation change. The route takes you through a beautiful part of the state forest and is marked with DEC blue and yellow trail markers. There is a large beaver pond (blue dot) where you will see impressive beaver architecture, active nests of great blue herons, rolling hills, old stone walls, and much more.

Along the trail are signs explaining some of the plants and animals that you might see along the trails, depending on the season, on having a good eye, and on luck!

There are no designated campsites, however, at-large primitive camping is allowed. Campsites must be at least 150' from the nearest road, trail, or body of water. Camping for more than three nights or in groups of ten or more requires a permit from a Forest Ranger.

Hunting and trapping are allowed during appropriate seasons. The main game species and furbearers in TSSF include deer, turkey, ruffed grouse, rabbits, squirrels, and coyotes.

Three unnamed streams run through TSSF, one of which is known to support a wild trout population of Brook Trout and Brown Trout.

This trail is a joint project sponsored by the NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the Town of New Lisbon.

