

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

January 2024 Program Calendar

Register for programs at apm.activecommunities.com/cityoffortworth

Use the activity number listed to search and register for specific programs online. **General admission is not included in cost of program.**

Tue, Jan 2 - Bird Translation 10 - 11:30 a.m. [42026](#)

Join us for a walk and learn about how some local birds received their names.

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Thu, Jan 4 - Coffee w/Kenny 9 - 10 a.m. [41901](#)

Do you want to check more National Parks off your list or complete a 10 mile hike? Join me for a cup of coffee while we discuss our New Year's Resolutions in regards to nature and getting outdoors. *Coffee is provided.* **Pre-registration required.**

\$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sun, Jan 7 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41895](#)

Paddling along the river in winter gives you a chance to see waterfowl. Join us as we check out ducks spending the cooler months on the Refuge. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Tue, Jan 9 - Winter Undercover 10 - 11:30 a.m. [42027](#)

Walk with us and admire the beauty of fallen leaves. They offer a picturesque view and provide a warm shelter from the cold for a community of living things.

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Sat, Jan 13 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41913](#)

Come kayaking in the quiet waters of the Trinity. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Jan 15 - Bus Tour 10 - 11:30 a.m. [42021](#)

Load up in our min-bus and enjoy a guided bus tour that takes you on an exciting journey through historic and prized portions of the Refuge; such as the history of the CCC, natural history of local wildlife, and visit recent projects. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Tue, Jan 16 - Celebrate the Squirrels 10 - 11 a.m. [42028](#)

Squirrels are not just cute and bushy-tailed creatures, but intelligent and forgetful tree rodents that play a crucial role in the regeneration process of many nut-bearing trees. Come and celebrate squirrels with us and learn more about their natural history. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Jan 18 - Aquatic Bird Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41873](#)

Paddle with us along the West Fork of the Trinity River in kayaks and get a better look at aquatic birds. *All equipment is provided.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Fri, Jan 19 - Woodpecker Walk 10 - 11:30 a.m. [42018](#)

Join a naturalist and look for these drummers of wood. We will hike in the woods and learn about their special adaptations. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Jan 20 - Roving Naturalist Training 10 a.m. - Noon [42035](#)

Are you an enthusiast of nature and want to share your passion with others? Then, join the Roving Naturalist program and spend time immersed in the outdoors while interacting with people of all ages. As a Roving Naturalist, you will provide one-on-one natural history interpretation to visitors in high-traffic areas of the Refuge. If you are interested in volunteering or want to learn more, we invite you to contact Laura Veloz at (817) 392-7413. Come and join us in spreading the joy of nature.

Pre-registration required. FREE.

Sun, Jan 21 - Canoe Fest 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This is not a come and go, but a come and paddle event. Try out a canoe and test the waters along the Trinity River. *No registration required. First Come, First Served.* **\$5 (with paid admission). CASH ONLY**



Early Birds

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Trees are absent of leaves and birds are more visible. Join us for a walk to see how many birds we see. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Jan 1	Jan 8
41902	41903



Nature Hikes

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Hike with us on trails around the Hardwicke Interpretive Center. Perhaps we will spot some winter wildlife. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Jan 3	Jan 6	Jan 14
41917	41918	41919
Jan 17	Jan 20	Jan 24
41920	41921	41922
Jan 27	Jan 31	
41923	42036	



Yoga Outdoors

9 - 10 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing introductory Yoga session outdoors. No previous yoga experience required. Pre-registration required. Meet at Viewing Deck Parking Lot. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26
41879	41880	41881	41882



Pre-School Discovery Club

10 - 11 a.m.

Bring your 3 - 5 year old children for a lesson about our natural world through a story, lesson, hike, and craft. This month, we will discover Tracks. **Pre-registration required. \$8 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Jan 5	Jan 12
41934	41935

Mon, Jan 22 - Living/Non-Living 10 - 11 a.m. [42023](#)

Ever wondered what determines whether something is living or nonliving? Join a naturalist to grasp the beginning concepts of biology and learn why your pet rock is not alive. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Tue, Jan 23 - Traces of Wildlife 10 - 11 a.m. [42029](#)

Winter provides an excellent opportunity to engage your senses and connect with nature. Although many plants may seem dormant and some animals may be overwintering, there is still activity around us. Join us on a hike and use your observation skills to notice the activity during this season. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Jan 25 - Hardcore Hiking 9 a.m. - Noon [41912](#)

Kick off the New Year right with a 6 mile hike along the Canyon Ridge Trail. Plan accordingly by wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. Bring at least a half gallon of water per person and light snacks. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Thu, Jan 25 - Full Moon Paddle 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [41909](#)

The January Full Moon is known as the Wolf Moon. Come howl with us under the stars. *All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 5:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate. [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#).* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Thu, Jan 25 - Refuge After Hours 6 - 7:30 p.m. [41940](#)

Join us on a crisp evening hike at the Refuge and immerse yourself in the sounds of the nocturnal wildlife near the Trinity River. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Fri, Jan 26 - Forest Picture Frames 10 - 11 a.m. [42019](#)

Join us collecting some twigs to make a forest picture frame. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Jan 28 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [42034](#)

Kayaks ride different than canoes. Come and give one a try along the river. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Jan 29 - Legendary Limestone 10 - 11 a.m. [42037](#)

Join a naturalist along the Limestone Ledge Trail and observe limestone samples which used to preserve underwater life. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Tue, Jan 30 - Tree Detectives 10 - 11:30 a.m. [42038](#)

Learn to identify winter trees without leaves. Join us as we investigate buds, fruits, leaf scars, bark, and branching patterns. With helpful tools and tips, you can confidently identify and name these trees in winter. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**



Big Year @ The Nature Center

A Big Year is a birding competition where you compete with others to document the most birds seen within the year. We will have a kickoff at the Nature Center on January 6, 2024. Join a naturalist for a guided bird hike (9 a.m.) and start documenting your birds. Local bird merchants from Birds Unlimited will be on hand to share bird-related items you can put in your backyard to attract birds. You must sign up to be considered for the competition and prizes for the most birds documented for a youth, an adult, and a team.

Volunteer at the Nature Center

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Admission

Adults (13-64)	\$6
Children (3-12)	\$2
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Dogs	\$1
Dogs (FONC)	FREE



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February 2024 Program Calendar

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Thu, Feb 1 - Aquatic Bird Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41908](#)

Paddle with us along the West Fork of the Trinity River in kayaks and get a better look at aquatic birds. *All equipment is provided. Meet at Canoe Launch.*

Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Sun, Feb 4 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41896](#)

What forms of wildlife will we see along the water's edge? Hop in a canoe and join us for the search. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Tue, Feb 6 - Caprock Fossils 10 - 11 a.m. [42030](#)

Hike along the Caprock Trail with us and discover the common fossils found at the nature center and learn how these once-living creatures provide insight into the past. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Feb 10 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41914](#)

Paddle to portions of the Refuge that are only accessible by a watercraft; such as a kayak. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Tue, Feb 13 - Valentine: Beetles 10 - 11 a.m. [42031](#)

Visit the Nature Center to create a nature-inspired Valentine's Day gift while learning about beetles. Craft a ladybug felt friend for a loved one to treasure. **Pre-registration required. \$8 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Sun, Feb 18 - Canoe Fest 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Tue, Feb 20 - Walking the Sendero - Arboles 10 - 11 a.m. [42013](#)

Hike along the Caprock Trail with us and discover the common fossils found at the nature center and learn how these once-living creatures provide insight into the past. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Feb 22 - Coffee w/Kenny 9 - 10 a.m. [41899](#)

Come and have a cup of coffee with us and learn all about one of nature's most fascinating ecosystem engineers; beavers. *Coffee is provided.* **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Feb 22 - Full Moon Paddle 6 - 8 p.m. [41910](#)

The February Full Moon is known as the Snow Moon. Come look for signs of winter and paddle with us under the stars. *All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#).* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Tue, Feb 23 - Bird Translation 10 - 11:30 a.m. [42020](#)

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Sun, Feb 25 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41915](#)

Paddle with us and look for pelicans and terns along the Trinity. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Feb 26 - Skunk Funk 10 - 11 a.m. [42024](#)

Skunk activity starts to reach its peak in the month of February. Join a naturalist to learn more about their adaptations and other natural history. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**



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Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23
41883	41884	41885	41886



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Bring your 3 - 5 year old children for a lesson about our natural world through a story, lesson, hike, and craft. This month, we will discover beavers. **Pre-registration required. \$8 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Feb 2	Feb 16
41936	41937



Nature Hikes 10 - 11:30 a.m.

This month could present us with more winter or early buds from local plants. Join us for a walk and see for yourself which it will be. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Feb 3	Feb 7	Feb 11	Feb 14
41924	41925	41926	41927
Feb 17	Feb 21	Feb 24	Feb 28
41928	41829	41930	41931



Early Birds 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Towhees and kinglets are still on the Refuge. Hike with us and see them and other wintering birds. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Feb 5	Feb 19
41904	41905

Tue, Feb 27 - Bison Pasture Exploration 10 - 11:30 a.m. [42032](#)

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Thu, Feb 29 - Paint by Nature 10 - 11 a.m. [42025](#)

Come paint the scenery with us. All skill levels invited. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Feb 29 - Refuge After Hours 6:30 - 8 p.m. [41941](#)

Enjoy the sights of the forest at night. Learn about the nocturnal wildlife that emerges after hours. *Meet at the Gatehouse.* **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**



Summer Natural History Adventures Save the Dates

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Daily (Tues - Fri)

Camps are in the first 3 weeks of June and July

Camps cover students that have completed Kinder—5th grades

Cost is \$180/\$200 MEMBERS/NONMEMBERS

Early Bird Rate (By May 1, 2024: 160/\$180 MEMBERS/NONMEMBERS)

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Sun, Mar 3 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41897](#)

Trees are starting to green up. Paddle with us and see the changing landscape along the river. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Tue, Mar 5 - Tales of the Tail-less Amphibians 10 - 11 a.m. [42033](#)

Let's leap and hop into the intriguing world of frogs and toads. We will share with you about their adaptations, life cycles, and ecological significance.

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Thu, Mar 7 - Aquatic Bird Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41878](#)

Paddle with us along the West Fork of the Trinity River in kayaks and get a better look at aquatic birds. *All equipment is provided. Meet at Canoe Launch.*

Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Sat, Mar 9 - Kayak Tour 10 - Noon [41916](#)

What aquatic plants are coming up at this time of year? Paddle with us and see what is in bloom. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Sun, Mar 17 - Canoe Fest 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This is not a come and go, but a come and paddle event. Try out a canoe and test the waters along the Trinity River. *No registration required. First Come,*

First Served. \$5 (with paid admission). CASH ONLY

Mon, Mar 18 - Rest-A-While CCC 10 - 11:30 a.m. [42022](#)

Hike with us and learn about and observe a CCC structure built along the Canyon Ridge Trail. Rest-A-While is located 1 mile from the trailhead. The trail is consider difficult to hike, so please plan accordingly with proper clothing, shoes, and water supply. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Mar 21 - Coffee w/Kenny 9 - 10 a.m. [41900](#)

Join us for a cup of coffee and learn all about different spider species and the tangled webs they weave. *Coffee is provided. Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.*

Fri, Mar 22 - Leaf Printing 10 - 11 a.m. [42015](#)

Gather some fallen leaves with us and make some leaf prints. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Mar 23 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [41898](#)

Spring is here. Paddle with us in a canoe and see what the new season reveals. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.*

Sun, Mar 24 - Full Moon Paddle 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. [41911](#)

The March Full Moon is known as the Worm Moon. Learn about the birds that are attracted to worms and paddle with us under the stars. *All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 7:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#).*

Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Mon, Mar 25 - Book Worm Series 10 - 11 a.m. [42016](#)

What books are the top naturalists and nature lovers enjoying? Take a dive into the "The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year" by Margaret Renkl. Join us for a discussion of the book as we hike in search of crows. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Mar 28 - Refuge After Hours 7:30 - 9 p.m. [41942](#)

Join us as we explore how nocturnal animals see at night and look for their eye-shine. Hear about how these creatures can view objects in low light. *Meet at the Front Gate. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.*



Yoga Outdoors 9 - 10 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing introductory Yoga session outdoors. No previous yoga experience required. Pre-registration required. Meet at Viewing Deck Parking Lot. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29
41887	41888	41889	41890	41891



Nature Hikes 10 - 11:30 a.m.

The signs of spring are here. Hike with us and see what is coming up and budding. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Mar 2	Mar 6	Mar 10	Mar 13
41932	41933	42006	42007
Mar 16	Mar 24	Mar 27	Mar 30
42008	42009	42010	42011



Early Birds 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

What birds are still here from winter? What birds are migrating through and sticking around? Hike with us to find out. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Mar 4	Mar 11
41906	41907



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Bring your 3 - 5 year old children for a lesson about our natural world through a story, lesson, hike, and craft. This month, we will discover bird nests. **Pre-registration required. \$8 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Mar 8	Mar 15
41938	41939

Fri, Mar 29 - Branch Weaving 10 - 11 a.m. [42017](#)

Join us and gather some branches and show off your weaving skills. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Mar 31 - Kayak Tour 10 - Noon [42014](#)

Looking for a peaceful paddle along the quiet waters of the Trinity? Look no further. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Spring Break Activities



Bison Feeding Hayrides

Ride along on a hayride and learn about the Nature Center and have the opportunity to assist staff feeding the bison. *Under 3, FREE, but must sit on parent's lap.* **Pre-registration required. \$16 (with paid admission)/ MEMBERS \$10.**

March 12 , 2024

10 AM	1 PM
41874	41875

March 13 , 2024

10 AM	1 PM
41876	41877



Spring Break Canoe Fest

Join us for a Spring Break Canoe Fest. Try out a canoe or kayak and test the waters along the Trinity River. All equipment is provided. **\$5 (with paid admission). No registration required. First Come - First Served. CASH ONLY. Thursday, March 14, 2024.**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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