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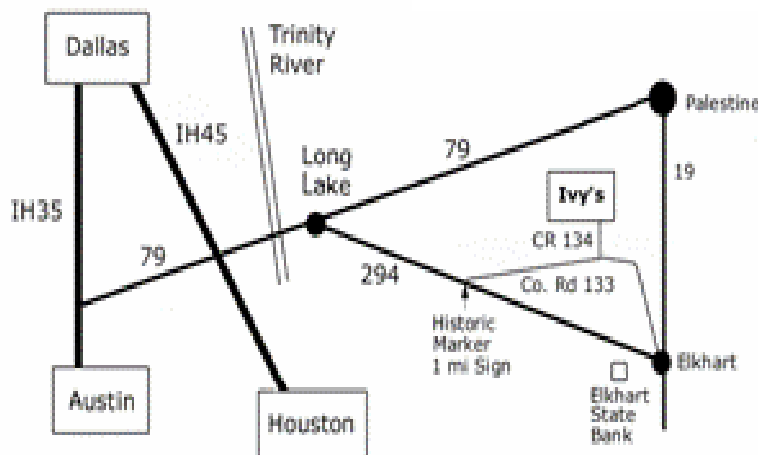
Texas Land Conservancy (formerly Natural Area Preservation Association), is hosting **Nature Tours** at the **Ivy Payne Wildlife Refuge** in southwestern Anderson County on **March 29-30, 2008**. The tours are part of the second weekend of the **Texas Dogwood Trails Celebration**, presented by the Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone is invited! Enjoy springtime green-up and a profusion of flowering dogwood blooms in guided or self tours on 480 acres of East Texas hills and creek bottoms of Parker Creek where the Trinity River drainage emerges from the hills of Anderson County. Nature walks, lead by Earl Mathew and Dr. Heinz Gaylord, begin at 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29. We will have a pot luck dinner Saturday evening with slide shows on the plants and seasons at the Ivy Payne Wildlife Refuge.

Enjoy a covered pavilion, which has individual bathrooms, showers, and a common-use kitchen. Guests are free to camp at the preserve Friday (after 4:00 p.m.) and Saturday nights. No reservations needed. For the non-campers, motels are available in nearby Palestine.

We especially want to invite those persons who are interested in protected East Texas by helping develop and participate in a regional East Texas chapter of Texas Land Conservancy (TLC). At 1:30 on Saturday, Earl Mathew, board member of TLC, will discuss the ins and outs of conservation easements as well as some of TLC's East Texas projects.

Texas Land Conservancy is a private, non-profit land trust that protects 91 properties covering more than 51,000 acres statewide. To join, or for more information about land trusts, conservation easements, as well as pictures and descriptions of our preserves (27 in East Texas), please visit www.texaslandconservancy.org.



Directions to Ivy Payne Wildlife Refuge: Go south from Palestine on Hwy 19 to Elkhart, then turn right on Hwy 294. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn right. Follow the railroad for a few blocks, then the road veers left (west) and becomes County Road 133. Go past the first dirt road to the right (CR 135) for a half mile, then turn right on the second dirt road, County Road 134. There will be a sign for Ivy Payne Wildlife Refuge. After another half mile, County Road 134 will dead end at the preserve.

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