**Group Programs and Activities**

**Eisenhower State Park**

**Connect your group (school, church, scout, etc.) to the GREAT OUTDOORS!**

* **With enough advance notice, we can work with you to design a unique nature program for your group’s interests and needs!**
* **On spring and fall weekends, only one (1) program can be offered per group.**
* **To plan and schedule your program send an email to Ranger Elizabeth at** **elizabeth.booth@tpwd.texas.gov****.**
* **Contact Ranger Elizabeth at least one (1) full week ahead of your arrival. During the fall or spring, a month or more ahead of time is usually needed.**
* **Specify the program, the date, the requested time, and the anticipated number of people participating**
* **Your program is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation email**
* **All programs are FREE with paid park entry fees ($5 per person aged 13 and up)**

**Fossils! A Journey to the Past**

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| *Max # of participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: 3rd grade & up* |

Become an amateur paleontologist by studying the park’s fossils and putting those clues together to uncover ancient environments. Then we’ll go on a short hike to see what we can discover!

**Wild About Wildflowers**

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| *Max # of participants: 15-20* | *Estimated time: 60 – 90 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Get ready to play in the dirt! Seed bombs are a great way to grow native wildflowers right in your backyard. Using soil, sand, compost, native wildflower seeds, and water you can plant native flowers that offer a habitat for lots of animals such as birds, bees and insects!

**Dutch Oven Dessert**

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| *Max # of participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Taste a sample of a classic campfire treat baked in Texas’ official state cookware and learn the ins and outs of campfire cooking!

**Superhero Mammals**

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| *Max # of participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Like your favorite superhero, the mammals living at the park have special abilities, but they aren’t fighting crime; they’re fighting to survive! Learn about the mammals that call Eisenhower State Park home!

**Adopt-A-Tree**

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| *Max # of participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 30-45 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: 1st – 5th Grade* |

Our park’s tallest residents have some amazing stories to tell! We will use our senses to learn about the trees that bring our park to life!

**Scales and Shells**

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| *Max # of participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Whether they slither or crawl, Eisenhower State Park’s reptiles are important to our ecosystem! Come and learn about lizards, turtles and snakes and gain a new appreciation for these amazing creatures!

**Invisible Visitors**

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| *Max # of participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 45 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: 4th Grade & Up* |

Calling all Conservationists! Ready to up your conservation game? Join us to learn about the 7 Leave No Trace principles as we work to become better campers and make the world a better place!

**Tracks and Skulls**

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| *Max # of participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: 4th Grade & Up* |

Learn to read the clues that the park wildlife leaves behind! Join a ranger to study tracks, skulls and bones to practice finding and interpreting these signs!

**Bluebird Watch (May – September)**

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| *Max # of participants: 15* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Become a citizen scientist and join us to record and monitor the park’s bluebird nesting activity. We’ll walk around to several bluebird houses and take a peek inside.

**Fishing 101 (Not Currently Available)**

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| *Max # of participants: 15-30* | *Estimated time: 45-60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Learn about the various fish in Lake Texoma then compete in a fun casting game that doesn’t involve hooks and is safe for all ages. Afterward you can borrow our fishing poles (up to 30 available) to try your hand at catching the “Big One” on Lake Texoma!

**Stars and Stories (Night Program)**

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| *Max # of participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 60-90 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Gaze at the night sky and listen to the myths and legends surrounding various celestial patterns. If conditions are right, view the moon, planets, or deep sky objects in the parks telescope.

**Nocturnal Night Hike (Night Program)**

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| *Max # of participants: 20* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Come out and explore the Park after Dark! Learn about the wildlife that comes out after the sun goes down. This is an easy hike with fairly level terrain, so it is perfect for all ages and hiking levels! Please wear tennis shoes or hiking boots and bring bug spray, flashlights and lots of water!

**Spider Hunting Hike (Night Program)**

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| *Max # of Participants: 20* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: 4th Grade & Up* |

Come out on a night hike to learn about Eisenhower’s eight-legged friends! We have over 40 species of spiders who call Eisenhower home and they all play an important role on our ecosystem. Please wear tennis shoes or hiking boots and bring bug spray, flashlights and lots of water!

**All About Bats (Night Program)**

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| *Max # of Participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

Join us as we learn about the only true flying mammals! We will learn about echolocation, what bats eat, and how they impact our everyday lives! Please bring bug spray, flashlights/headlamps and closed toed shoes!

**Solar Exploration**

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| *Max # of Participants: 30* | *Estimated time: 45-60 minutes* | *Suggested Age Level: All Ages* |

The sun gives us the energy for life! During this program we will learn about our solar system, bust some sun myths and check out the sun through our telescope!