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Who are FoGISP volunteers?

Friends of Galveston Island State Park is an all-volunteer, non-profit. It was founded in 2001 by a group of conservationists educators, and naturalists to assist and promote Galveston Island State Park.

What is our mission?

The Mission of FoGISP is to promote the interests of the Park and its users through volunteer work, fundraising and stimulating community interest in the Park.

What is our vision?

Our Vision is that Galveston Island State Park be recognized as a model state park and a Nature Center known for its innovative, interactive and fun approach to education.

How you can join!

Annual membership is only \$20!! Make 2024 the year to volunteer!!
Scan the code with your smartphone camera for details on how to donate or volunteer!



Christmas Bird Count 2023 – GISP



Red Knots by Linda Kuhn

Bob Becker (Team Leader for the GISP Team) reported some data for the 2023 CBC

We logged 75 species under very challenging conditions. We had cool birds like Red Knots, LeConte's Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow, Northern Pintail, Red-breasted Merganser and Barn Owl. This was one of our best efforts in the 5 West End CBCs I have participated in.



Great Blue Heron

Linda Kuhn



Kite by Linda Kuhn

GET READY FOR FISHING!

WITH FISHING
GUIDE

CHUCK MILLER

NEED THE BASICS FOR FISHING? WE'VE GOT THEM!

Join Park Host Chuck Miller for all the basic skills needed to get to the catching part of fishing. Registration is required, click the link for dates and times!!

[texthttps://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/galveston-island/basic-fishing/2024-02-01](https://tpwd.texas.gov/calendar/galveston-island/basic-fishing/2024-02-01)

LIMITED SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE SO SIGN UP TODAY!!

Some loaner gear is available for use. Bring your own gear if you have it.

Hats and sunglasses are highly recommended
Bring: Sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle, weather-appropriate clothing, close-toed shoes, and bait! (squid, mullet, or shrimp)

Meet up: Nature Center then drive to fishing location
Cost: Entry fee is \$5 for adults and FREE for children 12 & under. Park entry is free with a State Parks Pass.

Chuck with a catfish



Chuck and a flounder



CAMP WILD 2024 SAVE THE DATE: June 3-7, 2024 at GISP from 8AM-1PM for students completing 4th grade. Activities involve kayaking, fishing, seining, hiking, animal shows, nature crafts, games and more! Looking for volunteers to serve as camp counselors and activity helpers. For more information contact Mary Ross at 409-789-9160 or email at rossmary711@gmail.com.

Volunteers face freezing temperatures to help save stunned sea turtles



[Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research](#) and partners came together to rescue several stranded sea turtles cold-stunned by the recent winter weather along the upper Texas coast. We want to thank everyone involved for their help in rescuing these turtles!

Cold temperatures could continue in February. If you see a stranded sea turtle in the Park, on the bayside, or in the Gulf, call **1-866-TURTLE-5** so the turtle can be assisted & and rescued by trained personnel. Every turtle found is transported and then processed by the Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research team. Every attempt is made to save and release the turtle back to the Gulf.

