

The Texas Riparian Association - "Riparian Resilience and Recovery"

2012 Annual Meeting - Bastrop, Texas

Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, 2012

Texas Riparian Association PO Box 483 Austin, TX 78701

2012 Annual Meeting and Field Tour

Join the TRA for our Annual Meeting with presentations Friday and a field tour on Saturday to the Bastrop State Park and Griffith Lee Boy Scout Ranch to explore the riparian resilience and recovery of this area after the devastating wild fire. McKinney Roughs is a 1,100 acre nature park where the Post Oak Savannah, Blackland Prairie, East Texas Piney Woods, and Colorado River valley converge to create an unusual blend of natural resources. Located just 13 miles east of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, McKinney Roughs is home to hundreds of plant and animal species living within the rolling box canyons, wildflower meadows and lazy river bends of the Texas Colorado River.



Annual Meeting - Friday, October 26th

9 - 10:00 AM	Meet at McKinney Roughs for Registration
10:00 - 12:00	Presentations on Bastrop Fire Recovery Efforts
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Presentations on Riparian Issues from Around the State
3:45	Wrap Up
4:00	Free Time to Explore the Trails
6:30	Dinner and TRA Business Mtg.

Field Tour - Saturday, October 27th

8 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast at McKinney Roughs
9:00 - 12:00	Field Tour - Drive to Bastrop State Park, Griffith Boy Scout Ranch
12:00	Picnic Lunch
1:00	Return to vehicles at McKinney Roughs to end the day!

Registration fee includes both days and membership to the TRA.



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Lower Colorado River

McKinney Roughs Nature Park 1884 Hwy 71 West, Cedar Creek, Texas

Field Guides

Daniel Lewis, Texas Forest Service, Recovery efforts and reforestation from the Bastrop Fire.

Dr. Michael Forstner, a professor at Texas State University, is conducting research on the endangered Houston Toad, which was devastated by the fire.

Greg Creasy, TPWD, Fire Recovery Efforts at Bastrop State Park.

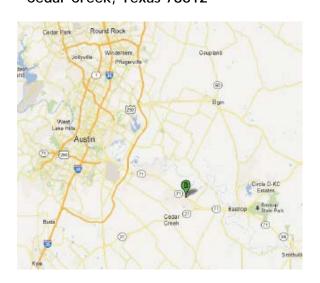
Dr. Georgianne Moore, a professor at Texas A&M University, teaches Ecological Restoration of Riparian Systems and will discuss elements of riparian function.



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Area Map

McKinney Roughs Nature Park
http://www.lcra.org/parks/developed
parks/mckinney_roughs.html
1884 Hwy 71 West
Cedar Creek, Texas 78612



Visit the Bastrop-El Camino Paddling Trail: A slow-moving six mile trail takes about 1.5-4 hrs. http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/ paddlingtrails/inland/bastrop/

Limited Beds are Available in Dorm

Dorm fee is an additional \$26.94. Early registration is encouraged! There are only 50 beds available in the dorm room onsite for Friday Night. Please RSVP by email to Nikki Dictson (n-dictson@tamu.edu) for the meeting and to reserve your room for the night! Early Bird Registration closes at 9AM Friday, October 15 and registration will end Oct. 23rd.

Locations

The meeting will be held at the LCRA McKinney Roughs Nature Park between Austin and Bastrop and the field tour will include sites at Bastrop State Park, Griffith Lee Boy Scout Ranch, and Pines and Prairies Land Trust River Refuge Sites.

Meals & Transportation

The registration fee includes field trip transportation and meals during the event: lunch, drinks and dinner on Friday; breakfast, snacks, and a picnic lunch on Saturday. Please let us know if you have special meal requirements, such as vegetarian. We ask that participants travel in provided vehicles because of rough roads and limited parking.

Friday Presentations

There will be several oral and poster presentations related to this year's theme and others from around the state to facilitate discussions.

Saturday Morning Field Tour

Departs Saturday at 8:30 AM! Opportunities abound for one-on-one discussions with other workshop attendees, the presenters and the TRA staff. We will tour the areas devastated by the fire, view heavily eroded creeks and riparian zones, learn about plans for reforestation, and see examples of ongoing efforts to stabilize soils and reestablish understory vegetation.

Registration Form

Annual Riparian Meeting and Tour McKinney Roughs Nature Park

Name:
Affiliation (if any):
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Please RSVP by email to Nikki Dictson at
<u>n-dictson@tamu.edu</u> if you plan to attend.
Early Bird Registration: \$95 (Students \$80)
*Late Registration: \$115 (Students \$100)
1 night at LCRA McKinney Roughs Dorm \$26.94
* Early bird registration ends October 15. Add \$20 after October 15 th .

Payment for meeting registration is due by October 23, 2012. Please make checks payable to: Texas Riparian Association and mail with this form to:

Texas Riparian Association C/O: Nikki Dictson 6858 Palomino Road College Station, TX 77845

For more information about the meeting or about TRA membership, contact Georgianne Moore at: gwmoore@tamu.edu, (979)845-3765.

Log onto the TRA website for additional information: www.texasriparian.org