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## **Come Experience the First GBRA – Coletto Creek Park Nature Fest**

### **For more information**

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**SEGUIN?GBRA – Coletto Creek Park's first Nature Fest is shaping up to be an exciting event for those interested in learning more about nature and outdoor activities. The event will be held on Sat. April 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry fee to the Fest will be the normal park day entry rate of \$9/vehicle and there will not be an extra charge for those camping in the park. Nature Fest will take place in the park's day use area.**

For those interested in birding, the day will start at 8 a.m. with a guided bird walk in the park led by Robert and Karen Benson who are regional avid birders and naturalist. Various nature based presentations will then be given in the park's Pavilion "D" starting at 9 a.m. with Brent Ortego, TPWD Hummingbird Expert, who will give a presentation on hummingbirds. At 10 a.m. Cathy Downs, a Monarch Watch Conservation Specialist, will give a presentation on monarch butterflies and how you can help with their recovery efforts. At 11 a.m., local Texas Master Naturalist Norman Hirst will give a presentation on alligator myths and facts.

For those who are interested in outdoor photography, there will be a "Lunch and Learn" presentation at noon on wildflower photography given by Jim Feig, a photography instructor with the Victoria Photo Club. At 1 p.m., Dan Alonso, retired manager of the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, will give a presentation on whooping cranes and their preservation efforts. Owen Fitzsimmons, a biologist with the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, will give a presentation on island bird rookeries at 2:00 p.m. Coletto Creek Reservoir currently has an active rookery. Local TPWD Wildlife Biologist Trey Barron will make the final presentation of the day at 3 p.m. on Texas white tail deer. The day will conclude with a guided nature walk down the park's nature trail led by one of the park's rangers at 4 p.m.

Throughout the day, kids and adults will have the change to test their skills at archery, fly fishing, fish casting, kayaking, atlatl throwing, and other outdoor recreation activities. The Texas Zoo, Texas Wildlife Association, Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, San Antonio Bay Foundation, Children's Discovery Museum, and other nature based organizations will have exhibits at Nature Fest. In addition to the activities, Guerrilla Gourmet, Say Grace Waffles and Chicken, and Kbs BBQ will be on hand catering some of the best food in the region.

For additional information on this event, or to volunteer, please contact the park office at 361/575-6366 or email [coletto@gbra.org](mailto:coletto@gbra.org).

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.



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