Resources

BOOKS:

MAGAZINES:
American Photographer
Outdoor Photographer
Photo District News
Rangefinder
Shutterbug

WEB SITES:
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: www.tpwd.state.tx.us
Canon USA’s “Photoworkshop”: www.photoworkshop.com/
Yahoo’s “Photographer’s Resources”: http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Visual_Arts/Photography/Photographers__Resources/

Principles of Ethical Field Practices

ENVIRONMENTAL: KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT AND PLACE
Learn patterns of animal behavior. Know when not to interfere with animals’ life cycles.

Respect the routine needs of animals. Remember that others will attempt to photograph them, too.

Use appropriate lenses to photograph wild animals. If an animal shows stress, move back and use a longer lens.

Acquaint yourself with the fragility of the ecosystem. Stay on trails that are intended to lessen impact.

SOCIAL: KNOWLEDGE OF RULES AND LAWS
When appropriate, inform managers or other authorities of your presence and purpose. Help minimize cumulative impacts, and maintain safety.

Learn the rules and laws of the location. If minimum distances exist for approaching wildlife, follow the rules.

In the absence of management authority, use good judgment. Treat the wildlife, plants and places as if you were their guest.

Prepare yourself and your equipment for unexpected events. Avoid exposing yourself and others to preventable mishaps.
Where to go

Our state parks, state natural areas and wildlife management areas provide a wealth of opportunities for great photography. Here are some favorites.

Beaches/Ocean
Galveston Island SP, Galveston
Sea Rim SP, Sabine Pass
Mustang Island SP, Port Aransas

Birds
Balmorhea SP, Toyahvale
Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley SP, Mission
Brazos Bend SP, Needville
South Llano River SP, Junction

Canyons
Caprock Canyons SP, Quitaque
Palo Duro Canyon SP, Canyon

Fall colors
Lost Maples SNA, Vanderpool
Tyler SP, Tyler
Daingerfield SP, Daingerfield

Landscape
Big Bend Ranch SNA, Presidio
Enchanted Rock SNA, Fredericksburg

Rivers
Frio River at Garner SP, Concan
Guadalupe River at Guadalupe River SP,
Spring Branch
Pedernales Falls SP, Johnson City

Wildflowers
LBJ State Park and Historic Site, Stonewall
Inks Lake SP, Burnet

Wildlife
All state parks and wildlife management areas

Clubs & Associations

ASMP
American Society of Media Photographers
150 North Second Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Phone: (215) 451-ASMP (2767)
Fax: (215) 451-0880
www.asmp.org

ASPP
American Society of Picture Professionals, Inc.
409 S. Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 299-0219
Fax: (703) 299-0219
www.aspp.com

NANPA
North American Nature Photographers Association
10200 West 44th Avenue, Suite 304
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033-2840
Phone: (303) 422-8527
Fax: (303) 422-8894
www.nanpa.org

NPPA
National Press Photographers Association
3200 Croasdaile Drive, Suite #306
Durham, NC 27705
Phone: (919) 383-7246 or (800) 289-6772
Fax: (919) 383-7261
www.nppa.org

PPA
Professional Photographers of America
229 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 2200
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 522-8600 or (800) 786-6277
Fax: (404) 614-6400
PPA www.ppa.com

PSA
Photographic Society of America
3000 United Founder Blvd. Suite 103
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
(Local chapters in most cities)
Phone: (405) 843-1437
Fax: (405) 843-1438
www.psa-photo.org

“A piece of scenery snapped by a dozen tourist cameras daily is not physically impaired thereby, nor does it suffer if photographed a hundred times. The camera industry is one of the few innocuous parasites on wild nature.”
- Aldo Leopold