



2011 MIGRATION CELEBRATION AMAZING ADVENTURES

Naturalist Walk in the Dow Woods Unit

Date: April 17, 2011 (Sunday)

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Starting Location: The parking lot of the Dow Woods Unit (DWU) of the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge, located on Old Angleton Road 0.8 mile north of FM 2004. See maps, next page.

Event Leader: Mike Lange (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)



Mike is responsible for new acquisitions to the Mid-Coast Wildlife Refuge Complex and has done an amazing job acquiring new properties for preservation. Mike is also a naturalist and knowledgeable of local flora and fauna.

Description: Mike will lead a guided walk through the newly acquired DWU. This Unit was donated by The Dow Chemical Company, Texas Operations, in December of 2008. The tour will include the northeast trail of the DWU, which was opened to the public on March 15, and also unopened sections where trails are under construction. Much of the path follows sections of Bastrop Bayou, which meanders through the property. During the walk, Mike will be discussing the flora and fauna, including several impressive oaks and other hardwood trees of this riparian forest. The DWU has restroom facilities.



Level of Difficulty: The tour will include moderate walking and if it has been raining, in muddy conditions.

What to Bring: Bring binoculars and/or a camera with a long lens. As with any walk in the woods, you may brush against poison ivy, thorny dewberries and blackberries and encounter mosquitoes and horse flies. Participants should wear long sleeved shirt and long pants. If it has been raining, waterproof knee boots are recommended. In addition bring a hat, insect repellent and water.

Sign up: Contact 866-403-5829 to sign up in advance or sign up at the Information Booth beginning at 9 AM on Saturday morning. Attendance is limited to 12 people. (Please be considerate and notify us if you need to cancel your Amazing Adventure!)

Map to Dow Woods Unit OF SBNWR Off Old Angleton Road 0.8 miles north of FM2004

The Dow Woods Unit of San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge was donated to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service by The Dow Chemical Company in 2008. The property is covered by virgin hardwood riparian forest. Bastrop Bayou flows through the property

The Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges, in partnership with the USFWS, The Dow Chemical Company, and the Houston-Galveston Area Council, is developing public-use facilities throughout the property. A concrete-surfaced trail, named in honor of John Tveten, is now open for public use.

John Tveten was a naturalist, author, photographer and longtime *Houston Chronicle* columnist. He died of cancer in 2009.

For more than 30 years, Tveten wrote about and photographed creatures of nature and wildflowers. He wrote numerous books and co-authored five with his wife of 51 years, Gloria. Their books include *Wildflowers of Houston and Southeast Texas* and *Butterflies of Houston and Southeast Texas*, both published by University of Texas Press.

