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Save Winfrey Point - Take Action Now

On Wednesday night (May 2), the Executive Committee of the Dallas Sierra Club passed a resolution in support of protecting the Winfrey Point Texas Last Steward prairie grasslands from a proposed overflow parking lot for the Dallas Arboretum.

You can help.

First, we need signatures on the below petition to demonstrate how area citizens value this unique land. Petition: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/protect-winfrey-point/>

Next, attend a rally tomorrow, Saturday, May 5. The Rally for Winfrey will start at 8:00 am. Gather in the Emerald Isle neighborhood at the intersection of Glenore and Timplemore. The rally will proceed down Garland Road around 8:30 am to the gates of the Dallas Arboretum. Bring your slogans, bring your signs, and most importantly bring friends.

Then call your Dallas City Council member and tell them you want the Winfrey Point prairie protected.

Get more information at www.SaveWinfreyPoint.com.

General Meeting Program - May 8, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

We have two great programs lined up for our May General Meeting. Don't miss them!

From the Fridge to the Fire - Wildlife Contrasts

Over the past 10 years, Jeremy Woodhouse has spent many days in the field in both Texas and Japan photographing wildlife. This presentation will highlight the contrasts between the chilly winter months in Japan and the baking hot climate of South Texas, and how the resident wildlife copes in each of these harsh environments.

Jeremy Woodhouse is an outdoor photographer based in Dallas, Texas. He spends much of each year on the road, photographing landscapes, cityscapes and wildlife. For the past five years he has been running photo tours to destinations such as Japan, Italy, and Mexico.

Jeremy's photos have appeared in print all over the world. He has received numerous international awards in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition, and he was overall winner of the 2002 Nature's Best International Photography Awards. His images have been included in exhibitions at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., the Dallas Museum of Natural History, and the Natural History Museum in London.

Jeremy is a wildlife photographer at heart, but due to the realities of the economy, he has diversified and now photographs a wide variety of subjects which include travel, cityscapes, and lifestyles. He runs nature and cultural photo tours to various locations around the globe. For more information about upcoming tours, please go to http://www.pixelchrome.com/blog/?page_id=6

Safety in National Parks

Jerry Kasten will review his five year quest to identify and determine the who, where, and why of people who went missing in America's National Parks from 1872-2002, and were never found. He will provide a risk list based on his findings that you can use to protect yourself from becoming another tragic missing person in the National Parks.

Jerry Kasten is a retired Dallas high school teacher who began in 1960 to spend his summers working for the National Park Service as a Seasonal Park Ranger in Rocky Mountain National Park and Mammoth Cave National Park, but most often at Yellowstone National Park. In more recent years, Jerry has been a Volunteer at Yellowstone National Park. He is a member of the Association of National Park Rangers and The National Park Ranger Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We'd love to meet you.

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. Our meeting takes place at REI, 4515 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX 75244. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) of our website for more information and a map.

Outings Highlight

May 6 (Sun) Morning day hike at Cedar Ridge Preserve

RESCHEDULED: Come walk off that Easter candy, break in your new boots, get used to carrying your backpack or just shake off those tax season blues! Join us for a pleasant hike at one of the best day hike areas within 50 miles of DFW. This 600 acre hidden jewel contains over 10 miles of trails that range from easy to strenuous . Some nice elevation changes, heavy cedar cover and a view of Joe Pool Lake. We'll start from the picnic table area at 10:00 am and hike a variety of trails for about 3 hours, followed by an optional picnic lunch. Bring \$3 for admission, wear comfortable, sturdy shoes and bring a day pack, water, snacks and lunch. Hike will cancel if raining due to slick trails. Call leader if weather in question. No reservations - just show up. Cedar Ridge Preserve is located southwest of Dallas, at 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, 75249. From I-20, exit Mountain Creek Parkway and turn south. Drive about three miles and CRP will be on your right. For more information about the Preserve, go to <http://www.audubondallas.org/cedarridge.html>
Leader: [Wendel Withrow](#) 214-287-1046

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May 19 (Sat) Trail Maintenance at the Cedar Ridge Preserve near Duncanville and Dallas Texas

Its fun and its helpful to get out to the Cedar Ridge Preserve in Dallas to help upgrade some of the beautiful walking trails. The address is 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75249. It's a great morning workout, and the scenery is exceptional. No tools are required, (maybe gloves) just show up and be ready to lend a hand or two. We'll work from 9 AM to 12 or so, and then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! Bring some water for sure. Its on Saturday the 19th of May, please see their website www.audubondallas.org/cedaridge.html for directions and info. Their number is 972-709-7784. If you wish to carpool, then let me know, and we'll arrange a meeting spot. Come on out and stay green, people! Organizer: Ginger Bradley Leader: [Ginger Bradley](#) 469-223-7902

Jul 3-9 (Tue-Mon) Fourth of July Bus Trip to the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico

SIGN UP NOW for a truly memorable Fourth of July experience backpacking in the high, cool Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico. Leave Dallas at 7 PM on July 3 on our overnight sleeper bus and return by 6 AM on July 9. Choose an adventure from five trail options, including opportunities to walk up Santa Fe Baldy after adjusting to altitude, exploring the Skyline Trail, La Vega, Holy Ghost Creek or Horsethief Meadow. Our most gentle trip ends with a night in Santa Fe. Two epic hikes for agile backpackers traverse the magnificent Santa Barbara Divide from Carson National Forest into Santa Fe National Forest. Escape the summer heat into the aspens, firs and tundra wildflowers of this wilderness treasure. Experience sights you cannot possibly see from your automobile! All hike options require at least one previous overnight backpacking experience. Full details, including sign-up instructions, are in [this PDF file](#). You'll love the Pecos Wilderness! Bus trip leader: [Mark Stein](#) 2 214-526-3733

For a complete list of our outings, [visit our calendar](#).

Calendar

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at www.dallassierraclub.org.



May 5 (Sat) Cedar Ridge Preserve Hike-a-Thon

The Hike-a-Thon is a fundraiser to raise money for improvements at Cedar Ridge Preserve. In addition to hiking, The Preserve will host several informational booths. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Of course, The Preserve will be open to non-participants, but we encourage you to help the preserve and join in the fun. Registration is \$20 per person, \$5 per child (6-12). Cash only. Full details [here](#). [\(This is not a Sierra Club sponsored event.\)](#)



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May 16 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

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May 19-20 (Sat-Sun) Canoe / Kayak Camping At McGee Creek Natural Area

We have done many backpack trips to McGee Creek State Natural Area and we usually hike down to an arm of McGee Creek Reservoir that adjoins the Natural Area. For this trip we'll paddle about 7 miles to a designated canoe camping site in the Natural Area. Our route follows a winding arm of the reservoir that has no current. If you're looking for white water this isn't your trip. Expect a leisurely paddle to camp with stops for lunch, snacks, and maybe a swim. We'll camp Saturday night in the Natural Area and return to the put-in Sunday. Camp Friday night near your car or get up really early and drive up Saturday morning. Leader: [Bill Greer](#) 972-247-0446



MMay 25-29 (Fri-Tue) Memorial Day Weekend in the WHITE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS

Wa-hoo! This destination, near Ruidoso, New Mexico, is perfect for beginner backpackers with at least one overnight backpacking experience who want to move up to a 3-day, 2-night trip at altitude. Veteran backpackers will love it, too. Ascend the eastern slopes of the Sierra Blanca Mountains to the Crest Trail for amazing views of White Sands and the black Malpais lava fields on the desert floor far below. Choose from four consistently popular hikes and a route never before offered. Hop on a sleeper bus Friday evening and return Tuesday morning before work. Full details are in [this PDF document](#). **All seats on this trip were SOLD as of early April, but you may register for a short WAIT LIST or sign up now for a trip later this summer.** Call or reply for status. Bus trip leader: [Mark Stein](#) 214-526-3733



Jun 6 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets at REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch, TX 75244 (north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch). Contact the [Dallas Group Chair](#) for more information.



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