

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to identify points of interest for photographers. The document does not attempt to create an itinerary nor address logistical issues.

Trip Profile

Topic	Details
Trip Name	<i>USA_Texas_Sherman_Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge</i>
Short Description	This is a flat prairie land refuge located on the south side of Lake TexOma.
Web Site	https://www.fws.gov/refuge/hagerman/ Activities Calendar: https://www.friendsofhagerman.com/activities
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Travel Time	From Dallas, the drive time is about 1.5 hours
Date trip taken	2021 01 10
Points of Interest	Wildlife (waterfowl, geese in winter)
Address for Mapping Software	Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
Restrictions/ Safety Issues	This is federal land. Hunting is regulated (permits required). Fishing is allowed (check on permit requirements). Oil well pump jacks are scattered throughout the refuge. You can become very isolated very quickly so take appropriate safety precautions.
Entry Fee	None
Lodging Notes	Lodging is easily available, but this is really a day trip from either Dallas or Fort Worth.
Dining Notes	Nothing is available at the refuge. You would have to travel about 10 miles back to Sherman.

Special notes

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1	There is no camping at the refuge and it closes at sunset.
2	Winter is the best time to visit. Geese come and go from the refuge.
3	There are porta potties at the refuge headquarters and at the day use area (see image below).
4	Periodically, the refuge is closed during feral hog hunts. Check the web site.

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Overview



Above: This is the entrance to the Refuge.
Below: This is the back of the refuge headquarters.



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Photo Opportunity – Crusie thru wetlands

The refuge has many nice hard pack roads. There are one lane roads that take you out into the lake. They also have 'Auto Tour' signs marking a trail thru these roads.



Big Mineral Day Use Area

The Big Mineral Day Use Area is located on Wildlife Road at a creek crossing. It has porta-potties.



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Hiking Trails

For more information: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Hagerman/visit/activities/hiking.html>

Nature Trails

Haller's Haven Trail

Located within the Goode Day Use Area, this trail is very quiet and peaceful for walking. The path travels through forests, near ponds, and along a portion of Lake Texoma. There are good birding opportunities along the trail including Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-shouldered Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, and songbirds. *Length is 2.7 miles round-trip.*

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Harris Creek Trails

Located across Refuge Road from the Visitor Center. Crawfish Pond Loop (1 mile) passes through forested areas and around two ponds. About 1/3 mile of this trail and an adjacent photoblink is ADA accessible. Prairie Loop (2 miles) passes over more open fields and around several ponds. Look for bird nesting boxes along these two trails. A variety of songbirds and wading birds are common in this area.

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Crow Hill Trail

Located at the end of Siliman Road off Wildlife Drive. Park at the base of the hill where you will see a gate and informational trailhead sign. The hike takes you through a forested area with a nice view of the lake from the top. *Length is 3/4 mile round-trip.*

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Raasch Trail

Located at the east end of Wildlife Drive near the Visitor Center. This gravel road is part of the old Missouri, Kansas, Texas Railroad (known locally as the KATY). It crosses over Meyers Branch, through forested areas, by farm fields, and near areas being restored to native prairie. Volunteer-maintained bird nesting boxes along the way provide ideal locations for bluebirds, tufted titmice, Carolina chickadees and other cavity nesting species. When water is present, wading birds are common along the Branch. *Length is 3 miles round-trip.*

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Meadow Pond Trail

Located near the Big Mineral Day Use Area at the west end of Wildlife Drive. Situated on the old KATY Rail bed, this trail hosts a variety of habitats including shallow ponds, farm fields, forests, and bottomland hardwoods. Wading birds, turkey, deer, squirrel and numerous species of sparrows are often seen along the route. The surface is gravel and may be your best bet for a hike after a rain. *Length is 5.7 miles round-trip.*

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Sample images



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