

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

IN NORTH TEXAS

Kickoff Saturday Feb. 4!

Individuals and families are invited to join us and celebrate the legacy of Bob Jones. We will feature a video entitled, "In Our Backyard: Black History in North Texas" along with an interesting history lesson (and weather permitting, a hike). Please stop by anytime during this come-and-go event.



FEBRUARY 4, 2017

10:00 am–2:00 pm

Free event!

Registration not required



Field trips are available on this topic
Tuesdays through Fridays in February.
Call 817-491-6333 for costs and scheduling.

Bob Jones Nature Center
355 E Bob Jones Rd.
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The City of Southlake's Bob Jones Park and the Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve (BJNCP) are named after John Dolford "Bob" Jones, the son of Leaser Alvis Jones and his slave, Elizabeth. A

slave himself, Bob was a sheepherder on his father's farm east of Roanoke, Texas. After the Civil War, Bob, his brother, and his mother were set free and bought the 60-acre farm. Over time, Bob and his wife, Almeady Chisum, and their ten children expanded the farm until they owned almost 2,000 acres.

The Jones land and its surroundings were located near Denton Creek, a tributary of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Located near the headwaters of the Trinity River system, the area was selected as the site of a dam in order to control flooding and build a water reservoir. The land that was to be covered by the future lake was acquired by the federal government and included much of the Jones family property. After the dam was completed in 1952 and the lake created, most of the remaining property owned by the Jones family was eventually sold. The Nature Center now sits on what was Jones land.

