

Trails & Treats+Lake Worth Monster Bash=A Day of Fun

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Fall is finally here. The leaves are changing colors, falling, and collecting in yards. The change in season also means it's time for fall activities such as Halloween. Children everywhere are making that important decision of what to wear as they trick or treat. We invite you to show off your costume at this year's Trails & Treats, which we will be celebrating alongside the Lake Worth Monster Bash to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the monster's appearance on the Refuge.

On October 26, we will have special activities for kids, including games, crafts, and a trail on which to trick or treat while they learn about nature. Also, local conservation organizations will be sharing their role in protecting habitats while providing additional fun activities.

Bring your appetites because the aroma of food being prepared will permeate the air of the festival grounds. That means you will not need to leave the Refuge to get a bite to eat. Food trucks will be around to offer you a meal, a snack, or even a sweet treat. After you eat, you can continue exploring the Nature Center and the day's activities.

One of the main events this year? The Lake Worth Monster Bash. This year serves as the 50th anniversary of the first sightings of the "Goatman." Legend has it that 50 years ago, Fort Worth locals reported sightings of a tall, hairy, man-goat-beast. We will be commemorating these sightings with cryptozoologists and others sharing the legend of Goatman.

Trails & Treats, featuring the Lake Worth Monster Bash, will be held from 10 am to 3 pm on October 26. General admission prices will give you access to the Refuge and the opportunity to enjoy the festival area, Trails & Treats, and guest speakers. There are additional fees for canoeing, participating in a guided hike, or taking a hayride to visit the bison. Each of these activities will cost \$5/person.

Come and enjoy learning about the habits and habitats of Goatman and celebrate Halloween by spending the day at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge!