

Please join us for CCCA's first iNaturalist BioBlitz!

WHAT: iNaturalist BioBlitz

WHO: Sponsored by Comal County Conservation Alliance WHEN: Saturday, April 27th, 9:00 to 11:00 AM - rain or shine

WHERE: Guadalupe River Trail

16510 South Access Road, Canyon Lake TX, 78133 Meet in Parking Lot - Look for the "Nature Trail" sign

Click here for

map: https://www.google.com/maps/place/Guadalupe+River+Trail/@29.8700696,-98.1983976,16.66z/data=!4m5! 3m4!1s0x0:0xdabacfc9a003e7a4!8m2!3d29.869 7359!4d-98.1955637

Get connected to nature and contribute to science! This event is for anyone wishing to learn to use the iNaturalist smart phone app to document sightings of the natural flora and fauna of our county.

The free app should be downloaded onto your phone and your account set-up before you arrive. Visit the website: https://www.inaturalist.org for instructions and lots of good information. Having trouble with it? Come anyway and we'll help you get set up.

Why? Understanding habitat health depends on many observations - of plants, insects, amphibians, birds and more - this is citizen science at its best. And it's fun!

What's a BioBlitz anyway? It's a defined period of time in which observers make as many good observations of natural plants, animals, and other living things as possible in a defined place. The observations are photographed and uploaded to the iNaturalist App to be added to the iNaturalist database. The observations can be named/identified or not.

Observations we make will contribute to the world-wide <u>City Nature Challenge BioBlitz</u>, <u>April 26-29</u>, <u>2019</u> and count toward the San Antonio metro-area's total. Which Texas city will make the most observations in the Challenge?? Our observations will also contribute to CCCA's on-going iNaturalist Project, <u>Comal County Wild!</u>

Dress for the weather, bring your smart phone, water, bug repellent, and note that poison ivy occurs along the trail. (no dogs, please.)

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