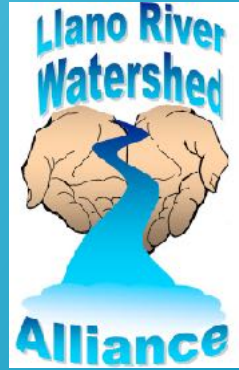


WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



Trout Release Scheduled for South Llano River State Park

Rainbow Trout will again be stocked on the South Llano at the State Park on Tuesday, January 15th.

Remember, as a added benefit you can fish at these Texas State Parks (including South Llano River) without a fishing license.

Although not native, these fish do not survive the warmer waters later in the year.

Birding Festival Returns to South Llano River State Park

The highly successful South Llano River State Park Birding Festival will return to the park April 26-28. Last year's festival sold out, so request a Registration Packet soon by emailing southllanoriverbirdingfestival@gmail.com.

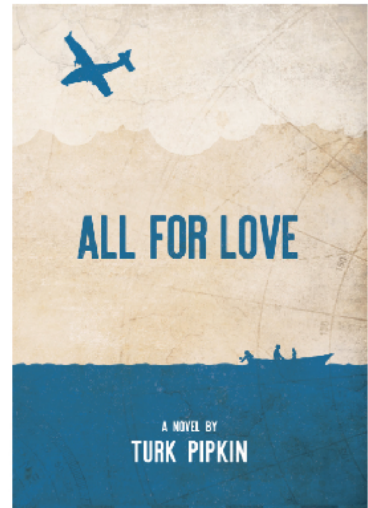
The Watershed Alliance, along with the Friends of the South Llano River State Park and TTU Llano River Field Station are co-sponsoring the event.

Guided events will include Golden-cheeked Warbler Walks, Bird Blind Photography, and Birding the Riparian. [Click here](#) for the full schedule of events.



Latest novel features South Llano

Llano River landowner Turk Pipkin's latest novel is a story of a father and daughter who are lost at sea and a mother's desperate search to save them. Although primarily set in the Sea of Cortez, there are many protagonist flashbacks to his early life on Contrary Creek near the headwaters of the South Llano.



The opening lines of the book will grab any lover of the Llano...

From deep within him, Michael Parker could hear the whispering of the water, echoing in the murmur of his heart as it had for thirty years. Then once again he was ten years old, full of wonder as he watched the cold, clear stream rush out of the old rock and fall into the limestone channels at the place where the river begins.

For folks who are in Austin tonight...

Turk Pipkin will be holding a book signing event this evening at Book People (603 N Lamar) from 7pm - 8:30pm.

Prescribed Burn Association Annual Meeting - January 10

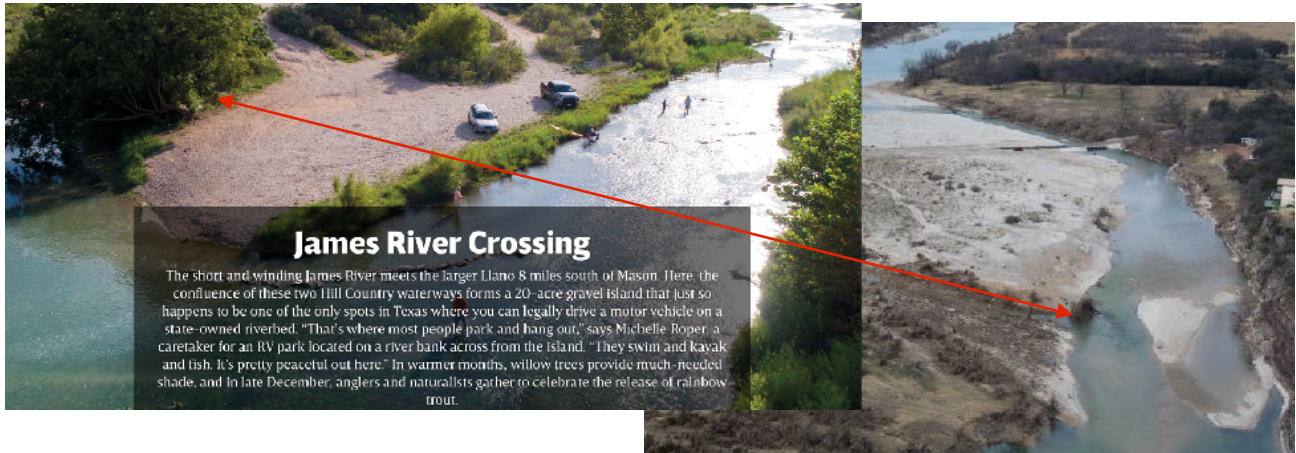
For folks who are in Junction tonight...

The annual meeting of the Upper Llanos Prescribed Burn Association will be tonight (Thursday, January 10) at 5:30pm in the county courtroom of the Kimble



County Courthouse. Prescribed burns planned and scheduled in 2019 will be discussed, as will burn protocols, notification requirements, radios, and equipment needs. Come learn if prescribed burning is right for your property.

James River Crossing -before and after the flood



The September issue of Texas Highways Magazine ran an article about Islands in Texas that features the island at James River Crossing, just below the confluence of the Llano River and the James River. The article featured a drone image of the island before the flood (left). The photo on the right shows island after the October flood. Note the much wider river following the flood. For reference, note the location of the tree at the bottom of the island (see arrow).

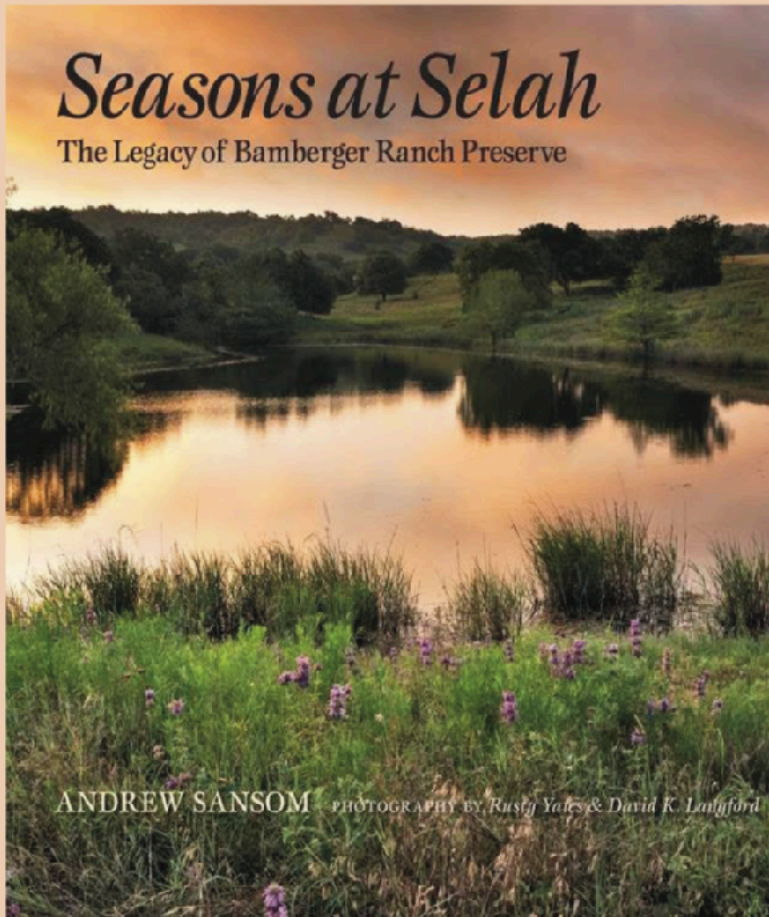
Also, a word of caution to paddlers: The entrance to the north channel above the bridge has shifted slightly and there now two trees partially blocking the channel (see top of right photo).

Floods on the Llano in the 20th Century

Last October, the Austin Statesman featured a history of floods on the Llano River during the 20th century. The article, based on Jonathan Burnett's book "Flash Floods in Texas", chronicles five major floods that hit the Llano River : 1932, 1935, 1936, 1952, and 1978. Oddly, the 1997 flood, was omitted from the article. The online version of the article also contains nice aerial video of the October 16 flood in Llano.



Riverside Nature Center Presents: Conversation with a Conservationist



**January 17th
5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Book Signing
& Presentation by
David Bamberger
& David Langford**

**Wine & Cheese
Reception
to follow**

Seasons at Selah: The Legacy of Bamberger Ranch Preserve chronicles Bamberger's dedication to ethical land stewardship and conservation education through stunning photographs of the land, plants, and wildlife he has devoted his time and resources to protect.

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