





DALLAS/FORT WORTH

OCTOBER 2018

## 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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### **Next TOWN Meeting**

**Monday October 1 2018** 

La Madeleine 5290 Belt Line Road, Addison 6:30 p.m.

Guests always welcome www.towndallas.org



### Tuesday, October 2 State Fair of Texas Dallas

More info: bigtex.com

Tuesday is "Dr. Pepper Half-Price Tuesday" Bring an empty DP can and admission is only \$9. Most midway rides are at reduced prices.

Leader: Allison alliekat33@hotmail.com



## Save the dates for future trips

### Friday, October 26 Wings Over Dallas Airshow

A WWII Commemorative Air Show plus aircraft rides, aircraft tours, exhibitions, etc. at Dallas Executive Airport

More info: <u>CAF Wings Over Dallas Airshow</u> one-day general admission: \$17 + \$3 online fee

= \$20 non-refundable admission free parking

Leader: Nancy Lee nlee002@tx.rr.com

# October 30 - Nov 4 Big Bend National Park

Trip Leader:
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# November 9-11 Camping at Cooper Lake State Park

Join us for a relaxing weekend camping at the Doctors Creek Unit at Cooper Lake State Park.

Doctors Creek, on the north side of the lake, offers tons of amenities. You can fish, picnic, swim, boat, water-ski, hike, bike, bird watch, study nature, stargaze, ride horses, geocache and of course camp. We'll have a couple of sites at the Liberty Grove camping area which are all water and electric sites. There are 4 easy hikes at the Doctors Creek Unit we can do and for longer hikes we can go over to the Sulphur Creek Unit. November 9-11 (2 nights)

Contact Trip Leader: Shirley Meurer at <a href="mailto:sameurer@yahoo.com">sameurer@yahoo.com</a>

#### **NEW BRAUNFELS TRIP**

The September trip for TOWN members was in New Braunfels. Barb led the trip and with her were Shirley, Nancy, MJ, Sherry, Donna, Allison and Lois. We stayed in cabins because of the heat but they were right next to the Comal River and the Guadalupe River was not far away. Allison had an exciting (maybe terrifying) experience on the river. She can tell you all about it if you ask. Not many people were on the rivers during the week. It was a nice, quiet ride for the TOWN women. We visited Gruene, a small town close to NB, shopped a little, then went to Texas' oldest Dance Hall, Gruene Hall. If you have ever seen the old movie 'Michael' with John Travolta, the dance scene was filmed in Gruene Hall. Garth Brooks and Willie Nelson have also performed there. Not far from the Hall was the Gristmill restaurant. We had a never-ending dinner there. Ask one of us about THAT story!

We also had time to visit the Natural Bridge Cave. We took the Aquifer Tour and learned many interesting facts as we toured. Some of the rooms inside the cave were flooded because of all the rain. The tour guide said it hadn't been flooded inside the cave since 2016. The water was so clear!

That evening we went to the Alpine Haus, a German restaurant in NB. WOW! We were all impressed with our choices of entrees, especially the appetizer, Cream of Garlic Soup!







