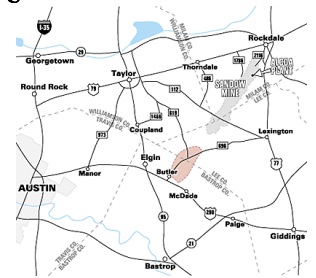




El Camino Real Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist™ program
Field Trip #5: ALCOA Rockdale Operations; Rangeland Management
At the ALCOA Lake Training Center

Tuesday, April 29, 2008



Host Advisors: Mike Mitchell & Jon Gersbach
Guest Speakers: Welcome by Richard Burns, Reclaim and Resource Sup.
Dr. Barron S. Rector, Assoc. Prof. & Ext. Range Spec., Texas A&M University

Agenda: Meet at ALCOA Rockdale Operations' Lake Training Center at 8:30 am. Light breakfast tacos will be provided courtesy of ALCOA. Be welcomed indoors by ALCOA, with a brief focus upon what they have done with and to reclaim the land. Then launch into 1 ½ hours' rangeland and grassland ecology lecture from Dr. Rector. Followed by a 1 ½ hour walk around the fields and grasslands near the Lake Training Center.

ALCOA Rockdale Operations is considered a chapter Strategic Partner.

Please do not wear open toed shoes. Please dress appropriately for the outdoors segment (average temperature in April for this area is 57 - 81° F). Expect to be walking through nearby grassy fields. Please wear bug spray or sunscreen as appropriate. The class should end no later than 11:30 am.

Parking is easy. Ensure that you park near the Lake Training Center; not the Bait House.

This is private property onto which we obtained specific one-time permission for this group only.

This is not a plant tour, but rather a focus on grasslands and grassland ecology.

Directions from US 77 / US 79 intersection east of Rockdale:

1. Take US 77 South towards Lexington
2. After 4.1 miles, turn right onto FM 487
3. After 0.7 miles, turn left at the flashing yellow light onto FM 2116
4. After 2.5 miles, turn right at the flashing yellow light into the Lake Training Center. There is a white bar gate and a sign there.
5. As you enter the Lake Training Center, veer to the right and park in that large open parking area. The center is a very brief walk to the beige building there .

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