

# Eastman Nature & Wildlife Habitat Center

## Guidelines for Access

*We hope you enjoy your visit to Eastman's Nature and Wildlife Habitat Center. While we want you to enjoy the Center, we also want your visit to be an interesting and safe one. The following guidelines will help assure enjoyment of the Center.*

1. Visits to Eastman's Nature and Wildlife Habitat Center should be scheduled through Eastman (Ms. Sally Azbell, 903-237-6256). Requests for tours should be made ten (10) days prior to the tour date to assure the accessibility to the Center.
2. Visitors must have completed the Texas Forest Service's Project Learning Tree (PLT) Workshop or be accompanied by a PLT graduate.
3. Visitors will be required to sign the document entitled "Nature and Wildlife Habitat Center Group Visitors Pass and General Release and Indemnity Agreement" (Agreement) prior to entering the Center. If an individual(s) is responsible for a class or group of young people (under 18 years old), then the individual(s) should sign the Agreement on behalf of the class or group as "Leader Responsible for Group."

The Agreement can be obtained from Eastman Security at the Main Gate. The signed document should be left with Eastman Security at the Main Gate.

4. A key to unlock the gates at the Center may be obtained at Eastman's Main Gate. The individual requesting the key must leave his/her driver's license at the Main Gate in exchange for the key. The names of individuals obtaining keys to the Center will be entered into a logbook by Eastman Security.
5. Visitors should stay on the marked trails and observe any warning signs. USE OF THE FACILITIES WILL BE AT YOUR OWN RISK.
6. **For emergencies, call 911.**

**Please notify Eastman Security at 237-5240 if 911 assistance is requested.**

7. Caution should be exercised at the Center, since this area presents the same type hazards encountered in East Texas forests –water hazards, vines, poison ivy, feral hogs, snakes, insects, and old barbed wire.

Special care to avoid stings should be exercised in the area around the bee observation hive.

8. The Center is normally opened during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. The trails will not be available on Saturday and Sunday as special projects and maintenance will be conducted on these days.
9. Individuals may utilize Eastman's Nature and Wildlife Habitat Center on the following basis:

In addition to an instructor or leader, a class of students or a group of individuals must be escorted by a Master Gardener, a graduate of Project Learning Tree (PLT), or a graduate of "Walk in the Forest" administered by the Texas Forest Service at the Center, at all times.

If the instructor or leader has completed the Eastman Wildlife Habitat Program Training Course, is a Master Gardener or a graduate of PLT or "Walk in the Forest", then he/she may serve as a Tour Guide to the subject class of students and enter the Center without an escort.

School classes or groups should have a **maximum of 10 to 1** student/instructor ratio.

10. Archery equipment and firearms (including air pellet or BB guns) are prohibited.
11. Smoking, fires, matches or lighters are prohibited.
12. Alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.
13. Electrical vehicles used by individuals requiring physical assistance are permitted.
14. Bicycles and motor vehicles (other than that referenced in 11 above) are prohibited.
15. Unescorted youth 18 years of age and under are prohibited.

PORTABLE RESTROOM FACILITIES ARE LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CENTER OFF GARLAND ROAD, AND ON THE EASTMAN WILDLIFE TRAIL (LONG TRAIL) AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE EASTMAN DEMONSTRATION FOREST. DRINKING WATER IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE CENTER.

