

Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

October 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, Oct 4 - Native Landscaping 10 a.m. (54131) & 11:30 a.m. (54132)

This is the time of year to start planting those native plants for the coming year. Come learn about the importance of using native plants and what plants to plant.

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

Sun, Oct 4 - Refuge Habitat Tour - 11 a.m. (54133) & 2 p.m. (54134)

Take a ride with us throughout the Refuge and learn about the 3 habitats that wild-life call home. It is World Habitat Day and we want to share how we are doing our part caring for our natural spaces. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Sat, Oct 10 - Pellet Detectives 10 a.m. (54261) & 1 p.m. (54263)

Discover what owls eat by carefully dissecting a sanitized owl pellet. Participants will identify tiny bones, reconstruct a prey skeleton, and take home their findings and identification guide. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Sun, Oct 11 - CCC History Hike - 9 - 10:30 a.m. - 54144 -

Hike with a Naturalist and learn about the rich CCC history at the Nature Center. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Oct 11 - Intro to iNaturalist - 10 a.m. - Noon 54140

Join the Cross Timbers Master Naturalist as they walk you through iNaturalist, a citizen science app that allows you to learn and share the diversity of flora and fauna found around you. **Pre-registration required. FREE (with paid admission).**

Thu, Oct 15 - Literacy Day w/PCLA - 10:30

The Nature Center and Parker County Library Association (PCLA) are partnering together for Literacy Days. 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 11:30 a.m.**

Sun, Oct 17 - Cross Timbers Hike - 9 a.m. (54141) & 1 p.m. (54142)

It is National Hiking Day. Join us for a hike through the ancient forest along the Cross Timbers Trail. Come see why this area was the 1st forest in the Old Growth Forest Network from Texas. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Oct 18 - Kayak Tour 10 a.m. - Noon 54115

As we transition between seasons, come see what is changing and what wildlife may be sticking around. *All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch.*

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

Fri, Oct 23 - Moonlight Paddle 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 54116

Paddle with us under the light of the full moon. 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.

Sun, Oct 25 - Wildlife Watchers - 9 a.m. (54146) & 11 a.m. (54147)

Join us as we go over the basics of how to find & identify wildlife around us.

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

Sun, Oct 25 - A Monarch's Journey - 10 a.m. (54148) & 1 p.m. (54149)

Come learn about Monarch butterflies. From their journeys back and forth from Mexico to their adaptations. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**



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.

Monarchs

Oct 2	Oct 9
54117	54118

Spooky Species

Oct 16	Oct 23
54119	54120



Animal Ambassador Day

October 3, 2026

Today is World Animal Day and we are going to celebrate our animal ambassadors. These animals are mostly abandoned or former pets that have been rehomed. Come and learn about how their wild counterparts are important to the environment.

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

10 a.m.	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	2 p.m.
54127	54128	54129	54130



Early Birds

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Explore the trails and see what birds are migrating through and taking up residence. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Oct 6	Oct 18	Oct 20
54112	54113	54114



Sunrise Photography

6:45 a.m. (10/9) 7 a.m. (10/24)

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

Oct 9	Oct 24
54254	54255



Snakes Are Not Spooky

October 31, 2026

Halloween is known for spooky things. Some people think that snakes can be spooky. Come and find out otherwise from a Naturalist. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.
54152	54153	54154

NEW HOURS

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily

Thu, Oct 29 - Refuge After Hours 7:30 - 9 p.m. [54121](#)

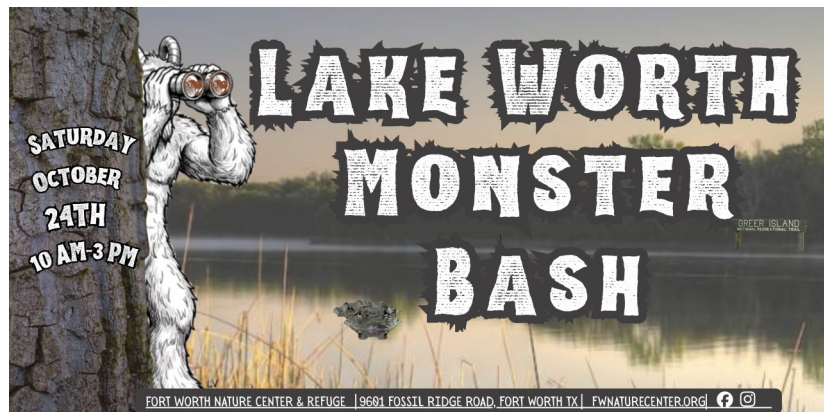
Hike with us after hours and search for nocturnal wildlife. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Fri, Oct 30, Whoooo Dunit - 9:30 - 11 a.m. [54122](#)

Bring your 3 - 5 year old's for a mysterious scavenger hunt as we follow clues, help our spooky species, and hunt for delicious treats on the way. **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Sat, Oct 31 - Legend of the Goatman - 10 a.m. ([54150](#)) & 1 p.m. ([54151](#))

Hike with us on Greer Island and learn about the habitat the Goatman enjoys. Since it is Halloween, learn about the story of the Goatman. Feel free to dress up in your Halloween costumes. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**



Migratory Bird Day

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Every Bird Counts is the theme for Migratory Bird Day in 2026. Come out and count the birds with us as we hike to various areas of the Nature Center. In between the hikes, visit the Hardwicke Interpretive Center and meet with bird-minded organizations. **Event is FREE (with paid admission). Hikes are Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
54135	54136	54137

DOCENT TRAINING

October 17 - 10 a.m. - Noon [54143](#)

Consider becoming a docent at the FWNC&R. Schools and community groups visit regularly and it takes a village to provide small group instruction. **Pre-registration required. FREE** (includes admission).

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	8:30 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.