



EVENT ADVISORY

City of Temple to Host Bird Creek Battleground Site Dedication

This event will highlight the history and importance of the Bird Creek Indian Battle.

TEMPLE, TX (May 21, 2024) – The City of Temple will host a site dedication on May 28 to commemorate the new location of the Bird Creek Indian Battle 1936 Centennial Marker and the addition of a Texas Historical Subject Marker that was recently approved by the Texas Historical Commission to expand on the story of the battle and its participants.

WHAT: Bird Creek Battleground Site Dedication

WHEN: Tuesday, May 28, at 10 a.m.

WHERE: 2110 W Nugent Avenue, located near the Willow Glenn Subdivision

The City invites the public to attend the Bird Creek Battleground Site Dedication to help celebrate the importance of the new location and the new elements that are being added to create an inviting space where visitors can learn about the Bird Creek Indian Battle, a momentous historical event in Temple, Texas.

On May 26, 1839, a conflict took place in Temple between the Texas Rangers and a coalition of Caddo, Kickapoo, and Comanche Indians, known as the Bird Creek Indian Battle. As the battle progressed, both sides sustained significant losses. In 1936, the Bird Creek Indian Battle Marker was erected by the State of Texas to highlight this historic battle.

The marker was previously located near West Nugent Avenue, west of I-35, in an area with limited public access. The City initiated a project to relocate the marker to a more prominent location where more individuals can visit the site and learn about the event's historical context and state significance. In addition to the markers, the site also features a park-like design with sidewalks, limestone benches, landscaping, and interpretive panels that help tell the story of the battle.

“This relocation brings the marker closer to the location where the historic battle took place,” said Kelly Trietsch Atkinson, the City of Temple’s Assistant Director of Planning. “With the improvements we are making to this new site, we hope to create a more accessible and informative historical location that honors the legacy of the Bird Creek Indian Battle.”

This event is free and open to the public, and parking will be available along Merritt Road.