

Option 1:

Texas Cave Tour

Williamson County, Texas, supports habitat for three karst invertebrates and two bird species that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The County also provides habitat for other rare species, including at least four species of salamander and 19 species of karst invertebrates. In the next 30 years, population in the County is expected to grow from under 400,000 to over 1.5 million, an increase of over 300 percent. An estimated 69 percent of this growth will occur in the Karst Zone, where most of the endangered and rare species and their habitat occur.

The Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (WCRHCP) covered area includes 100,000 acres of Edwards Limestone karst that provides habitat for several endangered cave-obligate invertebrates. This tour will bring participants to of cave and karst habitats known to the northern segment of the Edwards Aquifer. Participants will navigate through a guided tour of Inner Space Caverns and a “wild cave” that is located within the WCRHCP covered area.

Participants should wear field attire.

The Texas Cave Tour is hosted by staff from Williamson County Conservation Foundation and Williamson County.

Inner Space Caverns: <https://innerspacecavern.com/>

