

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
National Forests & Grasslands in Texas**

FOREST ORDER NO. 08-13-00-20-104

Occupancy and Use

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551 and Title 36 C.F.R. § 261.50, the following acts are prohibited in Recreation Areas, Day use areas, and other Developed Sites on the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas. The National Forests & Grasslands in Texas are comprised of the Sam Houston, Davy Crocket, Sabine, and Angelina National Forests and the Caddo and Lyndon B. Johnson Grasslands. This Forest Order is effective from the date signed by the Forest Supervisor until December 31, 2024, or until terminated by an authorized Forest Service official, whichever occurs first.

Prohibitions. The following acts are prohibited:

- a. Camping or maintaining a campsite for a period of time exceeding 14 days in any 30-day period. [Ref. § 261.58(a)] See attachment A for exceptions.
- b. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof when posted closed. [Ref. § 261.58(b)]
- c. Camping in or within 300 feet of any developed parking area or boat ramp. [Ref. § 261.58(e)]
- d. Camping within the signed boundaries of a Red-cockaded woodpecker colony. [Ref. § 261.58(e)]
- e. Operating a gasoline engine powered electrical generator between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except in designated areas. [Ref. § 261.58(e)]
- f. Occupying an individual campsite with more than eight (8) persons and two (2) tents. [Ref. § 261.58(f)]
- g. Parking or leaving a vehicle or trailer in violation of posted instructions. [Ref. § 261.58(g)]
- h. Parking or leaving a vehicle outside a parking space assigned to one's own camp unit. [Ref. § 261.58(h)]
- i. Possessing, parking or leaving more than two (2) vehicles, except motorcycles or bicycles, per camp unit. [Ref. § 261.58(i)]

- j. Swimming or being in the water within 100 feet of a designated boat ramp, unless loading or unloading a boat. [Ref. § 261.58(k)]
- k. Swimming or being in a designated swimming area at any time except during daylight hours. [Ref. § 261.58(k)]
- l. Possessing glass containers in a designated swimming area. [Ref. § 261.58(k)]
- m. Swimming outside of a designated swimming area, located in a developed recreation area. [Ref. § 261.58(k)]
- n. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, BB gun, gas gun or archery equipment from, into or across any parking area, trail, boat ramp, camping site or National Forest System Road. [Ref. § 261.58(m)]
- o. Possessing or operating a boat within a designated swimming area. [Ref. § 261.58(n)]
- p. Operating a gas power motorboat on the following lakes:
 - Ratcliff Lake on the Davy Crockett National Forest (NF);
 - Double Lake on the Sam Houston NF;
 - Boykin Springs Lake and Bouton Lake on the Angelina NF; and
 - Red Hills Lake on the Sabine NF. [Ref. § 261.58(n)]
- q. Being in a developed recreation area between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except a person who is camping or who is visiting a person camping in that area. [Ref. § 261.58(u)]
- r. Fishing in designated swimming area. [Ref. § 261.58(v)]
- s. Fishing by aid of any trotline, jug lines or throw lines in the following lakes:
 - Ratcliff Lake on the Davy Crockett National Forest (NF);
 - Double Lake on the Sam Houston NF;
 - Boykin Springs Lake and Bouton Lake on the Angelina NF; and
 - Red Hills Lake on the Sabine NF.[Ref. § 261.58(v)]
- t. Riding, hitching, tethering or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. [Ref. § 261.58(aa)]
- u. Possessing an open container containing an alcoholic beverage or consuming an alcoholic beverage in developed parking areas, boat ramps Scotts Ridge Recreation Area, Ratcliff Day use area, Red Hills Recreation area, Boykin Springs Lake and

swimming beaches. [Ref. § 261.58(bb)]

Exemptions. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of their official duty.
3. Persons with a Forest Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order, Form FS-7700-48, specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.

Executed in Lufkin, Texas, this 23rd day of September 2022.

BY: 
Kimpton Cooper,
Forest Supervisor
National Forests & Grasslands in Texas

Violations of these prohibitions set forth above are punishable by fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than (6) six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.

ATTACHMENT A

CAMPING PERMITTED UP TO 28 DAYS AT THE FOLLOWING CAMPSITES

Davy Crockett National Forest Ratcliff Lake Recreation Area Sites: 7, 9, 16, 20, 32, 43, and 45

Sabine National Forest Indian Mounds Recreation Area Sites: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17 thru 26, 28, 30, 33, 35, 36, and 37

Lakeview Recreation Area Sites: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10

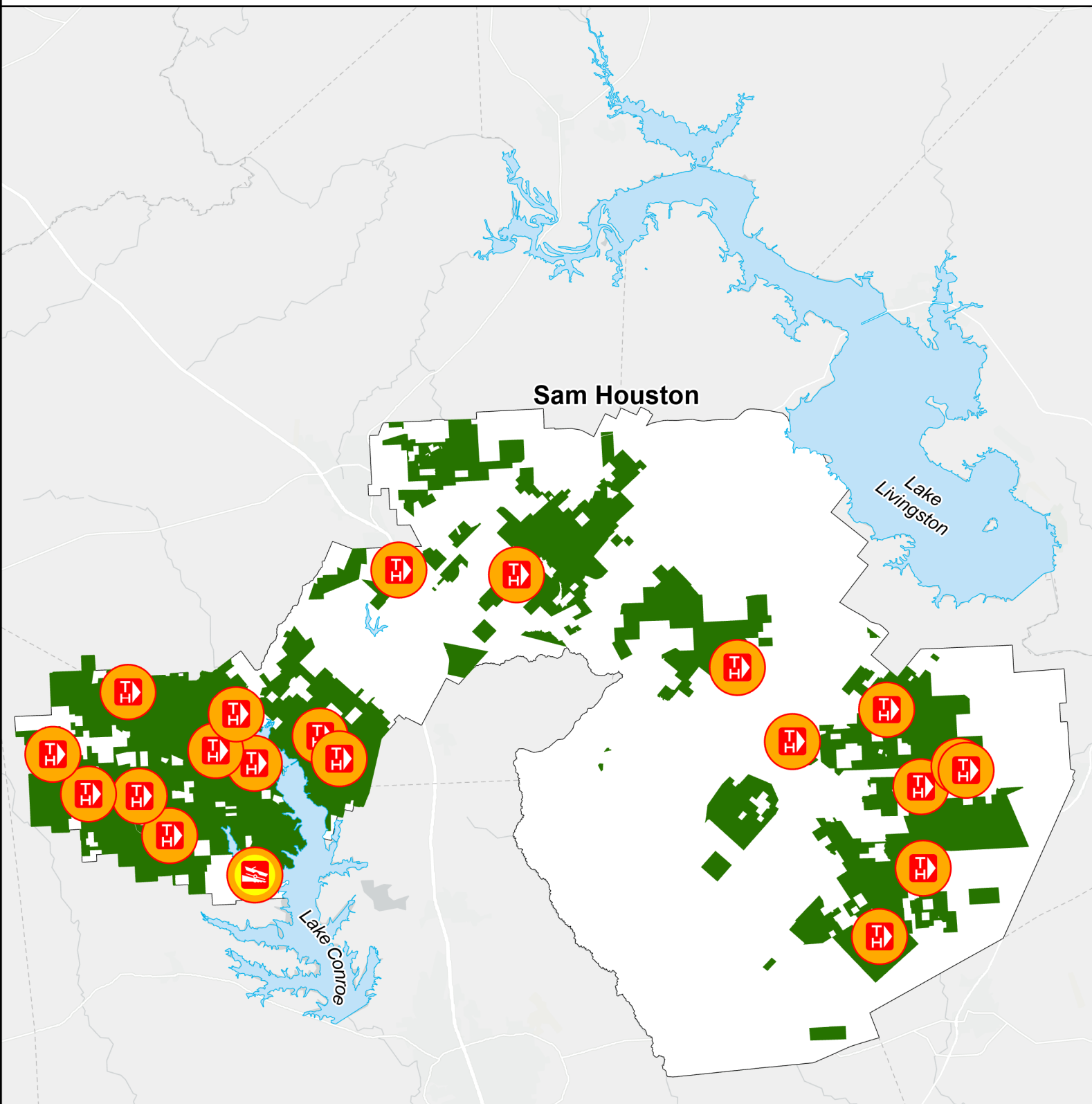
Ragtown Recreation Area Sites: 3 thru 24

Willow Oak Recreation Area Sites: RV-1 thru RV-7

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Legend

Lake	Private
Forest Service	300ft buffer
Boat ramp	100ft buffer
Trailhead	

N

0 3.75 7.5 Miles

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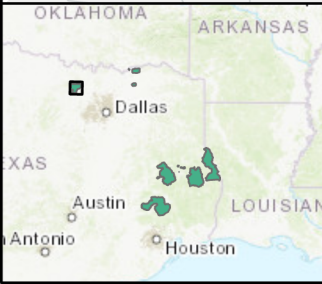
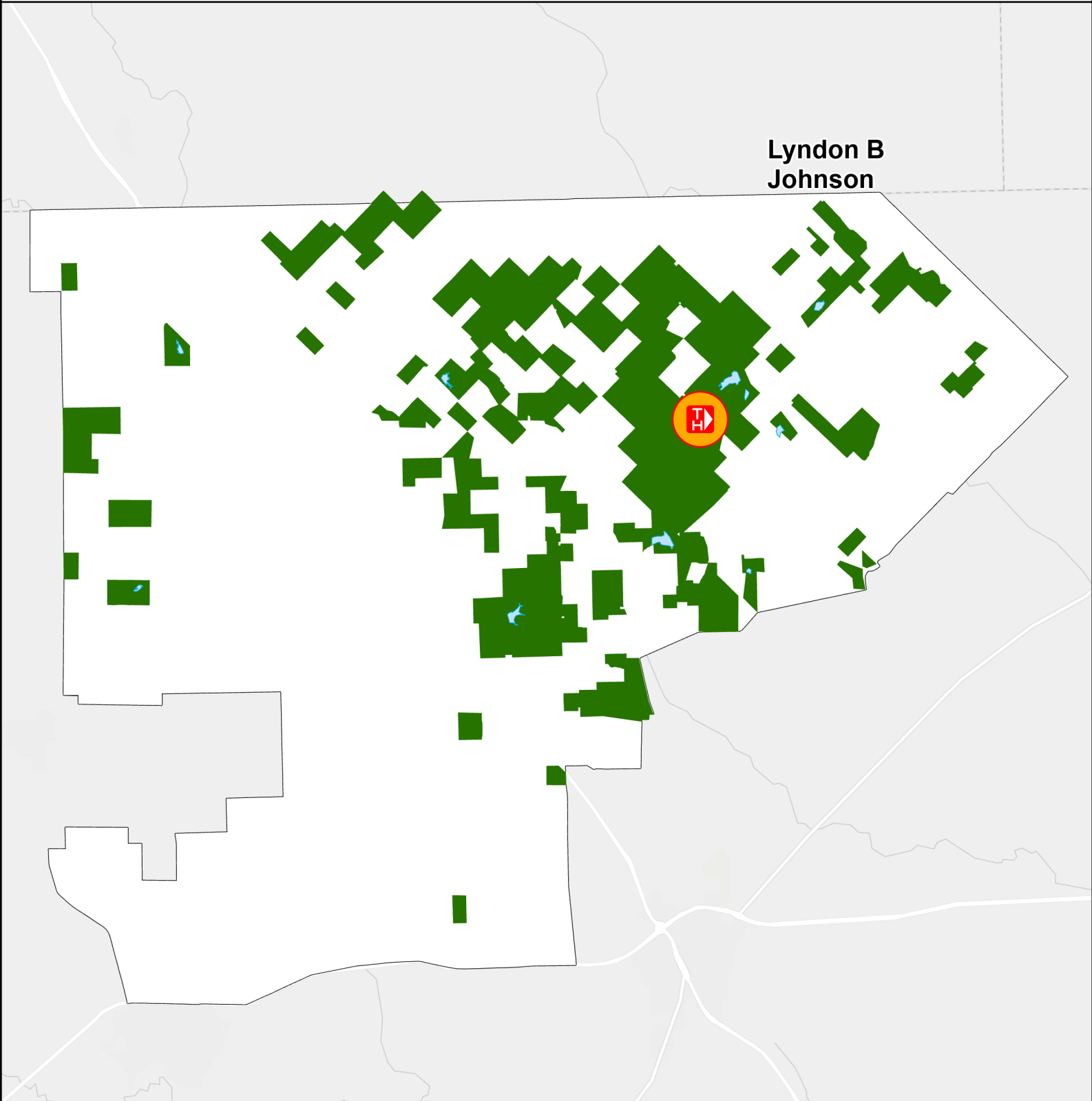
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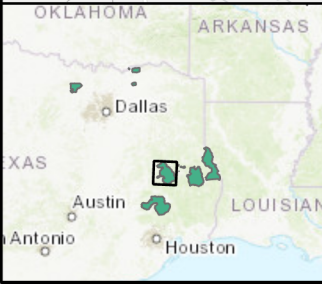
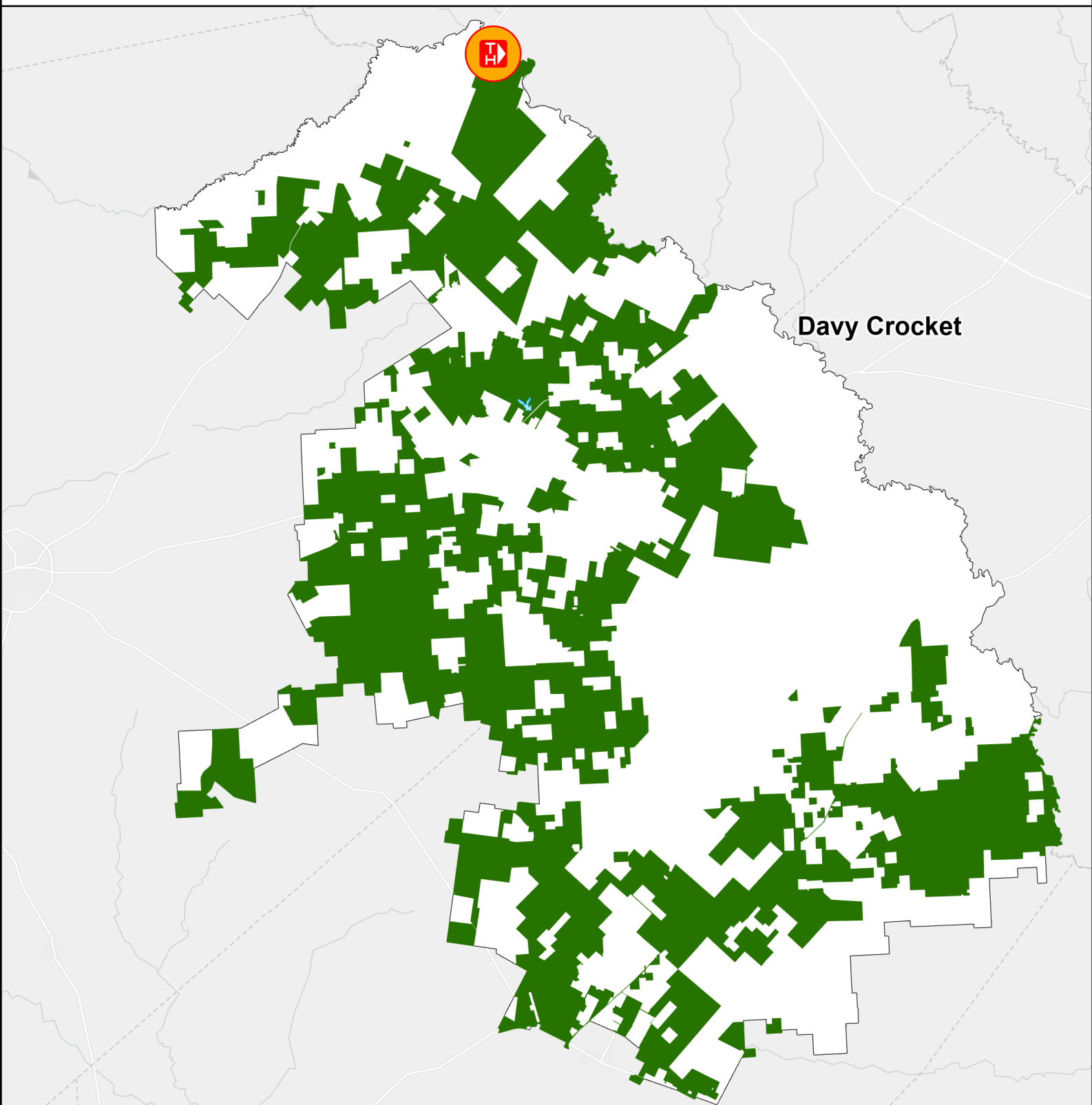
Legend

- Lake
- Forest Service
- Trailhead
- Private
- 300ft buffer



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Legend

Lake	Private
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