

Caddo Paddle Trails offered this week

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This week offers a lot to learn about Caddo Lake if the warm, spring sunshine has you aching to go laking.

There will be a Caddo Paddle Trails meeting 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge conference room.

An RSVP is required through Dawn Orsak, Caddo Lake Institute administrator, by calling 512-482-9345 or write to info@caddolake.us.

Specific trails have been identified and will be presented to Texas Parks and Wildlife to be included in its statewide Paddle Trails Program.

Maps and descriptions of the paddle trails include a 10-mile trail that starts at Caddo Lake State Park and goes around Carter's Lake before looping back.

A 22-mile trail also starts at the park and goes farther, past Devil's Elbow and Clinton Lake before looping back.

Other trails are from the Lake O' the Pines spillway downstream to Jefferson for 15 miles, and an 18-mile paddling trail from Jefferson to the Texas Highway 43 bridge.

Caddo Lake Institute and the Caddo Lake Clearinghouse will also host a community meeting 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Thursday night.

The meeting will be at the Karnack Community Center and will offer updates on aquatic invasive species control, a Texas Master Naturalists presentation and information on the Texas Mussel Watch Program.

Other updates will be provided on the environmental flows project, paddle trails and the transfer of the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant.