

Finding a refuge in the city



The Dow Woods Unit of the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge is located on Old Angleton Road (also called County Road 288), 0.8 miles north of FM 2004.

From State Highway 288 in Lake Jackson:

- Take FM 2004 east 1.8 miles;
- Turn north, or left, on Old Angleton Road;
- Drive 0.8 miles to the gravel parking lot on the left side of the road.

The automatic gate will be open daily from sunrise to sunset.

For more information, please call the Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex at 979-964-4011.

The San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge is part of the Texas Mid-coast Refuge Complex that also includes the Brazoria and Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuges.



Texas Mid-coast Refuge Complex

2547 CR 316
Brazoria, Texas 77422
979-964-4011

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge

6801 CR 306
Brazoria, Texas 77422
979-964-3639

www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/texasmidcoast/index.htm

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Texas Mid-coast Refuge Complex. The group raises funds through donations, grants and gifts to help fund refuge projects, educational programs, and other activities.

Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges

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**Welcome to the
Dow Woods Unit
of the
San Bernard National
Wildlife Refuge**





Discovering the diversity of a Columbia Bottomlands habitat

Visiting Dow Woods

One of the newest additions to the Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex is the Dow Woods Unit. This beautiful 338-acre property located in the city of Lake Jackson, was generously donated to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service by The Dow Chemical Company's Texas Operations in December of 2008.

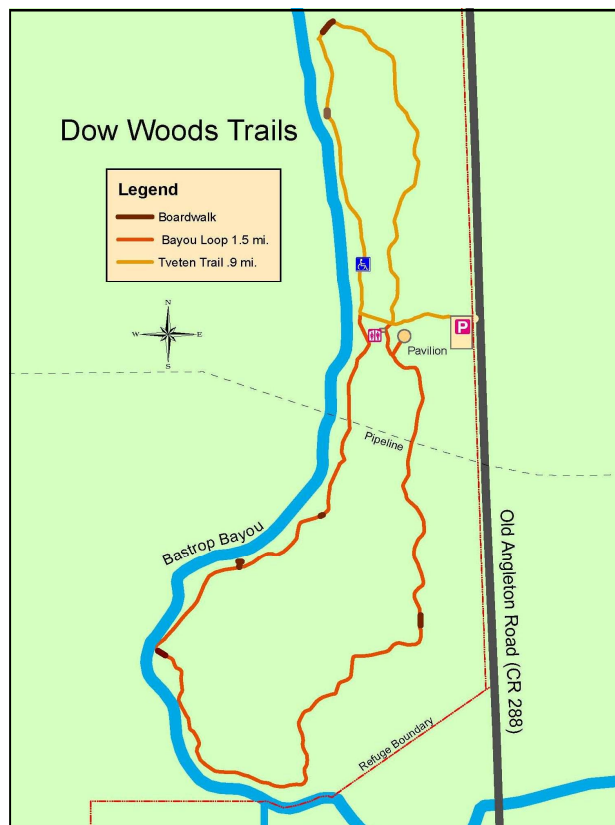
The Dow Woods Unit, part of the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, is an important example of the ever decreasing Columbia Bottomlands and surrounding habitat.

The property is covered by hardwood riparian forest and is dissected north to south by Bastrop Bayou. The north and west boundaries are contiguous to additional hardwood forest.

The Dow Woods Unit is open daily from sunrise to sunset and due to its close proximity to several cities, it is an eco-tourism attraction for local students, families, birders and visitors of all types.

Whether by foot, bicycle or wheelchair, it is an excellent location to experience the amazing biodiversity and beauty offered by this rare Columbia Bottomlands habitat.

Finding your way around



Upon arriving at Dow Woods, an interpretive display welcomes visitors, and guides and benches are positioned along the trails for contemplation and relaxation. A pavilion offers a sheltered place for environmental education programs and special events.

Two trails meander through the hardwood forest of the Dow Woods. The first is a 0.9-mile universally-accessible, concrete

path named in honor of naturalists Gloria and John Tveten. The second is a 1.5-mile compacted granite woodland path, called Bayou Loop .

The improvements to Dow Woods are the result of generous donations of money and time by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Texas Recreational Trail Fund, the US Fish & Wildlife Service, The Dow Chemical Company Foundation and numerous volunteers.

It all combines to make the Dow Woods a place for everyone to take a walk, study the ecology around them, or take a break from a hectic schedule.

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Gloria and John Tveten

Naturalist, author and photographer John L. Tveten and his wife, Gloria, were tireless students of the nature around them. They were longtime friends of local naturalists and birders and supported the Friends of the Brazoria Wildlife Refuges' annual Migration Celebration from its beginning.

John photographed, wrote about and lectured on birds, wildflowers and the boundless beauty of nature. His wife, Gloria, was always at his side contributing to his work. John died in 2009.