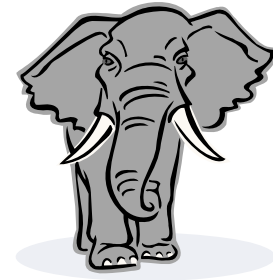


Reflection Pond



FUN FACT

The Reflection Pond leaked so badly after it was first dug that Queen Tut, the Fort Worth Zoo's famous elephant, was brought to wallow in it and seal the pond.



Ever wonder what the difference between a pond and a lake is? In lakes there are areas too deep for light to penetrate, but ponds are shallow enough that light can reach the entire bottom allowing plants to grow. Ponds are extremely diverse. Not only do ponds provide a watering place for larger animals they are also the breeding grounds for thousands of insects, aquatic invertebrates, and amphibians.

Reflection Pond Trees and Plants Study Tour Guide

A	Lindheimer's Muhly	Large, bushy, native prairie grass that produces long fuzzy flower spikes on 6-foot stems.
B	Pond Cypress	Skinny trees with reddish, shredding bark and thread-like leaves.
C	Swamp Rose	Lovely red rose native to swamps in the southeastern United States.
D	Buttonbush	Small tree/large shrub that produces round, inch-wide flower balls that attract butterflies.
E	Weeping Willow	Round-crowned tree with long, thin, draping (weeping) branches. Favorite of beavers!
F	Bur Oak	Furrow-barked tree with golf ball - size acorns.
G	Chitalpa	Hybrid tree with long, thin leaves and large pink flowers, rather skinny.
H	Bald Cypress	A lot like pond cypress, but wider at the bottom. Produces non-breathing "knees". Leaves are feathery.
I	Green Ash	Native tree with trunk texture that looks as if it has been hit with a bat. Ashes and maples produce those "helicopter" seeds.
J	Weeping Bald Cypress	Rare, weeping form of Bald Cypress. We don't know yet if it produces "knees."
K	Winter Honeysuckle	Large deciduous shrub from China that has small, fragrant blossoms January-March.
L	Pecan	State tree of Texas with a tasty nut many animals depend on.
M	Gregg's Mist Flower	This native perennial is found growing in the shade of a larger tree and has delicate blue flowers.
N	Tropical Giant	These plants love the water and have flowers that look like big white spiders!
O	Fruitless Sweetgum	Clone of a naturally-occurring mutant found in North Carolina in the 1930s. No spiky fruits and the leaves have rounded not pointy, lobes.
P	Sweetgum	Native Texas wet soil-loving tree with star-shaped leaves and spiky, golf ball-sized fruits.

Reflection Pond Study Tour Map

