** RULES AND REGULATIONS **

**Litter**
Littering is strictly prohibited. Pack it in and pack it out. Leave the refuge as you found it for others to enjoy.

**Alcohol**
Visitors may not possess or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

**Firearms**
Overnight parking, camping, and fires are prohibited.

**Pets**
Pets are not permitted on the refuge.

**Commercial Groups**
Commercial groups (birding and photography) or researchers require special use permits and fees.

**Firearm Possession**
Firearms on NWRs must comply with all provisions of state and local laws.

**Artifacts**
Collecting of plants, animals, fossils or artifacts is strictly prohibited.

**Photography**
Commercial photography requires a permit.

**Respect Wildlife**
River rats, raccoons, and other animals may be aggressive. Please respect wildlife.

**ENTRANCE/EXIT**
There is no entrance or exit fee to visit this refuge.

**Pack In/Pack Out**
Visitors are asked to pack out their trash.

**THINGS TO DO**

**Wildlife Observation**
Capture the scenic views, stroll or challenging hike. With over 10 miles of hiking trails, exploring the refuge can be an easy or demanding trek. Call or visit the refuge headquarters for events for more information.

**Volunteering**
Balcones Canyonlands relies on volunteers to assist with many tasks. Follow our calendar of events for more information.

**Photography**
You can do your own photography at this refuge. However, use of electronic devices to call birds is strictly prohibited.

**Friends of Balcones Canyonlands**
This is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support wildlife and habitat conservation at the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge, and in cooperation with the refuge help broaden public awareness, education, and advocacy. To find out how to become a Friend, or to learn more about other volunteer opportunities, contact the refuge or the friends group directly at www.friendsofbalcones.org.

**Volunteer Opportunities**
Join other birders and photographers for a special event.

**Seasonal Activities**
Check the refuge website for more information.

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**
For additional information or assistance on the refuge, visitors are encouraged to contact their nearest field office, or call 1-800-344-WILD.

**ENDANGERED SONGBIRD DESTINATION**
Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge offers some of the best bird watching and breeding habitat left in Texas for two endangered songbirds—the golden-cheeked warbler and the now recovered black-capped vireo. Both songbirds face a common dilemma. They depend on very specialized habitats to make a living, and those places grow fewer by the day in the wake of development and human activity. That is why this refuge has a critical role to play in both preserving and restoring their homes.

**A MELTING POT FOR RARITIES**
When you enter Balcones Canyonlands NWR, you may not realize that these hills carpeted in juniper and hardtack trees fall at the juncture of the Great Plains and the Gulf Coast bioregions. Life at nature’s intersections tends to be rich and unique. Add the unusual limestone geology of the Edwards Plateau and it’s not surprising to find plants and animals adapted to live here and nowhere else.

**MEETING YOUR NEEDS**
The refuge’s public use areas are open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. However, some areas may be temporarily closed to the public to allow for other activities like prescribed burning or hunting. Visitors can learn more about the refuge by stopping by the Refuge Headquarters on FM 1431 or from the Lago Vista Chamber of Commerce. To reach the Refuge Headquarters from Lago Vista, go west on FM 1431 for 5 miles past the intersection with Lehman Ford Road. If you are coming west on FM 1431, the office will be one mile from the intersection with Cow Creek Road. The office is on the north side of the highway.
This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.