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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance and
Llano River Field Station

TTU Junction Annual Trail of Lights Thursday Night



Photo : Texas Tech Junction



Join us at Texas Tech Junction Llano River
Field Station and Outdoor School for this
year's Trail of Lights

--December 14 @ 6pm--

Meet at the Pavilion where kids can create a
Christmas ornament, then head off on a ½
miles walk through the luminaria-lit
bottomland of the South Llano River.

Refreshments provided.



Winter Trout Fishing in Mason County!

MASON COUNTY

WINTER FISCH

At the James River Crossing / Highway 2389

DECEMBER 23RD, 2017 1:00-5:00PM
CELEBRATION & FIRST FISH RELEASE

JANUARY 27TH, 2018 - SECOND FISH RELEASE - NO SPECIAL EVENT.



2500 RAINBOW TROUT!

- ★ Fishing Guides ★ Loaner Poles & Tackle ★ Flyfishing Demo ★ Campfire ★
- ★ Dutch Oven Cooking Demo ★ Live Music ★ Naturalist & Ranger Talks ★

Each winter from December through early March TP&WD stocks 9 to 12 inch rainbow trout in over 100 locations across Texas. Great fun for the entire family and Mason County visitors. Assistance will be available for those new to fishing. Bring your own gear or borrow a pole. Cook your catch up on the campfire or take it to a participating restaurant and let them prepare it for you - Mi Pueblo Restaurant & Keller's Store in Mason TX.

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Trout Fishing in the Llano

By Tony Plutino

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Each winter from December through early March, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) stocks rainbow trout in more than 100 locations across Texas. This winter, Mason County will host one of these fishing opportunities at the James River Crossing on Highway 2389. This Mason County winter fishing opportunity will be called WinterFisch and will include two release dates of December 23rd, 2017 and January 27th, 2018. The December 23rd release will feature the

WinterFisch Celebration from 1-5 pm at James River Crossing. The WinterFisch Celebration will include access to some loaner poles, fishing guidance, a fly fishing and fly tying demonstration by the Alamo Fly Fishers, a campfire, music, a Dutch Oven Cooking demonstration, Ranger and naturalist talks and a trash cleanup.

As an added special offering during WinterFisch, Keller's Store and Mi Pueblo Restaurant have created "bring-your-own trout" dishes where the diner supplies the Rainbow Trout and the restaurant cooks it and supplies the sides for a set price. It will be a very fun dining experience to have your fresh catch prepared for you. For those groups with members who don't favor fish, both restaurants offer a variety of excellent dishes from their regular menus.

TPWD's Winter Rainbow Trout Release was created as fishing opportunity for a time of year when other fish aren't very active. The hatchery-reared trout are 9 to 12 inches long and create a put-and-take fishery with the expectation that most fish will be caught within a few weeks of being stocked. In spring and summer, most Texas waters are too warm to provide suitable habitat for rainbow trout, so there is no reproduction.

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Enameled-metal fish art by Trey Carpenter of Watermelon Designs, donated as a fundraiser for WinterFisch. On rotational display at sponsoring businesses around Mason.

Family Programs at South Llano River State Park



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Family Park Programs

South Llano River State Park

Phone: (325) 446-3994

Geocaching 101

Saturday, December 9th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet at the Acorn Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Join us for 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 activity. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Skins, Skulls, and More!

Saturday, December 9th, drop in between 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Held at Park Headquarters

Drop by Park Headquarters between 1:30 and 2:30 to see and touch animal furs and skulls, and find out what a skull can tell us about how that animal survives! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bird Walk

Sunday, December 10th, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Meet at the Fawn Trail parking lot

(behind Park Headquarters)



South Llano River State Park is a great place to go birdwatching. Join us and see what you can spot! We will walk to the bird blind and see what birds come in to bathe, drink, or feed. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended, and dress for the weather! Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome!

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

REMINDER : South Llano River State Park will be closed for managed game hunts on the following dates in December : *From December 18 at 10pm – December 21 at 2 pm*
From December 26 at 10pm – December 29 at 2 pm