

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

April 2025 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.**

Wed, Apr 2 - Prairie Fire 10 - 11:30 a.m. [46677](#)

Join us to learn about how prescribed fires benefit ecosystems and how they are conducted. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Apr 5 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [46656](#)

Paddle with us and search for emerging reptiles. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Wed, Apr 9 - Busy Beavers 10 - 11:30 a.m. [46678](#)

International Beaver Day was on April 7th. Join us in recognizing their handiwork and learning about their impact on the ecosystem. View the chews, river slides, and markings they leave behind. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Apr 12 - Moonlight Paddle 8 - 10 p.m. [46658](#)

Paddle under the stars and the light the moon reflects. All equipment is provided. *Please arrive by 7:45 p.m. Meet at Canoe Launch.* **[8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#) Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sun, Apr 13 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [46657](#)

Paddle with us see the changing wetlands from winter to spring. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Wed, Apr 16 - Campfire Coffee with a Naturalist 9 - 10 a.m. [46679](#)

Join us for a fireside chat with a park Naturalist. We'll talk about the nature and history of the park. *Coffee will be provided.* **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Apr 20 - 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.**

Wed, Apr 23 - Texas Spring Wildflowers 10 - 11 a.m. [46680](#)

Experience the vibrant colors that spring brings this season. Watch as the dull browns of winter give way to a spectrum of colors. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Apr 24 - Refuge After Hours 8 - 9:30 p.m. [46661](#)

Step outside into the cool night air and enjoy the frogs' serenade. Let's listen closely to the unique croaks, chirps, and trills of different species along the Trinity River. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Wed, Apr 30 - A Changing Landscape 10 - 11:30 a.m. [46681](#)

The landscape looks very different around the Prairie and Oak Motte trails. Join a naturalist and learn about how machinery aids in restoration. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**



Yoga Outdoors 9 - 10 a.m.

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Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25
46662	46663	46664	46665



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 learn about earthworms. **Pre-registration required. \$8 (with paid admission)/**

Apr 4	Apr 18
46659	46660



Nature Hikes 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Spring is here and it comes with some big changes. Come search for what is new at the Nature Center, **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Apr 6	Apr 8	Apr 15	Apr 19
46670	46671	46672	46673
Apr 22	Apr 27	Apr 29	
46674	46675	46676	

Early Birds

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Migration may be in full force. Join us this month looking for the feathered travelers. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
46666	46667	46668	46669



Nature Con

April 26, 2025
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Food Trucks



Paddling



Hayrides



Exhibitors



Arts & Crafts

Volunteer at the Nature Center

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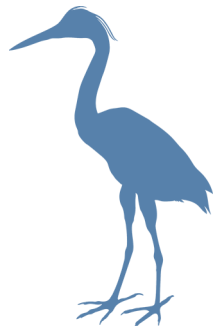
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Dogs	\$1
Dogs (FONC)	FREE



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May 2025 Program Calendar

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Thu - May 1 - Literacy Day 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

The Nature Center and Parker County Library Association (PCLA) are partnering together for a morning of literacy and learning. Library staff will lead children with stories & crafts about nature and we will lead hikes. **Present your PCLA card and gain FREE admission for the program. No FREE admission will be granted after Noon. FREE.**

Sat, May 3 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [46686](#)

Paddle along the West Fork of the Trinity River and learn about the importance of this wetland. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

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

Wed, May 7 - Flores Silvestres 10 - 11:30 a.m. [46730](#)

¡Acompáñanos en un recorrido por el sendero de flores silvestres! Disfruta de la belleza natural mientras exploramos la diversidad de flores que adornan el paisaje.

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

Sat, May 10 - Moonlight Paddle 8 - 10 p.m. [46688](#)

Paddle with us and listen to the sounds of the night. *All equipment is provided.*

Please arrive by 7:45 p.m. Meet at Back Gate. [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135.](#)

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

Sun, May 11 - Mother's Day Paddle 10 a.m. - Noon [46689](#)

Take your mother out on the quiet waters of the Trinity for a Mother's Day Paddle.

All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. **Pre-registration required.**

\$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

Wed, May 14 - Campfire Coffee with a Naturalist 9 - 10 a.m. [46731](#)

Join us for a fireside chat with a park Naturalist. We'll talk about the nature and history of the park. *Coffee will be provided.* **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

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

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Wed, May 21- Creatures of Land & Water 10 - 11 a.m. [46732](#)

Explore the amazing world of amphibians by discovering their habitats, listening to their chorus, and searching for frogs and toads on land and in water.

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

Fri, May 23- World Turtle Day 10 - 11 a.m. [46733](#)

Join us for a hike to celebrate World Turtle Day! Explore local turtle species, learn about their challenges, and understand the need for habitat protection. Whether you're a turtle enthusiast or enjoy nature, take the opportunity to discover our local ecosystems and the incredible turtles that inhabit them. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Wed, May 28 - A Changing Landscape 10 - 11:30 a.m. [46739](#)

The landscape looks very different around the Prairie and Oak Motte trails. Join a naturalist and learn about how machinery aids in restoration. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, May 29 - Refuge After Hours 8:30 - 10 p.m. [46703](#)

Hike with a naturalist and appreciate the Refuge in the dark. *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. Meet at Marty Leonard Lotus Marsh Boardwalk. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/ MEMBERS FREE.**

May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
46698	46699	46700	46701	46702



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

May 2	May 16
46696	46697



Nature Hikes 10 - 11:30 a.m.

As the saying goes, "April Showers bring May Flowers."

Join us as we look to see what is blooming. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/ MEMBERS FREE.**

May 4	May 6	May 10
46690	46691	46692
May 13	May 17	May 27
46693	46694	46695



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

Migrants have settled in. Hike with us to get the first glimpses of buntings and other birds. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

May 5	May 12	May 19
46683	46684	46685



Bison Meet & Greet - May 26

Join a naturalist and learn about the bison herd. This introduction to the herd includes assisting staff feed the bison. **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

9 am	10 am	11 am	Noon
46735	46736	46737	46738

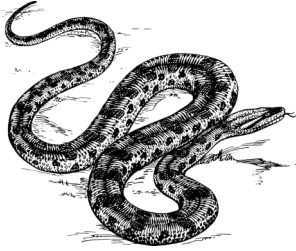
Fri, May 30 - Biodiversity Project 10 - 11:30 a.m. [46740](#)

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.**

Sat, May 31 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [46687](#)

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Memorial Day Weekend

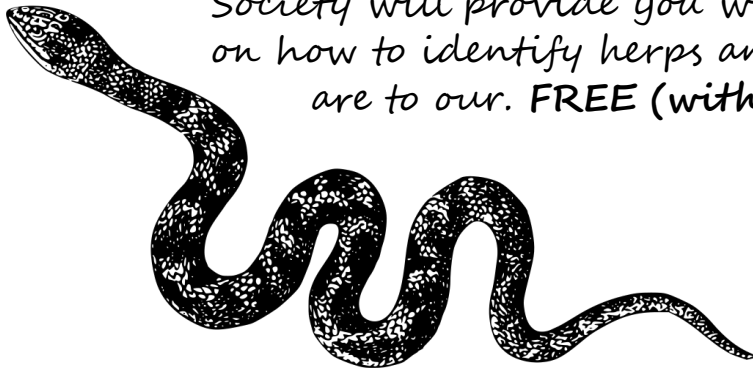


Snakes of Tarrant County

Saturday, May 24 - Monday, May 26

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Daily at Visitors' Center

Stop in at the Visitors' Center and view snakes found from our area. Members of the DFW Herp Society will provide you with useful information on how to identify herps and how important they are to our. FREE (with paid admission).



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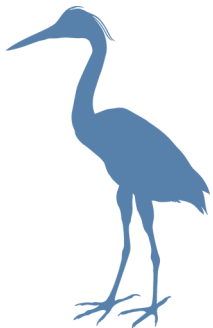
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June 2025 Program Calendar

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Mon - Jun 2 - Literacy Day : Opossums 9:30 & 11 a.m.

The Nature Center and Fort Worth Public Library (FWPL) are partnering together for the 4th summer of Literacy Days w/ the FWPL. Library staff will lead children with stories & crafts about nature and we will lead hikes. **Present your FWPL card and gain FREE admission for the program. No FREE admission will be granted after the 11 a.m. program. FREE.**

Wed, Jun 4 - Goatman's Hike 9 - 10:30 a.m. [46766](#)

Hear the legend of the Lake Worth Monster and tour the location of the original sightings. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Jun 7 - National Trails Day Hike 9 - 11 a.m. [46767](#)

Join us for a hike and learn about the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at the Nature Center. As we enjoy our hike and learn, we will be doing your part and cleaning up the trails. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Jun 8 - Kayak Tour 9 - 11 a.m. [46745](#)

Paddle with us and learn about the aquatic birds found along the Trinity. **All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Jun 9 - Rock Art Rocks 9 - 10 a.m. [46768](#)

Visit the Hardwicke Interpretive Center and paint a rock you can take home and decorate your garden with. **Pre-registration required. \$8 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Wed, Jun 11 - Pollinator Survey 9 - 10:30 a.m. [46769](#)

Join us this pollinator month to discover the fascinating world of local pollinators! Let's observe and identify these incredible ecosystem superheroes together, and share our findings on iNaturalist. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Wed, Jun 11 - Moonlight Paddle 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. [46747](#)

Come and learn about the wildlife taking the night shift along the river. **All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 8:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#). Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sun, Jun 15 - Father's Day Canoe Fest 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Take your 'ole Dad out for a paddle for Father's Day. **No registration required. First Come, First Served. \$5 (with paid admission). CASH ONLY.**

Wed, Jun 18 - Pollinator Match-Up 9 - 10 a.m. [46770](#)

Explore the wonderful ways plants and pollinators help each other. The size, shape, color, and delightful scents of flowers are special features designed to attract their pollinator partners—a match made in nature. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Fri, Jun 20 - Skins & Skulls 10- 11 a.m. [46771](#)

Have you ever wondered what wild animals felt like or what they look like under their skin? Come feel and see for yourself. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Jun 21 - Kayak Tour 9 - 11 a.m. [46746](#)

Paddle with us and learn about the aquatic birds found along the Trinity. **All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Wed, Jun 25 - Changing Landscape 9 - 10:30 a.m. [46772](#)

The landscape looks very different around the Prairie and Oak Motte trails. Join a naturalist and learn about how machinery aids in restoration. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Nature Hikes

9 - 10:30 a.m.

What feels hot to us is “just right” for reptiles. Join us as we search for cold-blooded wildlife taking advantage of the warming weather. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Jun 1	Jun 10	Jun 14	Jun 17
46755	46760	46761	46762
Jun 22	Jun 24	Jun 29	
46763	46764	46765	



Yoga Outdoors

8 - 9 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.**

Jun 6	Jun 13	Jun 20	Jun 27
46751	46752	46753	46754



Pre-School Discovery Club

9 - 10 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 butterflies. **Pre-registration required. \$8 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Jun 6	Jun 13
46748	46749



Early Birds

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

This is a true Early Birds with an early start. Come and see what birds are active first thing in the morning. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Jun 16	Jun 23
46743	46744

Thu, Jun 26 - Refuge After Hours 8:30 - 10 p.m. [46750](#)

Fireflies, also known as lightning bugs, flash their lights during dusk signaling the arrival of summer. Join us in exploring the natural light show provided by our local fireflies. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Fri, Jun 27 - Biodiversity Project 9 - 10:30 a.m. [46773](#)

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.**

Sat, Jun 28 - Canoe Tour 9 - 11 a.m. [46742](#)

Check out what may be floating along the river in early summer. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Jun 30 - Caretakers United 9 - 11 a.m. [46774](#)

Want to know what it takes to take care of our wildlife ambassadors? Join us and learn about our wildlife ambassadors and assist us feeding them. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**



Summer Natural History Adventures

June 3 - 6, 2025 (4th/5th) - [Nature Stewards](#)
June 10 - 13, 2025 (2nd/3rd) - [Budding Naturalists](#)
June 17 - 20, 2025 (Kinder/1st) - [Scaly Tales](#)

July 8 - 11, 2024 (4th/5th) - [Wildlife Suits of Armor](#)
July 15 - 18, 2024 (2nd/3rd) - [River Reptiles](#)
July 22 - 25, 2024 (Kinder/1st) - [Wildlife Caretakers](#)

Cost is \$200/\$180 MEMBERS

Early Bird Rate: \$180/\$160 MEMBERS by May 1, 2025

Camps are 9 a.m.—3 p.m. daily

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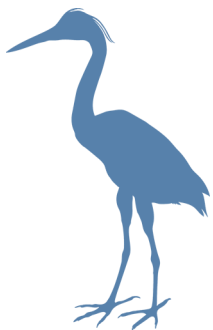
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