

Robbie Chandler has set up a ZOOM call for anyone who would like to join. In order to participate, send Robbie an email at rbbchandler@yahoo.com. She will send you a link to join the meeting. With this link you do not need to download the ZOOM app. The call will last 40 minutes max and it would be great to see you on a call!

NEW COMMUNICATION TOOL

We are using the TOWNDALLAS@Groups.io tool for most communications for the TOWN group. Since there isn't much going on right now the message traffic has been very low. Once we are able to gather again this will be the method to communicate events, activities and with all members at once.

APRIL HIKE



What? Hike at the Fort Worth Nature Center

When? Saturday, April 10, 10 AM – 2 PM

Who? Organizer is Barb Cutter 817-832-0549
bjscutter@gmail.com

Where? Nature Center Information can be found here <https://www.fwnaturecenter.org/>

How Much? On Saturdays admission is by Advanced Reservation only and is \$6 per person. Go to this website to reserve your participation: <https://www.fwnaturecenter.org/reserving-your-tickets-to-the-park/>

Please join our group for a hike in the Cross Timbers along the banks of the West Fork of the Trinity River and Lake Worth. The terrain is a mixture of Limestone cap rock with fossil shell outcrops, marsh and riparian woodlands and wild grass prairie. We will have a selection of easy to moderate trails.

ZOOM Meeting in March

**Monday April 12th
at 7:00 PM**

Guests always welcome

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$20

Dues paid in 2020 will cover your membership through 2021

Please meet at 10 AM in the parking lot of the Hardwicke Interpretive Center. We will then have the opportunity to break into smaller hiking groups depending on the terrain you wish to follow and how long you want to hike. Once you are in the park you are welcome to stay as long as desired provided you leave before the gates are locked at 5 PM. If you are unable to get a 10 AM registration spot consider reserving an earlier time, then make your own decision about when you arrive at the park and meet up with our group.

Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, bring water, a mask and a lunch or snack. Hike sticks can also be helpful for those who have them.

Please RSVP to Barb so she knows who to expect. Call her if you have any questions.

HIKE CEDAR RIDGE

What? Let's hike Cedar Ridge again.

When? Wednesday, April 28th, 10AM

Who? Organizer is Shirley Meurer 972-890-2491
sameurer@yahoo.com

Where? 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75249

How Much? Suggested donation is \$3

Meet outside the restrooms for a 4-5 mile hike on dirt trails. We'll do a route combining the Cattail Pond, Cedar Brake, Fossil Valley and Escarpment Trails. Bring a mask, water and maybe a snack/lunch to enjoy by the Cattail Pond.

The preserve will close if the trails are wet due to recent rains. For a trail map and other information go to <https://audubondallas.org/cedar-ridge-preserve/>



We enjoyed the overcast sky and good breeze on our March hike at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Barb, Shirley, Robbie, Cathy, Leslie, Patti-Lynn, Alice and Carol.

MAY HIKE

What? Hike Bob Jones Nature Center Trails

When? Saturday, May 1, 10 AM – 2 PM

Who? Organizer is Shirley Meurer 972-890-2491
sameurer@yahoo.com

Where? 355 E. Bob Jones Rd, Southlake, Texas 76092

Nature Center Information can be found at <https://www.experiencesouthlaketexas.com>

Join us to explore the trails around the Bob Jones Nature Center in Southlake. We'll start at the Nature Center and join the Walnut Grove National Recreation Trail which surrounds the Preserve.

More details in next months newsletter.

Northeast Texas Trail

I ran across a website for the Northeast Texas Trail recently and took note because I was recently in Farmersville, the start of this trail, where there is a great little ice cream shop.

I see potential for a day trip, biking or walking with a sweet treat at the end.

Here is an excerpt from the website:

Our trail begins at the Audie L. Murphy Head near the Historic Onion Shed in Downtown Farmersville, a restored building from the 1930s that was once used as a loading dock for the onion industry. You can enjoy 2.5 miles of concrete, and 2.5 miles of granite maintained by the City of Farmersville or, travel as far as 132 miles to New Boston on this secured and primitive trail which was previously used as the railroad right-of-way. When the pavement ends, expect a crushed stone surface suitable for hiking, mountain biking, or horseback riding.

Check it out! <https://netexastrail.org/>



Inks Lake blast from the past photos

