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## **Entrance Fees waived at National Wildlife Refuges in the Southwest.**

*Federal Lands Nationwide open in support of America's Great Outdoors Initiative*

*Southwestern, U.S.* - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be waiving entrance fees at National Wildlife Refuges nationwide on June 21 (first day of summer), September 24 (National Public Lands Day) and November 11-13 (Veterans Day weekend) in support of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative.

Most National Wildlife Refuges throughout the southwest do not charge an entrance fee. However, those that do will waive entrance fees on these five days. Refuges in the Southwest Region which will waive their entrance fees are:

Aransas and Matagorda Island National Wildlife Refuges near Austwell, Texas, 361-286-3559, [www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/aransas](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/aransas)

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge near Socorro, New Mexico, 575-835-1828, [www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/bosque](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/newmex/bosque)

Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge near Umbarger, Texas, 806-499-3382, [www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/buffalo.html](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/buffalo.html)

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge near Los Fresnos, Texas, 956-748-3607, [http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/STRC/laguna/Index\\_Laguna.html](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/STRC/laguna/Index_Laguna.html)

Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge near Alamo, Texas, 956-784-7500, [www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/santana.html](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/santana.html)

More about the America's Great Outdoor Initiative can be found at: <http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/>

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