

The Fabulous Big Thicket



Support Expansion of the Big Thicket Preserve!

Congressman Kevin Brady's bill, H.R. 5891, would expand the Big Thicket National Preserve by as much as 100,000 acres, doubling its size!

The bill also launches plans for family-friendly features to attract tourists— canoe/kayak trails with water-based GPS waypoints, elevated canopy walks so visitors can view life in the treetops, and an interactive visitor center useful to researchers and all who love nature.

“With the right vision and support, the Big Thicket can become a premiere eco-tourism attraction,” Mr. Brady told his audience at the Texas Wilderness Pow Wow. In order to make that happen, Mr. Brady has filed HR 5891 which has three primary goals: connect, expand, and preserve the Big Thicket.

Over 35 years Texas Conservation Alliance has pushed for establishing and expanding the Preserve, to protect its unique mix of natural landscapes — southeastern swamps, eastern forests, central plains, pine savannas, and dry sandhills.

The legislation targets land acquisition to connect the nine land units and six water corridors of the current preserve, to consolidate its scattered units . Land for the expansion would be purchased from willing sellers only.

Brady hopes to attract a million visitors per year to enjoy this national treasure.

Says Brady, “By expanding the Big Thicket National Preserve, we can protect the Preserve’s unique attributes against the challenges of increased development while tapping its enormous potential to attract tourists from around the state and nation.”



For the text of H.R. 5891, go to
<http://www.tcatexas.org/documents/HR5891text.pdf>

What YOU Can Do to Protect The Big Thicket Preserve:

Contact the Member of Congress from your district. Urge him or her to CO-SPONSOR H.R. 5891!

To learn who represents you in Congress, go to

<http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/>

Then go to your representative's website and ask your Member to co-sponsor H.R. 5891.

