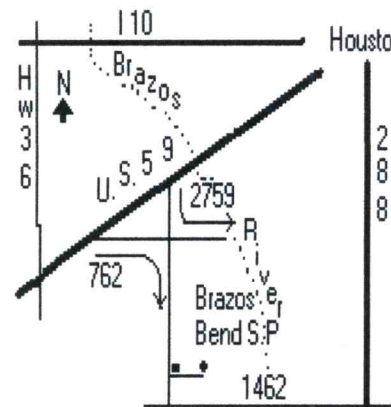




HOUSTON HAPPY HIKERS

Saturday May 12, 2012
Brazos Bend State Park

10km/5km Walk
SW12/92864



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ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT: Noncompetitive. Walk, jog or run at your own pace. It is open to all and families are encouraged to participate. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone participating **MUST** register and carry a Start Card and turn it in at the FINISH. This event normally will be held regardless of weather conditions.

STARTING POINT: Visitor's Center-Brazos Bend State Park

STARTING POINT ADDRESS: 21901 FM 762, Needville TX 77461, (979) 553-5101

DIRECTIONS: From Houston: Take US 59 (Southwest Freeway) south toward Richmond. Exit south on FM 2759 (cross over the freeway). Where FM 2759 and FM 762 intersect, travel straight across the intersection to FM 762. Follow FM 762 to the park on the left (approximately 12 miles). Enter the park and follow the main road to the visitor's center.

Alternatively, take Highway 288 south to Rosharon, west on FM 1462 then right on FM 762 for a short distance to the park on the right. Enter the park and follow the main road to the visitor's center.

From San Antonio: Take I- 10 to Sealy, exit on Highway 36 south. Follow Highway 36 approximately 22 miles, exit right onto Spur 10. Take a left at end of Spur 10 and enter Hwy 59 (Southwest Freeway). Exit on FM 762 (caution 762 makes a sharp turn when it meets 2759). Follow FM 762 for approximately 12 miles to the park on the left. Enter the park and follow the main road to the visitor's center.

START and FINISH TIMES: Start from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; finish by 3:00 pm.

DISTANCE: 10km/5km (6.2/3.1mi). The route may be walked twice on the same Start Card for 20km Distance Credit.

AWARD: This is a B Medal event. A supply of awards from previous events will be available.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: Trail is rated 1 A. Some of the trails on walk may not be suitable for wheelchairs and/or strollers. Trails are covered with asphalt and some are sandy. **PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARK.**

REFRESHMENTS: Water will be available at the Start/Finish; it is recommended that you carry water to assure hydration. No water available on trails. Restrooms are near the Start/Finish and in picnic area but none are on the trail.

REGISTRATION & FEES: No pre registration. IVV credit is \$3.00. IVV record books will be available for \$5.00. You may walk for free; however, donations are appreciated. No refunds for failure to participate. Park entry fee required.

DISCLAIMER: Neither the Houston Happy Hikers nor Brazos Bend State Park are liable for accidents, theft and/or damage. Every reasonable effort has been made to make this a safe and enjoyable event.

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Come and enjoy the outdoors and see the beautiful array of sycamore, cottonwood, and black willow along Big Creek and the Brazos River. Live oaks draped with moss can be seen along the trails. Some wild flowers will be in bloom. A tower and platforms are available for wildlife observation/photography. More than 270 species of birds have been sighted. Twenty-one species of reptiles and amphibians, including American alligator and 23 species of mammals including bobcat, white-tailed deer, raccoon, gray fox, and feral hog make their home here. .