



# Big Thicket National Preserve Summer Fun 2008



All NPS Activities are Free!

Lamar University Cardinal Cruise is \$15, under 6 yrs \$5

## Friday June 27

**Night Hike; 7:30-10:00pm;** 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!

## Saturday June 28

**Canoe the Sandylands; 9:00am-3:00pm;** Bring or rent your own canoe or kayak and paddle Village Creek through the Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary from FM 418 to FM 327 with a Ranger. Call for Reservations 409-951-6701.

**Cardinal Cruise on the Neches River, 10am and 1pm, \$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. Meet at Riverfront Park dock in Beaumont. Advanced reservations are not needed for Saturday excursions. For group reservations and information call: 409-880-8907

## Sunday June 29

**Map and Compass; 4:00-6:00pm;** Learn how to explore nature without getting lost! Meet the Ranger at the Kirby Nature Trail on FM 420.

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

**Kid's Day Out; 2:00-4:00pm;** This sensory oriented program will fill youngsters with delight about the natural world. Ages 3-12. Meet the Ranger at the Kirby Nature Trail on FM 420

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## Sunday July 6

**Kids Wilderness Survival; 2:00-4:00pm;** 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.

## Friday July 11

**Night Hike; 7:30-10:00pm;** 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!

## Saturday July 12

**Nature Photography; 1:00-3:00pm;** Learn some tips and practice your nature photography skills. Meet at the Visitor Center on FM 420.

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**Bird Watchers Walk; 8:00-10:00am** Learn how to use your eyes and ears to spot Big Thicket birds. Meet the Ranger at the Kirby Nature Trail on FM 420.

## Sunday July 13

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**Kirby Nature Trail Hike; 4:00-6:00pm;** This 1.5 mile hike shows you a ‘tip of the iceberg’ view into the diversity making up the Big Thicket. Meet the Ranger at the Kirby Nature Trail on FM 420.

## Friday July 18

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## Saturday July 19

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## Sunday July 20

**Tales of the Big Thicket; 2:00-4:00pm;** Tales of the past in Big Thicket are captivating and sometimes mysterious. Meet at the Kirby Nature Trail on FM 420 to see the Staley Cabin and hear some tall tales.

### **Friday July 25**

**Night Hike; 7:30-10:00pm;** 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!

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### **July 30/31 and August 1** - Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

**Junior Ranger Camp; 9:00- 12:00** each day at the Visitor Center; Nature Investigations, Activities & Crafts for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Sign up!! Call 409-951-6701.

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### **Saturday, August 2**

**Skins and Skulls; 10:00-12:00;** See, touch, and learn about the natural history of Big Thicket animals. Meet at the Visitor Center on FM 420.

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