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General Meeting Program - June 11, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Our June General Meeting focuses on water and wildlife.

Water Management

The Dallas Stormwater Management Outreach Department will describe what storm water is, how it is regulated, the primary sources of pollution of storm water in Dallas, what the City of Dallas does to protect it, and what private citizens can do. Educational materials and promotional items will be available.

Texas Wildlife Conservation Issues

Texas boasts 213 species of reptiles and amphibians, 635 species of birds, 174 species of mammals, an estimated 5,200 species of plants and an estimated 30,000 species of invertebrates. However, complex and daunting issues are putting intense pressures on our state's wildlife populations. But the conservation community has faced seemingly insurmountable challenges and acted with conviction in the past. The conservation community rose to the challenge in the 1930s and again in the 1970s. With dedication, the conservation community can rise to the challenge again and secure a solid future for wildlife of our great state.

John Davis has worked for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for more than 20 years conducting field research, presenting ecological seminars, and overseeing various conservation and habitat programs. Currently, he is the Program Director for the Wildlife Diversity Program. John will talk about what the future holds for Texas' wildlife.

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.

Featured Outings

Summer is a great time to help two of our favorite parks. We do both of these service outings every month, so pick a few Saturdays out of your year and lend a hand. Your help is really appreciated.

Jun 8 (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

Jun 15 (Sat) Trail Maintenance at Cedar Ridge Preserve

It's fun and it's helpful to get out to the Cedar Ridge Preserve just south of 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, and then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! Bring some water for sure. It's on Saturday the 15th of June, and please see their website for directions and info. (Google Cedar Ridge Preserve in Dallas) 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! It's good for the soul. Coordinator: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902

Fourth of July Bus Trip to the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness in Colorado

Plan an extended Fourth of July weekend of backpacking in the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Area, a protected part of the San Isabel National Forest since 1993, near Westcliffe, Colorado. The spine of this north-south mountain chain is typically near 12,000 feet, with peaks of more than 14,000 feet. After



breakfast in Westcliffe, participants in four groups will explore the foothills, high valleys and crests. Destinations include Venable Falls, the Goodwin Lakes, Phantom Terrace, Comanche Lake, Music Pass and the Sand Creek Basin of Great Sand Dunes National Preserve. Daily mileages for all groups will be short, but altitude and daily climbs (9,000 to 11,700 feet sleeping elevations and climbs of 1,500 feet on at least one day for each group) make one previous overnight backpacking trip a requirement. [Click here for trip details and registration forms.](#)

Labor Day Bus Trip to the San Juan Wilderness in Colorado

Plan your Labor Day weekend for backpacking in southwest Colorado. After our first trip here in 2011, participants requested a return to the green, serene and relatively undiscovered South San Juan Wilderness, a part of Rio Grande National Forest, southwest of Alamosa, Colorado and north of Chama, New Mexico.



Featured destinations will include the Continental Divide Trail, Valle Victoria, Conejos Falls, Blue Lake, Green Lake, Canon Verde, Conejos Peak, Glacier Lake, Ruybalid Lake, Rough Creek Falls and great campsites without names. A previous overnight backpacking trip will be required. Departure from Dallas will be at 7:00 pm on August 28. We'll return by 6:00 am on September 3. Full details about the trip, including costs and how to sign up are in [this PDF file](#).

Calendar

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



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Jun 11 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

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Jun 19 (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



Jul 3 (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) at 6:30 pm. Contact the [Dallas Group Chair](#) for more information.



Jul 3-8 (Wed-Mon) Sangre de Cristo Wilderness, Colorado Bus Trip

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Jul 9 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

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Jul 13 (Sat) White Rock Lake Cleanup

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Jul 20 (Sat) Upgrading Trails at Cedar Ridge Preserve

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