

NATURE CENTERS AROUND TEXAS

Name	Location	County	Summary
McKinney Roughs Nature Park	Bastrop	Bastrop	1,100 acres, operated by the Lower Colorado River Authority, includes the Mark Rose Natural Science Center
Miller Springs Nature Center	Lake Belton	Bell	A 260-acre scenic natural area located between the Leon River and nearby 40 foot high bluffs with 10.7 miles of hike and bike trails through prairie, wetlands and forests.
Mitchell Lake Audubon Center	San Antonio	Bexar	1,200 acres including the 600-acre Mitchell Lake
Meadows Center for Water and the Environment	San Marcos	Hays	Part of Texas State University, features glass-bottomed boat tours of the San Marcos Springs, a discovery hall and aquarium exhibit; formerly the Aquarena Center
San Marcos Nature Center	San Marcos	Hays	operated by the City in the 6-acre Crook Park, focus is the San Marcos River watershed ecosystem
Austin Nature & Science Center	Austin	Travis	operated by the City in 351-acre Zilker Park, includes hands-on educational exhibits, live native animals, an outdoor paleontology exhibit
Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve	Austin	Travis	227 acres with an environmental education center, operated by St. Edward's University, open to the public for trail hiking and events
HILL COUNTRY			
Bear Springs Blossom Nature Center	Pipe Creek	Bandera	125 acres; home to a variety of native wildlife species-> 88 bird species have been sighted incl. 6 prs of endangered Golden cheeked Warbler raising young ones. > 30 grass species.
Canyon of the Eagles Lodge and Nature Park	Burnet	Burnet	resort and nature park, located on 940 acres of Lower Colorado River Authority land, includes the Eagle Eye Observatory, nature programs
Fredericksburg Nature Center	Fredericksburg	Gillespie	10 acres, located in Lady Bird Johnson Park
Cibolo Nature Center	Boerne	Kendall	100 acres; a variety of natural landscapes; native prairie, spring-fed marsh, > 6 miles of trails
Riverside Nature Center	Kerrville	Kerr	9 acres, arboretum with wildlife and native plant sanctuary, located on the Guadalupe River
Eaton Hill Nature Center	Sonora	Sutton	37 acres; has 2 miles of hiking trails & an educational facility operated out of a 110+ year old historic home;
Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center	Round Mountain	Travis	75 acres, exhibits on area geology, water, weather, and energy and their connection to the Preserve's plants and animals
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS			
Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Center	McKinney	Collin	Exhibits on Texas' venomous snakes, geology, seashells and marine life, North Texas ecosystems, 289-acre wildlife sanctuary with over 6 miles of trails
Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center	Cedar Hill	Dallas	205 acres; focuses on birds including migrating one; have resident American kestrel
Cedar Ridge Preserve	Dallas	Dallas	formerly Dallas Nature Center, 600 acres, operated by Audubon Dallas, about 9 miles of trails, butterfly gardens, live mammals, birds, insects and reptiles
Trinity River Audubon Center	Dallas	Dallas	120 acres with 5 miles of trails
Twelve Hills Nature Center	Dallas	Dallas	urban preserve and outdoor classroom
Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area	Lewisville	Denton	operated by the University of North Texas, Texas A&M University, the City of Lewisville, and the Lewisville Independent School District, over 2000 acres with over 7 miles of trails
Bob Jones Nature Center	Southlake	Denton	758 acres, operated by the City
Acton Nature Center of Hood County	Granbury	Hood	74 acres with over 5 miles of trails
River Legacy Nature Center	Arlington	Tarrant	adjacent 1,300-acre River Legacy Parks
Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge	Fort Worth	Tarrant	3,621 acres of forest, wetlands and prairie, operated by the City
NORTHEAST TEXAS			
Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center	Athens	Henderson	includes a production fish hatchery, aquaria and exhibits, Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, Richard M. Hart and Johnny Morris Conservation Center
East Texas Ecological Education Center	Tyler	Smith	82 acres, visitor's center, indoor and outdoor classrooms, wetlands, grasslands and ponds
PANHANDLE			
Wildcat Bluff Nature Center	Amarillo	Potter	over 600 acres, 5 miles of trails, 5 acre accessible trail with pond, spring, and paleontology exhibit. Education building, visitor center. Focus on prairie ecosystems, outdoor education, and natural and human history of the Texas Panhandle.

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River Bend Nature Center (Texas)	Wichita Falls	Wichita	18 acres; has 7,000 sq. ft. glass Conservatory stocked with native butterflies and landscaped with prairie grasses, trees, shrubs, and wildflowers of the Rolling Plains. over 100 native plant species and displays of area wildlife including prairie dogs, ornate box turtles, Bob White Quail
SOUTHEAST TEXAS			
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory	Lake Jackson	Brazoria	interpretive center and research center for public education and volunteer-based avian monitoring programs
Sea Center Texas	Lake Jackson	Brazoria	marine aquarium, fish hatchery and nature center operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Brazos Bend State Park	Needville	Fort Bend	4,897 acres, nature center operated by the state and Brazos Bend State Park Volunteer Organization[1]
Baytown Nature Center	Baytown	Harris	Operated by the City, 450-acre recreation area and wildlife sanctuary
Hana & Arthur Ginzburg Nature Discovery Center	Bellaire	Harris	located in 4-acre Russ Pitman Park; offers educational and other programs for children and adults
Armand Bayou Nature Center	Houston	Harris	2,500-acre urban preserve, includes a boardwalk through forest and marshes, live animal displays, bison and prairie platforms and butterfly gardens
Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary	Houston	Harris	Operated by Houston Audubon, 17 acres along Rummel Creek
Houston Arboretum and Nature Center	Houston	Harris	155 acres with over 5 miles of trails
Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center	Houston	Harris	operated by Houston Audubon, 1.1 acres, includes a log cabin, barn, gazebo, boat dock and seasonal wetland trails, open by appointment
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center	Humble	Harris	operated by the County, 312 acres
Kleb Woods Nature Center	Tomball	Harris	134 acres; 3 miles of trails; dragonflies, butterflies and birds
Cattail Marsh	Beaumont	Jefferson	900 acres, located at Tyrrell Park, operated by the city. The area is a constructed wetland with diked cells of shallow water and mud flats. It is located along Hillebrandt Bayou ^{[2][3][4]}
Matagorda County Birding Nature Center	Bay City	Matagorda	34 acres; located on the Colorado River w/six botanical gardens and three major eco-systems; self-guided tour through a butterfly, hummingbird, rose, herb, cactus or palm and bamboo garden.
Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center	Spring	Montgomery	adjacent to the 25-acre Peckinpugh Preserve; protects approximately 7,000 acres of forest; 19 miles of natural forests and white sandy beaches along Spring Creek
Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature	Orange	Orange	252 acres, includes themed gardens, children's garden, wetlands demonstration garden, Victorian greenhouse, exhibit hall
SOUTH TEXAS			
Bay Education Center	Rockport	Aransas	Operated by the University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute, ecosystem of the Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve
Sabal Palm Sanctuary	Brownsville	Cameron	Owned by the National Audubon Society and operated by the Gorgas Science Foundation, 557 acres, guided tours of the late 19th-century plantation house
South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center	South Padre Island	Cameron	50 acres of dune meadows, salt marsh and intertidal flats, part of the World Birding Center
South Padre Island Dolphin Research and Sea Life Nature Center	South Padre Island	Cameron	focus in bottlenose dolphins and their marine environment
Edinburg Scenic Wetlands	Edinburg	Hidalgo	website, 40 acres, part of the World Birding Center, educational exhibits on fish and aquatic life, computer programs about birds and butterflies, telescopes and interpretive audio station
Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park	Mission	Hidalgo	764 acres, headquarters of the World Birding Center, exhibit hall, observation tower, bird blinds, guided walks
National Butterfly Center	Mission	Hidalgo	100 acres, butterfly conservation, habitat conservation, native plant sanctuary, trails, butterfly center, and educational tours
Valley Nature Center	Weslaco	Hidalgo	6 acres, focus on getting children outdoors, environment of the lower Rio Grande Valley
South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature	Corpus Christi	Nueces	180 acres, includes a butterfly house and bromeliad conservatory

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Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve and Learning Center	Corpus Christi	Nueces	62-acres; 2 miles of nature viewing trails; Learning Center focuses on importance of protecting the wetlands for future generations to enjoy.
WEST TEXAS			
Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center and Botanical Garden	Fort Davis	Jeff Davis	507 acres features 20-acre botanical garden, greenhouse with about 200 species of Chihuahuan Desert cacti
Rio Bravo Nature Center	Eagle Pass	Maverick	environment of the Rio Grande
Sibley Nature Center	Midland	Midland	located in the 49-acre Hogan Park
San Angelo Nature Center	San Angelo	Tom Green	operated by the City, collection of native animals
Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental Science Center	Laredo	Webb	part of Laredo Community College, contains representations of the Rio Grande ecosystem and live specimens of plant and animal life