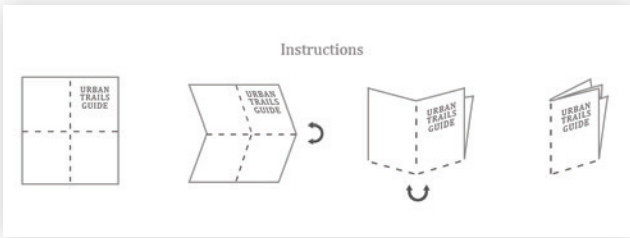


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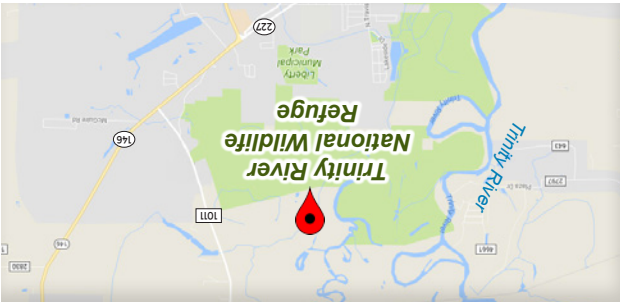


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Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge



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EXPLORE!



- 15 miles of trails constructed during 4 years.
- SCA crew members named and designed logs for two trails they worked on.
- In fall 2017, the final trail to be built by SCA crews will be named "The SCA Way."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



The Student Conservation Association's Houston Urban Initiative crews partnered with the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge in east central Texas, 45 miles northeast of Houston. The refuge's lake, cypress swamps, and bottomland hardwood forest provide important breeding, wintering, and migratory habitat for a variety of birds and may types of plants and wildlife. During the past 4 years, SCA crews constructed 15 miles of trails as part of the "From Crosswalks to Boardwalks Initiative." The initiative is designed to connect the refuge with urban populations.

SCA crews come to the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge with their mattocks, Pulaskis, shovels, saws, loppers, and their tenacity. In 2017, they built the 1.0-mile Knobby Knees Loop through bottomland hardwood swamps.

A boardwalk was constructed across Palmer Bayou, connecting the Knobby Knees Loop with the 1.5-mile Leapin' Lizards Loop. SCA crews return to the refuge every four months to maintain trail corridors by removing fallen logs, cutting back brush, repairing blazes on trees, and combating erosion with trail repairs and construction of water bars for drainage.

INTRODUCTION