"But by far the richest and most beautiful district of country I have ever seen, in Texas or elsewhere, is watered by the Trinity and its tributaries."

– J. Pope, 1854 from his report while exploring a route for the Pacific Railroad.
Welcome to the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

OUR MISSION “To enhance the quality of life by enrolling and educating our community in the preservation and protection of natural areas while standing as an example of these same principles and values in North Central Texas.”

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND TO PRESERVE YOUR REFUGE...

All plants, animals, and natural objects are protected. Do not collect any natural objects, pick plants, or feed animals.

Walk only on marked trails. No bicycles, jogging, vehicles, or horses on trails.

Dogs allowed on leash (max. length 6’). Solid animal waste must be removed.

Areas beyond closed gates or cables are closed to entry by any means.

Please use designated parking areas. No roadside parking.

Fishing from shore is not permitted.

Picnic only in designated areas. No grills or fires. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

No audible radios or loud music.

Dispose of trash properly.

No visiting before or after posted hours. Camping is not allowed.

Visitors on the grounds after hours WILL BE LOCKED IN. If locked in, call Fort Worth Police Department dispatch at 817-335-4222.

GENERAL DAILY ADMISSION FEES
Adults $5.00
Children $2.00 (ages 3-12; under 3 free)
Seniors $3.00 (age 65+)
$1 Discount With Military ID (Active/Retired)
Memberships and annual passes are available.

REFUGE HOURS
Refuge hours are seasonal. Please call 817-392-7410 for current schedule prior to your visit.

HARDWICKE VISITOR CENTER HOURS
Daily: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Visitor Information: 817-392-7410
(After Hours Only: 817-237-0836)

STAND UP FOR NATURE & BECOME A FRIEND*
Membership includes an Annual Pass to the Nature Center, plus more! Call 817-392-7410 or visit www.naturecenterfriends.org.

*Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge

Lots of things to do or schedule!

There’s something for everyone at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge!

Come out for a picnic, enroll in a class, take a naturalist-led day or night hike, or enjoy the plants and animals on your own as you explore over 3,600 acres of natural North Central Texas.

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1. Visit the Hardwicke Interpretive Center -
Get informed! Exhibits, Gift Shop, Bird Watching Courtyard, Restrooms/Water.

2. Hike over 20 miles of nature trails!

3. View Wildlife - The Nature Center is a stop on the Prairies and Pineywoods Wildlife Trail - West, one of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Great Texas Wildlife Trails. While visiting see the prairie dog town and the bison range. Native wildlife is also on exhibit at the Hardwicke Interpretive Center.

4. Attend Naturalist-led Walks
and learn about all the plants, animals and insects. Numerous hikes are posted online at www.fwnaturecenter.org.

5. Birding - With over 200 species of birds, the Nature Center is a popular bird-watching destination.

6. Study Wildflowers - Visit during all seasons of the year to see over 300 species of flowering plants.

7. Volunteer - Give back to your community by volunteering at the Nature Center. Information about volunteer opportunities is available at www.fwnaturecenter.org.

8. Educational Programs are available for individuals, families and organized groups. For more information on offerings, to register or to schedule a group visit, call 817-392-7410.


www.fwnaturecenter.org
Click on VISITOR INFO and then CALENDAR to see what’s happening and how to sign up.

Discover blue herons, beaver dams, and ducks on a guided Canoe/Kayak Tour. Choose from early morning tours or come out one evening a month for a Full Moon Paddle. Go online at www.fwnaturecenter.org and click VISITOR>CALENDAR to find out when and where! (Pre-registration required)

CANOE/KAYAK
Canoe or Kayak on your own anytime the Nature Center is open. We provide the water access; you provide the boat. For questions call 817-392-7410 or visit our website for more information.

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