Day Hike
Brazos Bend State Park, TX

Trip Leaders: Sarah Grefe & Morgan Gillis

Schedule:

Saturday April 6th, 2019
10:00 AM: Meet at the Outdoor Adventure Center
10:15 AM: Depart for the park
11:30 AM: Hit the trail!
3:30 PM: Finish hiking
4:00 PM: Depart for campus
5:00 PM: Arrive back on campus
5:30 PM: Done

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.”

Trip registration closes Thursday April 4th at 12pm.
**Packing List:**

**Required:**
- Sturdy hiking shoes (hiking boots, trailrunners, or sturdy tennis shoes)
- Backpack/day pack
- Two 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
It is not necessary for you to purchase a lot of expensive equipment; many items listed above you may already own. Items that you choose to purchase may be available at low cost from mail order suppliers or your local outdoor specialty shop. Our major 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.

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.

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