

# TOWN NEWS

Texas Outdoors Woman Network

## *Dallas Chapter – October 2024*

*Monthly meeting October 14th*

Laura and Carol's Home

3066 Ponder Place, Dallas TX 75229

Next Meeting is Nov 11<sup>th</sup>



*Shady Lake in the fall*

# **TOWN ACTIVITIES - 2024**

## ***Mark your Calendars!!***

**Thursday Oct 10 – Sunday Oct 13**

**Huntsville State Park**

**Contact Nancy Lee**  
**[nlee002@tx.rr.com](mailto:nlee002@tx.rr.com)**  
**text 469-264-4643**

**Hike Oak Point Park & Nature Preserve Trail**

**October 18th 10:00 AM**

**Contact Shirley Meurer**

**Text 972-890-2491**

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**Thursday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – Sunday Nov 2**

**Cooper Lake State Park**

**Trip leader- Shirley Meurer**

Please email me directly [sameurer@yahoo.com](mailto:sameurer@yahoo.com), or text me at 972-890-2491 if you want to sign up for this trip. Max tent campers are 12. Deposit of \$15.00 to [sameurer@yahoo.com](mailto:sameurer@yahoo.com) via Zelle or Paypal.

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**Wednesday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Copper Breaks State Park**

**Trip Leader – Allison Gilani**

**Text 214-728-5752**

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**Monthly Meetings for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2024**

**6 – 7:30**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – Dale Dickerson's home**

**1424 Parkwood Dr, Carrollton TX 75007**

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**Guided Kayak Audubon Tour**

**October 5th 9:30 - 12:30**

**<http://www.kayakinstruct.com/audubon.html>**

**December – No Meeting**

**Holiday Party -December 8th**

**More details to come**

## A Great Day Paddling on Lake Grapevine



*Lois and Debbie*



*Barb and Donna*



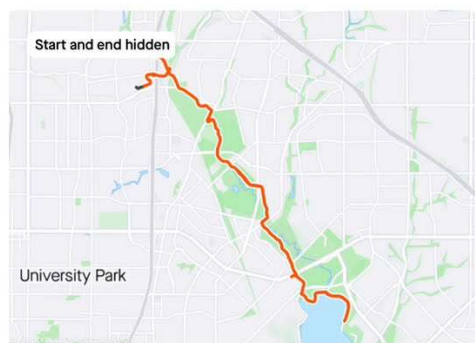
*Laura, Shirley and Mary*

*Shirley, Barb and Donna*



### Dallas TOWN Afternoon Ride

Barb Cutter, Shirley Meurer, Ann Meyer, Donna Morgan



Distance  
16.35 mi

Moving Time  
1:59:22

Max Elevation  
549 ft

Elevation Gain  
277 ft

Avg Speed  
8.2 mi/h

Max Speed  
19.0 mi/h



*Ann, Donna and Shirley*

# How to track and use bird language in the wild.

Did you know that bird language can help you spot potential danger as well as find wildlife for pleasure and/or food? You can use bird language to track animals from long distances. Bird language uses body language and vocalizations made by birds to locate aerial and ground animals in their natural habitat. If a bobcat is moving through the forest, birds react to this. To a bird language practitioner, the bird alarms for a bobcat are obvious even through thick bushes and from many yards away.

## Five Voices of Birds to Listen For

As you keep your eye on birds, practice listening for the five voices they use throughout all four seasons:

**Song:** Their beautiful tweets, whistles, and songs are used for courtship and claiming territory.

**Companion/Feeding Calls:** These sounds are soft and rhythmic and are often heard between friendly birds or flock members. They can be quite quiet so listen carefully.

**Territorial Aggression:** These sounds are often loud and aggressive. They are made by birds that are defending their territories from rivals. Sometimes you see birds flying at each other or physically attacking each other. This is usually a sign that no dangerous predators are in the area.

**Juvenile Begging:** These are the frantic calls of baby birds receiving food from mom and dad. Baby birds are easy targets for predators as they don't know yet how to listen for danger. Bird language learners shouldn't confuse these sounds as coming from adult birds, as it might throw you off a trail of an alarm.

**Alarms:** These calls and sounds are associated with predators that may pose a threat. Most birds have multiple types of alarms corresponding to different types of danger. Some alarms are even silent, meaning they are non-vocal. Examples are a woodpecker that drums on wood and other objects, owls that snap their bills together, or pigeons as well as owls that use wing-clapping to signal alarms.

[\(Apelian, 2023 p.187\)](#)

NEXT NEWSLETTER: How to Understand Bird Language