

Watershed Week in Review

February 3, 2017

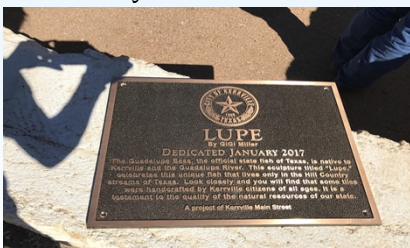


Meet Lupe



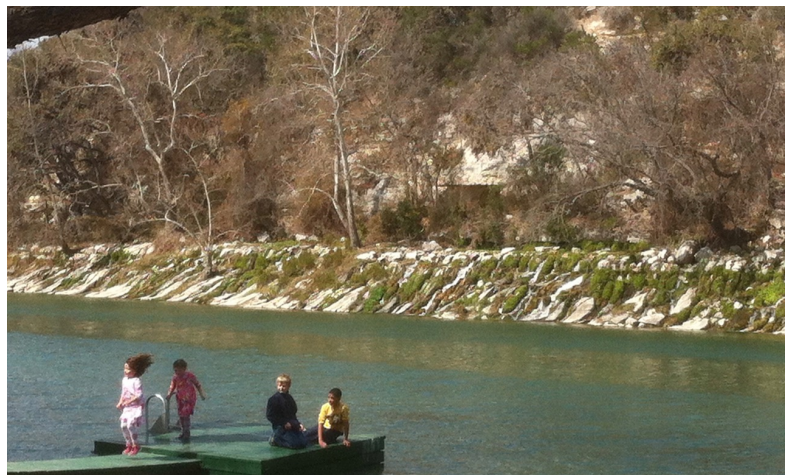
The Kerrville Main Street Advisory Board unveiled “Lupe”, the creation of artist GiGi Miller, at Louise Hays Park this past Tuesday.

The sculpture celebrates the Guadalupe Bass—the State Fish of Texas—that lives only in the Hill Country streams of Texas.



Photos: Dr. Gary Garrett

700 Springs Tour Date Set



The Kimble County Historical Commission announced this week that Mr. Lee Pfluger has once again graciously invited the general public to 700 Springs Ranch on Saturday, April 29st, 2017.

Seven Hundred Springs are one of the headwater springs of the South Llano River. Last year's event was cancelled due to weather. Be sure to bring the entire family for an unforgettable experience.

Details forthcoming in future newsletters.

New Superintendent arrives at South Llano River State Park



Scott Whitener is a native Texan, born and raised in Houston, Texas. His incredibly patient wife, Ivy is also a native Texan hailing from Victoria, Texas and works for Hill Country Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg. Scott is a graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos and has worked for TPWD since 2013. Before joining the TPWD family, Scott took the "not-so-typical" road before finding his true home with Parks and Wildlife. He has been a small business owner in Austin, worked in the fishing and tourism industry of Alaska, managed Early Childhood Programs for MHDD in Kerrville and most notably, a special education teacher for FISD in Fredericksburg, Texas that earned him the 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year Award. For the past 3 1/2 years, Scott has served in the capacity of Park interpreter, Natural Resource Specialist, and Volunteer Coordinator at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area as well as a short stint as the Assistant Farm Manager at LBJ State Park in Stonewall. In the few years with the department, Scott has worked closely with the Friends of Enchanted Rock, Hill Country Master Naturalists, The Fredericksburg CVB, Rotary clubs, Texas Outdoor Women's Network, REI, Whole Earth Provisions, the International Dark Sky Association, Geiger and Associates Tourism and Media groups, and established close working relationships with a number of area school districts, making every effort to share the TPWD mission of Natural and Cultural Resource Management and Conservation.

South Llano River State Park has always been a favorite for Scott and Ivy using it as a quick get-away from the crowds of the city. "Listening to, paddling, swimming, and enjoying all that is the river, rejuvenates the soul. We are incredibly blessed to be at the park and honored to be a part of this community."

Scott is very accessible and anyone is invited to come by for a cup of coffee because he drinks it all day. If there is ever a time that Scott is not in the park, he and Ivy are very likely just a few hours west enjoying their little patch of dirt and cactus north of Terlingua in the middle of nowhere, setting up a tent, turning off the phones, and watching the day go by.

Outdoor School Volunteer Opportunities

Hello Friends and Neighbors.....

Many of you have inquired about how you can be a part of the activities that take place out here at **Texas Tech University Junction Outdoor School (TTUJOS)**. To help answer that... read below and join us!

Texas Tech University Outdoor School is holding a ** Volunteer Workshop, Saturday, February 25th, 2017... 10a- 1pm.** We'll tour the campus, discuss classes offered at the Outdoor School, share various ways Volunteers assist with programs, go over the upcoming Calendar Of Events, then have lunch. For those that can stay a little longer, after lunch we'll go over to the Native Prairie Garden and do some sculpting.

As a **Texas Tech University Outdoor School Volunteer**, you will Assist **TTUJOS** Instructors with educational activities based on STEM curricula. This includes indoor and outside classrooms, field trips, workshops, community outreach and summer camps. This could also include helping water, clean, and maintain the Native Prairie Garden here on site where students learn about plants, birds, wildlife, and the importance of water conservation.

It's going to be a FUN FILLED Spring and Summer at **Texas Tech University Outdoor School (TTUJOS)**. If you *and/or* your friends are interested in making sure our next generation of kids get to enjoy and respect the Great Outdoors like we do, come on out and help us teach them while having fun! ☺

Location: **Texas Tech University Outdoor School** / 254 Red Raider Lane / Junction, TX. 76849
Date / Time: **February 25, 2017** (Saturday) / **10am - 1pm**
Project Code: KM-01-B



HCA to host Conservation Easement Workshop at Kerr WMA

Our friends at Hill Country Alliance are hosting a Conservation Easement Workshop at Kerr Wildlife Management Area next Friday, February 10 from 2-5pm.

Conservation easements are a tool available to help landowners steward and protect their land investment in the long term.

[Click here for more information...](#)



Fishing the Llano at Sunset above Martin's Crossing in Mason County

Photo: Tony Plutino-Llano River Region Adventures

Family Fun Events this weekend at South Llano River State Park



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Family Park Programs

South Llano River State Park

Phone: (325) 446-3994



Building Mini Habitats

Saturday, February 4th, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Meet at the Acorn Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Practice your creative building skills by using branches, rocks, leaves, and other natural materials to build your own mini animal habitat!

All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Scenic Overlook Hike

Saturday, February 4th, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Meet at the Walk-in Campground parking lot

Join us for a hike to our Scenic Overlook for a great view of the park and the surrounding area! The trail is a little over a mile round-trip, and is moderate in difficulty, climbing steeply uphill and then flattening out. Trail is mostly paved. Wear good walking shoes and bring drinking water, and dress for the weather! All ages welcome.

Buck Lake Trail Nature Walk

Sunday, February 5th, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Meet at the Acorn Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Join us for a hike in the pecan and hardwood forest. We'll walk past beautiful Buck Lake, named for the family who donated the land for the state park, and we'll keep an eye out for deer, birds, and other wildlife! This easy trail is approximately 1.25 miles round-trip. There is one steep but short hill, and the rest of the dirt path is fairly level. Wear good walking shoes and bring drinking water, and dress for the weather! All ages welcome.



Park programs are open to the public and free with park entrance fee