



Lake Houston Wilderness Park Programs

Lake Houston Wilderness Park is a nearly 5,000 acre

City of Houston park located in New Caney.

The Park is bordered on two sides by the Peach and Caney Creeks
and the East Fork of the San Jacinto River.

Our park entry is located at:

25840 FM 1485, New Caney 77357

Scheduling Programs:

- Allow at least three weeks' notice from requested program dates
- There is a 15 participant minimum required for requested programs, the exception being Special Education
- Programs are typically 60 – 90 minutes long
 - Some programs can be shortened in order to accommodate more participants
 - Arrangements can be made for multiple programs during a park visit
- Some programs will only be offered in the morning during hot months
- All program reservations are handled by phone or email at: (281) 354-0173 or brock.nedland@houstontx.gov

Fees:

- There is a \$3 Park Entry fee required for anyone ages 13-64
- Visitors ages 12 and younger and 65 and older are FREE
- At this time there are no extra fees for requested programs

Special Requests:

- Please note the maximum number for program participants
- For groups exceeding the maximum number, a second session of the same program may be requested
- Depending on staff availability, you may be able to schedule a secondary program while a group is waiting for the primary program (round robin style)
- Help us customize a program just for you! Lake Houston Wilderness Park is always looking for new and exciting ways to reach students. Work with us to design your very own program; this may require more than three weeks' notice for new program development

Policies:

- **Dress**
 - We recommend visitors come dressed appropriately for the outdoors
 - We suggest visitors wear closed-toed shoes at all times; no sandals or flip flops
 - Light colored breathable clothing for the heat
 - Jackets in the Winter
 - Might also want to come prepared for mosquitoes with bug spray

- **Food and Drinks**

- o We recommend all visitors bring water
 - Hydration is extremely important especially during the warmer months
 - Water fountains are available to refill water if needed
 - Some programs require participants to bring water with them
- o The park does not provide food for visitors, we do have drink machines
- o If you plan on bringing lunches
 - We have picnic tables outside the Nature Center
 - We have a Dining Hall with tables, chairs, and large refrigerator available for rent; contact us for details

- **Program Waivers**

- o Some programs require waivers to be signed for all program participants (it will be noted in the program description)
- o Waivers will be emailed upon registration for classes and required before the start of the program

- **Supervision**

- o All groups must provide at least one adult for every ten students
- o Adult supervisors may be asked to participant alongside students for various programs

- **Weather-related Cancellations**

- o Please promptly call for delays or cancellations
- o An indoor program may replace an outdoor program due to inclement weather, this may not always be applicable
- o We will work closely with you to reschedule programs if necessary

- **Late for a Program**

- o Please allow for extra time to arrive at the Nature Center
- o Depending on scheduling conflicts, programs may be shortened or forfeited due to excessive tardiness
- o Unguided Nature Center tours are available before and after programs, so don't worry about getting here too early

Self-Guided Group Visits

- If your group decides not to schedule a program with us, you can still have a great experience here at Lake Houston Wilderness Park. The Nature Center is open Wednesday-Sunday from 9am-4pm for self-guided tours. Visitors have access to over 20 miles of hiking and biking trails; Magnolia Trail has interpretive signage along its .70 mile track.

Lake Houston Wilderness Park offers both educational and recreational programs year round. Below is a list of programs that are offered to schools, church groups, scouts, etc. LHWP requires at least three weeks' notice to schedule programs.

Contact us to schedule programs: Phone:

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Email: brock.nedland@houstontx.gov

