

BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRESERVE (TX)



Morgan Brandenburg grew up in rural Wisconsin, near the Horicon Marsh, the nation's largest freshwater cattail marsh. Having the opportunity for outdoor recreation just through the trees in her backyard helped form an appreciation for public outdoor spaces. She attended University of Wisconsin-Platteville and earned her bachelor's degree in Agriculture Education. Feeling the call of the wild, Morgan headed to Western New Mexico to work at an outdoor expedition summer camp, taking kids on trips around the four corner states and spending the summer sleeping in her hammock, listening to the coyotes yip and the elk bugle, and living without cell phones and electricity for the most part. From there, she worked a six month position with the USDA Forest Service through Conservation Legacy at the Regional Office in Albuquerque, NM. After a brief

time back in Wisconsin to catch up with family and friends, Morgan headed back south to Southeastern Texas for her new position at Big Thicket National Preserve. She is looking forward to learning about a new ecosystem and working with community members to help reach the goals of the preserve.