

Day Hike

Brazos Bend State Park, TX

Registration closes October 1 at 12pm.

Schedule:

Sunday, October 3, 2021

9:00 AM: Meet at the Outdoor Adventure Center

9:15 AM: Depart for the park

10:15 AM: Arrive at the park

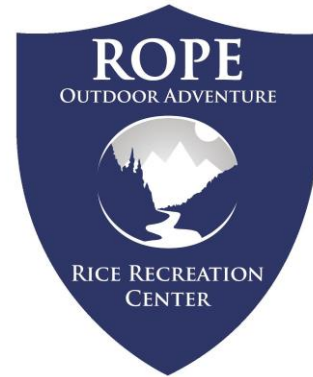
10:30 AM: Hit the trail!

Lunch

3:30 PM: Finish hiking

4:00 PM: Depart for campus

5:00 PM: Arrive back on campus



Brazos Bend State Park is teeming with wildlife! The landscape is flat, so this is a nature hike highlighting the flora and fauna. Depending on group interests distances and activities may vary. 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. The Prairie Trails start at the 40 Acre Lake parking area. Wildflowers can be found throughout the park and are very diverse according to habitat but the best variety can be found on the prairies. Field guides for plants and animals can be purchased at the headquarters and Nature Center gift shops. The Creekfield Lake AllAccessible Trail is a paved halfmile trail. Take the crosswalk from the Nature Center and Observatory parking lot. Wayside exhibits are usable for everyone. Marsh and woodland habitat are viewed from this trail.”

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 or sun protection
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Hat

Optional:

- Camera
- Medications, if any taken
- Additional snacks