### **BREC CONSERVATION MISSION**

It is our mission to protect unique and historically representative habitats, reduce the loss of species and promote recreational and educational activities focusing on appreciation and understanding of the natural environment.

#### **PROGRAMS + EVENTS**

- **W** Guided Hike Programs
- **™** Guided Paddle Programs
- **Birding Programs**
- **©** Campfire and Night Programs
- **W** Volunteer Opportunities
- Fishing Rodeos
- © Community Events (Bioblitz, Rockin at the Swamp, etc.)
- © Conservation and Outdoor Adventure Camps
- **Other Outdoor Recreation Programs**



# HIKING AT BREC PARKS

BREC offers a wide variety of trails in different habitats throughout the parish. Visit each park's webpage for detailed trail maps and rules and regulations for each BREC park.

NATURE TRAILS: wide and flat, often with an improved surface such as limestone or boardwalks.

narrow hiking trail with a natural surface; paths are marked with trail blazes and directional pillar signage.

MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS: natural surface, single track trails with rough terrain of varying difficulty designed with enhanced features for mountain biking; generally allow hiking in opposite direction of bikes.

**BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA (62 ACRES)** 

1.75 mi. of trails (f) Ponds/Small Stream Forest/Scrub-Shrub

**BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER (102 ACRES)** 

1.25 mi. of trails (1) Cypress Swamp/Beech Magnolia/Hardwood Forest

CEDAR RIDGE PARK (19 ACRES)

0.3 mi. trails (h) Bottomland Hardwood Forest

**COMITE RIVER PARK (100 ACRES)** 

5.5 mi. of trails 🐪 🚳 Bottomland Hardwood Forest

FOREST COMMUNITY PARK (30 ACRES)

1.6 mi. of trails 😘 🚯 Bottomland Hardwood/Tupelo Swamp/ Mixed Pine Forest

FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA (499 ACRES)

4.5 mi. of trails Mixed Habitats/Bottomland Hardwood Forest

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK (18 ACRES)** 0.7 mi. trails (1) Lake/Beech Magnolia/Bottomland Hardwood Forest

HIGHLAND RD. PARK OBSERVATORY (27 ACRES)

0.75 mi. of trails 🐪 Small Stream Slope/Bottomland Hardwood Forest

**HOOPER RD. PARK (150 ACRES)** 

8.5 mi. of trails 🐪 🙆 Bottomland Hardwood Forest

**KENDALWOOD CONSERVATION AREA (85 ACRES)** 

2.7 mi. of trails in Spruce Pine Hardwood Flatwood/Bottomland Forest

**MANCHAC PARK (22 ACRES)** 

1.2 mi. of trails 🙀 🚯 Bottomland Hardwood Forest

SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK (386 ACRES) 4 mi. of trails 🀪 Mixed Pine/Bottomland Hardwoods/ Small Stream Forest

**ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK (15 ACRES)** 

0.5 mi. of trails Bottomland Hardwood/Mixed Pine Forest

### PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

Conservation areas vary in the amenities that they offer. Some parks have restrooms, running water and shelter while others do not. Feel free to contact us or visit park webpages for information prior to your visit.

#### **BE PREPARED**

- 1. Check the park webpage to read rules and regulations and see list of amenities.
- 2. Print the trail map in advance if needed, or save it to your phone for reference (or take a picture of the map at the
- 3. Pack plenty of water, bugspray and sunscreen.
- 4. Dress in layers appropriate for hiking and wear closed-toed
- 5. Bring your phone and tell a friend where you intend to go if hiking alone.

#### **USE CAUTION**

- Conservation areas are the potential home to snakes, ticks, coyotes, alligators, mosquitos, poison ivy, ground hornets and other species that can be hazardous to encounter.
- Please be aware of your surroundings and use caution when visiting these sites.
- If you encounter wildlife, treat it with respect and give plenty of space.
- All flora and fauna are protected; killing or harassing snakes or other plants or animals is prohibited.











### JOIN THE GREEN FORCE!

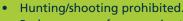
We need people like you to help us carry out our mission throughout the parish. Our Green Force volunteers are trained enthusiasts authorized to conduct habitat restoration and trail maintenance without staff supervision. We also rely on these individuals to help us with programming and special events.

Green Force Trainings are held twice a year. Visit our Green Force webpage for more information about how to join the Force!

#### BREC.ORG/CONSERVATIONGREENFORCE



# **CONSERVATION AREA RULES + REGULATIONS**



- Parks are open from sunrise to sunset.
- No overnight camping/campfires.
- Possession or use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited.
- Do not enter private property.
- No motorized vehicles of any kind allowed on trails. Collecting and digging are prohibited.
- Leave No Trace. If you pack it in, pack it out and dispose of waste properly.
- Respect wildlife; DO NOT feed/harass/kill/collect wildlife.
- Some of our parks allow leashed dogs on trails, some do not; please visit park webpage prior to visiting.
- All research projects must be approved and require a research permit.

# **BREC FISHING RULES + REGULATIONS**

- Follow all Louisiana State Fishing Regulations.
- Must have a Louisiana Fishing License.
- Bank fishing only.

under-sized fish.

- Trotlines and cast-netting are prohibited.
- No motorized boats in BREC ponds.
- DO NOT transfer live fish or aquatic plants to other
- DO NOT add undocumented/unapproved fish to BREC fishing ponds.
- Please help to keep our ponds clean by removing litter
- you see in or near our fishing ponds. Recycle used or tangled fishing line in designated
- monofilament recycling stations. Only keep fish you intend to eat; release unwanted or
- Limit for Rainbow Trout is four (4) trout/person per day.

# **CONTACT US!**



## FISHING AT BREC PARKS

BREC currently manages and stocks 14 ponds around the parish to provide recreational outlets for beginner and advanced anglers alike. Most of our ponds are stocked to maintain populations of Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish and Bream. Stocking is done by BREC or by Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. See the parish wide map for pond locations.

#### **FISH STOCKED IN BREC PONDS**



LARGEMOUTH BASS MICROPTERUS SALMOIDES

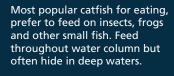
Roving predators that feed on insects, crawfish and small fish. Prefer habitats with structure that provide shade and attract bait fish.



feeds on worms, cricket and very small fish. Feed in pecking style and can steal bait off a hook, found in vegetated areas or shallows.



CHANNEL CATFISH ICTALURUS PUNCTATUS



Small to medium size fish that



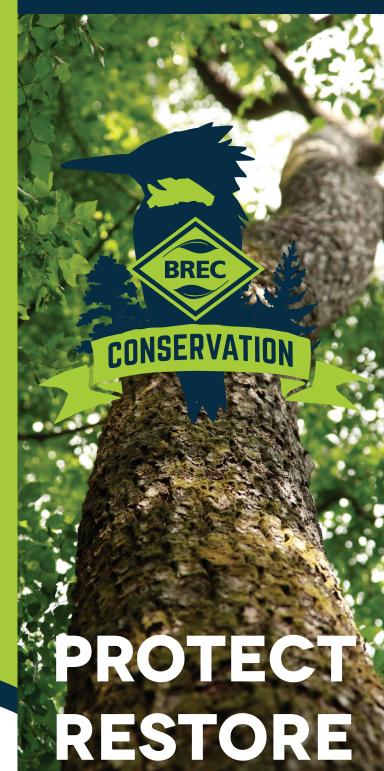
**RAINBOW TROUT** ONCORHYNCHUS MYKISS

Non-native fish that are stocked seasonally in the winter. Cold-water fish that cannot survive in warm water. Predator that puts up a fight on a line and feed on insects, fish eggs, grasshoppers, crayfish, shrimp, etc.

# **BREC FISHING RODEOS**

BREC holds several fishing rodeos a year with categories and prizes for all ages. Registration is required but free to enter.

- **Geaux Fish! Catfish Rodeos**
- **Geaux Fish! Rainbow Trout Rodeos** 
  - LDWF Get Out and Fish Rodeos



**EXPLORE** 

