

Skywatching

Brazos Bend State Park, TX



Schedule:

Saturday, Saturday November 18th 2017

1:15 PM: Meet at the Outdoor Adventure Center

1:30 PM: Depart for the park

2:30 PM: Arrive at the park – Purchase Telescope Tickets around 3pm

3:00PM: Open (Hiking, Planetarium)

6:00 PM: BBQ

~10PM: Depart for campus

In addition to a vibrant marsh and wetland ecosystem, Brazos Bend SP is home to the George Observatory. Join ROPE as we take advantage of a new moon to gaze up at the stars and beat the Houston light pollution. This trip departs in the afternoon to provide the best opportunity to secure tickets to the telescope for night viewing. Telescope tickets are \$7 and will be purchased by the participant at the observatory, weather dependent. Trip registration covers BBQ, park entrance, planetarium ticket, and transportation. Afternoon activities are flexible and open to group decisions. This trip is open to participants of all experience levels.

Packing List:

Required:

- Sturdy hiking shoes (hiking boots, trailrunners, or sturdy tennis shoes)
- Backpack/day pack
- 1-liter water bottles (e.g., Nalgene)
- Long sleeve shirt for layering - Synthetic clothing preferred
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Hat

Optional:

- Camera
- Medications, if any taken
- Additional snacks
- Insect Repellant