

PARTICIPATION - FIELD TRIP (optional, tba)

The optional weekend field trip for this course is to [Fossil Rim Wildlife Center](#). This non-profit organization is active in a variety of "research and captive breeding programs to rescue species from the brink of extinction". We will participate in on-going studies of big herd management by conducting road transect surveys for sable and addax, recording behavioral activities and group size relative to the distribution of resources (food, shelter, water) in the landscape. You may use this experience as a field note supplement for Assignment 2-5 (send a PS message to ask for an extension on the due date), or just participate to get to know other course members.

Where?

Meet at the Front Gate of the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center is located 55 miles southwest of Fort Worth and 75 miles southwest of Dallas, near Glen Rose. The GPS address is 2299 County Road 2008, Glen Rose, Texas, 76043.



Modest accommodations will be arranged on-site. If you prefer more comfort, alternative lodging is available at motels in Glen Rose, or the Fossil Rim Safari Camp and Lodge.

When?

Participants will vote for their choice of several weekends. The group may be split. Each weekend the itinerary will be as follows

Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00 am-noon Check-in at the Main Gate; call at arrival• 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Introduction and tour• 2:00- 3:00 p.m. Late lunch at the overlook cafe• 3:00-6:00 p.m. Evening survey• 6:00-10 p.m. Dinner, data review, socializing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6:00-7:00 a.m. Early bird breakfast• 7:00-10:00 a.m. Morning survey• 11:00-12:00 Debriefing• 12:00 Lunch and departure

Who?

This supplemental experience is designed for course members who are seeking more direct experience observing animals in natural settings. Factors to consider in choosing this option include:

- personal transportation to Fossil Rim; on-site will be in an open-air van
- personal time-management considerations
- benefits: your choice if you want to get all your supplemental experience in one weekend; housing and food provided
- costs: it takes an entire weekend; you arrange for travel to Fossil Rim
- your previous experience- if you are new at this game, it is a guided option

How?

If you want to participate in this optional field trip, communicate with the course leader ASAP. Details to be arranged include:

- transportation options (meet us there; share rides)
- meal options (kitchen facilities, overlook cafe)
- notify instructor of special needs or requests
- bring layers of clothing as the weather may be unpredictable
- ask if bedding will be provided



Why?

The personal interaction among course participants is important for members who learning better in a social context. This is a chance to get to know each other and to explore/articulate personal goals for the course. Compared to watching a video, it is more direct experience. We will be watching for the "teachable moments" that illustrate concepts in the course. Participants will discover relevant examples to which they can relate.