

Hackberry Trail (0.5 mile)

Songbirds are attracted to the hackberries along this trail during spring and fall migration. Look for waterfowl and wading birds in the moist soil units from the overlook.

Yellow Rail Trail (10 acres)

Although not a trail, per se, the secretive yellow rail can be found here throughout the winter and during spring migration. Naturalist-led walks in the spring offer visitors the best chance to find yellow rails.

Live Oak Trail (2 miles)

Paralleling East Bay Bayou along a narrow corridor of riparian woodlands, this trail outlets to moist soil units and rice fields. Migrant songbirds, shorebirds, wintering waterfowl, and wading birds are all possibilities here.

Visitor Information Station

The Visitor Information Station (VIS) offers refuge information and a nature store managed by the Friends of Anahuac Refuge and staffed by refuge volunteers.

Contact the refuge headquarters for current VIS hours.

Fishing and Boating

Some of the best wade fishing in Texas for speckled trout, redfish and southern flounder can be found on the refuge shorelines along East Bay. Three fishing platforms and a bridge on the Skillern Tract (on East Bay Bayou) offer fishing opportunities for freshwater species like crappie, largemouth bass, gar, bowfin, channel catfish, and blue catfish.

Fishing and crabbing is in accordance with State regulations and subject to several conditions. Fishing is allowed in East Bay, bayous, along West Line Road, and other locations designated by refuge signs using pole and line, rod and reel, or hand-held line only. Cast-netting for bait for personal use is allowed in waterways along public roads. Spotlighting on the refuge is illegal except for bay fishing on the shoreline along East Bay. Fishing from water control structures, and the harvesting of frogs and turtles is prohibited on the refuge.

Boating is not permitted in inland waters of the refuge except for the boat canal. Two boat ramps are located on the refuge providing access to Oyster Bayou and East Bay. Boat ramps facilitate launching of small, shallow-draft boats only. Small, non-motorized boats may also be launched along East Bay Bayou at the canoe launch. It is unlawful to launch airboats or personal watercraft from the refuge.



Hunting

Waterfowl hunting is permitted in designated areas on the refuge, including the Pace Tract and parts of the East Unit and Middleton Tract. Hunters must contact refuge headquarters to obtain current hunting regulations and permits.

A Few Simple Rules

Public use areas are open from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset daily. Access to East Bay and the two Refuge boat ramps is provided 24 hours a day along designated roads.

Visitors must stay on designated roads and trails.

Pets must be leashed at all times.

Observe speed limits and watch for wildlife crossing roadways.

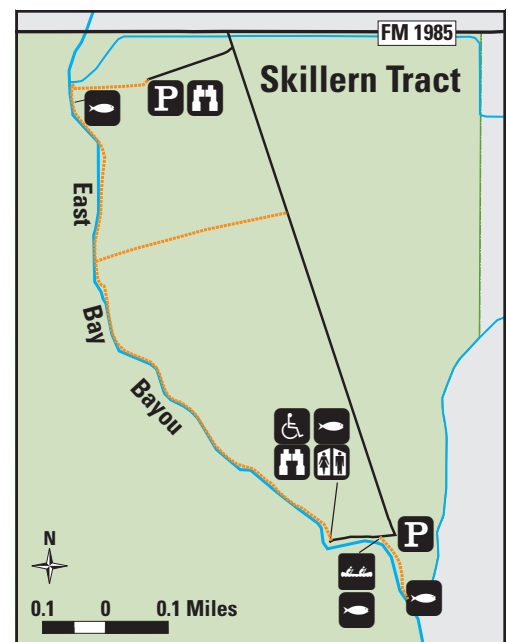
Collection of plants or animals, or feeding or disturbing wildlife, is prohibited.

Campfires, fireworks, and recordings to attract wildlife are prohibited.

Overnight stays to facilitate night-time fishing are permitted along bayshore pulloffs on Frozen Point Road and the East Bay Boat Ramp parking area only. No facilities or hook-ups are available.

Bicycles are permitted on roads only.

All-terrain vehicles, airboats and personal watercraft are prohibited.



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