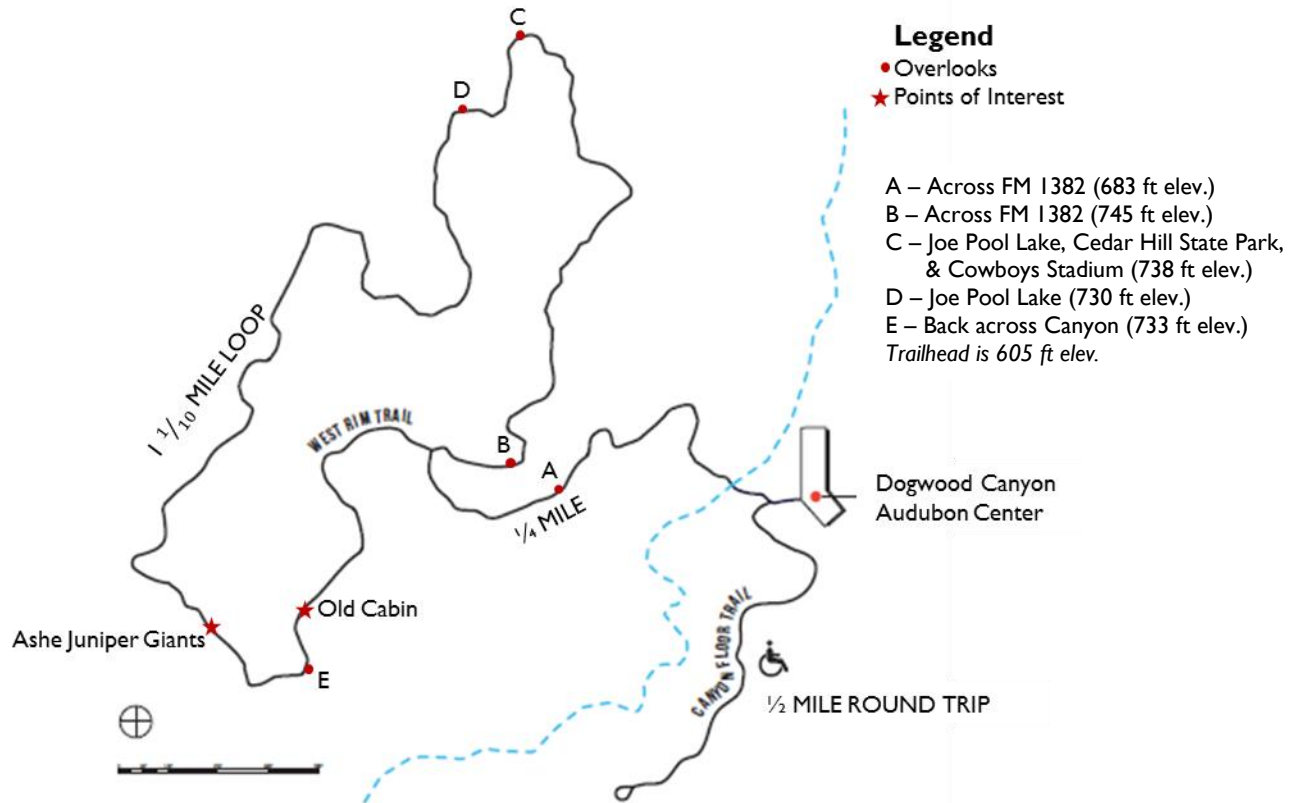



DOGWOOD CANYON Audubon
CENTER AT CEDAR HILL

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Welcome to Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center! This is a wild and special place where plant species from North, South, East, and West mingle together, attracting birds and other animals that cohabit as they do nowhere else. This 205 acre pristine forest ecosystem is a North Texas treasure waiting to be explored.



Visitor Rules and Regulations

- Take care of this land. Do not litter. Use recycling receptacles.
- No Smoking.
- Alcohol and other intoxicants are not permitted.
- No domestic animals (including dogs). On-duty service animals are welcome.
- No specimen collection of any kind.
- Do not touch or feed any animal.
- No driving, biking or parking on the grass.
- All vehicles (motorized and non-motorized) are strictly forbidden beyond the parking lot.
- No fireworks, firearms, or any other weapon allowed (enforced by Cedar Hill Police Department).
- No campfires.
- No hunting.
- No overnight camping.

Hiking Tips

- Take plenty of water.
- Protect yourself with sunscreen and a hat.
- Move slowly and quietly to see more wildlife.
- Know what poison ivy looks like and avoid it.
- Give yourself enough time to travel to your destination and back. The average hiker can travel a mile in 30-45 minutes.
- Stay on the trail. Watch your footing and avoid path edges. Trails can be slippery or wet.
- The Center is home to many plant and animal species. Enjoy viewing them, but do not disturb them or their homes.
- Venomous snakes are on the premises – leave them alone.
- Wildlife is protected by law.

Canyon Floor Trail

This ADA accessible trail gets you up-close and personal with some of the features which make this place special. Look for tight clusters of the scaly-barked Shin Oak which are often marked by the horizontal feeding holes of the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. This trail is a great opportunity to get to know your vines. The thorny thin Greenbrier, the thick woody Grapevine and the rootlet-covered Poison Ivy each provide crucial cover for our wildlife. Best of all, a short trail allows you slow down and let the life of the forest unfold around you.

Distance: ½ mile round trip

West Rim Trail

When you're ready for a real adventure, it's time to take on the West Rim Trail. With a distance of 1½ miles and an elevation change of 150 feet, you are guaranteed a real change in perspective! This trail provides spectacular panoramic views and an opportunity to get deep into this beautiful site. You can frequently spot soaring birds from the high points. A large, black soaring bird is likely to be a Turkey Vulture while the Red-tailed Hawk has a white belly and a rusty tail. People aren't the only ones who use this trail so keep your eyes out for scat and other signs of the many creatures for whom Dogwood Canyon is home. Don't miss one of this trail's hidden treasures, the quiet on the far side of the trail!

Distance: 1 2/3 miles round trip

The Wood: A Nature Play Area

Maybe you're not up for a hike, but you'd like a place to slow down and take in this wild and special place. This shady spot is set aside for children's unstructured nature play, but its beautiful views and picnic tables are perfect for relaxation, too!

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