

## directions

### LLELA (Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area) 201 E. Jones Street, Lewisville, TX

**From I-35E**, exit on Valley Ridge (Exit #453, about one mile north of Business 121 in Lewisville). Go east to the stoplight at Mill Street. Turn north (left) on Mill Street and drive to Jones Street. Turn east (right) on Jones Street and proceed until Jones Street dead-ends at the LLELA front gate, at the junction of Jones Street and N. Kealy Avenue.

There may not be a sign for Valley Ridge when approaching LLELA from the North on I-35E. Note that the exit # is 453, and that you will head east on Valley Ridge.

**From Business 121**, turn north on Main Street (just a bit east of I-35E). Main Street turns to the west; follow it to Mill Street. Turn north on Mill Street and drive to Jones Street. Turn east (right) on Jones Street and proceed until Jones Street dead-ends at the LLELA front gate, at the junction of Jones Street and N. Kealy Avenue.



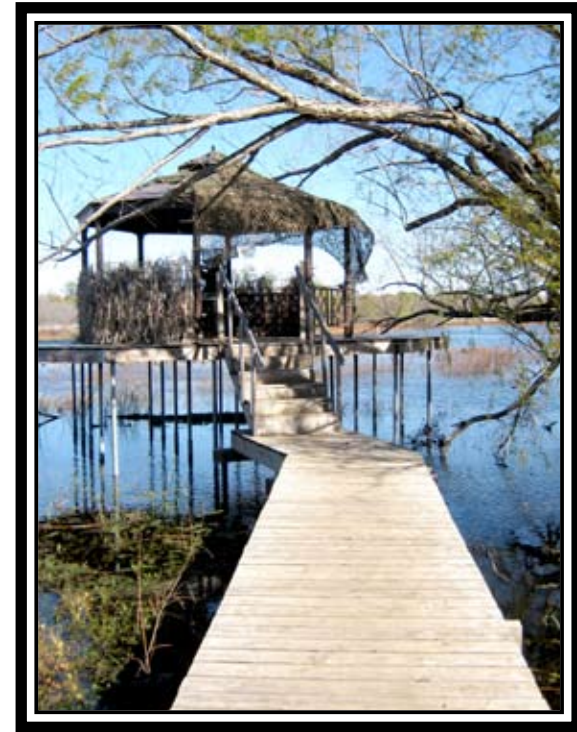
Established in 1979, the Dallas Trekkers exist to promote non-competitive walking. We sponsor scheduled walking events as well as group walks throughout the city. Visit the Dallas Trekkers web site for more information on our club and its weekly group walks and special events:

[www.dallastrekkers.org](http://www.dallastrekkers.org)

# LLELA

## 6K or 11K Nature Walk

Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area  
(also known as Lewisville Wildlife Management Area)  
Lewisville, Texas



High blind on the Bittern Marsh Trail

Saturday, April 28th

SW12/92691

Hosted by the  
Dallas Trekkers Walking Club





Elm Fork of the Trinity River



Minor-Porter Log House



Beaver Pond Kayak Trail



Abundance of waterfowl



Boardwalks over the Bittern Marsh

## about LLELA

**Experience the “wild side” of I-35!** LLELA (Lewisville Lake Environmental Area) is home to nearly 2,000 acres of tallgrass prairies and bottomland forests tucked into soft rolling hills with the Elm Fork of the Trinity River flowing through it all. With such a diversity of habitats, there is a profusion of wildlife here...such as bobcats, white tailed deer, mink, wild turkey, painted buntings and dozens of waterfowl. Located on the Cottonwood Trail is the 1869 Minor-Porter Log Home along with a dugout and historic smokehouse providing a window to the past. LLELA is also known as the Lewisville Wildlife Management Area and today is a consortium comprised of the University of North Texas, Texas A&M University, the City of Lewisville, and the Lewisville Independent School District for preservation, restoration, education and research. <http://ias.unt.edu/LLELA/>

## location:

LLELA at the Pavilion  
201 E. Jones Street, Lewisville, TX

## start time:

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
Finish by 3:00 PM

**LLELA is graciously opening the Minor-Porter Log Cabin for tours from 9:00 – 11:00.** Allow 30 minutes walking time to the cabin.

## information

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*LLELA's nature trails have been selected as the “Best Nature Trails” by the readers of North Texas Child Magazine for their Best of Families edition –December 2009!*



## trail description

Our walk begins at the covered pavilion. 5K and 10K walkers will start out on the short Cicada Trail through the forest to the Cottonwood Trail Loop. The Cottonwood Trail winds through wooded areas and prairie restorations in progress. The highlight of this trail is the Minor-Porter log cabin. 10K walkers will then take the Redbud Trail which meanders through open grasslands and scattered woods to the parking lot of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. 5K walkers have the option of driving to this parking lot. From there, both the 5K and the 10K walkers will enter the Bittern Marsh Trail through the bottomland hardwood forest to Bittern Marsh. This trail consists of many boardwalks over the marsh as well as two viewing blinds to give birders, photographers and hikers great views of the waterfowl and other wildlife. Bring your binoculars and camera. 10K walkers will return down the park road to the finish. 5K walkers will drive back to the finish.

**Highlights:** 1869 Minor-Porter Log Cabin open for touring from 9:00–11:00, boardwalks and marshes, woodlands and prairies, blinds for viewing waterfowl and wildlife, beaver dam and hopefully spring color.

**Trail rated 1B+:** The walk is on relatively flat, well groomed trails. There could be a few obstacles such as tree roots and if it rains there will be muddy areas.

**Water and restrooms:** Portable toilets are located near parking areas. Water is available at the start/finish to fill your water bottle.

**LLELA Rules:** No pets permitted. No littering. If you pack it in, pack it out.

## eligibility & fees

This walk is open to the public. Everyone is welcome, but an adult must accompany any children under 16 years of age at all times. All participants must sign a waiver of liability and must carry a start card and return this start card to the finish table upon completion of the walk. Participants may register at the start point on the day of the walks. Walks will be held regardless of weather.

LLELA Entrance Fee.....\$5.00 (per person)  
Walk Fee (includes IVV Event/Distance credit.).....\$3.00 (no refunds)  
No credit cards accepted. You may walk free if you do not wish AVA credit.

The Dallas Trekkers Walking Club sponsors this event. Neither the sponsor nor the cooperating entities are liable for accidents, theft and/or material damage. Reasonable efforts have been taken to make this event safe and enjoyable.