

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our monthly meetings will now be held
on the second Monday of each month.

For 2020 the dates are:

March 9th

April 13th

May 11th

June 8th

July 13th

August 10th

September 14th

October 12th

November 9th

The location is:

Churchill Recreation Center

6906 Churchill Way

Dallas Texas 75230

214-670-6477

I believe we will all appreciate the atmosphere of this facility. Wifi is available and there is a large drop down screen for showing presentations, slideshows or even movies. The tables and chairs can be set up however we want. There is plenty of parking including an overflow parking area just a few steps down from the main parking lot. The staff seems very nice and very helpful. Please give them your respect and appreciation at all times.

There are some rules for use of the rec center that everyone must respect.

Room rental time is for 2 hours, 6:30 - 8:30 PM only and that includes the necessary time required for room set-up and clean up.

If you arrive early please stay outside the room until 6:30. There is a nice patio that can be used prior to the meeting. Room set-up and clean up are the responsibility of the group. Everyone must exit the room by 8:30 and the room must be left clean, tables and chairs put away and trash removed.

Food is allowed but all items brought in must be removed.

No alcohol or gambling inside or outside the building. Kitchen privileges are available for an extra charge per hour. **We do not have kitchen privileges unless we reserve in advance.**

Next TOWN Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

Churchill Recreation Center

6906 Churchill Way

Dallas, TX 75230

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Speaker: Janet Smith

Guests always welcome

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20

This month Janet will be sharing some interesting factual tidbits not found in travel guides about the areas and towns most of us have traveled through or to on our various camping trips and other adventures.

Hike rescheduled for Saturday, March 14, 10:00 AM at Cedar Ridge

The Cedar Ridge Nature Preserve is a scenic, rich in wildlife, slice of hill country. Formerly the Dallas Nature Center, the preserve spans 600 acres between Mountain Creek Parkway and FM 1382, a short 20 minutes from downtown Dallas. The natural habitat is jointly owned by the City of Dallas and Dallas County and features native trees, grasses, and wildflowers, displaying the natural beauty of the area.

Meet at the Education Center near the restrooms for a moderate hike.

Trip Leader Shirley Meurer sameurer@yahoo.com

<https://cedarhilltx.com/1700/Cedar-Ridge-Nature-Preserve>

Palmetto State Park – March 27-29 Friday-Sunday

We will be camping in sites with electricity and water, with just a short walk to nice restrooms and showers. We will share breakfast and dinner meals -- bring your own lunches, snacks and drinks. We will share the expenses for camping, parking, entrance fees and the shared meal costs. Expect these costs to be about \$30 per person.

Activities: Barb will lead a full day kayaking trip on the San Marcos River -- about 13 miles. You need to bring a boat and paddle with you. The river flow is considered a Class I float but you should know that you have the experience and stamina for a 6-hour trip. Non-paddlers are welcome to relax in the woods, stroll the many trails through the woods, and explore nearby attractions.

Here is a link to park information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/palmetto> and a map of the park and trails: https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4505_0049p.pdf

If you would like to participate or have more questions please contact **Barb Cutter** at bjscutter@gmail.com

Those people reserving a place are asked to make a \$10 contribution to the pre-paid reservations.



Inks Lake
camping trip

Possum Kingdom State Park March 26-29, Thursday – Sunday

Trip Leader Nancy Lee

Possum Kingdom State Park offers fun on both water and land. Take a hike on one of the trails, or rent a canoe for a paddle on the lake! The park also offers fishing and geocaching, so you might want to indulge a favorite activity or learn a new one.

We have a couple of nice big sites on The Chaparral Trail Camping Loop for campsites and kitchen/social area.

We are fully booked for this trip right now, but if you're interested, please contact Nancy Lee, nlee002@tx.rr.com, and put your name on the wait list. Plans change all the time and a spot can open up so that you can join the group for a fun weekend!

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

Looking Ahead

Cap Rock Canyon State Park

April 23-26, Thursday-Sunday

Trip Leader Dale Dickerson –

dale.maytx@gmail.com

Wichita National Wildlife Refuge

May 14-17, Thursday-Sunday

Trip Leader Shirley Meurer –

sameurer@yahoo.com



Visit to In-Sync Exotics on Saturday, April 18th

In-Sync Exotics is more than a place to spend a few hours on the weekend. It is a destination to explore and learn all about the exotic cats that call In-Sync their forever home. The story of each cat is posted on their enclosure and volunteers are placed throughout the facility to answer any questions you might have.
<https://www.insyncexotics.org/tours/>

Meet at the In-Sync entrance at 11 AM. Lunch someplace local at 1:00.

Trip Leader Robbie Chandler -
rbbchandler@yahoo.com

Sign up at the March meeting or contact Robbie directly.



More fun at Inks Lake