THE MEADOWS CENTER FOR WATER AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Meadows Center is dedicated to addressing a universal challenge: How do we manage our freshwater resources for the health of our communities, the vitality of our commerce and culture, and the sustainability of our environment?

In 2002, The Meadows Center’s team began bringing multi-disciplinary expertise to real-world water challenges. In 2012, The Meadows Foundation gave Texas State University a transformational gift that has proven invaluable to our team and those we serve. And as a result of that partnership, today our work stretches from West Texas to West Africa. Learn more about our research, stewardship, education, and service at MeadowsCenter.txstate.edu or find us at 201 San Marcos Springs Drive, San Marcos, Tx. 78666.

DIRECTIONS

- From IH-35, take Aquarena Springs Drive (Exit 206).
- Go west on Aquarena Springs Drive for 0.84 miles.
- Immediately after the railroad tracks turn right onto San Marcos Springs Drive.
- Take the 1st right. Take the 1st left into The Meadows Center parking lot.
- Be sure to pay to park.
SPRING LAKE EDUCATIONAL TOURS

At the headwaters of the San Marcos river, more than 200 artesian springs bubble up to form Spring Lake. Human history here stretches back to the last ice age and natural history stretches back further. Spring Lake is unique in the world and our team at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment is dedicated to understanding, protecting, and sharing this place with you.

Each year, 125,000 people explore Spring Lake and they learn about ecosystems, biodiversity, the water cycle, food chains, and environmental stewardship. We specialize in interpreter-led field trips. Our 30 TEKS-aligned curricula allow us to create customized experiences that meet the classroom learning goals of any group (e.g. K-12 and beyond).

Spring Lake’s unique learning environment offers historic glass-bottom boats, glass-bottom kayaks, Discovery Hall aquaria and interactive exhibits, a floating wetlands boardwalk, access to the 251-acre Spring Lake Natural Area, and more.

“Your Meadows Center was beyond our wildest expectations. Your staff was knowledgeable and so helpful in answering the hard-hitting questions of our over-100 gifted and talented 7th grade students. We had a great time and learned a lot. Thank you...”

--Alice P. Lowrey, 7th Grade WAVE Pre-AP/GT Math, League City Intermediate School

EXPLORE SPRING LAKE

Come explore Spring Lake:

- Book a customized field trip or interpreter-led tour;
- Host a fun and educational outdoor birthday party or other special event;
- Hop aboard a glass-bottom boat or kayak;
- Observe the Texas blind salamander and other threatened or endangered species;
- Discover 12,000 years of human history;
- Learn how to become a Texas Stream Team citizen scientist;
- Start with a 1-minute video tour at ExploreSpringLake.org

Book a visit at ExploreSpringLake.org or (512) 245-7540. Field trips must be booked at least two weeks in advance. We are open year round and 7 days a week. Find us at 201 San Marcos Springs Drive, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

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Spring Lake at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment is a living laboratory and a community center at Texas State University. All students have access to Spring Lake and for many it is a crucial part of their university education and experience. Our research, training, service, and employment opportunities prepare students for diverse careers in water-related fields. To combine your visit with a campus tour, see Admissions.txstate.edu/visit/campus-tours.html.