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FPPOA NEWSLETTER

FALL 2023

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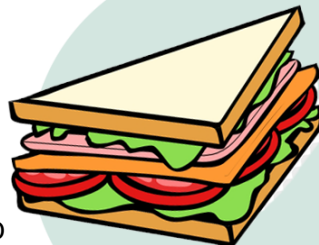
Appreciation Potluck

Join us at the WCID Hearing for an opportunity to meet each other and to show members what the WCID is all about, who is on the board, get to know them, and ask questions.



Sept 23rd at 10:30 am

Colmesneil Community Center
300 W Elder St
Colmesneil, TX 75938



Please RSVP by September 20th to
frogpondfppoa@gmail.com

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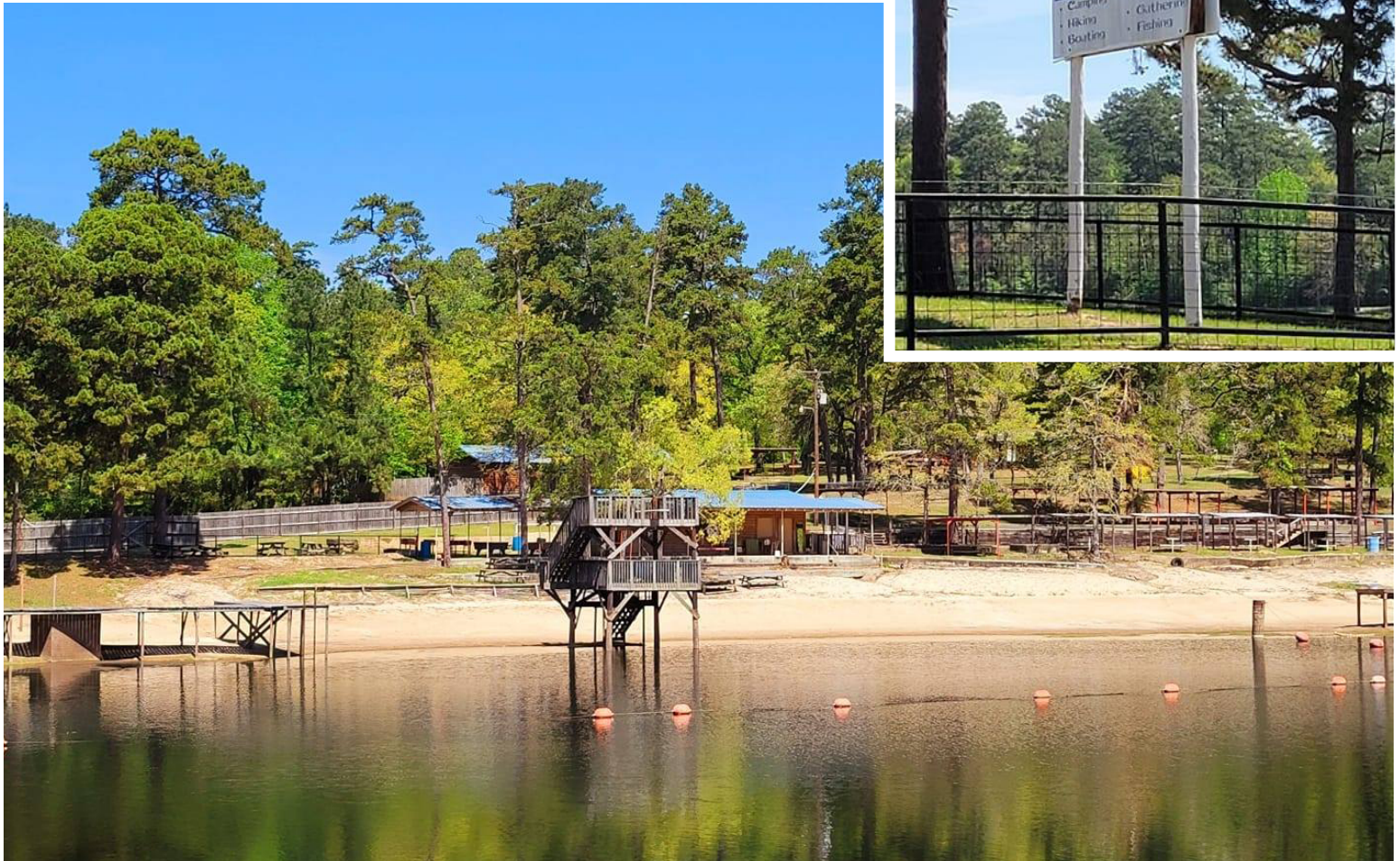
Lake Tejas, Colmesneil

Located at 152 Lake Tejas Lp in Colmesneil

Better known as “The Best Little Swimming Hole In East Texas”, this recreational park is owned and operated by our very own Colmesneil ISD.

Come Enjoy the Day or an Overnight Stay. Beautiful hiking trails, swimming during summer, and camping all year round.

More information:
(409) 837-2063 or
laketejas@colmesneilisd.net



The Big Woods Nature Trail sits in Heritage Village, located at 206 US 190 in Woodville.

If you haven't tried it, a stop at the Pickett House Restaurant would be a great reward after a long hike on the Thicket's Big Sandy Trail. An old Southern-style cottage famous for its family-style dinners and fried chicken.

As you pull into the gravel parking lots right behind the restaurant—which is part of Heritage Village, a collection of historic buildings at the town of Woodville—there is a sign prominently announcing Big Woods Nature Trail.

Accessed just a few yards from the restaurant's front door, this trail, which is actually a cluster of five small, refurbished trails, is a perfect post-feast treat.



Martin Dies, Jr. State Park located at 634 Park Road 48 South in Jasper, Deep in the Piney Woods

Two rivers meet here on the eastern edge of Texas, creating wild and diverse habitats. Come explore the lake, sloughs and forest trails of this very special place at the edge of the Big Thicket.

Paddle the waters of the Neches and Angelina rivers or walk or bike one of our trails. You can also swim, go fishing in B.A. Steinhagen Reservoir, geocache – the list goes on. Learn more on our Park Activities page.

Camping & Shelters: Choose from over 200 campsites (most are water/electric sites). Many sites sit next to the lake or a slough.

If you prefer, spend the night under a roof: Rent a screened shelter or cabin.

For more information visit tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/martin-dies-jr



Did You Know? The Dandelion

While many people think of the dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) as a pesky weed, it is chock full of vitamins A, B, C, and D, as well as minerals, such as iron, potassium, and zinc. Dandelion leaves are used to add flavor to salads, sandwiches, and teas.

Here are some interesting facts about the dandelion flower:

The bright yellow Dandelion flower is a symbol of growth, hope, and healing. The greatest significance comes from its unique and instantly recognizable seed head, rather than the sunny flower. The seed heads are commonly picked and blown to make a wish, spreading the seeds at the same time.

The dandelion is the only flower that represents the 3 celestial bodies of the sun, moon and stars. The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball resembles the moon and the dispersing seeds resemble the stars.

The dandelion flower opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening to go to sleep.

Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for coloring.

Up until the 1800s people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful “weeds” like chickweed, malva, and chamomile.

The name dandelion is taken from the French word “dent de lion” meaning lion’s tooth, referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves.

Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant.

Dandelion seeds are often transported away by a gust of wind and they travel like tiny parachutes. Seeds are often carried as many as 5 miles from their origin!

Animals such as birds, insects and butterflies consume nectar or seed of dandelion.



Dandelion flowers do not need to be pollinated to form seed.

Dandelion can be used in the production of wine and root beer. Root of dandelion can be used as a substitute for coffee.

Dandelions have sunk their roots deep into history. They were well known to ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, and have been used in Chinese traditional medicine for over a thousand years.

Dandelion is used in folk medicine to treat infections and liver disorders. Tea made of dandelion act as diuretic.

If you mow dandelions, they'll grow shorter stalks to spite you.

Dandelions are, quite possibly, the most successful plants that exist, masters of survival worldwide.

Southeast Texas Snake ID



We have many of these snakes in and around Frog Pond.

The best way to differentiate between venomous and nonvenomous snakes is to learn how to identify the venomous ones. We have dozens of snake species in our area, but only 6 are venomous. Remember, venomous snakes are dangerous if messed with, but harmless if left alone.

This Facebook Group is dedicated to a better understanding of snakes and the importance of their role in our ecosystem. You don't need to be a snake lover to post on this page. Honest questions and ID requests are welcomed. It is designed to educate and possibly eliminate some of our fears. They also post important information about what, and what **NOT** to do if you, a loved one, or your pet has been bitten.

Check it out at facebook.com/groups/SoutheastTexasSnakeID/



This is an unprecedented time.
It's time for unprecedented kindness.

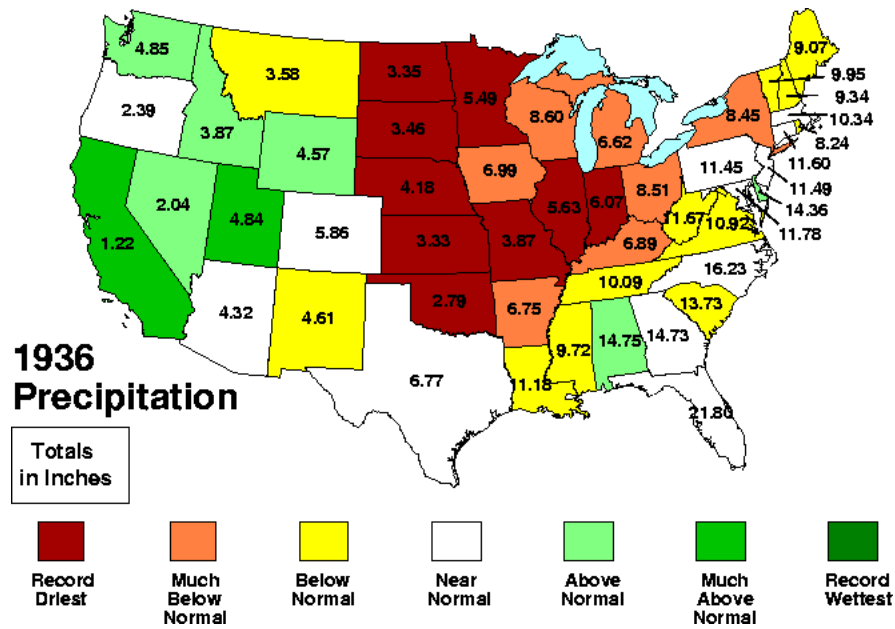
inspire kindness

Record Heat Wave this Summer!

July 1936, part of the "Dust Bowl", produced one of the hottest summers on record across the country, especially across the Plains, Upper Midwest, and Great Lakes regions.

The 1936 North American heat wave was one of the most severe heat waves in the modern history of North America. It took place in the middle of the Great Depression and Dust Bowl of the 1930s and caused catastrophic human suffering and an enormous economic toll.

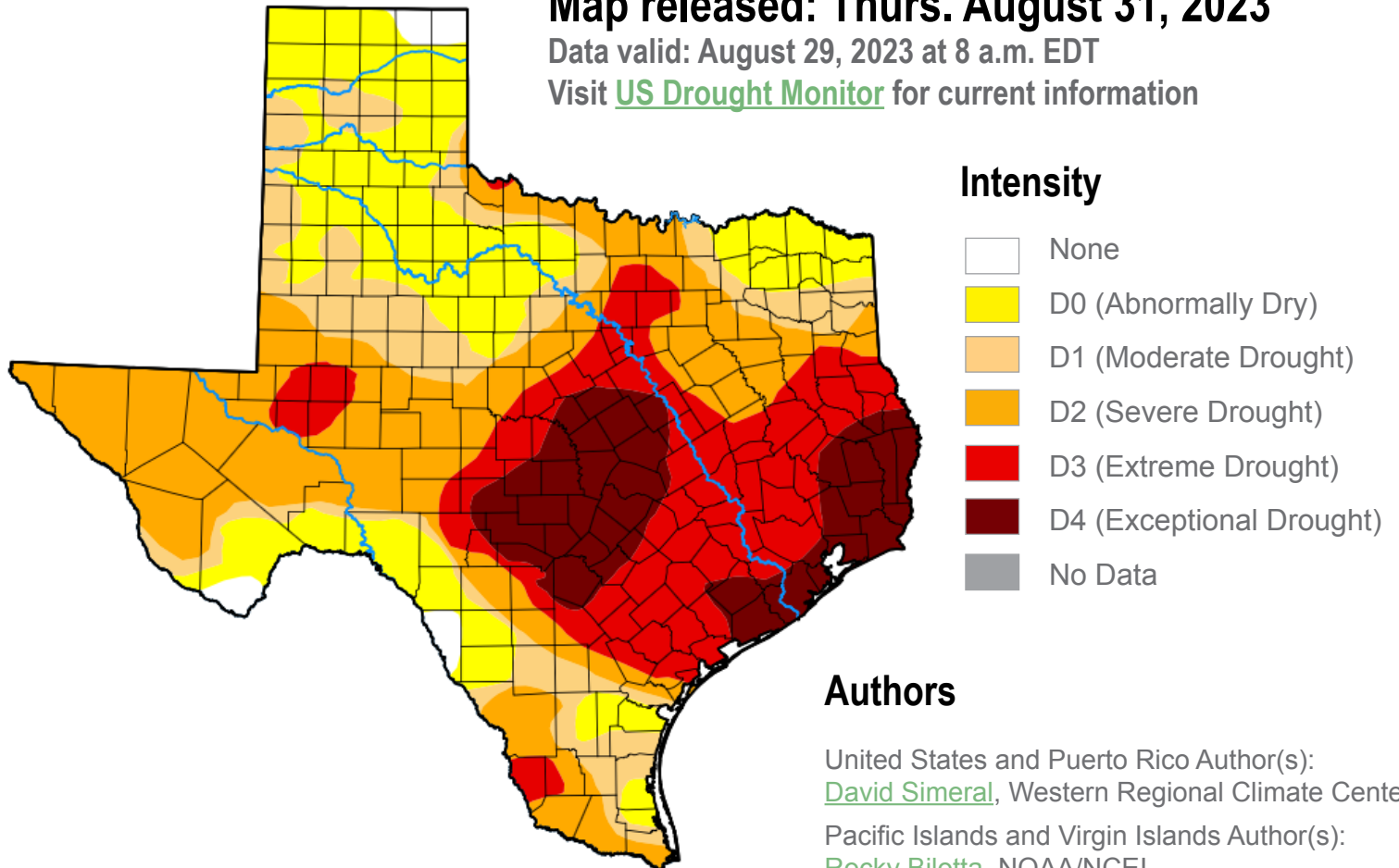
Nationally, about 5,000 people died from the heat.



Map released: Thurs. August 31, 2023

Data valid: August 29, 2023 at 8 a.m. EDT

Visit [US Drought Monitor](#) for current information



Hunting Season Approaching



Hunting Regulations and new season dates for 2023-2024 can be found here:

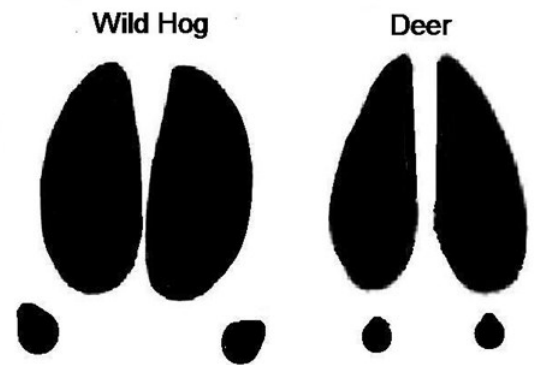
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/hunting/>

Please respect your neighbor's property and do not trespass! This includes hunting and dumping on any property that does not belong to you.



How to tell the difference between wild hog and deer tracks

Wild hog tracks appear more round in overall shape than deer tracks (more oval or heart shaped). The tips of the toes of hog tracks are more rounded than deer tracks, which come to an obvious point (shown above). The dew claws of wild hogs are also set wider than deer in proportion to overall track width.



Welcome to the Frog Pond Lake Community

We are pleased to welcome many new neighbors to our private lake community this year! We hope you are enjoying your new home.

If you have not done so, please visit our website frogpondlake.com/welcome to view and download very important information, including Lake Rules, Bylaws, information on Annual Dues and more.

If you need help or have any questions, please contact the FPPOA Executive Board at frogpondfppoa@gmail.com



Fishing update?

Too hot to fish!!

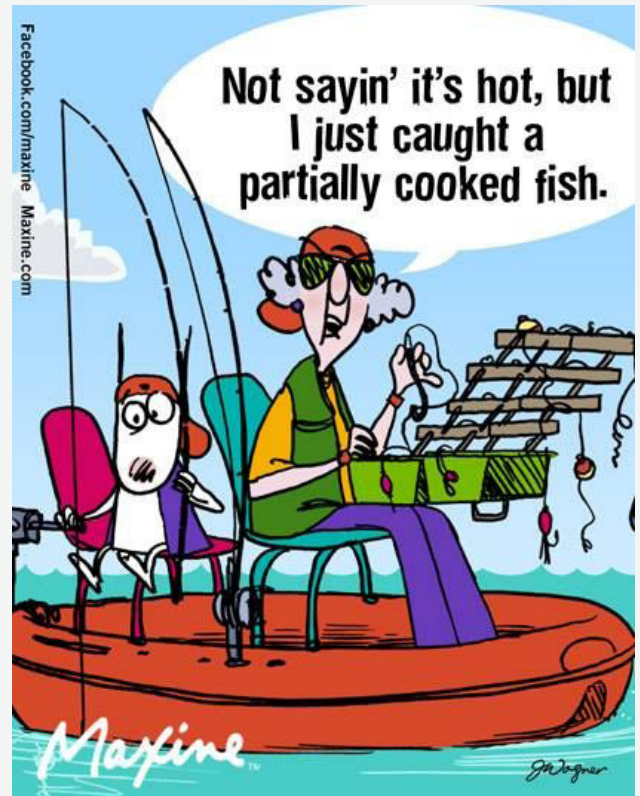
Looking forward to cooler weather.

Be aware of stumps being exposed due to low water levels.

Giant Salvinia Update

Download the [FPPOA Action Document here](#).

Or visit our website for more information at frogpondlake.com/giant-salvinia



Member Access Lot

The FPPOA is pleased to provide a Member Access area for those members that do not have water front property to access the lake. All Frog Pond property owners may use the lot to launch or remove their boats, but they must be docked at their private shoreline.

This lot is accessible to paying members ONLY. Use of Frog Pond Lake and the Member

Access lot is at your own risk. This includes immediate family and all guests of Members. Any and all guests must be accompanied by a FPPOA member when accessing the lot.

All board members now have a key to the Member Access Lot. If you need access, please give us 24 hour notice and send a request to frogpondfppoa@gmail.com.



Join Our Facebook Group

The FPPOA would like to say thank you to all the newbies for joining and to everyone who has been posting photos and neighborhood information to the group. This group was initiated to bring us closer to our neighbors and has proven to be a huge success! We LOVE IT! The more members in the group, the more interesting and fun the threads. Thank you for being an active member of our Facebook Community!



If you would like to join our Facebook group visit [facebook.com/groups/frogpondlake](https://www.facebook.com/groups/frogpondlake) and send invite.

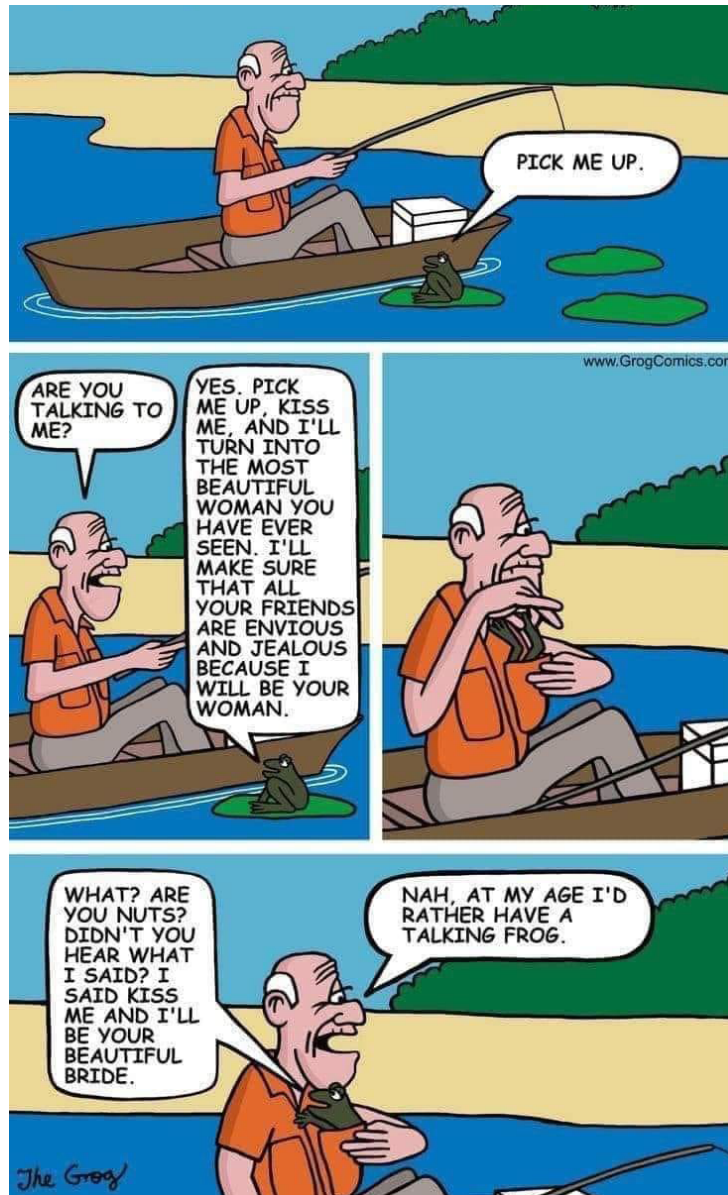
Please NOTE: This Facebook group page has been developed as a social page for members of Frog Pond Lake and their friends and family. The group is intended as a place to share fun times and experiences on the lake. Any and all inappropriate comments or photos will be deleted in accordance with Facebook Community Standards.

This group is NOT a forum for official Property Owners Association issues. These matters should be directed to the [Frog Pond website contact page](#) or by contacting a Board Member or officer directly. Any post regarding FPPOA business will be deleted and the posting member will be directed to the website contact page <https://frogpondlake.com/contact-us>.

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