



BCP PARTNER EDUCATION SUMMARY

FY 2018 Fourth Quarter: July 1- September 30, 2018

City of Austin, Travis County, The Nature Conservancy, Travis Audubon, Westcave & Wild Basin

4th Quarter: Outreach & Education (All Partners)

Activity	Location	Events	Youth	Adults	Volunteer Hours
Guided Hikes	Onsite	94	449	1,046	192.5
Programs / Presentations	Onsite	10	58	183	
	Offsite	9	35	228	
Land Stewardship	Onsite	109	47	263	1174.75
Ecological Monitoring	Onsite	13	2	27	44.25
Visiting Groups / Educators	Onsite	11	96	216	
Administrative Help	Onsite	2		2	4
Campouts	Onsite	1	30	15	
Training	Offsite	2		24	66.5
Jul - Sep Total		251	717	1,983	1,482

Monetary value of volunteer work (\$24.64/hour): **\$36,516.48**



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ANNUAL SUMMARY: Outreach & Education (All Partners)

Activity	Location	Events	Youth	Adults	Volunteer Hours
Guided Hikes	Onsite	514	2,441	5,694	1,279
Programs / Presentations	Onsite	120	2,707	1,854	144
	Offsite	48	2,266	2,035	235
Land Stewardship	Onsite	346	185	1,073	5,418
Ecological Monitoring	Onsite	163	26	245	1038.25
	Offsite	1		6	29
Visiting Groups / Educators	Onsite	66	528	1,012	163
Administrative Help	Onsite	4		10	48.5
	Offsite			2	6.5
Campouts	Onsite	5	109	90	23
Training	Onsite	15		257	755.5
Oct 2017 – Sep 2018 Total		1,282	8,262	12,278	9,139.75

Monetary value of volunteer work (\$24.64/hour): **\$225,203.44**

SELF-GUIDED PUBLIC ACCESS (Estimated Annual Visitation)

These numbers are not included in the Outreach & Education chart above. They represent a sample of BCP areas with public access – we hope to include more complete visitation numbers in future reports.

Hamilton Pool (Travis County): 173,136

Wild Basin (St. Edward's Univ. & Travis County): 10,000+

Baker Sanctuary (Travis Audubon): 468

Westcave - BCP portion (LCRA): 6,840



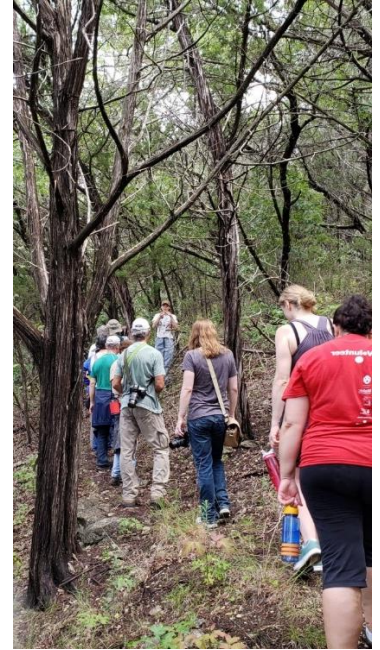
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4th Quarter Highlights

CITY OF AUSTIN



- Volunteers lend a hand at the ever-growing ecological restoration work at the Vireo tract of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (pictured above left). Every week there are four workdays on this special corner of the preserve where neighbors and community members learn about native plants and habitat.
- City staff lead a group of hikers along a trail with a dense Ashe juniper canopy at Reicher Ranch and discuss Golden-cheeked Warbler habitat (above right). This quarter we only hosted a few hikes, as staff and volunteers were busy with ecological restoration, cave cricket exit counts, and the native plant nursery. Staff shared stories of the Preserve through many presentations and to a broader audience during the Conservation Tuesday section of the National Speleological Society conference in Montana.



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BAKER SANCTUARY (TRAVIS AUDUBON)



With the help of a large group of volunteers willing to brave the late summer temperatures, Baker Sanctuary hosted a semi-monthly work day where folks removed approximately 465 linear feet of an old, internal fence, dug up old signage in preparation for installation of new signage, and constructed a lovely rock and mulch border around the entrance kiosk.

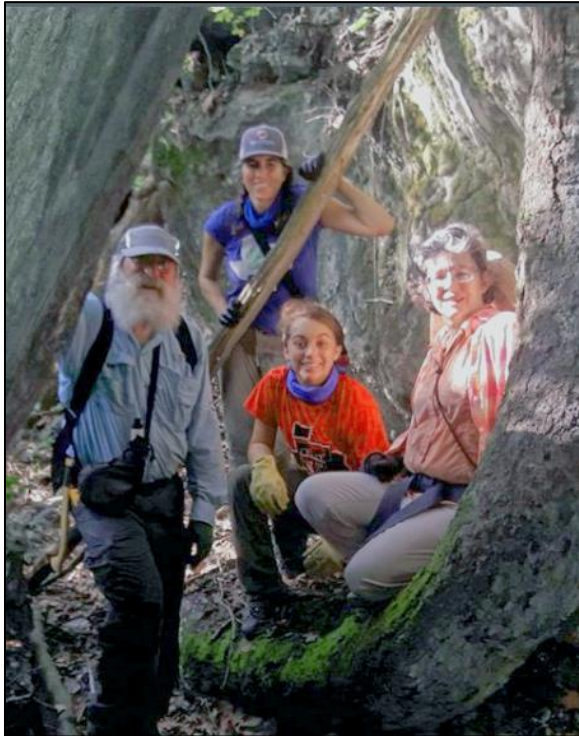


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TRAVIS COUNTY



- Volunteers, staff, and our wonderful summer intern braved the extreme heat this quarter to maintain trails, pull invasive plants, and remove fencing. The above-left photo shows volunteer Larry Root, BCP biologist Julie Murray, Mickey Leland intern Sara Hamilton, and volunteer Pat Frost after a long, sweaty morning pulling ligustrum from one of the canyons on the preserve.
- To the right is the flyer for the latest installment of our Wild Neighbors presentation series. On August 9, Travis County partnered with Concordia University Texas and the City of Austin to host two speakers who talked about the importance of dark skies and how to reduce light pollution – Cindy Luongo Cassidy, head of the Texas Section of the International Dark-Sky Association, and Dr. Susan Silberman of the River Hills neighborhood, who talked about how they earned the Dark Sky Friendly Development of Distinction designation. More than 30 BCP neighbors attended the talk and many joined us afterwards for a night hike on the Concordia tract of the BCP.



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BARTON CREEK HABITAT PRESERVE (THE NATURE CONSERVANCY)



- Teens with Camp Champions volunteered picking up trash from alongside a 2-mile stretch of Southwest Parkway that goes through the preserve. One of the piles of trash they collected is shown above.
- In late July, teens with Austin Youth River Watch's Austin Environmental Heroes Program came out to the preserve for a career talk and guided hike.
- In September, the preserve hosted a Boy Scout leadership training campout.
- Volunteer work days this quarter included invasive species removal, trail work, and fence removal.



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WILD BASIN WILDERNESS PRESERVE



- Wild Basin hosted a community mixer and herpetology presentation with local expert Bill Brooks (pictured above left).
- Wild Basin hosted two photography interns from St. Edward's University, Juan Diaz and Holcombe Huddleston, to capture images of the sights of Wild Basin as well as to film Wild Basin Founders' oral histories as part of the Wild Basin History Documentation project (pictured above right).
- Wild Basin partnered with San Juan Diego High School to provide a work study internship for a student who is a junior at the school.
- Wild Basin hosted its second annual Trail Guide appreciation luncheon to celebrate the growth of the program and talk about ways to continue to expand and improve it.
- Wild Basin announced its Fall Artist in Residence, Jamie McCormick, who brings to Wild Basin her passion for conservation and preservation. She will be painting onsite on Thursdays this fall.

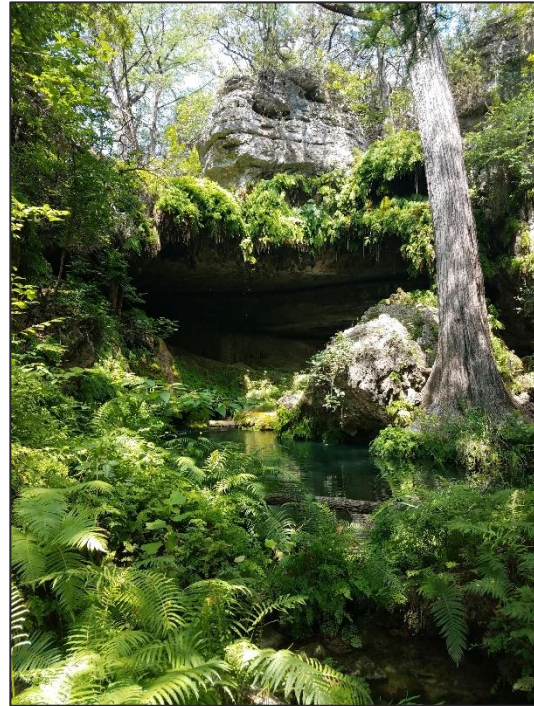


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WESTCAVE PRESERVE



- A father and daughter spend time with one of our volunteers, beating the heat by learning about our solar calendar inside our visitor center (pictured above left). They are watching the sun spot move across our floor as the earth rotates.
- Between the summer heat and then all the rain (11.55" in September), attendance was a bit lighter than normal this quarter.



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ACTIVITY DEFINITIONS

Guided Hikes

Hikes on the BCP guided by staff or volunteers; includes education about the BCP, wildlife, and land management practices.

Programs / Presentations

Presentations by staff or volunteers about the BCP and related scientific and land management topics; includes educational events and programs.

Land Stewardship

Volunteer work on the BCP that includes removing invasive species, preparing for prescribed burns, creating fuel breaks, restoring habitat, patrolling, and maintenance of grounds, trails & facilities.

Ecological Monitoring

Includes surveys of endangered species, vegetation, and nuisance species such as cowbirds, hogs and red imported fire ants.

Campouts

Campouts on the BCP, usually organized by outside groups such as the Boy Scouts.

Visiting Groups / Educators

Groups visiting or hosting an event on the BCP that was not organized by BCP staff.

Administrative Help

Volunteer help with administrative work such as office work, research, and event coordination.

Training

Volunteer training & other trainings that support the BCCP's mission. Examples include educating emergency response and infrastructure maintenance staff about protecting sensitive environmental features and complying with clearing restrictions.