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## **Outdoor Adventures & Nature Thrills At Lake Houston Park This May**

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone interested in the world of nature to visit Lake Houston Park in May for an ongoing series of fun and educational events in the great outdoors! Throughout the month, Park Naturalist Jerry Walls will lead guests on a variety of learning adventures in the wilderness of Lake Houston Park, including:

**Saturday, May 5 - 2:00 p.m.**

### **"Birding By Ear"**

Who's that bird singing in the forest? Learn how to better identify birds by their songs and calls at this fun and educational workshop. Spring migration is in full swing. This program will assist you in identifying our melodious avian neighbors by ear. Birding By Ear is open to ages 13 and up and is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

**Sunday, May 6 - 8:30 a.m.**

### **"Warbler Walk"**

Several species of beautiful warblers nest in Lake Houston Park, including hooded, northern parula, yellow-throated, prothonotary, Kentucky, and others. Join the group for a guided walk in search of these beautiful avian gems. Warbler Walk is open to ages 13 and up and is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

**Saturday, May 12 - 9:00 a.m.**

### **"Off the Beaten Path Tour"**

Take a guided tour to several remote locations not often seen by park visitors. Bring your cameras, binoculars, and field guides for this very popular tour! This program is by reservation only. Call (281) 354-6881 to make your reservation today! Off the Beaten Path is open to ages 13 and up and is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

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**Monday, May 14 - 9:00 a.m.**

### **"Spring Nature Walk"**

Join us for a naturalist-guided leisurely walk looking for birds, wildflowers, budding trees, animals, and other amazing flora and fauna that call Lake Houston Park home. The Spring Nature Walk is open to all ages and is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

**Saturday, May 19 - 8:00 a.m.**

### **"Guided Bird Walk"**

Join fellow bird enthusiasts for a guided tour in search of the park's wonderful assortment of birds. Search for some of the 138 species of avifauna that call Lake Houston Park home. The Guided Bird Walk is open to ages 13 and up and is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

**Saturday, May 26 - 2:00 p.m.**

### **"Amazing Alligators"**

Learn about these fascinating reptiles, actual "living dinosaurs." Separate fact from fiction regarding "El Lagarto," the lizard! Here's your chance to get up close and personal with a live alligator, the safe way. Amazing Alligators is open to all ages and is FREE with \$3 park entry fee.

Lake Houston Park is located 30 minutes north of downtown Houston off of Highway 59 and FM 1485, at 22031 Baptist Encampment Road. It has approximately 5,000 acres of forest, 12 miles of hike and bike trails, and 8 miles of equestrian trails and camping facilities. The park offers a variety of activities for visitors to experience.

For additional information about recreational and educational opportunities at Lake Houston Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (281) 354-6881, (713) 845-1135, or visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).