

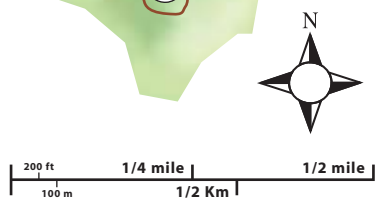
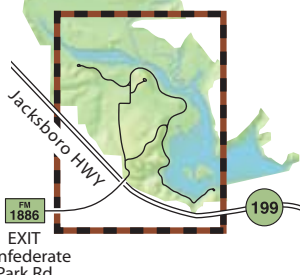


# Trail Map

## LEGEND

- Hardwicke Interpretive Visitor Center** Information, exhibits & gift shop
- Hardwicke Entrance**
- Roads**
- Parking**
- Restrooms**
- Service Center**
- Scenic Overlook**
- Trails** (Trails are marked with their corresponding symbol. They are color coded here for clarity.)
- Picnic Area**
- Dumpster**
- Private Property**

- Canyon Ridge** Scenic connecting trail of ridgetop vistas, shady canyons and marsh views, one way..... 3.25 miles
- Caprock** Views along a fossil shell outcrop with steep climbs. From Hardwicke, round-trip..... 0.52 miles
- Crosstimbers** Loop trail through ancient forest, round-trip..... 3.37 miles
- Deer Mouse** Trail connecting Prairie and Riverbottom, one way... 0.78 miles
- Forked Tail Creek** Forested trail accessible from Wild Plum and Riverbottom Trails, one way..... 0.62 miles
- Greer Island** Levee crossing to forested interlocking trails, round-trip from parking area..... 1.5 miles
- Limestone Ledge** A paved nature trail suitable for short walks or wheelchairs, round-trip..... 0.21 miles
- Marsh Boardwalk** Boardwalk loop over wetland, round-trip..... 0.24 miles
- Oak Motte** Meander through grasslands and clusters of red and live oaks, a.k.a. mottes, loop round-trip.. 2.16 miles
- Prairie** Open prairie trail leading to Prairie Dog Town, round-trip.. 1.13 miles
- Riverbottom** Follows along river, Caprock to Boardwalk..... 1.23 miles  
Caprock to Canyon Ridge..... 2.72 miles
- Wild Plum** Connecting trail through wild plum thickets, one way .. 0.47 miles



# Welcome

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**OUR 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."

## FOR YOUR SAFETY AND TO PRESERVE YOUR REFUGE...

All plants, animals, and natural objects are protected. Do not collect any natural objects, pick plants, or feed animals.

Walk only on marked trails. No bicycles, jogging, vehicles, or horses on trails.

Dogs allowed on leash (max. length 6'). Solid animal waste must be removed.

Areas beyond closed gates or cables are closed to entry by any means. No roadside parking. Please use designated parking areas.

Fishing from shore is not permitted.

Picnic only in designated areas. No grills or fires.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

No audible radios or loud music.

Dispose of trash properly.

No visiting before or after posted hours. Camping is not allowed.

Visitors on the grounds after hours WILL be locked in. If locked in, call Fort Worth Police Department dispatch at 817-335-4222.

## GENERAL DAILY ADMISSION FEES

**Adults** \$4.00  
**Children** \$2.00 (ages 3-17; under 3 free)  
**Seniors** \$3.00 (age 65+)

Memberships and annual passes are available.

## REFUGE HOURS

Refuge hours are seasonal. Please call 817-237-1111 for current schedule prior to your visit.

## HARDWICKE VISITOR CENTER HOURS

**Monday – Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**Visitor Information:** 817-237-1111  
(4:30 p.m. – Close: 817-237-0836)



## STAND UP FOR NATURE & BECOME A FRIEND\*!

Membership includes an Annual Pass to the Nature Center, plus more! Call 817-237-1111 or visit [www.naturecenterfriends.org](http://www.naturecenterfriends.org).

\*Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge

## Lots of things to do or schedule!

There's something for everyone at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge! Come out for a picnic, enroll in a class, take a naturalist-led day or night hike, or enjoy the plants and animals on your own as you explore over 3,600 acres of natural North Central Texas.

[www.fwnaturecenter.org](http://www.fwnaturecenter.org) - Click on CALENDAR to see what's happening and how to sign up.

### 1 Visit the Hardwicke Interpretive Center -

Get informed! Exhibits, Gift Shop, Bird Watching Courtyard, Herbarium, Nature Library, Restrooms/Water.

### 2 Hike over 20 miles of nature trails!

**View Wildlife** - See the prairie dog town and the bison range. Native wildlife is also on exhibit outside the Hardwicke Interpretive Center. For the quiet and alert, the Nature Center is home to wild turkeys, armadillos, alligators, raccoons, skunks, bobcats, deer, squirrels, opossum, beaver and many turtles, lizards and snakes.

### 4 Attend Naturalist-led Walks and learn about all the plants, animals and insects. Numerous hikes are posted online at [www.fwnaturecenter.org](http://www.fwnaturecenter.org).

**Bird Watching** - With over 200 species of birds, the Nature Center is a popular bird-watching destination.

### 7 Study Wildflowers - Visit during all seasons of the year to see over 300 species of flowering plants.

**Canoe Tours** - Discover blue herons, beaver dams, and ducks on a guided canoe tour. To get paddling, click CALENDAR at [www.fwnaturecenter.org](http://www.fwnaturecenter.org).

### 9 Educational Programs are available for individuals, families and organized groups. For more information on offerings, to register or to schedule a group visit, call 817-237-1111.



**Once a month**, one Sunday afternoon is reserved for canoeing! But don't bother to register — it's first-come-first-served. Go online at [www.fwnaturecenter.org](http://www.fwnaturecenter.org) and click CALENDAR to find out when and where! \$5/FONC \$3 (Fee in addition to gate fee)

## CANOE FEST

**Volunteer and get in FREE!** With your help we can launch more than just canoes! Find out how you can make a difference at 817-237-1111.

### 10 Give a Gift of Nature - Passes and annual memberships make natural gifts. Pick one up at the gate for a friend.