

Session VI. Sky Islands

Davis Mountains Preserve (DMP), The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20, 2024

Day 1: Saturday, October 19, 2024; 9:00 a.m. to evening

- 9:00 Meet at Mclvor Conservation Center; sign in at kiosk, sign release form, review of day's activities (Warren)
- 9:15 Welcome, DMP overview, volunteer opportunities (Kaylee French, Manager, DMP)
- 9:30 Interpretive hike to Tobe Spring (about 3 miles round trip) - diversity of plants and animals (Kelsey Wogan, botanist, Sul Ross State University)
- 12:00 Lunch on hike
- 3:00 Big Bend Bears (Rachael Connally, Resource Specialist, TPWD)
- 4:30 wrap up - those leaving, please sign out at kiosk; free time
- 6:00 dinner (provided)
- 6:50 Bat monitoring in the DMP (Lindsey Bredemeyer, Tierra Grande Member, bat-monitor extraordinaire)

***Please bring your lunch and water**

**** Dress appropriately (Appendix 1 in the Training Manual)**

Day 2: Sunday, October 20, 2024; 7:30 a.m. to noon

- 8:00 breakfast provided
- 9:00 Volunteer Service activity
- 12:00 Lunch (left overs); return to Mclvor Conservation Center, clean up, sign out at kiosk, and head home.

What to Bring

Overnight Options

1. Bunk Rooms in the Mclvor Conservation Center
 - a. women's bunk room and men's bunk room
 - b. you will need your own bedding and personal items for staying overnight
 - c. bring a flashlight

2. Cabin - if we need more space
 - a. we have more women than men, so this will probably be for women
 - b. you will need your own bedding and personal items for staying overnight
 - c. bring a flashlight

2. Campground
 - a. camping is near the Mclvor Conservation Center; restrooms are in the center
 - b. bring tents, bedding, and personal items for camping overnight.
 - c. bring a flashlight

Clothing, Tools

- sturdy shoes
- long pants (protection from brush)
- usual sun protection: sunscreen, hat, long-sleeved shirt
- water
- work gloves
- for overnight: bedding for bunks or camping gear, personal items

Directions from Fort Davis:

Head north on Main Street (there's only one). Take Hwy 118 North (left) past the Davis Mountains State Park, Prude Ranch and McDonald Observatory. The road winds around the mountains here for another 10 miles or so. **One-quarter mile past** the Lawrence E. Wood Picnic area, **turn left** into the DMP gate. There is a small TNC sign on the gate. The McIvor Conservation Center is down the hill on the left; the log cabin is ahead on the right. **All visitors should sign in (and out when they leave)** at the McIvor Conservation Center Kiosk.