



BIRDING HOT SPOTS

KIRBY NATURE TRAILS

Several loops meander through slope forest, baygall, floodplain, cypress slough, and stream bank communities with access to the arid sand hill community across Village Creek. Good for warblers, vireos, woodpeckers and resident song birds.

The trailhead is located at the southern end of the Turkey Creek Unit on FM 420 2.5 miles (4 km) east of the Visitor Center at the junction of US 69 and FM 420.

SUNDEW TRAIL

Open, park-like wetland savannah is good habitat for pine warblers and brown headed nuthatches.

The Sundew trailhead is 14 miles north of Kountze, TX off FM 28270.5 mile (.8 km) west of US 69.

PITCHER PLANT TRAIL

This is a short wheelchair accessible trail through wetland savannah and upland pine habitats with good access to floodplain community on the Turkey Creek Trail. Look for woodpeckers and warblers.

Take FM 1943 4.3 miles (6.9 km) east of Warren. Go south for 1.9 miles (3km) on the gravel road on the east boundary of the Turkey Creek Unit.

BIRDWATCHER'S TRAIL

Panoramic views of expansive sandbars surrounded by high bluffs on the east bank of the Trinity River offer good birding opportunities for shorebirds, raptors, and migrant songbirds.

The trail is located at the confluence of Menard Creek and the Trinity River 3.1 miles (4.9 km) north of Romayor off of FM 2610 on Oak Hill Drive.

MCQUEEN'S LANDING

This boat launch below the dam at Steinhagen Reservoir is a viewing area for bald eagles in the winter.

Three miles (4.8 km) east of Martin Dies Jr. State Park on US 190, take FM 777 south to Beech Grove. At Beech Grove take the dirt road toward East End Park until it ends at McQueen's Landing on the Neches River.

COOK'S LAKE

Cook's Lake is a backwater slough off of Pine Island Bayou, not far from its confluence with the Neches River, accessible only by boat. The swamp forest and floodplain forest communities in Cook's Lake provide excellent habitat for herons, egrets, raptors, and swallows.

The closest boat ramps are the Confluence Ramp on the east side of the river or the LNVA Salt Water Barrier in Beaumont. To reach the Confluence Boat ramp from I-10/US 69, go east 8.2 miles (13.1 km) to SH 105, go north for 4.0 miles (6.4 km) to FM 1131, go west 3.3 miles (5.3 km), turn left onto a paved road, go 3.7 miles (5.9 km), pavement ends after 2.7 miles) to parking area on the right. To reach the Salt Water Barrier take the Lucas Street exit off US 60, go east to Bigner, then north to the end of the road which turns east into the LNVA property.

COLLIN'S POND

Collin's Pond located at the head of the Woodlands Trail in the Big Sandy Creek Unit is good habitat for a variety of, thrushes, warblers, herons, and egrets.

The trailhead is located on FM1276, 3.3 miles (5.3 km) south of US 190, and 21 miles west of Woodville.

TEEL ROAD

Scenic cypress sloughs along Teel Road supports habitat for a variety of warblers, thrushes, vireos and wading birds.

Follow the dirt road off of Highway 770 one mile east of Saratoga. The Teel Road branches to the right off of Cotton Road.