



KING RANCH NATURE TOUR PROGRAM

King Ranch has a long history of wildlife management. As early as 1947, famed conservationist Aldo Leopold called King Ranch "one of the best jobs of wildlife restoration on the continent." Today, the ranch is a vital part of an incredibly diverse landscape in South Texas dubbed "The Last Great Habitat."

Since 1994, the nature tour program has allowed visitors to see the benefits of this conservation ethic in the abundance of native wildlife that roams the ranch. Besides rich populations of game species such as northern bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer and wild turkey, King Ranch is also home to an incredible number of birds, mammals, reptiles, and insects. We have been honored as an Internationally Important Bird Area: 365 species of birds have been recorded here, including the largest known population of ferruginous pygmy-owls in the United States. In 2004, a species of damselfly never before seen in the U.S., the cream-tipped swamp-damsel, was discovered on the ranch.

So whether you're interested in beautiful or unusual birds, big deer or just the wonders of nature, King Ranch is the place to visit!



Tour dates and times subject to change. Visit our website, www.king-ranch.com, email: visit@king-ranch.com, or call 361-592-8055 to confirm schedule or make reservations.

Sales tax (6.75%) not included in any tour prices listed.



CANCELLATION POLICY

For Half-day Tours

If cancellation by person(s) with reservations is made 2 days or more before the tour date, there will be a full refund. Less than 2 days, there will be no refund.

For Full-day Tours

If cancellation by person(s) with reservations is made 7 days or more before the tour date, there will be a full refund. Less than 7 days, cancellations will be subject to a \$30/person cancellation charge, and if less than 2 days there will be no refund.

For Multi-day Tours

If cancellation by person(s) with reservations is made 30 days or more before the tour date, there will be a full refund. Less than 30 days, there will be no refund.

In the event that any tour is canceled by King Ranch for any reason, King Ranch and person(s) will reschedule at a mutually acceptable date. If no mutually acceptable date can be established, there will be a full refund.

In the event that any tour is canceled by King Ranch for any reason, King Ranch's sole liability shall be the refund of any advance payments made. King Ranch specifically disclaims any liability for actual damages beyond any payments or deposits made and for any incidental or consequential damages.

Kingsville Texas

Driving Time to Kingsville:

Dallas.....	8	hours
Houston.....	4	hours
Brownsville	2	hours
Laredo	2	hours
San Antonio.....	3	hours
El Paso	12	hours
Corpus Christi.....	1	hour
Amarillo.....	12	hours



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NATURE TOURS 2017 – 2018



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Beginning Birding & Nature Tour (2 hours)

This short tour is a great introduction to the birds and other nature on the Santa Gertrudis division of King Ranch. Your experienced guide will help you learn about bird-watching in the South Texas brushland ecosystem at a relaxed pace.

Offered:

October through January on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$25/person

(Price based on 4 or more participants)

Reservations recommended.

Wildlife Half-day (3½ hours)

Enjoy a tour through some of the premier wildlife habitat in the country. Besides being famous for the quality of antlered white-tailed deer in its pastures, King Ranch is home to a diverse range of animal species including javelina, bobcat, wild turkey, American alligator, and a host of other mammals, birds, and reptiles.

Offered:

October 10, 2017 - March 17, 2018

Tuesday - Friday and some Saturdays.

October and March tours are from

3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November through February tours are from 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Not offered: November 23, 2017

Cost: \$35/person

(Price based on 4 or more participants)

Reservations recommended.



Big Buck Bonanza Tour (4 hours)

Are you interested in those animals that have 4 hooves and antlers? Are you a white-tailed deer aficionado? If so this is the tour for you! This tour's primary goal is to get out and explore northern areas of the ranch looking for white-tailed bucks. This tour may visit some of the same areas as the wildlife ½ day tour, but deer will be the primary focus of this outing.

Offered:

Saturdays - November 25, December 2, 9, and 16, 2017

January 6, 13, 20, February 3, 2018

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35/person

(Price based on 4 or more participants)

Reservations recommended.



Winter Birding Half-day (4 hours)

King Ranch is a showcase for the incredible diversity of wintering and tropical resident birds in South Texas. We'll visit habitats from ponds to brushy wooded areas looking for birds such as least grebe, white-tailed hawk, crested caracara, vermilion flycatcher, great kiskadee, green jay, olive sparrow and more! This tour does not visit the division of the ranch where ferruginous pygmy-owls occur.

Offered:

October 21, 2017 - March 14, 2018

Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays

7:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$50/person

(Price based on 4 or more participants)

Reservations required.



Winter Birding Full-day (8 hours)

Come spend the day birding the northernmost part of King Ranch. In addition to the species listed for the Winter Birding Half-day tour, we'll visit farm fields to look for such birds as the mountain plover, burrowing owl, and Sprague's pipit. Lunch and drinks provided. This tour does not visit the division of the ranch where ferruginous pygmy-owls occur.

Offered:

November 7, 2017 - March 9, 2018

Most Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$125/person

(Price based on 3 or more participants)

Reservations required.



Private/Group Nature Tours (4 to 8 hours)

We can provide custom nature tours on birds, deer, butterflies, dragonflies, native plants and general wildlife. Rates vary by length and destination, so please call for information.

Norias Birding Full-day (9 hours)

This tour visits the Norias division, the southernmost part of King Ranch. This area can be a great birding experience with some of the rarest breeding birds in the U.S., like the **ferruginous pygmy-owl** and **tropical parula**, and habitat for migrating songbirds. Other species we'll look for include white-tailed hawk, northern beardless-tyrannulet, Audubon's oriole and Botteri's sparrow. Lunch and drinks provided.

Offered: September 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 2017

October 4, 6, 7, 2017

March 14, 2018 - June 9, 2018

Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

This tour departs from the King Ranch Visitor Center at 7:00 a.m. for September, October, and March tours; April tours depart at 6:30 a.m.; May and June tours depart at 6:00 a.m.

Cost: \$150/person Special fall, May and June rates.
(Price based on 4 or more participants)

Reservations required.

Deluxe Norias Birding Tour (1.5 days, 1 night)

This tour maximizes the varied birding opportunities on the Norias Division of King Ranch. Besides the many special resident and summer resident bird species that are possible, this portion of King Ranch has extensive upland coastal habitat that can attract many spring migrants. The itinerary of this tour allows time to visit these coastal migrant stopover areas, plus includes an overnight stay on this division of the ranch.

Dates for this special tour are limited

April 5 - 6, 2018 (Thursday - Friday)

April 17 - 18, 2018 (Tuesday - Wednesday)

May 3 - 4, 2018 (Thursday - Friday)

Cost: \$375/person

(Price based on double occupancy; minimum of 4 participants)

Reservations required.

King Ranch Birding Adventure (3 days, 2 nights)

This unique and extended outing is a great way to experience a much larger portion of King Ranch and its birds. It will include birding three divisions of the ranch and a two-night stay on the remote Norias division of King Ranch. Meals and comfortable accommodations provided in a rustic setting. This is indeed a very special adventure on King Ranch.

Dates for the adventure in 2018:

March 27 - 29 (Tuesday - Thursday)

April 11 - 13 (Wednesday - Friday)

April 24 - 26 (Tuesday - Thursday)

Cost: \$775/person

(Price based on double occupancy; minimum of 4 participants)

Reservations required.