

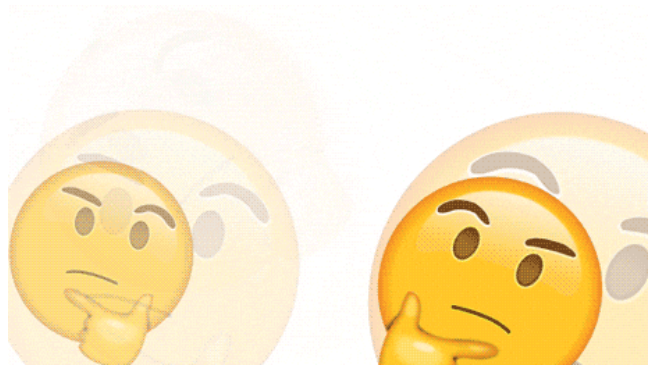


Dallas Sierra Club

“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.” ~John Muir

Musings From The Chair....

Dear Friends,
We have a wonderful new Program Chair in the Dallas Sierra Club! Our longtime friend and colleague, Liz Wheelan, has graciously taken over the position and wants to hear from you with your ideas for future programs! If there's an interesting speaker, an environmental issue, or you want to learn more about a special place in nature, Liz wants to know about it. Please email her at: Lizwico@aol.com
Cheers,
Victoria





Did you know that the Dallas Sierra Club has a monthly Happy Hour at different locations around the Metroplex? If you'd like to join the fun, please email me at victoria@dassierraclub.org to have your name added to the email notification list.



Data centers are rapidly expanding across Texas, bringing new questions about water demand, energy use, and impacts on communities across the state.

Join us for a discussion with Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance on [their recent report](#) examining the growth of data centers in Texas, the potential impacts on water resources, and the need for greater transparency, innovation, and regulation as data centers continue to grow.

From the report:

Data centers already use enough power to supply over half of Texas' homes and could drive a 70% increase in statewide electricity demand by 2031. Texas data centers could use roughly 494,091 acre-feet of water by 2030, with impacts expected to be concentrated on the individual communities where the facilities are located. Because the State Water Plan relies on historical data and surveys, this sudden increase in demand will not be reflected in official planning until at least 2032, worsening an already projected minimum 5 million acre-feet shortfall in water supplies by 2070. Wastewater from data centers may also overwhelm local utilities and could impact downstream water quality.

Event information:

- Date: Monday, July 13
- Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM
- Location: Zoom ([RSVP here](#))

Speakers:

- Rachel Hanes, Policy Director, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
- Annalisa Peace, Executive Director, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

We're excited to have you with us!

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**White Rock Lake
Clean Up Saturday, August 8th at 8:30 am**

Help pick up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Dallas Sierra Club's adopted section of the lake.

Our area includes one of the wonderful prairie restoration areas, so there are always birds and wildflowers to enjoy.

The lake and your karma will thank you..

Please visit www.dallassierraclub.org for information..

July General Meeting - BEST READS from Environmental and Nature Book Club~7:00 pm, Tuesday, July 14th via Zoom

Looking for good books to read in your hammock on vacation or on your couch at home? Join us to welcome Fort Worth Sierra Club member and Book Club Coordinator Terry McIntire as he highlights some of the best books his group has reviewed over the last few years. The program is sure to be enlightening and give you great ideas for future reading.

About our speaker:

Terry McIntire has been a Sierra Club member since 1980 and a former Chair of the Fort Worth group. He was the leader of a group of family members, landowners and environmentalists that opposed the damming of the Paluxy River just upstream from Dinosaur Valley State Park; an ultimately successful battle that began in 1980 and lasted 20 years. Some of you may remember this endeavor or remember coming to one of the many fish fry fundraisers held on the river. Terry is now very involved in opposition to data centers in Hood and Somervell counties, one of which would border Dinosaur Valley Park and another massive proposal in the drainage area of the Paluxy Valley just above the park.

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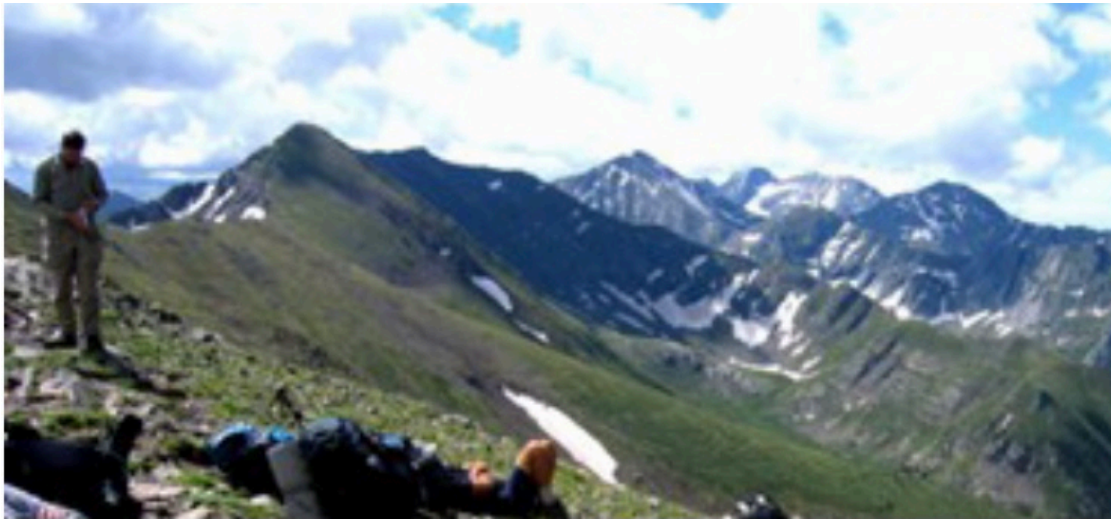
From 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. you can log in to the meeting, chat, and ask questions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 with announcements, followed by our speaker's presentation.

Please visit www.dallassierraclub.org for log in information..

Out and About...

Dallas Sierra Club Outings

Sangre de Cristo Wilderness and Great Sand Dunes National Park hike September 2nd – 6th



See highly contrasting landscapes with a hike to the Dunes Visitor Center from Mosca Pass and back to camp in the pass. Next morning, backpack the scenic Comanche-Venable loop over two alpine passes, including the amazing Phantom Terrace. See highly contrasting landscapes with a hike to the Dunes Visitor Center from Mosca Pass and back to camp in the pass. Next morning, backpack the scenic Comanche-Venable loop over two alpine passes, including the amazing Phantom Terrace. Trip details are available at www.dallassierraclub.org/outings or contact Mark Stein at: mark@steinplanning.com

Day Hike in the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area October 10th, 2026



Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area Day Hike - October 10, 2026 Want to enjoy the natural beauty of the DFW area? Join the Dallas Sierra Club on a hike to experience the variety of flora and fauna at the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area. Information and registration will be available in July.

Dinosaur Valley (Glen Rose, Texas) Camping October 16th-18th



Save the date for a weekend of fun, natural beauty and camaraderie. We've reserved the large group campsite which offers plenty of room for tent campers of all ages. We'll offer hike options of varying lengths and leave our own footprints alongside the dinosaurs who explored the Paluxy River area long before us. Details and registration coming mid-summer. For information contact Liz at lizwico@aol.com

Day Hike in the Great Trinity Forest in Dallas – October 24, 2026



Dallas Sierra Club is excited to offer a day hike in the Great Trinity Forest in Dallas. This will be a unique opportunity to hike off trail in the wilds of Dallas. Details and registration will be available in July.

Backpacking the Ouachita Trail for Beginners – October 30 – Nov 1, 2026



Want to get away for a short backpacking trip to the mountains? The Ouachita trail is a beautiful mountain hike that begins in Eastern Oklahoma about 3 ¾ hours from Dallas. The Dallas Sierra Club is hosting a trip starting from the Winding Stair trailhead. Whether you are looking for your first overnight backpacking experience, want to test out your latest gear or just enjoy a weekend in the woods, this is the hike for you. We are happy to help you prepare for the trip! Details and registration will be available in July

Ouatchita Trail Hike for Experienced Backpackers – November 11 -15. 2026



Do you want to experience the beauty of the Eastern Oklahoma and Western Arkansas mountains? If you are an experienced backpacker and want to end your 2026 backpacking season with a beautiful hike, join us for a long weekend hike along the Ouachita Trail. This hike will include mountain climbs and river crossings with camping in a National Wilderness area. Details and registration will be available in July. If you are interested, please contact Jim Robarge at RobargeDSC@gmail.com

Give yourself the gift of becoming an Outings Leader....

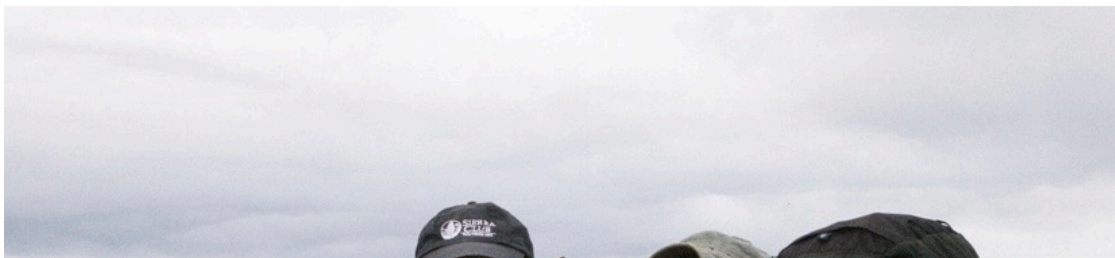
Texas-wide, the Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter is looking to sponsor and certify Outing Leaders around the state. Certified Outings Leaders create and participate in: local day-hikes, local or day-long bike trips, camping at the numerous Texas area campgrounds, backpacking in the wilderness, and paddling on our beautiful waterways. We have a program that utilizes both online and in-person

training to guide and help you become a Sierra Club Outings Leader – it is easier and more satisfying than you think! We will guide you through the process and make sure you are comfortable and ready to lead. Please contact me ,Jim Robarge at robargeDSC@gmail.com ,if you have interest or questions in joining with those who are benefiting from the beauty of the outdoors.

A Good Time Was Had By All...

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Hike

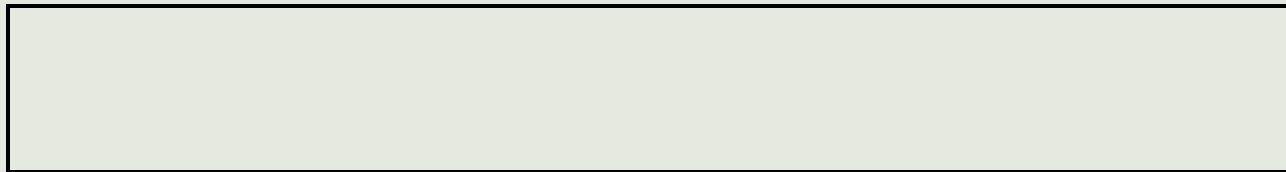
The great Smoky Mountains National Park hike was a great success. Despite one day of heavy rain, the crew had a great time backpacking trails in the park. The view from Gregory Bald was spectacular and the dense flora brought smiles to everyone's face. Here are some pictures from the trip...











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