

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 - 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 - 11:30 a.m.

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 6:15 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.

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

Monarchs

Oct 2	Oct 9
54117	54118

Spooky Species—10-11 AM

Oct 23
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, Whooooo Dunit - 10 - 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 Saturday, Oct 10, 2026 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

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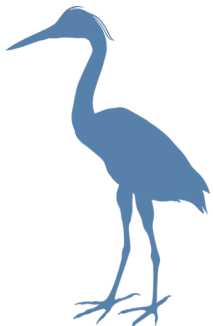
Refuge (Trails)	8 am - 5 pm	Daily (No new entry after 4 p.m.)
Visitors' Center	8:30 am - 4:30	Daily

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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Sun, Nov 1– Fruits of Prescribed Burns - 9 a.m. (54197) & 1 p.m. (54198)

Join a Naturalist through a walk through the Refuge and learn about the tools of prescribed burns and the fruits of all the labor behind conducting a burn.

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

Sun, Nov 8 - Forest Fungi - 10 a.m. (54138) & 1 p.m. (54139)

Explore the forest floor in search of mushrooms and other fascinating fungi while discovering how they help keep the forest healthy. **Pre-registration**

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

Sun, Nov 8 - Leaf Prints - 10 (54201) & 11 a.m. (54202)

As we approach fall, leaves will be falling. Join us as we talk about why leaves fall. We will have a make and take craft. **Pre-registration required.**

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

Sat, Nov 14 - Veteran's Ruck March - 9 - 11 a.m. 54203

We would like to honor those who carried the weight. This Veteran's Day weekend, we are lacing up, packing up, and moving with a purpose. Join us for our Veterans Day Ruck as we hit the trail to honor the service, sacrifice, and resilience of our nation's military veterans. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3. FREE for Veterans and Military Personnel.**

Sun, Nov 14 - Art & Science Nature Sketching - 10 a.m. - Noon 54204

Come learn the art of scientific illustration. Art teacher and illustrator Owen Curt-singer will lead a workshop on nature sketching. Slowing down and drawing a plant or animal is the best way to learn about our world. Brief drawing instruction will be provided. *Supplies will be provide, but you are welcome to bring a sketchbook, pencils/erasers, colored pencils, and an ultra-fine Sharpie or drawing pen.*

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

Sun, Nov 15 - Intro to iNaturalist - 10 a.m. - Noon 54205

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).**

Sun, Nov 15 – Refuge Bus Tour – 10 a.m. (54209) & 1 p.m. (54210)

Hop on the Nature Center Tour Bus and join a naturalist for a tour of the Refuge. We will visit Greer Island, the Boardwalk, and places in between. **Pre-registration required. \$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.**

Thu, Nov 19 - Refuge After Hours 5:30 - 7 p.m. 54161

Visting after hours allows you to hear the sounds of nocturnal wildlife. Join us and listen for the sounds of the night. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Sat, Nov 21 - Tree Tour - 9 - 10 a.m. 54215

Join a Naturalist and tour the Refuge learning to the identity trees that call the Nature Center home. We will talk about some natural history and even discuss the birds that use the trees. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**



Early Birds

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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Nov 1	Nov 3	Nov 17
54162	54163	54164



Sunrise Photography

6:15 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**

Nov 6	Nov 21
54256	54257



Pre-School Discovery Club

10 - 11 a.m.

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Bones

Nov 13
54158

Goodbye Green

Nov 20
54159



Backcountry Walk - 54218

Nov 28, 2026 - 9 a.m. - Noon

Join us for a backcountry hike in areas that are normally not available for the public. Be prepared for the hike by wearing shoes you do not mind getting wet. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**



Kayak Tour - 54155

Nov 29, 2026 - 10 a.m. - Noon

Paddle with us along the Trinity River and look for glimpses of autumn. All equipment is provided. Meet at the Canoe Launch. **Pre-registration required. \$25 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$20.**



Bison Feeding Hayrides - November 24 - 25, & 27, 2026

Ride along on a hayride and learn about the Nature Center and have the opportunity to assist staff feeding the bison.

Please arrive :15 prior to your hayride. Pre-registration required. Under 3, FREE, must sit on parent's lap.

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

Nov 24

10 AM	1 PM
54169	54170

Nov 25

10 AM	1 PM
54171	54194

Nov 27

10 AM	1 PM
54195	54196

National Bison Day, November 7, 2026



National Bison Day - Bison Feeding Hayride - 9 (54165) & 11 a.m. (54166)

Celebrate National Bison Day with a bison-feeding hayride. Assist staff feeding the bison and learn about the importance of bison. Please arrive :15 prior to your hayride. **Pre-registration required. Under 3, FREE, must sit on parent's lap. \$21 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

National Bison Day - Reliance on Bison - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Stop in at the Hardwicke Interpretive Center and visit with Albert Nungaray with the Log Cabin Village and learn about how our ancestors relied on the bison. **FREE (with paid admission).**

National Bison Day - Bison Manager - 1 p.m. (54168)

The first Saturday in November is National Bison Day. Join staff and learn what goes on behind the fences and how staff manage the bison. **Pre-registration required. \$20 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$15.**

Sat, Nov 21 - Wetland Wonder Tour - 11:30 a.m. - 54211

World Fisheries Day is today and we are going to take you to our wetlands and discuss how important they are to our local flora and fauna. Join us for a walk and learn about the wonder of the wetlands. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Nov 22 - Fall Crafting - 10 a.m. (54216) & 1 p.m. (54217)

Come learn about the fall life at the Nature Center and make a craft to take home. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Nov 22 - Caprock Stroll - 11 a.m. (54223) & 2 p.m. (54224)

Join a naturalist along the Caprock Trail and learn about the fossils found along the ridge and look for wildlife along the way. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Tue, Nov 24 - Moonlight Paddle - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. 54156

Come on out before Thanksgiving and paddle along the West Fork of the Trinity River. 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.**

Sat, Nov 28 - Fall Color Hike - 10 a.m. (54219) & 1 p.m. (54220)

Hike around the Refuge looking for signs of fall and perhaps some fall color. Learn about how animals start adapting to the changes in season. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Nov 29 - Woodpecker Walk - 8:30 (54221) & 10 a.m. (54222)

Hike through the wooded areas and search for woodpeckers. Likely finds are Red-bellied, Downy, and Northern Flicker. Perhaps we will find a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker or Pileated Woodpecker. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

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Sun, Dec 13 - Advanced iNaturalist - 10 a.m. - Noon [54243](#)

Join the Cross Timbers Master Naturalist as they dive deeper into 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, Dec 17 - Refuge After Hours - 5:30 - 7 p.m. [54229](#)

Join as we look for eye shine and listen for nightly sounds. *Meet at the Front Gate.* **Pre-registration required. \$15 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$10.**

Sat, Dec 19 - Wild Prints - 10 - 11:30 a.m. [54244](#)

Create handmade holiday cards featuring wildlife, animal tracks, and native plants. Design a simple stamp, print your cards, and take home your nature-inspired creation. All materials provided. **Pre-registration required.**

\$10 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$5.

Sat, Dec 19 - Nature Sketching for Adults - 10 a.m. - Noon [54245](#)

Come learn the art of scientific illustration. Art teacher and illustrator Owen Curtsinger will lead a workshop on nature sketching. Slowing down and drawing a plant or animal is the best way to learn about our world. Brief drawing instruction will be provided. Supplies will be provide, but you are welcome to bring a sketchbook, pencils/erasers, colored pencils, an ultra-fine Sharpie or drawing pen, and an optional travel set of watercolors and watercolor paper.

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

Sun, Dec 20 - Winter Coats - 9 a.m. ([54246](#)) & 2 p.m. ([54247](#))

With the temperatures changing, wildlife must adapt and prepare for the colder weather. Stop by the Hardwicke Interpretive Center and look at some pelts and learn about how wildlife adapt. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Sun, Dec 20 - Forest Hike - 10 a.m. ([54248](#)) & 1 p.m. ([54249](#))

It is difficult to predict when the leaves will change color. Hike with us through the forest and maybe we will be lucky to see some color. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Wed, Dec 23 - Moonlight Paddle - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [54226](#)

The December Full Moon is called the Cold Moon. It may be cooler this month, but still a good night to paddle. *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.**

Sat, Dec 26 - Kayak Tour - 10 a.m. - Noon - [54225](#)

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, Dec 26 - Pine Cone Feeders - 10 a.m. ([54250](#)) & 1 p.m. ([54251](#))

Join us as we look at the HIC Courtside feeders and see what birds are coming to the feeders. While we enjoy the birds, create a pine cone feeder to feed your backyard birds or leave in our courtyard to feed our feathered friends.

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

Sun, Dec 27 - Winter Plant Adaptations - 10 a.m. ([54252](#)) & 1 p.m. ([54253](#))

Winter plants too have to adapt to colder temperatures. Join a naturalist and learn about how plants respond to winter and about seeds dormancy. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Early Birds 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Walk with us and see which birds you can find during the winter. **Pre-registration required. \$5 (with paid admission)/MEMBERS \$3.**

Dec 1	Dec 13	Dec 15
54230	54231	54232



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Dec 4	Dec 19
54258	54259



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Dec 11	Dec 18
54227	54228

Nature Center Closed

⇒ Dec 4 - 6, 2026

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Dec 22

10 AM	1 PM
54233	54234

Dec 23

10 AM	1 PM
54235	54236

Dec 29

10 AM	1 PM
54237	54238

Dec 30

10 AM	1 PM
54239	54240

Dec 31

10 AM	1 PM
54241	54242

Kids' Fishing School

Saturday, December 12, 2026



10 AM	1 PM
54302	54303

Cast a line and reel in some new skills at Kids Fishing School! Young anglers will start by learning about the fish species, what they eat, where they hide, and how to identify and handle them. You will learn about fishing gear, including how to hold a rod, cast, and tie-on bait before heading to for fishing time. Whether your child has never held a fishing pole or just wants to sharpen their skills, this program is a fun, low-pressure introduction to the sport. No experience necessary, just a curiosity and willingness to give it a cast! **Pre-registration Required.**
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