

Background of Mitchell Lake

Designated as a Wildlife Refuge in 1973 by the City of San Antonio, Mitchell Lake Audubon Center is located on about 1200 acres and is owned by the San Antonio Water System (SAWS). The Refuge includes several habitat types common to south-central Texas, but its centerpiece is 600-acre Mitchell Lake itself and the adjacent wetlands. Our native plant garden is a showcase for wildlife friendly and drought resistant plants and the site is renowned among birders as one of the top birding spots in the region – over 300 species have been recorded.



MITCHELL LAKE Audubon CENTER



For more information, or to make a reservation,
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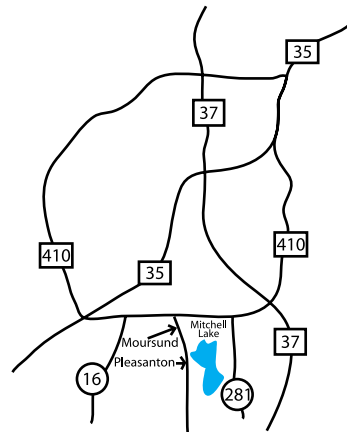
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Directions

The entrance gate to Mitchell Lake is located on Moursund Blvd. in south San Antonio. Take exit 46 from Loop 410 and go south 0.7 mile. The gate is on the left.



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Nature of Learning Your Outdoor Classroom

Learning science outdoors in nature is exciting and makes it easier for children to understand concepts that are sometimes difficult to grasp in the classroom.

Presented by Audubon staff and trained docents, *Nature of Learning* consists of hands-on nature activities at Mitchell Lake that relate to earth and living science, ecology, scientific observation and identification, resource management, and citizenship.

Each on-site program is aligned with Texas Essential Knowledge & Skill (TEKS) objectives, and is supplemented with pre- and post-field experience educational information. Teachers may use this information to further strengthen their students' learning experiences.



Outdoor Field Experiences at Mitchell Lake include:



- learning about the importance of wetlands for people and wildlife.
- water quality testing using biological indicators such as aquatic insects.
- using various scientific methods to determine how different types of pollution affect river systems, ponds, lakes, and bays.
- observing and identifying birds and plants.

Age Group:

The primary audience is students in 3rd through 8th grades; however, programs may be modified and or developed for specific group goals, age groups and topics.

Fee: \$5 ea. for students, teachers, and adult chaperones

Can't Visit Mitchell Lake?

Try Our Outreach Programs:

Invite our staff to your site or classroom to bring a touch of the outdoors and nature to you! You can pre-select a topic from our list of choices and we come to your class to present it. Each topic is tailored to your grade level.



Each program is 30-45 minutes with a minimum of 2 class bookings per school. We bring activities and materials for a class of up to 30 students. Topics include:

- The Wonders of Flight, Birds and Migration
- The Wonders of Wetlands, Awesome Adaptations
- Food for Thought (Study of Food Chains)
- The Wonders of Plants
- Getting Buggy

50 per class

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Discovery Trunks Educational Materials Loan Program:

Want to take a peek at beaks? Feel how light a feather really is? Explore the great and scaly creatures of the area and much more? Check out a Discovery Trunk! Discovery Trunks are designed to assist educators with nature and science programming for children ages 5-13. For \$10, educators check out the trunks, take them to their classrooms and share with their students for a week. Call to reserve a Discovery Trunk.



Birds



Insects



Ocean



Reptiles



Trees & Plants

...and For The Whole Family: Family Programs at Mitchell Lake:

Free Family Programs at the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center are offered throughout the year. They're a wonderful way for families to reinforce science skills and knowledge while spending time together enjoying a variety of hands-on activities. Program topics include astronomy, crafts, birding and many more. Check our website www.mitchelllakeaudubon.org for dates and times.

Explorer Backpacks

Want to experience Mitchell Lake with all the tools of an explorer?

Our Explorer Backpacks enhance your self-guided visit to Mitchell Lake. Each backpack comes with an assortment of field guides, a compass, bug viewing box, magnifying lens, and supplies for journaling.

Each backpack is FREE for use at Mitchell Lake and can be checked out at the Visitor's Center.

