

RIO BOSQUE NEWS

A newsletter reporting on events at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park

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BUILDING A BOSQUE OPENS APRIL 23!

The day is drawing near for the much anticipated opening of **“Building a Bosque: 10 Years of Habitat Restoration at Rio Bosque Wetlands Park”**. This special exhibit will be at the Centennial Museum on the UTEP campus from **April 23 to August 16**.

Located at the corner of University Ave. and Wiggins St., the Centennial Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed on Sunday and Monday.

Join us at the Museum on **Wed., April 23** for the **Opening Reception for Building a Bosque!** It's from **5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** and will include distinctive refreshments, music by Effie Munro, and brief remarks from a distinguished array of speakers.

When the doors swing open on April 23, you'll find the Museum's lobby transformed into a cottonwood

forest. To your left, a trail will lead you into the Discovery Gallery and the world of Rio Bosque. As you walk the trail you'll be introduced to the park and its mosaic of habitats. You'll learn about the many functions of wetlands, from providing wildlife habitat to improving water quality. You'll meet the residents of Rio Bosque – its arthropods, reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds, including a

Burrowing Owl keeping a watchful eye on you from just outside its artificial burrow. Through time-lapse photography, you will experience a day in the life of Rio Bosque.



A short detour off the main trail will take you into the Green Room. Here, you'll learn about our river-valley environment and the factors – past and present – that have shaped it. You'll learn the history of Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, see how its landscape has changed these past 10 years, and meet the diverse partners and the



Friends of the Rio Bosque Membership Application

Name:	_____	___ Bosque Buddy (12 and under)	\$4
Address:	_____	___ Student	\$8
	_____	___ Senior (62+)	\$8
	_____	___ Individual	\$10
	_____	___ Family	\$15
	_____	___ Bosque Booster	\$50
E-mail:	_____	___ Cottonwood Commando	\$75-\$249
	_____	___ Restoration Patron	\$250-\$499
	_____	___ Wetlands Society	\$500+

Please make checks payable to *Friends of the Rio Bosque* and mail to: Maria Trunk, Treasurer, Friends of the Rio Bosque, 1100 Kelly Way, El Paso, TX 79902.

Next Meetings

Thurs., Apr 24
Thurs., May 22
Thurs., Jun 26
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
411 Burges Hall
UTEP
Info: 915-545-5214



UTEP's Centennial Museum will host the *Building a Bosque* exhibit, Apr 23 to Aug 16 (Scott Cutler photo).

many volunteers who made those changes possible.

If you are a teacher and want to bring your class to the exhibit, please contact the Museum at **747-5565**. We hope everyone who explores **Building a Bosque** will also be inspired to explore the park. The exhibit opening coincides with one of the nicest times of year at Rio Bosque, when the park is awash in the brilliant yellow blooms of flowering bitterweed. Join us for one of our upcoming tours (see box)!

Sponsors of **Building a Bosque** are the Centennial Museum, UTEP, the Friends of the Rio Bosque, the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, the City of El Paso, the El Paso/Trans-Pecos Audubon Society, the World Wildlife Fund, the Texas Clean Rivers Program, the Coca-Cola Company and Coca-Cola Enterprises. Thanks to all for making this special exhibit possible! ✂

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RIO BOSQUE CALENDAR

Join us at the Park for a free walking tour or to help with habitat management, Park maintenance or faunal monitoring. Coming up:

APRIL

Sun., Apr 13	Bird Tour	8 a.m.
Sat., Apr 19	Community Workday	8 a.m.
Sat., Apr 26	Faunal Monitoring	8 a.m.
Sun., Apr 27	Wildflower Tour	4 p.m.

MAY

Sun., May 4	Wildflower Tour	4 p.m.
Sat., May 10	Bird Tour	8 a.m.
Sat., May 17	Community Workday	8 a.m.
Sat., May 31	Faunal Monitoring	8 a.m.

JUNE

Sun., Jun 1	Bird Tour	8 a.m.
Sat., Jun 14	Introductory Tour	8 a.m.
Sat., Jun 21	Community Workday	8 a.m.
Sat., Jun 28	Faunal Monitoring	8 a.m.

Meeting place for all activities is a bridge crossing the Riverside Canal. From I-10, take Americas Ave. (Loop 375) to Pan American Dr., turn left onto Pan American and travel 1.5 miles to the bridge. Please be prompt.

Centennial Museum, UTEP -- April 23 to August 16, 2008



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