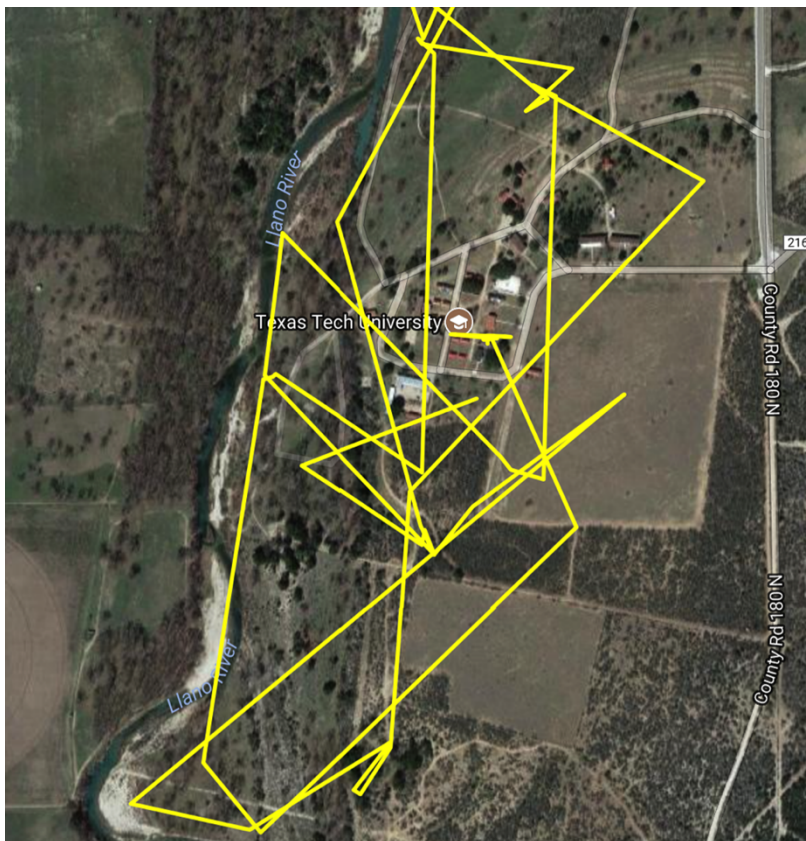


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# Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance  
and  
Llano River Field Station

## Tracking Axis



Matt Buckholtz, a TTU graduate student working on a population and disease ecology study of axis deer on the Edwards Plateau ([see April 7, 2017 newsletter](#)), recently captured and placed a radio-tracking collar on a female axis.

The image above shows her path in and around the Llano River Field Station between Wednesday morning and today.

## Our newest member?



Llano River Watershed Alliance President Emily Neiman and husband George Cates are working to recruit their newborn son, Fisher, into the Alliance. On the return from the hospital, the new family stopped at Yates Crossing so Fisher could begin to appreciate the sounds of the Llano. Congrats Emily and George!



## Llano River Field Station continues role as international destination

Earlier this month, delegates from several African nations visited Junction and the Llano River Field Station. Last week, high school students from Brazil learned about the wonders of the Llano through the TTU Junction Outdoor School.



*Maggie Yarnold, a returning SPURS Fellow through the Ecological Society of America, explains the threats to riparian habitat along the South Llano.*



*Students from Brazil ready for a kayak trip down the South Llano.*



*Outdoor School Educator Melody Plumley explains macroinvertebrate sampling technique.*



*By learning what macroinvertebrates are found in a river like the South Llano, students are able to ascertain the health of a river.*



## Join us at Boone's Crossing this Friday



This coming **Friday, 9AM, August 4<sup>th</sup>**, join folks from the Alliance, Hill Country Alliance, Texas Master Naturalist, and Texas Parks and Wildlife as we clean up trash along the Boone's Crossing ([Kimble County Rd 150](#)) and install an educational kiosk for the [TPWD Leased Access Program](#).

Drinks, snacks, and hand tools will be provided. Please bring work gloves, a refillable water bottle, sunscreen, and appropriate field-work clothing (eg long pants and shirt, closed-toe shoes, a hat).

[More details](#) or contact *Daniel* (210.287.0478)

## Renegade Ranching in the Texas Hill Country

As Chad Lemke of Mason County drove along the land he grew up playing on, he realized that everything was dying. Grassy pastures had been replaced by arid patches of dirt. Destructive plant species like prickly pear, cacti, mesquite and cedar trees had invaded and were syphoning water away from previously healthy plots of land.



Determined to save his family's lands, Lemke discovered holistic land management, an agricultural planning system that helps land stewards better manage natural resources in order to reap sustainable environmental, economic, and social benefits. [Read more](#)

# South Llano River State Park Programs this Weekend



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## Family Park Programs

South Llano River State Park

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### Bark Rubbing and Leaf Art

Saturday, July 29th, Drop-in between 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Held at the Acorn Blind

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

Join us for this nature-inspired craft! We'll make bark rubbings from different types of trees, and we'll also make leaf art for you to take home! Good walking shoes, drinking water, and sun protection are recommended. All ages welcome!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



### Skins, Skulls, and More!

Saturday, July 29th, Drop in between 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Held at the Acorn Blind

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

Stop by the Acorn Blind between 2:00 and 3:00 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.

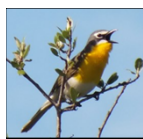
### Fishing with a Ranger

Sunday, July 30th, Drop in between 10 am - 12 noon

Held at the floating dock at Buck Lake

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

Come try your hand at catch-and-release fishing! Rods, reels, and bait provided, and you don't even need a fishing license! Don't know how to fish? Don't worry--we'll teach you, with plenty of time to practice! Sun protection and drinking water are recommended. All ages welcome!



Yellow-breasted Chat

### Bird Walk

Monday, July 31st, 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Meet at the Fawn Trail parking lot

(behind Park Headquarters)

Join us as we walk the trails, sit in the blind, and see what we can spot! Good walking shoes, sun protection, and drinking water are recommended. 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*