

# Traveling to Hawaii With The Outdoors Club



(SAN MARCOS, TX) - The Texas State outdoors club is extremely entertaining with big events traveling around the country to see the most beautiful places this country has to offer.

To going to enchanted rock here right in our backyard, to backpacking in Hawaii and seeing arguably the most beautiful place on earth. The outdoors club here at Texas State is one of a kind compared to any other universities' outdoors club. Going to Hawaii in mid-January will get you out of the cold winter here in central Texas to backpacking in 80-degree weather in the most beautiful place on earth.

During a cold January here in Texas, you can sign up to go for an extremely affordable price to the nice beautiful state of Hawaii for nine days hosted by our Texas State outdoors club.

Right when you get off the plane you instantly start getting ready for a great three-day backpacking trip in Hawaii Volcanoes National park, seeing most people will never be able to witness.

After the breathtaking three-day adventure, the next four days you will spend the remaining time on the island traveling its coastlines.

These four days you will be able to snorkel with the most exotic fish in the world and see over 100 feet to the depths of the ocean and much more. Chris Peel traveled with the club last year and explained on what his favorite part of the trip was.

"My favorite part of the trip was the four days staying on the beaches, we had a full list of things to do, like snorkeling, surfing and just relaxing," said Chris Peel.

Chandler Mcneely relaxing in her hammock enjoying the beautiful view after her long day of hiking.

The four days will have you traveling pristine beaches, snorkeling in crystal-clear water, and enjoying the best hikes the island has to offer.

While on the island you will never be farther than 28.5 miles away from a beach.

For more than 50% of the time you will be staying within 5 miles of a beach, just a bike ride away. Staying so close to the water will give you full feel of living in the most beautiful place on earth for the time you're there.



Madison Bares snorkeling in the Hawaiian crystal blue water.

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# The Bobcats Take on the Outdoors



The Outdoors Club is a Texas State University organization committed to giving people a chance to experience nature in a fun, reverent way while also meeting others who also enjoy spending time outdoors. Outdoor club is about making connections with one another while building an interpersonal relationship with nature.

spending time with peers who also love nature-in nature, it's also about connecting with the natural world one-on-one and building that connectedness on a personal level.

The club has five officers overall consisting of the president, vice president, events coordinator, marketing director, and treasurer. The number of members is a changing number (because people are joining!) but is somewhere around 140 people with around 30 people attending each meeting.

The Outdoors Club has an emphasis on getting out there and participate in all kinds of activities such as river hang outs at Sewell Park and Stokes Park, hikes at Purgatory Creek, river clean-ups, day trips to places like Enchanted Rock and camping trips. It is a way to connect with others to do things that some people wouldn't get out and do on their own.

It's all about getting outside to spend time connecting to the outdoors. While the club is about

**"The hike (to Enchanted Rock) was incredible. When we got to the top, we all did a group meditation and then broke off into little groups and just wandered around and explored. It was so laid back and relaxing,"** event coordinator **Fai Baxter** recollected.

The Outdoors Club is meant to create a space where young people can foster a love and appreciation for nature, something that has been integral to

Katherine Huizar leads yoga at Sewell Park during an Outdoor Club meeting.

humans since the beginning of time. In a world where the technology feels like it can dominate, it is important to get back to the roots (literally) of where we came from to preserve a better planet for those to come after us.



(Pictured above) Fai Baxter takes a moment to meditate at the top of Enchanted Rock during a group hike with the Outdoors Club. Baxter is one of five officers, serving as the event coordinator for this term.



From left: Meg Gallagher, Isabel Chavira, Haley Ray and Cat Morris collect over a thousand pieces of litter in one day at Sewell Park.

Sewell Park is one of Texas State University's best features and well-used spaces on campus. All thanks to a mathematics professor in 1916 who had the idea of creating a park within the university.

Over a hundred years ago, Dr. S.M. "Froggy" Sewell was enjoying a nice swim in the San Marcos river when he decided that the university needed a park.

A year later in 1917, that plan was set in motion and was known as Riverside Park, until 1946 when it was renamed after Sewell.

For many students, Sewell Park offers a place of relaxation and comfort. Throughout the day, the park is filled with people lounging in the grass or taking a quick dip between classes.

Students, residents of the town, and even organizations have flocked to the park to enjoy a nice afternoon or hosts events.

In fact, The Outdoors Club is another group that has used the

beloved park as their meeting place.

A Texas State student and officer of the club said joining the Outdoors Club has taught her how to appreciate nature and make friends.

"Once a month, we plan to meet up at the park and hang out a little and pick up trash. It is very laid back and something that our club loves participating in," said Reagan Buzek.

The Outdoors Club not only uses the space as a place to convene, but the club also participates in river clean ups.

Whether that is Sewell or other local rivers around town, the club always makes sure that they give back to the community.

The Outdoors Club takes great pride in how they treat the environment and being able to preserve the natural beauty of the parks and rivers.



The Outdoors Club members spend the day picking up trash around San Marcos.

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For them, nature and adventure play a big role in their club and it is important that they help keep the park looking pristine, so that others can have the same great experience.

"We all just love our earth and want to do our part to take care of it," said Buzek.