

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

October 2025 Program Calendar

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

Adults and guardians must accompany children with all programs unless otherwise noted.

Wed, Oct 1 - Truth Behind Tall Tales 10 - 11 a.m. [49271](#)

There are a number of tall tales out there regarding wildlife. Join us as we provide you the truth behind the tall tales. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Oct 4 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [49250](#)

Fall migration is in full swing. Paddle like a grebe down the river and enjoy the cool water after a long, hot summer. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sat, Oct 4 - Moonlight Paddle 7 - 9 p.m. [49255](#)

The full moon in October is properly named the "Autumn Moon." Paddle with us and view it and more. All equipment is provided. *Please arrive by 6:45 p.m. Meet at Back Gate. [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#).* **Pre-registration required.**

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

Sun, Oct 5 - Scrappy Neighbors: Raccoons 1 - 2 p.m. [49272](#)

You have to be "scrappy" to survive in the wild. Join us and learn about one of our "scrappy" neighbors. This month, we will talk about raccoons. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Mon, Oct 6 - Nature Notes 10 - 11 a.m. [49273](#)

Be inspired by nature and capture landscapes on canvas and weave words into verse, all while ambient music serenades you in the background. *All supplies provided.* **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Wed, Oct 8 - Acrobatic Arachnids 10 - 11 a.m. [49274](#)

Come identify some of the big-eyed hunters that stalk, leap, and dance their way through the Texas wild. Discover how jumping spiders use their incredible vision, silk safety lines, and acrobatic skills to survive. **Pre-registration required.**

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

Sat, Oct 11 - Nature Journaling 1 - 2:30 p.m. [49275](#)

Learn the art of nature journaling. This is a relaxing and creative way to summarize your days outdoors. Please bring your journal and pen, and other supplies you may need to create the best journal possible. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Oct 12 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [49253](#)

As the landscape is changing, come see what it is looking like from the river this time of the year. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

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

Mon, Oct 13 - Indoor Naturalist: Edible Plants 10 a.m. - Noon [49276](#)

Learn more about the great outdoors within the great indoors. Dive into the intricate wonders of the natural world through STEM activities. This month we will discuss edible plants. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Wed, Oct 15 - Hiking 101 10 - 11:30 a.m. [49334](#)

Learn the basics of hitting the trail with our Hiking 101 class. This program is perfect for beginners wanting to explore the outdoors with confidence. We'll cover gear, safety tips, and techniques to make your hikes fun and rewarding.

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

Thu - Oct 16- Literacy Day w/Parker County Library Assoc. 10:30 a.m.

The Nature Center and the Parker County Library Association (PCLA) are partnering together for the 2nd annual Literacy Day. Library staff will lead children with stories and crafts about nature and we will lead the animal presentation. Present your current PCLA card and gain FREE admission up to Noon. **No FREE admission will be granted after Noon.**



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.

Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31
49257	49258	49259	49260	49261



Pre-School Discovery Club 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Bring your 3 - 5 year old children for a lesson about our natural world through a story, lesson, hike, and craft.

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

Monarchs & Milkweed

Oct 3	Oct 10
49262	49263

Spooky Species

Oct 24	Oct 31
49264	49265



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

Winter birds have settled in. Join us as we look for sparrows, towhees, and sapsuckers. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Oct 6	Oct 20
49251	49252



Nature Hikes 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Treats are usually handed out at the end of the month. But Nature provides us treats all the time. Hike with us and spot some real "treats" in the form of nature.

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

Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 25	Oct 28
49266	49267	49268	49269	49270

Sun, Oct 19 - 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, Oct 20 - Home School Day: Feathered Friends 10 a.m. - Noon [49335](#)

Unplug and explore with our engaging nature program specifically crafted for homeschool families. Your child will embark on an exciting journey through the natural world, fostering a deep appreciation for the environment with hands-on activities, guided nature walks, and cooperative learning opportunities. This month we will focus on our feathered friends. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Wed, Oct 22 - From Nature to Alebrijes 10 - 11 a.m. [49337](#)

Reptiles are full of adaptations—camouflage, armor, and lightning-fast moves. Discover how these amazing traits inspire the colorful world of alebrijes, Mexico's fantastic animal art. Then create your wild reptile-inspired creature to take home. **Pre-registration required.**

\$8 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

Sun, Oct 26 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [49254](#)

As the landscape is changing, come see what it is looking like from the river this time of the year. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Oct 27 - Wilderness Skills for Kids 9 a.m. - Noon [49338](#)

Not all who wander are lost, but for those that are, they have the skills to thrive after attending this program. Learn outdoor safety skills to keep calm in the great outdoors. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Wed, Oct 29 - Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) History Hike 10 - 11:30 a.m. [49339](#)

Step back in time on our CCC History Hike as we explore the lasting legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Discover how their work shaped the park, trails, and landscapes that we still enjoy today. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Oct 30 - Refuge After Hours 7- 8:30 p.m. [49256](#)

Explore the trails to hear the sounds as night awakens with rustles, calls, and whispers of nature. Meet at the Front Gate. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**



TRAILS AND TREATS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Volunteer at the Nature Center

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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



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National Bison Day, November 1, 2025

Bison Pasture Hike - 9 - 10 a.m. [49360](#)

Join us for a hike through a bison pasture and look for signs of bison. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Bison Artifacts - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Stop in the Hardwicke Interpretive Center and meet Albert from the Log Cabin Village and learn about how our ancestors utilized bison.
FREE (with paid admission)

Bison Meet & Greet - [10, 11 a.m., Noon](#)

Come out and learn about our herd and assist staff feeding them.
Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.

Behind the Fences - 2 p.m. [49364](#)

Join staff and learn about what goes on behind the fences and how staff manage the bison. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Sun, Nov 2 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [49341](#)

Meet some of our seasonal water birds that enjoy the milder temperatures here on the Refuge. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Nov 3 Nature Notes 10 - 11 a.m. [49424](#)

Be inspired by nature and capture landscapes on canvas and weave words into verse, all while ambient music serenades you in the background. *All supplies provided.* **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Wed, Nov 5 - Prairie Dog Walk 10 - 11 a.m. [49425](#)

Discover the lively world of prairie dogs on our guided colony walk. Watch them pop up, chatter, and dart through their town. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Wed, Nov 5 - Moonlight Paddle 6 - 8 p.m. [49346](#)

The Full Moon name for November is the Beaver moon. Paddle with us and maybe you will get a glimpse of one. *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.**

Sat, Nov 8 & 29- Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon Nov 8 - [49344](#) Nov 29 [49345](#)

Paddle along the river and get a look at the trees changing color from the river. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sun, Nov 9 - Scrappy Neighbors: Squirrels 1 - 2 p.m. [49426](#)

You have to be "scrappy" to survive in the wild. Join us and learn about one of our "scrappy" neighbors. This month, we will talk about squirrels. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Mon, Nov 10 - Indoor Naturalist: Photosynthesis 10 a.m. - Noon [49427](#)

Learn more about the great outdoors within the great indoors. Dive into the intricate wonders of the natural world through STEM activities. This month we will discuss photosynthesis. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**



Early Birds

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Join as we visit the Marty Leonard Marsh Boardwalk as we look for birds that frequent the wetlands.
Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Nov 3

Nov 17

[49342](#)

[49343](#)



Nature Hikes

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Predicting when leaves are changing can be like predicting the weather. Join us for a fall hike and see if the Nature Center is changing colors. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Nov 4

Nov 11

Nov 18

Nov 25

Nov 30

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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.

Nov 7

Nov 14

Nov 21

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9:30 - 11 a.m.

Bring your 3 - 5 year old children for a lesson about our natural world through a story, lesson, hike, and craft.
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Brawny Bison

Goodbye, Green

Nov 7

Nov 14

[49347](#)

[49348](#)

Nov 21

[49349](#)

Wed, Nov 12 - Veteran's Day Ruck March 9 - 11 a.m. [49428](#)

Honor and remember those who served by joining our veterans day ruck hike. Carry weight in solidarity or walk light as we trek together in gratitude and reflection. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Nov 15 - Nature Journaling 1 - 2:30 p.m. [49429](#)

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Mon, Nov 17 - Home School Day: Traveling Seeds 10 a.m. - Noon [49430](#)

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Wed, Nov 19 - Nature at Your Fingertips 10 - 11:30 a.m. [49431](#)

Turn your phone into a nature explorer's toolkit. Identify plants, birds, and insects as you stroll through the trails using fun apps that make every discovery a little easier. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Nov 20 - Refuge After Hours 5:30 - 7 p.m. [49350](#)

Enjoy the Refuge after hours listening to nocturnal wildlife. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Sat, Nov 22- Nature's Thanksgiving 1 - 2 p.m. [49432](#)

Most of you will be sitting at a table this coming week sharing a meal with your family. Wildlife have their feasts too. Join a naturalist for a hike talking about the bounty found at the Refuge for our wildlife. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Nov 23 - Photography Nature Walk 10 a.m. - Noon [49433](#) & 1 - 3 p.m. [49434](#)

Join Photographer Sylvia Elzafor for a 1.5 hour walk through on the Refuge where we will use our eyes to enjoy and observe, and our cameras to capture the interesting things we see along the way. No fancy camera needed, just a curiosity for nature and a desire to use your creativity in taking photos. We will finish with a discussion about iNaturalist. Download the FREE AP. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Mon, Nov 24 - Wilderness Skills for Kids 9 a.m. - Noon [49435](#)

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Bison Feeding Hayrides - November 25 - 26, & 28, 2025

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\$16 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.

Nov 25	10 AM	1 PM	Nov 26	10 AM	1 PM	Nov 28	10 AM	1 PM
	49365	49366		49367	49368		49369	49370

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Mon, Dec 1 Nature Notes 10 - 11 a.m. [49463](#)

Be inspired by nature and capture landscapes on canvas and weave words into verse, all while ambient music serenades you in the background. *All supplies provided.* **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Wed, Dec 3 - Wildlife Survivor 10 - 11 a.m. [49469](#)

Wildlife in these parts make surviving winter look so easy. Join us as we search for winter wildlife and discuss what allows them to get through winter. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Thu, Dec 4 - Moonlight Paddle 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [49449](#)

The temperatures may be cooler this time of year, but still a good time to paddle with us in search of wildlife near the water. *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.

Sat, Dec 6 & 27 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon Dec 6 [49443](#) Dec 27 [49444](#)

Paddle with us along the Trinity River in search of wildlife using the sun to warm up from the cool waters. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sun, Dec 7 - Scrappy Neighbors: Coyotes 1 - 2 p.m. [49476](#)

You have to be "scrappy" to survive in the wild. Join us and learn about one of our "scrappy" neighbors. This month, we will talk about coyotes. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Mon, Dec 8 - Indoor Naturalist: Microscopic Nature 10 a.m. - Noon [49465](#)

Learn more about the great outdoors within the great indoors. Dive into the intricate wonders of the natural world through STEM activities. This month we will discuss microscopic nature. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Wed, Dec 10 - Legacy of Fire 10 - 11 a.m. [49470](#)

Join us to explore the history of fire and its role in shaping culture and our landscapes. Discover how people and nature have used fire throughout time and why it remains an important tool for healthy ecosystems today. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sat, Dec 13 - Nature Journaling 1 - 2:30 p.m. [49477](#)

Learn the art of nature journaling. This is a relaxing and creative way to summarize your days outdoors. Please bring your journal and pen, and other supplies you may need to create the best journal possible. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Sun, Dec 14 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [49447](#)

Have you ever paddled in a kayak. They are more maneuverable than a canoe and lower to the water. Try one out and learn about the local ecosystem while you are paddling. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Mon, Dec 15 - Home School Day: Winter Coats 10 a.m. - Noon [49466](#)

Unplug and explore with our engaging nature program specifically crafted for home-school families. Your child will embark on an exciting journey through the natural world, fostering a deep appreciation for the environment with hands-on activities, guided nature walks, and cooperative learning opportunities. This month we will focus on wildlife winter coats. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Wed, Dec 17 - Leafy Blankets 10 - 11 a.m. [49471](#)

Look at the world beneath the leaves and explore a hidden winter ecosystem. Discover how fallen leaves shelter insects, spiders, and other tiny creatures from the cold. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**



Early Birds

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

What is coming and going in the avian community. Walk with us to see and hear for yourself. Join us as we get our last views of summer birds.

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

Dec 1	Dec 15
49445	49446



Nature Hikes

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Winter has a way of exposing our wildlife. Join us for a walk and search for wildlife no longer hiding behind abundance of leaves. **Pre-registration required.**

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

Dec 2	Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 28
49458	49459	49460	49461	49462



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.

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Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 26
49454	49455	49456	49457



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Sleeping Soil

Dec 5	Dec 12
49450	49451

Hibernation Celebration

Dec 19
49452

Thu, Dec 18 - Refuge After Hours 5:30 - 7 p.m. [49453](#)

Explore the forest floor after dark and discover the tiny creatures and plants that hide, forage, and thrive when the sun goes down. *Meet at the Front Gate. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.*

Sat, Dec 20 - Aquatic Bird Tour 10 a.m. – Noon [49448](#)

Jump in some kayaks and see what birds you can see flying over the river and along the water's edge. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.*

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December 23

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49436	49437

December 26

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49438	49439

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49440	49441

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49478	49479

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