

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge November 28, 29, and 30.

This trip takes us to Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge (HNWR) in north Texas. The main focus at HNWR is providing a winter home for waterfowl, where thousands of



geese settle in the fall and winter. Species include the Greater White-fronted, Canada, Snow, and the smaller Ross's goose. At times, as many as 10,000 geese can be seen in one field. Located in the Central Flyway, one of four migratory bird "super highways", the refuge was created as part of the Lake Texoma project and lies just on the Texas side of the Red River, which divides the Lone Star State from Oklahoma. This region is where the

gently rolling blackland prairies meet the hilly terrain of the eastern cross timbers. Of the nearly 12,000 acres that make up the refuge, about 8,700 acres are uplands and the remaining 2,600 acres are wetlands. This diversity of habitat, actively managed by refuge staff, creates ideal conditions for a wide variety of wildlife and plants.

It is 310 miles from Wimberley to Denison and should take around 6 hours. We are staying at the La Quinta in Denison. Call them at 903-464-0340 and ask for the Wimberley Birding Society rate of \$69 a night for the nights of November 28 and 29. Plan to arrive no later than 5 pm on November 28. We will have Happy Hour at the hotel and then assemble at North Rig Grill, 414 US 75 Frontage Road in Denison, phone 903-464-9999. If you prefer to camp, Eisenhower State Park is a little further north or there are many RV parks in and around Denison.

Thursday morning, after our free hot breakfast, we will join Jack Chiles and Jesse Huth to bird the refuge. After a picnic lunch, we will continue to bird. Dinner will be at Huck's Catfish, 2811 Trail Drive, 903-337-0033.



Friday morning, after our free hot breakfast, we will head to Denison Dam to investigate that area. We will have lunch at the Old Mining Camp, 3116 Regency Lane, and then head home.

Our guides are Jesse Huth 979-422-7061 and Jack Chiles 903-271-3192. Please plan to give Jesse \$40 each for his time. If you would like to make a donation to the refuge, that would be a nice gesture to thank Jack for his time and expertise.

To sign up, contact:

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Limit 10 persons.