



## **RICK TORRES – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**

Rick Torres is an interpretive park ranger with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department based out of Ray Roberts Lake State Park—Isle Du Bois. Rather than translate languages, interpreters in parks instead interpret the natural and cultural resources of their site for visitors to help them understand and care about Texas history and nature. As an interpreter, his focus is on providing environmental education programs, outreach, volunteer coordination, and social media at Ray Roberts Lake State Park.

Rick started working as an environmental educator as a seasonal park ranger with the National Park Service at Rocky Mountain National Park in 1913. From Colorado, he moved to Wyoming to work another season with the National Park Service at Grand Teton National Park. Eventually, Rick made his way back to Texas with a permanent position with Texas State Parks. He has been at Ray Roberts Lake State Park for 4+ years now.

As a park ranger, Rick regularly leads hikes and gives educational talks and outdoor skills workshops every weekend. His passion is working with kids and families to help inspire the next generation of stewards.

