

## Symposium 2026 | Field Trips

Field trips are optional organized outings that take place on Tuesday and Saturday of the Symposium week for an additional cost.

The 2026 field trip schedule is below. You will be able to register for these with your full-week or single-day registration. Please note that if you are purchasing a single-day ticket, you will only have the option to select from field trips on your chosen day. In addition, attendees are not allowed to overlap with other add-on events, such as field trips, workshops, or seminars.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [symposium@nrawildlife.org](mailto:symposium@nrawildlife.org). We can't wait to see you in Baton Rouge!

*Please note: Field trips schedules, pricing, and availability are subject to change. Please see the posted [program](#) for the most up-to-date agenda. Should a field trip be cancelled due to low attendance, participants will be notified and issued a full refund.*

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## ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

### Louisiana State University Wildlife Hospital Tour

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026
- **Time:** 9:15am-12:30pm
- **Price:** \$50
- **Includes:**
  - Bus transportation to and from the hotel
  - Guided wildlife hospital tour
  - Light snack
- **Description:** Receive a behind-the-scenes tour at [LSU School of Veterinary Medicine's Wildlife Hospital!](#) Led by students and staff, you'll get an inside look of the wildlife hospital and resident raptor program. Observe the facility and housing, learn about the program and hospital operations, and ask your burning questions. Participants should be comfortable standing and walking for two hours, including brief periods outdoors.

### Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026
- **Time:** 9:30am-4:00pm
- **Price:** \$75
- **Includes:**
  - Bus transportation to and from the hotel
  - Boxed lunch
  - Guided tour and program of the research station
- **Description:** The [Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station](#) is located in the Lake Pontchartrain estuarine ecosystem and is integral to interdisciplinary research, undergraduate and graduate education, conservation projects, and more. During this field trip, you'll receive a background of Turtle Cove, pontoon ride to and from the boardwalk, and a guided boardwalk tour to learn about the research activities and observe the flora and fauna. This field trip takes place rain or shine—please dress appropriately for the weather. Participants should be comfortable standing and walking for multiple hours, riding on a boat, and being outdoors for extended periods of time.

Saturday, February 28, 2026

**BREC's Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center**

- **Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2026
- **Time:** 9:15am-12:30pm
- **Price:** \$35
- **Includes:**
  - Bus transportation to and from the nature center
  - Admission to nature center
  - Guided swamp tour
  - Light snack
- **Description:** End your symposium week at the beautiful [Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center](#), a 103-acre facility dedicated to conservation and education right in Baton Rouge. In this guided tour, you'll experience a live animal encounter, guided trail walk, and visit to the Nature Center exhibits. This field trip takes place rain or shine—please dress appropriately for the weather. Participants should be comfortable standing and walking for multiple hours, walking on various terrain, and being outdoors for extended periods of time.