

Bosque
County
Wildflowers

Tour I: Take Hwy. 1713 across the Katy Bridge, then Hwy. 56 north to Lakeside Village, 927 to Morgan, Walnut Springs, and Iredell; 1238 to Cranfills Gap. You could then take Hwy. 22 to Meridian State Park, Meridian, and back to Whitney.

Tour II: Donna Stevens planned this tour in 2014: Take 1713 northwest across the Katy Bridge. Turn south on Hwy. 56, tour The Canyons subdivision, go west on 22, and left onto 219 to Clifton. See phlox, bluebonnets, yellow flax, vervain, Indian blankets, paintbrush, blue-eyed grass. Just beyond the Bosque River bridge is a city park with parking, picnic areas, and restrooms.

Take Riverside Drive north to connect to Hwy. 6 north to Meridian or proceed into Clifton on 219 for shopping, food, antiques, etc. The Bosque Memorial Museum (turn left on Ave. Q) has a wildflower display in April (\$7); Bosque Arts Center gallery (free).

Continue west on Hwy. 219 for 6 miles. At a crossroad, take 182 right. See the historic Norse Church and Cemetery (Our Savior's), with great countryside views. 182 will continue as CR 4145 to the famous Rock Church. From the grounds is a beautiful panoramic view of the hills and wildflowers. Continue on this gravel road to Cranfills Gap which has a city park with picnic tables, walking trail, St. Olaf's Church, and Horny Toad Saloon. Follow Hwy. 22 northeast to Meridian State Park, Meridian, and either back to Whitney Dam or south, back to Clifton, on Hwy. 6.

Two recommended driving Hwy. 6 between Meridian and Clifton, particularly the east side of the road north of a roadside park. They recommend getting out to photograph the mixed wildflowers up close and medium range.

Other areas to check, maybe on a trip to Waco: Hwy. 56 south of Laguna Park to 708 (spectacular on 2007) or from 56 near Valley Mills take 1637 at the 2nd bridge toward China Springs, especially at Historic Cumberland Presbyterian Church.