



SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

March 9-13, 2020



MONDAY - March 9

Aquatic Bird Tour

9 - 11 a.m. [26993](#) 1 - 3 p.m. [26994](#)

Paddle with us along the West Fork of the Trinity River searching for aquatic birds. Diving kingfishers and bobbing grebes can be found in the water looking for food. In the air, soaring osprey and hovering terns wait patiently for a chance to plunge in the water for fish. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by their parent or guardian. **Pre-registration required.** \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

TUESDAY - March 10

Bison Feeding Hayride

10 - 11:30 a.m. [26995](#) 1 - 2:30 p.m. [26996](#)

Join us on a hayride and assist us in feeding our bison. Learn about their historic ecological role and the important service they provide to the Refuge. Along the way, you will hear about the many habitats and the history of the Nature Center. Meet at the Hardwicke Interpretive Center. **Pre-registration required.** \$16 per person - 3 years and older (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10. Under 3 years old FREE, but child must sit on adult's lap.

Bottomland Hike

10:30 a.m. - Noon [26997](#)

Towering trees are visible along the Cross Timbers Trail. Post oaks, anchored in the soil, can be well over a hundred years old. They support wildlife with food and shelter. Walk with us as we search for nine-banded armadillo and white-tailed deer, and enjoy the life that thrives under the shade of these ancient green machines. **Pre-registration recommended.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Dip for Inverts

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. [26998](#)

Living under the surface of the water is a community of wildlife that is very important to our rivers and ponds. Grab a dip net and scoop up dragonfly and damselfly nymphs, minnows, tadpoles, and other aquatic wildlife. You will learn about how they can indicate the health of the water. **Pre-registration recommended.** Meet at Hardwicke Interpretive Center. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

WEDNESDAY - March 11

Canoe Fest

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. [26999](#)

Have you ever paddled the river in a canoe? This is your chance to give it a try. Enjoy the wonderful weather on the water in one of our canoes. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by their parent or guardian. **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED, FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED.** Meet at the Canoe Launch. Cash only please. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

THURSDAY - March 12

Bison Feeding Hayride

10 - 11:30 a.m. [27000](#) 1 - 2:30 p.m. [27001](#)

See Tuesday's details.

Cross Timbers Hike

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. [27002](#)

Hike with us and be some of the first to see the budding trees and blooming wildflowers. Learn about ways we improve the land to provide plants for pollinators. As we stroll along the trail, we may encounter some migrating birds and other wildlife. **Pre-registration recommended.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sweep Netting the Prairie

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. [27003](#)

Walk through the prairie and you may notice butterflies and dragonflies. At the same time, you will miss some other insects and arachnids important to this sea of grass. Join us and search for the small wildlife we may miss with our eyes, but catch with a sweep net. **Pre-registration recommended.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

FRIDAY - March 13

Animal Ambassador Spotlight

9 - 11 a.m. [27004](#)

11 a.m. - Noon [27005](#)

1 - 2 p.m. [27006](#)

3 - 4 p.m. [27007](#)

Our animals at the Visitors' Center are not just to view. Rather, they are working animals that are used to teach the community about local habitats and the importance of wildlife. Come and meet some of our ambassadors of the Nature Center. **Pre-registration recommended.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.