

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

July 2026 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, Jul 5 - Kayak Tour 9 - 11 a.m. [52627](#)

Paddle along the river and see what is basking in the July sun. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.*

Mon, Jul 6 - Literacy Day w/FWPL 9:30 & 11 a.m.

The Nature Center and Fort Worth Public Library (FWPL) are partnering together for Literacy Days. 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 11:30 a.m.**

Sun, Jul 12 - Wetland Wildlife 9 - 10 a.m. [52634](#)

Join a naturalist at the Boardwalk to learn about different organisms that call our wetland ecosystems home. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Mon, Jul 13 - Nature School: Wetland Hoppers 9 - 10:30 a.m. [52633](#)

Discover the world of amphibians as young learners explore frogs and toads. Through hands-on activities and outdoor exploration, children will learn about amphibian life cycles, adaptations of frogs and toads, and how these animals survive in both land and water environments. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Thu, Jul 16 - Refuge After Hours 8:30 - 10 p.m. [52639](#)

Listen to the sounds of the evening on a hike after hours on the Refuge. *Meet at the Front Gate. Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.*

Fri, Jul 24 - Meet & Greet: Snakes 10 - 11 a.m. [52629](#)

Join a naturalist to learn all about snakes and get up close and personal to some of our scaly ambassadors! **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sat, Jul 25 - Canoe Tour 9 - 11 a.m. [52622](#)

Paddle with along the Trinity River and see the wildlife found along the water's edge. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.*

Wed, Jul 29 - Moonlight Paddle 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. [52628](#)

The Buck Moon will be in full force. Paddle and learn about deer and other wildlife. All equipment is provided. Please arrive by 8:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, 8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135. **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**



July 7 - 10, 2026 (4th/5th) - [Wild Woods](#)

July 14 - 17, 2026 (2nd/3rd) - [Insect Investigators](#)

July 21 - 24, 2026 (Kinder/1st) - [Texas Native Treasures](#)

Cost is \$200/\$180 MEMBERS

Camps are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tue - Fri



Sunrise Photography

6 a.m. (7/3) 6:15 a.m. (7/25)

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**

Jul 3	Jul 25
52688	52689



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. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Fireflies

Jul 3	Jul 10
52635	52636

Bison

Jul 17	Jul 31
52637	52638



Nature Hikes

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Spring has sprung. With it comes new life. Join us on a hike to see what animals are active. **Pre-registration required. \$FREE (with paid admission).**

Jul 11	Jul 18	Jul 26
52630	52631	52632



Early Birds

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Join us for a walk and search for birds that start their days early during the summer hours.

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

Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 27
52623	52624	52625



Happy 250th Birthday America



America 250 Hayride
9 - 10:30 a.m.
52626



Celebrate the USA on her 250th birthday by joining us on a historical hayride. Come learn about the Civilian Conservation Corps and their role in developing parks and end by learning about our National Mammal, the Bison. **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**



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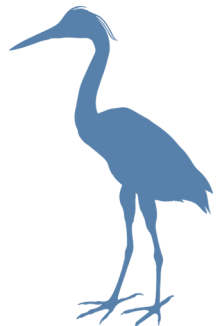
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Visitors' Center 8:30 am - 4:30 *Daily*

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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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Sat, Aug 8 - Canoe Tour 9 - 11 a.m. [52651](#)

Come and explore the waterways and see a different side of the Nature Center. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Mon, Aug 10 - Hidden Tree Dwellers 9 - 10 a.m. [52652](#)

Discover the amazing plants, insects, fungi, and wildlife that live and grow on trees. Explore the hidden world of bark, branches, and leaves while learning how trees support entire ecosystems. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sat, Aug 15 - Kayak Tour 9 - 11 a.m. [52658](#)

Cruise down the river in a kayak and take in the birds and reptiles along the way. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Sun, Aug 16 - Life Along the River 9 - 10:30 a.m. [52657](#)

Explore the wildlife, plants, and hidden habitats along the riverbank, learn how water shapes the landscape, and see how the West Fork of the Trinity River sustains life. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sat, Aug 22 - Plant Walk 9 - 10:30 a.m. [52660](#)

Gain a deeper understanding of Texas grasses and wildflowers! Learn to recognize key species and the ecological roles they serve on the landscape.

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

Mon, Aug 24 - Nature School: Tree Detectives 10 - 11:30 a.m. [52663](#)

Discover the fascinating world trees 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 natural world around them in an unforgettable way. **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Thu, Aug 27 - Refuge After Hours 8 - 9:30 p.m. [52669](#)

Experience the beauty of a Texas sunset as the landscape shifts from day to night and the sounds of evening begin to emerge. *Meet at the Front Gate.*

Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.

Fri, Aug 28 - Moonlight Paddle 8 - 10 p.m. [52659](#)

This full moon is often referred to the Sturgeon Moon. We do not have sturgeon, but there are other fish that you can learn about. *All equipment is provided.* Please arrive by 7:45 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, 8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135. **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Sat, Aug 29 - Predator v. Prey 9 - 10:30 a.m. [52664](#)

Join a naturalist as we discuss the different adaptations animals have to eat or not be eaten. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Aug 30 - Inside the Shell 9 - 10:30 a.m. [52670](#)

Discover the surprising life of a box turtle; from its protective shell to the obstacles it faces in the wild today. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**



Early Birds 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

This may be the last chances of seeing a painted or indigo bunting. Join us as we search for these brilliantly colored birds and more. **Pre-registration required.**

\$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.

Aug 2	Aug 17	Aug 31
52654	52655	52656



Sunrise Photography

6:30 a.m. (8/7), 6:45 a.m. (8/29)

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

Aug 7	Aug 29
52690	52691



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Coyotes

Aug 7	Aug 14
52665	52666

Prairie Dogs

Aug 21	Aug 28
52667	52668



Nature Hike 9 - 10:30 a.m.

The woodlands are a great place to hike during the hotter months. Hike us through the forest looking for wildlife will fending off the heat. **Pre-registration required. FREE (with paid admission).**

Aug 9	Aug 23
52661	52662

SAVE THE DATE

October 24, 2026



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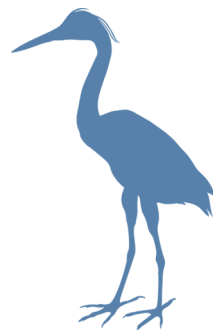
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Mon, Sep 7 - Sky Scavengers 9 - 10 a.m. [52671](#)

Join us for a short guided hike to search for local vultures and discover why these fascinating birds are nature's cleanup crew. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sat, Sep 12 - Biodiversity Walk 9 - 10:30 a.m. [52672](#)

Join a naturalist and learn about various ecology sampling 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 tools. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Sep 13 - Kayak Tour 9 - 11 a.m. [52677](#)

Enjoy a peaceful paddle along the Trinity River in a kayak. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Sat, Sep 19 - Going to Seed 9 - 10:30 a.m. [52673](#)

Join us to learn how to collect, prepare, and store the seeds of native plants. See how plants begin to change and prepare for autumn. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Mon, Sep 21 - Nature School: Tiny Herbivores 10 - 11:30 a.m. [52682](#)

Discover the world of tiny herbivores at the Fort Worth Nature Center's Nature School! Through hands-on activities and outdoor exploration, young learners will learn how small insects and animals help shape the Texas prairie ecosystem. **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Thu, Sep 24 - Refuge After Hours 7:30 - 9 p.m. [52687](#)

Discover the hidden glow of nature as ultraviolet light reveals fluorescent plants, fungi, insects, and other surprising nighttime wonders. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Sat, Sep 26 - Moonlight Paddle 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. [52678](#)

The Harvest moon will provide us more "light." Come and see what it illuminates. *All equipment is provided Please arrive by 7:15 p.m. Meet at Back Gate, [8670 Shoreline Drive, FW 76135.](#)* **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**

Sun, Sep 27 - Tiny Wings 9 - 10 a.m. [52679](#)

Discover butterflies, dragonflies, bees, and other flying insects on a guided prairie hike. Learn how these tiny wings help shape the Texas ecosystem. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**



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Sep 4	Sep 26
52692	52693



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Armadillo

Sep 4	Sep 11
52683	52684

Bird Migration

Sep 18	Sep 25
52685	52686



Early Birds

7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Join us at the Boardwalk as we look for a variety of herons and egrets. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sep 6	Sep 14	Sep 28
52674	52675	52676



Nature Hikes

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Join us on a walk and view wildlife that will be in season. **Pre-registration required. FREE (with paid admission).**

Sep 20	Sep 26
52680	52681

NEW HOURS
Oct 2026 - Apr 2027
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. DAILY
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November 7, 2026

National Day

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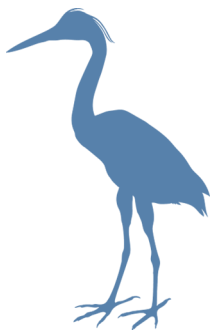
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