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Dallas Sierra Club  
Lone Star Chapter

## Dallas Sierra Club News - September 2019

### North Texas Giving Day - Give to the Dallas Sierra Club on September 19

Mark your calendar to donate to the Dallas Sierra Club on September 19, 2018 as part of North Texas Giving Day.

Contributions will be matched at a rate of approximately 6% plus the Club will be eligible for special bonuses from North Texas Giving Day. For more information, see <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/sierra-club-foundation-fiscal-sponsor-for-dallas-sierra-club>. You can submit a donation starting September 9 to be automatically charged on the 19th.



### General Meeting Program - Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### The Wild Neches River

Charles Kruvad will share scenic photographs and engaging stories from his latest book: *Riverwoods: Exploring the Wild Neches*. One of the last wild rivers in Texas, the 416 mile long Neches in east Texas is one of the few remaining hardwood river systems in the U.S. Encompassing bottomland forests, the Neches reminds us of what we may lose if we don't protect and preserve natural areas for future generations.



Charles Kruvad is an Austin-based photographer and writer. His photographs are featured in *The Living Waters of Texas* by Ken Kramer, and he is the recipient of the 2010 Art in Service to the Environment Award by the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.

**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.

### New Member Picnic - But Everyone is Invited!

New Member Picnic! All Sierra Club Members welcome also.

**When:** Sunday, September 29th, 2019. From 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

**Where:** Churchill Park in Dallas; 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas TX

**What:** Lots of food, vegan and vegetarian and regular, lots of drinks, lots of prizes and free membership giveaways, and some fun and games.



Join us for a fun gathering of people concerned about protecting the local and planetary environment. There will be lots of random giveaways, rest assured, and some new Dallas Sierra Memberships to be distributed as well. Please join us for a fun morning and lunchtime gathering. Bring your kids, dogs, ferrets, and whomever you consider your good friends, furry or feathered.

Thanks and see you there. Yes, we need volunteers, contact Ginger Bradley if you want to help - phone: 469-223-7902, or email: [send email by clicking here](#).

### Fall Weekend in Beavers Bend State Park, Oklahoma, October 18-20

Celebrate fall by joining us for a weekend of fun in scenic southeastern Oklahoma. This is our most popular outing. We have the large group compound reserved, complete with your choice of rustic cabin or tent camping, bathhouse (flush toilets and hot showers!) and dining hall with kitchen. We'll offer various Saturday hike options with Dallas Sierra Club leaders or you can explore on your own. The park offers additional activities, including paddling (rentals available), horseback riding and more. Saturday night catered dinner option if you don't feel like cooking! This weekend is for singles, couples, families, friends and all ages, EVERYONE.



Details and reservation information will be on the Dallas Sierra Club's website by the end of August.

### 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 Don't Want to Miss

#### October 8 - Climate Change, Health and Social Justice: Humanity at the Crossroads

Climate Change is here and it is making us sick, but it's making some of us sicker than others. The

World Health Organization states that "Climate Change is among the greatest health risks of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

### **November 12 - Mount Assiniboine, China, and Svalbard**

On of our favorite presenters, photographer extraordinaire Dan Leffel will cover three diverse areas of the world, all suitable for adventure and hiking!

### **Limerick of the Month**

Thanks to efforts begun by John Muir,  
The sequoias will surely endure.  
So wherever they're from,  
Generations to come  
Can experience all their grandeur.

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**



#### **Sep 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

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#### **Sep 14 (Sat) Suburban Walk: Breckenridge Park, Richardson Texas**

Join me for a walk through one of Richardson's most scenic parks. We'll walk on a winding paved path for 4-5 miles and talk about all of the fall hiking we'll do in just a month or so. This hike is dog friendly as long as your pooch is on a leash and is friendly. We'll walk around a pretty lake, a small stand of cottonwood trees, ID local plants as we go, and also learn about the "trashy" origin of Breckenridge Park. The hike is mainly out in the open so a hat and sunscreen are advised. Bring a litter of water. We start walking at 8:00 am and we will be back to the cars by noon. Limit 10 people. Optional lunch afterwards. Leader: Jim Binnings [Send Email](#) 205-746-3266



#### **Sep 14 (Sat) Climate Change Walk**

9-11AM. A two-mile narrated tour of downtown describing what has changed and what we expect to change in Dallas because of the climate. Reserve your spot in the hike [here](#). Leader: Chris Guld [Send Email](#) 972-239-5878



#### **Sep 18 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

At 6:30 on Wednesday, September 18 the Outings Committee will meet for the first time since June. We'll review what went well and where we could improve the Labor Day weekend outing to the Pecos Wilderness. We'll prep for the October outing to Beavers Bend, resolve lingering items about the Big Bend National Park trip that require attention and brainstorm ideas for big outings in 2020. Tentative location: Whole Foods Market, Preston at Forest, Dallas, upstairs in Community Rooms 1 and 2. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



### Sep 19 (Thu) North Texas Giving Day - Help Your Dallas Sierra Club!

Donations made between 6:00 AM and Midnight on September 14, 2017, at <https://northtexasgivingday.org/npo/sierra-club-foundation-fiscal-sponsor-for-dallas-sierra-club> will be matched by Communities Foundation of Texas. You can submit a donation starting on September 9 to be automatically charged on the 19th.



### Sep 21 (Sat) Ride the New Mockingbird Bridge on the Katy Trail

Meet at the Mockingbird Dart Station Park and Ride. **The ride begins at 8:30.** We'll bike to White Rock Lake via the Ridgewood Trail, then head south along the lake to the Santa Fe Trail. Riding the SF Trail, we'll emerge in Deep Ellum, where it'll be time for a caffeine break (Café Brazil?). Then we'll continue through Downtown Dallas (ultra-light traffic on weekends) to the Katy Trail and ride the Katy north to our starting point. The whole triangular trip is 19 miles. Plan on two hours plus the stop in Deep Ellum. Bring your own bicycle. You must wear a helmet. This is an opportunity to experience several popular urban bike trails. Only people who reply with an email address will be alerted to cancellation or other changes. Leader: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224



### Sep 23 (Mon) Climate Change Walk; Global Climate Strike

5:30-7:30PM. A two-mile narrated tour of downtown describing what has changed and what we expect to change in Dallas because of the climate. Reserve your spot in the hike [here](#). Leader: Chris Galdi [Send Email](#) 972-239-5878



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### Oct 2 (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.



### **Oct 8 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

**Climate Change, Health, and Social Justice: Humanity at the Crossroads** This presentation looks at climate change through the lens of the intersectionality of health and social justice. Full details are on our [home page](#) now. Everyone is invited.



### **Oct 12 (Sat) Canyon Ridge Trail, Ft. Worth Nature Center and Refuge**

Join me for a hike on Canyon Ridge trail. We'll start at the north trailhead and go south for about 3 1/4 miles. The trail offers many rocky short climbs and descents. Once on the ridge top we will pass old CCC structures such as "Lone Point" and "Rest A While". Also along the ridge are scenic views of Lake Worth and the hundreds of water lilies along the shores of Lake Worth. We will then go down the "staircase" and wind our way through a shady wooded area. Once at the bottom we'll cross a parking area and onto Greer Island. Here we will have lunch at the old Greer Pavilion. Around Greer Island are great examples of large water lilies, button bushes and willow trees. The Audubon society has a trail to walk around the island for bird watching. Great egrets and herons can usually be seen along the waters edge. There is a good story about local conservationist, Margaret Parker, who got the Ft. Worth community organized and lobbied to keep Greer Island unspoiled. After lunch we will go north on the canyon ridge trail and back to the cars. The outing will end once we are back to the cars but for those interested we will go over to the Hardwicke visitor center. On our way out of the refuge we will pass "Bison Range" and maybe spot a bison or two if we are lucky. We will meet at 9:45 and be back to the cars by 4:00ish. The hike will be 6 1/2 to 7 miles. Expect a comfortable pace of around 2 mph so we can enjoy the day and make new friends. Wear hiking shoes and bring appropriate day hiking gear. Bring a lunch and at least 2 liters of water (there will be no water sources once on the trail). A hat and sunscreen are advised. There are bathrooms at the nature center and a port-a-john near Greer Island. Limit 10 people. Well behaved dogs are welcome if on a leash (remember there are numerous rocky climbs and descents). \$5 per adult \$3 per child. Leader: Jim Binnings [Send Email](#) 205-746-3266



### **Oct 16 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting?**

The Outings Committee generally meets on third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to plan outings. We'll confirm whether an October meeting is needed right after the September 18 meeting. Anyone interested in outings is encouraged to attend and participate. Come upstairs at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas. Reply to Mark to be added to the advance agenda email list or to suggest an agenda item. Contact: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



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