Commissioner Steve Radack and his staff welcome you to walk in our park. Due to the COVID-19 precautions, we have suspended all of our scheduled classes and activities, including volunteer workdays until the threat becomes manageable. The Nature Center remains open with some areas now restricted and limits on the number of people in the building at one time. Please call 281-357-5324 or visit www.pct3.com for information and updates to the park calendar.

We have installed a temporary rainbow trail that allows visitors to search for one rainbow after another while also learning what species of wildlife lives in the park. Young visitors are delighted to follow the rainbow.

Volunteer Activities
Our volunteer workdays are still suspended. Some individuals have still been out to the park to do chores and work on projects on their own. They appreciate the diversion and ability to be productive. Conditions have been good for plants to thrive, and the vegetable garden as well as the Hummingbird flowerbeds are full of new growth and flowers.
A Closer Look at Nature and Closer Look at History
Due to COVID-19, the next A Closer Look at Nature and History classes will not be until the fall. It is uncertain if we will have our summer Discovery Days program, so please continue to check our calendars.

The absence of visitors has allowed time to revamp the Young Naturalist Room. Staff naturalists have been busy updating displays, utilizing new items from our collection. They are also in the process of creating new posters and developing new activities. We hope children will make new discoveries when we are able to allow them into the room again.

![This photo shows part of the revamped Young Naturalist Room. Photo by Kendra Kocab.](image)

History Discussion Group
Our next history discussion group is tentatively scheduled for June 11, but please check the calendar for updates. We will discuss the book by John M. Barry entitled The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History. It seems timely to look at the most deadly pandemic in modern history as a backdrop to what we are currently experiencing. Staff historian Brigid Burke, no doubt with occasional interruptions by Director Fred Collins, will lead this discussion.

Plant Walks
With the lush growth and abundance of flowers around the park, it is unfortunate that we have had to suspend our spring walks. We hope to resume plant walks in the fall.

Birding activities
While we have had to suspend our bird activities, the birds did not get the memo. Migration is in full swing and migratory songbirds are in the park daily. Some of the more unusual species reported in April have included Eastern Whip-poor-will, Prothonotary Warbler, and Cerulean Warbler. During April, 110 species have been reported from the park including 19 species of warblers.

![A flock of Indigo Buntings below a feeder in front of the nature center. Photo by Fred Collins.](image)
At left, a Red-bellied Woodpecker excavates a hole. Center, a pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers investigate a snag for the nesting season. At right, a pair of Turkey Vultures preen and enjoy the sun after an unusual late April cool night. Photos by Kendra Kocab.

The **weekly bird walks** could resume in late May, as social distancing is not difficult during bird watching. Please call or check our calendar for updates.

**Senior Birding Bus Trips**
The April and May **Senior Birding Bus Trips** were cancelled due to the COVID-19 precautions. Check our calendar to see when our Senior Bus program will resume.

**Signing Up for Senior Birding Bus Trips (Must be at least 50 years old to go on these trips)**

*We will continue to take reservations for bus trips. Registrants will be notified of any changes or cancellations.*

You may now sign up for the:

**June 5 Trip:** We will look for exotic bird species in the Houston area, such as Indian Peafowl, Egyptian Goose, Monk Parakeet, Red-vented Bulbul, and Scaly-breasted Munia.

**July 10 Trip:** We will search for Wood Stork, Swallow-tailed Kite, and Red-cockaded Woodpecker.

To sign up for these trips, email **klebwoods@pct3.hctx.net** or call 281-357-5324.

You may only sign up yourself plus one friend/spouse. No multiple reservations. **You will get a confirmation e-mail a week before the trip if you have a seat.**

The calendars for May and June may be found on the [www.pct3.com](http://www.pct3.com) website at Community Calendars or a link may be found on the park page.

**Dog owners:** Pets are **not allowed** in Kleb Woods Nature Preserve. The scent they leave negatively affects wildlife. For your convenience and enjoyment, Precinct Three maintains five popular Dog Parks where your dog can run free. The Dog Parks have their own set of rules. Please visit the Precinct Three website [www.pct3.com](http://www.pct3.com) for more information.