



Partner Data sheet

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Site overview: This site is open for day use only.

From the intersection of US 77/83 and FM 511, drive south on US 77/83 and exit at the Stillman Rd./Old Alice Rd. turnoff. After exiting, remain on the service road, continuing south to Fish Hatchery Rd., then go west on Fish Hatchery Rd. to the TPWD Coastal Fisheries Field Station. Park in the spaces beyond the headquarters.

This facility's 20 large, rectangular ponds have been phased out, but several of the ponds are seasonally full and a new observation deck has been built overlooking one of the ponds. It hosts a variety of water birds, including whistling-ducks, cormorants, Anhinga, and an occasional Ringed Kingfisher. During summer, watch for Least Tern and Least Bittern. Trees around the facility attract Great Kiskadees, Couch's Kingbird, and Altamira Oriole. During summer, listen for Groove-billed Ani and Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet. Summer visits have yielded 11 species of dragonflies and damselflies including the Caribbean Yellowface and the decidedly local Spot-tailed Dasher, both of which are limited to several counties in the U.S.

Procedure to Volunteer:

1. Go to <https://tpwd.texas.gov/volunteer/>
2. Click Volunteer on the menu bar
3. Login with your VMS account
4. Select 'Search Opportunities' at the top of the page
5. Look for "Coastal Fisheries - Lower Laguna Madre" - once you click on this opportunity you will be all set.

Also, check for updates on the RGVCTMN chapter website at <https://rgvctmn.org/fish-trails/>

Volunteer Opportunities (Current/Ongoing, Seasonal, Upcoming)

RGVCTMN has initiated the 1st phase of developing trails to access many of the 20 ponds. This phase has already included clearing of brush, debris, invasive species and has also added a pollinator garden as well as additional native plants. There is plenty of work and an assigned day to come out and enjoy the beauty of the area and learn from others who are currently participating.