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The 24th Annual Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival

*Attwater Prairie Chicken
National Wildlife Refuge*

April 14th and 15th, 2018



***Prairie Chicken
Viewing Tours***



***Special Guest
Presentation***



Refuge Van Tours



***Native Plants
Walking
Tours***



***Bird Walking
Tours***



***Children's Art
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Refuge Auto Tour and Walking Trails

For Further Information, Contact

Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR at 979/234-3021 or email at FW2_RW_AttwaterPrairieChicken@fws.gov

Prairie Chicken Viewing
Saturday and Sunday

7:00 a.m.

Experience the beautiful and comical courtship dance of the Attwater's prairie chicken in their natural habitat. Attendees will have an opportunity to view Attwater's prairie chickens on their "booming" grounds from a viewing platform. Transportation to the viewing platform will begin at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until the birds leave the "booming" ground (usually 1-2 hours). No reservations needed. Be sure to bring your binoculars or spotting scope. All transportation will depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

Bird Walking Tours
Saturday and Sunday

8:30 a.m.

A must for birding enthusiasts! Focus your binoculars to view prairie and riparian birds as they pass through the area during migration. Tours start at 8:30 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

Refuge Van Tours

Saturday and Sunday 10:30 a.m./12:00 p.m./1:30 p.m.

Experience virgin coastal prairie habitat and wildlife with knowledgeable refuge guides. Learn about the plight of the Attwater's prairie chicken and see first hand how refuge staff work to save this species from extinction. Tours start at 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 1:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Length of tours: about 2 hours. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center. Register for tours at the Visitor Center

Special Guest Presentation

Saturday and Sunday

10:00 a.m.

We will be treated to a special presentation by award-winning author and nature lover Mary O. Parker. Mary is the author of *Explore Texas -- A Nature Travel Guide*. Her work includes dozens of articles on topics including travel, family, nature, conservation, education, and pieces that appeal to general audiences.

Native American Dance Presentation

Saturday

11:00 a.m.

The Craig Hall Family Dancers will perform the traditional Prairie Chicken Dance as originated by the Blackfoot Confederacy. See the dance performed, learn about its origin and its cultural significance. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions, take photographs with the dancers and participate in a traditional round dance.

Native Plants Walking Tours

Saturday and Sunday

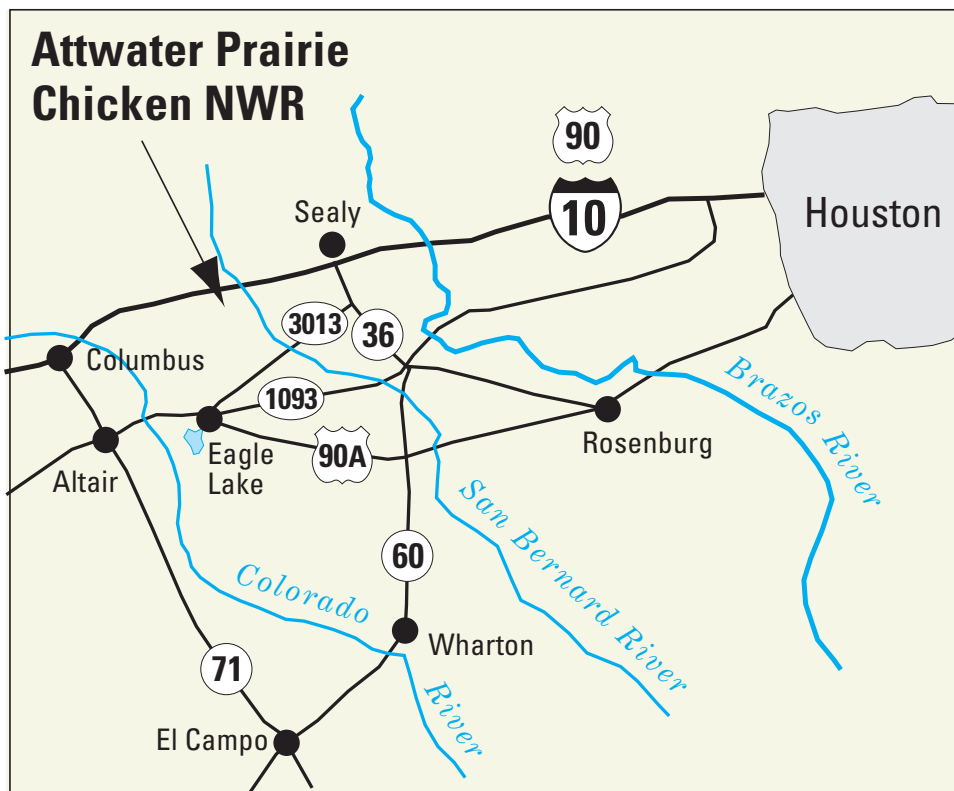
12:30 p.m.

Get "up close and personal" with the native vegetation (grasses, "blooming" flowering plants) of the coastal prairie and develop a greater appreciation for this imperiled ecosystem. Tours start at 12:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

Children's Art Display

All Weekend

Prairie-chicken artwork created by local school children will be on display at the visitor center throughout the weekend. Be sure to stop by and find your favorite!



For Further Information

Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR
P.O. Box 519
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434
979/234-3021 or 979/234-5940

Refuge Directions:

The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge is located South of I-10 between San Antonio and Houston. In Sealy, take exit #720, go South one mile on SH 36, then Right on FM3013 for 10 miles. From Eagle Lake, Take FM3013 Northeast for 6.5 miles. Look for the large brown sign on the side of the highway.

PLEASE NOTE - There is NO PUBLIC ACCESS to the Refuge from I-10