

Hierarchy of Nature Reservist and
“Rite of Passage”

- I. HM - Honorable Member (Requires investment from just under \$200,000.00 to near \$300,000.00 with additional \$2,664.00 per year)
 - a. All residents of Bella Vita whose dues are current
- II. CS - City Slicker
 - a. Honorable Member who signs up for a Nature Reserve guided tour
- III. KH - Knowledge Holder
 - a. City Slicker who tours the entire Harry Reed Audubon Trail and gains Nature Reserve Knowledge (This is the “Secret” “Rite of Passage”)
- IV. OWW - One Who Walks
 - a. Knowledge Holder who walks the entire nature trail at least once a month
 - b. Tour guide twice a year in October and in March
 - c. Coordinates work parties

Nature Reserve Knowledge

- A. The Bella Vita Nature Reserve Trail’s name is “The Harry Reed Audubon Trail”
- B. Entrances to the Nature Reserve
 - a. North Rivera Circle “The French Connection”
 - b. Amino Drive and Monaldo Drive Park
 - c. South end of Lake Bella Vita
 - d. The Ditch at Berlino
 - e. The Gate at South Primavera
- C. Animals that inhabit the Nature Reserve
 - a. Coyotes
 - b. Bobcats
 - c. Beavers
 - d. Raccoons
 - e. Skunks
 - f. River Otters
 - g. Possums
 - h. Armadillos
 - i. Rats
 - j. Snakes
 - i. Broad Banded Water Snake
 - ii. Pine Snake
 - iii. Copper Head (Poisonous)
 - iv. Water Moccasin (Poisonous)
 - v. Tree Snake
 - k. Turtles
 - i. Red Eared Slider
 - ii. Snapping Turtle
 - l. Fish
 - i. Perch

- ii. Alligator Gar
- iii. Bass
- iv. Cat Fish
- m. Birds
 - i. Wood Duck
 - ii. Bared Owl
 - iii. Coopers Hawk
 - iv. Black Crested Night Herron
 - v. Great Egret
 - vi. Dove
 - vii. Red Bird
 - viii. Many more

D. Plants in the Nature Reserve

- a. Spanish Oak
- b. Pine
- c. Elder Berry Bush
- d. Duck Foot Oak
- e. Post Oak
- f. Rodeo Palm (Like Rodeo Drive in California – Not like Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo) or Palmetto Palm
- g. Winged Elm
- h. Muscle Tree (Iron Tree)
- i. Cedar Tree
- j. Poison Ivy
- k. Virginia Creeper
- l. Trumpet Plant
- m. Bamboo
- n. Wild Ligustrum
- o. Crown of Thorns
- p. Nanadean (Heavenly Bamboo)
- q. Yaupon Holly
- r. Chinese Tallow
- s. China Berry
- t. Ash
- u. Elm
- v. Hickory

E. Way points on the Nature Trail

- a. Trails End East
- b. The French Connection
- c. The Park Bench at the North Rivera Ox Bow
- d. North Rivera Ox Bow Culvert Crossing
- e. North Rivera Ox Bow Berm Crossing
- f. Little Cedar Trees
- g. Park Bench at the Bella Vita Ox Bow
- h. Bamboo Jungle
- i. Beaver Dam Crossing

- j. Terri's Crossing
 - k. BellaVita Creek Crossing
 - l. Earthen Steps
 - m. Bella Vita Ox Bow Berm Crossing
 - n. Serene Cedar Tree
 - o. Park Bench at Serene Cedar Tree
 - p. Brigadoon Bridge
 - q. Little Ox Bow
 - r. Park Bench at Little Ox Bow
 - s. Low Water Crossing
 - t. Berlino Ox Bow
 - u. Berlino Ox Bow Berm Crossing
 - v. Black Forest
 - w. Mouse Trap Tree
 - x. The Ditch at Berlino
 - y. Brush Bridge
 - z. Jungle Gym
 - aa. Big Ox Bow
 - bb. Trails End West at South Primavera Gate
- F. Name the greatest danger when visiting the Nature Reserve (Select One)
- a. Attack by a pack of coyotes
 - b. Bitten by a beaver
 - c. Bite from a poisonous snake
 - d. Falling (Correct Answer) – Hazards promoting falls are tree roots, brush stubble, earthen berms, loose rocks, limbs, uneven surfaces and slippery surfaces. Protect yourself by watching where you walk at all times. Stop walking when looking around.
- G. Name of the five Ox Bow lakes
- a. North Rivera Ox Bow
 - b. Bella Vita Ox Bow
 - c. Little Ox Bow
 - d. Berlino Ox Bow
 - e. Big Ox Bow
- H. Nuisance Insects in the Nature Reserve
- a. Mosquito (Seasonal - Use Off)
 - b. Spider and Web (Seasonal - Walk while holding a twig in front of your face or follow someone else)
 - c. Tick (Rare but possible)
- I. Reasons to not enter the Nature Reserve
- a. Fear of Snakes
 - b. Fear of bugs
 - c. Fear of "The Boogie Man"
 - d. Too Many mosquitoes
 - e. Too Hot
 - f. Too Cold