



**SOUTH TEXAS
BOTANICAL
GARDENS
& NATURE CENTER**

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***Father's Day Weekend* means free admission for dads June 19, 20 at South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center !**

CORPUS CHRISTI-- Just say "**It's Fathers' Day**" and **Dad gets in free**, Saturday & Sunday, June 20 and 21, at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St. Explore trails, wetlands and boardwalk with the important dad in your life. Admire the gardens. The newly renovated Reptile Room rocks! Catch the iguanas and big tortoises, too. Dad's leashed dog also is welcome.

Sorry only dads are free—all other non-members pay general admission! But, what a Fathers' Day gift--buy the special dad in your life a membership this weekend, at 20% off, for a year's worth of free admission; discounts at Turner's Gardenland, Bay Area Landscape, Feathered Friends & Co., Nature's Boutique, BIG BLOOM, Nature Camps; FREE Saturday classes; **plus 340 FREE Reciprocal Gardens!** South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center is open daily, 9 am to 6 pm.

The Botanical Gardens follows CDC health protocols of an outdoor museum, including required social distancing, hand sanitizing, capacity limits and face masks indoors. All exhibits are open to guests. For more information, visit www.stxbot.org , or call 361-852-2100.

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ABOUT: *FLORA, FAUNA, & FUN* are key at the South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, a major Corpus Christi area visitor destination and nature tourism facility! The NON-PROFIT 182-acre venue showcases 11 floral exhibits and gardens, including the Butterfly House, Samuel Jones Orchid Conservatory, Anderson Bromeliad Conservatory, seasonal Plumeria Garden with viewing ramp, plus Rose Garden and massive Rose Pavilion, delightful Hummingbird Garden, desert-like Arid Garden and "artscaped" Sensory Garden. Entertainment includes Resident Reptiles and vibrant Exotic Parrot collection. Tranquil Gator Lake, Mary Hope Brennecke Nature Trail with two Kent Ullberg bronze wildlife sculptures, birding tower, Palapa Grande, wetlands boardwalk and newly enhanced Oso Creek Loop Trail make this a key site on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail, and headquarters for Corpus Christi's BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA! Bordering Oso Creek on Corpus Christi's rapidly-growing upscale south side, this blend of beauty in the wild almost touches the northern edge of the world-famous King Ranch in an intriguing wildlife corridor.

A memorable experience for tourists, families, weddings, garden enthusiasts, birdwatchers, wildlife trackers, school field trips--or an enjoyable relaxing change of pace. Shop Nature's Boutique in the Visitors Center. Memberships, group tours, facilities rentals, and private animal encounters are available. Free parking, picnics allowed, dog-friendly with leashes. GENERAL ADMISSION: \$9 adults; \$7 age 60, active Military, college; \$5 children ages 3 through 12. Under 3 and members, free.

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The South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.