

Spring Break 2020

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This March 9–13, come for a day or all week to partake of the family-friendly activities being offered at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge during Spring Break 2020. Take part in a popular hayride to view the Refuge's bison herd up close and help feed them a special treat. The bison hayrides include a behind-the-scenes view of the care and management of these prairie mammals plus stops at other points of interest around the Refuge. Opportunities are available to view additional wildlife along the way as we drive through the many habitats found in the park.

If water activities are more appealing, take advantage of two fun paddling opportunities to view and explore nature on the river. The Aquatic Bird Tour will focus on the birds in and around the West Fork of the Trinity River, providing better views of water-loving birds, their behaviors, and tips for bird identification. Test-"paddle" a canoe on a stretch of the Trinity River by joining us during Canoe Fest. This first-come, first-served event (for which canoeing equipment is provided) allows friends and family to enjoy landscape panoramas from a different perspective, without having to invest in expensive gear.

Hiking is another way to enjoy Spring Break by viewing the changes that warmer weather brings to the environment. The Bottomland



Our bison hayrides are popular with visitors and provide a great way to learn what goes on behind the scenes with these incredible animals.. FWNC&R Staff Photo.

and Cross Timber walks will take hikers under towering trees to seek the diversity of forest dwellers adapted to these habitats. Or, if you prefer closer observations of the invertebrate type, participate in the Sweep Netting the Prairie or Dipping for Inverts to get an eye-to-eye look (with the aid of nets and lenses) at the

network of insects that call land and water their home. The Nature Center's wild ambassadors will be on hand to meet you during the Animal Ambassador Spotlight, where you can learn how they teach the community about their role in local habitats.

Plan to make the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge one of your Spring Break stops! While you are at the Nature Center, be on the lookout for wildflowers, nesting birds, butterflies, and other signs of spring. You can view the program's lineup on our website, fwnaturecenter.org, or by picking up a copy of the Spring Break flyer on your next visit to the Hardwicke Interpretive Center.



Two different water activities during Spring Break will allow you to explore the river and view nature from a different perspective: the Aquatic Bird Tour and the always-popular Canoe Fest. FWNC&R Photo.