



Welcome to the
**Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge
Appreciation Day**

*Saturday, Oct 12, 2024, at Champion Lake
9:00am to 2:00pm
A Free Event*



Start your activities at the Champion Lake Pier- Station #1 and visit the stations, Including:

- **Big Sit Bird Survey-** with Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club
 - *Join our local birders as they identify bird species*
- **Walk for the Wild-** a 5K walk along the lake levee and through the bottomland forests.
 - *Join our WFTW Team -you can walk for free with an option to donate.*
 - *Self-guided walks can be started any time from 9:00 am and Noon.*
 - *Walk at your own pace with activity/interpretive stations along the course.*
 - *Complete the 5K and add your name to the Challenge Board!*
- **Paddle for the Wild-** with Houston Canoe Club
 - *Paddle 5K on Pickett's and add your name to PFTW Challenge Board!*
- **Challenge Board** – *share your 5K completion and what you learned, saw or enjoyed*
 - *record your wildlife sighting and experience on the boards*
- **\$50 gift card drawing!** – *register at Champion Lake Pier*
 - *Earn addition entries by completing the WFTW and Selfie Challenge*



Join WFTW Team

Walk for the Wild (WFTW) is a national event to get people moving in support of our local national wildlife refuge. Funds raised from this event will directly support wildlife conservation, nature trails, and environmental education in our community.



First Aid Station located at Champion Lake Pier- provided by **Liberty Medical Surgical Clinic**

Free Water and Snacks at pier

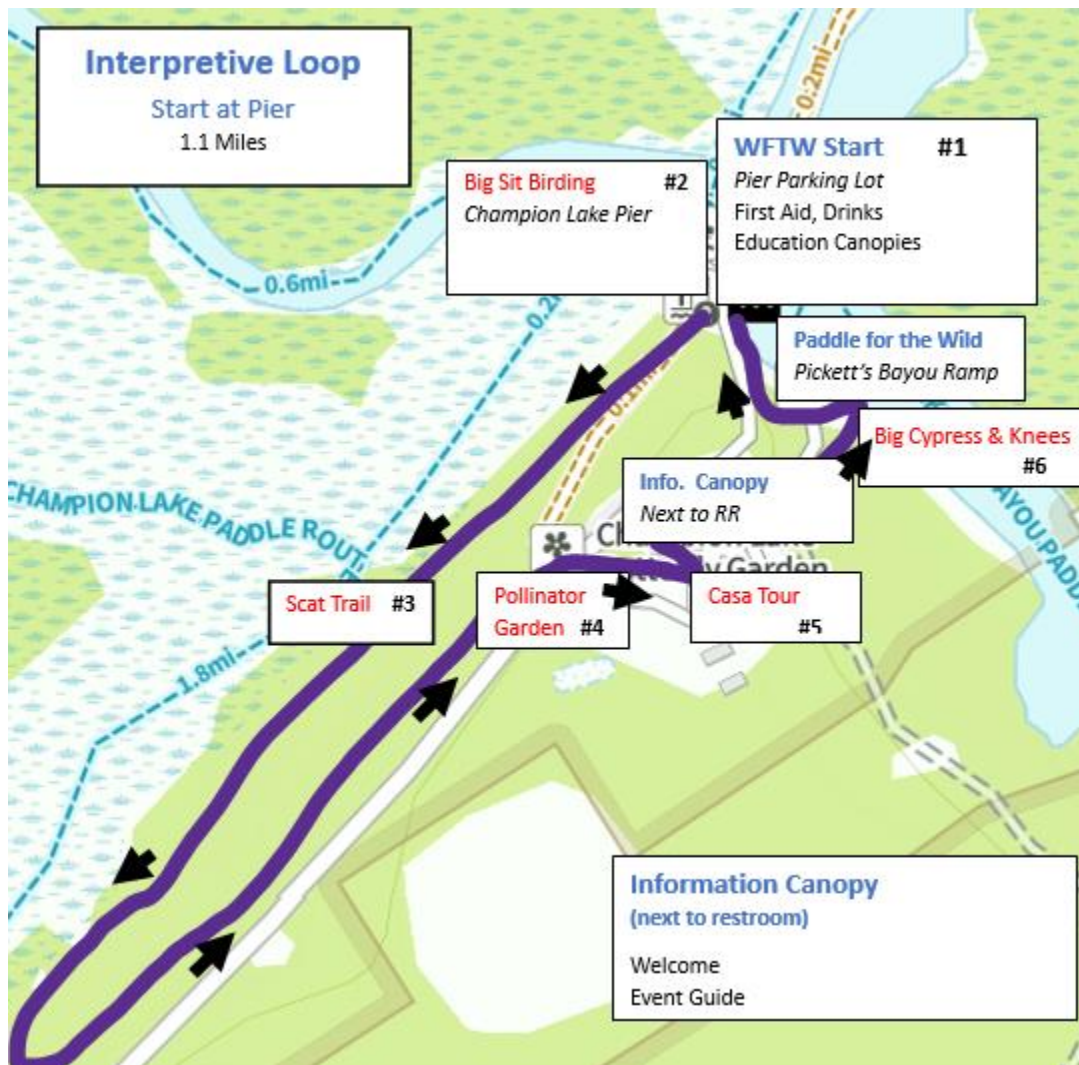
Please place all trash in the appropriate containers.



FOTRR Facebook

Please post your experiences and FOTRR Facebook!
Register for the \$50 gift card drawing!

For assistance, call refuge manager at 936-334-5075



Caution

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- Watch for tripping hazards on the trails.
- Be sure to apply Insect repellent before starting the trails.

#1 Educational Exhibits with [Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge](#)

- Bird wingspan comparison, nature organization information, activities and exhibits

#2 Big Sit Bird Count- with [Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club](#)

- Help identify and learn about local birds with the bird club experts.

#3 Scat Trail with [Lower Trinity Basin Texas Master Naturalists](#)

- Walk the winding trail and visit the interpretive scat signs.
- Take “selfie” with scat for WFTW Challenge

#4 Pollinator Garden with [Lower Trinity Basin Texas Master Naturalists](#)

- Learn about plants, pollinators and their importance.

#5 Tour of the Historic Casa de Los Patos Lodge- with [Friends of Trinity River Refuge](#)

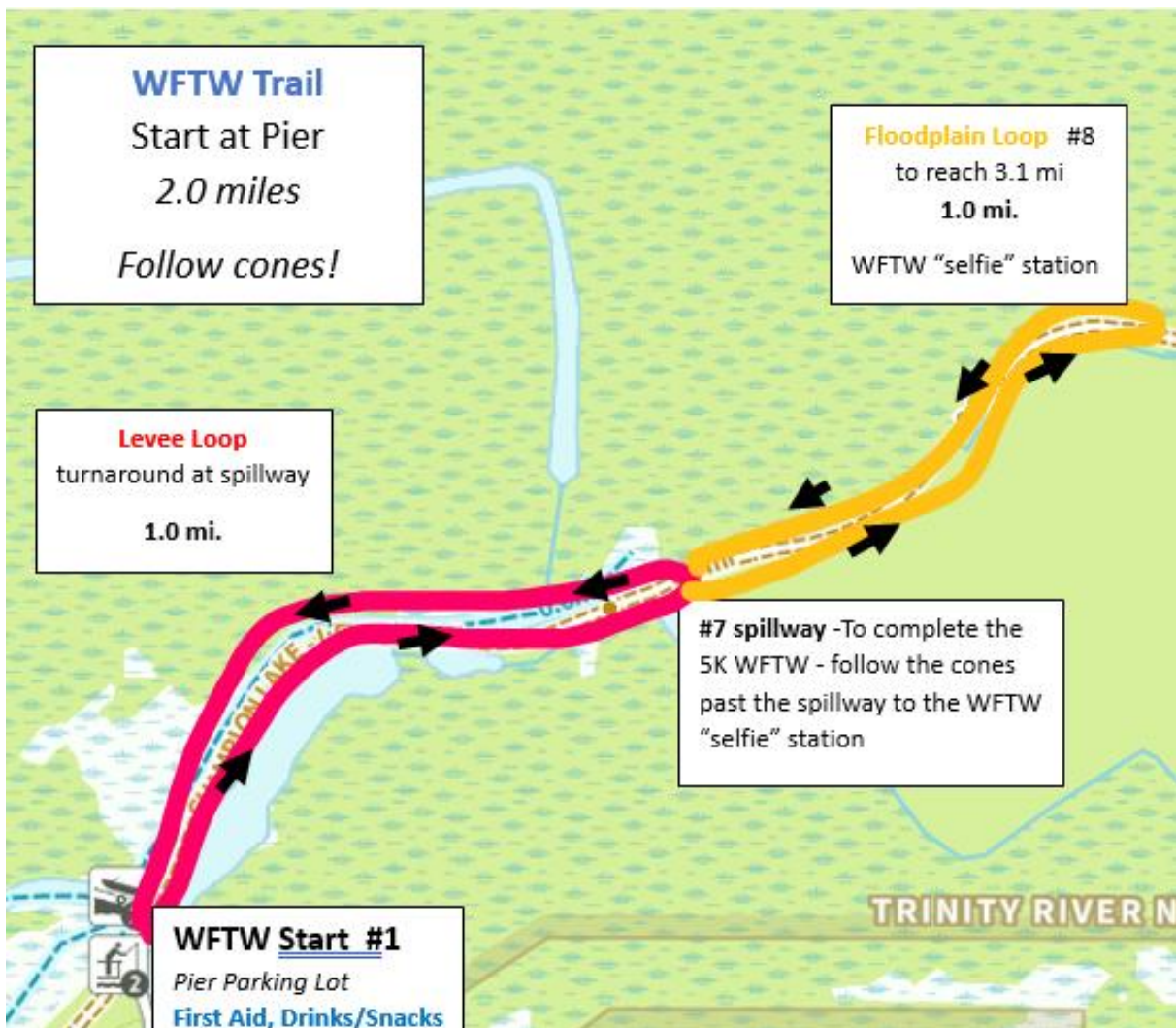
- The 1940's log structures have interesting architecture, history, and an exciting future.

#6 Big Cypress & Knees - with [Lower Trinity Basin Texas Master Naturalists](#)

- Learn about this amazing tree and its mysterious knees!
- Take “selfie” with scat for the WFTW Challenge

Walk for the Wild Challenge

To complete the Walk for the Wild Challenge (5K / 3.1 miles), you will need to walk the **Interpretive Loop** (1.1 miles), **Levee Loop** (1 mile down and back) and **Floodplain Loop** (1 mile down and back).



#1 WFTW Trail Start -follow the orange cones to complete the 5K WFTW

- Walk the levee trail to the spillway (0.5 miles)

#7 Levee Loop to Spillway (1.0 mile down and back)

- The spillway maintains the level of the lake.
- You may return to pier or to complete the challenge continue to turnaround (0.5 miles)

#8 Floodplain Loop (1.0 mile down and back)

- You will leave the levee and walk a wide, level trail through the floodplain forest.
- Turnaround at the orange tape barrier.
- Take a "selfie" at the WFTW turnaround for the WFTW Challenge

WFTW Challenge Board – add your name and comments to the board when you...

- take a "selfies" at the Scat Trail, Big Tree and WFTW turnaround
- Observe any wildlife or unusual plant
- Complete 5K WFTW

Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge

The Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge is the summer home of one of the most elegant and beautiful hawks in America, the **Swallow-Tailed Kite**. Also, the TRNWR is the year-round home of the largest-known Texas colony of the **amazing Rafinesque's Big-Eared Bat**.

Rafinesque's Big-Eared Bat.



The Trinity River NWR is used during **migration or nesting by nearly 50 percent of the neotropical migratory bird species** in North America with **275 species identified on the refuge and over 200 species nesting on the refuge**. It is a biodiversity hotspot with more than 650 vertebrate, 1700 insect, and 650 plant species documented on the refuge.



Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge was established **to protect a remnant of the bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem along the Trinity River**. In addition to its important conservation mission, the refuge offers recreational activities—hiking, hunting, fishing, paddling, wildlife watching, photography, and environmental education.

Swallow-tailed Kite

Over 30,000 acres have been set aside and managed for the benefit of wildlife, habitat, and you. **Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge where nature and people thrive!**

Join the Friends of the Trinity River Refuge as we support the refuge and its important mission.

FOTRR Membership



Our Paddling Organizations



Houston Canoe Club

https://thcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=496051

The Houston Canoe Club (HCC). We are a group of multi-faceted canoeists and kayakers who have a shared interest in all types of paddle sports that include, but are not limited to; whitewater, flat water, touring, racing and stand-up paddling. We paddle the bayous, lakes, rivers, streams and Gulf shores of Texas and the United States. We offer a variety of trips including day trips, weekend trips, overnight camping trips and expedition trips.

The HCC was established in 1964 when a group of interested canoeists got together and talked of organizing a canoe club.



**HOUSTON ASSOCIATION
OF SEA KAYAKERS**

Houston Association of Sea Kayakers

[Home - Houston Association of Sea Kayakers \(hask.org\)](http://hask.org)

The Houston Association of Sea Kayakers (HASK) an [American Canoe Association \(ACA\)](#) Paddle America Club, is a social club for sea kayakers in the Houston, Texas area. HASK was formed in 2000 by a small group of avid paddlers, primarily to connect with others who love kayak touring, camping, and surfing. We're all about closed cockpits and open water. We paddle on lakes, bayous, rivers, in the bay, in surf and on open water.

The club is run for members by members, and is comprised of singles, couples, and families ranging in age from teenagers to seniors.

WFTW is Sponsored by

[Liberty Medical Surgical Clinic](#)

Liberty Medical Surgical Clinic, a federally certified rural health clinic, is located near downtown Liberty at the corner of Travis and Grand. The practice has operated for over forty years and is committed to keeping the residents of Liberty and surrounding communities healthy.

Our Nature Organizations



Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club, (LTVBC)

<https://www.lowertrinityvalleybirdclub.org/>

P.O. Box 6051 Liberty, TX 77575 phone: (713) 366-1722

Email: lowertrinityvalleybirdclub@gmail.com

Fostering the love for and knowledge of our native birds and furthering the observation and conservation of birds in Liberty and Chambers Counties. The LTVBC supports birding education, has monthly meetings with speakers in Mont Belvieu, and sponsors monthly local birding outings.

Birding is a popular and rewarding recreational activity with over 1,000 species of birds in the United States. Texas has around 700 species – Chambers and Galveston Counties are some of the most productive birding areas in the country. Many world-class birding areas are found within 80 miles of Mont Belvieu.



Friends of the Trinity River Refuge (FOTRR)

<https://www.friendsoftrinityriverrefuge.org/>

P.O. Box 12, Liberty, Texas 77575, phone (936) 336-9786 or (713) 366-1722

Email: friendsoftrinityriverrefuge@gmail.com

Friends of Trinity River Refuge are committed to preserving and enhancing the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge, Liberty County Texas, through conservation, research and education. To accomplish this mission the FOTRR will:

- Serve in a cooperative partnership with refuge management to provide funds, volunteer labor, and in-kind resources as required to meet the needs and goals of the refuge.
- Promote public awareness of and participation in conservation and activities on the refuge through educational, scientific, civic, and charitable activities.
- Provide assistance to refuge personnel on projects to develop and improve the refuge's visitor program, environmental education opportunities, and public use facilities.
- Serve as an advocate for the acquisition of wetlands and associated habitats within the Lower Trinity River Floodplain.



Lower Trinity Basin Chapter (LTB)

<https://txmn.org/lowertrinitybasin/>

Lower Trinity Basin Master Naturalist, 501 Palmer Street, Liberty, TX 77575

Phone: (936) 334-3230 Email: lowertrinitybasin@gmail.com

The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas. Lower Trinity Basin Chapter activities are focused on Chambers and Liberty Counties.

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is proudly sponsored by **Texas Parks & Wildlife** and **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension**