

## **Fieldtrip Accessibility Information**

The North Texas Master Naturalist program is dedicated to making outdoor activities accessible to everyone. We are sharing essential information about the hikes we are offering to the trainees, ensuring that participants can enjoy these fieldtrips safely and comfortably. By sharing details about trail conditions, available facilities, and any potential challenges, we aim to provide a welcoming and inclusive experience for all nature enthusiasts.

**Trainees**, please review this information before selecting your field trips to decide which ones will work best for you. If you have questions or concerns about the field trip please let us know, we would like to help accommodate your needs. A few other things to keep in mind, the prairie field trips do not have shade, you may want to bring a portable chair/seat and walking stick.

### **Hike Name and Location: John Bunker Sands Wetland Center**

**Distance covered:** The main loop is about a mile and a half, with smaller loops that are also relatively level terrain. There are longer trails as well, but those will have minimal rest spots or turn around spots sans doubling back and returning to the center from the direction you started out in.

**Type of trail surface:** a mixture of paved sidewalk, boardwalk, and gravel/dirt.

**Maximum gradient/slope:** almost flat

**Rest areas available along the hike:** Rest areas are available along the Blackland Prairie Trail that runs parallel to the wetland cell closest to the main building, with more to be added.

**Restrooms available:** accessible restrooms are located at the main building and education silos adjacent to main building

### **Hike Name and Location: Connemara**

**Distance covered:** 1.5 miles

**Type of trail surface:** grass, uneven surfaces

**Maximum gradient/slope:** A slight down hill at the beginning and a slight up hill at the end.

Rest areas available along the hike: Very few. About 1/2 mile between the two native log benches

Restrooms available: Porta Potty at the start/ending point

Hike Name and Location: **Parkhill Prairie**

Distance covered: mowed trail 0.25 mile / open field with tall grass and no trail 1 mile / mowed trail 0.25 mile

Type of trail surface: mowed trail 0.25 mile / open field with tall grass and no trail 1 mile / mowed trail 0.25 mile

Maximum gradient/slope: moderately steep

Rest areas available along the hike: low brick wall at end of 0.25 mile mowed trail

Restrooms available: accessible bathrooms are usually locked

Hike Name and Location: **Trinity River Audubon Center - 6500 Great Trinity Forest Way Dallas TX 75217**

Distance covered: Roughly 2 miles. People may return to the building earlier if they prefer.

Type of trail surface: granite gravel, boardwalk, and grass

Maximum gradient/slope: almost flat

Rest areas available along the hike: yes

Restrooms available: bathrooms in center

Hike Name and Location: **Spring Creek Forest Preserve**

Distance covered: 1.2 miles

Type of trail surface: 75% well-maintained natural surface trails; 25% concrete walking path (on the way out of the forest back to the parking lot).

Maximum gradient/slope: almost flat

Rest areas available along the hike: Room to pause on the trail but no "official" seating; this is an easy trail and this hasn't been an obstacle in the past.

Restrooms available: Not at the meeting point (Halff Park parking lot, 4695 Ranger Drive, Garland), though this is in a developed area with many retail/fast food locations nearby.

Hike Name and Location: **Buckeye Trail**

Distance covered: 1 mile circuit , total hike time is 40 minutes but total time spent providing interpretation is 2.5 hours.

Type of trail surface: Concrete .25 mile and soft surface .75. This trail can be muddy and slippery following rain events. There are places with poison ivy and can have downed trees in the forest that may obstruct the trail. At times hikers will need to step/climb over tree limbs.

Maximum gradient/slope: There is a steep levee that hikers will traverse to get from the parking to the trailhead, the levee is moderately steep going straight up and over. Or there is at a distance, almost flat trail taking the ADA compliant bench cut path.

Rest areas available along the hike: There are large boulders in 2 places along the concrete portion of the trail where it enters the forest/soft surface trail.

Restrooms available: no

Hike Name and Location: **Clymer Meadow**

Distance covered: No turn arounds, approximately 2 miles

Type of trail surface: walking through open field with tall grass, uneven surfaces and a worn path.

Maximum gradient/slope: almost flat

Rest areas available along the hike: no rest areas or benches. Standing for approximately 3 hours

Restrooms available: no. There are service stations and fast food places in nearby towns.