



COASTAL PRAIRIE COURIER EXTRA

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The recent 'Opinion' in the Fort Bend Herald regarding Seabourne Creek Nature Park was great publicity. It's been a struggle, but I think that the Park is finally emerging from a 'secret' status to being recognized as the 'community asset' that was envisioned from the beginning. As the 20-Year Vision, which was developed by the chapter in 2012 and approved by the City becomes a reality, I think we may see that the best is yet to come.

Doug Simons, CPTMN President

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Our View

Time to visit best-kept local secret

Seabourne Creek Nature Park in Rosenberg is a 164-acre park with walking, jogging, and biking trails, wetlands, a prairie restoration area, a butterfly garden, and a four-acre lake.

If the list of park amenities comes as a surprise to you, well — you're not the only one. Lydia Acosta, the city's park recreation programs coordinator, said most people are still unaware of all that the park has to offer.

What better way to learn than by visiting the park? Whether you like your weather cold, cool, warm or hot, the sights are ideal at any temperature.

When's the last time you went for a long walk in the park with your significant other? Not a fan of walking? Not to worry. Simply alight on one of the benches

and watch nature unfold. With the restoration area, the wetlands and a butterfly garden, chances are you'll see nature at its best — undisturbed. Or: When's the last time you took your children fishing? Bring some fishing rods and go at it. The lake is stocked with bass, perch and catfish.

The park's restored ecosystem just won honors in the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Parks and Natural Areas Award competition. The Coastal Prairie Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists and the Rosenberg Parks and Recreation Department shared the award for their joint effort.

The park also has the 1,025-squarefoot R.W. Lindsey Gazebo. It is equipped with electricity and available for rentals.

A monthly bird hike is offered as well.

Pack up the family sometime and head out to Rosenberg's beautiful Seabourne Creek Nature Park. See all the great work being accomplished by the city and the Master Naturalists.

Seabourne shouldn't be a secret. Let's all understand and appreciate it as a community asset.