



Fossil Rim Wildlife Center (FRWC) Profile

Mission: FRWC is dedicated to the conservation of species in peril, conducting scientific research, training of professionals, responsible management of natural resources, and public education. Through these activities, we provide a diversity of compelling learning experiences that inspire positive change in the way people think, feel, and act with Nature.

FRWC is a 501(c)(3), Mission-focused, 1,800 acre non-profit conservation center in Glen Rose, TX, located in what is thought of as the northern edge of the beautiful and visually stunning Texas Hill Country, about 60 miles southwest of the Fort Worth/Dallas Metroplex. Since opening to the public in 1984, FRWC has remained steadfast, seeking to steward, sustain, and deepen all Mission-related efforts. Through all activities, FRWC is dedicated as a conservation center and in protection of the green space on which it operates.

At present and contributing to the support of the Mission, FRWC currently employs 75-80 full and part-time staff, 25-35 interns/preceptors/Fellowships per year, and more than 50 dedicated volunteers. Operations are comprised of specialized areas relating to Animal Care, Animal Health and Research, Education/Interpretation, Finance/Administration, Support Services/Natural Resources, Development, Information and Technology, Human Resources, Marketing, Lodging, Tourism, Safety and Security, and Executive – all organizationally governed by a Board of Directors.

FRWC is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) and Zoological Association of America (ZAA), a founding member of the Conservation Centers for Species Survival (C2S2) and International Rhino Foundation (IRF), and partners/aligns with many other local, regional, and international conservation and academic entities. Currently, FRWC is supporting the sustainability of 50 wildlife species totaling ~1,200 individual animals, with many being threatened or endangered species, and five of which have active recovery/release components.

The approximately \$9MM annual budget is funded by the >250,000 guests and supporters/donors including nearly 3,500 member households.

FRWC has received many recognitions and awards for its conservation work and diligently strives to sustain select populations of wildlife. It is FRWC's objective to sustainably manage wildlife as naturally as possible - demographically, genetically, socially, and environmentally, as a part of, and in support of, a greater metapopulation strategy to serve as a hedge against extinction and in support of biodiversity. FRWC will continue to seek ways to engage and inspire guests and our community to action so we may all serve as better stewards of Nature, upon which we all depend.

For more information, please visit fossilrim.org