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Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument
Lake Meredith National Recreation Area



The Panhandle Experience



Nestled within the Canadian River Breaks, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument offer visitors the opportunity to connect with a unique landscape that has attracted people for 13,000 years.

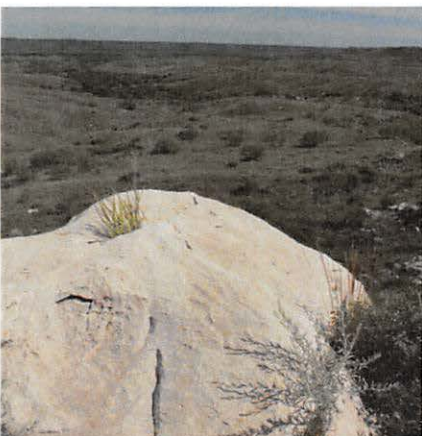
Journey Back in Time

Start your visit with a morning walk to the Alibates Quarries. Hear the tale of a stone that was so useful and valuable that it was used by tribes for thousands of years.



Arrowhead knapped from Alibates Flint. NPS Photo.

The abundant flint drew people here, but the land provided many other resources for their daily needs as well. Plants and animals, like yucca and bison, were found abundantly on the High Plains and provided materials not only for food and clothing, but for shelter, medicine and ceremonial purposes.



Left: A petroglyph carved into a dolomite boulder overlooks the Canadian River valley.

Above: A boater enjoys the sunset on Lake Meredith. Photo courtesy of Charles Gillingham.



Wildflowers are abundant throughout the spring and summer. NPS Photo.

Hike, Boat, Camp and Have Fun

Today's visitors enjoy the Canadian River Valley and these same resources in ways unimagined centuries ago. In 1965, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation impounded the river, creating Lake Meredith and a variety of new recreational opportunities.

Today, boating, fishing, hunting and camping remain popular activities. However, the lake has changed a lot over the last 50 years, and decreasing lake levels have opened up areas for new activities. The National Park Service continues to extend trails - for both hiking and mountain biking - along the south side of the valley from Fritch Fortress to McBride Canyon. Join in on many of our Ranger-guided programs offered throughout the year.

When you visit, watch for today's inhabitants - turkey, whitetail deer, collared lizards, bobcat, and especially the Texas State Reptile - the Horned Lizard.

Dip your toes into the Lake. Listen to the birds singing in nearby trees. Get a sense of why this place was so special for so many people throughout the centuries.



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