



Ecological Tour

Jacob's Well is a highly significant artesian spring that surges up at the rate of thousands of gallons per minute, from one of the longest caves in Texas. The spring is the headwaters of the beautiful Cypress Creek that flows through Wimberley, sustaining Wimberley's Blue Hole, the Blanco River, recharging the Edwards Aquifer, and finally replenishing Aransas Bay estuaries in the Gulf of Mexico.

Population growth, increased groundwater demands, and pollution directly threaten Jacob's Well, and thus the need for conservation education is very real - both for the long term sustainability of the spring and for all species dependent on it, including ourselves. Jacob's Well has stopped flowing on several occasions during this last decade, primarily due to overpumping. The tour offers a path to understanding our relationship with water and the spring, and will remind us of our connection with nature, which is essential to our well-being.

Visiting Us

As the Jacob's Well Natural Area is a highly valued and sensitive environment, access is by guided tour. This will help to minimize human impact on the land and water. Led by trained volunteers, the tour will take you on a discovery trek through the fragile and highly diverse hill country terrain. We have stories to tell about the floods along the creek, scuba divers and their adventures, and how the grasses were so tall and healthy in the past that deer had to stand up to be seen. The JWNA Master Plan is a work in progress - one of restoring what was previously an RV park into a thriving natural habitat that will help recharge the aquifer below. You will come to understand why this spring has been a sacred place to many people for over 10,000 years, a healing site for others, and home to a rich and diverse ecosystem. You will also leave with tools to help restore and protect the health of the spring.

Public Tours

Every Saturday at 10:00 am (except holidays or inclement weather). Gates close at 12pm.
Cost: Free. Donations are always welcome.

Directions

The Jacob's Well Natural Area is located off of Jacob's Well Road, at 221 Woodacre Drive.

From Ranch Road 12 turn onto Jacob's Well Road, proceed 1.6 miles to stop sign. Turn left and drive for .5 miles. Turn right on Pleasant Valley Road, and right on Woodacre Drive. Proceed through the condominium complex over the low water crossing on dry Cypress Creek. Watch for our gate on the right. **From the City of Wimberley**, starting at the intersection of RR12 and RR2325, go for 2.25 miles. Turn right onto Jacob's Well Road. Turn left onto Woodacre Drive, go .6 miles and jog to the left to stay on Woodacre. Proceed through the condominium complex over the low water crossing on dry Cypress Creek. Watch for our gate on the right.

Preparation for the hike

Wear comfortable shoes and socks, and dress appropriately. In sunny weather, consider water bottles, sunscreen and hats. Some of the trail is shaded, and some is not. There are areas that involve an easy level of climbing. The hike will take approximately 1 hour, concluding with optional time for discussion, viewing displays, or enjoying time at the Well.

Picnic Area

We have a covered outdoor shelter for dining. In the practice of "leave nothing but footprints", please pack your own trash back out.

Rain

Rain can cancel a tour.

Children

You are responsible for your children at all times. Please consider their ages before coming to this site with its steep slopes and other natural hazards.

ADA Compliant Trail

Ask for directions to the accessible trail that leads directly to the well.

Swimming

You may swim at your own risk.
There is NO LIFEGUARD.

Not Allowed

Pets
Glass
Loud Music
Smoking
Alcohol
Firearms or Fireworks
Campfires or BBQ Pits
Scuba Diving