



Texas Flyfishers of Houston Freshwater Outing Plan

When: Saturday August 21, 2010

Where: San Marcos River Retreat (up stream from Martindale TX.)

Start Time: 7:30 AM

End Time: 4:00 PM

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Trip Description: Run#2, starts at San Marcos River Retreat and runs down to Spencer Canoe / Shady Grove Campground, about 5 miles. This is my favorite run and like the headwaters it has some tricky water but nothing that you can't navigate. We have done this run in the past and most of the members enjoyed it.

Kevin has the following recommendation : Also, like every year I am recommending that **NO ONE** bring a kayak. They are the worst craft to fish this river but I know that someone will, despite my advise and 20 years experience on this river, bring their kayak. That person runs the very real risk of loosing all their gear not to mention that they will be missing out on about 50% of the available fishing just trying to keep their kayak under control. I have done this trip for 5 years now and every year it happens. I have given up telling folks that they can't bring kayaks but I will make it VERY clear that I am not responsible for any lost gear or poor fishing opportunities.

Depending on what run you would like to fish I can send you detailed directions to the blast off point. This year Hill Country Flyfishers will be providing the food all the club needs to provide is the drinks and snacks.

Kevin has Canoes available, let me know if you need one and I will have him bring one for you. 2 men per canoe; this work pretty well if you trade off.

How to sign up: Sign up on line, on the sign up sheet distributed at the monthly meeting or e-mail the trip leader.

Cost (if any): None, other than personal expenses and transportation

Directions (Usually from a central point): Coming from Houston on IH 10: Take the Luling exit 632. Turn right, heading toward the town of Luling 4.2 mi.

(There's a really nice Buckee's on the NW corner of IH10 and Hwy 183, I'm sure you saw all the billboards on your drive - you will need to take a left and go under the interstate to get to Buckee's - the cheapest ice and the cleanest bathroom's in Texas!)

Turn right at the light onto S. Magnolia Ave/Hwy 80/Hwy 183. 0.2 mi.

Take the 3rd left, at the light, onto TX80 N. Continue to follow TX80 N. 20.4 mi.

Approximately 15 miles from Luling you will pass through the little town of Martindale. Martindale is a known speed trap, slow down! Make a note of your odometer reading as you pass the first flashing yellow light in Martindale (the light is at the intersection of Hwy 80 and Hwy 142). It is approximately 3.8 miles from this intersection to the traffic light at Old Bastrop Rd./CR101. Turn left onto Old Bastrop Rd./CR 101. Take an immediate left onto CR 102 (it is less than 100 yards from Hwy 80 to CR102). Go .5 mi. and take a right onto Pecan Park Dr. (Note: CR 102 runs parallel to Hwy 80, and intersects 80 approximately one mile back towards Martindale. If you arrive in the daylight, you may turn left onto CR 102 off Hwy 80, but it is a difficult and dangerous turn in the dark. The Wolf Creek RV Park office is located on CR102, just off Hwy 80).

From either direction, it is approximately 1/2 mile from Hwy 80 to Pecan Park Dr. Turn onto Pecan Park Dr.

Go past the Pecan Park Campground RV office (the white building on your left) and TG Canoe & Kayak (the white building on your right). Follow the blacktop road around the left turn and to the San Marcos River Retreat Gate. To get to the campground go through the gate and down the hill. To get to our office, take a right before going through the gate and follow the dirt road to the wooden house with the "office " sign on the front door. Only the person who has the money and/or the person who will sign our form, assuming responsibility for the group, needs to come to our office. The rest of the group is welcome to head straight down the hill to set up camp

Note: you can also add a Map Quest Map

Go to pecanparkretreat.com for additional information

Important items:

- **Member dues are current!**
- Waiver of Liability, filled out and signed, along with emergency contact information (These are available on the website, please bring them with you filled in to save time at the launch point)
- Current Texas Fishing License with Saltwater Stamp
- Have proper safety equipment **INCLUDING a proper fitting PFD**
- Extra change of dry clothes
- Wind and/or water proof jacket
- Wading Shoes and Sting Ray Guards
- Lunch, *plenty of water*, snacks and power bars **Kevin will be providing lunch**
- Sunscreen and Mosquito Repellant
- **Wide brimmed hat AND polarized glasses**
- First Aid Kit
- Hand held VHF or FRS radio with extra batteries

Recommended Equipment: 3-5 weight rods

Recommended Flies: small poppers, swamp monster, Mike Arnolds BBB, Kevin's Llano River Bug, Harry's Miss Priddy, Streamers, Wolley Buggers

Recommended guidelines for participants:

- Notify the trip leader if you have any potential concerns
- If inexperienced, then buddy up.
- If you are boating or kayaking, inform the trip leader of your float plan if planning to fish alone or longer then the designated times.
- Sign in and sign out at the launch site. Inform the trip leader if you will be launching in a different place.