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*The 20th Annual  
Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival*

*Attwater Prairie Chicken  
National Wildlife Refuge*

*April 12 – April 13, 2014*



***Prairie Chicken  
Viewing Tours***



***Special Guest  
Presentation***



***Refuge Van Tours***



***Native Plants  
Walking Tours***



***Bird Walking Tours***

***Children's Art  
Contest***



***Refuge Auto Tour and Walking Trails***

**For Further Information, Contact**

Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR at 979/234-3021 or email at [FW2\\_RW\\_AttwaterPrairieChicken@fws.gov](mailto:FW2_RW_AttwaterPrairieChicken@fws.gov)

## Prairie Chicken Viewing Tours

*Saturday and Sunday* 7:00 a.m.  
Experience the beautiful and comical courtship dance of the Attwater's prairie chicken in their natural habitat. Attendees have a very good chance of seeing Attwater's prairie chickens on their "booming" grounds on these early morning tours. Tours start at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until the birds leave the "booming" ground (usually 1-2 hours).

No reservations needed. Be sure to bring your binoculars or spotting scope. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

## Refuge Van Tours

*Saturday and Sunday*  
10:30 a.m./12:00 p.m./1:30 p.m.

Experience virgin coastal prairie habitat and it's wildlife with knowledgeable refuge guides. Learn about the plight of the Attwater's prairie chicken and see first hand how refuge staff work to keep this species from extinction. Tours start at 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 1:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Length of tours: about 2 hours. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

## Bird Walking Tours

*Saturday and Sunday* 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
A must for birding enthusiasts! Focus your binoculars to view prairie and riparian birds as they pass through the area during migration. Tours start at 8:45 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

## Special Guest Presentation

*Saturday and Sunday* 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
We will be treated to a special presentation by Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Jon Hays on the interdependence of native prairie and North American grassland birds. Mr. Hays will explain why native prairie is important to not only the Attwater's prairie-chicken, but also many other species we enjoy so much, including the loggerhead shrike, scissor-tailed flycatcher, sparrows, meadowlarks and Northern bobwhite.

## Native Plants Walking Tours

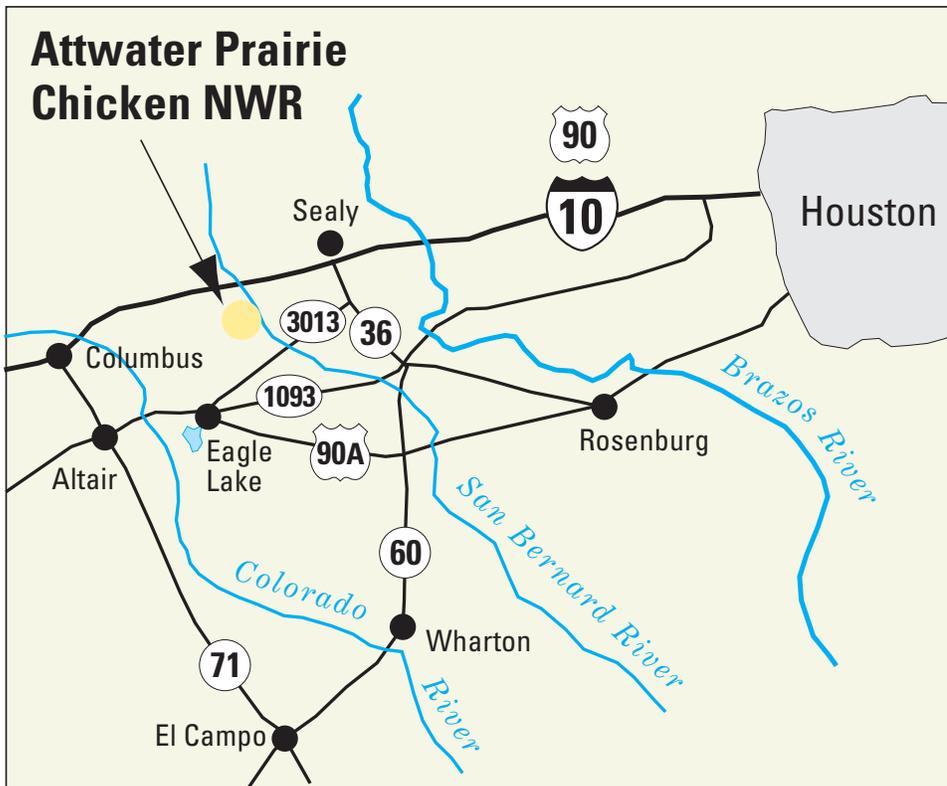
*Saturday and Sunday* 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Get "up close and personal" with the native vegetation (grasses, "blooming" flowering plants) of the coastal prairie and develop a greater appreciation for this imperiled ecosystem. Tours start at 1:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

## Children's Art Contest

Prairie-chicken artwork created by local grade-school children will be on display at the visitor center throughout the weekend. Be sure to stop by and find your favorite!

## Refuge Directions

The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge is located south of I-10 between San Antonio and Houston. In Sealy, take Exit #720, go south 1 mile on Highway 36, then right on FM 3013 for 10 miles. From Eagle Lake, take FM 3013 northeast for 6.5 miles.



## For Further Information

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