










BREC CONSERVATION MISSION

It is our mission to protect unique and historically representative habitats, reduce the loss of species and promote recreational and educational activities focusing on appreciation and understanding of the natural environment.

PROGRAMS + EVENTS

-  Guided Hike Programs
-  Guided Paddle Programs
-  Birding Programs
-  Campfire and Night Programs
-  Volunteer Opportunities
-  Fishing Rodeos
-  Community Events (Bioblitz, Rockin at the Swamp, etc.)
-  Conservation and Outdoor Adventure Camps
-  Other Outdoor Recreation Programs



PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

Conservation areas vary in the amenities that they offer. Some parks have restrooms, running water and shelter while others do not. Feel free to contact us or visit park webpages for information prior to your visit.

BE PREPARED

1. Check the park webpage to read rules and regulations and see list of amenities.
2. Print the trail map in advance if needed, or save it to your phone for reference (or take a picture of the map at the trailhead).
3. Pack plenty of water, bug spray and sunscreen.
4. Dress in layers appropriate for hiking and wear closed-toed footwear/shoes.
5. Bring your phone and tell a friend where you intend to go if hiking alone.

USE CAUTION

- Conservation areas are the potential home to snakes, ticks, coyotes, alligators, mosquitos, poison ivy, ground hornets and other species that can be hazardous to encounter.
- Please be aware of your surroundings and use caution when visiting these sites.
- If you encounter wildlife, treat it with respect and give plenty of space.
- All flora and fauna are protected; killing or harassing snakes or other plants or animals is prohibited.

JOIN THE GREEN FORCE!

We need people like you to help us carry out our mission throughout the parish. Our Green Force volunteers are trained enthusiasts authorized to conduct habitat restoration and trail maintenance without staff supervision. We also rely on these individuals to help us with programming and special events.

Green Force Trainings are held twice a year. Visit our Green Force webpage for more information about how to join the Force!




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HIKING AT BREC PARKS

BREC offers a wide variety of trails in different habitats throughout the parish. Visit each park's webpage for detailed trail maps and rules and regulations for each BREC park.

TYPES OF TRAILS

-  **NATURE TRAILS:** wide and flat, often with an improved surface such as limestone or boardwalks.
-  **PRIMITIVE TRAILS:** narrow hiking trail with a natural surface; paths are marked with trail blazes and directional pillar signage.
-  **MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS:** natural surface, single track trails with rough terrain of varying difficulty designed with enhanced features for mountain biking; generally allow hiking in opposite direction of bikes.

BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA (62 ACRES)

1.75 mi. of trails  Ponds/Small Stream Forest/Scrub-Shrub

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER (102 ACRES)

1.25 mi. of trails  Cypress Swamp/Beech Magnolia/Hardwood Forest

CEDAR RIDGE PARK (19 ACRES)

0.3 mi. trails  Bottomland Hardwood Forest


COMITE RIVER PARK (100 ACRES)

5.5 mi. of trails   Bottomland Hardwood Forest



FOREST COMMUNITY PARK (30 ACRES)

1.6 mi. of trails   Bottomland Hardwood/Tupelo Swamp/Mixed Pine Forest


FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA (499 ACRES)

4.5 mi. of trails  Mixed Habitats/Bottomland Hardwood Forest

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK (18 ACRES)

0.7 mi. trails   Lake/Beech Magnolia/Bottomland Hardwood Forest


HIGHLAND RD. PARK OBSERVATORY (27 ACRES)

0.75 mi. of trails  Small Stream Slope/Bottomland Hardwood Forest

HOOPER RD. PARK (150 ACRES)

8.5 mi. of trails   Bottomland Hardwood Forest


KENDALWOOD CONSERVATION AREA (85 ACRES)

2.7 mi. of trails  Spruce Pine Hardwood Flatwood/Bottomland Forest


MANCHAC PARK (22 ACRES)

1.2 mi. of trails   Bottomland Hardwood Forest

SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK (386 ACRES)

4 mi. of trails  Mixed Pine/Bottomland Hardwoods/Small Stream Forest

ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK (15 ACRES)

0.5 mi. of trails  Bottomland Hardwood/Mixed Pine Forest

CONSERVATION AREA RULES + REGULATIONS

- Hunting/shooting prohibited.
- Parks are open from sunrise to sunset.
- No overnight camping/campfires.
- Possession or use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited.
- Do not enter private property.
- No motorized vehicles of any kind allowed on trails.
- Collecting and digging are prohibited.
- Leave No Trace. If you pack it in, pack it out and dispose of waste properly.
- Respect wildlife; DO NOT feed/harass/kill/collect wildlife.
- Some of our parks allow leashed dogs on trails, some do not; please visit park webpage prior to visiting.
- All research projects must be approved and require a research permit.

BREC FISHING RULES + REGULATIONS

- Follow all Louisiana State Fishing Regulations.
- Must have a Louisiana Fishing License.
- Bank fishing only.
- Trotlines and cast-netting are prohibited.
- No motorized boats in BREC ponds.
- DO NOT transfer live fish or aquatic plants to other waters.
- DO NOT add undocumented/unapproved fish to BREC fishing ponds.
- Please help to keep our ponds clean by removing litter you see in or near our fishing ponds.
- Recycle used or tangled fishing line in designated monofilament recycling stations.
- Only keep fish you intend to eat; release unwanted or under-sized fish.
- Limit for Rainbow Trout is four (4) trout/person per day.

FISHING AT BREC PARKS

BREC currently manages and stocks 14 ponds around the parish to provide recreational outlets for beginner and advanced anglers alike. Most of our ponds are stocked to maintain populations of Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish and Bream. Stocking is done by BREC or by Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. See the parish wide map for pond locations.

FISH STOCKED IN BREC PONDS



LARGEMOUTH BASS
MICROPTERUS SALMOIDES

Roving predators that feed on insects, crawfish and small fish. Prefer habitats with structure that provide shade and attract bait fish.



BLUEGILL (BREAM)
LEPOMIS MACROCHIRUS

Small to medium size fish that feeds on worms, cricket and very small fish. Feed in pecking style and can steal bait off a hook, found in vegetated areas or shallows.



CHANNEL CATFISH
ICTALURUS PUNCTATUS

Most popular catfish for eating, prefer to feed on insects, frogs and other small fish. Feed throughout water column but often hide in deep waters.



RAINBOW TROUT
ONCORHYNCHUS MYKISS

Non-native fish that are stocked seasonally in the winter. Cold-water fish that cannot survive in warm water. Predator that puts up a fight on a line and feed on insects, fish eggs, grasshoppers, crayfish, shrimp, etc.

BREC FISHING RODEOS

BREC holds several fishing rodeos a year with categories and prizes for all ages. Registration is required but free to enter.

- Geaux Fish! Catfish Rodeos
- Geaux Fish! Rainbow Trout Rodeos
- LDWF Get Out and Fish Rodeos



**PROTECT
RESTORE
EXPLORE**

CONTACT US!

 (225) 272-9200  CONSERVATION@BREC.ORG

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NATURE/CONSERVATION EDUCATION CENTERS

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER   
 FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION STATION    (OPENING 2021)



































































SATELLITE CONSERVATION AREAS









BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA    
 FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA   
 KENDALWOOD CONSERVATION AREA   

NATURE RESERVES

BURBANK NATURE RESERVE
 COHN NATURE PRESERVE
 JACOB KORNMEYER
 JONES CREEK
 KINCHLOE LLOYD BAKER
 S. HARRELL'S FERRY ROAD
 TRISTAN AVENUE

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT AREAS (CONSERVATION LAND WITHIN OTHER PARKS)

BAYWOOD PARK 
 BURBANK SPORTS PARK   
 CEDAR RIDGE PARK   
 CENTRAL SPORTS PARK   
 CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK   
 COHN ARBORETUM   
 COMITE RIVER PARK    
 DOYLE'S BAYOU PARK 
 FLANACHER ROAD PARK   
 FOREST COMMUNITY PARK     
 GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK      
 HARTLEY/VEY (AT OAK VILLA) SPORTS PARK 
 HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK     
 HOOPER ROAD PARK    
 HOWELL COMMUNITY PARK   
 LOVETT ROAD PARK  
 MANCHAC PARK   
 MAYFAIR PARK
 NORTH SHERWOOD COMMUNITY PARK   
 PALOMINO PARK 
 PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK   
 PLANK ROAD PARK  
 SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK   
 T. D. BICKHAM, JR. PARK
 WRAY PARK
 ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK    

-  HIKING TRAILS
-  MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS
-  BLUEWAY LAUNCH
-  FISHING PONDS
-  BIRDING HOTSPOT
-  DISC GOLF COURSE
-  RESTROOMS
-  EQUINE ACCESS



DID YOU KNOW?

- BREC MANAGES 3,000+ ACRES OF CONSERVATION LAND
- BREC HAS 1 BLUEWAY LAUNCH + MORE TO COME. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS 14 MILES OF BLUEWAY TRAILS FROM BREC LAUNCHES
- BREC HAS DOCUMENTED 1546 SPECIES OF FLORA + FAUNA IN OUR PARKS
- AT LEAST 10 DIFFERENT HABITAT COMMUNITY TYPES ARE PROTECTED BY BREC PARKS:
 - Beech-Magnolia Forest
 - Bottomland Hardwood Forest
 - Cypress-Tupelo Swamp
 - Mixed Pine Hardwood Forest
 - Prairie Terrace Loess Forest
 - Scrub/Shrub Swamp
 - Small Stream Forest
 - Spruce Pine Hardwood Flatwood
 - Shortleaf Pine/Oak Hickory Forest
 - Prairie Terrace Loess Forest

