

Please cut along the dotted line and return the completed, reverse side of form along with a check (payable to Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge) to:

## Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge

P.O. Box 212  
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

-OR-

Become a member online at [www.Attwater.org](http://www.Attwater.org).



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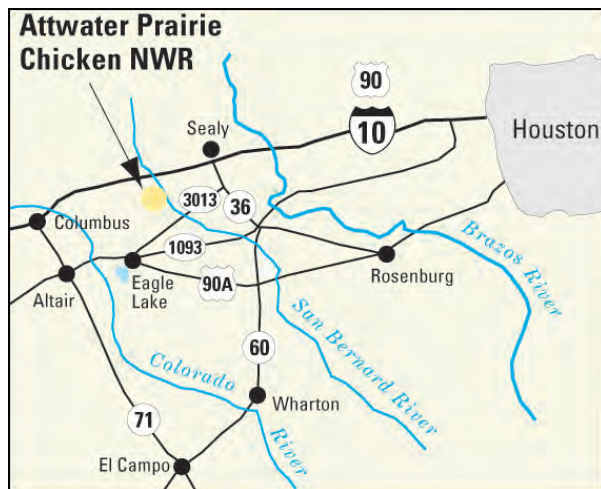
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## Driving Directions

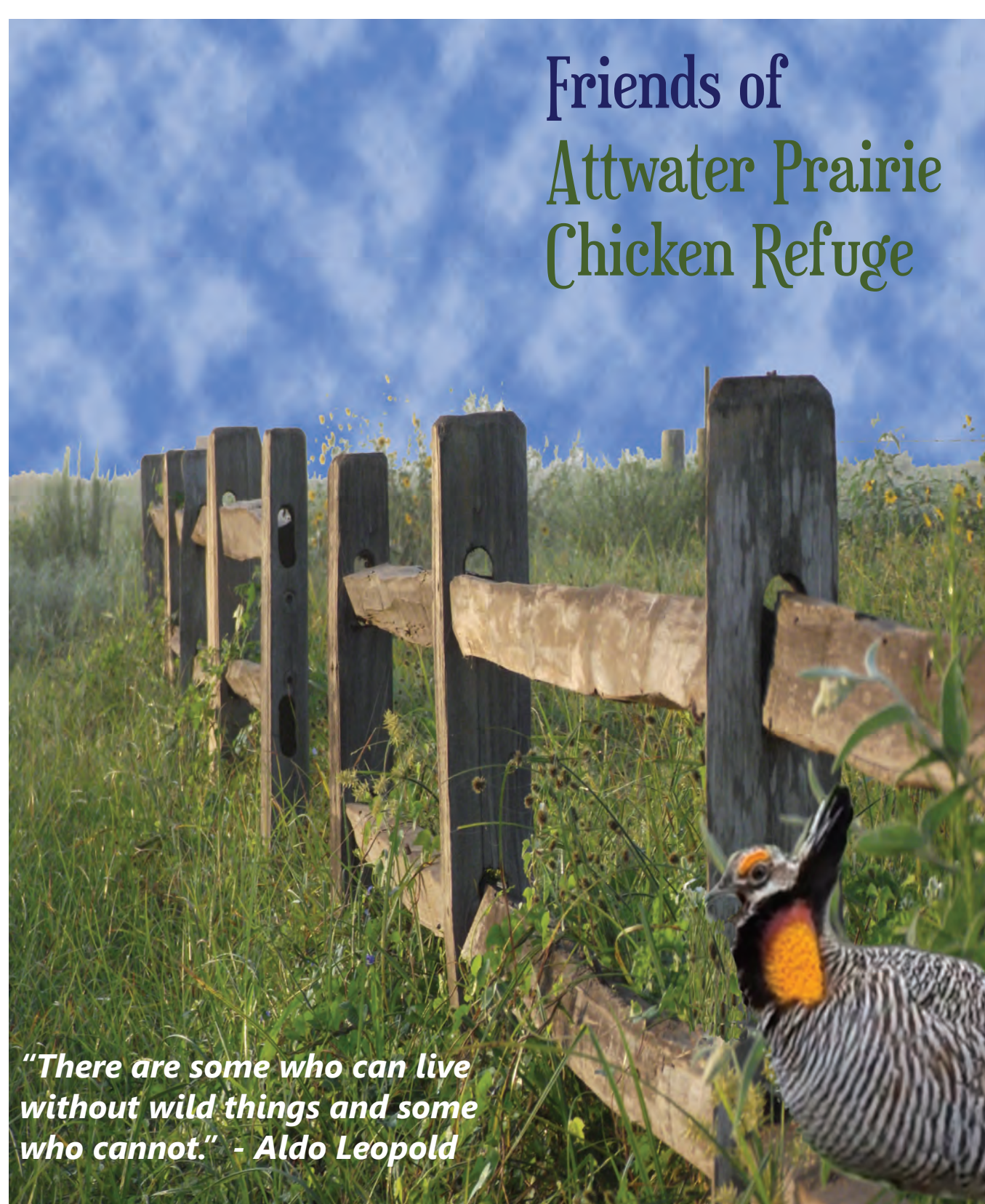


From Houston: Take I-10 W to Sealy. Drive south 1 mile on Hwy 36, then right on FM 3013 for 10 miles.

From San Antonio: Take I-10 E to Sealy. Drive south 1 mile on Hwy 36, then right on FM 3013 for 10 miles.

From Eagle Lake: Take FM 3013 NE for 6.5 miles.

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*"There are some who can live without wild things and some who cannot." - Aldo Leopold*



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is looking for FRIENDS!

From its start in 1903, the National Wildlife Refuge System has owed its very existence to concerned citizens eager to protect America's natural resources. Friends organizations are crucial to the collective mission of the Refuge System to conserve and protect the wildlife of this great nation. They are also essential to helping millions of Americans understand that their actions today determine the legacy we leave for tomorrow, and they are the motivation for a new generation of conservationists.

Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge (Friends) support the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge in a variety of ways including, but not limited to:

- providing outreach and educational awareness programs
- supporting operating activities of the refuge
- fundraising for special refuge projects
- advocating for issues that support the refuge
- maintaining/growing our membership
- sponsoring annual festivals and events
- conducting tours

## Why get involved?

The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) not only serves wildlife, but the people and communities around it. By being involved with the Friends, you will have an opportunity to learn more about your local refuge, ways to help the Refuge accomplish its mission and contribute to the quality of life of the entire area. Additionally, you will be able to play a part in the environmental education programs within the schools.

As a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge welcomes you to join us in assisting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and our many partners in enhancing and promoting the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge. Your membership can assist in our efforts to recover the endangered Attwater's Prairie-Chicken and restore the native Texas coastal prairie for the benefit of present and future generations.

We encourage you to join today online at [www.Attwater.org](http://www.Attwater.org) or by detaching the application at the end of this brochure and return it to:

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## Attwater's History

Attwater's Prairie-Chickens once had some 6 million acres of homeland. The prairies they knew extended along the Gulf Coast from Corpus Christi, Texas north to the Bayou Teche area in Louisiana and inland some 75 miles. Many species of grasses and forbs waved in the wind, including little bluestem, indiagrass, and switchgrass. Acre by acre, coastal prairies diminished as cities and towns sprouted, industries grew and expanded, and farmers plowed the native grasslands to plant crops or tame pasture. The suppression of prairie fires allowed invasive brush species to claim much of the prairie. Today, less than 1% of that original ecosystem remains. Like fish out of water, the Attwater's Prairie-Chicken had nowhere to go. By 1919, it had disappeared from Louisiana. By 1937 only about 8,700 individuals remained in Texas, signaling the end of hunting for this once common bird. The bird was listed as endangered in 1967. The Refuge was established in 1972 and, in 1973 the Endangered Species Act provided immediate protection for the seriously declining species.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership  -or- Renewal  -and/or- Donation  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Annual: \$15  Student /  Senior (>61yrs), \$20  Individual, \$30  Family

Donation  Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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