



Who's ready for an authentic outdoor adventure?



Fred Nation at the tree during a period of high water

Historic Blakeley State Park invites nature lovers of all ages to join us on **Saturday, April 28th** for its first-ever boat cruise to the site of one of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta's most majestic wonders—the State Champion Bald Cypress tree near Bayou Jessamine. Located deep in the heart of the wild Delta, this ancient tree is the largest of its species in the state and has towered over its serene swampy habitat as silent witness to the passage of centuries. Somehow—perhaps owing to its location—it escaped the loggers' ax. It is rarely seen in person owing to its remote location, which requires navigating up the Tensaw and hiking overland on foot.

Acclaimed local naturalist Fred Nation will be our guide on our trek to the venerable tree.

Nation is an authority on area plant species and will share information on the pristine but fragile Delta habitat as we make our way to the tree's location. **The adventure requires a hike of about 40 minutes over mostly level terrain, but this will be no walk in the park!** Please be advised this trip is best suited for experienced hikers. Wear appropriate footwear for hiking through brush and some puddles and bring insect repellent just in case needed.



Tickets are just \$35 for adults/\$17 for kids ages 6-12.

We depart at 9:30 AM from Lower Bryant Landing, about 17 miles north of the park just off Hwy. 225, and return about 12:30 PM.

For more information or to register, please call 251-626-0798.

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