



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# “Booming” -N- “Blooming”



The 25th Annual  
Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival  
*Attwater Prairie Chicken*  
*National Wildlife Refuge*

April 13-14, 2019



***Prairie Chicken  
Viewing Tour***



***Special Guest  
Presentation***



***Bird Walking Tour***



***Native American  
Dancers***



***Refuge Van Tour***



***Native Plant  
Walking Tour***



***Conservation Corner***



***Children's Art  
Display***



***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**  
*Saturday and Sunday*

7:00 a.m.

Experience the beautiful and comical courtship dance of the Attwater's prairie chicken in its natural habitat. Attendees will have an opportunity to view Attwater's prairie chickens on their "booming" grounds from a viewing platform. Transportation to the viewing platform will begin 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 transportation will depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

**Bird Walking Tours**  
*Saturday and Sunday*

8:30 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 8:30 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. 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 wildlife with knowledgeable refuge guides. 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. Register for tours at the Visitor Center

**Conservation Corner**

*All Weekend*

Representatives from several conservation organizations will be present with information and displays.

**Special Guest Presentation**

*Saturday and Sunday*

10:00 a.m.

We will be treated to a special presentation by Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Mark Lange on the role of fire in the ecosystem.

*"Fire has always played an important role in ecosystem health. By restoring the use of fire on the landscape we can not only improve the land for agricultural purposes but also help restore wildlife habitat to better resemble what it once was."*

**Native American Dance Presentation**

*Saturday and Sunday*

11:00 a.m.

The Craig Hall Family Dancers will perform the traditional Prairie Chicken Dance as originated by the Blackfoot Confederacy. See the dance performed, learn about its origin and its cultural significance. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions, take photographs with the dancers and participate in a traditional round dance.

**Native Plants Walking Tours**

*Saturday and Sunday*

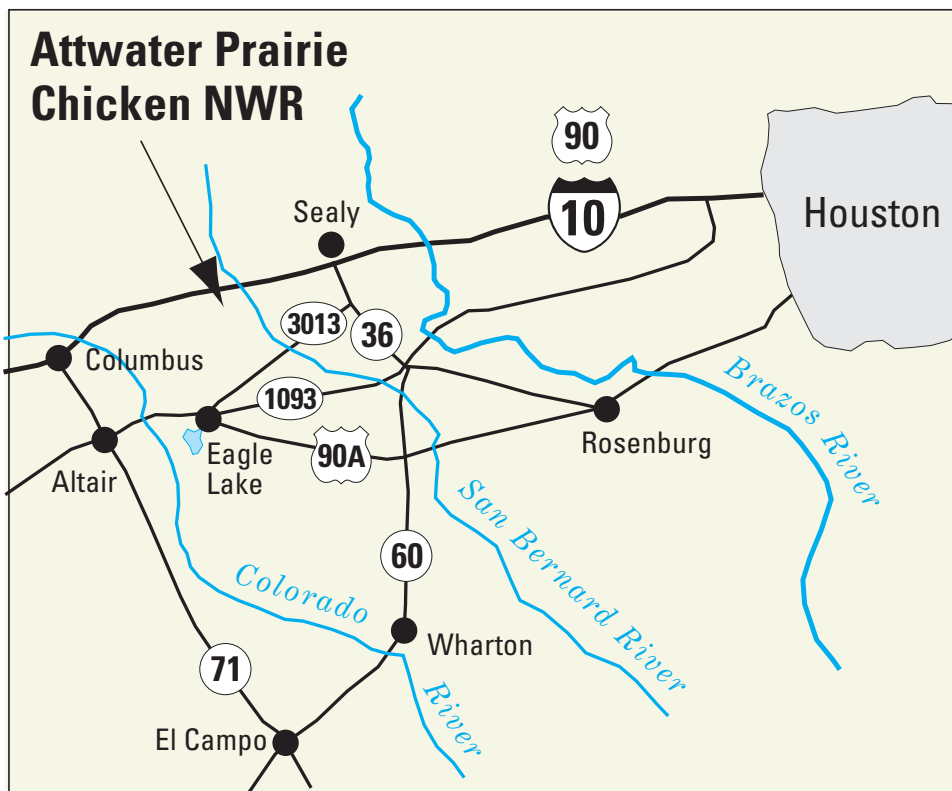
12:30 p.m.

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 12:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. All tours depart from the Refuge Headquarters/Visitor Center

**Children's Art Display**

*All Weekend*

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



**For Further Information**

Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR  
P.O. Box 519  
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434  
979/234-3021 or 979/234-5940

**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 one mile on SH 36, then Right on FM3013 for 10 miles. From Eagle Lake, Take FM3013 Northeast for 6.5 miles. Look for the large brown sign on the side of the highway.

**PLEASE NOTE - There is NO PUBLIC ACCESS to the Refuge from I-10**