



Visitors to Caddo Lake use phrases like “the most beautiful place I’ve ever been”. Gasps of surprise are common as vistas open up before eager eyes. The moss-strung cypress trees reflected in the water conjure images of the Deep South and inspire film-makers to build story lines around the setting.

For decades Texas Conservation Alliance, partnering with the Greater Caddo Lake Association, the Caddo Lake Institute, and others, has helped stave off threats to this exquisite lake. Our coalitions have stopped water diversions from an unneeded reservoir upstream on Little Cypress Creek, opposed a Corps project to dig a huge navigation canal through the lake, and supported turning a World War II ammunitions plant into a national wildlife refuge.

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Just when the political threats to Caddo Lake seem to be waning, introduction of an exotic plant called Giant Salvinia has brought a new battle for the folks who love Caddo to fight. With the apt scientific name of *Salvinia molesta*, this water fern can spread with incredible speed, suffocating the lake beneath.



Intense effort is going into battling the noxious plant, including construction of a barrier and spraying herbicides.

