

Friends Events



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Help us clean up critical migratory bird habitat on the Refuge! [For more information, visit our event page here!](#)



We are offering a SPECIAL TOUR around Laguna Atascosa for our 'Advocates' (Advocates pay a \$35 annual membership fee) on May 25th from 8-12 pm. This is a great opportunity to see the Refuge with a knowledgeable guide, especially since the Refuge official tours are over till November. Spots are limited, so please register in advance. You will be notified if you obtain a spot, otherwise you will go on our wait list. [Register HERE](#)

[Click become an Advocate](#)

Save the Date!

Kids Photography Workshop



We are sponsoring a kids photography workshop at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge taught by award winning photography Ruth Hoyt.

Classes will cost \$10, all supplies provided.

Registration will open in April.

Meet our new Visitor Services Intern: Karen Ceballos

How did you come to work at Laguna Atascosa NWR?

I recently graduated from Cornell University where I studied Environmental and Sustainability Sciences. I was born and raised in San Diego, California, and my passion for conservation arose from spending a lot of time exploring the beautiful biodiversity of Southern California! In the past I have worked on programs like surveying wild burrowing owls in San Diego, managing white tailed deer impacts in upstate New York, and monitoring fishers and marten in Sequoia National Forest. As much as I love wildlife work, I really enjoyed doing outreach and publicity as the New York Master Naturalist Assistant Program Coordinator during my college years. Through this position, and as the Programming and Social Media Coordinator for a small Pennsylvania land trust, I grew passionate about citizen science and science communication.



Engaging people with the natural world is really important to me, and was one of the reasons why I decided to apply as a Visitor Services intern for LANWR. I'm excited to be here and hope I can bring a lot to the Refuge and Friends group.

What do you do in your free time?

I love to spend time exploring the outdoors (big shocker, I know) through rock-climbing, hiking, and long-distance backpacking. I also like to salsa dance (albeit badly), roller-skate and paint with watercolors. While I'm here, I'm trying to become a better birder and eat my way through Stripes' breakfast tacos!

Support Laguna Atascosa

Looking for great gifts? Symbolically adopting an ocelot for yourself or family or friends, or making a donation on behalf of someone special are two ways that help support the many conservation programs at Laguna Atascosa NWR.

Phone or email orders accepted. Email friendsoflagunaatascosa@gmail.com or



The Nature Store at Laguna Atascosa also offers a variety of T-shirts for kids and adults, books and guides, magnets, cute

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stuffed animals, earrings, caps, snacks and drinks and more.



Adopt an Ocelot

Ocelots need your help. You can Adopt an Ocelot to help our population of endangered cats survive and thrive in South Texas. [Adopt Now](#)



Save Texas Ocelots

The last remaining ocelots in the United States are found only in Texas. You can help save these beautiful endangered cats and help spread the word about protecting Texas Ocelots by buying this specialty license plate for your vehicle for only \$30.00 additional.

Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge will receive \$22.00 from the sale of every Save Texas Ocelots license plate, 100% of which will go to Ocelot Conservation. [Buy Now](#)

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

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(if you can't reach us on this line, please call the cell phone at 956-244-2019).

**Visitor Center & Friends Nature Store
Closed March 30 until further notice
due to road construction conditions
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information**

**Refuge remains open daily, sunrise -
sunset**

Refuge Entrance Fee

\$3 per vehicle cash or check ONLY.
Please check in at the Visitor Center to get a required vehicle pass.

Go to the [Refuge Site](#)



CAUTION! CONSTRUCTION ZONE!

Construction crews are making progress on the 3 mile stretch of Buena Vista leading to the Visitor's Center. Be sure to follow all safety signs and drive slowly. Road conditions are especially difficult during rain.





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