



## Big Thicket National Preserve Summer Schedule 2009



All NPS Activities are Free! Call 951-6701 for more information

### June

#### Saturday June 13

**Mini-BioBlitz** Dave Lewis will lead a "mushroom walk" for mycology enthusiasts and any other interested folks. Dale Kruse will conduct a field trip to collect bryophytes, *time and location to be determined*. Dr. Julianna Hinton will demonstrate tardigrades using a high definition monitor and dissecting microscope at the Field Research Station in Saratoga at 1:00 pm.

#### Saturday June 20

**Cardinal Cruise on the Neches River, 10 am, \$15, under 6 yrs \$5** Join Rangers on the Lamar University pontoon boat for a 2 hour exploration of the river, sloughs, and history of the Neches River. Advanced reservations are not needed for Saturday excursions. For group reservations and information call: 409-880-8907

#### Friday June 26

**Thicket of Diversity Executive Council Meeting, 10 am** Meet at the Field Research Station in Saratoga.

#### Saturday June 27

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**Kids Wilderness Survival, 10:00-11:00 am;** Learn some ways to stay safe and alive if you get lost. Park Rangers will also give parents tips on preparing for outdoor activities. Meet at the Visitor Center on FM 420, seven miles north of Kountze, TX on US Hwy 69.

#### Sunday June 28

**Night Hike, 7:30-9:00 pm;** Ever wonder what goes "bump" in the night? Come explore the wonders of the Big Thicket when predators are on the prowl. Meet the Ranger at the Kirby Nature Trail on FM 420. Bring a flashlight and insect repellent.

### July

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**Insects for Lunch, 3:00-4:00 pm;** Explore the world of insect-eating plants in the Preserve. Meet the Ranger at the Sundew Trail. Call 409-951-6701 for directions.

#### Sunday July 5

**Kids Wilderness Survival, 1:00-2:00 pm;** Learn some ways to stay safe and alive if you get lost. Park Rangers will also give parents tips on preparing for outdoor activities. Meet at the Visitor Center on FM 420, seven miles north of Kountze, TX on US Hwy 69.

#### Saturday July 11

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**Big Thicket Association Board Meeting** Time to be determined. Meet at the Field Research Station in Saratoga.

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#### Sunday July 12

**Map and Compass, 2:00-4:00 pm;** Learn how to explore nature without getting lost! Meet the Ranger at the Kirby Nature Trail on FM420 seven miles north of Kountze, TX on US Hwy 69.

#### Thursday July 16

**Southeast Texas Area Regional Tourism (START) Meeting** Time to be determined. Meet at the Field Research Station in Saratoga.

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### Sunday July 19

**Canoe Cook's Lake, 9:00-3:00;** Bring or rent your own canoe and explore the cypress sloughs of the Neches River just north of Beaumont. Meet at the Saltwater Barrier. Call for directions and reservations 409-951-6701.

### July 20, 21 & 22

**Kids Camp 2009, 9:00-12:00;** Ages 6 years to 12 years, Fun activities with a Ranger everyday at the Visitor Center located seven miles north of Kountze, TX on the corner of FM 420 and US Hwy 69. Please call for reservations

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**Canoe Village Creek, 9:00-3:00;** Bring or rent your own canoe and paddle Village Creek from Baby Galvez in Silsbee, TX to US Hwy 96. Call for directions and reservations 409-951-6701.

### Sunday July 26

**Edible Plants, 3:00-4:00 pm;** What do root beer and Sassafras tea have in common? Find out how plants were used in the past for both food and medicine. Meet the Ranger at the Sundew Trail. Call 409-951-6701 for directions.

## August

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**Canoe Village Creek, 9:30-12:30;** Bring or rent your own canoe and paddle Village Creek from FM 327 to Baby Galvez in Silsbee, TX with the Rangers. Call for directions and reservations 409-951-6701.

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