Rocky Bayou State Park was established on July 1, 1966. Before that time, the United States Air Force managed the property as a training area for its personnel. Ceded to the War Department by the U.S. Forestry Service in 1940, 800 square miles of Gulf Coast shoreline and pine forests became a major site for gunnery and bombing practice during World War II. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle spent March 1942, preparing his B-25 squadron for the first retaliatory bombing of Japan. Remnants of his test bombs are believed to still exist in the park. A concrete bomb, still on the park grounds, is believed to have been one of those dropped by Doolittle’s squadron.

After the war, urban development quickly made the Rocky Bayou area unusable as a bombing range. In the late 1950s, Colonel Fred Gannon, Director of Civil Engineering at Eglin Air Force Base, proposed to convert this former military practice range into a public-use area.

The Eglin Air Force Base Civil Engineering group began the initial construction of Rocky Bayou State Park under the direction of Colonel Gannon, following the designs he created for the proposed park. In 1966, shortly after completion of the road and trail work, the lands became part of the Florida state park system. In 2005, the State of Florida purchased the land from the U.S. Forestry Service.

公园规则

- 小时是上午8点到日落，365天/年。
- 需要支付入场费。额外使用者费用可能适用。
- 所有植物、动物和公园财产受保护。禁止收集、破坏或干扰。
- 宠物仅允许在指定区域内。宠物必须保持在六英尺长的牵引绳内，并在任何时候都保持良好的行为。
- 渔业、划船、游泳和营火仅限于指定区域。可能需要佛罗里达州的捕鱼执照。
- 烟花、打猎和饮酒是禁止的。
- 成为志愿者。询问公园站。
- 有关露营信息，请联系Reserve America，电话为(800) 326-3521或(866) I CAMP FL或TDD (888) 433-0287或访问ReserveAmerica.com。
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Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park, a 357-acre park, offers family camping, enchanting hiking trails, a children’s playground and one of the best boat ramps on Choctawhatchee Bay with year-round saltwater and freshwater fishing.

**Camping** - Forty-two well-shaded campsites with amenities, including water, a mixture of 30 and 50 amp electricity, ground grills and picnic tables, can accommodate RVs and tents. Four of these sites are ADA accessible and conveniently located next to the heated and air-conditioned shower facility. A picnic shelter, campfire circle, laundry and vending machines are also located within the campground.

**Fishing** - Saltwater fishing is available within the park on the Rocky Bayou shoreline. A saltwater fishing licenses may be required.

**Boat Ramp** - The park boasts one of the best doublewide boat launches with spacious parking and easy accessibility to the Choctawhatchee Bay. All boaters are reminded to respect others and the fragile sea grass shoreline.

**Picnicking** along the shoreline provides visitors a scenic view of the water while relaxing in the shade of oak, hickory and pine trees. The area includes two picnic pavilions, a playground, tables, grills and several convenient stairways to the shore.

Three **nature trails**—the Sand Pine, Rocky Bayou and Red Cedar—are ideal for birding and nature photography, providing opportunities to see a variety of native flora and fauna.

**Canoes** and **Kayaks** can be rented for two hours, half day, or full day. Please contact the park office for prices and more information.

**Directions**
Take I-10 to exit 56. Turn south onto S.R. 85; go 16 miles to Niceville. Turn left (east) on S.R. 20. The park entrance is approximately 1 mile from the bridge.