



Congratulations! We are excited that your forest may soon be recognized as part of the national Old-Growth Forest Network.

The Old-Growth Forest Network is the first national organization working specifically to preserve ancient forests for the enjoyment of present and future generations. In counties capable of supporting forest growth we identify at least one forest that will be forever protected from logging and open to the public. Then we help families connect with these forests. The result will be a national network of treasured forests where all generations can experience native biodiversity and the beauty of nature. Visit the Old-Growth Forest Network at www.oldgrowthforest.net.

The categories marked with * will be included on our website. Please answer with complete statements.

State* (Spelled out please)	Texas
County*	San Jacinto
Forest* (Name of forest area as you would like it to appear on the website. Specific area first then hyphen and name of general area, if applicable.)	Ethician Foundation Forest Preserves in the Western Big Thicket
Protection (Describe how this forest is specifically protected from commercial logging.)	Conservation Easements
Description* (Please give a brief description of the forest, including: Total acreage, and how much, if any, is old-growth? Age of oldest trees [known or approximate]? Dominant tree species or forest type? What, if anything, makes this forest special?)	Approximately 3,000 acres of which several hundred include trees between 100 and 300 years of age. Very diverse forest types including the only old growth Longleaf Pines known to exist west of the Trinity River. Oldest cored Longleaf is c200 years of age. Also are significant areas of Post Oak and Pine dominant savannah with Post Oaks in the 100 – 300 year age class. 152 acres are recognized by The Texas Forest Service as one of only six Special or Unique Areas in the state.
Navigation* (Please give an address that could get one to the general area by GPS. Then include specific directions to the trailhead.)	The parking area is at the NW corner at the intersection of Waterwood Parkway and FM 980. The sign says CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY.
Coordinates* (Of suggested trailhead. Coordinates should be in this form: 42.4941667 - 72.9364167. Just leave blank if you would like us to fill this in.)	The seven mile Texas Parks and Wildlife Prairie and Piney Woods Trail map is available at the TPWD web site. We do need to know who and when the public is on this trail for safety and security reasons so please send an e-mail to ghr@cyberclone.net telling us who and when you will be hiking this trail.
Parking & Admission* (Recommended parking area? Is parking ample or limited? Is there an admission charge? If so, how much?)	There is no admission charge but as we are a 501 (c) 3 Operating Foundation we do need revenue for our forest ecosystem restoration efforts. www.ethicianfoundation.org .
Trails* (Length of recommended trail, if any. Total distance of all trails in the park.)	The 7 mile TPWD trail is open to the public 24/7/365. The other estimated 100 miles of trails are open to scientists, students, and others by application to ghr@cyberclone.net .
Hours & Camping* (Open year round? Open only certain hours? Is there camping available? If	Open year round. Camping can be made available upon application.

so, please give a brief description of how many and what type of sites.)	
Hunting* (Is hunting allowed?)	No hunting is allowed except by our staff to control feral hogs. That is one reason that we need to know who is hiking on the TPWD trail and when they are in and out to avoid being in the line of fire if one of our hunters is attempting to shoot a feral hog in the area.
Website* (best website for general public)	www.ethicianfoundation.org
Phone Number* (best phone number for general public)	George H. Russell 936-581-4302
Contact (Name, position, address, email, and phone number for person at the forest who will be our contact.)	George H. Russell, President, The Ethician Foundation. ghr@cyberclone.net 936-581-4302
<i>Information below will be completed by OGFN</i>	
OGFN County Coordinator (include complete info from supporter database)	
Approval (include name, date)	
Dedication (date, type)	
Sign (given, installed, etc)	
Certificate (given, sent, etc.)	
Ownership (see categories)	