

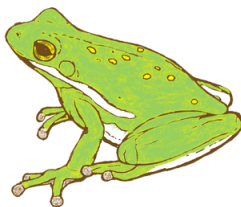
WHAT'S IN A NAME?

El Camino Real, or King's Highway, was a series of pathways that were used to connect Texas with Mexico and northwestern Louisiana in the 1600 and 1700's. As the road developed, it had a tremendous impact on the people who traveled it and who lived out their lives near it. It was truly an agent for cultural diffusion. Traveling along this national historic trail, one can trace the history of Texas and northwestern Louisiana and gain a new appreciation of the rich heritage which is ours.

Much of this part of Milam County looks much as it did in 1691 as our ancestors traveled the Trail. As we study our county as naturalists, how appropriate that we also recognize the heritage which is a part of it as well!

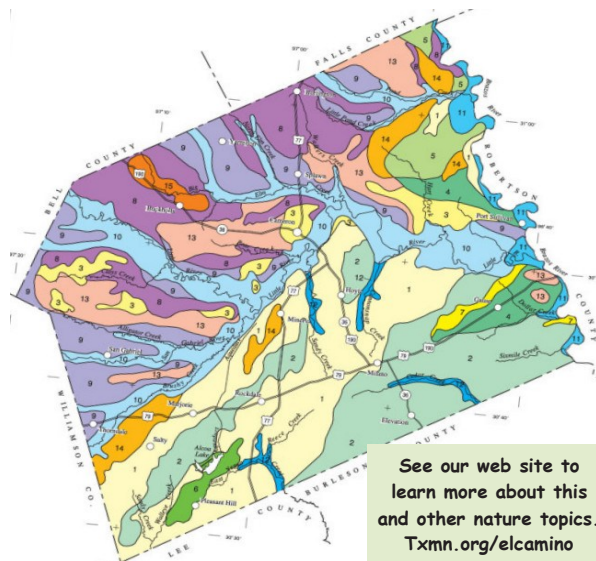
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The Green Tree Frog is the El Camino Real Chapter Logo.



The Nature of Milam County

The special nature of Milam County shows up on a soil map. Blackland Prairie to the North and West, and Post Oak Savannah to the South and East—the way the ocean left us millions of years ago. Join us to help care for it.



See our web site to learn more about this and other nature topics.
Txmn.org/elcamino



Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter

Milam County

"The best place to study nature is at one's own home, on the farm, in the mountains, by the sea - wherever that may be."

John Burroughs



View from Sugarloaf Mountain

"In nature nothing exists alone."

Our Mission: To develop a corps of well informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities.

* Become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist *

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Contact us via the email or phone number below to request someone contact you to initiate the process.
- Pay \$150 initial registration fee — used primarily for the curriculum
- Pass background check

MEMBERSHIP & CERTIFICATIONS

- 40 hours of initial classroom training / field trips to graduate as a Texas Master Naturalist Pledge.
- 40 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training to be a Certified TMN. Repeated annually.
- \$20 annual fee for membership
- Attend Chapter Meetings / Programs

For more information, or to register for the next class: Contact us at:
ElCaminoRealMasterNaturalist@gmail.com OR our website TXMN.ORG/ElCamino, or use QR code. AgriLife phone number : (254) 605-0226



TRAINING TOPICS

Classroom and Advanced training, and field trips, by experts in the areas of:

- Botany—Plants, Flowers, Grasses, Bryophytes, Fungi, Lichen etc.
- Birds
- Insects
- Reptiles
- Fish
- Mammals
- Trees and Forests
- Geology and Soils
- Wetlands and Water Ecology
- Archeology and Anthropology
- Wildscapes and Ecological Habitat Management
- Meteorology and Climatology



B&B Farm Wildscape

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer hours are spent in studying and experiencing nature and then teaching others about nature and how to conserve our resources.

POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

- Many Citizen Science and Texas Nature Trackers projects: Horned Lizards, Amphibians, Hummingbirds, Monarch Butterflies, Whoopers...
- Documenting the "Nature of Milam County" regarding our own: Birds, Mammals, Butterflies, Wildflowers, Flora, Trees, Snakes and more.
- Annual 3 day State Conventions
- Many advanced training sessions, field trips and community outreach.
- School nature and science projects
- And many, many more

The "Bird and Bee Farm" is a great example of wildscapes for bees, birds and much more.

