

An Enticing Spring Schedule

Day Trip

April 14, Saturday
Arts in Bloom, McKinney
11:00 am to ??

Meet up at Robbie Chandler's home for a short walk to the McKinney Square. Browse the 150 juried artists, the Local Artist Village and the Student Art Tent all set up on the tree-lined streets surrounding the McKinney Performing Arts Center. Maybe rendezvous for lunch then decide on the next course of action. There are loads of things to see and do.

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<https://www.mckinneytexas.org/687/Arts-in-Bloom>



Erwin Park Hike March 24

Barbara Minyard photo

Bike Ride

April 21, Saturday,
Bike Ride from Mockingbird Station

We will meet at Mockingbird Station at 9 am to ride the Katy Trail down to the Farmers Market. Then we can ride the train back to Mockingbird or you can ride both ways. We may do lunch at Edith's French Bistro at Mockingbird Station after the ride.

<https://www.edithsbistro.com/>

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Next TOWN Meeting

Monday April 2, 2018

La Madelaine

5290 Belt Line Road, Addison

6:30 p.m.

Guests always welcome

www.towndallas.org

Camping

April 25th-29th,
Pedernales Falls State Park

Relax and recharge beside the Pedernales River just 30 miles west of Austin. We have 4 camp sites with water and electricity reserved for four nights as there is so much to see and do in the area. The wildflowers should be in full bloom and there are two bird blinds in the park which make for easy bird watching. There are plenty of hiking trails and the river is great for swimming, wading or tubing. Nearby attractions include the LBJ National Historical Park and the LBJ State Park & Historic Site. This is a popular trip so there may be a waiting list. Contact Nancy to sign up.

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<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/pedernales-falls>

Hike

May 5th, Saturday Hiking and Picnic at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

We will meet at the Super1Food parking lot located on 75, just north of Virginia St in McKinney at 10:00 am. (208 N. Central Expy, McKinney, TX) We'll carpool and caravan to the park and start at the Visitors center to get the latest update on trail conditions. There are 6 different trails to choose from ranging from .75, to 5.7 miles in length. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen, water and a sack lunch for a picnic in the park. You might even bring a camp chair if you opt to take a shorter hike and enjoy the views and wildlife. There is a 4 mile Audio Auto Tour route. You can download the audio interpretive files to your mobile device or check out an audio device at the visitor center.

Directions from Dallas: North on Hwy 75 to US 82, west on US 82 for 5 miles; north on Hwy 289 for 4 miles; west on Refuge Road for 4 miles. It is about an hour from our meeting place in McKinney.

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https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Hagerman/visit/plan_your_visit.html

Camping

May 13th – 17th (Sunday-Thursday) Camping at Daingerfield State Park

Camping without the crowds is always nice. Join us for a couple of nights during the week at Daingerfield State Park. About 2 hours from Dallas, Daingerfield is a nice getaway. There are hiking trails, bird watching and lake activities. The park rents paddle boats, paddle boards, canoes, kayaks and flat bottom boats.

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<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/daingerfield>



Retreat

June 11th-15th, Women's Retreat at Camp Mary White in Mayhill NM

Camp Mary White is a 4-night, 5-day retreat located in the beautiful Sacramento Mountains of southern New Mexico. Women travel from near and far to take in the beauty of the forest, take classes, make new friends, reunite with old friends, listen and share, eat good food, laugh, cry, sing, gaze at the stars and just be in the moment.

Check in on Monday at 1 and check out on Friday after lunch.

Preregistration is open \$50. Cost is \$350 for the retreat, all meals included. Cabins are included but if you would like to tent camp instead, let CMW know or:

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Register at <http://www.campmarywhite.com/blank-c1i02>

Inks Lake March 1 - 4



Breakfast team at work

Glenda Holmes photos

Inks Lake
Bird Sanctuary



Arbor Hills Nature Preserve March 10th



Shirley Meurer photo