

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

December 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.**

Sun, Dec 1 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [44818](#)

Cruise down the river in a kayak looking in search of wildlife. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.*

Wed, Dec 4 - Life on Tree Bark 10 - 11 a.m. [44861](#)

Tree bark protects trees and offers a home to various organisms. Join us as we explore the diverse array of creatures that are found on the barks of trees.

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

Sat, Dec 7 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [44819](#)

Leaves have been following down and exposing birds in trees. Paddle with us and look for birds "not hiding." *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

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

Wed, Dec 11 - Navigating the Refuge 10 - 11 a.m. [44862](#)

Join a naturalist and learn how to navigate the Refuge by using tools and apps.

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

Sun, Dec 15 - Canoe Fest 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. [44821](#)

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.*

Sat/Mon Dec 14/16 - Moonlight Paddle 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [44820/44822](#)

The winter Full Moon is called the Cold Moon. Bundle up and join us for this evening paddle. 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.**

Wed, Dec 18 - Holiday Botany 10 - 11 a.m. [44863](#)

Join us to discover local holiday flora, including mistletoe and holly berries, and learn about their natural history. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Fri, Dec 20 - Aquatic Bird Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [44832](#)

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



Bison Feeding Hayrides

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



Nature Hikes 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Winter is coming. Hike with us and see who is out during this time of year. Join us for a walk and see and look for local flora and fauna. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17
44841	44842	44843



Yoga Outdoors 9 - 10 a.m.

Join us for a relaxing introductory Yoga session outdoors. No previous yoga experience required. Meet at Marty Leonard Lotus Marsh Boardwalk. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 20	Dec 27
44837	44838	44839	44840



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 winter wildlife.

Pre-registration required. \$8 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.

Dec 6	Dec 13
44834	44835



Biodiversity Project 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Come join us as we collect data for our biodiversity surveys. Learn various collection methods, reasons for collecting data on biodiversity, and why it is important to have biodiversity. These projects will require hiking on and off trails with our naturalists as well as use of various collection devices. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Dec 8	Dec 14	Dec 22	Dec 28
44848	44849	44851	44891

December 24

December 26

December 27

December 24		December 26		December 27	
10 AM	1 PM	10 AM	1 PM	10 AM	1 PM
44854	44855	44856	44857	44859	44860

Nature Center Closed: December 25, 2024

Sat, Dec 21 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [44833](#)

Travel along the West Fork of the Trinity River and enjoy a morning of paddling. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

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

Mon, Dec 23 - Winter Wildlife 10 - 11 a.m. [44869](#)

Join us and learn about our local wildlife and how they are suited for the cooler nights and shorter days. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Dec 26 - Refuge After Hours 5:30 - 7 p.m. [44836](#)

Experience the wonder of a nighttime hike and be captivated by the sights that emerge when the sun goes down. *Meet at the Front Gate.*

Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.

Sat, Dec 29 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [44892](#)

Close out the year with a tranquil ride along the river. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Dec 30 - Early Birds 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. [44893](#)

If you are tracking your bird sightings for the 2024 year, hike with us to finalize that tally. Wintering birds await us. Join us and see what is moving through. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Tue, Dec 31 - End of Year Hike 10 - 11:30 a.m. [44894](#)

What a year it has been at the Nature Center. Join us for a walk as we end the year learning about nature and all the things that happened this year. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Nature School

School is back in session. Join us each month for Nature School. This is geared for home school students learning about nature. Join us each month for a topic. Each week will focus on a different aspect of that topic. For December, we will learn about the nature connections found in the habitats at the Nature Center. **All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Only children signed up will be allowed to participate in the program.** Nature School is scheduled from 10 - 11 a.m. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Volunteer at the Nature Center

There are many ways you can donate your time, we would love to meet with you and utilize your skills. **Please call 817-392-7410 for more information.** Click [HERE](#) to visit the City of Fort Worth's Volunteer page.

The Hardwicke Interpretive Center, Marsh Boardwalk, and Limestone Ledge trail are handicapped accessible. Please call for information regarding specific programs and handicapped accessibility.



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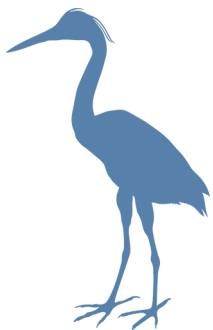
Refuge (Trails) 8 am - 5 pm *Daily (No new entry after 4 p.m.)*
Visitors' Center 9 am - 4:30 pm *Daily*

9601 Fossil Ridge Road, Fort Worth, TX 76135 (817) 392-7410

www.fwnaturecenter.org

Admission

Adults (13-64) **\$6**
Children (3-12) **\$2**
Children under 3 **FREE**
Seniors (65+) **\$3**
Dogs **\$1**
Dogs (FONC) **FREE**



Cancellation Policy—Cancellations for fee program must be made 72 hours prior to program date to receive a refund. Cancellations made within 72 hours of program will be applied to your account and are subject to a \$5 fee per person/per program. No other refunds or credits will be issued.