

BOOMING-N-BLOOMING!

26TH ANNUAL

ATTWATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN FESTIVAL

MARCH 28 & 29, 2020 7AM - 2PM DAILY

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge

1206 APC NWR Road | Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

Celebrate the advent of our Attwater's Prairie-Chickens
BOOMING & our Native Texas Prairies BLOOMING !

Attwater's Prairie-Chicken Viewing
Refuge Tours

Onsite & Offsite Guided Bird Walks/Tours

Native American Dancers

Live Raptors: Display & Education

Native Plant Walks

Discovery Station w/Conservation Partners

Kids' Corner

Student Art Contest Winner & Entries on Display

Nature Store/Merchandise

Self-guided Auto Tour



For further information, contact
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979/234-3021 or the
Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge
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EVENT SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY			SUNDAY		
	APCNWR		OFF-SITE	APCNWR		OFF-SITE
7AM	APC Viewing 7-10			APC Viewing 7-10		
8AM			Eagle Lake MP Bird Walk 7:30-8:30			Eagle Lake MP Bird Walk 7:30-8:30
9AM		Bird Walk-Refuge Trails 8:30-10			Bird Walk-Refuge Trails 8:30-10	
10AM			Eagle Lake MP Bird Walk 9-10			Eagle Lake MP Bird Walk 9-10
11AM	Native Plant Walk 10-11	Refuge Van Tour 10-11:30		Native Plant Walk 10-11	Refuge Van Tour 10-11:30	
12PM	Native American Dancers 11-12		LCRA Bird Walk 11-12	Native American Dancers 11-12		LCRA Bird Walk 11-12
1PM		Refuge Van Tour 12:30-2			Refuge Van Tour 12:30-2	
2PM			LCRA Bird Walk 1-2			LCRA Bird Walk 1-2

And there's more to explore throughout the day!

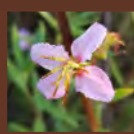
ART CONTEST WINNERS & ENTRIES ON DISPLAY
DISCOVERY STATIONS!
KIDS CORNER
NATURE STORE
SELF-GUIDED AUTO TOUR
AND MORE!

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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS



Attwater's Prairie-Chicken Viewing (APC Viewing)

Saturday & Sunday 7-10am



Experience the unique and comical courtship dance of the

Attwater's Prairie-Chicken in its natural habitat. Attendees have an opportunity to view Attwater's Prairie-Chickens on their "booming" grounds from a viewing platform. Transportation to the viewing platform begins at 7am, and will continue on a rolling basis until the birds leave the "booming" ground (usually 1-2 hours). Binoculars or spotting scope are recommended. No reservations needed, but early participants should sign up/get in line at Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center where transportation departs.

Guided Bird Walk- Refuge Trails

Saturday & Sunday 8:30am-10am

Explore the the Refuge and its trails with a bird guide and find a diverse array of prairie and riparian birds! Winter birds such as sparrows should still be lingering, but be on the lookout for early migrants! Good walking shoes and binoculars are recommended. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center.

Native Plants Walking Tours

Saturday & Sunday 10-11am

Get "up close and personal" with the native vegetation including our grasses, forbs, and "blooming" flowering plants of the coastal prairie. You will be amazed at the beauty, color, and diversity of the Texas coastal prairie ecosystem and develop a greater appreciation of it! All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center.



Refuge Van Tours

Saturday & Sunday 10-11:30am, & 12:30-2pm

What does 10,500+ acres of managed coastal prairie look like? Come find out! Experience virgin coastal prairie habitat and wildlife with knowledgeable Refuge guides. Sign up/register ahead, as van space is limited. Registration and tours will depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center.

Native Prairie Dancers

Saturday & Sunday 11am-12pm

Houston's ScreamingEagle Family will perform Native American dances, including the Prairie-Chicken Dance, a tradition, now centuries old, from their Ojibwe heritage. Mimicing the courtship display of Prairie-Chickens, the animated dancer(s)



are adorned in feathered regalia and vibrant colors. See the dance performed, learn about its origin and its cultural significance. Other jingle dances will be performed and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions, take photographs with the dancers, and participate in a traditional round dance!

****the following event is offsite****

Eagle Lake Municipal Park Bird Walk

Saturday & Sunday 7:30-8:30am, 9-10am

Let an expert guide you on a bird walk in the city park built along the second largest natural lake in Texas! Walk along the boardwalk through woodlands and end at the viewing platform with a view of Eagle Lake. Meet at Eagle Lake Municipal Park, at Boothe Dr/HWY 90 Alt & S McCarty Ave, Lat. = 29.5865492, Long. = -96.3365917 or go to <https://is.gd/URfPp4> for a map.

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LCRA Bird Walk

Saturday & Sunday 11am-12pm, 1-2pm

For the best, open view of the lake, with access from multiple levees, join an expert-led bird walk of the LCRA site along Eagle Lake. In addition to wintering waterfowl on the open lake, the levee abuts rich riparian habitat. Due to parking limitations, we request you contact us or check in Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center for a map.

Raptors: A Closer Look!

Sunday ONLY 10am-2pm



Join Houston Audubon's Mary Anne Weber as she introduces you to birds with an up close and

personal look at some of our amazing native hawks and owls with whom we share our region. Learn all about birds, migration, bird conservation, and more!

Art Contest Display: Winners & Entries

Saturday & Sunday- All Weekend!

Attwater's Prairie-Chicken artwork created by local school children will be on display at the Visitor Center.



Be sure to stop by and find your favorite!

Discovery Stations & Kids Corner

Saturday & Sunday- All Weekend!

Want to be a zookeeper for a day? Test your knowledge of the natural world? Engage one-on-one with representatives of our partner organizations, such as the Houston Zoo, Wildlife Habitat Federation, TPWD, Texas Master Gardeners, Texas Master Naturalists, and more, to experience interactive, hands-on learning. Our youngest learners have their own designated area!

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The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge is located South of I-10 between San Antonio and Houston. In Sealy, exit #720 & travel South one mile on SH 36, then Right on FM3013 for 10 miles. From Eagle Lake, Travel on FM3013 Northeast for 6.5 miles. Look for the large brown sign on the side of the road.

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