



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: 368 species of birds have been recorded here, including the largest known population of ferruginous pygmy-owls in the United States. Just this past spring two new species of birds were added to the King Ranch bird list, pileated woodpecker and Cape May warbler.

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 2018 - 2019



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Beginning Birding and 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 to January on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

Not Offered: December 25, 2018 and January 1, 2019

Cost: \$25.00/person (minimum of 4 participants)

Reservations recommended.

Wildlife Half-day Tour (3½ hours)

Enjoy a tour through some of the premier wildlife habitat in the country. Besides 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 16, 2018 – March 15, 2019
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 22 and December 25, 2018 and January 1, 2019

Cost: \$35/person
(minimum of 4 participants)

Reservations and binoculars recommended.



Private/Group Nature Tours (4 to 8 hours)

We can provide custom nature tours for birds, deer, butterflies, dragonflies, and general wildlife. Private tours work particularly well for those who like the intimacy and pace of their own group's interests or those who are primarily wanting to photograph birds and/or wildlife. Rates vary by length and destination, so please call or email for more information.



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 a variety of habitats from brushlands to water areas to look 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 the ferruginous pygmy-owls occur.*

Offered: October 22, 2018 – March 13, 2019 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Not Offered: December 24, 2018

Cost: \$50/person
(minimum of 4 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 burrowing owl and Sprague's pipit. Lunch and drinks are provided.

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Offered:

Nov. 13, 2018 – March 8, 2019 on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

Not Offered:

November 23, December 25, 2018 and January 1, 2019

Cost: \$125/person
(minimum of 3 participants)

Reservations required.



Norias Birding Full-day (9 hours)

This tour visits the Norias division, the southernmost part of King Ranch. This area provides a great birding experience, with some of the rarest breeding birds in the U.S. such as 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, vermilion flycatcher, Botteri's sparrow, and Audubon's oriole. Lunch and drinks provided.

Offered: September 22, 26, 28, 2018 ; October 3, 5, 6, 2018 March 16, 2019 – June 8, 2019
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 (Price based on 4 or more participants)
Special fall, May & June rates.

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 possibly seeing the many special resident & summer resident bird species, this portion of King Ranch has extensive upland coastal habitat that can attract many spring migrants. This tour allows time to visit these coastal migrant stopover areas and includes an overnight stay on this division of the ranch.

Dates for this special tour are limited:

March 28 - 29, 2019 (Thurs. – Fri.)

April 11 – 12, 2019 (Thurs. – Fri.)

April 26 -27, 2019 (Fri. – Sat.)

May 3 – 4, 2019 (Fri. – Sat.)

Cost: \$375/person (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 divisions of the ranch and a two night stay on the remote Norias division of King Ranch. Meals and comfortable accommodations are provided in a rustic setting. This is indeed a very special adventure on King Ranch.

Dates for the adventure in 2019:

April 2 - 4 (Tues. – Thurs.)

April 16 – 18 (Tues. – Thurs.)

April 30 – May 2 (Tues. – Thurs.)

Cost: \$775/person (based on double occupancy; minimum of 4 participants)

Reservations required.