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Outdoor Adventures & Nature Thrills At Lake Houston Park This October

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone interested in the world of nature to visit Lake Houston Park in October for an ongoing series of fun and educational events in the great outdoors! All programs at the Nature Center are free with a \$3 park entry fee. 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, October 6 - 8:30 a.m.

"Grand Opening of the New Nature Center"

Start your day with a guided bird walk at 8:30 a.m., followed by a guided plant walk at 10:30 a.m., a butterfly walk at 12:30 p.m., and a Lake Isabelle Safari Tour at 2:30 p.m. In between, visit the new Lake Houston Park Nature Center and see the live reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates! Enjoy the educational displays, reference library, and much more! Open to all ages. Call (281) 354-0173 for additional details.

Saturday, October 13 - 9:00 a.m.

"Off the Beaten Path Safari"

Join fellow adventure explorers on a 4-wheel drive on the Cypress Dreams Express Tour of remote places in Lake Houston Park! For ages 13 and up. Space is limited, so make your **reservation** by calling (281) 354-0173. No group reservations, please.

Saturday, October 20 - 8:30 a.m.

"Peach Creek Peepers Guided Bird Walk"

Join fellow birding enthusiasts on this fun and educational walk in search of the many avian neighbors that call Lake Houston Park home! For ages 13 and up. Space is limited, so make your **reservation** by calling (281) 354-0173. No group reservations, please.

Saturday, October 27 - 2:00 p.m.

"Identifying Our Native Snakes"

Learn how to identify the snakes that call the Houston area home! Separate fact from fiction regarding these fascinating, often misunderstood creatures. For all ages. Call (281) 354-0173 for additional details.

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

For additional information on recreational and educational opportunities at Lake Houston Park or the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (713) 845-1135, or visit www.houstonparks.org.