



Neches River Adventures/Ivory Bill Boat COVID-19 Protocols

Public Tours & Private Charters as of 06-07-2021

Health and Safety

The Big Thicket Association and the Neches River Adventures program has the safety of our passengers and crew as our top priority. In addition to the Ivory Bill's strict U.S. Coast Guard inspections, and Captain & Crew certifications, we are taking precautions during the current global pandemic. We are committed to following the recommendations from state and local health authorities and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Safety Protocols

1. Passenger capacity has returned to 36 passengers.
2. Passengers and crew members are not required to wear masks or face shields during tours. BTA can provide masks, if someone would like one.
3. Hand sanitizer is available on the vessel. A pump bottle will be placed in an easily accessible location such as on top of the life jacket storage bin.
4. Any crew with symptoms or who has been knowingly exposed to COVID-19 will not participate in boat activities.
5. The Ivory Bill will be cleaned by the crew before and after each cruise. All railings, seats, other surfaces and the head will be cleaned with a disinfectant/ sanitizer solution. (We use a non-bleach or non-alcohol disinfectant such as Oxiclean or Odaban. These products are safe for fabrics and will not harm the vinyl seats or paint.)
6. Passengers are required to sign a waiver which will include a COVID-19 statement. One waiver sheet is given to each registered group on a trip. All members of each group will sign the form. (See attachment.)
7. A statement has been included on the BTA website's pre-registration form about COVID safety. If a passenger or anyone in a group has been knowingly exposed or is experiencing symptoms on the day of the trip, we will work with them to cancel or reschedule their group.

Note: The Ivory Bill is certified as a Drug Free Vessel. The vessel and crew are members of the Maritime Consortium, a random drug & alcohol testing program that insures a 100% compliance with all Coast Guard testing requirements for the marine industry.