



Saturday, November 2nd

The Hiking Dead, a Zombie Apocalypse Hike:

10:00am at the Pineywoods Nature Boardwalk Trail

Find out if you have what it takes to survive the zombie apocalypse on a 1 mile hike along the Pineywoods Nature Trail Boardwalk with Ranger Joel. We will stop at various points during our hike and roll dice to see if we find food, water, shelter, and space. Learn about the daily fight for survival woodlands creatures face in an entertaining and fun way. This hike lasts about 1.5 hours.

Guided Nature Hike:

1:00pm at the Pineywoods Nature Trail Boardwalk

Join Ranger Joel for a guided hike on one of our nicest trails. The hike will take 1 hour, is low intensity, and is 1 mile long. Stroller and wheelchair accessible. Bring a water bottle and bug spray.



Saturday, November 9th

Guided Nature Hike:

10:00am at the Pineywoods Nature Trail Boardwalk

Join a Ranger for a guided hike on one of our nicest trails. The hike will take 1 hour, is low intensity, and is 1 mile long. Stroller and wheelchair accessible. Bring a water bottle and bug spray.

ASTRONOMY DAY: Saturday, November 16th



Phases of the Moon:

4:00pm outside Sunset Marina, the park store

Learn about the phases of the moon in this brief, interactive program which will be held inside the classroom at the park store. Program usually lasts about 15 minutes.

Create your own Planisphere

4:45pm outside Sunset Marina, the park store

Create your own map of the night sky that will show you the constellations visible on any day and time. This program takes about 20 minutes and will be held inside the classroom at the park store.

The Birth, Life, and Death of a Star:

5:30pm outside Sunset Marina, the park store

Learn about how a star is born, how it lives, and what happens when stars die in this interactive activity. We will also take a look at the sun through a special telescope. Meet at the park store.

Star Stories:

8:00pm on the peninsula near activity center

Join Ranger Joel from 8:00 – 9:00pm to listen to stories about the constellations and to view any visible planets, nebula, or galaxies through a telescope! Bring a blanket or chair and please do not use flashlights when you approach the star party area on the peninsula.



Saturday, November 23rd

Backyard Bass:

1:00pm outside Sunset Marina, the park store

Learn how to use a spincast reel in this interactive fishing game for kids of all ages. Use lures without hooks to “catch” and identify plastic fish. Meet outside the park store by the pier. Program lasts one hour.

Fishing with a Ranger:

2:30pm on the fishing pier

Do you want to fish, but need a hand? Join Park Rangers for a morning of fishing. Rod and Reels, advice on casting and fishing techniques, and limited amounts of bait will be provided. Children are welcome. Program will last about 1.5 hours.



Friday, November 29th

Life of a Honey Bee:

1:00pm in the Park Store Interpretive Center

Come to the park store to view our observation hive and learn about the life cycle, care, and importance of Western Honey Bees and native pollinators. You will be able to see live honey bees working inside a glass observation hive. This program will last about one hour and will take place inside the park store, Sunset Marina.

Critters of E. Texas:

3:00pm in the Park Store Nature Center

Learn about the different mammals and reptiles that call the Pineywoods of E. Texas home in this hour long program which will be held in our heated nature center and park store.



Thanksgiving Themed Programs: Saturday, November 30th

Guided Nature Hike:

11:00am at the Pineywoods Nature Trail Boardwalk

Join Ranger Joel for a guided hike on one of our nicest trails. The hike will take 1 hour, is low intensity, and is 1 mile long. Stroller and wheelchair accessible. Bring a water bottle and bug spray

Nature Craft-ivities:

1:00 – 2:00pm in the Park Store Nature Center

Join us for this one hour program to make your own Thanksgiving-themed craft project to take home. Limited to participants ages 15 and younger. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult throughout the program. Project takes about 30 minutes to complete. This activity will take place inside the park store, Sunset Marina.

Turkey Campfire Talk:

4:00 – 5:00pm: Turkey Campfire Talk

Learn about your favorite Thanksgiving food ... the turkey! Rangers will cover the history of Thanksgiving, the habits and behaviors of wild turkeys, and share interesting facts about turkeys, including how it nearly became our national bird. This program will take place in the store day use area (near the park store) around a campfire and a limited amount of marshmallows will be provided for you to roast during the talk. Bring a chair and blanket and s'more supplies if desired!