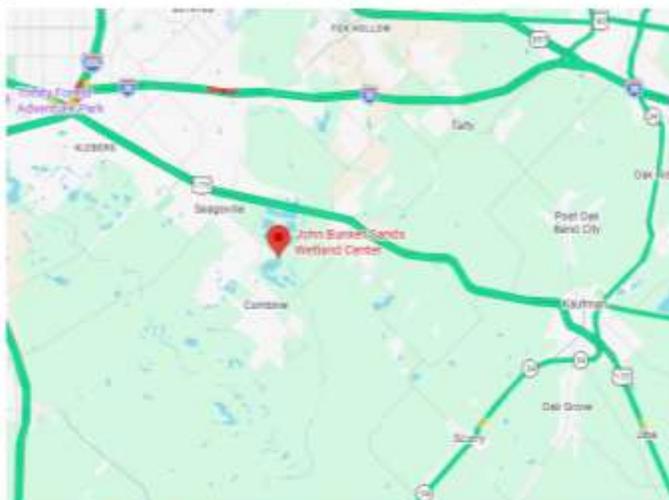


Texas Academy of Science – Field Trip Opportunity

SFA Department of Earth Sciences and Geologic Resources will be leading a post-conference field trip on Sunday, March 1 to the **John Bunker Sands Wetland Center** near Seagoville, Texas. This field trip would be of interest to students and faculty from geoscience, environmental science, biology, and STEM education. The constructed wetlands are part of the East Fork Water Reuse Project, that receives effluent water from Lake Lavon and uses a 2,000-acre wetland to recycle this water to provide municipal water supplies to the city of Dallas and surrounding communities. It also acts as a refuge for over 300 bird species, including bald eagles, mammals, insects, and native and aquatic plants.



Logistics:

We will depart from the UT Tyler campus at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 1, and travel to Seagoville, arriving at our first stop at approximately 10:00 a.m., with a comfort stop along the way. We will have two stops outside the wetland center to view the sedimentation ponds and Trinity River terraces, and proceed to the visitor's center, arriving between 10:45 and 11:00 a.m. Participants will check in and pay the **\$15 entrance fee**. Once all the paperwork has been completed, we will be led on a tour of the wetland center by the executive director, **Kayleigh Bucur**. The tour is expected to take between 1 and 1.5 hours, including questions, but participants can depart early as needed.

The walking tour will take place on an elevated boardwalk and levees. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and bring binoculars, water, hat, and sunscreen if needed. The wetland center requires all participants to sign a **Liability Release**; field trip leaders will have copies available before departure so we can streamline our check-in.

After the tour:

Depart the wetland center. Participants may grab a quick lunch in Seagoville or destination of choice.

John Bunker Sands Wetland Center

