

MISSION COUNTRY WALK 5/10 KM

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Driving Directions: The Visitor Center is at 2800 South Bentsen Palm Drive, Mission, TX, 78572.

From the east: Follow I-2/US-83 W to E Expressway 83/E Frontage Rd N/US-83 Frontage Rd in Mission. Take exit 136 from I-2/US-83 W. Merge onto E Expressway 83/E Frontage Rd N/US-83 Frontage Rd. Turn left onto S Conway Ave/Native Land Design. Turn right onto Military Rd/Military Pkwy. Turn left onto S Bentsen Palm Dr/Bentsen State Park Rd 43.

From the west: Follow US-83 S to W Expy 83/W Palma Vista Dr/U.S. 83 Frontage Rd S in Palmview. Take exit 133 from I-2. Merge onto W Expy 83/W Palma Vista Dr/U.S. 83 Frontage Rd S. Turn right onto S Bentsen Palm Dr.

COUNTRY WALK 5 KM (Y0204)

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Special Programs: none

Points of Interest: (1) Bentsen Palm RV Park – only RV park in South Texas with ratings of 5 and 10 10 10. You are invited to visit Guest Services on the right if the gate is open. (2) Retama Village – upscale gated community, which includes RV coach houses, casitas, and traditional homes. (3) National Butterfly Center – World’s largest butterfly park, 100 acres of butterflies and native plants.

Restrooms are available at the Bentsen Park Visitor Center and the Butterfly Center.

1. Return to the Visitor Center parking lot. Turn **left** onto the Mission Bike/Hike (B/H) Trail at the green “Begin Bike Route” sign.
2. Follow B/H Trail to Military Road West, the first road – not streets into the RV park or gated community.
3. At Military Road, follow the B/H Trail to the right, keeping the cream-colored wall on your right (approx. 0.6 km).
4. Continue to the first paved road (Schuerbach) (1.25km) and turn **right** to the stop sign.
5. Cross the paved road, continuing straight, keeping the butterfly park on your left.
6. Walk to the end of the pavement, then **turn around** and go back to the crossroads.
7. At the crossroad (butterfly sign on your right) turn **left** onto the unnamed paved road.

*(OPTION) If the road conditions are good, at the end of the paved road, you may turn **right** onto the levy road and return to the Bentsen Visitor Center. Road could be rough or muddy if wet.*
8. Continue on the paved road back to the Bentsen Visitor Center.

We hope you enjoyed this walk. There are additional walks in McAllen (Casa de Palmas Hotel and at Quinta Mazatlan) and in Weslaco (Valley Nature Center).

COUNTRY WALK 10 KM (Y0204)

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Special Programs: Walking with America's Veterans

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Restrooms are available at the Bentsen Park Visitor Center, the Butterfly Center, and the Cemetery.

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Turn **left** onto the Mission Bike/Hike (B/H) Trail at the green "Begin Bike Route" sign.
 2. Follow B/H Trail to Military Road West, the first road – not streets into the RV park or gated community.
 3. At Military Road, follow the B/H Trail to the right, keeping the cream-colored wall on your right (0.6 km).
 4. Continue to the first paved road (Schuerbach) (1.25km) and turn **right** to the stop sign (0.88km)
 5. **Left** on paved road (unsigned) to first stop sign (Old Military Road).
 6. Cross Old Military Road and continue on Inspiration Road past the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery (on your left) – *Special Program Walking with America's Veterans* -- and then the Meadow Creek golf course on your right.
 7. Continue to entrance of the Bentsen Palm Park on your left. (1.5 km)
 8. **Turn around** and retrace your route to Old Military Road.
 9. Cross Old Military Road and turn **right** onto the B/H Trail.
 10. Continue on the B/H Trail to the first paved road (unsigned Shuerbach Road) (1.1 km).
 11. Turn left onto the paved road (Schuerbach) to the stop sign.
 12. Turn right onto the paved road back to the Bentsen Visitor Center.
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