

TOWN NEWS

Texas Outdoors Woman Network

Dallas Chapter – September 2026

Monthly Meeting September 14th

6-7:30 PM

Suzi Murphy's Home

3317 Creekbend Drive

Garland, TX 75044



TOWN ACTIVITIES

Mark your Calendars!!

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September 30th - October 4th

Wednesday through Sunday

Camping at South Llano River SP

Mason Mountains Wildlife Management Area

Tour on Friday morning, October 2nd.

Melissa Brown 254-582-1528

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October 22nd - 25th

Thursday thru Sunday

Camping at Shady Lake Recreation Area

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r08/ouachita/recreation/shady-lake>

Trip Leader is Dale Dickerson - 214-850-3979

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November 18th - 21st

Wednesday - Saturday

Camping at Copper Breaks SP

Park Website - <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/copper-breaks>

Contact Trip leaders:

Marie Waterman marie@centraldfw.com or
214-733-3222

Allison Gilani 214-728-5752

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Next meeting is October 12th

6-7:30

Marie Waterman's home

2221 Greenpark Dr

Richardson TX 75082

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Monthly Meetings 6pm – 7:30pm

2nd Monday of the Month

Contact Shirley to host

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There weren't any official TOWN events in August but many TOWN members went on trips this summer. Here are a few of their adventures!

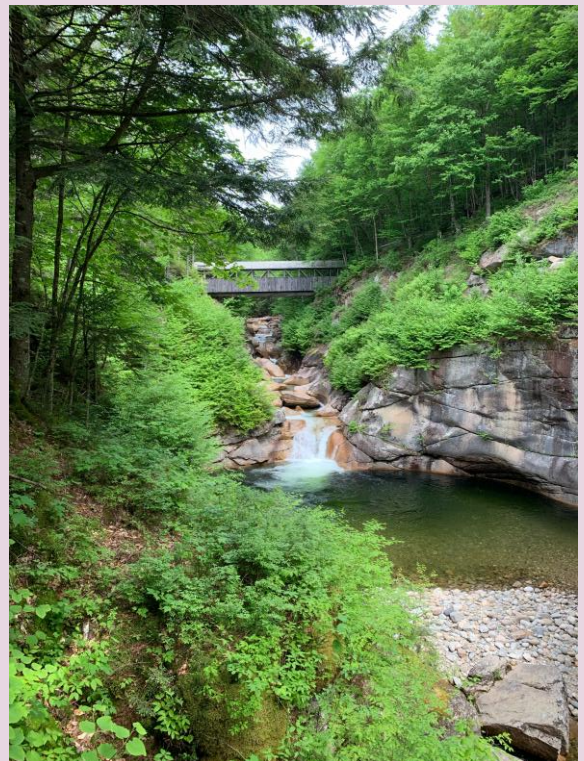
Mary and Mar enjoyed the cool temperature of New Hampshire. They stayed in Lincoln, NH nestled in a beautiful valley within the White Mountains National Forest. Waterfalls, beautiful wooden bridges, streams, mountain trails access every 2-3 milesgorgeous views all around.



Waterville
Valley in
White
Mountains
National
Forest

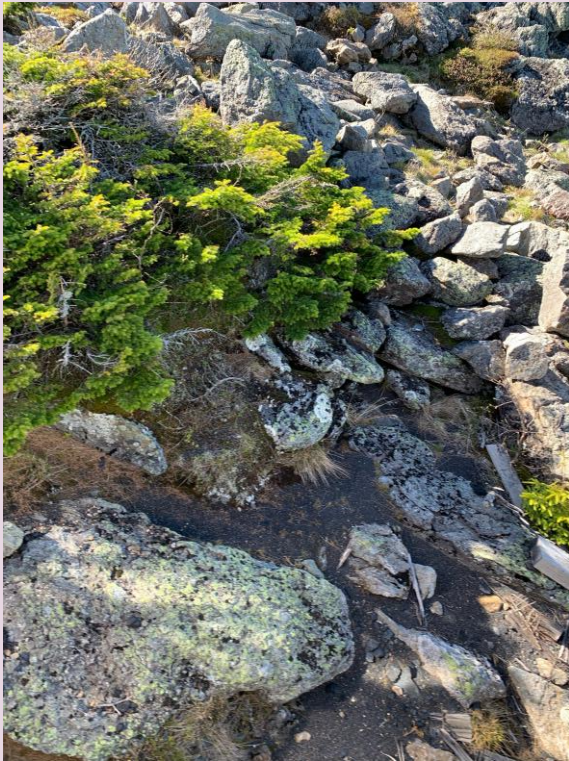


Flume Gorge
(left)



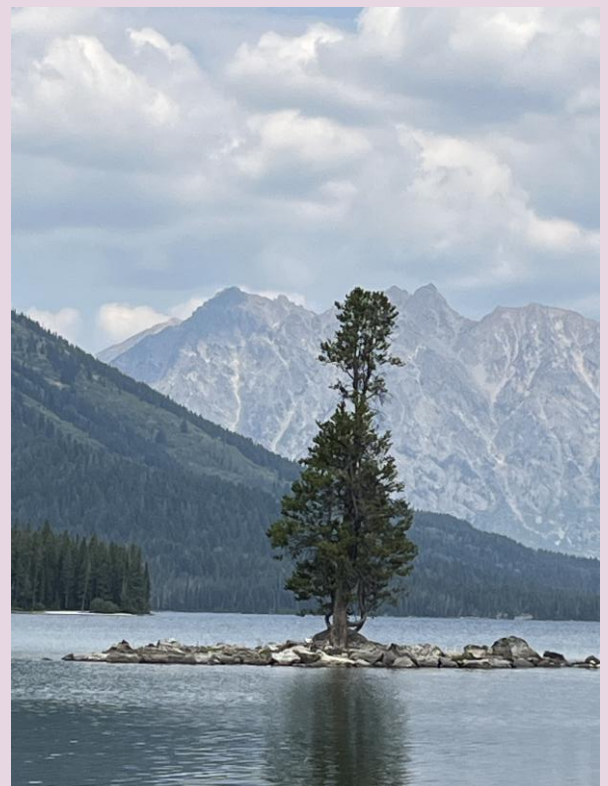


Cog Railway up to Mt Washington



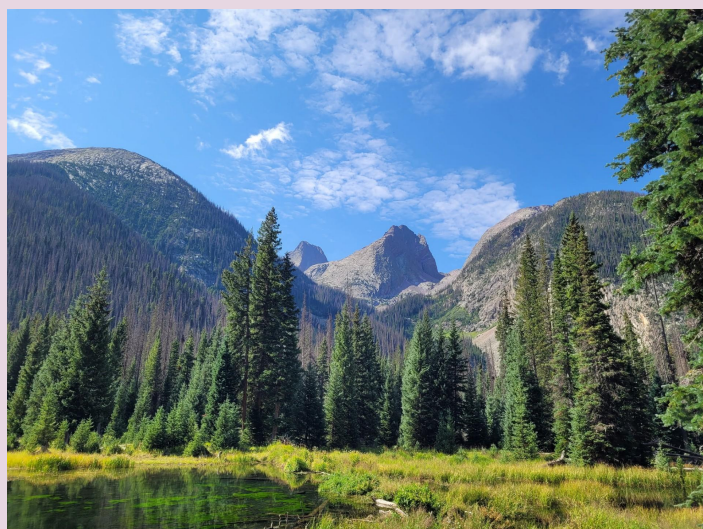
View of 5 states on a clear day

Suzi and Sharon Went to Jackson Hole and Grand Teton National Forest





Laura went backpacking in Colorado!



Animas
River
(right)

Arrowhead
Peak
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Wilderness
(left)

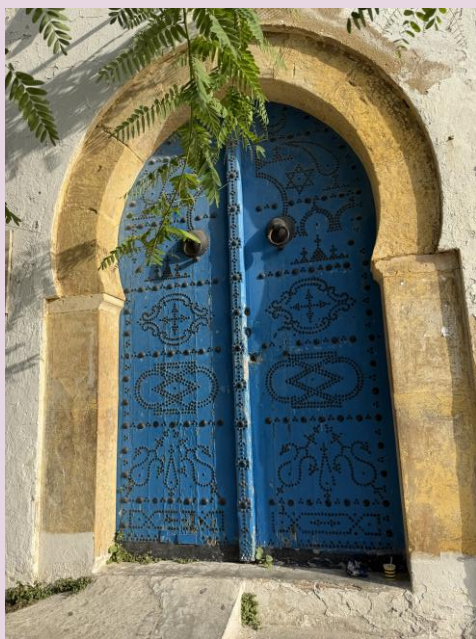


Jeanne and Lisa's adventures took them on a Train Lovers Trip through Canada, throwing Labrys in Michigan, a family reunion in Ocean City, NJ and the Magic Gardens in Philadelphia.



Karen and Karen went to the Mediterranean.

They visited the Famous Blue and White Village at the World Heritage Site of Sidi Bou Said, Tunisia, Galerie Hédi Turki and Palace of Knossos.





Rene and Allison went to Greece



Melissa visited Alaska on a National Parks quest!

Wrangell-St Elias was the first one. It is east of Anchorage. It's an easy 7 hour drive except for the final 40 miles. Those last few miles take about three hours on a narrow gravel road that's not quite two lanes. The rangers warned us that just that summer, two drivers had rolled off the road. Sure enough, about three miles before we arrived at McCarthy, there was a large recreational vehicle overturned on the side of the road. Thoughtfully, the owner had secured a sign to the undercarriage that stated: We are okay!

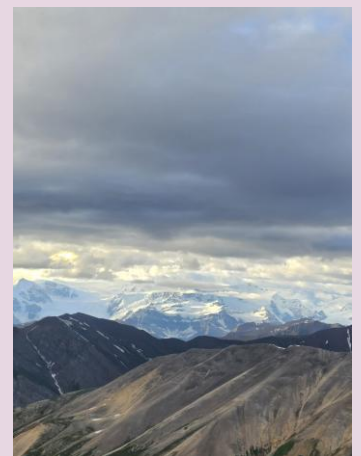
The road to McCarthy dead ends at the Kennicott River. To get to McCarthy on the other side of the river, you walk yourself and your belongings across a footbridge. (You can't drive into McCarthy unless you want to pay a fee for an annual bridge pass. One of the local landowners built a bridge on their property and charges \$500/year for access!)

We had reservations at an AirBnB, and the owner had agreed to pick us up at the end of the footbridge. She had to make two trips because all of our travelers and all of our stuff wouldn't fit into her Jeep. After she dropped us off, we had to walk or find a shuttle to get where we needed to be. Fortunately, we were not too far from downtown McCarthy (two restaurants, one general store) and the shuttle stops.



Crossing the footbridge to McCarthy

Views from our flight seeing tour into Wrangell-St. Elias NP



The second part of the trip was spent near Seward and Kenai Fjords NP. We fished, but didn't catch anything, kayaked, took a wildlife cruise and hiked in the national park.



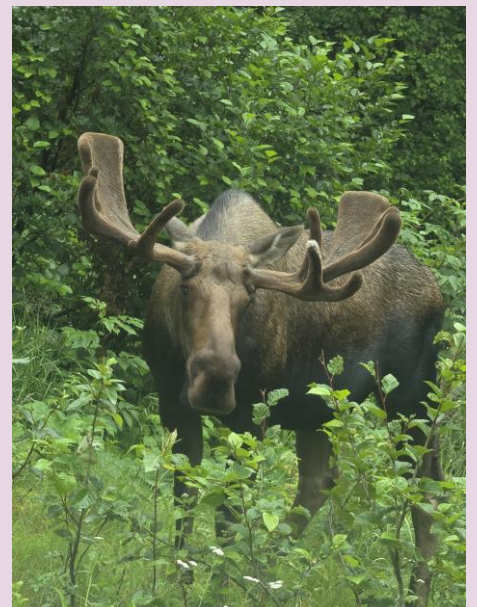
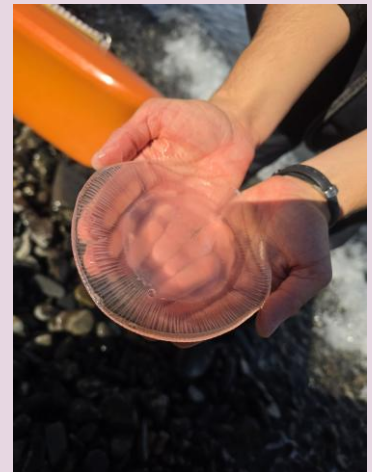
VIEW FROM CABIN



**HIKING AT KENAI FJORDS
NATIONAL PARK**



KAYAKING AT FOX ISLAND



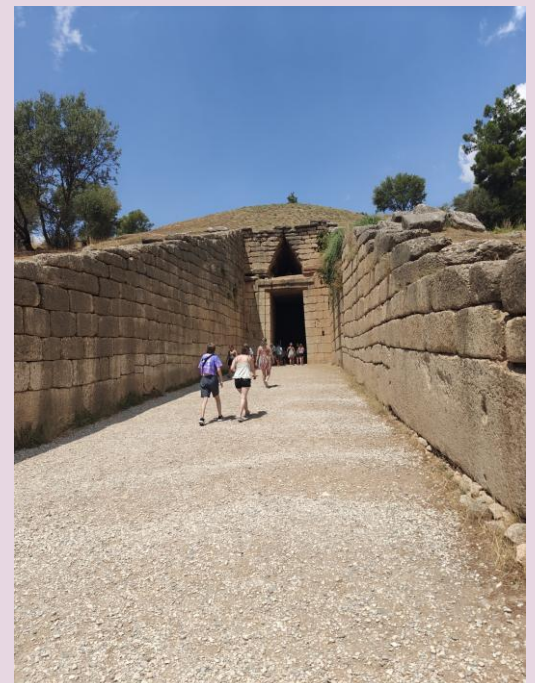


We saw lots of wildlife. Eagles, puffins, magpies, ducks, whales, sea lions, moon jelly fish and one moose.

Marie and Emily went on a Grecian Odyssey

In July, Emily and Marie went on a 9 day trip to Greece. They visited Athens, Corinth, the Argolida Region, Epidaurus, Mycanae, the Olympia Region and Delphi. They also took a Saronic Island Cruise spending a little time on Aegina, Hydra, and Poros.

Our favorite part was all the cats! Emily's favorite archeological site was the Temple of Athena Nike. Marie's favorites were the Olympic Stadium and The Theatre of Epidaurus.





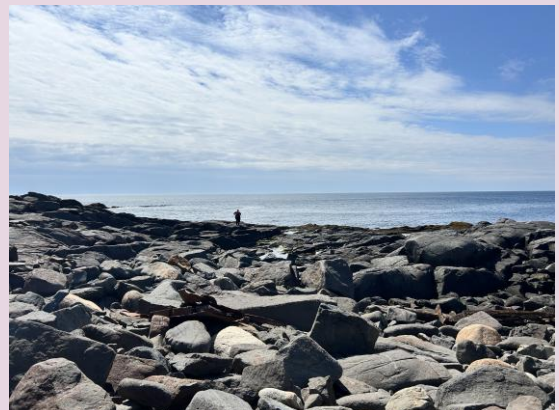
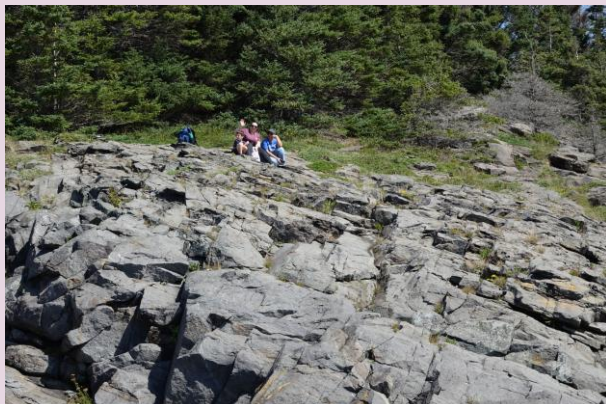
Faith and Kay's adventures took them from Standing on a corner in Winslow Arizona to sitting in a valley next to the Grand Tetons and everything in between.

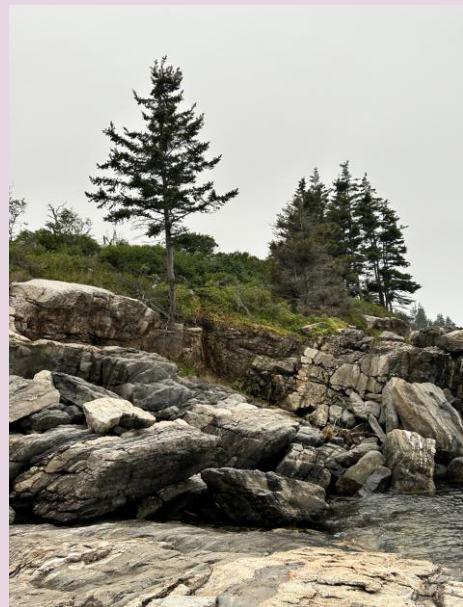






Riley ventured to Maine, Pemaquid Maine and Monhegan Island.





And Rosie went to California to meet her granddaughter Charlotte Rose!



Looks like everyone was busy traveling. If any of these adventures look like something you'd be interested in please reach out and ask for details of these trips. Also, if I missed your summer adventures please send me an email kaygowdy@gmail.com with a few of your photos and details of your trip and I will add to the next newsletter. As a closing, I have a note from Barb Cutter that is somewhat comical and somewhat sad and a reminder to enjoy your travels while you can. Barb kept her sense of humor and wanted us all to be able to laugh at life.

MY SUMMER by Barb Cutter

“Barb C’s summer adventures were one expensive crisis after another. There was the simple dripping hose bib that went from a \$250 estimate to a \$800 whole in the wall; the \$900 refrigerator repair; two dead trees that cost \$1800 to remove; the leaking sprinkler pipe that she repaired herself with parts on hand but it required digging a hole to China; and we all thought the piece de resistance was the pool heater fire on the day of the TOWN pool party. However, there was still more fun to be had when the main A/C unit required replacement and then... a rock cracked her windshield!

Not a hot dull summer but one to be remembered on the first of every month when the Citibank payment is due. By next summer she’ll have plenty of airline miles for a lovely trip.”