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Photo courtesy of Dante Dominguez

## **Outdoor Nature Club in 2026**

With 2026 just around the corner, **Outdoor Nature Club** is looking toward the future with some exciting news and events in the works.

### **Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary turns 75**

The original 455 acres of land that became **Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary** - thanks to the forward-thinking of Outdoor Nature Club members - was purchased in May of 1951.

In 2026, **Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary** will turn 75 years old – which calls for a party!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 23, 2026** and join fellow ONC members at

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Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary 2001 FM 945 South Cleveland, TX 77328

for a special **FOUNDERS DAY** celebration. Meet up with fellow ONC members and welcome special guests, including:

Members of the J. S. Cullinan Family

Members of the Army & Sarah Emmott Family

**Longtime ONC Members** 

and

**Past ONC Presidents** 

### **GAIA GPS Interactive Trails Map**

Sue and Mike Z have been busy mapping the trail system of **Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary** using the **GaiaGPS** mobile app. Beginning in 2026, ONC members in good standing will be able to download the free **GaiaGPS** mobile app and request access to the members-only LTNS interactive trails map.

**GaiaGPS** allows users to navigate trails, track their location, locate points of interest and monitor their progress, using metrics such as speed and distance, in real time - all without the need for continuous cell service.

### Look for more details in future issues of Nature Notes

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## **Welcome New Members!**

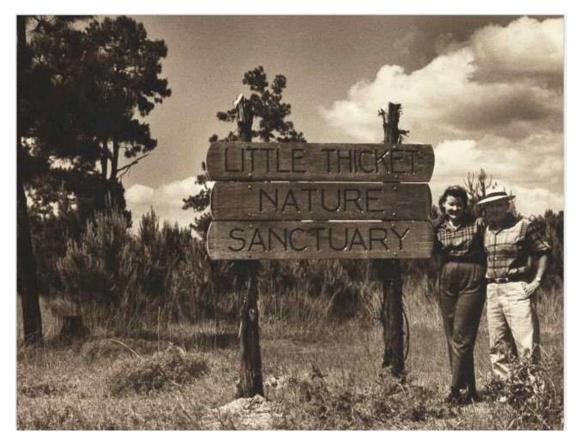
Outdoor Nature Club wishes to extend a heartfelt welcome to the following new members:



Outdoor Nature Club also wishes to thank our members for their donations in 2025, which come to nearly \$1,250 so far. ONC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity so your donations are tax deductible.

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OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB MEMORIES
PHOTOS FROM THE PAST



Sarah and Army Emmott

pose with a sign that they created and donated in 1954

to mark the entrance to

Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary

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### The Tale of the Emmott Sign

The Emmott sign has been moved from its original position at the then-entrance to Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary to the current entrance location at 2001 FM 945 South.





During the move, these carvings were revealed.



Improvements include an informational kiosk.

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### **News & Events**

#### **New Mailing Address**

Outdoor Nature Club is transitioning from the old post office box to a new mailing address:

Outdoor Nature Club 2001 FM 945 Rd South Cleveland, TX 77328

Please use this address for all correspondence.

#### **2003**

#### The Woods Project educational visit to LTNS

Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary will be closed for an exclusive visit by The Woods Project December 5-7, 2025.

TWP volunteer chaperones will bring inner-city Houston youths to Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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#### **Gate Code Change for 2026**

Outdoor Nature Club members in good standing in 2026 will receive an updated gate code for Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary. By updating the code annually, ONC ensures against trespassing. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Annual memberships expire December 31st.

Don't miss the fun in 2026

Renew your membership today!



## Outdoor Nature Club

Federal Tax ID No. 74-6062060

NEW / RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM
OUTDOOR NATURE CLUB MEMBERSHIP (CIRCLE ONE)
\$2 Youth \$15 Family \$250 Life (one-time payment) \$8 Individual \$40 Supporting \$
STUDY GROUP MEMBERSHIP (OPTIONAL)
\$12 Individual (cost per group) Group Name \$\$ \$15 Family (cost per group) Group Name \$
DONATIONS - (OPTIONAL)
ONC General Operating Fund \$  Little Thicket Nature Sanctuary Operating Fund \$  Study Group (specify group) \$
TOTAL ADD ALL LINES
Check made payable to Outdoor Nature Club or Zelle (214-288-9383 Outdoor Nature Club) = TOTAL \$
MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A LIABILITY WAIVER ON FILE.  ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TERM IS A CALENDAR YEAR AND EXPIRES DECEMBER 31.  ACCESS TO LITTLE THICKET NATURE SACTUARY REQUIRES NEW MEMBERS TO RECEIVE AN AREA ORENTATON. PLEASE EMAIL US AT INFO@OUTDOORNATURECLUB.ORG OR SCHEDUL YOUR ORIENTATION ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.OUTDOORNATURECLUB.ORG
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