



July 30th, 2020

Dear Galveston Island State Park Neighbor:

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is planning to conduct prescribed burns in Galveston Island State Park sometime between September, 2020 and April, 2021.

Our primary target timeframe for these burns is sometime between September, 2020 and December, 2020. Burn opportunities are dependent on weather, vegetation conditions, current and expected fire danger, and many other considerations. If we are unable to conduct these burns within this target timeframe we will contact you again with the next potential timeframe.

During the burn, you may see smoke in your neighborhood or on nearby roads. We caution you to reduce your speed and use your low-beam headlights when smoke is present. Other recommended precautions prior to the burn include relocating pets, livestock, and equipment away from park boundary fences and providing defensible space around structures adjacent to park property.

Prescribed burns are a management tool used to restore forest and prairie habitats that were periodically burned by natural fires. Prescribed burns also reduce the potential damage a wildfire could cause by reducing available fuels such as dead trees, leaf litter, and other flammable vegetation on the landscape. Prescribed fires on state parks are conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel who have undergone extensive fire training and meet national wildland firefighting and incident management standards. Additionally, the State Park staff will work with local fire and emergency management officials to plan and conduct the prescribed fire.

Each prescribed fire plan defines the local weather and other conditions under which a prescribed burn may be conducted, the personnel and equipment required, and fire-break locations. Most importantly, the fire plan prioritizes public and firefighter safety. The plan reduces the risk of fire escaping onto adjacent properties and minimizes the effect of smoke in nearby residential and smoke sensitive areas. The plan also establishes contingency measures to protect adjacent properties if the fire were to escape established boundaries. The prescribed burns are ignited by hand in predetermined patterns that insure the best measures for containment.

Texas has a history of naturally occurring wildfires, making prescribed burns very important to maintaining habitats on State Parks. Private landowners should consider implementing wildfire mitigation efforts on their lands as well in order to preserve their property and way of life before a wildfire event starts. Information on how to be prepared can be found at: www.FIREWISE.org.

If you have any questions please contact Hans Haglund at 409-737-1222 or email at hans.haglund@tpwd.texas.gov. If you would like to receive text message notifications prior to the burn, text the message: *@gisp01* to the number 81010. Thank you for your support and understanding of this valuable and necessary habitat management and fuel reduction tool.

Sincerely,

Hans Haglund
Park Superintendent/State Park Police Officer
Galveston Island State Park
14901 FM 3005
Galveston, TX 77554
(409) 737-1222

Life's better outside.®

Commissioners

S. Reed Morian
Chairman
Houston

Arch "Beaver" Aplin, III
Vice-Chairman
Lake Jackson

James E. Abell
Kilgore

Oliver J. Bell
Cleveland

Anna B. Galo
Laredo

Jeffery D. Hildebrand
Houston

Jeanne W. Latimer
San Antonio

Robert L. "Bobby" Patton, Jr.
Fort Worth

Dick Scott
Wimberley









Lee M. Bass
Chairman-Emeritus
Fort Worth

T. Dan Friedkin
Chairman-Emeritus
Houston

Carter P. Smith
Executive Director

Galveston Island SP, Galveston County: Prescribed Fire Notice - Fall 2020-Spring 2021



-  Park Headquarters
-  Interpretive Center
-  Park Maintenance Area
-  Camping Areas (5)
-  Gas Pipeline
-  Utility Line
-  Proposed Prescribed Fire Area
-  Galveston Island State Park

Map ID: Galveston Island SP-Public Notice-FY21
 UTM NAD 83 Z15; 2015 Aerial Background
 TPWD:SP:NR:PGR:JEstes; 20200529

Maps are for planning purposes only.
 No claims to accuracy are made or implied.
 Pipeline data from Railroad Commission.



Life's better outside!