

= Texas Park Road 3 =

Park Road 3 (PR 3) is a 1 @. @ 2 @-@ mile (1 @. @ 9 km) Park Road located near Fort Davis , in the U.S. state of Texas . The highway connects the Indian Lodge of Davis Mountains State Park to State Highway 118 (SH 118) . The entire length of the road is located within the park . The highway was constructed in 1933 by the Civilian Conservation Corps .

The highway currently has one suffixed route , Park Road 3A , also known as Skyline Drive . This route is 2 @. @ 8 miles (4 @. @ 5 km) long , which is longer than its parent route . This road was created in 1965 .

= = Route description = =

PR 3 's 1 @. @ 2 @-@ mile (1 @. @ 9 km) main road begins at SH 118 . Immediately after the intersection , PR 3 divides into two one @-@ way roadways separated by the park headquarters and reuniting just beyond . The road then continues westward through Keesey Canyon one @-@ half mile (0 @. @ 8 km) passing a couple of small hiking trails to the intersection with PR 3A . Beyond PR 3A , several drives branch off as loops accessing campsites , staff residences , and other park facilities . The road makes a sharp curve and a steep upward grade before ending at Indian Lodge 1 @. @ 2 @-@ mile (1 @. @ 9 km) west of the intersection with PR 3A .

= = History = =

In 1924 , the Texas Legislature directed the State Parks Board , a predecessor agency to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department , to consider establishing a major destination park within the Davis Mountains . After the parks board failed to receive appropriations or donated land for a new park , the Legislature then instructed the State Highway Department , which preceded the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) , to build a Davis Mountains State Park Highway in 1927 . Landowners finally agreed to donate land for the park in 1933 to boost the local economy devastated by the Great Depression . With the creation of the park , a state park highway was no longer necessary , and that highway initially became SH 166 .

Construction of PR 3 began in 1933 soon after the establishment of the state park . Like the park , the road was originally constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps . The road at this time consisted of the main route between the park entrance and Indian Lodge .

In 1939 , SH 118 was extended from Fort Davis to Kent over the portion of SH 166 at the terminus of PR 3 . The state ended the SH 166 designation over that same portion in 1941 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in the Davis Mountains State Park , Jeff Davis County .

= = Park Road 3A = =

Park Road 3A (PR 3A) is a 2 @. @ 8 @-@ mile @-@ long (4 @. @ 5 km) suffixed spur of PR 3 . The road travels from a junction with PR 3 to the border of the state park , and provides access to a trail leading to Fort Davis National Historic Site .

The road begins at PR 3 and crosses Keesey Creek before turning east in Keesey Canyon . Like PR 3 , the road also has connecting drives acting as loops and cul @-@ de @-@ sacs to campgrounds and park facilities . After leaving the campground , the road begins steeply ascending the ridge between Keesey and Hospital canyons on a climb requiring several switchbacks . The road connects with drives to scenic overlooks , picnic tables , and trail heads before terminating after 2 @. @ 8 miles (4 @. @ 5 km) at a scenic overlook and trail head at the boundary between the park and Fort Davis National Historic Site .

Park Road 3A was first created by the CCC in 1933 , when the state park was built . In 1965 , the

Texas Department of Transportation numbered the route Park Road 3A .

Major junctions

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