



New Book Highlights Glory Of White Rock Lake

Sally Rodriguez, a City of Dallas employee and Dallas Park and Recreation Department historian, chronicles the history of White Rock Lake in her new book. *White Rock Lake* presents the lake's remarkable beginnings and includes notable vintage images such as White Rock Creek prior to the construction of the lake and a World War II POW camp at White Rock Lake. The majority of the images included were culled from the City of Dallas Municipal Archives, Dallas Park and Recreation

Department and Water Utilities Collection. Book royalties will benefit the Dallas Park Foundation, Historic Events and be used for the Centennial Celebration of White Rock Lake next year.

White Rock Lake is available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at (888)-313-2665 or the [Arcadia Publishing](#) website.

Book Description: In 1909, Dallas city leaders approved the damming of White Rock Creek to create a new water source for the increasing needs of a growing city. As a result, so much of the life and history of Dallas has echoed through the life and history of White Rock Lake. In the early decades, the lake was home to many private summer homes and boat houses, as well as hunting and fishing clubs. Soon thereafter, a bathing beach, sailing clubs, public boathouses, and picnic facilities were added. The Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration transformed the lake with more recreational and leisure amenities. World War II brought increased military uses that included a POW camp for German officers. Those early city leaders could hardly know that the lake they were creating 10 miles outside of Dallas would become an urban oasis enjoyed by over two million visitors a year.