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Waco Mammoth National Monument and Backland Prairie Raptor Center Host “Spread Your Wings with Raptors of Texas” on May 12, 2018

WACO, TEXAS – Join Waco Mammoth National Monument for an educational adventure that introduces visitors to the world of raptors. Backland Prairie Raptor Center’s education specialists will be bringing along some of their resident raptors such as hawks, owls, and falcons to share how raptors hunt in Texas. This free program will take place at the park’s amphitheater at 11 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 at Waco Mammoth National Monument located at 6220 Steinbeck Bend Drive in Waco, Texas. No reservations required.

Columbian Mammoths, Saber-toothed cats, and other megafauna graced the grasslands of present-day Waco, Texas, during the Ice Age, but what about the raptors that soared above these large animals? Believe it or not, raptors such as hawks, owls, and falcons lived among Ice Age animals during the Pleistocene Epoch. Many of these amazing birds survived the mass extinction at the end of this most recent ice age. Enjoy learning about these raptors’ amazing adaptations that help them persist today.

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> and <http://www.bpraptorcenter.org>.

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