



Nature Center & Refuge

Mission

To enhance the quality of life by enrolling and educating our community in the preservation and protection of natural areas while standing as an example of these same principles and values in North Central Texas.

About the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

The Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge is a hidden jewel – a wilderness composed of forests, prairies and wetlands reminiscent of how the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex once looked in its natural state. Replete with native flora and fauna, the FWNC&R beckons to anyone searching for a tranquil piece of nature within a bustling urban area.

- The FWNC&R is a division of the City of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Department.
- At 3,621 acres, the FWNC&R is one of the largest city-owned nature centers in the United States.
- In 1980, the FWNC&R received National Natural Landmark status from the National Park Service.
- More than 20 miles of hiking trails provide easy access to the natural wonders found on the refuge.
- The FWNC&R offers a variety of education programs and hikes for individuals, schools and families.
- Additional financial support is provided by the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge.

Educational Opportunities



• Weekday Programs

Public schools, private schools, home school groups, day cares and other organized groups are invited for naturalist and docent-led hikes.

• Weekend Programs

Weekends are a great time for families and individuals to take advantage of the provided classes and hikes covering an array of topics.

Private guided tours for organized groups may also be arranged for a small fee.

• Outreach

FWNC&R naturalists bring live animals to school classrooms and discuss their natural history, adaptations and role in the environment.

How to Get Involved

Volunteer Opportunities

- Animal Care
- Canoe Guide
- Docent (Nature Interpreter)
- Natural Guard (Outdoor Conservationist)
- Restoration Greenhouse
- Visitor's Center Host/Hostess

Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge

This group supports the activities of the Refuge both financially and by conducting annual special events at the Nature Center. Membership includes a subscription to the newsletter, a gift shop discount and special "Friends Only" events.

General Info

Hours

Refuge
 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Monday-Friday)
 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Hardwicke Interpretive Center (Daily)
 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Admission

\$5 Adults (13-64)
 \$2 Children (3-12; under 3 FREE)
 \$3 Seniors (65+)
 \$1 discount per person (with Military ID-Active/retired)