



## dallas sierra club news

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### Notes from the Chair - It Is Dallas Sierra Club Election Time

Just when you thought you had your fill of election year rhetoric, its time to think about moving your Dallas Sierra Club participation to a new level. Each year, a portion of your Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee stand for re-election in December.

If you have some experience with the Dallas Sierra Club and are interested in running for the Executive Committee, please contact me or any other Ex-Com member with questions or to throw your hiking hat into the arena.

Your Dallas Chair  
Wendel Withrow

### General Meeting Program - October 9, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

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

#### Dinosaur Fossils

The Arlington Archosaur Site is a 100,000,000 year old Cretaceous coastal ecosystem with dinosaurs, crocs, turtles, and more. Derek Main will talk about this site, where more dinosaur fossils have been recovered than from any other site in the Dallas - Fort Worth Metroplex. More information at <http://www.arlingtonarchosaursite.com/>



#### Fall Elections

Come hear about the Sierra Club's 2012 Electoral Campaign to help elect political leaders friendly to the environment and learn about how Sierrans can make a difference. Competitive races will be analyzed, and our endorsed candidates will be invited and introduced. Volunteer political opportunities will be outlined and discussed. David Griggs, Dallas Group Political Chair and Chair, Sierra Club Political Committee of Texas, will make the presentation.

**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 Highlights

### **Oct 19-21 (Fri-Sun) Beavers Bend State Park Fall Campout - Reservations open!**

Last year's fall camp out at Beavers Bend State Park in southeast Oklahoma was so successful (our largest outing in years) that we are doing it again this year. Our group camp area offers your choice of shared cabins or tent camping. The site also includes a dining hall with fire place so we can have s'mores rain or shine and yes, even a bath house with hot showers. Activity options will include various hikes with our group or you can be on your own and enjoy a number of options including horseback riding, renting a boat or just relaxing by the river. Complete details and reservation information is available [here](#). Coordinator: Liz Wheelan 214-368-2306

### **Nov 7-12 (Wed-Mon) Bus Trip to Big Bend National Park in Texas**

We're changing our 30+ year tradition and heading to Big Bend a few weeks before Thanksgiving this year. Now all of you who have wanted to go but couldn't miss the family turkey time, here's your chance! There will be a variety of hikes that will visit different parts of this very scenic National Park. If you've never been to Big Bend National Park, you owe it to yourself to discover this unique part of Texas. If you've been before, come on back and explore another area! Our chartered sleeper bus leaves Dallas around dinner time Wednesday and returns early morning on Monday. Some backpacking experience is required. For complete trip information, including costs and sign-up information, download [this PDF document](#). Bus trip leader: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306

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](http://www.dallassierraclub.org).



### **Oct 6 (Sat) DFW Solar Home Tour**

The ASES National Solar Tour is the world's largest grassroots solar event. This event offers you the opportunity to tour innovative green homes and buildings to see how you can use solar energy, energy efficiency, and other sustainable technologies to reduce monthly utility bills and help tackle climate change. More than 165,000 participants will visit some 5,500 buildings in 3,200 communities across the U.S. More information about the tour in the DFW area is at <http://www.dfw-solarhometour.org/>



### **Oct 9 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details will be on our [home page](#) about a month before the meeting.



### **Oct 13 (Sat) White Rock Lake Cleanup**

Walk and talk while helping to pick up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet at 8:15 AM at the Love of the Lake office on the Northeast corner of Garland Rd. and Buckner Blvd. Look for a crowd of people drinking free juice and coffee. Gloves, trash bags, etc. provided. 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. Brunch afterwards. Leader: Carol Nash [Send Email](#) 214-824-0244



### **Oct 13 (Sat) Knob Hill Trail Dayhike Flower Mound, TX. Rescheduled!!**

Come join us as we day hike 6 miles on the northern reaches of Denton Creek. This is a packed dirt trail used by mountain bikers and hikers heading to Grapevine Lake. No pets, please. Bring water and a snack as we will be walking all morning. We will leave the trail head promptly at **9 AM**. To reach the trailhead from the intersection of HWY 377 & FM 1171, go south on 377 about 1/3 mile and the trailhead will be on your left just before the road crosses the creek. From Dallas go north on 114 West past DFW Airport and thru Grapevine to Roanoke. Turn north on HWY 377 and go approximately 2.5 miles. The trailhead will be on your right after crossing the second bridge. I will be near the trailhead sign in a red GMC. Optional lunch afterwards. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



### **Oct 13-14 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpack Trip to the Caney Creek Wilderness**

Join us for one of the Dallas Sierra Club's favorite local backpacking trips. We'll backpack in about 4 1/2 miles along Caney Creek, cross it a few times, and climb some small hills. After setting up camp near a waterfall, we'll do a short day hike as time and energy permits. For many of us this was our first Wilderness hike and it's still one of our favorites. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



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### **Oct 19-21 (Fri-Sun) Blanco State Park, Government Canyon and Canyon Lake Gorge.**

**This trip is at capacity; inquire for wait list status.** This three-day trip to the Texas Hill Country makes a two-night base camp at tiny Blanco State Park. Two day hikes on consecutive days rate Moderate difficulty due to ten miles at Government Canyon and some rough terrain at Canyon Lake Gorge. Capacity is limited; leader permission is required before arrival. Leader: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



### **Nov 3 (Sat) Day Hike the Trinity River Greenbelt**

Hike 10K (6 miles) on the Lake Ray Roberts Greenbelt Corridor. This is an easy trail running alongside the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. No reservations required, just show up. Well behaved pets on a leash are allowed. Bring water and a snack as we will be hiking all morning. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Highway 380 Trailhead Park. Admission to the park is \$5.00 per person or free with a Texas State Parks Pass. There will be an optional lunch afterwards. The Park is on US Hwy 380 2.1 miles west of Hwy 377 or 2.8 miles east of Loop 288 in Denton. Highway 380 can be reached from Central Expwy, Preston Rd., or the Tollway. Bring extra shoes in case the trail is

muddy. This hike will be canceled if it is raining at the trailhead. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#)  
972-658-1281



**Nov 7 (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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**Nov 21 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

Meet in the upstairs program room at REI (on north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch), at 6:30 PM. Bring your ideas for the Dallas Sierra Club Outings program. We will be planning local outings and bus trips. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans welcome. Ask Bill to be placed on the email list for an agenda. Contact: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446

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