



**OUR FAVORITE NATIVE:  
PILEATED "WOODPICKER"**

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#### Music Schedule:

- 1st Saturday weekend:  
Gospel
- 2nd Saturday weekend:  
Open Jam (Pickin')
- 3rd Saturday weekend:  
Classic Country
- 4th Saturday weekend:  
Bluegrass
- 5th Saturday weekend:  
Open Jam (Pickin')  
unless Special Activity  
planned (see Website)

## *Fall "Pickin' in the Pines" Festival: Oct 23 — Pickin' during the week: Oct 17-23*

Triple Creek RV Music Park will have our first bluegrass festival on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the park. The featured band will be our good friends and family — The Walkers! A.k.a. **The Redhead Express!!!**

Additional groups will also be on our stage at various times during the afternoon and evening, schedule to follow soon... The Walkers have also agreed to do some instrument workshops as well as special topics such as songwriting and copyrighting, creating your own arrangements, etc.

Admission will be \$10/person for the Saturday festival. There is a limit of 500 tickets to be sold, and they are available

now at the park or by phone/mail. Wristbands will be exchanged for your ticket at the "gate." If you come early in the week and enjoy a week of "Pickin' in the Pines" in one of our shaded areas or under your own awning, the special festival camping rate will be \$80/week for 4+ days (October 17-24). Reservations are being taken now and are non-refundable after October 1. There is no charge as usual for jams, potluck suppers, etc. during the week!

In addition to the music on festival day, there will be food vendors, and craft/booth space available. Call for rates.



## *Triple Creek RV Music Park Newsletter —*

I am still working on the distribution list for the newsletter as well as other announcements of special events... If you are not receiving these items and want to be added to the distribution, please send us an email to [info@triplecreekrv.com](mailto:info@triplecreekrv.com) and ask to be added!

Now that the house is nearing completion — more about that in a different section — Karen will have more room to work on newsletters/flyers/etc. But don't let that stop you from sending your own articles in to be included in the next issue, or to suggest topics for infor-

mation you would like to see included! Help!!

We hope to see you all at the festival!

Did I tell you that we will be having a raffle for a new

**Blueridge Guitar??**



Triple Creek RV is GOING GREEN!!!



The Triple Creek "Pink Pig" is really losing weight... Please try to help him out!

Always check the web site for current activities and schedules!!!

## Triple Creek RV is turning GREEN!!!

The "GREEN" effort that has been taking place at Triple Creek is working! We are spending a lot less money on paper goods that just went out with the trash... Remember to bring your plates/bowls/utensils when coming to meals, and a coffee cup/mug to place on one of the wall pegs if you are a frequent coffee drinker.

Styrofoam just fills up the landfill, besides our dumpster, so those coffee cups will not be purchased for use in the jam

shack.

We do have a limited number of plates/cups/etc for new guests that are not yet aware of the Green Effort. Please help us spread the word when you invite your friends to come to the park.

Marc & Karen are both proud of the effort being made by all to help save on the expenses incurred at the park. As we all know, electricity/fuel/groceries/etc are all increasing in cost, and that is true at Tri-

ple Creek as well. We also appreciate the donations being made to the "pig" to help defray some of those expenses so that the wonderful music and friendships can continue. It is very expensive to maintain the road, buildings, sound equipment, etc that is required to make all of this possible. "Donations" to the pig are what helps us not have to start charging admission.

**More campers in the park would help also! HINT!!!**

### Activities coming up – besides the Festival!

Labor Day weekend will bring our usual Luau and Pig Roast, however the music for the weekend will be our standard gospel music for the 1st Saturday weekend. The Pig Roast will be on Sunday, Sept. 5.

October Gospel will host "Appointed by Grace" from Cleveland, TX as our special guests. Bluegrass will include our Pickin' in the Pines Jam and Festival. (October 17-24)

November Gospel weekend will see Wess Adams returning

to Triple Creek with his "Cowboy Gospel" music. The Jam weekend will also include our annual Chili Cook-off (Nov 13) — get those recipes and fixin's ready to challenge Ms. Pat's Roadkill Chili!

Of course we will have our traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner (Nov 25), and then the Annual Christmas Party (Dec 4th). Never forget our Gumbo on Christmas Day, and then the big party/dance on New Year's Eve. New Year's Day

will include the "good luck" requirements of black-eyed peas, cabbage, cornbread, etc.

We will then start next year to have our normal progression of holiday celebrations, BBQ's (Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day), Apple Cook-off (Aug), Dutch Oven Cook-off (Spring), Luau (Sept), Chili Cook-off (Nov), and Annual Christmas Party (Dec). We will announce particulars for those weekends and others in future issues!

### DID YOU KNOW? TCRV is on the edge of the Big Thicket National Preserve?

The Big Thicket is a naturalist's dream, a remnant of primeval forest that's been called an "American Ark" for its biological diversity. The last Ice Age greatly influenced this region by "herding" species from four different biological systems into one relatively small area. Southeastern swamps, eastern forests, central plains, and southwest deserts all converge here, and odd combinations are everywhere—magnolias blooming next to cacti, hardwood forest abutting cypress slough. And as local legend puts it, "you'll find every critter in there from crickets to elephants"—the latter may not be true, but there are armadillos, alligators, panthers and bobcats, snakes, and a formidable array of insects.

Once the inaccessible haunt of outlaws, well-marked footpaths, boardwalks, and

myriad canoe trails now ply Big Thicket. Next time you're planning to walk through the looking glass in fall or winter (skip summer's prostrating heat and legions of bugs), keep Big Thicket in mind—it offers a fascinating glimpse of how wild the West can still be.

Big Thicket National Preserve is home to 85 tree species, more than 60 shrubs, and nearly 1,000 other flowering plants, including 26 ferns and allies, 20 orchids, and 4 of North America's 5 types of insect-eating plants. Most unique of all, four of the five carnivorous plants indigenous to the U.S. reside in Big Thicket, including the pitcher plant, bladderwort, butterwort, and sundew. **Plan to enjoy a hike or paddle in the area on your next visit to TC!**



## Outdoor Activities available close to Triple Creek?

Triple Creek RV is centrally located in East Texas and within a short drive of many of East Texas best hiking trails. Besides that TCRV has great opportunities for hiking around the park. There are many trails and dirt roads one can hike and never leave the RV park.

Once you have explored the trails and woods around the RV park it's only a short drive to many of East Texas best trails.

This quarter we'll highlight our closest nature area, **The Beech Creek Woods Trail** is part of the Big Thicket National Preserve. In this 83,000-acre swath of East Texas's Piney Woods, truth may just be stranger than fiction: dank, dark, and overgrown, the Big Thicket is a maze of swamps, rivers, and impenetrably dense forests, a place both weird and wonderful. There aren't many undiscovered gems left in the National Parks and Preserves system, but Big Thicket is one of them. Hiking is a great way to

get deep within the Big Thicket. Presently, there are hiking and nature trails in four of the Preserve Units. You may select from eight trails ranging from 1/4 to 19 miles in length.

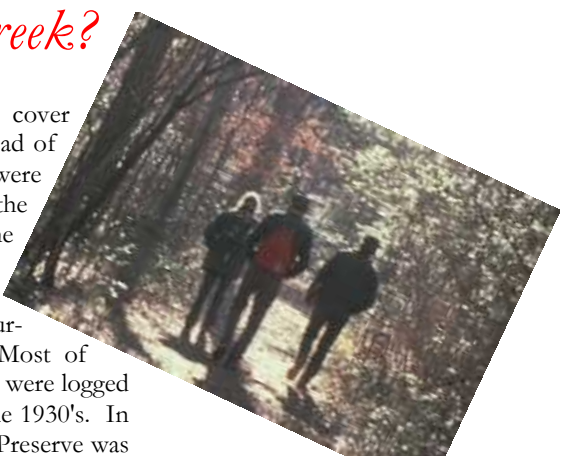
**THE BEECH WOODS TRAIL**, near the SW corner of the Beech Creek Unit, is accessible from FM 2992, 5.5 miles south of its junction with FM 1746. The 1-mile loop trail is reached via a short walk on an old dirt road. The trail meanders through a magnificent mature stand of beech and magnolia. After walking the loop, hikers may want to continue north on the dirt road to view the various stages of forest development that have occurred following logging and insect attacks.

**THE BEECH CREEK UNIT** is typical of the rolling terrain with numerous spring-fed streams that favors a beech-magnolia-loblolly forest community. Originally, beech-magnolia-loblolly forests were limited to the area between the longleaf pine uplands and the floodplains where moist

soil and ground cover prevented the spread of fire. As wild fires were suppressed in the upland areas, the magnolia and beech trees spread into the surrounding terrain. Most of the large pine trees were logged from the area in the 1930's. In 1974, the year the Preserve was established, a massive southern pine beetle infestation eliminated most of the second growth pines, leaving isolated pockets of loblolly. Eastern hardwood species such as American beech and southern magnolia dominate much of the unit today.

This trail is only 15 minutes from TCRV Park. A short drive east on FM 1746 then right (south) on FM 2992 just a few miles and the Unit is on the left.

Have a blast on the trails, around the park and in the area. Be careful and safe, let someone know where you plan to go and when you'll return. Remember there are snakes in these woods, WATCH your step.



*More Big Thicket information available on the web and in future issues of the newsletter!!*

You can thank the **workampers** for all that they do as well! They are all a big help to keep Triple Creek RV the wonderful place we all enjoy... THANKS!

## Thanks to the Lambkin's! and Welcome to the Kelley's!!

Jean & Katie Lambkin came to Triple Creek RV in the Fall, 2007, as workampers — to stay about four months. As we all know... they are still here!

However, they have recently decided to resign as workampers, as they are becoming more involved with community activities, church, etc.

Their three years of service to the park has been much appreciated by all, and their continued resi-

dency and participation in park activities will be a pleasure.

As you also know, Audrey & Dudley Kelley have been coming to TCRV for a while, and making themselves very useful. They have recently decided to become full-time resident's of Triple Creek and are renting out their house in Dayton... Ms. Audrey will continue to cook her great Fri/Sat breakfasts, in addition to other duties for the park... and Dudley has

become certified to pump propane, in addition to learning the office operations.

Please help us all with the transition, by being patient with the folks trying to help out?? And please say thanks to the other workampers as well: Pat & Floyd, Nancy & David, and any others as they might work for a season or more...

**Thanks to you as well!  
For being part of our family!**



