Wilderness Passport

Become a Nature Explorer and Discover Careers in Conservation!
Nombre: ________________________________

Apellido: ________________________________

Yo vivo en el ecosistema de las zonas deshabitadas de Houston de:

Condado: ________________________________

Estado: ________________________________

Nombre de tu Escuela: ________________________________

Fecha en que fue emitido: ________________________________ Mes Día Año

Fecha en que fue llenado: ________________________________ Mes Día Año

Autoridad emisora: Houston Wilderness
At Houston Wilderness, we want you to visit and learn about nearby wilderness areas. Did you know that the Houston Wilderness region has 10 different ecosystems?

Each time you visit a different ecosystem, put a sticker on your passport showing that you were there, just like a real passport. To download stickers, please go to www.houstonwilderness.org/passport.

For GGQ schools and participants please go to www.greenguest.org

Also throughout this passport you will find the answers to these and other questions:
- What is the longest river that begins and ends in Texas?
- How many birds pass through the Columbia Bottomlands every year?
- What is the Attwater’s Prairie Chicken and what does “endangered” mean?
- What sort of environmental career can I have?
Mapa Ecoregiones de Texas

Estuaries & Bays
Bayou Wilderness
Prairie Systems
Trinity Bottomlands
Big Thicket
Piney Woods
Columbia Bottomlands
Coastal Marshes
Post Oak Savannah
Gulf of Mexico

Next to each site is a letter (A-J) and a number (1-10). Refer to this map to get a general idea of where the site is located in the Greater Houston Area. Use the letters to go laterally across the map and then the number to go longitudinally.
My Discoveries

The coolest thing I saw: ____________________________

The weirdest thing I saw: ____________________________

Something I did not know before: ____________________________

Best part of my visit: ____________________________

My favorite ecoregion: ____________________________

Did you know that Sea Center Texas has a “touch tank”? You can gently feel blue crabs, hermit crabs, stone crabs, snails, and even anemones.

Más Descubrimientos

Lo más interesante que vi:

Aviso que me sorprendió:

Aviso que aprovechó hoy:

¿Sabías que Sea Center Texas tiene...?
Careers en Conservacion

Lo Favorito de mi Visita fue:

"Trabajos Verdes"
Busque esta seccion para obtener mas informacion sobre

Citiens en Conservation

My favorite thing I saw or did:

Careers in Conservation

Look for this section to find out more about "Green Jobs"

Learn what types of environmental jobs exist and what sort of education and experience you need to get them!
Estuaries and Bays

You’ve heard of nurseries for babies – well, the marshes along the Texas gulf coast provide a nursery area for young fish and shellfish. Where freshwater from rivers meets saltwater from the Gulf of Mexico, you can find an amazing diversity of animals, from fish and oysters to shrimp and blue crabs.

Did you know that 90 percent of the commercial fish and shellfish caught in Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico spend at least part of their lives in an estuary?

Can you draw a food web that includes organisms that live in bays and estuaries?
Estuaries and Bays
sites to visit:

1. Artist Boat (H-7)  • (409) 770-0722
   2627 Avenue O Galveston, TX 77550
   www.artistboat.org/

2. Galveston Island State Park (H-6)  • (409) 737-1222
   "Bay Side"
   14901 FM 3005 Galveston, TX 77554
   www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/galveston-island

3. Texas State Marine Education (J-3)  • (361) 972-3774
   Center
   102 Marine Center Drive Palacios, TX 77465
   http://palacios.cstc.texas.edu/links/SEC/Texas%20State%20Marine%20Education%20Center

4. Pine Gully Park (G-6)  • (281) 291-5713
   605 Pine Gully Road Seabrook, TX 77586
   www.seabrooktx.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/12

Careers in Conservation - Environmental Educator:
What Do They Do? If you love the environment, why not share that love with
the next generation by becoming an environmental educator? You could teach
eager minds all about the importance of the environment.
How Do I Get This Job? To start educating others about the environment, you
will need a college degree, preferably in environmental science. If you want to
teach younger kids, you can stop there, but to teach at the college level you will
need to get a PhD.

Did you know that Galveston Bay is the second most
productive estuary in the country? You can visit this
unique ecosystem at Galveston Island State
Park “Bay Side” and see many animals including
birds, fish, and marsh rabbits.
Bayou Wilderness

The brown ribbons of water winding through neighborhoods and along city streets may look dirty, but they’re actually carrying sand, soil and nutrients down to their ultimate destination: the bays and estuaries.

These waterways also have a number of creatures in them (yes, fish do live in these waters) and they provide homes and food sources to many wild creatures, including opossums, raccoons, armadillos and alligators. They also provide a needed wet place for toads and dragonflies that eat millions of mosquitoes!
Bayou Wilderness sites to visit:

1. Armand Bayou (G-6) [ ]
   Nature Center
   8500 Bay Area Blvd. Pasadena, TX 77525
   (281) 474-2551

2. Arthur Storey Park (G-5) [ ]
   7400 West Sam Houston Pkwy S, Houston, TX 77072
   (281) 496-2177

3. Buffalo Bayou Park (F-5) [ ]
   1800-3600 Allen Parkway/Memorial Drive
   713-752-0314

4. Eddie V. Gray (F-6) [ ]
   Wetlands Center
   1724 Market Street Baytown, TX 77520
   (281) 420-7128

Careers in Conservation - Horticulturist:
What Do They Do? As a horticulturist working in the environmental field, you will most likely work to collect native seeds and grow them in a greenhouse until they can be planted, thereby helping to restore endangered and native plants.

How Do I Get This Job? To become a Horticulturist, you need a degree in either horticulture or botany, and a love for growing and working with plants.

Did you know that the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center participates in the Texas Amphibian Watch? This program is used to count the number of frogs and toads in Texas. Volunteers are trained to listen to amphibian calls and record them.
Bayou Wilderness sites to visit:

5 Edith L. Moore (F-7) Nature Sanctuary
440 Wilchester Blvd, Houston, TX 77079
http://houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/edith-moore/edit-moore.html
• (713) 932-1639

6 Houston Arboretum (F-5) & Nature Center
4501 Woodway Dr, Houston, TX 77024
http://houstonarboretum.org/
• (713) 681-8433

7 Jesse H. Jones Park (E-5) & Nature Center
20634 Kenswick Drive Humble, TX 77338
www.hcp4.net/jones/
• (281) 446-8588

8 Keith Wiess Park (F-5)
12300 Aldine Westfield Rd. Houston, TX 77093
www.houstontx.gov/parks/parksites/keithwiesspark.html
• (832) 395-7000

9 MacGregor Park (G-5)
5225 Calhoun Houston, Texas 77021
www.houstontx.gov/parks/parksites/macgregorpark.html
• (713) 747-8650

10 Mason Park (G-6)
541 South 75th Street Houston, Texas 77023
www.houstontx.gov/parks/parksites/masonpark.html
• (713) 928-7055

Tigures de Céanes para Visitar:

10 Parque Municipal (G-6)
341 South 75th Street Houston, Texas 77023
• (713) 928-7055

9 Parque de las Arboledas (E-5)
2401 Woodway Dr., Houston, TX 77024
• (713) 681-4333

8 Parque Wiess (G-5)
20641 Woodway Drive Humble, TX 77348
• (832) 395-7000

7 Parque de Jones (E-5)
4201 Woodway Drive Houston, TX 77024
• (713) 681-4333

6 Parque Arboretum (F-5)
4201 Woodway Drive Houston, TX 77024
• (713) 681-4333

5 Parque Edith L. Moore (F-7)
440 Wilchester Blvd Houston, TX 77079
• (713) 932-1639
Bayou Wilderness sites to visit:

11 Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens
22306 Aldine Westfield Road Humble, TX 77338
www.mercer-arboretum.org
(281) 444-2230

12 Memorial Park (F-5)
6501 Memorial Drive Houston, TX 77007
www.memorialparkconservancy.org
(713) 520-1633

13 Houston Audubon (G-6)
Raptor & Education Center
3997 River Drive Houston, TX 77017
https://houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/sims-bayou.html
(713) 654-4273

14 Shangri La Botanical (E-9)
Gardens & Nature Center
2111 West Park Avenue Orange, Texas 77630
www.shangrilabotanical.org
(409) 670-9113

15 Terry Hershey Park (F-5)
2340 Memorial Drive Houston, TX 77006
http://www.terryhersheypark.org
(713) 430-2360

16 Tony Marron Park (G-5)
808 N. York Street Houston, Texas 77003
www.20277.org
(832) 393-0868

Lugares de áreas Silvestres
de Canales para Visitars
Did you know that the Houston area used to be home to many bison and tallgrasses? When settlers arrived, most of Houston had prairie grasses taller than a 6-foot person. Today, less than 1 percent of the original coastal prairie still exists in pristine condition. These areas are very important to migrating birds and are home to more than 1,000 plant species, including big bluestem and little bluestem.

*Can you see the blue in little bluestem?*
Prairies sites to visit:

1. **Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR (G-3)** - (979) 234-3021
   - FM 3013 Eagle Lake, TX 77434
   - [www.fws.gov/refuge/Attwater_Prairie_Chicken/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Attwater_Prairie_Chicken/)

2. **George Ranch Historical Park (G-5)** - (281) 343-0218
   - 10215 FM 762 Richmond, TX 77469
   - [http://www.georganch.org](http://www.georganch.org)

3. **Texas City Prairie Preserve (H-6)** - (409) 941-9114
   - 4702 Highway 146 North Texas City, TX 77590
   - [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/texas-city-prairie-preserve](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/texas-city-prairie-preserve)

4. **Katy Prairie Preserve (E-4)** - (713) 523-6135
   - Matt Cook Memorial Wildlife Viewing Platform, Warren Ranch Rd., Hockley, TX
   - [www.katyprairie.org](http://www.katyprairie.org)

5. **Sheldon Lake State Park (F-6)** - (281) 456-2800
   - 14140 Garrett Rd, Houston, TX 77044
   - [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/sheldon-lake](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/sheldon-lake)

Careers in Conservation - Park Director:

**What Do They Do?** The Park Director is in charge of supervising the day-to-day operations of a park, as well as all of the other employees.

**How Do I Get This Job?** To become a Park Director, you will need a bachelor's degree or higher, preferably in a related field such as parks and recreation management. In addition most park directors gain experience by working a different job at a park until they are promoted.

Did you know that pocket prairies are popping up in Houston's urban core? The M.D. Anderson Pocket Prairie in the Texas Medical Center (TMC) provides an excellent wildlife habitat in the city and also presents educational and recreational opportunities that benefit patients and visitors of the TMC.
The Trinity River area is home to many large hardwood trees, including cypress and tupelo. These trees act as a very important flood buffer. When rains make the Trinity River grow wider, this area absorbs the floods, holding back water with the roots of the trees and plants that grow along its shores.

Did you know that cypress trees have adaptive features called “knees”?

*Can you think of ways “knees” might help the tree survive?*
Trinity Bottomlands sites to visit:

1. Trinity River (E-7) National Wildlife Refuge
   601 FM 1011 Liberty, TX 77575
   Coordinates: (30.098288, -94.765547)
   www.fws.gov/refuge/trinity_river/

2. USACE Wallisville Lake Project (F-7)
   1140 US Army Corps Rd Wallisville, TX 77597
   www.swec.usace.army.mil/Locations/WallisvilleLakeProjectOffice.aspx

“Did you know that the Monarch Butterfly is at risk of becoming endangered? Pesticide use and a changing climate have decimated our habitat. But, you can help save my species by building a pollinator garden!”

Careers in Conservation - Wildlife Photographer:
What Do They Do? Wildlife photographers get up close and personal with nature to photograph wildlife in their natural habitats.

How Do I Get This Job? To become a wildlife photographer, you will need to be great with a camera and able to take high quality photographs. Also, you will need to have a love of wildlife, and a lot of patience, because it can take hours to get the perfect shot.

Did you know that half of all the bird species identified in the United States live in or migrate through the Trinity and Columbia Bottomlands?
In the thick, green woods known as the Big Thicket, you can find orchids and insect-eating plants! The Big Thicket is a fragile ecosystem where Southeastern swamp meets Eastern hardwood forest, Midwestern prairie and elements of the Southwestern desert landscape. The diversity of plants here attracts many migrating songbirds.

Can you name four kinds of insect-eating plants found in the Big Thicket?

What sorts of trees provide the best habitat for songbirds?
Big Thicket sites to visit:

1. Big Thicket National Preserve (D-8)
   6102 FM 420 Kountze, TX 77625
   www.nps.gov/bith/index.htm

2. Martin Dies, Jr. State Park (B-8)
   634 Park Road 48 South Jasper, TX 75951
   www tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/martin-dies-jr

3. Village Creek State Park (D-8)
   8854 Park Road 74 Lumberton, TX 77657
   www tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/village-creek

4. Lake Creek Preserve (E-5)
   Sendera Ranch Dr, Montgomery, TX 77316
   http://lakecreektx.org/

Careers in Conservation - Fire Management Officer:

What Do They Do? Fire is a natural part of many ecosystems, so sometimes wildlife refuges find themselves having to prescribe burns. A fire management officer helps to plan these burns and also fights damaging wildfires.

How Do I Get This Job? You may not need a college degree to get this job, but it has its own set of difficult requirements. You must be physically fit and willing to work outdoors, travel, work in a team, and stay in a tent for up to two weeks at a time.

Did you know that Big Thicket National Preserve has over 45 miles of hiking trails? Did you also know that along these trails live several species of carnivorous plants? But don’t worry, these plants prefer insects to humans!
The Piney Woods are named for loblolly, shortleaf and longleaf pines. Mostly found in East Texas, these trees stretch all the way west to Montgomery County, just north of Houston. Longleaf pines were almost lost due to logging and lack of fire, but thanks to new forestry methods, they will hopefully make a return.

How does the use of controlled fires help longleaf pines grow back?

How does fire affect the other organisms in this ecosystem?
Carrera en Conservación - Forestal (Forestier):

- Sam Houston National Forest (C-5) • (936) 344-6205
  11841 Road 40 W Huntsville, TX 77340
- Montgomery County Preserve (E-5) • (281) 893-1634
  546 Park Rd 40 W Huntsville, TX 77340
- Huntsville State Park (C-2) • (936) 293-5641
  1310 FM 1488 Rd C-5151, TX 77340
- W-goodrich Jones State Forest (E-2) • (432) 277-2261
  2840 FM 1485 New Caney, TX 77357
- Lake Houston Wilderness Park (E-6) • (281) 395-7690
  5411 FM 1485 New Caney, TX 77357

Piney Woods sites to visit:

1. Lake Houston Wilderness Park (E-6) • (832) 395-7690
   23840 FM 1485 New Caney, TX 77357
   www.houston.gov/parks/parkides/lakehoustonpark.html

2. W. Goodrich Jones State Forest (E-5) • (936) 273-2261
   1328 FM 1488 Road Conroe, TX 77384
   www.texasforests.state.tx.us/easternforests/jonesstate-forest.html

3. Lake Livingston State Park (C-6) • (936) 365-2201
   300 Park Road 65 Livingston, TX 77351
   www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lake-livingston

4. Huntsville State Park (C-5) • (936) 295-5644
   565 Park Road 40 W Huntsville, TX 77340
   www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/huntsville

5. Montgomery County Preserve (E-5) • (281) 576-1634
   1118 Pruitt Road The Woodlands, TX 77380
   www.springcreekgreenway.org/mcp.html

6. Sam Houston National Forest (C-5) • (936) 344-6205
   3040 FM 1375 West New Waverly, TX 77381
   www.uches.edu/montgomerycountyforest

Careers in Conservation - Forester:

- What Do They Do? Foresters manage the land quality of a wildlife refuge or park. Their jobs involve a large range of activities covering ecological restoration, timber harvesting, and management of protected areas.
- How Do I Get This Job? To become a Forester you will first need to get an undergraduate degree, then amass relevant experience through internships, and finally obtain a forestry license.

Did you know that the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker is the only American bird to carve out its nesting cavity in a living pine tree? Red-cockaded woodpeckers prefer to nest in longleaf pines over 100 years old, but will adapt to other pine species.
Every year, almost 30 million migratory birds stop in this area along the Brazos, Colorado and San Bernard rivers. The old trees in these wet, low-lying and insect-rich forests help provide rest and food for the birds.

Did you know that the Colorado River flows almost 900 river miles and drops roughly 3,000 feet from the river’s origin in Dawson County to Matagorda Bay? It is the longest river that has its entire course in Texas.

Can you trace the length of the Colorado River on a map?
Columbia Bottomlands sites to visit:

1. Bates M. Allen Park (H-4)  □  (281) 835-9419
   630 Charlie Roberts Ln, Kendleton, TX 77451

2. Brazos Bend State Park (G-5)  □  (979) 553-5101
   21901 FM 762 Needville, TX 77461
   www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/brazos-bend

3. Matagorda County (I-4)  □
   Birding Nature Center
   1025 TX-35 Bay City, TX 77414
   www.mchmc.org/

4. San Bernard (J-5)  □
   National Wildlife Refuge
   6801 County Road 306 Brazoria, TX 77515
   www.fws.gov/refuge/san_bernard/

5. Seabourne Creek Nature Park (G-5)  □  (832) 595-3960
   3831 TX-36 Rosenberg, Texas 77471
   http://rosenbergtx.gov/seabourne-creek/

Careers in Conservation - Park Ranger:

What Do They Do? Park Rangers work in the outdoors, protecting and supervising areas of a park. They also sometimes lead hikes, nature walks, etc., and teach the public about the environment.

How Do I Get This Job? To become a Park Ranger, you need a bachelor's degree. It can be in any field, but majors such as biology, earth sciences, and park and recreation management are preferred.

Did you know that the number of birds stopping in the Columbia Bottomlands is so large that they can be seen on radar when they fly across the Gulf of Mexico?
Coastal marshes act as important sponges, helping slow and absorb storm surges (when wind and rain increase) that might otherwise do greater damage farther inland. Coastal marsh wetlands also act as filters, as the plants and soils found there clean the water of sediment and pollutants.

Can you name five organisms you might find in a coastal marsh?

What special adaptations do they have for living in this ecosystem?
Coastal Marshes sites to visit:

1. Anahuac National (G-8) • (409) 267-3337
   Wildlife Refuge
   FM 1985 Anahuac, TX 77514
   www.fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/

2. Brazoria National (I-6) • (979) 964-4011
   Wildlife Refuge
   24907 FM 2004 Lake Jackson, TX 77566
   www.fws.gov/refuge/brazoria

3. East End Lagoon (H-7) • (409) 797-5182
   On Galveston Island at the east end of Seawall Blvd.
   along Boddeker Dr. adjacent to Apfel Park (East Beach)
   www.pwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/comal-lagoon

4. San Jacinto (F-6) • (281) 479-2431
   Battleground State Park
   3523 Independence Parkway South LaPorte, TX 77571 (TX Hwy 134)
   www.pwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/san-jacinto-battleground

5. Sea Rim State Park (G-9) • (409) 971-2559
   19533 S. Gulfway Drive Sabine Pass, TX 77655
   www.pwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/sea-rim

Careers in Conservation - Environmental Lawyer:

What Do They Do? Environmental lawyers are attorneys that focus their practice on handling environmental issues. They help interpret, enforce, and change laws regulating the impact of humans on the environment.

How Do I Get This Job? To become an environmental lawyer you will first need to get a bachelor’s degree (preferably in something related to the environment), and then you will need to get a law degree.

Did you know that Southeast Texas is one of the best places for alligator viewing? At Anahuac NWR you can often see the alligators sunning themselves on the banks of the bayous and ponds!
The Post Oak Savannah is a land of mostly grassy areas with clumps of post oak trees scattered throughout. In the past, fire was an important part of the ecosystem, where it would burn before being stopped by either a change in topography or the weather. The post oaks would survive even if wildfires destroyed the grasses, leaving clumps of trees on the grassy plains.

What are some of the ways that wild turkeys get water in this ecosystem?
¿Sabes dónde los Robles pueden ver para más de 300 años? Se han llegado a encontrar Robles de más de 400 años de edad. ¿Dónde se pueden encontrar estos Robles? Todas estas preguntas y más podrás encontrarlas en el siguiente artículo.

Síntesis par ser visitados:

1. Houston de Harris en Houston
2. Washington en el Parque State Park (E-3)
3. Stephen F. Austin State Park (F-3)

www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/washington-on-the-brazos
23400 Park Road 12 San Felipe, TX 77473-0125
www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/stephen-f-austin
(979) 885-3613

1. Washington on the Brazos (E-3) ☑️ (936) 878-2214

Post Oak Savannah sites to visit:

1. Stephen F. Austin State Park (F-3)
   Park Road 38 San Felipe, TX 77473-0125
   www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/stephen-f-austin

2. Washington on the Brazos (E-3)
   State Park
   23400 Park Road 12 Washington, TX 77880
   www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/washington-on-the-brazos

Careers in Conservation - Wildlife Biologist:

What Do They Do? Wildlife Biologists study the populations of animals and plants on a wildlife refuge. They observe and work with animals to collect data and compile information.

How Do I Get This Job? To become a Wildlife Biologist, you will need to get a bachelor's degree related to biology, and then you will need to complete some internships to gain experience before you become a certified wildlife biologist.

“Did you know that the Houston Toad, which used to be abundant in our city, is now an endangered species? Some Houston Toads can still be found near Austin, but habitat loss has driven the species out of Houston entirely.”

Did you know that Post Oaks can grow to be 300 years old? There has been some founded Post Oaks that were over 400 years old!
Surrounded by the United States, Mexico and Cuba, the Gulf of Mexico is more than half a million square miles of warm, sunlit waters and a steady food supply for an array of fish, wildlife and humans alike. About two-thirds of the continental United States drains into the Gulf, including states as far away as Montana and New York.

The Gulf of Mexico is the ninth largest body of water in the world and home to unique coral reef ecosystems, including the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, about 100 miles from the coast of Galveston.
La cruzó el Océano Atlántico hacia Europa y África. Continúa por la costa este de los Estados Unidos de América, donde las aguas de la Bahía de Florida, ¿sabías que la bahía de Florida es?

Cámaras de Investigación en el Océano Atlántico:

- Palacios de las Islas (H-6)
- Galveston Audubon's Bolivar
- Galveston Bay Nature Park (J-4)
- Sea Center Texas (H-5)

Gulf of Mexico sites to visit:

1. Sea Center Texas (H-5) • (979) 292-0100
   300 Medical Drive Lake Jackson, TX 77566
   www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/sea-center

2. Matagorda Bay Nature Park (J-4) • (979) 863-2603
   6420 FM 2031 Matagorda, TX 77457
   https://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/parks/locations

3. Galveston Island State Park
   “Gulf Side” (H-6)
   14901 FM 3005, Galveston, TX 77554
   www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/galveston-island

4. Houston Audubon’s Bolivar
   Flats Bird Sanctuary (G-7)
   • (713) 932-1639
   www.houstonaudubon.org/bolivar-flats

Careers in Conservation - Marine Biologist:

What Do They Do? Marine Biologists study all types of sea creatures. Most Marine biologists choose to specialize, however, in a field ranging from large ocean animals to microscopic organisms.

How Do I Get This Job? To become a Marine biologist you will need a degree in marine biology as well as relevant internships and research experience.

Did you know that the Gulf Stream, which originates in the Gulf of Mexico, is one of the strongest ocean currents on earth? The stream exits the Gulf through the Strait of Florida, follows the eastern coastline of the United States and crosses the Atlantic Ocean to Europe and Africa.
The Houston Wilderness region has a rich, vibrant history that can be explored and learned about at a variety of museums and cultural centers throughout the 10 ecoregions. Discovering the roles that nature played in the decisions our ancestors made can be fascinating and rewarding. Many of the “Other Places to Explore” sites offer special exhibits and programs that provide excellent learning opportunities for people of all ages.
Other Places to Explore:

1. Bellaire Nature Discovery Center
   7112 Newcastle Bellaire, TX 77401
   www.naturediscoverycenter.org
   • (713) 667-6550

2. Brazos Valley Museum (C-2)
   3232 Briarcrest Drive Bryan, TX 77802
   www.brazosvalleymuseum.org
   • (979) 776-2195

3. Center for the Arts & Sciences (G-5)
   400 College Blvd Clute, TX 77531
   www.bcfs.org
   • (979) 265-7661

4. Children’s Museum of Houston (G-5)
   1500 Binz Houston, TX 77004
   www.emuseum.org
   • (713) 522-1138

Careers in Conservation - Zoo Veterinarian:

What Do They Do? Zoo Veterinarians work to treat sick and injured animals. But, instead of working on dogs and cats, zoo vets get to work on animals like lions and elephants.

How Do I Get His Job? To become a Zoo Veterinarian, you will need to get a Masters in veterinary medicine. Also, relevant experience like an internship with a zoo, is crucial to finding a job.

Museums and Zoos can be good places to learn about ecosystems locally and around the world. A breeding program at the Houston Zoo is working to save the Attwater’s Prairie Chicken from extinction.
Other Places to Explore:

5 Discovery Green
1500 McKinney Houston, TX 77010
www.discoverygreen.com/

6 Hermann Park (I-5)
6100 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030
www.hermannpark.org/

7 Houston Museum (G-5)
of Natural Science
5555 Hermann Park Dr Houston, TX 77030
www.hmns.org/

8 Houston Zoo (G-5)
6200 Hermann Park Drive Houston, TX 77030
www.houstonzoo.org/

9 Museum of the Gulf Coast (F-9)
700 Procter St. Port Arthur, TX 77640
www.museumofthegulfcoast.org

10 Baytown Nature Center (F-6)
6213 Bayway Dr, Baytown, TX 77520
www.baytownnaturecenter.org/

(713) 400-7336
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