



**TARRANT COUNTY WALKERS
WELCOME YOU TO
FORT WORTH NATURE CENTER &
REFUGE
5 km and 10 km Walks**



A National Natural Landmark and Lone Star Steward, the refuge comprises over 3,600 acres and more than 20 miles of hiking trails. The refuge includes forests, prairies, wetlands, a buffalo herd, and a prairie dog town.

Trails are marked with corresponding wildlife icons. Visitors should wear long pants, closed toe shoes, and carry/use bug spray, sun screen, and water.

Walk Completion and Credit:

When you finish your walk(s), be sure to log back in to the OSB System and enter your participation date, distances, and Special Programs (if applicable).

Start Point Address and Driving Directions:

9601 Fossil Ridge Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76135. From Loop I-820, exit Hwy 199 (Jacksboro Highway) and go west 4 miles. Exit Confederate Park Rd. to the right and stay on service road. At the stop sign, turn right onto Buffalo Road into the Nature Center entrance. Stop at gate house to pay fee and obtain pass and trail map.

Parking and Restrooms:

Parking and restrooms available at the Hardwicke Interpretive Visitors Center.

Special Programs: None.

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FORT WORTH NATURE CENTER

Hours & Admission

Refuge Hours

October-April, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May-September, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas days

No Entry after 4 p.m. to provide suitable and sufficient time on the Refuge

Hardwicke Interpretive Center

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\$6 Adults (13-64)

\$2 Children (3-12, under 3 FREE)

\$3 Seniors (65+)

\$1 Discount per person (with Military ID-Active/Retired)

\$1 Dogs (Dogs Free with FONC Membership)

FORT WORTH NATURE CENTER
10 km WALK INSTRUCTIONS

1. **EXIT** the Interpretive Center toward the parking lot.
2. **LOOK FOR and TURN RIGHT** on the Fire Line Trail (*turtle icon*).
3. **CONTINUE** to the Riverbottom Trail (*turtle icon*).
4. **LEFT** on the Riverbottom Trail.
5. **CROSS** the wood boardwalk and continue to the road.
6. **CROSS** the road and continue on the Riverbottom trail to the Wild Plum Trail (*flower icon*).
7. **LEFT** on the Wild Plum Trail to the first intersection.
8. **STAY RIGHT** on the Wild Plum Trail.
9. **CONTINUE** to the Road.
10. **LEFT** on the road to **JUST BEFORE** the next road.
11. **RIGHT** on the trail along the outside of the fence.
12. **CONTINUE** to the trail marker and **CROSS** the road toward the picnic table.
13. **RIGHT** on the trail and then **LEFT** to the intersection with the Oak Motte Trail.
14. **STAY LEFT** on the Wild Plum Trail to the Viewing Deck.
15. **GO UP and OVER** the viewing deck and continue past the parking lot to the paved road.
16. **CROSS and RIGHT** on the road, facing traffic, for about **1 km**. You will pass Fossil Ridge Rd on the right, Shoreline Rd on the left, and go around a long curve to a parking lot on your left.
17. **TURN LEFT** at the Parking lot to the Cross Timbers Trail (*armadillo icon*).
18. **FOLLOW** the trail over the bridge and along the river for almost 1 km to where the trail turns left.
19. **CONTINUE LEFT** on the trail.
20. **STAY LEFT** at the intersection.
21. **CONTINUE** on the trail and all the way back to the parking lot.
22. **TURN RIGHT** on the road.
23. **JUST AFTER** passing the intersection of Shoreline Dr., look for the Riverbottom Trail on the left.
24. Take the Riverbottom Trail to the intersection with the Fire Line Trail.
25. Take the Fire Line Trail uphill and back to **FINISH**.

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

FORT WORTH NATURE CENTER 10 KM MAP

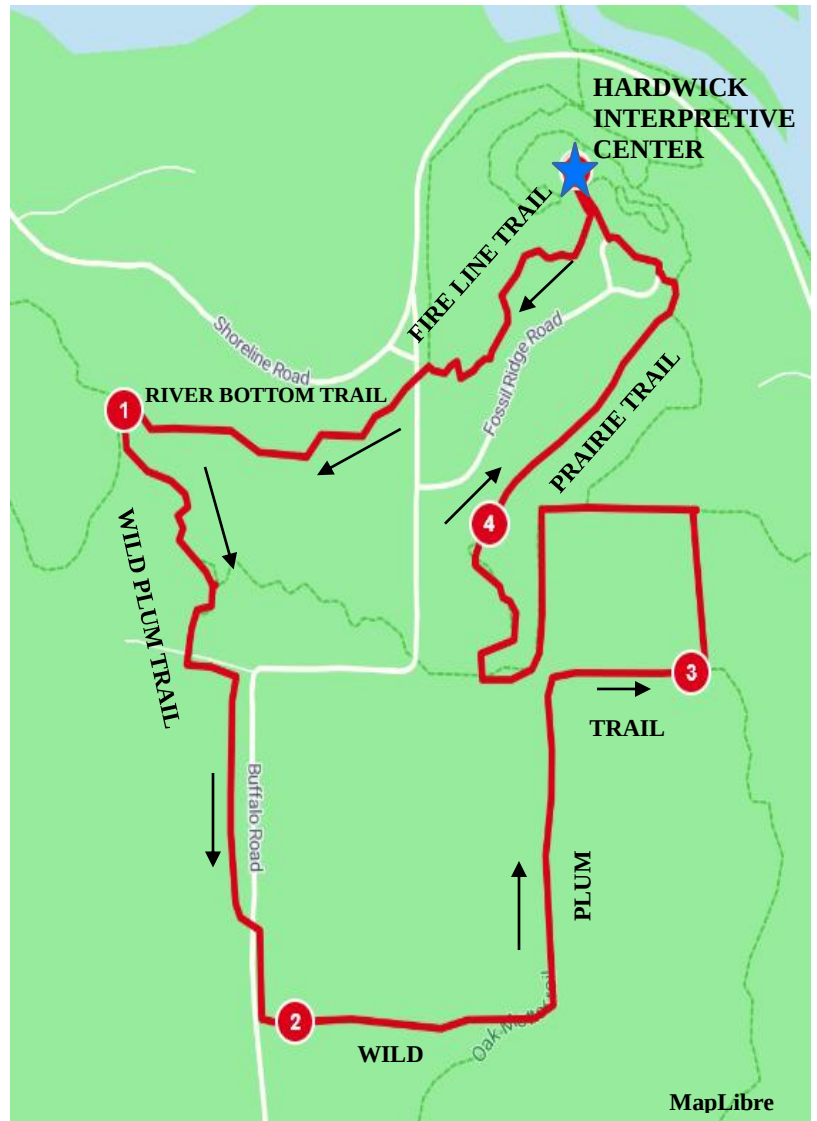


Riverbottom – follow TURTLE trail markers
Wild Plum – follow FLOWER trail markers
Prairie – follow BUFFALO HEAD trail markers
Cross Timbers – follow armadillo trail markers

FORT WORTH NATURE CENTER 5 km WALK INSTRUCTIONS

1. **EXIT** the Interpretive Center toward the parking lot.
2. **LOOK FOR and TURN RIGHT** on the Fire Line Trail (*turtle icon*).
3. **CONTINUE** to the Riverbottom Trail (*turtle icon*).
4. **LEFT** on the Riverbottom Trail.
5. **CROSS** the wood boardwalk and continue to the road.
6. **CROSS** the road and continue on the Riverbottom trail to the Wild Plum Trail (*flower icon*).
7. **LEFT** on the Wild Plum Trail to the first intersection.
8. **STAY RIGHT** on the Wild Plum Trail.
9. **CONTINUE** to the Road.
7. **LEFT** on the road to **JUST BEFORE** the next road.
8. **RIGHT** on the trail along the outside of the fence.
9. **CONTINUE** to the trail marker and **CROSS** the road toward the picnic table.
10. **RIGHT** on the trail and then **LEFT** to the intersection with the Oak Motte Trail.
11. **STAY LEFT** on the Wild Plum Trail to the Viewing Deck.
12. **TURN RIGHT** and follow the trail, as it makes a square around the meadow, back to the other side of the Viewing Deck.
13. **TURN RIGHT**, away from the Deck and **LOOK FOR** the trail sign with the large letter “P” and the white, flower icon.
14. **RIGHT** on the Prairie Trail to the dirt road.
15. **CROSS** the road and continue (*buffalo head icon*) intersection with the Deer Mouse Trail.

15. **CONTINUE** straight on the Prairie Trail and **UP** 2/3 of the railroad ties.
16. **TURN LEFT** to the Parking Lot.
17. **CROSS** the Parking Lot and continue up to **FINISH** at the Hardwicke Center.



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