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The Houston Parks and Recreation Department Announces The First Peach Creek Peepers Bird Walk At Lake Houston Park

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites all Bird Watchers to take a walk on the wild side during the First Peach Creek Peepers Bird Walk at Lake Houston Park. Jerry Walls, HPARD Park Naturalist, will conduct the guided bird walk on Saturday, September 23 at 8:00 a.m.

"I'm pleased that Jerry Walls, is on board," said Joe Turner, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "His 15 years experience as a Park Naturalist is what we were looking for the department and Lake Houston Park. The Peach Creek Peepers Bird Walk is just one of many educational inter-active weekend programming opportunities we'll be creating for park visitors in the coming months."

Lake Houston Park is a wonderful place to go bird watching for novices and seasoned bird watchers alike. Painted Buntings and Summer Tanagers, Swainson's Warblers and Northern Parula Warblers are just some of birds that can be seen making their home at Lake Houston Park.

"Bird watching at Lake Houston Park will be a wonderful experience," said Jerry Walls, HPARD Park Naturalist. "September through November is a great time to be out birding and Lake Houston Park is a great place to find different species. The park sits right in the middle of the migratory bird path so bird watchers can expect to update their watch list when they visit the park."

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Park visitors should look forward to additional interactive weekend programming at Lake Houston Park in the coming months.

“We have a wealth of natural resources available to us here at Lake Houston,” Walls continued, “and we’ve got plans to create programming on everything from birds, bat, bees, trees, wildflowers, edible plants, reptiles and amphibians. We’ll even offer some park after dark programs like Owl Prowls and Creatures of the Night. It’s all about creating an experience that is fun and educational at the same time.”

Upcoming programs include:

“The Peach Creek Peepers Bird Walk” - Sat., September 23 - 8:00a.m.

Walk on the wild side and update your bird count on this guided tour of Lake Houston Park and its avian inhabitants. This walk will be held every third Saturday of every month. Open to ages 13 and older and FREE with park admission.

“Snakes Alive” - Saturday, October 14 at 2:00 p .m.

Participants will have a chance to get up close and personal with this slithering reptile while learning about species native to the area. Open to all ages and FREE with park admission.

“S.S.S.” - Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Spiders, Scorpions and Snakes OH MY! Catch the Halloween Spirit by learning about venomous spiders scorpions and snakes and separate myth from fact. Open to all ages and FREE with park admission.

Reservations are required for all Lake Houston Park programs and campsites, to make your reservation call (281) 354-6881.

For additional information on Lake Houston Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call 713-845-1135 or visit www.houstonparks.org.