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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

Letting Nature Do Her Thing



This is what you don't want to do with your riparian property. This [short video](#) from Hill County Alliance offers suggestions regarding the best way to manage this important resource.

Information about the Remarkable Riparian Field Guide mentioned in the video [can be found here](#). They make a great Christmas present.

An older version of the Field Guide can be found on the [Alliance website](#).

Arundo efforts ramp up

A coalition of government and nonprofit conservation groups is greatly expanding the war on *Arundo*, an invasive plant that threatens to take over scenic Hill Country rivers...[read more](#)

The Alliance, Llano River Field Station and Texas Parks and Wildlife will soon begin efforts on the Llano. Please contact southllanoriver@gmail.com if you would like *Arundo* removed.



Some exotics can be fun



Since 1970, TPWD has stocked hatchery-raised rainbow trout in waters across the Lone Star State during the winter to give anglers of all ages and skills fishing opportunities during the winter.

Last Wednesday, the Trout Truck stopped along the Llano.

[Find out where...](#)

Proposed Concrete Plant near Llano withdraws permit

...from the Llano News

An almost month-long saga is over after a Brownwood company pulled its air quality application to build a concrete batch plant at the edge of Llano's city limits.

Ingram Concrete, LLC, withdrew an air quality registration submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, meaning the Brownwood company is no longer seeking to build a concrete batch plant just off Hwy 29 west of Llano.

[read more](#)





Family Park Programs
South Llano River State Park
Phone: (325) 446-3994



Birding 101

Saturday, December 10th, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Meet at the Acorn Blind

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

Come birding with the park ranger! We'll share binocular and bird ID tips, sit in the blind for a bit, and then take a short walk to see what birds are around. Binoculars provided, or bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome!

Geocaching 101

Saturday, December 10th, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Meet at the Walk-in Campground parking lot



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. All ages and skill levels welcome!



Scenic Overlook Hike

Sunday, December 11th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Meet at the Walk-in Campground parking lot

Join us for a hike to our Scenic Overlook for a great view of the park and the surrounding area! The trail is a little over a mile round-trip, and is moderate in difficulty, climbing steeply uphill and then flattening out. Trail is mostly paved. Wear good walking shoes and bring drinking water, and dress for the weather! All ages welcome!

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

Llano's Starry Starry Night



The City of Llano's holiday lighting tradition, Starry Starry Night is in full swing along the banks of the Llano.

[Learn more](#)

TTU Junction Annual Trail of Lights December 15th

Photo: Texas Tech Junction



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

Meet at the Pavilion where kids can create a Christmas ornament, then head off on a 1/2 miles walk through the luminaria-lit bottomland of the South Llano River.