

# Native Texas Forest Boardwalk



The Texas Native Forest Boardwalk is a living outdoor classroom - an elevated boardwalk with viewing platforms and educational features connecting the north and south features of the Botanic Garden.

East and west presents two habitats- the native plants on the east, and the invasive species on the west. The Boardwalk has three levels of interpretation: BG Squirrel for Kids, interpretive panels, and inspirational quotes.

As you begin your journey through the forest canopy, look for animal habitats. Notice insects along the way and think about their homes. See if you can find and identify a nest in a tree. Look at the leaf litter and imagine what might live there.



As you leave the shelter house, notice the leaf and animal track impressions along the edge of the walkway.

Students may test their motor skills walking on balance beam logs, hopping across tree cookies, and crawling through a fabricated hollow tree. Visit the thirteen knowledge-based stations for interactive learning. Encourage journaling about the thoughts raised by the inspirational quote panels on the elevated platform, or the shady amphitheater.

## What Animals Live Here?

Look carefully at the following tracks and write what kind of animal you think made them.



Front Foot



Hind Foot



Front Foot



Hind Foot

