



2024 Woodland Faerie Trail Guidelines, Terms, and Conditions

Important Dates and Times

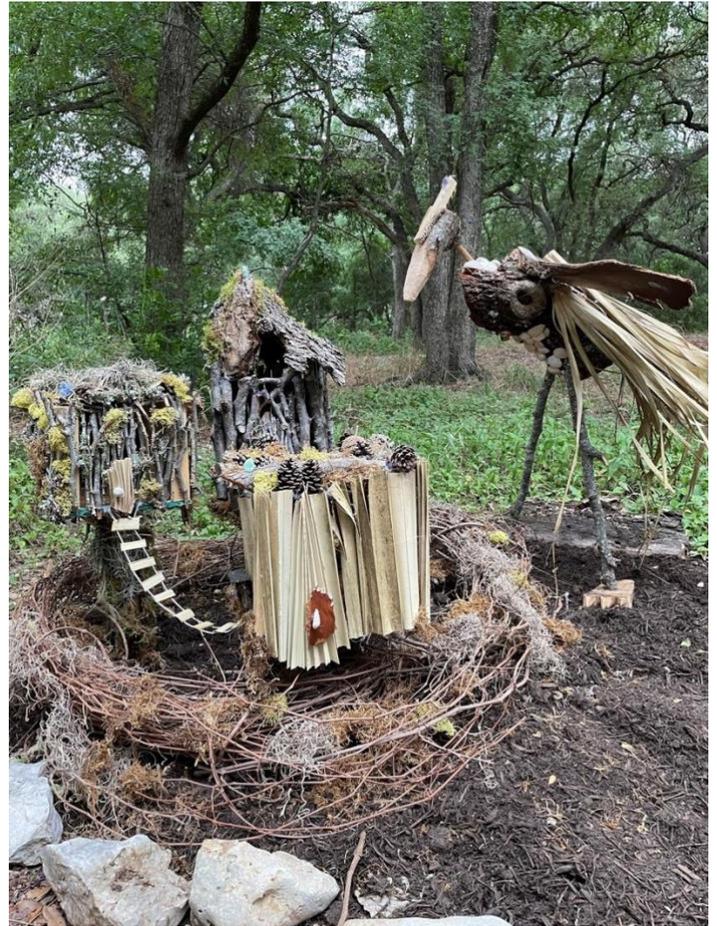
- Installation Wednesday - Sunday between **Wednesday, May 1 – Friday, May 17**
 - Installation times will be in 2 hour blocks
 - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
 - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
 - 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
 - 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- The Woodland Faerie Trail will open to the public with a celebration on **Saturday, May 18th**, and will be displayed until the closing celebration on **Saturday, July 13th**.
- Reclamation/Leave No Trace on select dates between **July 17 - July 31**

Building your Faerie Home

- Faerie homes should reflect the magical, romantic, surprising, playful, and natural spirit of the folk who will live in them.
- The Fae love to see creativity and unique designs from local materials
- Faerie homes may be any shape or size up to 4'x4'
- Scenes should be able to withstand wind, rain, and heat (a typical Texas summer).
- Faerie architects are respectful of the existing living flora and fauna in the garden. Please do not injure or uproot living plants!
- Mounting the home to a base of up to 4' square is recommended if there are features outside the dwelling (swings, gardens, benches, etc.). Bases can be made of plywood or tree cookies (a slice of a tree trunk). Please be sure the entire base is hidden or blends in with the natural elements.
- Please help us keep the Woodland Faerie Trail magical; the Fae do not enjoy political or offensive messages or themes.
- Carefully consider your materials and design. We reserve the right to decline or remove any Faerie home that does not meet the standards described above.

Approved Materials for Use in Building

- Sticks
- Pebbles/rocks
- Dead leaves
- Bark
- Dry grasses
- Pinecones
- Pine needles
- Nuts
- Clay (please use a weatherproof medium, this can break down in the rain)
- Shells
- Preserved moss/sheet moss
- Anything naturally occurring from around your home, office or school





Forbidden Materials

These materials will upset the Fae who will remove all or part of your faerie house from the garden. Prefabricated and plastic materials may also harm garden wildlife. We want the faeries to invite us all back next year!

- Craft foam, Styrofoam
- Astroturf
- Glitter
- Boa feathers
- Nylon and polyester fabric
- Glass of any kind (including mirrors, glass beads)
- Faerie lights or other electric lighting (Solar energy-powered lighting is allowed)
- No sharp edges
- Hot glue will break down over the summer, we recommend an all-weather adhesive
- No live plants - Faeries are notoriously bad at housekeeping and tend not to water houseplants enough to keep them beautiful all summer long.

Installation

Faerie architects can install their homes on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, May 1 - Sunday, May 6**
- **Wednesday, May 8 - Sunday, May 12**
- **Wednesday, May 15 - Friday, May 17**

Architects will have 2 hour time blocks to install your home and blend into the site. Email info@zbgconservancy if you need more time than what is allotted in order to install your home, or if you need to reschedule your initial installation date and time.

Housekeeping

Sites can get damaged due to rain, wind, or mischievous humans and faeries. You are encouraged to maintain your faerie home throughout the summer. To visit the garden for free to maintain the magic of your faerie home, email info@zbgconservancy.org

Last Day of the Trail Celebration

We will have a celebration for the last day of the full trail, **Saturday, July 13th**.

Architects are welcome to come in and enjoy the festivities, complete with a competition for things like Best-in-Show, Most Whimsical, etc. The top prize gets a free entry for next year!

Wings and dress-up are encouraged!

Reclaiming your Faerie Home and Leave No Trace

We rely on faerie architects to retrieve their homes at the end of the season, so please plan on taking out what you put in. The garden practices [Leave No Trace](#).

You will be sent an email with a link to schedule your breakdown/home reclamation.

After removal, consider using your structure to create a permanent insect hotel in your personal garden (vital for attracting pollinators like butterflies, bees, and other helpful critters).

Cleanup Dates:

- **Wednesday, July 17 - Sunday, July 21**
- **Wednesday, July 24 - Sunday, July 28**
- **Wednesday, July 31**
- Any homes left after **July 31st** will be reclaimed by the Fae.

"The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper."

-W.B. Yeats

Questions about how to create, install, maintain, or reclaim your Faerie home?

Please e-mail info@zbgconservancy.org.

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