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Headwaters at the Comal honors World Water Weekend with open house

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Programming at the Headwaters at the Comal continues this weekend with events in honor of World Water Weekend.

Tours of the site will be offered throughout the day, focusing on the ways the Headwaters utilizes water resources.

"We're just doing a small open house," Lauren Strack, assistant manager at the Headwaters at the Comal. "(It's) just a chance for people to come out and see the site."

Tours catered toward both adults and children will be at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

World Water Day was actually on March 22 and is an annual event sponsored by the United Nations.

"This year the theme is actually ... about using more natural solutions for some of our water crises," Strack said. "Which is sort of along the lines of what we've been doing here, thinking about urban planning and other issues."

On the tours, attendees will learn about how the site uses native grasses and other methods to conserve water. Headwaters staff will also educate people about future

plans for the site, such as the use of rain cisterns.

People can sign up for the tours online at headwaters-at-the-comal.com or show up on the day of. Tickets for adults are \$5, \$3 for youth and free for members and children under 5 years old.

After Saturday, the next big event at the Headwaters is a DIY rain barrel lunch on April 5.

Strack said the next big event will be on Earth Day, on April 22. Admission will be free to the public and programming will continue all day.

Birding events held earlier in the month, which Strack said were well attended, may also return this year.

"They went really well so

we're hoping to do some of those in the future," Strack said.

The Saturday event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Headwaters at the Comal is located at 333 East Klingemann Street.