

# Day Hiking

Brazos Bend State Park, TX

*Registration closes April 09 at 12pm or when capacity is reached.*

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## **Saturday April 13**

9:45AM	Meeting at OAC in Rice Rec
10:00AM	Depart from Rice
11:00AM	Arrive at Brazos Bend SP, Lunch and Hiking
4:00PM	Depart from Brazos Bend SP
5:00PM	Arrive at Rec and clean up
5:30PM	Finish clean up and end of trip

Brazos Bend State Park is teeming with wildlife! The landscape is flat, so this is an easy going nature hike. Enjoy taking a walk and seeing the wildlife! Trip registration covers lunch, transportation, and associated recreation fees. This trip is open to participants of all skill levels.

Here's an excerpt from the park's website detailing the wildlife present:

*“The Horseshoe Lake area trails are more forested with less wetland habitat. The Brazos River is best viewed from the Red Buckeye Trail. Birdwatching is excellent throughout the park. Bring your binoculars. 40 Acre, Pilant and Elm lakes are the best areas to view wading birds and waterfowl, with a mix of songbirds and sparrows. Raptors can be viewed anywhere. Hale Lake area is more suitable for forest and songbirds. The Prairie Trails are good for sparrows and other upland birds. Wildflowers can be found throughout the park and are very diverse according to habitat but the best variety can be found on the prairies.”*

## Gear Guide for Warm Weather

### Day Hiking Trips

Please dress & pack appropriately for this trip. Review the guide below to support a comfortable and successful backpacking trip!

All the gear listed as provided is included in your trip registration. Rental agreements and gear issue will take place during your pre-trip meeting.

#### Equipment ROPE provides:

- ✓ Meals on Trail

#### Necessary Personal clothing

- Supportive footwear for hike (no flip-flops or fashion sandals)
- Backpack
- Two 1-liter water bottles (e.g. Nalgene)
- Rain Jacket
- Athletic shirt
- Athletic shorts or long pants
- Long sleeve shirt (sun protection)
- Sun hat
- Medications (for allergies, etc.)  
**You Must inform us if you take any medications.**
- Money for meals on the road (if applicable)

#### Optional yet recommended

- Sunglasses (strongly recommended)
- Camera
- Change of clothes for travel
- Bandana(s)
- Journal & Pen
- Cards/Game
- Water reservoir (Camelbak)
  - One-liter back-up bottle required.

It is not necessary for you to purchase a set of new expensive equipment; many items listed above you may already own as athletic or day-to-day apparel. Check with your friends for options to borrow or rent items too. Items that you choose to purchase may be available at low cost from online suppliers or local thrift store. Our primary concern is that all participants have appropriate equipment for a safe and comfortable experience.

If you are unsure whether an item or clothing you own is appropriate for this trip, please contact us prior to the trip or bring the item/clothing to the pre-trip meeting.

Please leave jewelry and other non-essentials at home.

Alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs will *not* be tolerated on any trips led by ROPE. If you have such items, do *not* bring them!

These requirements are for the safety and comfort of participants. ROPE reserves the right to refuse involvement in the program to anyone not properly equipped.

[Register for the Trip!](#)