



Welcome to the
Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge Appreciation Day
Saturday, Oct 7, 2023, at Champion Lake
9:00am to 1pm
A Free Event

Activities:

- **Walk for the Wild-** a 5K walk along the lake levee and through the bottomland forests.
 - *Join our WFTW Team -you can walk for free with an option to donate.*
 - *Self-guided walks can be started any time from 9:00 am and Noon.*
 - *Walk at your own pace with activity/bottled water stations along the course.*
 - *Complete the 5K and add your name to WFTW Challenge Board!*
- **Paddle for the Wild-** & [Houston Canoe Club](#) ‘
 - *A 5K paddle course on Picketts Bayou for experienced paddler with personal kayak*
 - *Guided paddle tours at 9:30am and 11:00am for experienced paddlers with personal kayaks*
 - *Paddle the 5K and add your name to PFTW Challenge Board!*
- **Beginning Kayak Lessons** with [Houston Association of Sea Kayakers](#)
 - *Ages 10 and up. Must complete USFWS paddle waver.*
 - *We have all the equipment and will provide instruction to beginners.*
- **Photo Contest** – Use your smart phone to take/submit photos.
 - *prizes awarded for best nature/wildlife photos on the TRNWR.*

Walk for the Wild (WFTW) is a national event to get people moving in support of our local national wildlife refuge. Funds raised from this event will directly support wildlife conservation, nature trails, and environmental education in our community.



Free Water (donated by H-E-B Mont Belvieu) at

- Information Booth (by restrooms)
- First Aid Station (by Champion Lake Pier)
- Levee Spillway Station

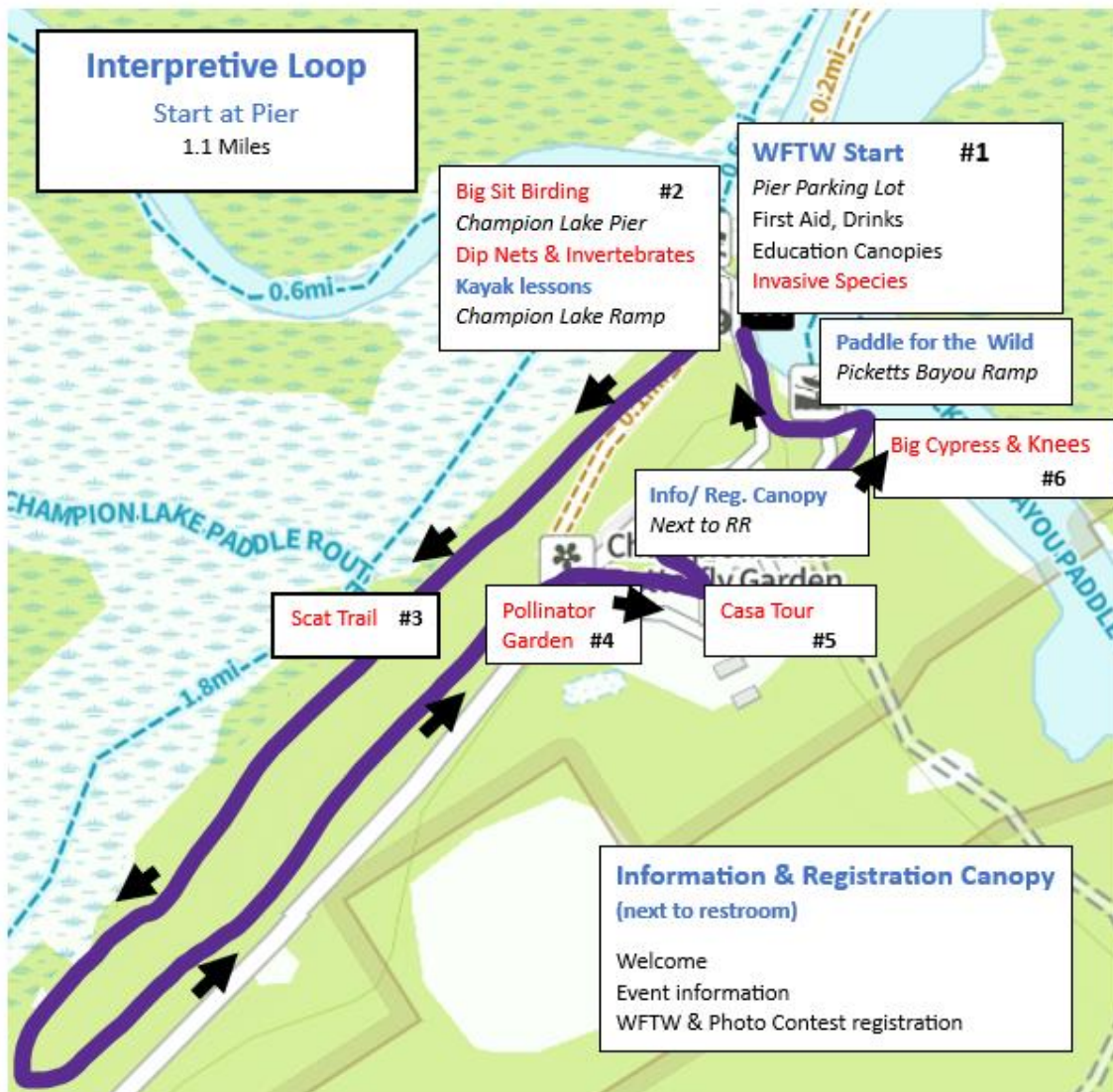
Free Snacks at pier (donated by H-E-B Mont Belvieu & FOTRR)

First Aid Station located at Champion Lake Pier-
provided by [Liberty Medical Surgical Clinic](#)

For assistance, call refuge manager at 936-334-5075

Please place all trash in the appropriate containers.

Please post your experiences and photos on Friends of Trinity River Refuge
Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1786479488155938/>



Caution

For assistance, call 936-334-5075

- Watch for tripping hazards on the trails.
- Be sure to apply Insect repellent before starting the trails.

#1 Educational Exhibits with [Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge](#)

- *Invasive Species, Dip Nets & Invertebrates*

#2 Big Sit Bird Count- with [Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club](#)

- *Help identify and learn about local birds with the bird club experts.*

#3 Scat Trail with [Lower Trinity Basin Texas Master Naturalists](#)

- *Walk the winding trail and visit the interpretive scat signs.*
- *Take "selfie" with scat for WFTW Challenge*

#4 Pollinator Garden with [Lower Trinity Basin Texas Master Naturalists](#)

- *Learn about plants, pollinators and their importance.*

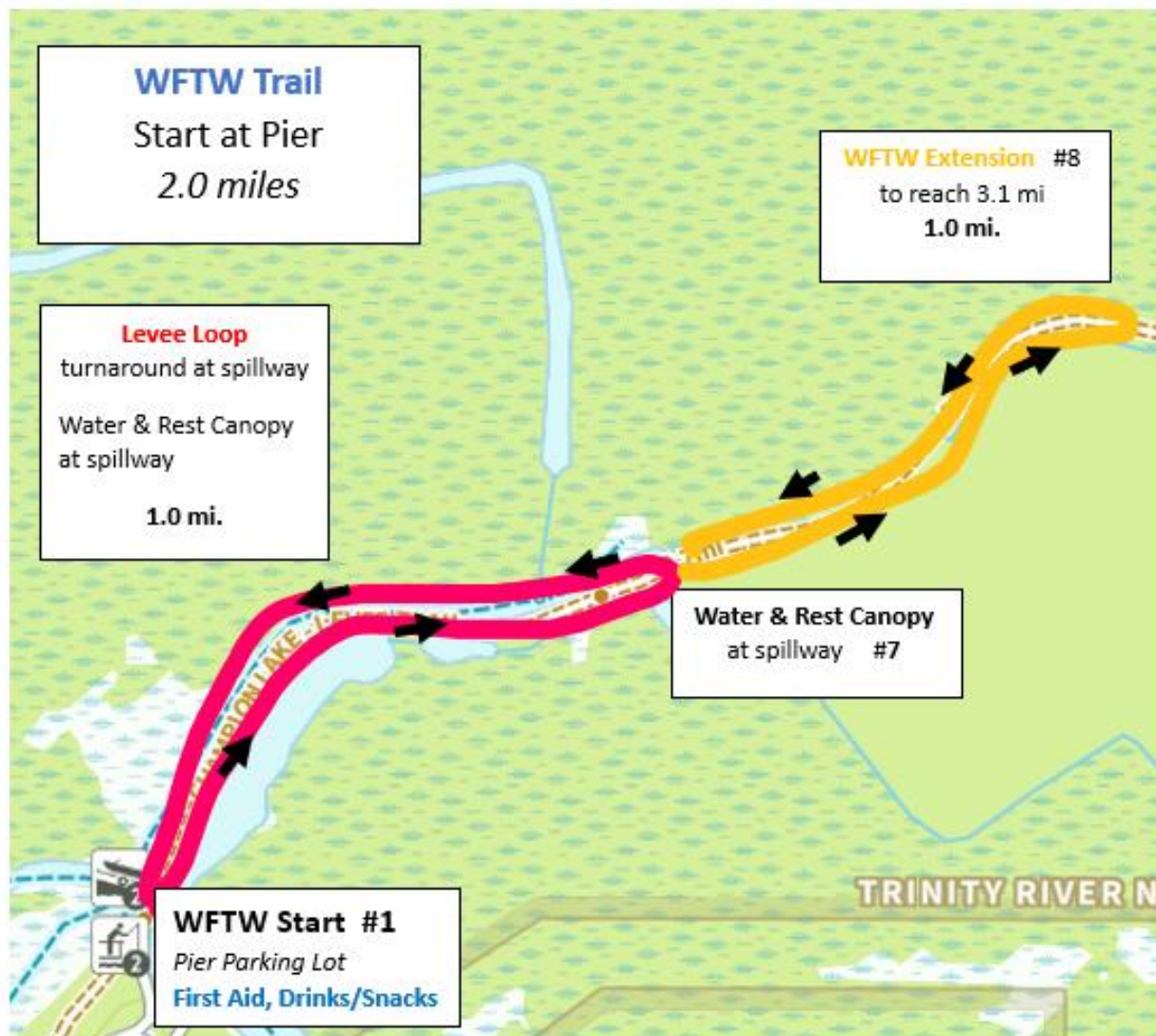
#5 Tour of the Historic Casa de Los Patos Lodge- with [Friends of Trinity River Refuge](#)

- *The 1940's log structures have interesting architecture, history, and an exciting future.*

#6 Big Cypress & Knees - with [Lower Trinity Basin Texas Master Naturalists](#)

- *Learn about this amazing tree and its mysterious knees!*

To complete the **Walk for the Wild Challenge (5K / 3.1 miles)**, you will need to walk the Interpretive Loop Trail (1.1 miles), Levee Trail (1 mile down and back) and the WFTW extension Trail (1 mile down and back).



#1 WFTW Start & Levee Trail

- Walk the levee trail to the spillway (0.5 miles)

#7 Levee Trail to Spillway (1.0 mile down and back)

- The spillway maintains the level of the lake.
- Water and rest station
- You may return to pier or to complete the challenge continue to turnaround (0.5 miles)

#8 WFTW Extension (1.0 mile down and back)

- You will leave the levee and walk a wide, level trail through the forest.
- Turnaround at the orange tape barrier.
- Take a “selfie” at the WFTW turnaround!

Walk for the Wild (WFTW) Challenge Board

Take a “selfie” at the Scat Sign & WFTW turnaround to document that you completed the 5K

- share your “selfie” on our Friends of Trinity River Refuge Facebook page!
- show both “selfies” to staff to add your name to the WFTW Challenge board!

Paddle for the Wild (PFTW) Challenge Board

Take a “selfie” at the PFTW turnaround to document that you completed the 5K paddle

- share your “selfie” on our Friends of Trinity River Refuge Facebook page!
- show your “selfie” to staff to add your name to the PFTW Challenge board!

Our Paddling Organizations



Houston Canoe Club

https://thcc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=496051

The Houston Canoe Club (HCC). We are a group of multi-faceted canoeists and kayakers who have a shared interest in all types of paddle sports that include, but are not limited to; whitewater, flat water, touring, racing and stand-up paddling. We paddle the bayous, lakes, rivers, streams and Gulf shores of Texas and the United States. We offer a variety of trips including day trips, weekend trips, overnight camping trips and expedition trips.

The HCC was established in 1964 when a group of interested canoeists got together and talked of organizing a canoe club.



**HOUSTON ASSOCIATION
OF SEA KAYAKERS**

Houston Association of Sea Kayakers

[Home - Houston Association of Sea Kayakers \(hask.org\)](http://hask.org)

The Houston Association of Sea Kayakers (HASK) an [American Canoe Association \(ACA\)](#) Paddle America Club, is a social club for sea kayakers in the Houston, Texas area. HASK was formed in 2000 by a small group of avid paddlers, primarily to connect with others who love kayak touring, camping, and surfing. We're all about closed cockpits and open water.

We paddle on lakes, bayous, rivers, in the bay, in surf and on open water.

The club is run for members by members, and is comprised of singles, couples, and families ranging in age from teenagers to seniors.

WFTW is Sponsored by

[Liberty Medical Surgical Clinic](#)

Liberty Medical Surgical Clinic, a federally certified rural health clinic, is located near downtown Liberty at the corner of Travis and Grand. The practice has operated for over forty years and is committed to keeping the residents of Liberty and surrounding communities healthy.

[Water and Snacks donated by H-E-B Mont Belvieu](#)

Our Nature Organizations



Lower Trinity Valley Bird Club, (LTVBC)

<https://www.lowertrinityvalleybirdclub.org/>

P.O. Box 6051 Liberty, TX 77575 phone: (713) 366-1722

Email: lowertrinityvalleybirdclub@gmail.com

Fostering the love for and knowledge of our native birds and furthering the observation and conservation of birds in Liberty and Chambers Counties. The LTVBC supports birding education, has monthly meetings with speakers in Mont Belvieu, and sponsors monthly local birding outings.

Birding is a popular and rewarding recreational activity with over 1,000 species of birds in the United States. Texas has around 700 species – Chambers and Galveston Counties are some of the most productive birding areas in the country. Many world-class birding areas are found within 80 miles of Mont Belvieu.



Friends of the Trinity River Refuge (FOTRR)

<https://www.friendsoftrinityriverrefuge.org/>

P.O. Box 12, Liberty, Texas 77575, phone (936) 336-9786 or (713) 366-1722

Email: friendsoftrinityriverrefuge@gmail.com

Friends of Trinity River Refuge are committed to preserving and enhancing the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge, Liberty County Texas, through conservation, research and education. To accomplish this mission the FOTRR will:

- Serve in a cooperative partnership with refuge management to provide funds, volunteer labor, and in-kind resources as required to meet the needs and goals of the refuge.
- Promote public awareness of and participation in conservation and activities on the refuge through educational, scientific, civic, and charitable activities.
- Provide assistance to refuge personnel on projects to develop and improve the refuge's visitor program, environmental education opportunities, and public use facilities.
- Serve as an advocate for the acquisition of wetlands and associated habitats within the Lower Trinity River Floodplain.



Lower Trinity Basin Chapter (LTB)

<https://txmn.org/lowertrinitybasin/>

Lower Trinity Basin Master Naturalist, 501 Palmer Street, Liberty, TX 77575

Phone: (936) 334-3230

Email: lowertrinitybasin@gmail.com

The Texas Master Naturalist Program's mission is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas. Lower Trinity Basin Chapter activities are focused on Chambers and Liberty Counties.

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is proudly sponsored by **Texas Parks & Wildlife** and **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension**

Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge

The Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge is the summer home of one of the most elegant and beautiful hawks in America, the Swallow-Tailed Kite. Also, the TRNWR is the year-round home of the largest-known Texas colony of the amazing Rafinesque's Big-Eared Bat.

Rafinesque's Big-Eared Bat.



The Trinity River NWR is used during migration or nesting by nearly 50 percent of the neotropical migratory bird species in North America with 275 species identified on the refuge and over 200 species nesting on the refuge. It is a biodiversity hotspot with more than 650 vertebrate, 1700 insect, and 650 plant species documented on the refuge.

Swallow-tailed Kite



Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge was established to protect a remnant of the bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem along the Trinity River. In addition to its important conservation mission, the refuge offers recreational activities- hiking, hunting, fishing, paddling, wildlife watching, photography, and environmental education.

Over 30,000 acres have been set aside and managed for the benefit of wildlife, habitat, and you. [Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge where nature and people thrive!](#)