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Musings From The Chair...

May has arrived with a flourish of outdoor activities. We at the Dallas Sierra Club have several events to get you outdoors to enjoy some fresh air this month before the heat of summer descends upon us! You can always find an up to date list on our website under the category [Currently Offered Outings](#). You can also subscribe to our [Outings Newsletter](#) and have all of the information delivered to you!

Additionally, the Dallas Sierra Club is hosting its annual **Spring Picnic on May 19th, 2024** from 4-6pm at Churchill Park (6906 Churchill Way, Dallas, TX, 75230). Please join us and bring a drink of your choice, a side to share, and we will provide vegetarian and non-vegetarian hotdogs for all. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless of membership status, so please feel free to share the above information far and wide! We would love to see you!

Cheers,
Victoria





Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting via Zoom

The Pesticide Dilemma

Join the Dallas Sierra Club for an insightful discussion led by Dan Moulton on the caustic impacts of over the counter pesticides and why, despite many studies showing their cancer producing effects, many cities and residents in the U.S. still use these toxic staples.

7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 14 via Zoom

From 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. you can log in to the meeting, chat, and ask questions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 with announcements, followed by our speaker's presentation.

[Register here for the meeting via Zoom.](#)

Everybody is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member.

For more information, contact Victoria Howard, Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org.



Day Hike Valles Caldera National Preserve in New Mexico

June 12 - 16

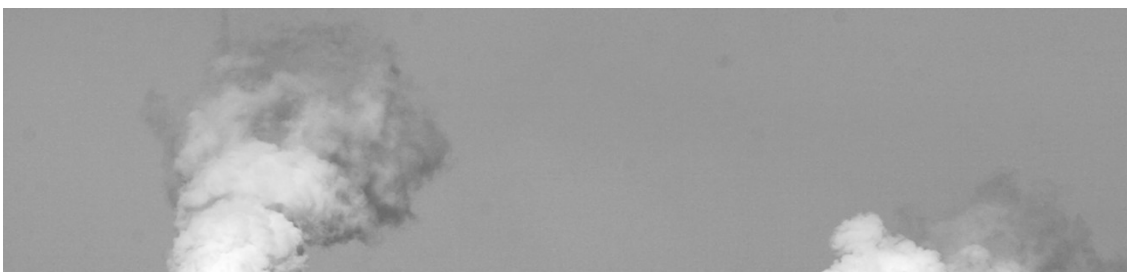
You're invited to hike and camp with the Dallas Sierra Club in northern New Mexico. Valles Caldera is a newer property of the National Parks system—an ancient volcano's 13-mile wide caldera near Los Alamos, New Mexico. The preserve was established in 2000. Full trip information is [here](#).

Watch for other upcoming outings

In early April, six adventurous hikers backpacked along the beautiful Ouachita trail. The crew enjoyed camaraderie with each other and nature. Starting at the Winding Stair Trailhead, the 6.5 mile hike included an overnight stay on Rough Mountain, and ended at Big Cedar Creek. Along the way we saw the flora and fauna beginning to emerge with Spring. With another hike planned for the Fall, we encourage others to come and share the joys of nature, backpacking and good company. Check the photo below by Jaime Palma, and visit our [Currently Offered Outings List](#).



Happiness is a long hike with great company!





Dan Patrick Said That?

Last month Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick hesitantly [expressed concerns](#) about a proposed 600 acre cement plant and limestone quarry in Grayson County and asked TCEQ to halt all cement plant permissions until the 2025 Legislature can consider changes in Texas law.

DSC, with no hesitation, often challenges the permissions to pollute that are granted to concrete batch plants in locations near neighborhoods or schools. We also have a history of challenging cement plants such as [those located in Midlothian](#). Our objections to both are primarily the injustice of locating them near underserved neighborhoods and giving them permission to pollute the air.

Concrete plants and cement plants are different though related. A [2020 national Sierra Club report](#) explains the differences and alternatives to these products.

The Inflation Reduction Act passed by Congress in 2024 includes measures to reduce the high greenhouse gas emissions created by cement and to increase the use of lower-emitting alternative construction materials.

DSC Speaks

In April, Dan Moulton gave the Global Climate Change talk in person to 28 members of the North Texas Assoc. of Environmental Professionals. He also gave the Tomorrow's World talk, via Zoom, to 33 employees of the VML advertising agency. Want a Sierra Club speaker or have a talk to offer? Contact dan@dallassierraclub.org.

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