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## Limited use reopening of Wildlife Drive

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge will reopen the Wildlife Drive with public use limited to hiking and biking only, effective November 11, 2019. This decision has been made after delays in construction on the drive that may be in effect for 1 - 2 years. These delays will affect public vehicular use and limit vehicle use of Wildlife Drive to refuge vehicles only.

With the goal of safely continuing ocelot conservation while offering opportunities for public access, the refuge will reopen Wildlife Drive to hiking and biking. Programs and regularly scheduled refuge tours will continue to be seasonally accessible. Interpretive tours of the Wildlife Drive will be available Saturdays and Sundays from 1 P.M. – 4 P.M., by bus or tram. Birding Tours are available Friday – Wednesday at 8 A.M. For reservations, please contact the visitor center at 956-244-2019 or 956-748-3607 ext. 111. Information regarding tours and upcoming programs in Wildlife Drive and other areas of the refuge can be found online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/LagunaAtascosaNWR/events/> or at  
[https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Laguna\\_Atascosa/visit/activities.html](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Laguna_Atascosa/visit/activities.html)

Access to the Wildlife Drive is subject to Laguna Atascosa's fee entry program, fees can be paid at the Visitor Center from 8 A.M. – 4 P.M. or at the self-check station located adjacent to the visitor center. All visitors must check in.

Questions regarding the limited use of Wildlife Drive can be submitted via email to [Christopher\\_Quetzada@fws.gov](mailto:Christopher_Quetzada@fws.gov) or send comments to Laguna Atascosa NWR 22817 Ocelot Rd. Los Fresnos, TX 78566.

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