

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

January 2026 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.**

Thu, Jan 1 - First Day Hike 10 - 11:30 a.m. [50067](#)

Kick off the new year right with a hike that highlights winter wildlife, fresh air, and the beauty of the trail in its winter season. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sat Jan 3 - Wilderness Skills for Kids 9 a.m. – Noon [50487](#)

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.**

Sat, Jan 3 & 31 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon Jan 3 [50069](#) Jan 31 [50070](#)

The absence of leaves exposes wildlife. Paddle with us and find local wildlife. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Sat, Jan 3 – Moonlight Paddle 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [50083](#)

January's Full Moon is called the Wolf Moon and will be Super. Paddle with us and learn about the closest thing we have to a wolf; a coyote. Perhaps they will be yipping and howling. *All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 5:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate. [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#).* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Mon, Jan 5 & 19 - Early Birds 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Jan 5 [50072](#) Jan 19 [50073](#)

Hike with us in the forest and see what birds are digging among the leaf litter. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.**

Wed, Jan 7 - Winter Track & Trails 10 - 11 a.m. [50071](#)

Winter reveals all kinds of clues left behind by wildlife. Hike to explore how to spot and identify tracks, trails, and other signs animals leave in colder months.

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

Sun/Sat, Jan 11 & 24 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon Jan 11 [50081](#) Jan 24 [50082](#)

Come and glide over the Trinity River taking in the winter landscape. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Mon, Jan 12 - Nature School: Sleeping Soils 10 a.m. - Noon [50094](#)

Learn what happens beneath your feet during the winter months at Fort Worth Nature Center's Nature School! With hands-on activities, citizen science opportunities, and a focus on STEM education, Nature School connects young learners to the nature world around them in an unforgettable way. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Wed, Jan 14 - Wildlife Watchers 10 - 11:30 a.m. [50074](#)

Want to get better at spotting wild furry friends? Do you have a bird you're itching to find? Come to this program! We will go over the basics of how to find & identify the wild animals around us before going on a short hike to practice our skills. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Fri, Jan 16 - Coffee With A Naturalist 9 - 10 a.m. [50099](#)

Join a naturalist over a cup of joe and discuss current projects, learn about programs, and have an opportunity to ask questions. **Coffee provided.** **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Jan 18- 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.**



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 \$3.

Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 16	Jan 23	Jan 30
50075	50076	50077	50078	50079



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.

Frozen Fossils

Jan 2	Jan 9
50095	50096

Tracks on the Trail

Jan 23	Jan 30
50097	50098



Nature Hikes

10 - 11:30 a.m.

The New Year is a time for fun new experiences. Things are still changing. Come take a hike to see what's new.

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3. *FREE with paid admission.

Jan 4	Jan 6	Jan 10	Jan 13
50086	50087	50088	50089
Jan 17	*Jan 20	Jan 25	*Jan 27
50090	50091	50092	50093



Sunrise Photography

7 a.m.

Photograph the Refuge moments before sunrise. **Pre-registration required. FREE (with 10 high quality photos). Submit photos no later than 10 days after program to NatureCenter@fortworthtexas.gov**

Jan 7	Jan 24
50448	50449

Wed Jan 21 - Bark & Branches 10 - 11 a.m. [50080](#)

Learn how to identify trees without their leaves. We'll explore bark patterns, branch shapes, buds, and other cold-season clues that help us tell Texas trees apart. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Mon, Jan 26 - Nature School: Geology Rocks! 10 a.m. - Noon [50101](#)

Studying our geological features totally rocks at Fort Worth Nature Center's Nature School! With hands-on activities, citizen science opportunities, and a focus on STEM education, Nature School connects young learners to the nature world around them in an unforgettable way.

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

Wed, Jan 28 - Winter Woods 10 - 11:30 a.m. [50085](#)

Discover how plants survive the cold winters and learn tricks for identifying winter vegetation when all else goes bare. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Thu, Jan 29 - Refuge After Hours 6 - 7:30 p.m. [50100](#)

Sounds are heard all around the Refuge at night. Join us and listen for the different sounds. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Sat, Jan 31 - Moonlight Paddle 6 - 8 p.m. [50084](#)

Paddle with us and learn about wildlife adapt to the cold. All equipment is provided. *All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. Meet at Back Gate. [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#)* Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.

Hands & Hearts Volunteer Recognition February 28, 2026 5 - 7 p.m. Save the Date

Volunteer at the Nature Center

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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



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February 2026 Program Calendar

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Mon, Feb 2 - Prairie Dog Party 10 a.m. - Noon [50117](#)

Who cares what the groundhogs are doing. Come celebrate the changing season with our predictive prairie dogs with interactive activities and a chance to view the sun with our solar telescope. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Wed, Feb 4 - Valen-lots 10 - 11 a.m. [50118](#)

Join us in celebrating the upcoming Valentine season with an axolotl twist!. Create adorable felt axolotl-themed valentines while learning a few cool facts about these unique amphibians. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sat, Feb 7 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [50103](#)

Join us as we share with you why the river is very important to us and wildlife. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Mon, Feb 9 & 23 - Early Birds 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Feb 9 [50104](#) Feb 23 [50105](#)

Winter time is coming to a close for our birds that enjoy the colder temperatures. Hike with us and see which birds are braving the cold. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Mon, Feb 9 - Girl Power - 10 a.m. - Noon [50119](#)

Celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science (February 11) with engaging activities and an inspirational panel discussion with women that have made an impact in the natural science world and Fort Worth Nature Center.

Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

Wed, Feb 11 - Hardcore Hiking 10 a.m. - Noon [50120](#)

Tackle the beautiful climbs and exposed ridges of Canyon Ridge Trail on a hike built for those who would like a real challenge. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Feb 15 - 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, Feb 16 - Nature School: For the Love of Trails 10 a.m. - Noon [50112](#)

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Wed, Feb 18 - Feathery Facts 10 - 11 a.m. [50121](#)

Explore different types of backyard bird feathers, discover how birds use them, and examine real samples up close. We'll take a short walk to look for feather clues. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sat, Feb 21 & 28 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon Feb 21 [50110](#) Feb 28 [50111](#)

What forms of wildlife will you find basking in the sun. Paddle with us and find out. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Wed, Feb 25 - Geology Walk 10 - 11 a.m. [50122](#)

Join us for a short hike to learn about the fascinating geology & fossil record of the Nature Center. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**



Nature Hikes

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Whether by yourself, with a family, or a special someone, the Nature Center has plenty of beauty to fall in love with. Come take a hike and see what catches your eye. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3. *FREE with paid admission.**

Feb 1	*Feb 3	Feb 8	*Feb 10
50123	50124	50125	50126
Feb 14	*Feb 17	Feb 22	*Feb 24
50127	50128	50129	50130



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Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20	Feb 27
50106	50107	50108	50109



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Prairie Dog Kisses

Feb 6
50113

Vulturine Valentine

Feb 20	Feb 27
50114	50115



Sunrise Photography

7 a.m.

Photograph the Refuge moments before sunrise. **Pre-registration required. FREE (with 10 high quality photos). Submit photos no later than 10 days after program to NatureCenter@fortworthtx.gov**

Feb 11	Feb 28
50450	50451

Thu, Feb 26 - Refuge After Hours 6:30 - 8 p.m. [50116](#)

Hike with a naturalist and appreciate the Refuge in the dark. Meet at the Front Gate. Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/
MEMBERS \$10.

Nature Con

March 28, 2026
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Mon, Mar 2 - Texas Native Treasures - 10 a.m. - Noon [50170](#)

Get to know some of Texas' finest species on Texas Independence Day! Celebrate with special guests, outdoor exploration, and hands-on activities. **Pre-registration required.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

Tue, Mar 3 - Moonlight Paddle 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. [50144](#)

Enjoy a relaxing paddle under the "light" of the Full Moon. All equipment is provided. *All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 6:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135](#).* **Pre-registration required.** \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.

Wed, Mar 4 - Bison Pasture Tour - 10 - 11:30 a.m. [50171](#)

Explore the space where the herd usually roams, discover how the Nature Center manages this iconic species, and learn fun behind-the-scenes facts about life on the prairie—all while enjoying rare access to this special area. **Pre-registration required.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

Sat, Mar 7 - Canoe Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [50138](#)

Join us as we share with you why the river is very important to us and wildlife. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required.** \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.

Mon, Mar 9 - Nature School: Rivers 10 a.m. - Noon [50153](#)

Come learn about our jewel of a waterway, the Westfork of the Trinity River at Fort Worth Nature Center's Nature School! With hands-on activities, citizen science opportunities, and a focus on STEM education, Nature School connects young learners to the nature world around them in an unforgettable way. **Pre-registration required.** \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.

Wed, Mar 11 - Weather Watchers - 10 - 11 a.m. [50172](#)

Learn how to recognize the signature signs of North Texas Spring storms and sharpen your skills as a weather watcher. **Pre-registration required.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

Sun, Mar 15 - Canoe Fest 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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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. \$21 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.

March 17

10 a.m.	1 p.m.
50131	50132

March 18

10 a.m.	1 p.m.
50133	50134

March 19

10 a.m.	1 p.m.
50135	50136



Spring Nature Hikes

If you could not sign up for hayrides, hike with us instead and learn about the bison and all things spring. **Pre-registration required.** FREE with paid admission

March 17

10:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
50160	50161

March 18

10:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
50162	50163

March 19

10:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
50164	50165

Nature Hikes

10 - 11:30 a.m.

Spring is finally starting to appear. Take a hike to see signs of new life. **Pre-registration required.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE. *FREE with paid admission.

Mar 1	*Mar 3	Mar 8	*Mar 10	Mar 14
50155	50156	50157	50158	50159
Mar 22	*Mar 24	Mar 29	*Mar 31	
50166	50167	50168	50169	



Early Birds

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Join us searching for birds that you can find near, along, and on the water. **Pre-registration required.** \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS FREE.

Mar 2	Mar 16	Mar 30
50146	50147	50148



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Mar 4	Mar 28
50452	50453



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50139	50140	50141	50142



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March Mudness

Mar 6	Mar 13
50149	50150

Marshes in March

Mar 20	Mar 27
50151	50152

Thu, Mar 19 - Refuge After Hours 7:30 - 9 p.m. [50145](#)

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Sat, Mar 21 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon [50143](#)

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Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.

Mon, Mar 23 - Nature School: Equinox 10 a.m. - Noon [50154](#)

Celebrate World Meteorological Day and study the Spring Equinox at Fort Worth Nature Center's Nature School! With hands-on activities, citizen science opportunities, and a focus on STEM education, Nature School connects young learners to the nature world around them in an unforgettable way. Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.

Wed, Mar 25 - Native Gardening - 10 - 11 a.m. [50173](#)

Get your spring garden started right with practical tips for choosing, planting, and caring for the beautiful native plants of North Texas.
Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

City Nature Challenge

Apr 24 - 27, 2026

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