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# The Passport

Texas Conservation Passport<sup>SM</sup> News

June - August 1993



## Head For the Hills This Summer

If you're looking for a long summer weekend of fun, just pack your bags, grab your Texas Conservation Passport and head for the Hill Country of Central Texas. No area of Texas offers as many Conservation Passport activities within easy driving distance of each other.

If your weekend getaway starts early, on a Thursday or Friday, make scenic **Colorado Bend State Park** your first stop. On request, park superintendent Robert Basse will take you to a baited wildlife viewing area where you may see white-tailed deer, turkeys and a host of bird life. Before leaving, be sure to make arrangements to see **Gorman Falls**, one of Texas' most scenic waterfalls.

When you leave Colorado Bend, head south through Llano (the barbecue capital of Texas) and then check out the Willow City Loop off FM 16 in Gillespie County. The loop winds through the classic Hill Country terrain, offering plenty of photo opportunities.

A great overnight camping spot that might come in handy is **Inks Lake State Park**, located on Inks Lake just below the Lake Buchanan dam. From Inks you can visit nearby **Longhorn Cavern State Park** on Park Road 4. From there, travel south on U.S. Highway 281 and then east on U.S. 290 to **Pedernales Falls State Park**, where you can spend a day enjoying the clear waters of the Pedernales River. Call ahead to make a reservation and take a park-management tour with superintendent Bill McDaniel. The tour is available on weekdays beginning at 9:00 a.m. On weekends you can take the Conservation Passport Twin Falls nature walk, also guided by McDaniel, to get a closer look at the flora and fauna of the park. Full camping facilities are available in the park, and lodging is available in nearby Johnson City.

Heading west from the park on U.S. Highway 290, stop by **LBJ State Park** and **LBJ Ranch** before continuing to Fredericksburg, where you can dine and shop in the historic downtown area and see **Admiral Nimitz Museum**, also downtown.

Yet another Conservation Passport activity is just a short drive to the south and west where, on the first Saturday of each month, the **Heart of the Hills Fisheries Research Station** offers a nature study tour of a Hill Country spring and an interesting tour of the research facility.

Another option you shouldn't overlook on this Hill Country swing is **Honey Creek State Natural Area** near Bulverde in Comal County just north of San Antonio. Weekend activities for Conservation Passport holders there include ecosystem tours, botany and geology and children's nature walks.

Remarkably, all these recreational opportunities are available within an approximate 75-mile radius of Johnson City, allowing you to pack as much fun as possible into a long weekend outing.



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### Name-a-Longhorn

**Fort Griffin SHP** is holding a Name-a-Longhorn contest through mid August to name about 25 calves. Winners will receive a copy of the registration certificate from the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America, which shows the calf's name and pedigree. Winners will also be listed in *The Passport*. For contest details, call 915-762-3592.

### Longhorn Cavern State Park Offers Special Discount


With your current Conservation Passport, you can purchase a Longhorn Cavern tour ticket for \$4. This is a thirty-three percent discount off the regular adult ticket price of \$6. For children age five through twelve, the ticket price is \$4 and children age four and under are free.


On your Hill Country Tour, be sure to visit **Longhorn Cavern State Park** and take advantage of this special discount available only with your Texas Conservation Passport. For recorded information on tours and times, call 512-756-6976. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, tours begin each hour from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The park is open from 9 a.m. to dusk each day for day-use activities like picnicking and hiking.

# Calendar of Texas Conservation Passport Activities


-  Aquatic Ecology/  
Fishing
-  Archaeology Tour
-  Bat Observation
-  Beach Activities
-  Bird watching
-  Botany/Geology Tour
-  Bus Tour
-  Cave Tour
-  Cultural/History Tour
-  Dog Demonstrations
-  Fort Tour
-  Horseback Tour
-  Mountain Bike Ride
-  Nature/Ecosystem  
Tour (Walking)
-  Nature/Ecosystem  
Tour (Driving)
-  Photography Tour
-  Reptile/Amphibian  
Observation
-  Wildflower/  
Native plant Tour
-  Wildlife Tour


# June


**Jun:** Every Thursday & Saturday,  **Old Tunnel WMA**, bat emergence tour, guide biologist R. Welch, 1 hr before sunset till flight is over, 210-896-2500


**Jun 4:**  **Coastal Fisheries Field Station**, National Fishing Week open house, guide conservation scientist J. Mambretti, 9 a.m.-noon, reservations available but not required, 409-983-1104


**Jun 5:**  **Big Bend Ranch SNA**, Big Bend Ranch bus tour with chuck wagon lunch, guide exhibits technician D. Alloway, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., additional fee, 915-229-3613

**Jun 5:**  **Cedar Hill SP**, birding tour, guide park ranger C. Griffith, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 214-291-3900


**Jun 5 - 6:**  **Chaparral WMA**, Texas tortoise & Texas horned lizard tour, guide conservation scientist J. Rutledge, 3 p.m.-sunset, reservations available but not required, 210-676-3413

**Jun 5:**  **Gene Howe WMA**, nature tour, guide area manager D. Dvorak, 8 a.m.-noon, 806-492-3405

**Jun 5:**  **Heart of the Hills Research Station**, tour of Hill Country spring & fisheries research station, guide inland fisheries research director D. Luebke, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 210-866-3356


**Jun 5:**  **Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656


**Jun 5:**  **J.D. Murphree WMA**, colonial waterbird nesting tour, guide area manager J. Sutherlin, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., 409-736-2551


**Jun 5:**  **Kerrville-Schreiner SP**, beginning hiking & backpacking seminar, guide park superintendent T. Hufstedler, 10 a.m.-12 noon, reservations available but not required, 210-257-5392


## Please note:


- These interpretive tours require one Conservation Passport per person age 17 and over.
- All activities require **reservations** unless noted otherwise.
- Most activities have a **limit on group size**.
- For **reservations** and information, call the phone number listed with the activity. For WMAs, the best time to catch the biologist in the office is on a weekday between 8 to 9 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m.
- For site location information, see the "Site Location Index." Sites are listed in alphabetical order.
- Abbreviations:  
SP= State Park  
SHP= State Historical Park  
SNA= State Natural Area  
WMA= Wildlife Management Area


**Jun 5:**  **Kickapoo Cavern SNA**, Kickapoo Cavern tour & Green Cave bat flight observation, guide park superintendent D.K. Stuart, 4 p.m.-9 p.m., 210-563-2342


**Jun 5:**  **McKinney Falls SP**, painted bunting bird walk, guide park superintendent N. Ochs, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 512-243-1643


**Jun 5:**  **Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304


**Jun 5-6:**  **Hill Country SNA in cooperation w/ Lightning Ranch**, horseback ride and camp-out w/ mount & campfire meals provided, guided by Lightning Ranch staff & park superintendent S. Heavey, 2 p.m. to noon next day, additional fee, 210-535-4096 or 210-535-4136 (reservations) 210-796-4413 (information only)


**Jun 6:**  **Devils River SNA**, hike & mountain bike ride, guide park superintendent B. Armstrong, 12 noon-afternoon, no reservations, 210-395-2133


**Jun 8 - 9:**  **Lubbock Lake Landmark SHP**, archaeologists in action tour, guide museum collections manager N. Ladkin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 806-765-0737

**Jun 12:**  **Bastrop SP**, please see "Debut of Lost Pines Bus Tour" on page 7


**Jun 12:**  **Cedar Hill SP**, Penn Farm walking tour, guide park ranger R.J. Bohls, 9 a.m.-11:15 a.m., additional fee, reservations available but not required, 214-291-3900


**Jun 12:**  **Cedar Hill SP**, orphaned owl release, guide Dallas Birds of Prey director D.D. Smith, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., additional fee, reservations available but not required, 214-291-3900

**Jun 12:**  **Colorado Bend SP**, undeveloped caves tour, guided by B. Burnett, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., additional fee, 915-628-3240


**Jun 12:**  **Dinosaur Valley SP**, horseback trail ride, guide park ranger G. Lujan, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., no reservations, 817-897-4588


**Jun 12:**  **Fairfield Lake SP**, wings on the summer thermals: tour & slide show, guide park superintendent D. Walsh, before sunset, reservations available but not required, 903-389-4514


**Jun 12- Jun 13:**  **Fort Richardson SHP**, a day at the fort, guide clerk of Company I, 6th U.S. Cavalry G. Ameila, 8 a.m.-noon, additional fee, 817-567-3502


**Jun 12:**  **GCCA/CPL Marine Development Center**, birding walk & hatchery tour/slide program, guide hatchery manager T. Engeling, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 512-939-7784


**Jun 12:**  **Hill Country SNA**, canyonland songbird hike, guide wildlife biologist intern L. Sparkman, 9 a.m.-12 noon, 210-796-4413

**Jun 12:**  **Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Jun 12:**  **Kerrville-Schreiner SP**, beginning hiking & backpacking seminar, guide park superintendent T. Hufstedler, 10 a.m.-12 noon, reservations available but not required, 210-257-5392

**Jun 12:**  **Lake Arrowhead SP**, conservation dogs: demonstration with retrievers, guide professional retriever trainer R. Stanfield, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., no reservations, 817-528-2211

**Jun 12:**  **Lake Brownwood SP**, bird watching walk, guide retired biology professor Dr. G. Creel, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., no reservations, 915-784-5223

**Jun 12:**  **Matagorda Island SP**, shelling & beachcombing tour, guide marine biologist M. Kelly, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

**Jun 12: McKinney Falls SP**, painted bunting bird walk, guide park superintendent N. Ochs, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 512-243-1643

**Jun 12: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

**Jun 13: Hill Country SNA & Running R Ranch**, interpretive horseback riding tour w/ mount & lunch provided, guide park superintendent S. Heavey, 9 a.m.- noon, additional fee, 210-796-3984 (reservations) 210-796-4413 (information only)

**Jun 13: Matagorda Island SP**, plant & wildflower tour, guide environmental education specialist Dr. W. McAlister, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

**Jun 17: Fairfield Lake SP**, mammals of East Texas slide program, guide wildlife technician S. Moore, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., reservations available but not required, 903-389-2216

**Jun 17: Lubbock Lake Landmark SHP**, lights & shadows: nature photography, guide park manager S.A. Angulo, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., 806-756-0737

**Jun 18: Fairfield Lake SP**, call of the wild: wildlife calling seminar, guide park superintendent D. Walsh, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., no reservations, 903-389-2216

**Jun 19: Big Bend Ranch SNA**, Big Bend Ranch bus tour with chuck wagon lunch, guide exhibits technician D. Alloway, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., additional fee, 915-424-3327

**Jul: Every Thursday & Saturday, Old Tunnel WMA**, bat emergence tour, guide biologist R. Welch, 1 hr before sunset till flight is over, 210-896-2500

**Jul 3: Big Bend Ranch SNA**, Big Bend Ranch bus tour with chuck wagon lunch, guide exhibits technician D. Alloway, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., additional fee, 915-229-3613

**Jul 3: Fairfield Lake SP**, the deer of Fairfield Lake tour & slide show, guide wildlife biologist K.M. Fleming, 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., no reservations, 903-389-4514

**Jul 3: Heart of the Hills Research Station**, tour of Hill Country spring & fisheries research station, guide inland fisheries research director D. Luebke, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 210-866-3356

**Jul 3: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Jun 19: Caprock Canyons SP**, view the tunnel driving tour, guide park ranger M. Knezeck, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., additional fee, 806-455-1492

**Jun 19: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Jun 19: Honey Creek SNA**, botany & geology walk, guide geologist S. Ogden, 9 a.m.-12 noon, no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Jun 19: Kickapoo Cavern SNA**, Kickapoo Cavern tour & Green Cave bat flight observation, guide park superintendent D.K. Stuart, 4 p.m.-9 p.m., 210-563-2342

**Jun 19: Lake Arrowhead SP**, mountain man reenactment, guide historian B. Neal, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., no reservations, 817-528-2211

**Jun 19: Matador WMA**, nature tour, guide area manager D. Dvorak, 8 a.m.-noon, 806-492-3405

**Jun 19: Matagorda Island SP**, marine life tour, guide marine biologist N. Boyd, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

**Jun 19: McKinney Falls SP**, painted bunting bird walk, guide park superintendent N. Ochs, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 512-243-1643

**Jun 19: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

**Jun 20: Matagorda Island SP**, island history tour, guide educational coordinator C. Veatch, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

**Jul 3: Lake Arrowhead SP**, on the wing again: birds of prey demonstration, guide naturalist & falconer A. Bradshaw, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., no reservations, 817-528-2211

**Jul 3: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

**Jul 3-4: Hill Country SNA in cooperation w/ Lightning Ranch**, horseback ride and camp-out w/ mount & campfire meals provided, guided by Lightning Ranch staff & park superintendent S. Heavey, 2 p.m. to noon next day, additional fee, 210-535-4096 or 210-535-4136 (reservations) 210-796-4413 (information only)

**Jul 4: Devils River SNA**, hike & mountain bike trail ride, guide park superintendent B. Armstrong, 12 noon-afternoon, no reservations, 210-395-2133

**Jun 25: Kerr WMA**, deer breeding pen tour, guide biologist B. Armstrong, 8 a.m.-12 noon, 210-238-4483

**Jun 26: Bastrop SP**, please see "Debut of Lost Pines Bus Tour" on page 7

**Jun 26: Fairfield Lake SP**, nature walk & slide program on the role of fire in nature, guide resource specialist K. Blair, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., reservations available but not required, 903-389-2216

**Jun 26: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Jun 26: McKinney Falls SP**, painted bunting bird walk, guide park superintendent N. Ochs, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 512-243-1643

**Jun 26: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

**Jun 26: Tawakoni SP**, nature walk at undeveloped park site, guide park ranger R. Cadena, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 903-425-2332

**Jun 27: Devils River SNA**, hike & mountain bike trail ride, guide park superintendent B. Armstrong, 12 noon-afternoon, no reservations, 210-395-2133

**Jun 27: Matagorda Island SP**, marine life tour, guide marine biologist N. Boyd, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

**Jul 9: Kerr WMA**, deer breeding pen tour, guide biologist B. Armstrong, 8 a.m.-noon, 210-238-4483

**Jul 10: Bastrop SP**, please see "Debut of Lost Pines Bus Tour" on page 7

**Jul 10: Cedar Hill SP**, Penn Farm walking tour, guide park ranger R.J. Bohls, 9 a.m.-11:15 a.m., additional fee, reservations available but not required, 214-291-3900

**Jul 10: Cedar Hill SP**, birding tour, guide park ranger C. Griffith, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 214-291-3900

**Jul 10: Colorado Bend SP**, undeveloped caves tour, guided by B. Burnett, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., additional fee, 915-628-3240

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## Head for the Hills

To help you plan your Hill Country Tour, here are the phone numbers for the sites listed in this issue's cover story:

**Colorado Bend SP\***  
915-628-3240  
**Inks Lake SP** 512-793-2223  
**Longhorn Cavern SP**  
512-756-6976  
**Pedernales Falls SP\***  
210-868-7304  
**LBJ State Park** 210-644-2252  
**Admiral Nimitz Museum**  
210-997-4379  
**Heart of the Hills\*** 210-866-3356  
**Honey Creek SNA\*** 210-438-2656

\* Sites also listed on the map on pages 4 and 5.

## How to use this Newsletter

When you see an interesting activity that fits your schedule, turn to the map on the centerfold to determine its general location. Once you find the area, consult the accompanying listing for information on how to get there. **Most of the activities require advance reservations, and before visiting any area it's a good idea to call ahead for local weather conditions or other factors that might affect your outing.** Telephone numbers are found in the calendar.

# Site Location Index

**1 A.E. Wood SFH**  
 Located in San Marcos, off IH 35. Take Seguin exit (Texas 123 which has hatchery sign) and go to FM 621 (Staples Rd.). The hatchery is on your left. 512-353-0572

**2 Atkinson Island WMA**  
 Located between Chambers and Harris Counties on the Houston Ship Channel, off Morgan's Point. Accessed by boat only from Morgan's Point and Crauley's Bait Camp. (The Harris County side of the island is the only portion owned by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.) 409-736-2551

**3 Bastrop SP**  
 Located in Bastrop County, 32 miles east of Austin and 1 mile east of Bastrop on Hwy. 21. 512-321-2101

**4 Big Bend Ranch SNA**  
 Located north of Lajitas on Highway 170 in Brewster and Presidio counties. 915-424-3327

**5 Candy Cain Abshier WMA**  
 Located on Smith Point in the far southwesternmost part of Chambers County. From Interstate 10, take Highway 61 south to FM 562, then take FM 562 south to Smith Point. 409-736-2551

**6 Caprock Canyons SP**  
 Located in southeastern Briscoe County near Quitaque. The park is bordered on the north by State Highway 256, the entrance is on the south and accessible to Quitaque on Ranch Road 1065.

**7 Cedar Hill SP**  
 Located in the southwest corner of Dallas County, approximately 15 miles southwest of Dallas. The park is 2 miles west of Cedar Hill and is accessible via FM 1382. 214-291-3900

**8 Chaparral WMA** Located in LaSalle and Dimmit Counties, 8 miles west of Artesia Wells on FM 133. 210-676-3413.

**9 Coastal Fisheries Field Station**  
 Located in Port Arthur, from Hwy. 82 cross Martin L. King, Jr. bridge to Pleasure Island. From the T-intersection at the bottom of M.L. King bridge turn right. Go two miles to Pleasure Pier Blvd. and turn left. Turn right onto Channelview Drive. 409-983-1104

**10 Colorado Bend SP**  
 Located in Lampasas and San Saba counties on the Colorado River approximately 10 miles above Lake Buchanan. Paved access is available to the small community of Bend from U.S. Highway 281 and U.S. Highway 183 at Lampasas via FM 580. From Bend there are approximately 4 miles of unpaved road to the entrance of the park. 915-628-3240

**11 Davis Mountains SP**  
 Located in Jeff Davis County 4 miles northwest of Fort Davis, via Highway 118. 915-426-3337

**12 Devils River SNA**  
 Located 45 miles north of Del Rio in Val Verde County, 22 miles off U.S. Highway 277. 210-395-2133

**13 Dinosaur Valley SP**  
 Located in north central Somervell County about 58 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Travel 4 miles west of Glen Rose on FM 205/Park Road 59, 1 mile to headquarters.

**14 Dundee SFH**  
 Located west of Wichita Falls. Take Highway 277 to Dundee, once in Dundee turn north on FM 2846, go about 5 miles and take a left on FM 1180. The hatchery is 3 miles down, right next to Diversion Lake. 817-586-1576

**15 Fairfield Lake SP**  
 Located in eastern Freestone County near Fairfield. From IH-45 take Highway 84 east to FM 488 north to FM 2570 east to Park Road 64.

**16 Fort Griffin SHP**  
 Located 15 miles north of Albany, Texas on U.S. Highway 283.

**17 Fort Richardson SHP**  
 Located in central Jack County near Jacksboro. The park entrance is accessible from U.S. Highway 281. From Jacksboro travel 1 mile south on U.S. 281 to the park entrance.

**18 GCCA-CPL Marine Development Center**  
 Located in Corpus Christi. From IH 37 take South Padre Island Drive Exit (S.P.I.D.) to Waldron Rd. and turn right. Drive 4 to 5 miles and look for hatchery sign. 512-939-8745

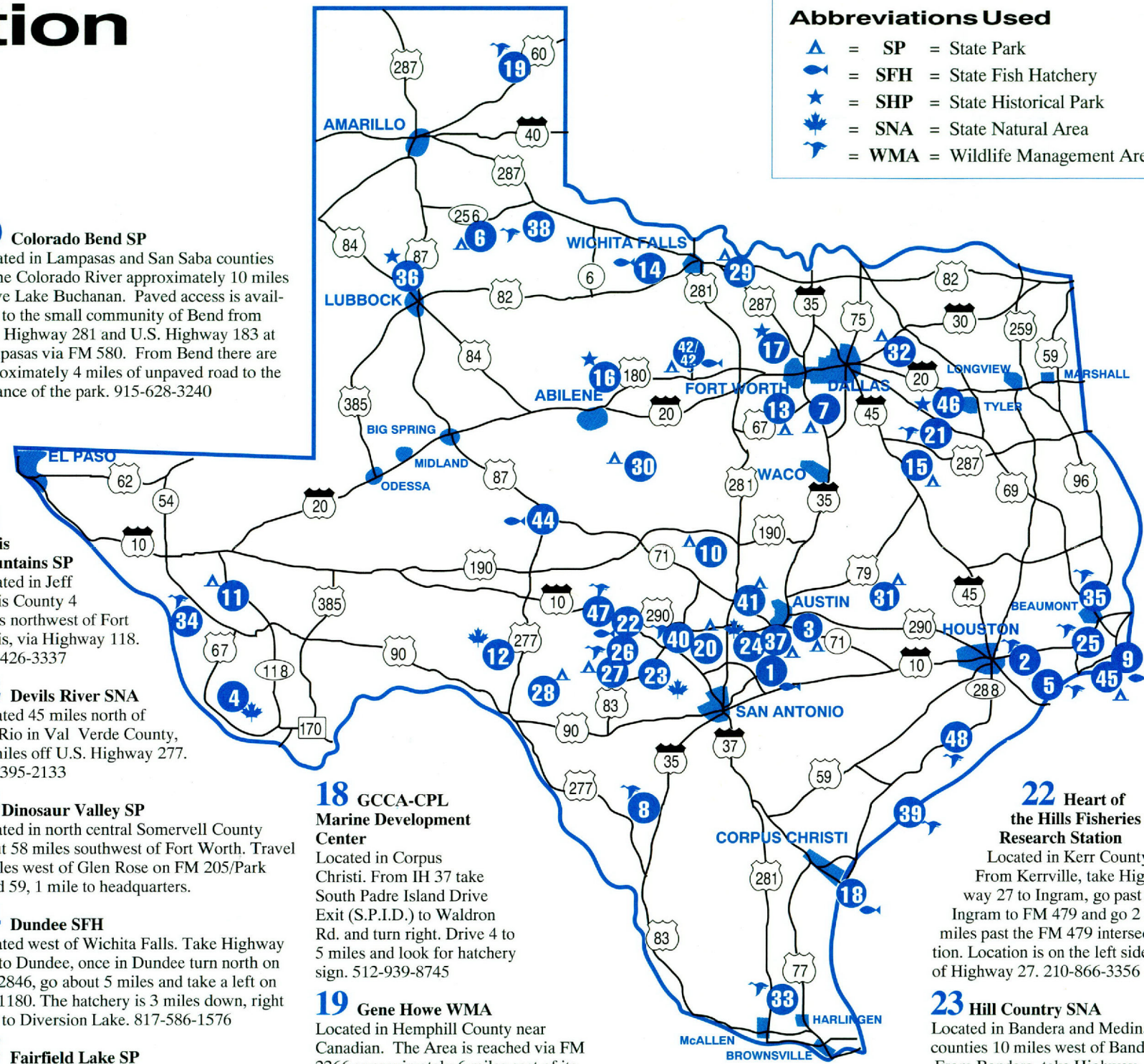
**19 Gene Howe WMA**  
 Located in Hemphill County near Canadian. The Area is reached via FM 2266 approximately 6 miles east of its junction with U.S. Highway 83, 2 miles north of Canadian. 806-323-8642

**20 Guadalupe River SP**  
 Located 30 miles north of San Antonio, 13 mi. east of Boerne on Hwy 46 or 8 mi. west of the intersection of Hwy 281 and Hwy 46.

**21 Gus Engeling WMA**  
 Located in Anderson County, 21 miles northwest of Palestine or 38 miles southeast of Corsicana on U.S. Highway 287. 903-928-2251

**Abbreviations Used**

- ▲ = SP = State Park
- 🐟 = SFH = State Fish Hatchery
- ★ = SHP = State Historical Park
- 🌿 = SNA = State Natural Area
- 🦋 = WMA = Wildlife Management Area



**25 J.D. Murphree WMA**  
 Located in Jefferson County, via State Highway 73, 0.5 miles east of the Taylor Bayou Bridge or 3 miles west of the State Highway 82 intersection in Port Arthur. 409-736-2551

**26 Kerr WMA**  
 Located on the scenic headwaters of the North Fork of the Guadalupe River in Kerr County, 14 miles west of Hunt off FM 1340. 210-238-4483

**27 Kerrville-Schreiner SP**  
 Located three miles southeast of Kerrville on both sides of Highway 173 adjacent to the shores of the Guadalupe River.

**28 Kickapoo Cavern SP**  
 Located in Edwards and Kinney counties northwest of Uvalde, 23 miles north of Brackettville. From U.S. Highway 90 take FM 674 north for 23 miles to park entrance. 210-563-2342

**29 Lake Arrowhead SP**  
 Located about 20 mi. southeast of Wichita Falls. From Hwy 281, take FM 1954 for 8 mi. From Hwy 287, take FM 2393 south for 8 mi.

**30 Lake Brownwood SP**  
 Take Park Road 15 (east) off Highway 279 and travel 5 miles to park entrance, then 1 mile to park headquarters.

**31 Lake Somerville SP/Nails Creek Unit**  
 Located in Burleson County northwest of Brenham. Nails Creek Unit is located on FM 180, 15 miles off U.S. 290. 409-289-2392

**32 Lake Tawakoni SP**  
 Located in Hunt County east of Dallas. From the end of FM 2475 to White Deer Landing Road to park entrance.

**33 Las Palomas WMA/Lower Rio Grande Valley Units**  
 Eight tracts located in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy counties. 210-383-8982

**34 Las Palomas WMA/Ocotillo Unit**  
 Located in southwestern Presidio County, 36 miles northwest of Presidio or 1 mile northwest of Ruidosa on FM 170. 915-837-2051

**35 Lower Neches WMA/Bessie Heights Unit**  
 Located in Orange County, approximately 6 miles west of Bridge City and 2 miles north of Neches River in Bessie Heights Oil Field. Accessible by watercraft only. 409-736-2551

**36 Lubbock Lake Landmark SHP**  
 Located on the northwest edge of the City of Lubbock near the intersection of Loop 289 and Clovis Road (U.S. 84). 806-741-0306

**37 McKinney Falls SP**  
 Located in Travis County, 13 miles southeast of the State Capitol. Take U.S. Hwy. 183 south to Scenic Loop Rd., turn onto Scenic Loop and go 2 miles to the park entrance. 512-243-1643

**38 Matador WMA**  
 Located in Cottle County, 7 miles north of Paducah at the end of FM 3256, 2.5 miles west of Highway 83. 806-492-3405

**39 Matagorda Island SP/WMA**  
 Located in Calhoun County with the headquarters, dock and information center in Port O'Connor. Port O'Connor is approximately 50 miles southeast of Victoria. 512-576-0022

**40 Old Tunnel WMA**  
 Located in Kendall County, 14 miles south of Fredricksburg. From Fredricksburg take US 290 4 miles to FM 1376 (KOA). Turn right and go approximately 5 miles, turn right and go approximately 6 miles to T, turn left and go about 3.5 miles to the WMA (on left side of road). 210-896-2500

**41 Pedernales Falls SP**  
 Located in eastern Blanco County near Johnson City. The park entrance is 9 miles east of Johnson City on FM Road 2766, or by traveling west of Austin for 32 miles on U.S. Highway 290, then north on FM 3232 for 7 miles. 210-868-7304

**42 Possum Kingdom SFH**  
 Located off Hwy 180, 10 mi. north of Brad, about 30 miles west of Mineral Wells and 1.5 mi. from Morris Shepard Dam (Possum Kingdom Dam), which is located off Hwy 16 north. 817-779-2301

**43 Possum Kingdom SP**  
 Located in Palo Pinto County west of Fort Worth near Caddo. Take U.S. Highway 180 to Caddo then 17 miles north on Park Road 33. 817-549-1803

**44 San Angelo SFH**  
 Located in San Angelo, off the intersection Bus. 87 and South Chadbourne. Hatchery is located by the Air Force Base. 915-653-2977

**45 Sea Rim SP**  
 Located on State Highway 87 in the extreme southeast corner of the Texas coast near Louisiana; southwest of Port Arthur and northeast of Galveston via Port Bolivar Ferry

**46 Tyler SFH**  
 Located in Tyler off 31 West, (watch for hatchery sign), approximately 2.5 mi., pass the loop and turn left on the Greensboro Rd. (Spur 164), sign says "hatchery 1 mile." 903-592-7570

**47 Walter Buck WMA**  
 Located on the South Fork of the Llano River in Kimble County, 5 miles southwest of Junction or 3 miles south of the Junction city limits sign on State Highway 377 to the WMA entrance. 915-446-3617

**48 Welder Flats Coastal Preserve**  
 Located in Calhoun County at the junction of the Victoria Barge Canal with the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Boat access only. 512-729-2315

# July


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## Special Activities

"Wild Caving" tours for Conservation Passport holders will be held at **Colorado Bend SP** on June 12, July 10 and August 21. For more information on these tours of undeveloped caves, call 915-628-3240. Reservations will be limited to ten people per group.


Park management tour at **Pedernales Falls SP** offered weekdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. If you wonder what it takes to run a busy park, this is the tour for you. Call 210-868-7304 for reservations.


**Running R Ranch** in Bandera offers Passport holders discounts on its horseback rides. When you take advantage of this special offer, you'll have the opportunity to explore the Hill Country SNA during your ride. For more information about the rides, call Charles "Doo" Robbins or Jo Cubbison, 210-796-3984.


 **Jul 10: Fairfield Lake SP**, wings on the summer thermals: tour & slide show, guide park superintendent D. Walsh, before sunset-, reservations available but not required, 903-389-4514


 **Jul 10: GCCA/CPL Marine Development Center**, birding walk & hatchery tour/slide program, guide hatchery manager T. Engeling, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 512-939-7784


 **Jul 10: Hill Country SNA**, canyonland songbird hike, guide wildlife biologist intern L. Sparkman, 9 a.m.-12 noon, 210-796-4413


 **Jul 10: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

 **Jul 10: Kickapoo Cavern SNA**, Kickapoo Cavern tour & Green Cave bat flight observation, guide park superintendent D.K. Stuart, 4 p.m.-9 p.m., 210-563-2342


 **Jul 10: Lake Brownwood S.P.**, bird watching walk, guide retired biology professor Dr. G. Creel, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., no reservations, 915-784-5223

 **Jul 10: Matagorda Island SP**, marine life tour, guide marine biologist N. Boyd, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215


 **Jul 10: McKinney Falls SP**, painted bunting bird walk, guide park superintendent N. Ochs, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 512-243-1643


 **Jul 10: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304


 **Jul 11: Hill Country SNA & Running R Ranch**, interpretive horseback riding tour w/ mount & lunch provided, guide park superintendent S. Heavey, 9 a.m.- noon, additional fee, 210-796-3984 (reservations) 210-796-4413 (information only)


 **Jul 17: A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery**, birding & nature walking tour, guide fish & wildlife technician K. Ramos, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., 512-353-0572


 **Jul 17: Big Bend Ranch SNA**, Big Bend Ranch bus tour with chuck wagon lunch, guide exhibits technician D. Alloway, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., additional fee, 915-424-3327


 **Jul 17: Caprock Canyons SP**, view the tunnel driving tour, guide park ranger M. Knezek, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., additional fee, 806-455-1492


 **Jul 17: Dundee State Fish Hatchery**, birding & nature walking tour, guide biologist A. Barkoh, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., 817-586-1576


 **Jul 17: GCCA-CPL Marine Development Center**, birding & walking nature tour, guide biologist R. Vega, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., 512-939-8745


 **Jul 17: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656


 **Jul 17: Honey Creek SNA**, children's nature walk, guide naturalist P. Solis, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656


 **Jul 17: McKinney Falls SP**, painted bunting bird walk, guide park superintendent N. Ochs, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 512-243-1643

 **Jul 17: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304


 **Jul 17: Possum Kingdom State Fish Hatchery**, birding & nature walking tour, guide biologist G. Alexander, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., 817-779-2301


 **Jul 17: San Angelo State Fish Hatchery**, birding & nature walking tour, guide fish & wildlife technician H. Cruz, 7 a.m.-10 p.m., 915-653-2977


 **Jul 17: Tyler State Fish Hatchery**, birding & nature walking tour, guide biologist D. Campbell, 7 a.m.-10 a.m., 903-592-7570


 **Jul 18: Matagorda Island SP**, marine life tour, guide marine biologist N. Boyd, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215


 **Jul 24: Bastrop SP**, please see "Debut of Lost Pines Bus Tour" on page 7


 **Jul 24: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656


 **Jul 24: Matagorda Island SP**, marine life tour, guide marine biologist N. Boyd, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215


 **Jul 24: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304


 **Jul 25: Devils River SNA**, hike & mountain bike trail ride, guide park superintendent B. Armstrong, 12 noon-afternoon, no reservations, 210-395-2133


 **Jul 25: Matagorda Island SP**, island history tour, guide educational coordinator C. Veatch, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215


 **Jul 24: McKinney Falls SP**, painted bunting bird walk, guide park superintendent N. Ochs, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 512-243-1643


 **Jul 29: Possum Kingdom SP**, predator calling workshop, guide park manager C.F. Gray, 8:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., 817-549-1803


 **Jul 31: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

 **Jul 31: McKinney Falls SP**, painted bunting bird walk, guide park superintendent N. Ochs, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. 512-243-1643


 **Jul 31: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

 **Jul 31: Tawakoni SP**, nature tour at undeveloped park site, guide park ranger R. Cadena, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 903-425-2332


 **Aug: Every Thursday & Saturday, Old Tunnel WMA**, bat emergence tour, guide biologist R. Welch, 1 hr before sunset-till flight is over, 210-896-2500

 **Aug 1: Matagorda Island SP**, marine life tour, guide marine biologist N. Boyd, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

 **Aug 7: Big Bend Ranch SNA**, Big Bend Ranch bus tour with chuck wagon lunch, guide exhibits technician D. Alloway, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., additional fee, 915-229-3613

 **Aug 7: Fairfield Lake SP**, the odyssey of inland redbird: slide program & discussion, guide fisheries biologist R. Ott, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., reservations available but not required, 903-389-2216

 **Aug 7: Fort Griffin SP & other forts**, driving tour of historic forts, guide park manager L.W. Galbreath, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m., 915-762-3592

 **Aug 7: Heart of the Hills Research Station**, tour of Hill Country spring & fisheries research station, guide inland fisheries research director D. Luebke, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 210-866-3356

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# Debut of Lost Pines Bus Tour

The first trip of the Lost Pines bus tour is Saturday, June 12 and will be held every other Saturday this summer. This three-hour interpretive tour features history and structures of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) period and the ecology of the pine-oak woodland popularly known as the Lost Pines. The tour starts at **Bastrop State Park** and travels to **Buescher State Park** to appreciate the

transition from sandy soils and loblolly pines to clay soils and oaks as well as other hardwoods. The riparian habitats of these parks are especially attractive to a wide diversity of avifauna. The endangered Houston toad will also be discussed during this tour. Participants should bring a sack lunch. For reservations or more information, call **Bastrop State Park** at 512-321-2101.

# Tours by Request

**Colorado Bend SP**, wildlife viewing at baited area, park superintendent R. Basse, predawn to noon or until dusk if others not waiting to use the blinds, additional fee, reservations available but not required, 915-628-3240

**Devil's River SNA**, guided tour of archaeological pictograph sites and natural sites upon request, Fridays-Sundays, groups encouraged, bunkhouse lodging for 10 people and kitchen available, 512-395-2133

**Kickapoo Cavern SNA**, bird watching and nature tours upon request, primitive cavern tour by special arrangement, groups encouraged, bunkhouse lodging for 12 people and kitchen available, please make reservations at least two weeks in advance, 210-563-2342



**Aug 7: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Aug 7: Lake Arrowhead SP**, wildlife & landscape photography workshop, guide professional photographer L. Simmons, 4 p.m.-dark, no reservations, 817-528-2211

**Aug 7: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

**Aug 7-8: Hill Country SNA in cooperation w/ Lightning Ranch**, horseback ride and camp-out w/ mount & campfire meals provided, guided by Lightning Ranch staff & park superintendent S. Heavey, 2 p.m. to noon next day, additional fee, 210-535-4096 or 210-535-4136 (reservations) 210-796-4413 (information only)

**Aug 8: Devils River SNA**, hike & mountain bike trail ride, guide park superintendent B. Armstrong, 12 noon-afternoon, no reservations, 210-395-2133

**Aug 8: Hill Country SNA & Running R Ranch**, interpretive horseback riding tour w/ mount & lunch provided, guide park superintendent S. Heavey, 9 a.m.- noon, additional fee, 210-796-3984 (reservations) 210-796-4413 (information only)

**Aug 9: Sea Rim SP**, beach day with coastal fisheries biologists, guide conservation scientist J. Mambretti, 10 a.m.-noon, no reservations, 409-983-1104

**Aug 14: Bastrop SP**, please see "Debut of Lost Pines Bus Tour" above

**Aug 14: Cedar Hill SP**, Penn Farm walking tour, guide park ranger R.J. Bohls, 9 a.m.-11:15 a.m., additional fee, reservations available but not required, 214-291-3900

**Aug 14: Cedar Hill SP**, birding tour, guide park ranger C. Griffith, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 214-291-3900

**Aug 14: GCCA/CPL Marine Development Center**, birding walk & hatchery tour/slide program, guide hatchery manager T. Engeling, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 512-939-7784

**Aug 14: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Aug 14: Matagorda Island SP**, marine life tour, guide marine biologist N. Boyd, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

**Aug 14: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

**Aug 15: Matagorda Island SP**, island history tour, guide educational coordinator C. Veatch, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

**Aug 21: Big Bend Ranch SNA**, Big Bend Ranch bus tour with chuck wagon lunch, guide exhibits technician D. Alloway, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., additional fee, 915-424-3327

**Aug 21: Colorado Bend SP**, undeveloped caves tour, guided by B. Burnett, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., additional fee, 915-628-3240

**Aug 21: Guadalupe River SP**, mustang grape jelly cooking & canning, guide naturalist P. Solis, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., 210-438-2656

**Aug 21: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Aug 21: Kickapoo SNA**, bird banding observation & birding tour, guide park superintendent D.K. Stuart, 9 a.m.-, 210-563-2342

**Aug 21: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

**Aug 28: Bastrop SP**, please see "Debut of Lost Pines Bus Tour" above

**Aug 28: Honey Creek SNA**, Lower Edwards Plateau ecosystem tour, guide naturalist P. Solis, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., no reservations, 210-438-2656

**Aug 28: Kickapoo Cavern SNA**, Kickapoo Cavern tour & Green Cave bat flight observation, guide park superintendent D.K. Stuart, 4 p.m.-9 p.m., 210-563-2342

**Aug 28: Matagorda Island SP**, marine life tour, guide marine biologist N. Boyd, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., additional fee, 512-983-2215

**Aug 28: Pedernales Falls SP**, Twin Falls nature trail walk, guide park superintendent B. McDaniel, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., no reservations, 210-868-7304

**Aug 28: Tawakoni SP**, nature tour at undeveloped park site, guide park ranger R. Cadena, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 903-425-2332

**Aug 29: Devils River SNA**, hike & mountain bike trail ride, guide park superintendent B. Armstrong, 12 noon-afternoon, no reservations, 210-395-2133

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