

LBJWFC (<http://www.wildflower.org/>)

Did you know Town Lake was renamed Lady Bird Lake in honor of the former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson? Lady Bird Johnson was an avid environmentalist and was very involved in the Town Lake Beautification Project as well as numerous other projects across the country. One such project was the National Wildflower Research Center, now called the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (LBJWC). The LBJWC is truly an Austin gem. The center is an active research institute, runs programs to maintain plant conservation, and advocates for native plant gardens. The center also encompasses gardens and short hiking trails that illustrate the native flora found in Central Texas.

This skill module involves a trip to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (LBJWFC). We will be going to the LBJWFC as a group sometime this fall (TBA), hopefully when it is cooler but also when there should still be plenty of blooms. Even though late-March – May is probably the best time, it is always green and there are flowers year round. You won't be disappointed. Why should you go?

- 1) It's pretty!
- 2) See plants native to Texas and endangered species.
- 3) Art is constantly being showcased at the center, as well as sculptures and other gifts to the LBJWFC.
- 4) Learn great water conservation tips and green gardening techniques
- 5) Hike and discover the research going on at LBJWFC on their many trails
- 6) Show your support for the wildflower center and environmental conservation

This skill module will be pretty open ended. Once we get there, we will take a short tour through the center. Afterward, you may explore and look around, while answering the questions below. Feel free to bring cameras to take pictures. You may include these pictures with this skill module if you like.

What do you like most about the LBJWFC?

What was your favorite plant? Why?

What does it look like? Describe and/ or sketch it.

Tell me about something new you learned today.

Would you come back?
