



## Baker Sanctuary Use Policy

Travis Audubon Society's Baker Sanctuary is open for visitation from sunup to sundown all days of the year except when closed for hunting season (usually mid-October through mid-January) or when management activities or sanctuary conditions are unsafe for visitors. When the sanctuary is closed for visitation, the access gates are locked and signs are posted indicating closure. On occasion, visitor access may be limited to portions of the sanctuary per posted signs and notes at the visitor registry.

In addition to the following, **visitors must comply with the Baker Sanctuary Regulations** (separate document). Contact the TAS office if you need a copy: 512.300.BIRD.

### **Baker Sanctuary is open for the following pedestrian-only visitation:**

- TAS authorized guided tours, not to exceed 15 per tour
- Unguided groups of no more than 5; must include at least one TAS member
- TAS authorized researchers, accessing per the conditions of the research permit
- Volunteers working individually or in crews on stewardship projects led by the Sanctuary Steward and/or the Sanctuary Committee.
- Jackie Arnold Education Center approved user groups (see below)
- Lease hunters, per the terms of the lease
- Balcones Canyonlands Preserve partners on official business and with permission by TAS staff
- Contractors with access guidance from and oversight by Sanctuary Steward
- Non TAS members who are not accompanied by a TAS member shall purchase a \$10 day pass.
- The day pass will be required of anyone 11 years of age or older.

### **Jackie Arnold Education Center rental is available without a fee for the following:**

- TAS Board approved and/or sponsored events (including Board or committee meetings)
- TAS fund-raising events managed by the Executive Director and/or the Board
- TAS field trip, class or workshop events
- Other TAS meetings or gatherings as directed by the Executive Director or Board
- Teacher in-service training

### **Jackie Arnold Education Center (JAEC) rental is available for a fee per the following:**

- Groups must have a conservation, environmental education, or native plant gardening or other "green" theme to their activity (including wedding receptions, company retreats, etc.)
- Groups must comply with the TAS authorization letter and JAEC General Rules and Green Regulations (below)
- TAS staff or authorized TAS volunteer must oversee the JAEC use, including set-up and clean-up
- Groups must have TAS staff interaction in the form of either:
  - An agenda item for a TAS representative to share with the group the mission of TAS, birds, habitat, going green, etc.
  - A TAS-led tour at Baker Sanctuary
  - Mention of TAS (approved by TAS staff) in printed materials available at the event
- The Center must be left in excellent condition, with all trash and recyclables removed from site.
- Non-profit organizations and HOAs: suggested minimum donation is \$10/hour
- For-profit organizations: deposit and fees are due at time of reservation:
  - Facility deposit: \$150
  - Minimum 4 hours rental; time based on first arrivals and last departures for event.
  - \$50/hour for up to 30 people; \$75/hour for 31-60 people. Maximum 60 people.

### **JAEC General Rules and Green Regulations**

1. Limit two rental events per month (no rentals during hunting season)
2. All trash and recycling must be taken off site at the end of the event
3. Must get TAS office approval for caterer before making arrangements
4. Must use compostable cups, plates, and tableware; no glass bottles or Styrofoam allowed
5. No balloons or party decorations that cannot be recycled
6. Must give 14 day's notice of cancellation for full refund; 7 day's notice for half refund
7. TAS staff will instruct JAEC visitors about where to park; no parking on Lime Creek Road