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Waco Mammoth National Monument to debut free Owl Prowl program March 2018

WACO, TEXAS – Join the National Park Service and City of Waco for an exciting program to learn about the night’s most mysterious creatures. This free program will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 at Waco Mammoth National Monument located at 6220 Steinbeck Bend Drive, Waco, TX 76708. Registration for the program is required. For more information and to register, please email waco_special_events@nps.gov.

This ranger-led half mile trail walk will teach visitors the unique features of owls and techniques for observing them in the wild. Attendees are required to wear close-toe shoes and bring a flashlight. After the program, guests will receive an owl pellet dissection kit so they can continue their owl education at home.

Owl-like fossils dating back to the Paleocene epoch (60 million years ago) have been discovered in Asia, making owls one of the oldest bird families still in existence. There are 220 total owl species throughout the world that live on every continent except Antarctica. How have owls been able to survive this long? What unique features allow these birds of prey to be the night’s best hunters? Visitors will learn about owl species native to Central Texas, answers to these intriguing questions, and contemplate how owls might have interacted with mammoths in Ice Age Texas.

Waco Mammoth National Monument is open seven days a week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information call 254-750-7946, or visit <https://www.nps.gov/waco>.

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