

JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAM

BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK

SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ✓ **TAKE YOUR MAP WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES!**
- ✓ **Alligators exist in this park. Do not feed or harass! Do not enter the water!** Know your Alligator Etiquette. Alligator Etiquette is listed on park handout maps and posted throughout the park.
- ✓ **Poisonous snakes exist in this park!** Stay on the trails at all times. Do not wander off into tall grass or brush where ground visibility is hampered. Do not turn over or disturb fallen logs and limbs.
- ✓ **Know how to identify poison ivy!** Poison ivy can be found throughout the park. It is typically a three-leafed plant with a hairy vine. It also grows from the ground along the sides of the trails.
- ✓ **Do not wear open-toed shoes.**
- ✓ **Never place your hands or feet where you cannot see them.**
- ✓ **Do not enter any area that is marked “closed” or “Authorized personnel only”.**
- ✓ **Every plant and animal in Brazos Bend State Park is protected by state law. It is illegal to harm or remove absolutely anything. There are no exceptions. If you violate this rule in any way, your participation in the Junior Naturalist program will be terminated and you will not be awarded patch.**
- ✓ **It is your responsibility to know and observe all park rules and regulations. Junior Naturalists set an example for others!**
- ✓ **If you witness someone violating parks rules or regulations, report it to park headquarters, the visitor center or the first park ranger or volunteer you see. Junior Naturalists do not reprimand any park visitors.**