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Outdoor Adventures & Nature Thrills At Lake Houston Park This February

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone interested in the world of nature to join us for an ongoing series of fun and educational events in the great outdoors! Park Naturalist Jerry Walls leads guests on a variety of learning adventures in the wilderness of Lake Houston Park.

Located off Hwy 59, north of Houston, Lake Houston Park stretches across nearly 5,000 acres of forest environment and includes creeks and riverbanks, hiking and equestrian trails, and camping facilities. The workshops led by park staff are ideal for anyone.

In February, join us for:

Saturday, February 3, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

"Off the Beaten Path Photo Tour"

Ages 13 and up. Visit scenic places in the park not often discovered by visitors. Photo opportunities abound. Free with park entry fee of \$3 per person, aged 13 and up.

Sunday, February 4, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

"Guided Bird Walk"

Ages 13 and up. Join fellow birdwatchers on this guided bird tour. Free with park entry fee of \$3 per person, aged 13 and up.

Saturday and Sunday, February 10 & 11, 2007, 12 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Nature Center Open House"

Visit the nature center and meet some of the fascinating animals that call Lake Houston Park home! Get up close and personal with snakes, amphibians, turtles, spiders, scorpions, fish, and many more of our local friends! Free with park entry fee of \$3 per person, aged 13 and up.

Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

"Fall in Love With Lake Houston Park"

Want to enjoy the scenery of Lake Houston Park from the comfort of a chair in a forest cottage? Take a virtual tour of Lake Isabelle, Peach Creek, the San Jacinto River, and other spots of beauty via this slide presentation. Free with park entry fee of \$3 per person, aged 13 and up.

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Saturday, February 17, 2007, 8:00 a.m.

"Peach Creek Peepers Bird Walk"

Ages 13 and up. Join fellow bird enthusiasts on this guided tour in search of the park's diverse bird population! Free with park entry fee of \$3 per person, aged 13 and up.

Saturday, February 24, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

"Off the Beaten Path Tour"

Ages 13 and up. Visit beautiful wetlands, ponds, a lake, and other areas not often seen by park visitors. Wildlife should put on an amazing show for guests on this tour! Free with park entry fee of \$3 per person aged 13 and up.

Lake Houston Park is located north of Houston at 22031 Baptist Encampment Road, in New Caney, Texas. It is accessible from Hwy 59 and FM 1485. Signs point the way from that intersection.

For additional information about recreational and educational opportunities at Lake Houston Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (281) 354-6881, (713) 845-1135, or visit www.houstonparks.org.