

Austin Water – Center for Environmental Research



Austin Water – The University of Texas – Texas A&M University
A Partnership for Urban Ecology and Sustainability: Community, Ecology, Research
located at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant
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CER Events May 2019

May 4

Saturday 8am meet at the CER

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership - River Monitoring Trip**
- Join Claude Morris and the Travis County Colorado River Monitoring trip for a day on the river monitoring birds and more, and help the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership learn more about the ecology of the Colorado River.
- Meet at the CER parking lot at 8:00AM
- A river trip to monitor birds and vegetation along the river and you MUST provide your own boat.
- Contact Claude Morris at cgmorris70@gmail.com to participate
- More about the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership at the CER website Research, Programs, Partnerships page <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/research-projects-partnerships-and-programs>
- Check out the Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Facebook Page for updates and photos from the river monitoring trips www.facebook.com/austinbastroprivercorridor

May 7

Tuesday 1230pm to 2pm at University of Texas

Norman Hackerman Building (NHB). 100 E 24th St, Austin TX, 78712 Room 1.720

- **Center for Environmental Research Lunchtime Lecture by Kevin M. Anderson**
- 2019 Lunchtime Lectures – The Geography of Flowing Water: Rivers, Streams, Nature, and Culture
- **May CER Lunchtime Lecture - The Round River: Myth, Meaning, and Flowing Water**
- This month we focus on the meaning of rivers and streams in Western culture. Humans have ancient and complex cultural relationships to rivers revealing the deep significance flowing water has for the human psyche, and so we begin with the Ancient Greek myths of Narcissus and Orpheus and the Greek cosmology of Okeanos, the Earth-Encircling Round River. In metaphysics, the river as a symbol of Being can be found throughout Western philosophy, and, from the Pre-Socratic philosopher Heraclitus, we supposedly learned that one cannot step in the same river twice, and, in the 20th Century, the philosopher Alfred North Whitehead revived the idea of existence as flowing in his great work, *Process and Reality*. And in psychology, the metaphor of flowing water shapes the view of consciousness as a stream of psychic activity. So join us as we follow the Round River and explore the myth and meaning of flowing water.
- Now online as podcasts! Check them out here - <http://austineconetwork.com/nature-in-the-city/>

May 8

Wednesday NOON to 1pm at PARD Senior Activity Center

Lamar+29th St at 2874 Shoal Crest Ave, South Room

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May 11

Saturday 7am-11am meet at the CER

- **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory Program Monthly Bird Survey**
- The HBBO Bird Survey is open to all levels of birder interested in intensive monitoring, although this is not a field trip. In the morning, we have teams covering different areas of the Hornsby Bend facility, and they count numbers of all birds seen. It is 4 hours of hiking and counting, but lots of fun along the way. We meet again around 11am to tally up the species. More information about the CER HBBO program at www.hornsbybend.org

May 11

Saturday 7am-3pm – Attend for a few hours or the whole day

- **Loco Trash Bash 2019 - Lower Colorado River Clean Up on the river downstream of Austin**
- **Organized by the All Water Guides**
- Cleanup along banks on foot, or float in your kayak or canoe, or get a ride upriver in a jet boat to islands and sand bars along the river
- Six meeting points along the river downstream of Austin including the FM 973 bridge at Hornsby Bend - choose the best for you.
- For details and registration follow this link <https://allwaterguides.com/trash-bash-details>

May 14

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May 18

Saturday 730am – 11am at the CER

- **HBBO/Travis Audubon Society - Hornsby Bend Monthly Birdwatching Fieldtrip – FREE!**
- Meet at the CER 730am, no registration needed – all levels of birder welcomed, an easy morning of walking and learning the birds of Hornsby Bend. Bring binoculars and some water if the weather is warm. More information at www.travisaudubon.org and www.hornsbybend.org

May 25

Saturday 9am – 1pm at the CER

- **Ecological Literacy Volunteer Day** – Help maintain Hornsby Bend! Did you know that all the Hornsby Bend trails, habitat gardens, and kiosks were built and are maintained by volunteers? If you enjoy birding or walking along the Colorado River here, please join us in maintaining these amenities and supporting public access at Hornsby Bend.
 - Wear work clothes [long pants], hat for shade, and sturdy shoes; bring water and binoculars if interested in birds.

May 28

Tuesday 10am – Noon in Smithville at the Smithville Recreation Center

- **Austin-Bastrop River Corridor Partnership Bimonthly Meeting** – Open to anyone interested in the Colorado River – a stakeholder partnership about the future of the river corridor in Travis County and Bastrop County.
- **Location** - <https://www.ci.smithville.tx.us/city-departments/parks-and-rec/>
- **Presentation:** Teresa Lutes, Systems Planning Division Manager, and Marisa Flores-Gonzalez, Austin Water Program Manager – **“Austin Water Forward: A Water Plan for the Next Century”**
- Austin is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. With a rapidly growing city and a changing climate, Austin Water is working with other city departments, a Council-appointed citizen Task Force, and the community to develop a water plan for the next century. The goal of the Water Forward plan is to ensure a diversified, sustainable, and resilient water future, with strong emphasis on water conservation. This plan will consider a range of strategies such as water conservation, water reuse, aquifer storage and recovery (ASR), and others.
 - More information about Water Forward <http://austintexas.gov/page/water-forward-resources>

For more information about these events contact - kevin.anderson@austintexas.gov