Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge Paddling Trails

Wood Duck Paddling Trail

**NEARBY CITIES**
- Franklin, Garden City, Centerville and Patterson

**TYPE OF TRAIL**
- Long Route

**SKILL LEVEL**
- Beginner

**DIFFICULTY**
- Easy

**APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME**
- 5 hours

**USUAL CURRENT**
- None

**NOTES & PRECAUTIONS**
- May through September can be very hot! Bring sunscreen, plenty of water and bug spray.

**ACCESS**
- Fairfax Foster Bailey Boat Launch – From Highway 90, take the Franklin exit 3211. Turn onto Northwest Boulevard. At the four-way stop, take a right onto Willow Street. Take the first right to the Fairfax Foster Bailey Memorial Boat Launch, located under the overpass.

Black Bear Paddling Trail

**NEARBY CITIES**
- Franklin, Garden City, Centerville and Patterson

**TYPE OF TRAIL**
- Long Route

**SKILL LEVEL**
- Beginner

**DIFFICULTY**
- Easy

**APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME**
- 6 hours

**USUAL CURRENT**
- None

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Alligator Paddling Trail

**NEARBY CITIES**
- Franklin, Garden City, Centerville and Patterson

**TYPE OF TRAIL**
- Loop Route

**SKILL LEVEL**
- Beginner

**DIFFICULTY**
- Easy

**APPROXIMATE PADDLING TIME**
- 5 hours

**USUAL CURRENT**
- None

**NOTES & PRECAUTIONS**
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 63 Fish Wildlife Management Offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies. For additional information, please contact the Cajun Coast Visitors & Convention Bureau at (800) 256-2931 or visit www.cajuncostar.com.