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AUSTIN—Plan a picnic and let mom relax at your favorite state park this Mother's Day, May 11.

Picnics offer a unique twist on traditional Mother's Day gifts, as well as quality time to bond through other park activities such as hiking, biking and birding.

State park picnic options range from outdoor tables and charcoal grills to full kitchens and group pavilions available by reservation. Some picnickers bring their own cookware such as Dutch ovens and gas stoves. Choose from a variety of scenic, and often well-shaded, areas near rivers, lakes and beaches. For help planning the best picnic for your mom, visit <http://www.texasstateparks.org/picnic>

Texas State Parks, Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Beef Council and a community of food bloggers have shared 28 easy-to-make picnic recipes to help plan your picnic. The list includes recipes such as mango chicken salad lettuce wraps, mojo beef kabobs and creamy chicken chow mein salad. For these and other recipes visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/picnic-recipes>

For more inspiration, view the Texas Parks and Wildlife ["Picnics and Outdoor Cooking" Pinterest board](#), featuring "Dutch Oven Green Chile and Chicken Enchiladas," which won the 2013 TPWD Outdoor Cooking Contest.

See this [video](#) on how one Houston area family celebrated Mother's Day by heading outdoors.

To book a Texas-sized picnic for the whole family in a larger group pavilion, call (512) 389-8900 book online at [http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/business/park\\_reservations/](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/business/park_reservations/), or get more information at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/parkinfo/facilities>

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