

'July Day At The Lake' Is Special To Townies

Townies annual 'July Day at the Lake' on Saturday, July 14, hosted by Mary and Mar at their Cedar Creek lake house was a cool respite for Townies from hot mid-summer temperatures. The beautiful tall trees on their lot provided the ideal lakeside setting for a nice relaxing day at the lake.

Mary grilled the burgers and Townies brought side dishes and desserts. Rosie brought a delicious chocolate cake with seven minute icing stacked with Oreo cookies that was a stand-out.

Swimmers brought their floats and kayaks and swam in the lake, others just relaxed in the shade and enjoyed the view, while a couple of us got lost and toured the lake before eventually finding our way there!

Many thanks to Mary and Mar for opening your special retreat to all of us.



Next TOWN Meeting

Monday August 6, 2018

La Madeleine

5290 Belt Line Road, Addison

6:30 p.m.

Guests always welcome

www.towndallas.org

Heads up for September – Our September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

'Mama Mia' Saves The Day For Eight Dallas Townies!

A Sunday afternoon at the movies was an uplifting and entertaining treat for eight Townies when temperatures soared to a record breaking 109 degrees in Dallas on July 22.

"Mama Mia - Here We Go Again" showing at AMC Valley View Mall was the perfect 'happy' movie musical for the day.

Special thanks to Barbara for planning this spontaneous event which was followed by a fitting sumptuous Italian dinner of salad, pasta, and libations at Roman Cucina.

Shirley, Barbara, Sherry, Jeanette, Allison, Sissy, Nancy, and Judy bravely beat the heat and savored the day!

UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

New date for Camping at Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge

October 18-21, 2018 Thursday-Sunday
Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge
30 minutes NW of Lawton, Oklahoma

This is a wonderful area for a Fall camp out. We'll be at Doris Campground. Sites may have electricity with water available in the campgrounds. Sites are first come-first serve, no reservations. Number of campers 15 with a wait list available. Many of us will go Thursday in order to secure the sites needed.

Hiking, nature trails, fishing, rock climbing, a Visitor Center, and Environmental Education Center. Wild bison, elk, turkey, deer and prairie dogs roam freely throughout the refuge. Also, on Saturday October 20 at 5pm there is a Bugling Elk tour available for a small fee. You must reserve a space! It fills up quickly so don't delay. Reservations begin Aug. 27. Go to their website for more info about this tour.

Google: Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge for more info. https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Wichita_Mountains/maps.html
Sign up sheets for trip will be at our TOWN meetings or email me directly.
Hope you can make it. Beautiful area.

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Dallas' Best Hiking Destinations

There was an article in the Dallas Morning News on July 15th by Will Maddox about 5 places to hike in the Dallas area, Cedar Ridge Preserve, Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area, Goat Island Preserve, Oak Point Park and Nature Preserve and Piedmont Ridge Trail. Of the five places in the article, two I have never heard of and plan to rectify that in the coming year. Goat Island Preserve and Piedmont Ridge Trail are on my list to visit this year when the weather gets cooler. Hope you will join me.

<http://dallastrinitytrails.blogspot.com/2014/11/goat-island-preserve-hiking-dallas.html>
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/texas/piedmont-ridge-trail>

Shirley

Tubing on the Comal River in New Braunfels

Tuesday-Friday, September 11-14th (3 nights)
Staying at Heidelberg Lodges <https://www.heidelberglodges.com/>

Enjoy the most secluded part of the Comal River in New Braunfels at the foot of natural springs. Heidelberg Lodges offers nature and convenience with local attractions minutes away. Riverfront, large pool, grills, boats and game room - find the perfect getaway year round for families or groups in our unique a-frame rooms and large rental houses.

Trip Leader Barb Minyard,
barbara_gran@yahoo.com

Only one space left, contact Barb after August 15th

Save the dates for future trips

Big Bend National Park – October 30-
Nov 4 Trip Leader Dale Dickerson
dale.maytx@gmail.com

Cooper Lake State Park – Nov 9-11 Trip
Leader Shirley Meurer
sameurer@yahoo.com