

DALLAS/FORT WORTH

DECEMBER 2017

**If we surrender to Earth's intelligence,
we would rise up, rooted like trees.**

R.M. Rilke, Poet

Mark Your Calendar!

February 22-25, Camping
Palmetto State Park



Come join us at a new camping destination for TOWN Dallas members!

Palmetto State Park is a small gem of a park located near Luling, Texas, about 5 miles south of Interstate 10, off Hwy. 183. The park is about 50 miles from both Austin and San Antonio. The drive is 4 hours from Dallas.

In addition to Palmettos, the park is in a deciduous forest of very tall trees and has a small lake with kayaks, canoes, and paddle boats for rent. The park lies within the looping curves of the San Marcos River and has about 5 miles of lovely clean meandering hiking trails of various lengths. An interpretive trail winds amongst the Palmettos. Fishing from the concrete trail crossing the river or along the river's



Eagle Watching – Huntsville

banks is an option.

Palmetto State Park is a gorgeous Civilian Conservation Corp built campground containing a large stone pavilion with arches and picnic tables under cover as well as tables on the veranda outside overlooking the San Marcos River running beside the pavilion.

Those who have the time may choose to stay over at Palmetto or share campsites at McKinney Falls State Park or Pedernales State Park the following week – en route to our annual trip to Inks Lake Campout planned for the following weekend of Mar. 1-4. During the “stay over” we may choose to visit San Marcos and/or Austin sites.



The TOWN Dallas Palmetto trip coincides with TOWN Austin's annual trip to Palmetto State Park. Austin townies will be camping in the RV area the same weekend. Dallas Townies will tent camp in the water only tent area.

This will be a great opportunity for us to meet and say hello to our Austin “sisters” in the TOWN network.

A sign-up sheet will be at the TOWN Dallas Christmas Party.

Trip Leader:
Judy Shaw
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Holiday Party 4:00 – 7 Sun., Dec. 3

Suzi's Home
3317 Creekbend Dr.,
Garland, Texas

Remember to bring a food item to share and beverage of your choice. If you want to participate, a \$15 Gift exchange with something fun & creative with an outdoor theme.

NEXT TOWN MEETING

MONDAY
JAN. 8, 2018

LA MADELEINE
5290 BELT LINE RD
ADDISON, TX

6:30-7:00 Social Hour
Meeting 7:00



Huntsville State Park

November 9-12 Nancy, MJ, Barb, Shirley, Dale, Glenda, Allison, Judy, and Carol experienced a new park, Huntsville State Park. It was a large park and had so many activities from which to choose. As soon as we arrived and set up our tents, Nancy set up her equipment and we got to see a pair of eagles! Friday during our 8 mile hike, MJ found a geocache and Shirley, Carol, and MJ met an alligator sunning himself in a campsite. Thrilling! Because it was such a beautiful day, Glenda and Allison went kayaking on Raven Lake. Shirley brought the supplies and taught us how to make fire-starters. We also took some time to visit the giant Sam Houston statue and some of us visited the Texas State Prison Museum. Our favorite time was sitting together at night around the campfire. It was another great TOWN trip!

By MJ Steele



Photos by MJ & Judy



2018 Trips

We have a few trips planned for 2018 that you might want to know about. I'm sure there will be more planned in the next couple of months. Sign up sheets will be at the Christmas Party or you can contact the trip leaders directly for the trip you wish to sign up for. Please visit our website, <https://towndallas.org/> and link to the calendar to see more details about these trips.

Jan 6, 2018 – Hike Oak Point Nature Trail
Shirley Meurer – sameurer@yahoo.com

Feb 2-4, 2018 – Camping (Tent and Cabin) at Daingerfield SP – Shirley Meurer

Feb 22-25, 2018 – Camping at Palmetto SP
Judy Shaw – jshawtx@aol.com

Mar 1-4, 2018 – Camping at Inks Lake SP
Barb Minyard – Barbara_gran@yahoo.com

April 25-29, 2018 – Camping at Pedernales SP – Nancy Lee – nlee003@tx.rr.com

If you are interested in a spot in a cabin for Daingerfield SP please contact Shirley ASAP. Space is limited but we may be able to get a second cabin.





Mission Statement

The TOWN mission is to provide all women the opportunity to learn and experience outdoor activities in natural surroundings through a non-threatening, safe and supportive environment.

Shady Lake

