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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

Alliance tackles invasive

Llano River Watershed Alliance members gathered at the Llano River Field Station on Thursday evening to remove Mexican Rice Grass. This invasive grass (see right) is becoming a problem in areas of the watershed



Mexican Rice Grass

Mexican Rice Grass, or Mexican Needlegrass is invasive to the rangelands of the Edwards Plateau and the Llano Watershed. It contains hidden seeds that can spread when mowed.

Researchers believe it became established in the San Saba in the 60s.

It can be identified by its prickly touch. It is so prickly, even axis deer leave it alone.



Llano Earth Art Fest this Weekend!

LLANO EARTH ART FEST

March 10-13, 2017

Grenwelge Park, Llano, TX

TICKETS \$5 ADVANCE/\$10 GATE

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South Llano River State Park celebrates their Dark Sky Park designation with a Star Party

South Llano River State Park was recently designated by the International Dark-Sky Association as an International Dark Sky Park! Come enjoy our dark skies at our first [Star Party](#) since this important designation.

**South Llano River State Park
Texas Tech Outdoor School and
Mason Star Gazers**
invite you to our first
Star Party
as an
International Dark Sky Park
Saturday, March 25th from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Join Texas Tech University Outdoor School, Mason Stargazers, and park staff as we reenact the legend of Perseus, find our way around the night sky and look through telescopes. We'll also find out what the new International Dark Sky Park designation means for the park, and what we are doing to protect our dark skies.

Rocksprings



*From Ginger Andrews-
Edwards County, Texas ~
History and Genealogy
[Facebook page...](#)*

The Rock Spring for which the town is named is located in a county park on the north side of town. When W. J. Greer established a sheep camp here in 1882, the spring sprouted a 2-1/2 centimeter stream of water. Rattlesnakes were so numerous here, cowboys couldn't sleep near the springs. In 1891 the Rock Springs post office was located at the springs. By 1979 the springs were dry.

Judge blocks plans for feral hog poisoning

From Asher Price-Austin American Statesman

A Texas Department of Agriculture rule change that would have permitted the use of warfarin-laced bait to **poison feral hogs** is on hold after a state district judge in Austin issued a temporary restraining order Thursday.



Photo : Donn Edwards

Wild Boar Meats, a meat processing business, had asked District Judge Jan Soifer to suspend the emergency rules that would allow Kaput Feral Hog Bait to be sold to and used by licensed pesticide applicators.

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Weekend Programs at South Llano River State Park



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Family Park Programs

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Bird Walk

Friday, March 10th, 8:30 am - 10:00 am
Meet at the Fawn Trail parking lot
(behind Park Headquarters)



Birding is terrific at South Llano River State Park. Join us as we walk an easy trail, sit in the bird blind, and see what we can spot! Good walking shoes, sun protection, and drinking water are recommended, and dress for the weather! Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome!



Fawn Trail Nature Hike

Saturday, March 11th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Meet at the Walk-in Campground parking lot

Join us for a morning hike on our Fawn Trail as we find out more about the plants and animals of the Hill Country. This hike is 3 miles round-trip, and is moderate in difficulty -- parts of the trail are steep and rocky, and others are more flat. Hiking boots or good walking shoes, sun protection, and plenty of drinking water are recommended. All ages welcome.

Skins, Skulls, and More!

Saturday, March 11th, Drop-in between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm
Held at the Acorn Blind
(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)



Drop by the Acorn Blind this afternoon to see and touch real animal furs and skulls, and find out what a skull can tell us about how that animal survives!



Buck Lake Trail Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, March 12th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Meet at the Acorn Blind
(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Join us on a nature scavenger hunt as we walk around Buck Lake! We will see what cool things in nature we can find, as we stroll around this easy, 1-mile loop. Good walking shoes, sun protection, and drinking water are recommended, and dress for the weather! All ages welcome.

Geocaching 101

Sunday, March 12th, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Meet at the Walk-in Campground parking lot



Experience the fun of Geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt you can do anywhere in the world using a GPS unit or your smartphone! Loaner GPS units will be provided for this program. Good walking shoes, sun protection, and drinking water are recommended, and dress for the weather! All ages welcome.

Park programs are open to the public and free with park entrance fee