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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance



Green Lake on the South Llano

Most folks are not aware that there is water in the upper reaches of the South Llano, let alone a lake. But Green Lake – located on private property – is an impoundment of the South Llano several miles upstream of the uppermost crossing of Highway 377.

Green Lake was also the site of a shoot out between Texas Rangers and fence cutters in the 1880s. From 1883 to 1887, drought gripped the Edwards Plateau and cutting of fences became a big problem.

Read more about this event from [Harold Jobs' story](#), reprinted on the [Kimble County History & Genealogy Facebook page](#).

Highway Cleanup



Board President
Emily Neiman and
Vice President Dr.
Gary Garrett take a
pause during last
week's highway
cleanup

Lots of Family Fun this weekend at South Llano River State Park



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Family Park Programs

South Llano River State Park

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2nd Annual Christmas at the Ranch

Saturday, December 5th, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Held outdoors at Park Headquarters

Join us for all kinds of ranch-themed activities, including Dutch oven cooking, horse care demonstration, children's activities, quilting demonstration, and more! Cowboy Santa will join us at 4 pm. Entrance is free for all day-use visitors!



Leave No Trace with the Traveling Trainers

Sunday, December 6th, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Meet at the Acorn Blind

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

Do you want to be a superhero for nature?
Join the Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers and find out how!
The Traveling Trainers camp out of their Subaru more than 250 nights a year, and right now they're camping at South Llano River State Park! They have activities for all ages planned for this morning, all about how YOU can care of nature while having fun outdoors. Good walking shoes and drinking water are recommended. Dress for the weather!

Program is free with park entrance fee.



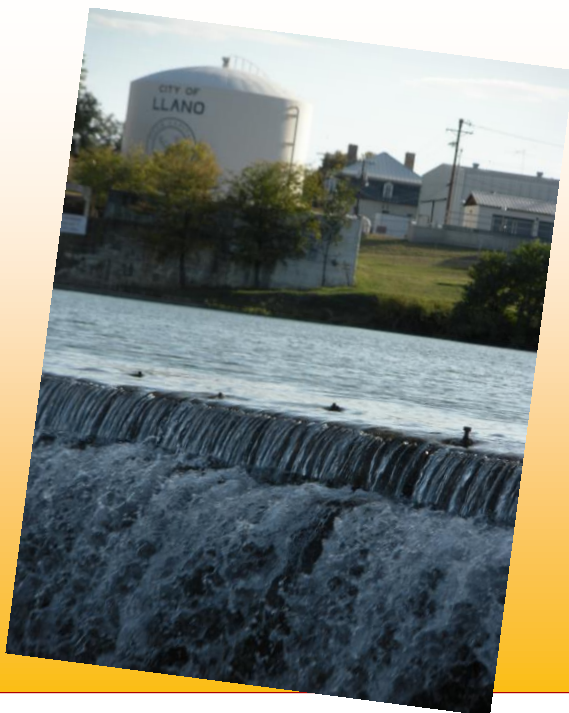
Songs about Texas Rivers



Songs about Texas rivers have flowed melodically across the state for generations, from the Red River to the Rio Grande. In fact, the first known English-language song written in Texas was a river song. What do crooning cowboy Gene Autry and '80s pop band Duran Duran have in common? They've both sung songs about Texas rivers...

Rivers also serve as a nostalgic reminder of home and childhood. They retain an eternal quality even when everything else has changed. In *There's a Rainbow on the Rio Colorado*, Autry croons that the rainbow on the river "calls me to my western Texas home." Rattlesnake Annie, who must leave her Brazos River home, laments "goodbye to a river, goodbye to the trees, goodbye to the night birds that sing in the breeze" in *Goodbye to a River*.

[Read more from Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine](#)



Songs about the Llano

Did you know the Llano is mentioned in song?
Several in fact...

[South Llano River](#) by Michael Thorne Jarrett

[Llano](#) by Luke Olson

[Llano River](#) by Theron Pfeifer