

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

Programs and Tours - October 2019

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Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - Noon	Wednesday Walk: Walk along the water's edge and look for wildlife found near the river. We will see aquatic birds, tracks, and more. <i>Hikes not designed for organized groups. Outdoor activity, come prepared. Pre-registration recommended. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.</i>				
Date	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Activity #	<u>23599</u>	<u>23633</u>	<u>23634</u>	<u>23635</u>	<u>23636</u>
Weekends, 10 a.m. - Noon	Nature Hike: Let us turn our eyes to the trees and watch them transform from shades of green to shades of red, yellow, and orange throughout the month. <i>Hikes not designed for organized groups. Outdoor activity, come prepared. Pre-registration recommended. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.</i>				
Date	October 5	October 6	October 12	October 13	
Activity #	<u>23591</u>	<u>23592</u>	<u>23614</u>	<u>23616</u>	
Date	October 19	October 20	October 26	October 27	
Activity #	<u>23615</u>	<u>23617</u>	NO HIKE	<u>23618</u>	
Sunday, Oct 13 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: <u>23653</u>	Batty About Bats: We are going batty over bats. Join us as we discuss all the unique adaptations of the world's only flying mammals. Learn about our local bat species and test your bat knowledge. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.				
Friday, Oct 18 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: <u>23596</u>	Preschool Discovery Club - Owls: Owls have big, curious eyes, come out at night, and do not all make a hooting call. Bring your 3 - 5 year olds to learn about this amazing night time bird. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.				
Thursday, Oct 24 6:30 - 8 p.m. Activity #: <u>23587</u>	Nature Center After Hours: Enjoy a crisp evening hike at the Refuge. Practice using your senses of hearing and vision while learning how nocturnal wildlife have adapted to less light. <i>Meet at the Front Gate.</i> Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.				
Friday, Oct 25 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: <u>23641</u>	Preschool Discovery Club - Changing Colors: The Nature Center experiences all of the seasons; winter, spring, summer, and fall. With those seasons come many changes. Bring your 3 - 5 year olds where they can learn about all the changes at the Nature Center. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.				
Sunday, Oct 27 1 - 2 p.m. Activity #: <u>23674</u>	Legend of Goat Man: In 1969, reports of a half man, half goat frequented Greer Island and allegedly terrorized visitors. Fifty years removed, come take a deeper look into the local urban legend. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.				



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Trails & Treats/Monster Bash October 26, 2019, 10 am - 3 pm



Come and enjoy the festival-like atmosphere of this year's edition of Trails and Treats. As usual, we will have games and treats for the children. We will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Lake Worth Monster's first sighting. General Admission prices apply. Additional fees for hayrides and/or canoeing.

Visit our website, www.fwnaturecenter.org for activities and pricing.

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Learning

Saturday, Oct 5 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Activity #: 23655	Roving Naturalist Training: Do you enjoy being outdoors and speaking with audiences of all ages? Become a Roving Naturalist and share information with visitors at high use areas of the Refuge through one-on-one natural history interpretation. This training will focus on information about the Marsh Boardwalk. For more information, please call Laura Veloz at (817) 392-7413. Pre-registration required. FREE (includes admission).
Sunday, Oct 6 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: 23582	Habitat Networks: All living things in nature are connected. Hike with a naturalist along the trails and learn about how these connections occur; predator/prey, symbiotic relationships, and more. \$5 (with paid admission)/ MEMBERS FREE.
Monday, Oct 7 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Activity #: 23576	Early Birds: Winter residents are settling in. Join us as we search for spotted towhee, hermit thrush, and brown thrasher along the forest edge. Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Saturday, Oct 12 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: 23652	Wonderful World of Webs: Did you know there are multiple types of webs? Have you ever wondered what kind of spider makes a certain type of web? Join us as we learn all about webs and the spiders that weave them. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Saturday, Oct 19 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: 23654	Long-distance Journeys: Wildlife migrations are a remarkable display of navigation and perseverance for wildlife. Join a naturalist to learn about these perilous travels and how we can help them along the way. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Aquatic

Sunday, Oct 6 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: 23573	Canoe Tour: The best view of fall color is paddling on the river. You will get breath-taking views while you are on the open water. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.</i>
Saturday, Oct 12 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: 23584	Kayak Tour: Ducks have taken up residence at the Refuge. Paddle with us in search of these secretive birds. <i>All equipment is provided. Kayakers must be at least 14 years old and accompanied by their guardian; otherwise at least 18 years old. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/ MEMBERS \$15.</i>
Sunday October 13 6:30 - 9 p.m. Activity #: 23579	Full Moon Paddle: Many people call October's full moon the Full Hunter's Moon. Come enjoy the peaceful waters and hear of the other names this moon has been given. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please arrive by 6:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, 8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.</i>
Sunday, Oct 20 Noon - 4 p.m. Activity #: 23570	Canoe Fest: Have you ever wanted to take one of our guided tours but you were not sure about being in a canoe? Try riding in a canoe and see for yourself how enjoyable it is. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian. NO REGISTRATION NEEDED, FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Cash only please. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.</i>

Seniors

Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.	Evergreen Program: Geared for seniors, 55+, to increase time outdoors and improve mobility with yoga, art, guided hikes, and learning about green living. *Yoga is 9 - 10:30 a.m. \$6 (includes admission)/MEMBERS FREE.			
Date	Oct 1 - Yoga*	Oct 8 - Art in the Park	Oct 15 - Guided Hike	Oct 22 - Green Living
Activity #	25621	25622	25623	25624

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Date	November 2	November 3	November 9	November 10	November 16
Activity #	23593	23594	23619	23625	23620
Date	November 17	November 23	November 24	November 30	
Activity #	23627	23621	23628	23622	
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - Noon	Wednesday Walk: This month, we will hike to the Marsh Boardwalk by walking through forest habitat. Along the way, we will hear birds singing and leaves rustling. <i>Hikes not designed for organized groups. Outdoor activity, come prepared. Pre-registration recommended. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.</i>				
Date	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27	
Activity #	23600	23637	23638	23639	
Friday, Nov 15 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Preschool Discovery Club - Armadillos: The word armadillo means 'little armored one' in Spanish, which makes sense when you see it. Bring your 3 - 5 year olds to learn about the Lone Star State small mammal. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/ MEMBERS \$5.				
Activity #: 23597					
Thursday, Nov 21 5 - 6:30 p.m.	Nature Center After Hours: All across the Refuge we use game cameras in an effort to document the diversity of species. Join us for an evening to learn about our game camera project, what we have found, and then go on a short walk to look for wildlife. <i>Meet at the Front Gate. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/ MEMBERS \$5.</i>				
Activity #: 23588					
Friday, Nov 22 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Preschool Discovery Club - Night Vision: Night vision is the ability to see in the dark. Some animals, like cats, have natural night vision and can see in very low light without any help. Bring your 3 - 5 year olds to learn about the amazing animals with night vision. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.				
Activity #: 23642					
Sunday, Nov 24 1:30 - 3 p.m.	Up Close With Wildlife: Have you ever wanted to see an opossum up close? How about a snake? Join a naturalist for a live animal presentation and learn more about the wildlife found in our area. \$5 (with paid admission)/ MEMBERS FREE.				
Activity #: 23661					
Saturday, Nov 30 2 - 3:30 p.m.	Animal Ambassador Keychains: Bring the whole family and make a beaded keychain of one of our animal ambassadors. When we are finished, we will meet one of our live education animals up close and learn about their wild relatives. <i>Children under 7 may need adult assistance. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.</i>				
Activity #: 23662					

Family & General Interest



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Fall Break Activities
November 25 - 29, 2019



During the Thanksgiving break, kids all across the area will be out of school. Have some family fun at the Nature Center with hikes, activities, and bison feeding hayrides. Visit www.fwnaturecenter.org to find a schedule of activities for the family. For additional information, please call (817) 392-7410.

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Learning

Saturday, Nov 2 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Activity #: 23651	National Bison Day: Celebrate National Bison Day by taking a closer look at these majestic mammals. Come learn about our bison herd, hike the pastures where they roam, and tour our handling equipment while learning about how we work them and care for them. FREE (with paid admission).
Sunday, Nov 3 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: 23656	Writings of Leopold and Muir: Join a naturalist and take a look into the writings and ideals of Aldo Leopold and John Muir. Both men were pivotal in developing environmental ethics and advocated for the preservation of wilderness. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Monday, Nov 4 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Activity #: 23577	Early Birds: Hike along the river and near the marsh in search of herons and egrets. We may be greeted with bald eagle and osprey in search of fish. <i>Outdoor activity, come prepared.</i> Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Saturday, Nov 9 FREE Admission FREE Programs	Veteran's Appreciation Day: We are honoring Veterans on November 9, 2019. Admission and Program fees will be waived for all Veterans and current military personnel and their families. This includes the 10 a.m. Nature Hike and <i>To Native or Not to Native</i> program at 1:30 p.m. Thank you for your past and current service.
Saturday, Nov 9 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: 23657	To Native or Not to Native: Interested in buying plants for your yard? Our naturalist will teach you everything you need to know about the importance of purchasing native plants over exotics. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Sunday, Nov 10 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: 23658	Cross Timbers Ecoregion Exploration: Learn about the history of the Cross Timbers ecoregion and discover how truly unique and important it is for wildlife. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Saturday, Nov 16 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: 23659	Leaves' True Colors: We associate leaves with being green. However, for a short time, they transform into vibrant colors like yellow, oranges, and red. Hike with us and enjoy the view and learn about trees and how they prepare for winter. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Saturday, Nov 23 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: 23660	The Mystery of Moths: During the day, butterflies are fluttering around. At night, it is time for the moths to be active. Join us as we take an in depth look at the various types of moths and how they contribute to the health of our ecosystems. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Aquatic

Saturday, Nov 2 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: 23574	Canoe Tour: Fall color continues in November as well as potential sightings of bald eagles. Sign up to see the colors and our national bird. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian.</i> Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.
Tuesday, Nov 12 5 - 7:30 p.m. Activity #: 23580	Full Moon Paddle: Beavers are actively preparing for winter in much cooler temperatures. Hence, the name for November's full moon is the Full Beaver Moon. Come learn about beavers and more on this night time adventure. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian.</i> Please arrive by 4:45 p.m. Meet at Front Gate, 9200 Confederate Park Road, FW 76135. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.
Sunday, Nov 17 Noon - 4 p.m. Activity #: 23571	Canoe Fest: The weather has become pleasant and inviting. Enjoy the seasonal weather on the water while paddling in a canoe. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian.</i> NO REGISTRATION NEEDED, FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Cash only please. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.
Sunday, Nov 24 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: 23585	Kayak Tour: From above, terns are diving down in search of food. Come with us as we watch them plunge into the water for fish. <i>All equipment is provided. Kayakers must be at least 14 years old and accompanied by their guardian; otherwise at least 18 years old.</i> Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

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Date	December 1	December 7	December 8	December 14	December 15
Activity #	<u>25656</u>	<u>25687</u>	<u>25688</u>	<u>25689</u>	<u>25690</u>
Date	December 21	December 22	December 28	December 29	
Activity #	<u>25691</u>	<u>25692</u>	<u>25693</u>	<u>25694</u>	
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - Noon	Wednesday Walk: With sandy soils, nine-banded armadillos may be found along the Crosstimbers Trail digging for food. Come with us as we look for their digs and other wildlife. <i>Hikes not designed for organized groups. Outdoor activity, come prepared. Pre-registration recommended. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.</i>				
Date	December 4	December 11	December 18		
Activity #	<u>25658</u>	<u>25713</u>	<u>25714</u>		
Saturday, Dec 7 1:30 - 3 p.m.	Who Lives There Anyway?: Join a naturalist on a hike as we seek out the many different types of shelters our animal friends call home. From burrows in the ground to cavities in trees, we will discover and determine who lives where. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.				
Activity #: <u>25724</u>					
Friday, Dec 20 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Preschool Discovery Club - Deer: Deer can be found year round at the Nature Center and can survive the cool winter temperatures. Bring your 3-5 year olds to learn about their adaptations. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.				
Activity #: <u>25657</u>					
Sunday, Dec 22 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Whose Track is Whose?: It can be difficult to determine one track from another. Join a staff naturalist and make a field guide to tracks; including coyote, skunk, raccoon, and more. This guide will help us in the future as we hike across the Refuge. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.				
Activity #: <u>25728</u>					
Thursday, Dec 26 5:30 - 7 p.m.	Nature Center After Hours: Join a naturalist to see who wakes up as the sun goes down. We will use flashlights to look for the shining eyes of mammals like deer, raccoon, and opossum. We will also keep an ear out for owls calling to each other. <i>Meet at the Front Gate. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.</i>				
Activity #: <u>25655</u>					
Friday, Dec 27 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Preschool Discovery Club - Winter Wonderland: Where do all the animals go during winter? Bring your 3-5 year olds to learn about different winter animals and the adaptations they have during winter. We will play a game, make a craft, and spend time outdoors. Pre-registration required. \$8 PER CHILD (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.				
Activity #: <u>25667</u>					



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Winter Break Activities December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020



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Learning

Sunday, Dec 1 1 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: 25648	What's in a Name: Have you ever wondered how some birds received their name? Join a naturalist and learn about some birds found at the Nature Center and the origin of their names. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Monday, Dec 2 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Activity #: 25651	Early Birds: Join a naturalist in search for birds that are looking for warmth found in a sunrise. Birds such as red-shouldered hawks and vultures can be seen basking in the rising sun. Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Sunday, Dec 8 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: 25725	Follow the Food Web: Join our Naturalist on a guided hike through the woods as we observe plants and animals and discuss their connection to each other and the ecosystem as a whole. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Saturday, Dec 14 1 - 3 p.m. Activity #: 25726	Into the Cross Timbers: Join us in exploring the Cross Timbers forest at the Refuge. Discover the distinct vegetation and wildlife that it holds and observe one of the least disturbed ecosystems in Texas. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Saturday, Dec 21 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: 25727	Reptile Investigators: Did you ever wonder how some reptiles can hear without any ear openings? Or how to tell if a turtle is a male or female? Come face-to-face with some scaly critters as we investigate them and come up with more questions through fun activities and demonstrations. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Saturday, Dec 28 1:30 - 3 p.m. Activity #: 25729	Barking Up a Tree: Winter is the perfect time to notice and appreciate the variations of tree bark. Bark is an important clue in identifying trees. Observe bark patterns of native Texas tree species around the Refuge. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.
Sunday, Dec 29 1 - 2:30 p.m. Activity #: 25730	Birding on the Riverbottom Trail: Hike with a naturalist and search for water loving birds in winter. Many species including ducks, grebes, pelicans, osprey, and herons spend the colder months on the Refuge. Bring your binoculars or rent some from us. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Aquatic

Sunday, Dec 1 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: 25650	Canoe Tour: Double-crested cormorants and other birds warm up on logs and in leafless trees. Come and see them and other birds along the river. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.</i>
Wednesday, Dec 11 5 - 7:30 p.m. Activity #: 25653	Full Moon Paddle: The full moon in December is often referred to as the Cold Moon. Bring your hot chocolate as you paddle under the moon. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please arrive by 4:45 p.m. Meet at Front Gate, 9200 Confederate Park Road, FW 76135. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.</i>
Sunday, Dec 15 Noon - 4 p.m. Activity #: 25649	Canoe Fest: Are you finished with the holiday shopping? Then reward yourself with a relaxing time on the water. <i>All equipment is provided. Children must be 5 years or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian. NO REGISTRATION NEEDED, FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Cash only please. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.</i>
Saturday, Dec 28 9 - 11:30 a.m. Activity #: 25654	Kayak Tour: Paddle with us through solitary portions of the Refuge and see what we can find. Perhaps we will see a bald eagle flying over looking for food. <i>All equipment is provided. Kayakers must be at least 14 years old and accompanied by their guardian; otherwise at least 18 years old. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.</i>

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