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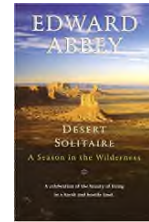
Dallas Sierra Club  
Lone Star Chapter

## Dallas Sierra Club News - February 2019

### General Meeting Program - Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### 50 Year Anniversary of *Desert Solitaire* by Edward Abbey

This groundbreaking sometimes radical, and always entertaining book has inspired thousands of environmentalists to stand up for clean air, clean water, and wilderness preservation in all our great park lands, including Arches National Park where the book is set. This underground classic is considered one of the most important pieces of literature which kick started the modern environmental movement. Former Dallas Sierra Club Chair Wendel Withrow will lead the discussion and include mostly unknown video and audio of the 'famous' and sometimes 'infamous' Edward Abbey.



**Everyone is welcome. FREE!** 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 pm, but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. The meeting takes place at Brookhaven College. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) for more information and a map.

### Backpacking 101 Class - New Year, New Adventures!

It's not too late to sign up! If you can't sign up on-line, just show up.

Don't feel overwhelmed! New year's resolution or life-long dream, you've never tried backpacking or want to brush up on past skills, now is the time to begin your quest for leaving the crowds behind and finding your special place in the wilderness. Join us Saturday, February 9th for our bi-annual class discussing a range of topics to get you prepared for time on the trail. Taught by longtime, experienced Sierra Club leaders who will help you with not only all the essentials but also helpful tips they've learned over the years to help make your trip safer, cheaper, easier, and more fun! Optional one-night spring beginner overnights will be offered to class participants to help you get started. Class price includes a light lunch and handouts so online sign ups by Feb. 6 are greatly appreciated and will be rewarded with chocolate. Scroll down to the calendar for more details and contact information if you have any questions.



### Sierra Club Picnic, Saturday, April 6, Churchill Park, Dallas

Bring your friends, families, dogs, cats and whomever else you love to hang out at our twice-annual picnic at Churchill Park, 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas, Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. New, recent and prospective members are especially invited. There will be lots of food, veggie burgers, drinks, hot doggies, and chips and dips and salads. We will have some games, some water-balloons and a variety of giveaways; gift cards, backpacks, Sierra club memberships, and random stuff from our collection of never ending goodies! [Here is a Google map to guide you.](#)



### Dallas Sierra Club Outreach Speakers Program - Speakers for Your Group

The Dallas Sierra Club has started a Outreach Speakers Program to provide outdoor and environmental education in the form of entertaining and informative presentations. To find out how the Dallas Sierra Club can provide a speaker for your group, [please follow this link.](#)

### Videos of Our General Meetings

We have started posting videos of selected General Meetings on YouTube. Visit our [General Meeting Page](#) to find links.

### Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

#### March 19 - Note the Different Date - Details of the Meeting Coming Soon

**Note: This is the THIRD Tuesday in March** because Brookhaven College is closed for Spring Break on the second Tuesday. Speakers to be determined - Everyone is invited. Full details will be on our home page soon.

### Limerick of the Month

"Watch me climb up that hill!" I emote.  
To some tourists, my partner does note:  
"He is mountain goat-like  
When he goes on a hike,  
But to me, he is just an old goat."

By Kirk Miller

If you would like to submit an environmental limerick for our Limerick of the Month feature, send it to [editors@dallassierraclub.org](mailto:editors@dallassierraclub.org).

### Calendar



### Feb 9 (Sat) Backpacking 101 Class - Don't miss it!

Got winter cabin fever? Yearning to camp away from the crowds and enjoy the backcountry? Want help getting started or brushing up your skills? Join a fun day discussing all the essentials of backpacking. Our outings leaders with years of wilderness experience will present backpacking topics with candor--packs, tents, menus, clothing, hygiene, water treatment and more, including tips to improve your comfort and keep gear affordable. There's even a breakout session so men and women can discuss issues particular to them. Our goal is to help you safely enjoy outdoor trail experiences. We're not selling gear or anything beyond our enthusiasm for backpacking. This class will be particularly helpful for new backpackers on our upcoming trips to Big Bend National Park, Colorado Bend State Park and more. We'll also offer easy one-night spring outings designed especially for people attending the class. **Location:** Whole Foods Market, Preston Road at Forest Lane, Dallas ([map](#)). **Time:** 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Light lunch included. Please bring water bottle/beverage. **Cost:** \$35 for Sierra Club members, \$40 for non-members. Includes handouts and light lunch. **We encourage and appreciate early sign ups so we'll have enough food and handouts.** You may [pay on-line here](#) or pay at the door. Happy trails! Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



### Feb 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

To be determined - Everyone is invited. Full details will be on our home page soon.



### Feb 20 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

Instead of our usual meeting place this committee meeting will be at 6:30pm at the home of Bill Greer, 3607 Pebble Beach Drive, Farmers Branch. It's just north of the intersection of Marsh and Spring Valley. Go east on Pebble Beach and it's the 6th house on the right (north) side. In addition to settling on future meeting places we'll map out 2019 outings, particularly our traditional Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day trips. Anyone interested in outings is welcome to attend and participate. Warning: you'll share the meeting place with 2 cats although you probably will not see them. We always welcome anyone interested in outings but are really happy to see those interested in leading outings! Come let us know of your interest. Don't feel like you have to be a super hiker to lead. Our greatest need is for easier outings that give time to sniff the flowers and maybe snap a picture or two. Organizer: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



### Feb 27-Mar 4 (Wed-Mon) Annual Big Bend National Park Bus Trip

A description of the 2019 Big Bend trip is online. To read all about the trip, including new hike options, [go to this PDF](#). The trip is full, but you may inquire about the waitlist. Our chartered bus leaves Dallas Wednesday night, February 27 and will return before sunrise on Monday, March 4. Coordinator: Ande Johnston [Send Email](#) 214-914-3590



### Feb 28 (Thu) Clean Eco Meetup

Picasso's Pizza, on Inwood north of Forest, 6:30 pm. Share environmental news and enjoy food with Dallas area activists.



### Mar 2 (Sat) Day hike in Dallas' Great Trinity Forest

Hike about 4 miles in southeast Dallas' Great Trinity Forest. We will hike the Piedmont Ridge Trail from its trailhead by Gateway Park, continue south to Devon Anderson Park on Eastcliff, and then back north to the Piedmont Ridge Trail trailhead. This is an easy-moderate hike on natural surface trails. Afterward is an optional short hike to the Scyene Overlook. If it rained recently, the trail could be muddy. Beware of poison ivy! Bring water and a snack. No dogs allowed. Contact: Kirk Miller [Send Email](#) 512-992-8181



### Mar 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 upstairs at Whole Foods Market, southeast corner of Preston Road and Forest Lane, in Dallas at 6:30 pm. Contact the Dallas Group Chair for more information.



### **Mar 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpack Trip In Palo Pinto Mountains State Park**

Palo Pinto Mountains State Park is about 70 miles west of Fort Worth in a hilly Cross Timbers area known as the Palo Pinto Mountains. The 4,000 acre park was acquired by Texas Parks and Wildlife in 2011 and it is expected to become one of the most popular parks in Texas. But the Texas Legislature has never funded development and the park is not yet open to the public. This has left the former ranch land about as close to wilderness as you'll find 2 hours from Dallas! The Dallas Sierra Club has special permission for a beginner backpack trip in this park-to-be. It's likely we'll be the only people in the park. Several places on this trip will be reserved for those who attend our spring Beginner Backpack Class. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



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An Outings Committee meeting is tentatively set for this third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas. Come upstairs to the meeting rooms. Anyone interested in outings is welcome. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

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