

The purpose is to orient MNs who may wish to become docents, guides, monitors or citizen scientists for Pemberton Big Spring.

The project - A plan to preserve and protect the Dallas spring and educate the public about its historical and environmental value. The area includes over 36 acres in conservation easement of wildflower fields, wetlands and forest, with over 200 species of plants. Big Spring, a natural artesian spring from a perched aquifer, is located in the lower White Rock Creek Watershed in the Great Trinity Forest. The property is owned by the City of Dallas. The spring serves as a year-round water supply for local wildlife and has historical significance as well. Archeological surveys have found stone tools and other evidence of human presence centuries ago. Near the spring are (still under construction) a horse park and equestrian trails through the forest, part of a City of Dallas park project.

Where - 911 Pemberton Hill Rd. Dallas, TX 75217 ## Google Map Coordinates: 32.730393,-96.721116

NOTE: This is the home of Zada and Billy Pemberton. The beauty overlooking the watershed today is testament to their many years devoted to stewardship and respect for Big Spring and the fields surrounding.

The front gate is normally locked but will be opened briefly and only at time of announced events. When available, parking southward to 811 Pemberton Hill Rd. may take precedence over parking at 911. We'll keep you posted on changes. Carpooling is encouraged. Please close gates behind you.

Directions -

Your best way to get there might go along the lines of your preferred route to TRAC since PBS is less than 2 miles north of TRAC. Carpooling is always encouraged. Until further notice, visiting Big Spring is restricted to dates and times of announced NTMN activities.

From Dallas on Hwy 175: Going east on Hwy 175, Exit Lake June Rd. From ramp, immediately turn right on Pemberton Hill Rd. - Go approx. 1/3 mile, 911 is on right.

From Dallas on I-45: Go east on GTF Way (Loop 12), after crossing Trinity River, turn at the first left, Pemberton Hill Rd., go approx 1.25 miles; after construction at 811, turn into yard at 911 PH Rd., on left.

From TRAC: Go west on GTF Way (Loop12), before crossing Trinity River, turn right on Pemberton Hill Rd., go approx 1.25 miles; after construction at 811, turn into yard at 911 PH Rd., on left.

From Dallas on Jim Miller Rd: Going south on Jim Miller Rd., turn right on Lake June Rd; Follow Lake June Rd. across Hwy. 175 to the end of Lake June Rd. at Pemberton Hill Rd; Turn left (south). 911 is less than 1/4 mile, on right.

From Dallas on Buckner Blvd.: Going south on Buckner Blvd., turn right on Lake June Rd; Follow Lake June Rd. across Hwy. 175 to the end of Lake June Rd; Turn left (south) at Pemberton Hill Rd; 911 is less than 1/4 mile, on right.

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