



The old-growth forest, freshwater lake and pristine prairie that comprise Cannon Bend Recreation Area, with plentiful food, is a haven for numerous migrating and resident birds, mammals, dragonflies, butterflies and other flora and fauna. Fishing, paddling, and viewing docks overlooking the pond, along with trails and other stopping points, will afford prime viewing and photography opportunities...and all just a stone's throw from Lake Jackson, Oyster Creek, and the Gulf of Mexico...



A New Future for the Cannon Bend Unit

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges is raising funds to facilitate the development and improvement of the Cannon Bend Unit near the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge. This 190-acre property is conveniently located on CR 690 at the Oyster Creek oxbow.

The Cannon Bend Recreation Area—site of a former sand pit now filled with fresh water—will offer non-motorized boating, fishing for large-mouth bass, catfish, bluegill, shad and other species, and viewing of numerous raptors, waterfowl, egrets, herons, spoonbills and other species. At least 78 bird species were counted during the 2019 Christmas Bird Count in the old-growth bottomland forest, prairie, and lake area. Cannon Bend is expected to rival prime bird-watching habitats in the area as large numbers of warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks, buntings, vireos, thrushes and orioles have been reported during spring and fall migrations.

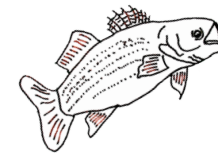
Cannon Bend will be a multifaceted respite that appeals to every type of nature lover—and it's practically in our own backyard!

This recreation area will provide the only freshwater fishing lake on the Texas Mid-coast Refuges and unparalleled viewing of wildlife in multiple habitats.

This project, estimated cost \$500,000, will begin spring 2020 with expected completion in fall 2022. A Taste for Nature 2019 seeks to kickstart the funds needed for this public recreation area that will be unique to Southern Brazoria County.

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ATFN 2019—Develop Cannon Bend Recreation Area



ATFN 2017—Develop Cedar Lake Plantation Trail on the Stringfellow Unit



ATFN 2015—Repair and Extension of Bobcat Woods Trail



ATFN 2013—Support Hands-on-Nature field trips for area youth

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Cannon Bend Recreation Area



Proceeds from *A Taste for Nature* 2019 fundraising campaign will be used to create:

- Fishing piers
- Picnic shelters
- Birding shelter
- Boat docks and ramps
- Over two miles of trails
- Entrance road and parking lots
- Interpretive signs and maps
- Restrooms

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Development Plan



Cannon Bend Unit harbors heritage oak trees, pristine prairie, and a beautiful vista across a ___-acre lake.



Trails through the old-growth, Columbia Bottomland forest and pristine prairie—just four miles from the Gulf—will afford prime viewing of migrating birds and a variety of flora and fauna.



A dock overlooking the freshwater lake will provide easy access to fishing and up-close viewing of birds and other wildlife.

