



HOUSTON WILDERNESS ECOREGION SITES

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Estuaries and Bays & Gulf of Mexico					
Galveston Island State Park	14901 FM 3005, Galveston, TX 77554	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/galveston-island	(409) 737-1222	Under 12 free, adult \$5	Birding, Camping, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Hiking/Guided nature walks, mountain biking, swimming
Sea Center of Texas	300 Medical Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/sea-center/	(979) 292-0100	Free	Aquariums, Coastal Marsh Walkway, Fishing pond, Marine hatchery, touch pools
Matagorda Bay Nature Park	6420 FM 2031, Matagorda, TX 77457	http://www.lcra.org/parks/developed_parks/matagorda.html	(979) 245-4631	Free	Beachcombing, Birding, Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing/Seining, Float trips on the Colorado, Nature Trails
Texas State Marine Center, Palacios	102 Marine Center Dr, Palacios, TX	http://www.stxmaps.com/g/texas-state-marine-education-center.html	(361) 972-3774	School Groups only	Marine science education, including boats and nature trail, open only to school groups
Artist Boat	2415 Avenue K, Galveston, TX 77550	http://www.artistboat.org/	(409) 770-0722	\$25 per person for 2 hour tour	Kayaking, Watercolor Painting, Wildlife Viewing, Photography, Professional Development
Bayou Wilderness					
Armand Bayou Nature Center	8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, Texas, TX	http://www.abnc.org/	(281) 474-2551	>3 free, 4-12 \$2, 13-59 \$4, 60+ \$2	Eco-Camp, Family star parties, Farm demonstrations and Guided trail hikes (weekends) Guided Canoe/pontoon tours, Raptor, Bison, Snake Exhibits
Houston Arboretum and Nature Center	4501 Woodway Dr, Houston, TX	http://www.houstonarboretum.org/	(713) 681-8433	Free admission, program	Discovery Boxes, Discovery Room, Hiking Trails, Naturalist Explorer Classes, Self-Guided Scavenger Hunt
Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Center	1724 Market St, Baytown, TX	http://www.baytown.org/content/eddie-v-gray-wetlands-center	(281) 420-7128	Free	Science Experiments and Games, Live animals, Taxidermy exhibits, Wetlands Exhibits
Sheldon Lake State Park	15315 Beaumont Hwy, Houston, TX	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/sheldon-lake	(281) 456-2800	Free	Canoeing, Catch and Release Fishing, Nature walks
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center	20634 Kenswick Dr, Humble, TX	http://www.hcp4.net/jones/	(281) 446-8588	Free	Akokisa Indian Village, Guided canoe/pontoon boat trips, Guided nature or pioneer tours, hiking trails, live snake exhibits, Redbud Hill
Bellaire Nature Discovery Center	7112 Newcastle St, Bellaire, TX	http://www.naturediscovercenter.org/	(713) 667-6550	Free	Discovery Boxes, Fountain & Fish Pond, Herb Garden, Story Time, Trails
Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center	3997 River Drive, Houston, TX	http://www.houstonaudubon.org/default.aspx/MenuItemID/484/MenuGroup/Ho	(713) 640-2407	Appointment Only	Birding, Butterfly Gardens, Canoeing, Fishing, Nature Discovery Hikes, Appointment only
Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center	2111 W Park Ave, Orange, TX	http://starkculturalvenues.org/shangrilagardens/	(409) 670-9113	See website for fees	Birding, Butterfly gardens, Boat tours, Nature discovery hikes, TEKS-aligned lessons, Botanical gardens, Greenhouse tours
Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens	22306 Aldine Westfield Rd, Humble, TX	http://www.hcp4.net/merc/	(281) 209-9767	Free	Birding, Nature Discovery Hikes, Butterfly Gardens, Habitat Studies, Canoeing/Kayaking
Buffalo Bayou	Parks along Shepherd Drive going east to the Turning Basin	http://www.buffalobayou.org/	(713) 752-0314	Free	Birding, Canoeing/Kayaking, Hiking/Biking, Boat Tours
Waugh Street Bridge	Park 401 S. Heights Boulevard at Memorial Drive, walk across Buffalo	http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/batpage.html	(281) 456-7029	Free	Year-round bat colony
Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary	440 Wilchester Blvd, Houston, TX 77079	http://www.houstonaudubon.org/default.aspx/MenuItemID/883/MenuGroup/San	(713) 464-4900	Free	Birding, Hiking



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Prairie Systems					
Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge	FM 3013, Eagle Lake, TX, 77434	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Attwater_Prairie_Chicken/	(979) 234-3021	Free	Audio Tour (5 miles), Hiking (2 trails) Wildflower Identification
George Ranch Historical Park	10215 FM 762 Rd, Richmond, TX	http://www.georgeranch.org/	(281) 343-0218 (281) 545-	Free <4, 5-15 \$5, 16-62 \$10, 62+	Cowboy demonstrations, Tours, Blacksmith shop, Davis House, Pioneer Toys and Games, Working Ranch with Animals
Katy Prairie Conservancy Wildlife Viewing Platform	Stop #99 on the Great Coastal Birding Trail (see website for details, scroll	http://www.katyprairie.org/Warren%20Ranch%20Directions.html#WRSE	(713) 523-6145	Free	Birding, Hiking, Kid's Group, Weekend Tours
Sam Houston National Forest	394 FM West, New Waverly, TX, 77358	http://www.forestcamping.com/dow/southern/samhcmp.htm	(936) 344-6205	Free (must pay to camp)	Multi-use trails, Fishing & Hunting, Boating and Swimming, Birding & Wildlife Viewing, Education & Conservation Programming
Hermann Park Conservancy: Bayou Parkland	6100 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX, 77030	http://www.hermannpark.org/inside_park.php	(713) 524-5876	Free	Hiking, Birding, Picnicking
Trinity Bottomlands					
Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge	1351 N. Main, Liberty, TX 77575	http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/trinityriver/	(936) 336-976	Free	Birding, Canoeing, Fishing, Wildlife Observation
USACE Wallisville Lake Project	FM 563, Wallisville, TX	http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/WallisvilleLakeProjectOffice.aspx	(409) 389-2285	Free	Boating, Canoeing, Fishing, Hunting, Wildlife Viewing
Big Thicket					
Big Thicket National Preserve	6102 FM 420, Kountze, Texas	http://www.nps.gov/bith/index.htm	(409) 951-6725	Free	Biking, Birding, Canoeing, Discovery Room and Exhibits, Hiking, Horseback riding
Martin Dies, Jr. State Park	634 Private Road 5025, Jasper, TX	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/martin-dies-jr	(409) 384-5231	12 and under free, Adult \$3	Birding, Camping, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking (4 miles of trails), Mountain Biking, Swimming
Village Creek State Park	US 96, Lumberton, TX 77657	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/village-creek	(409) 755-7322	12 and under free, Adult \$3	Birding, Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Swimming



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Piney Woods					
Lake Houston Park	22031 Baptist Encampment Road, New Caney, TX 77257-7731	http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/ourparks/lakehoustonpark.html	(281) 354-6881	12 and under free, Adult \$3	Biking, Birding, Camping, Hiking, Horseback Riding
W. Goodrich Jones State Forest	1328 FM 1488 Road, Conroe, TX 77384	http://texasforestservicetamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=1790	(936) 273-2261	Free	Biking, Birding, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Wildlife Viewing
Lake Livingston State Park	300 Park Road 65, Livingston, TX 77351	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lake-livingston	(936) 365-2201	12 and under free, Adult \$5	Boating, Camping, Fishing, Horseback Riding, Mountain Biking, Swimming
Huntsville State Park	Park Road 39, Huntsville TX 77342-0508	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/huntsville	(936) 295-5644	12 and under free, Adult \$5	Biking, Canoeing, Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Swimming
Montgomery County Preserve	Behind 1122 Pruitt Rd, The Woodlands, TX	http://www.thewoodlandstx.com/parks/george-mitchell-nature	(936) 539-7817	Free	Biking, Birding, Fishing
Sam Houston National Forest	394 FM West, New Waverly, TX, 77358	http://www.forestcamping.com/dow/southern/samhcamp.htm	(936) 344-6205	Free (Must pay to camp)	Multi-use trails, Fishing & Hunting, Boating and Swimming, Birding & Wildlife Viewing, Education & Conservation Programming
Columbia Bottomlands					
Brazos Bend State Park	21901 FM 762, Needville, TX 77461	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/brazos-bend	(979) 553-5105	12 and under free, Adult \$7	Alligator observation, Biking, Fishing, Guided and interpretive hikes, Stargaze at George Observatory, Nature Center
San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge	6801 CR 306, Brazoria, TX 77515	http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/texasmidcoast/sanbernard.htm	(979) 964-3639	Free	Biking, Birding, Canoeing/Kayaking, Hiking (3 trails), Wildlife Observation
Matagorda County Birding Nature Center	1025 Texas 35, Bay City, TX 77414	http://www.mcbnc.org/	(979) 265-7661	\$3 per person or \$5 per	Birding, Nature Gardens, Kayaking
Coastal Marshes					
Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge	FM 1985, Anahuac, TX 77514	http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Anahuac/	(409) 267-3337	Free	Birding, Boardwalk, Canoeing, Fishing, Wildlife Observation
San Jacinto Battleground State Park	3523 Battleground Rd. (TX Highway 134), LaPorte, TX 77571	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/san-jacinto-battleground	(281) 479-2421	Free	Battleship Texas Tours, Marsh Boardwalk Trail, Monument Lookout, Texas Forever! Presentation
Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge	County Road 227, Freeport, TX 77541	http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/texasmidcoast/brazoria.htm	(979) 922-1037	Free	Birding, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking, Wildlife Observation
Post Oak Savannah					
Stephen F. Austin State Park	Park Road 38, San Felipe, TX 77473-0125	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/stephen-f-austin	(979) 885-3613	12 and under free, Adult \$4	Camping, Fishing, Hiking on 5 miles of trails, Nature and Historical Tours
Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park	23200 Park Road 12, Washington, TX 77880	http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/washington-on-the-brazos	(936) 878-2214	Free, some features have fees	Barrington Living History Farm, Historical Reencatments, Independence Hall, Star of the Republic Museum, Washington Townsite



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Houston Museum of Natural Science	5555 Hermann Park Dr Houston, TX 77030	http://www.hmns.org/	(713) 639-4629	Free Thursday 2-5PM	Cockrell Butterfly Center, Texas Wildlife Exhibit
Houston Zoo	6200 Herman Park Drive Houston TX 77030	http://www.houstonzoo.org/	(713) 533-6500	Free Tuesday after 2PM	Natural Encounters Exhibit
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History	3232 Briarcrest Dr Bryan, TX 77802	http://www.brazosvalleymuseum.org/	(979) 776-2195	Adults \$5, students \$4	Nature Art Exhibitions
The Children's Museum of Houston	1500 Binz St Houston, TX 77004	http://www.cmhouston.org/	(713) 522-1138	Free Thursday 5-8PM	Ecostation, The Discovery Room
Museum of the Gulf Coast, Port Arthur	700 Procter St Port Arthur, TX 77640	http://www.museumofthegulfcoast.org/	(409) 982-7000	4-18 \$2, Adults \$4	School Tours, Youth Programs, Community of culture series
Center for the Arts & Sciences, Brazoria County	400 College Blvd Clute, TX 77531	http://www.bcfas.org/	(979) 265-7661	See Website for event tickets	Center Stage, Planetarium, Museum, Symphony, Art League
Discovery Green	1500 McKinney, Houston, Texas 77010	http://www.discoverygreen.com/	(710) 400-7336	Free	Kinder Lake Basin, Houston Public Library Express, Native Butterfly Gardens, Playground, Gateway Fountain Swimming, Walking Trail