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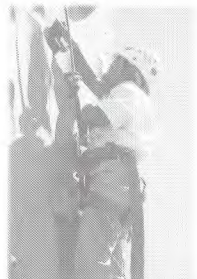
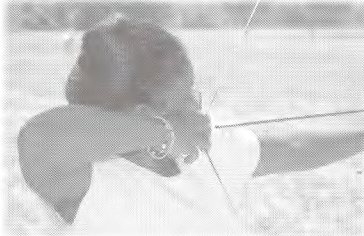
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# EXPLORE TEXAS



*This great state was named from a Native American word that means "hello friend" or "friendly tribes." Texans are a friendly lot with over 600,000 acres of state parks. So come and explore!*

## **W** STATE PARKS

Whether you enjoy looking at scenic landscapes, touring historical sites, camping, fishing, hiking, backpacking, swimming, boating, horseback riding, rock climbing, or almost any other outdoor recreation, there's a state park in Texas where you can pursue your pleasure. From the Panhandle to the Rio Grande Valley, the Pineywoods to the Big Bend, over 120 parks offer you a natural escape from fast-lane living. To make reservations, call 512-389-8900 or use our online reservation system at: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/admin/res](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/admin/res)

## **W** TEXAS CONSERVATION PASSPORT

Do you know how to get into parks for a whole year and pay only once? When you buy the \$50 TCP at any state park, you don't pay park entry fees again for the rest of the year. With the exception of Hueco Tanks SHP, you and everyone in your vehicle will get into the parks free when you join the TCP program. You also get one free tour at historical sites. And the TCP Journal with a listing of park events and news comes to your home four times a year. Contact 512-389-4690

## **DISCOVERY PASSPORT**

Visit each and every Texas State Park with your Discovery Passport. Get your booklet stamped each time you visit another park and receive colorful embroidered patches when you have completed a region. Only \$1 at the state parks. The handy, pocket-sized Discovery Passport lists all the park phone numbers, the TPW web site, the park reservation number and more! Contact 512-389-4690

## **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA TOURS**

Tour a wildlife management area and observe wildlife management and research in action. Excellent wildlife viewing opportunities are available along many of the self-paced nature and interpretive trails. Wildlife management areas may be closed to the public except by prior permission. Tours not available at all sites. For more information, contact: Wildlife Management at 512-389-4407 or area managers for details.

## **W** **OUTDOOR KIDS**

Outdoor Kids is a fun, self-directed program encouraging young people to participate in first-hand experiences in nature, history and recreation. Fill out a complimentary Outdoor Kid Journal (theirs to keep), send in the pre-addressed card, and receive a patch, field guide and official certificate. Activities can be done at state parks, or even your own backyard! Great project for classes, clubs and community groups. Order your free copy on the web. Contact: 1-800-792-1112 (ext. 68) or 512-389-8196

## **W** **OUTDOORS-WOMAN**

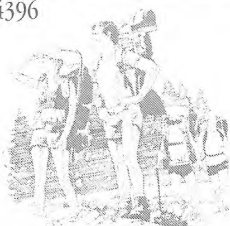
Experience the outdoors at weekend workshops for women. Learn the basics in archery, birdwatching, boating, camping, canoeing, fishing, hunting, mountain biking, nature hikes and much more. Several "Becoming an Outdoors Woman®" workshops are offered throughout the year at various locations around the state. Room, lodging and class instruction are included. "Women in the Outdoors" one-day events are offered under partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation. No experience needed. Equipment provided. Fees vary. Contact: 512-389-8198

## **W** **T.O.W.N. (TEXAS OUTDOORS WOMAN'S NETWORK)**

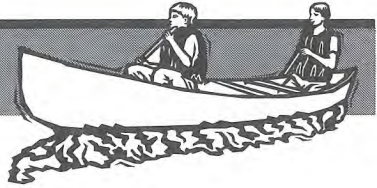
Extend what you've learned at Outdoor Woman by joining TOWN. This organization helps women meet other workshop alumni who want to pursue outdoor activities. There are several chapters across the state. For more information about a group in your area, or to start a TOWN group, contact 1-800-792-1112 (ext. 64). Visit our Web site at: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/edu/baow](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/edu/baow)

## **W** **GREAT TEXAS COASTAL BIRDING TRAIL**

Treat yourself to the birding trip of a lifetime! The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail makes it easy for birders and wildlife watchers to find the great viewing sites along the coast. The GTCBT guides you through 308 designated birding sites organized by color-coded loops. With over 450 bird species occurring along the coast, Texas' rich diversity of birds attracts tourists from all over the world. Colorful, illustrated maps of the Upper, Central, and Lower portions of the Texas coast include directions to the sites, best times to visit, birds to see, and more! You can order maps by e-mail at [birdingtrails@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:birdingtrails@tpwd.state.tx.us) or by calling toll free 1-888-TXBIRDS (892-4737) or 512-389-4396



# BOAT TEXAS



## **W** BOATER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Have you ever wanted to learn more about boating? What about legal requirements and operational skills? Boater Education provides all the necessary information to make your boating experience safe and fun. Certification is available through an instructor/student environment or on the web. This certification meets the state's legislative requirements for certain boaters. Look us up at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat) or call 512-389-4999

## **JUNIOR BOATER**

Toss a PFD! (Personal Flotation Device) Survive a Sinking Boat! Run a PFD Relay! Play Wildlife Escape! Children have fun while learning with these practical, hands-on water and boating safety activities. Jr. Boater introduces children and parents to boating, water safety skills and the aquatic environment. This program is especially effective with large groups and children too young for the standard boater education certification program. Can easily be duplicated by youth-serving agencies. Call 512-389-4999

## **W** BOATER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

Share your knowledge and skills by volunteering as a boater education instructor. The certification process includes an application, successful completion of both the student and instructor courses, and an interview with a local game warden. Contact: 512-389-8141

## **AQUASMART**

This school-based program shows kids how to be smart when playing in and around water. A "Ten-Tips" format includes drown-proofing, swimming, safety, boating safety and more. Entertaining video format with teacher guide and student activity sheets. Available K-2 and grades 3-5. Grades 6-8 soon to be available. Contact: 512-389-4938

## **W** TEXAS RIVER GUIDE

For the ultimate of what, where, and how of river recreation in Texas, check out this online guide to Texas river access, water flows, safety and equipment tips, and much more. There's a list of great resource links, a calendar of events and a form to submit your upcoming river-related event. Web site: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswater/rivers/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/texaswater/rivers/)

# CAMP TEXAS



## **W** CAMP OR PARK HOST

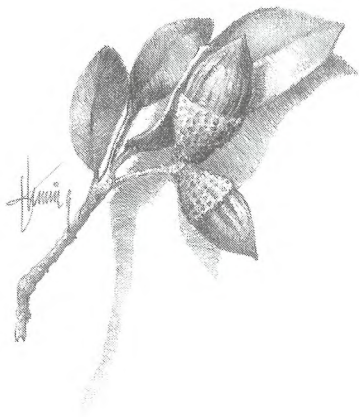
Volunteers live in state parks and assist park staff in a variety of activities from interpretation and maintenance to visitor assistance. Contact park of choice or 512-389-4888 for details.

## **PARRIE HAYNES YOUTH CONSERVATION RANCH**

Parrie Haynes offers week-long summer youth camps and year-round adventures for under-served children. The Ranch opens the doors to outdoor recreation with fun, structured activities including swimming, fishing, introduction to hunting and firearm safety, conservation and more. Fee. Scholarships available. Contact: 254-634-9761

## **W** STATE PARKS

TPW has over 120 parks throughout the state featuring many different programs and activities at each facility. For more detailed information on a specific park, contact Parks at 512-389-8950. For reservations, call: 512-389-8900, or use our online reservation system at: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/admin/res](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/admin/res)



# FISH TEXAS



## TEXAS REEL KIDS

Have hands-on fun with this sampler of Junior Angler skill stations. Children who are fishing for the first time learn several basic skills during this introductory fishing event. Activities may include casting, fishing safety, knot tying, fish printing or fish identification. Each child will receive a Reel Kids memento for participating. Perfect for young children or large events. Contact 512-389-4755

## **W** JUNIOR/MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

Do you have what it takes to be a Texas Junior or Master Angler? In fun activity stations, cast, tie knots, identify fish, explore ethics, learn about aquatic environments and the best places to find fish. Junior Anglers get to demonstrate basic skills, Master Anglers demonstrate advanced skills and learning in both freshwater and saltwater fishing. Actual fishing events are often included. Receive an Official Junior or Master Fish Pin upon completion of the program. Great for events, schools, clubs and youth organizations. Junior and Master level training available. Contact: 512-389-4755

## “HOOKED ON FISHING – NOT ON DRUGS”

This national program combines angler education with drug prevention and community involvement. Curriculum guides for primary, upper elementary, middle school and senior high. Activities and lessons can be used singularly or as a course for three, six or nine weeks. Sponsored by Future Fisherman Foundation of the American Sportfishing Association. Fee for materials. For referral information, contact: 512-389-4755

## **W** ANGLER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

Share your knowledge and skills by volunteering as an angler education instructor. The certification process includes an application, successful completion of both the basic and instructor courses, and an interview with a local game warden. Contact: 512-389-4755

## COASTAL AND INLAND FISH HATCHERIES

Tour a local fish hatchery and learn how the state helps ensure the health and supply of the state's fish. Observe fisheries management and ecological principles at work, along with aquatic education. Contact local hatchery for details. *Free.*

## **W** SEA CENTER TEXAS

Lake Jackson, Texas. Visit the world's largest red drum hatchery at TPW's marine development facility, aquarium and education center. Interpretative displays, touch tanks, 52,000-gallon aquarium and more. *Free tour.* Contact: 409-299-1808

## **W** TEXAS FRESHWATER FISHERIES CENTER

Located near Athens, Texas. This innovative aquarium and hatchery complex houses over 300,000 gallons of aquaria and is home to the famous Share-Lunker program. View aquatic species in natural settings. Experience fishing at the casting pond stocked with rainbow trout or channel catfish, and tour the "Angler Hall of Fame." Laboratory and hatchery tours available with reservations. Contact: 903-676-2277

## **SPECIAL FISHING EVENTS**

Fishing days, clinics or tournaments may also be arranged through the TPW Angler Education Coordinator, regional outreach coordinators, local game wardens, fish biologists, or fish and wildlife urban teams.





# HUNT TEXAS



## **VIRTUAL HUNTING MOBILE UNIT**

This fun, computer interactive archery, rifle and shotgun system shows you exactly what kind of marksman you are. It's a great way to teach accuracy for hunting. Includes a simulated video hunt, with bows, rifles and shotguns. Youth used to video gaming are hard to get away from this activity! This system travels to schools throughout the state. For information, contact: 512-389-4572

## **"FIVE-STAND SPORTING" CLAYS**

TPW-sponsored hunting simulation range and hunter education exhibit travels statewide to youth and 4-H shooting sports events, women's events such as the "Ladies Charity Classics," shooting ranges, corporate fairs and shooting challenges. To schedule the "MOBILE SHOOTING RANGE," contact: 512-389-4572

## **W HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

TPW-certified hunter education instructors teach hunting and firearm safety, rules and regulations, ethics and responsibilities, wildlife conservation, modern and primitive sporting arms, survival and first aid. Field and live-firing exercises are, many times, included as part of the courses. Meets mandatory hunter education requirements for those born on or after September 2, 1971. Certification and shoulder patch upon successful completion of the ten-hour course. Fee: \$10.00. Contact: 512-389-8140

## **W HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR**

Share your knowledge and skills by volunteering as a hunter education instructor. The certification process includes an application, successful completion of both the student and instructor courses, and an interview with a local game warden. Contact: 512-389-8140

## **YOUTH DREAM HUNT**

The dream hunt of a lifetime for anyone 17 years of age or younger who has successfully completed the Hunter Education course. This is a nationwide drawing with eight lucky winners, accompanied by a parent or guardian, and one instructor, participating in an all-expense-paid hunting trip.

## TEXAS YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM

This organization encourages and supports hunting and wildlife opportunities for youth. Established by a cooperative effort of the Texas Wildlife Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife to promote the hunting heritage in Texas. Contact: Texas Wildlife Association, 210-260-5588 or 800-460-5494 or the Texas Youth Hunting Program, 401 Isom Road, Suite 237, San Antonio, Texas 78216; 210-930-2177

## PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Texas Parks and Wildlife offers a variety of hunting opportunities through two public hunting systems.

- The \$40 Annual Public Hunting Permit provides nearly year-round hunting on more than 1.4 million acres of land. The increasingly popular dove hunting areas are offered through this system.
- The Public Hunt Drawing System provides opportunities to apply for a wide variety of supervised, drawn hunts including special drawings for both adults and youth hunters.

In addition, TPW offers special hunt package drawings for exotic wildlife and quality native animals on TPW managed lands as well as specially-leased private properties.

## BIG TIME TEXAS HUNTS

Creates new funding for wildlife management and public hunting in Texas through drawings for outstanding hunting packages. The packages include:

- **GRAND SLAM HUNT** – This is a once-in-a-lifetime hunt package containing four separate hunts for desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer.
- **TEXAS EXOTIC SAFARI** – Offers two types of hunts (primitive weapon and modern firearm package) for a combination of super exotic species on the Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area.
- **TEXAS WHITETAIL BONANZA** – Ten winners are drawn for 3-5 day guided hunts on ranches randomly assigned to winners.
- **TEXAS WATERFOWL ADVENTURE** – A series of up to four separate hunts, including geese and ducks.
- **TEXAS BIG TIME BIRD HUNT** – Features a series of hunts for the winner and three guests, including a quail, pheasant, dove and turkey hunt.

For more information, contact: 512-389-4770



## **ADOPT-A-PARK, HISTORIC SITE OR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

Help with trail maintenance. Help restore native vegetation and wildlife habitat. Do a clean up. Create a trail guide. Build a footbridge. Help establish a site library. Take photographs for a display. Create a kiosk. Help construct fences or plant trees. Help people with disabilities experience our sites by creating an audiotape tour, make videotape, help build ramps and benches, etc. Lots of project choices. For more information, contact: 512-389-4415

## **ADOPT-A-PRAIRIE CHICKEN**

Once numbering in the millions, Attwater's prairie chickens have disappeared as their habitat has disappeared. They are Texas' most endangered species. The year 2000 count estimated only 50 prairie chickens left in the wild. A tax-deductible gift of \$25 will cover the cost of feeding one Prairie Chicken chick from the time of hatching until it is old enough to eat commercial food, helping this species from extinction. Contact: 512-389-4644

## **LONESTAR LAND STEWARDS**

Every year Texas Parks and Wildlife recognizes and honors private landowners for excellence in habitat management and wildlife conservation on their lands. In a state that is 97% privately owned, landowners are truly stewards of our resources. To learn more, or nominate a landowner, contact 512-389-4395

## **W LONE STAR LEGACY**

Your contribution to the Lone Star Legacy Endowment Fund is a unique way of providing future funds for every state park, historic site, fish hatchery and wildlife area in the state of Texas. You can make a difference through this special gift. For more information call 512-389-4794

## **LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

The goal of this program is to provide financial incentives that encourage landowners to help conserve rare species and their habitat. The program is flexible and is open to all private landowners who have a desire to manage habitat for rare species on their land. Application forms are provided by a regional biologist.

## **W** CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES

Show your support for conservation through one of our license plates.

- **KEEP TEXAS WILD** – Once common throughout the state, the horned lizard is now a rare sight to behold and is now a state threatened species. The Conservation Horned Lizard plate costs just \$25, in addition to regular registration fees, with \$20 used to fund conservation of wildlife diversity and habitat.
- **STATE PARKS** – Texas Parks and Wildlife introduces the new Bluebonnet conservation license plate (\$20 of the \$25 cost goes to support more than 120 state parks and help ensure they stay wild and beautiful for years to come.

To order, contact your local county tax office or visit [www.conservation-plate.org](http://www.conservation-plate.org). For more information call 1-800-792-1112

## **PRIVATE LANDS ENHANCEMENT**

Learn the basics of ecosystem management through “Wildlife Management Area Field Days” offered on some areas. Wildlife biologists teach the basics of ecosystem management. Learn practical real-world habitat management applications for today’s landscapes.

Contact: 512-389-4395

## **W** WETLANDS

As the lead agency in the development of the State Wetlands Conservation Plan, TPW is participating on an advisory group to encourage cooperative efforts between landowners, agencies and other interested groups to conserve wetlands. For more information, contact: 512-389-4328

## **POND MANAGEMENT**

Texas has more than 800,000 private ponds. A good fishing pond must be managed like a vegetable garden. It must be seeded (or stacked) properly, limed and fertilized correctly, weeded now and then, and harvested in the correct numbers and on an appropriate timetable. For a free packet of information or for more information, contact: Inland Fisheries at 512-389-8110

## **CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

A perpetual legal agreement between a private property owner and a qualified conservation organization to voluntarily place restrictions on the type and amount of development that may take place on a piece of property and to protect significant natural features including wildlife or wildlife habitat.

## **“BOBWHITE BRIGADE”**

A cooperative effort between Texas A&M Coop. Ext. Service, TPW, NRCS, TWA and Quail Unlimited, the Bobwhite Brigade Wildlife Camps are intensive, 5-day hands-on experiences for high school youth ages 14-17. Participants undergo intensive instruction on quail ecology, natural resource management and leadership development. After graduation, participants return to their local communities and give outreach programs on conservation. Interested teachers are also encouraged to participate as “Covey Leaders.” For more information, contact: 210-467-6578 or 800-839-9453 (ask for Education)

## **“BUCKSKIN BRIGADE”**

A cooperative effort between Texas A&M Coop. Ext. Service, TPW, NRCS, TWA and Quail Unlimited, the Buckskin Brigade Wildlife Leadership Camp is an intensive, 5-day hands-on experience for high school youth ages 14-17. “Cadets” undergo intensive instruction on white-tailed deer ecology, natural resource management and leadership development. Upon graduation, the cadets return to their local communities and give outreach programs on conservation. Interested teachers are also encouraged to participate as “Herd Leaders.” For more information, contact: 210-467-6578 or 800-839-9453 (ask for Education)

## **TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST**

Through instruction and volunteer opportunities, adults gain knowledge about sustainable use, conservation and maintenance of our natural resources. A cooperative effort between TPW and Texas A&M Coop. Ext. Serv., the Master Naturalist program provides at least 40 hours of exciting lectures, hands-on activities and field trips by experts, including college professors, land managers, and government and private scientists. Participants volunteer at least 40 hours to their community. Spring and fall sessions are available in major metro areas. Course fees vary. Contact: 979-458-2034

## **JUNIOR NATURALIST**

New for youth – a moderated, online club and resource for kids who love nature and the outdoors. Test your knowledge, ask an expert, share your discoveries. For more information visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/expltx/jrnat/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/expltx/jrnat/)

## **NATURE TRACKERS AND NATURE STUDIES**

Track the migration of Monarch butterflies. Help locate populations of our state reptile, the Texas Horned Lizard. Join our statewide network of citizen scientists of all ages to monitor amphibians, hummingbirds, eagles, prairie birds and freshwater mussels. Monitoring workshops scheduled around the state. Contact: 512-912-7025

## **W** **TEXAS HUMMINGBIRD ROUNDUP**

Opportunity for individuals and communities to learn more about hummingbirds in Texas, their habitats and needs while providing TPW with needed information on hummingbirds and their environment. Participants order an information package yearly, record observations and receive a newsletter informing them of the year's results. Contact: 512-389-4644

## **W** **TEXAS WILDSCAPES**

Create a wildlife habitat in your backyard, school or community park. Texas Wildscapes book includes instructions, plant lists, background information on bird and butterfly gardens and a weatherproof sign upon certification. Wildscapes book is available for \$24.95. Contact: 512-389-4644

## **URBAN FISH AND WILDLIFE**

Urban Biologists provide conservation advice and information to urban residents, schools, businesses and local governmental agencies. Speakers and education resources are available. Urban teams are located in Austin, Brownsville, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio. Contact: 512-912-7020

### **Texas Parks and Wildlife Urban Wildlife Biologists**

AUSTIN  
512-389-4974

HOUSTON  
281-456-7029

DALLAS-FORT WORTH  
972-293-3841

SAN ANTONIO  
210-348-6350

EL PASO  
915-834-7070

THE VALLEY AREA  
956-447-2704

## **TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAMS**

### **COMMUNITY OUTDOOR OUTREACH PROGRAM (COOP)**

Provides grants to local governments and non-profit, non-political organizations. Grant sponsors use funds to introduce under-served persons to the programs and facilities of Texas Parks and Wildlife. Sponsors may use funds to buy outdoor recreation equipment, food, instruction or transportation. For more information, contact: 512-912-7145

### **LOCAL PARK GRANTS**

Grants to communities to develop community parks. For more information, contact: 512-912-7120

## **RAIL-TRAILS**

Rail-trails are multi-purpose public paths created from abandoned railroad corridors. Flat or following a gentle grade, they traverse urban, suburban and rural America. Ideal for many uses, such as bicycling, walking, horseback riding, in-line skating, cross-country skiing and wheelchair recreation. Texas has seven existing rail trails encompassing 184 miles. TPW offers matching grants to fund rail-trail projects. For more information, contact: 512-389-4735

## **RECREATION TRAIL FUND**

Approximately \$2 million is awarded annually to local governments, non-profit organizations and school districts to develop trails open to the public. An 80%-20% matching reimbursement grant. For details and application, contact: 512-389-4737

## **BOAT RAMP CONSTRUCTION**

This program provides a 75% matching grant to local governments for the construction of public boat ramps providing access to public waters. Sponsors must provide the land, legal access, 25% matching share, and accept operation and maintenance responsibility for at least 25 years. The maximum grant per application is \$500,000. Application submission deadlines are January 31st and July 31st each year. Contact: 512-912-7120

## **INDOOR RECREATION**

Eligible projects include facilities related to athletics, arts, nature centers, interpretive space, senior citizen centers, meeting rooms, recreation related equipment, aquatics and fitness rooms. Submission deadline is July 31st each year. For more information, contact: 512-912-7120

## **TARGET RANGES**

TPW awards grants for developing new ranges and improving existing ranges that are open to the public and that facilitate hunter education. Seventy-five percent reimbursements (land acquisition not applicable). For information and application, contact: 512-389-4572





## **W** STATE HISTORIC SITES

Visit any of our over 120 state recreation parks, state natural areas and state historical parks. They are our living museums of Texas' natural and cultural legacy. Information and directions available online at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/) or 1-800-792-1112

### **Living History Sites**

Sauer-Beckmann Farm at Lyndon B. Johnson – restored 1918 German farmstead

Penn Farm at Cedar Hill \* – restored 1950s farm

Barrington Farm at Washington-on-the-Brazos \* – reconstructed 1850s farmstead

\*still under development

## **W** COMMUNITY OUTREACH EDUCATIONAL LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS

The “**BLAZING NEW TRAILS**” program includes adventure trips, outdoor skills, training and instruction. Youth experience the outdoors and natural resources of the state of Texas.

The “**TEXAS BUFFALO SOLDIER**” program promotes the history of the Buffalo Soldiers, Vaqueros, Negro Cowboys, Native Americans, Frontier Women and other cultural groups in Texas. Contact: 512-912-7113

**EXPLORING TEXAS ROOTS** – The ongoing cultural research identifies minority citizens, sites and properties having historical significance in Texas. The research includes archival, genealogical, oral history and ethnography. Ongoing research emphasizes the history of the 9th Cavalry and the 24th Infantry Buffalo Soldiers, the first Negro regiments to arrive in Texas after the Civil War. Contact: 512-912-7117



# TEACH TEXAS

## **“ADOPT-A-WETLAND”**

Teachers can learn how to implement this wetland education program teaching youth (K-12) about the ecological importance of wetlands. Combines Aquatic WILD with resource information and “hands-on” field data collecting techniques. Opportunity for students to “adopt” local wetland and monitor plants, animals and water quality. *Free.* Contact: 361-825-3221 or [www.sci.tamucc.edu/aawp/welcome.htm](http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/aawp/welcome.htm)



## **EXPLORING TEXAS**

Join the exciting world of hands-on learning and the World Wide Web in this unique program. Use real-world projects to explore local natural, cultural and historical resources. Youth create web pages featuring their projects for TPW's popular Web site. Training in project and web page development. *Free.* Contact: 512-389-4973

## **“NATURAL CLASSROOM”**

Classroom teachers have a unique opportunity as Teacher Interns to exchange ideas and expertise with TPW staff as they collaborate on education and outreach projects. Teachers provide insight and classroom experiences for TPW projects, and gain conservation information to use back in their classrooms. Summers. Assignments vary. Teachers should contact: 512-389-8194; students should contact: 512-389-4541

## **SCHOOL HABITATS**

Participating schools receive the free publication, “Creating a School Habitat: A Planning Guide for Enhancing Wildlife Habitat on School Grounds in Texas” (Diana Foss 1999), along with a resource guide customized by their local urban wildlife biologist. Programs vary, but most include teacher workshops, school presentations and technical guidance. Contact: 512-389-4974

## **STATE PARKS EDUCATION CENTERS**

State parks and TPW education centers host interpretive programs, educational exhibits and tours featuring Texas' natural and cultural heritage. Activities include campfire programs, day camps, school outreach programs, historical tours, instruction and much more. Programs are offered at over 120 locations across the state. Contact state park, education center, or TPW Web site for details and a calendar of events.

## **ELECTRONIC FIELD TRIPS / LIVE WEBCASTS**

Be a part of a live webcast or enjoy the archives of this video experience on our site. Educational themes, places and topics of special interest, guest speakers, and a special packet of classroom materials create this one-of-a-kind experience. A chat room adds to the fun – students ask questions and have them answered live!  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/expltx/eft](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/expltx/eft) or contact : 512-389-4362

## **W** TEACHING WILD PROGRAMS

**Project WILD/Aquatic WILD** Learn how to teach ecology, wildlife management and environmental concepts through this national award-winning training and curriculum for educators. Activities are adaptable for all levels, and integrated with core subject curricula. Six-hour training workshop includes comprehensive, teacher-tested activity guide. Qualifies for TEEAC and SBEC credit. Contact: 512-389-4369

**RARE AND WILD** workshops adapt Project WILD activities for Texas endangered species. Background information on species provided in the workshop. All workshops are six hours in length and TEEAC and SBEC certified. Fees vary. Contact: 512-912-7025

**PROYECTO WILD** The Spanish version of Project WILD, featuring a combination of Project WILD and Aquatic WILD activities. The program is designed for educators who work with predominately Spanish-speaking students. Contact: 512-389-4369

## TRAINING TRUNKS

These loaner trunks, available to teachers, and youth group leaders, are full of resource materials and activities.

**Rare Texas Wildlife Trunk** – students learn about Texas' rare wildlife species. Contact 512-912-7025

**Coastal Birding Trunk (Nueces/Harris Counties)**– Includes ten binoculars, fifteen bird guides, Audubon Society comic books (students get to keep), video about use and care of binoculars, and a video on common coastal birds. Available only in Corpus Christi and Houston. Contact: 512-912-7190

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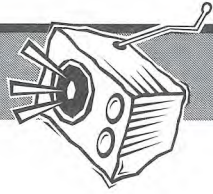
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Boat Registration	800-262-8755
Boat/motor/jet ski registration	512-389-4828
Boat Safety - Law Enforcement	512-389-4850
Coastal Conservation	512-912-7190
Expo Information	512-389-4361
General Education	512-389-4998
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Jobline	512-389-4954
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