

THE GOLDTHWAITE PAVILION AT LEGACY PLAZA

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Thanks to the vision of Jan Fischer along with support from the City of Goldthwaite, the Goldthwaite Pavilion has become a reality.

Designed by Tab Ledbetter the structure was built by Mike and David Early. Johnny Miller and his crew supplied the rock work. Plans are in the works to add a north wall including a fireplace and serving area.

The Goldthwaite Pavilion was funded through grants from the Meadows Foundation, the LCRA and from private gifts. The Pavilion is on City of Goldthwaite property, but is leased and managed by the Texas Botanical Gardens. The Goldthwaite Pavilion has hosted numerous events including fund raisers, concerts, prom, Hunter's Appreciation lunch, weddings and private parties. It is the perfect venue to host a large event in the heart of the downtown cultural district and business area.

Please join us for our 11th Annual Prairie Experience, October 3, 2020.

The Pavilion includes restrooms, catering kitchen, seating for up 300, is adjacent to the beautiful Texas Botanical Gardens and is available for private rental. To learn more about the Pavilion or to book your event, please contact the Gardens at 325-648-2750 or City Hall at 325-648-3186.



Conservation - Education - Ecotourism

Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretive Center tie together Goldthwaite's evolving cultural district with local commerce.

One enters the Legacy Plaza project through the Goldthwaite Welcome Center.

From the Welcome Center, you can relax in the Town Green and then go to the Trailhead which introduces the visitor to the concept of the Gardens and has a site map. This area illustrates the lifeways of the first people to walk across Texas several thousand years ago. Through time, hunter-gatherers built a body of knowledge about food, tools, and medicine centered on a cornucopia of plants and animals which flourished in Central Texas.

Upon entering the J. Waddy Bullion Gardens, the visitor will see panels describing a wickiup, bedrock mortar, a burned rock midden, and flint knapping.

Traveling through the Gardens, the visitor will also see a myriad of native plants and grasses with small, simple labels that identify the plant. Our handout also features several of these plants.

Spend time just enjoying nature in our amphitheatre.

If you have children, please visit our small discovery garden area.

The project has three main objectives:

CONSERVATION

We believe in protecting the natural resources of Texas.

Our project features:

- Conservation of archaeology sites
- Conservation of native grasses
- Conservation of native plants including use in landscaping
- Conservation of water including water harvesting
- Conservation of the land - promoting land stewardship

- Housing
 - Things That Come Out At Night
- For adults we offer:
- Birds of Central Texas
 - Arrowheads
 - Bedrock Mortars & Burned Rock Middens
 - Geology of Central Texas
 - Insects of Central Texas
 - Native Grasses in Central Texas
 - Native Plants
 - Pecans
 - The Archaeology of Central Texas
 - The Earliest Native Americans in Central Texas
 - The Historic Use of Medicinal Plants

EDUCATION

We offer interactive, creative, and challenging classes.

A sample of the free classes we give to groups of children:

- A visit to the Bedrock Mortars
- Arachnids
- Archaeology for Kids
- Bioluminescence
- Birds
- Bug Extravaganza
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Rock Art
- Texas Wild
- The Mighty Oak
- Indians of Texas
- History
- Cultures

ECOTOURISM

Contact us about visiting ranches and country properties for a day or an extended visit:

- Archeological sites
 - Astronomy/Night Sky
 - Birding
 - Dragonflies
 - Entomology
- Experience a Working Ranch with:
- Goats
 - Cattle
 - Sheep
 - Fishing
 - Minerals & Rocks
 - Native Grasses
 - Photography

