



CANOE TRAIL GOLIAD PHASED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

For Paddle Trail Development along the San Antonio River in Goliad County, Texas



- Prepared by the Canoe Trail Goliad Committee in partnership with the San Antonio River Authority and the following participating agencies:
- City of Goliad
 - Goliad County Chamber of Commerce
 - Goliad County
 - Goliad Economic Development
 - Goliad Heritage Council
 - Goliad Main Street Program
 - Goliad State Park
 - National Park Service Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program
 - San Antonio River Authority
 - Texas Cooperative Extension
 - Texas Department of Transportation
 - Texas Parks & Wildlife Department



Canoe Trail Goliad Committee Mission Statement

Canoe Trail Goliad promotes enjoyment and conservation of the natural, cultural, and historical resources of the San Antonio River in Goliad County by encouraging responsible, quality, public access opportunities through citizen-led partnerships.



Canoe Trail Goliad Committee Objectives

Led by citizens of Goliad County, the Canoe Trail Goliad Committee is a public-private partnership organized to

- Create a safe, integrated system of public access points along the San Antonio River;
- Obtain sufficient project funding;
- Encourage diverse and broad-based community participation in the project;
- Offer opportunities to citizens and visitors through the paddle trail system to learn about cultural, natural, and historic resources;
- Cooperate with other local eco-tourism initiatives to contribute to the economic climate of Goliad County; and
- Create a sustainable, effective organization to support project design, development, funding, and maintenance.



San Antonio River Authority Mission Statement

The San Antonio River Authority is entrusted to protect and preserve our shared water resources and, together with our partners, to pursue innovative solutions that will serve generations to come.



Goliad Heritage Council Mission Statement

The Goliad Heritage Council is a 501c(3) non-profit organization consisting of public and private entities with a stakeholder interest in promoting historic preservation, education, and heritage tourism in Goliad County.

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- Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPWD)



Executive Summary

The Canoe Trail Goliad (CTG) Committee seeks to establish a 58-mile paddling trail along the San Antonio River in Goliad County with six easy access landings and launches featuring park amenities. All six access sites will be constructed on public land, will eliminate barriers that currently result from the banks' steep slopes, and will respond to the demonstrated need in Texas for water trail access (Texas is home to the nation's 5th largest number of canoeists). Trail development will be completed in four phases over a four-year period and will be funded through grants, private contributions, and the services and in-kind support of participating agencies.

Project Construction Costs					
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	TOTAL
Phase I: Rudimentary Improvements Two Sites Per Year	\$5,700*	\$5,700	\$5,700		\$17,100
Phase II: Highway 59, Ferry Street, & Goliad State Park		\$570,000			\$570,000
Phase III: Highway 239 & Riverdale			\$280,000		\$280,000
Phase IV: Duke Bridge Road				\$165,000	\$165,000
TOTAL All estimates are in 2006 dollars.	\$5,700	\$575,700	\$285,700	\$165,000	\$1,032,100

*Sponsored by the San Antonio River Authority.

The Challenge and the Benefits

The greatest challenge accessing the San Antonio River in Goliad County is the river's steep banks. With slopes exceeding 49% in some areas and averaging 44% throughout, the proposed project will offer trail users relief as they navigate their crafts on and off the water. Once on the water, paddlers of all ages and skill level navigate an unhurried and deliberate River whose lush riparian ecology teems with rare and migratory birds, wildlife, and abundant trophy fish. The River itself trails adjacent to numerous landmarks including Spanish Colonial missions and the impressively restored Second Empire Courthouse. Above the River just south of downtown, Goliad State Park offers recreational and educational opportunities for individual and organized outdoor enthusiasts alike.

Phase I

Phase I prioritizes 1) the phased implementation at all six sites of rudimentary improvements such as pole and rope features to assist paddlers in lowering and raising their water crafts along the steep banks of the river and 2) increased use of the Goliad State Park, Ferry Street, and Highway 59 sites for education and recreation activities. The goals of Phase I improvements are to increase the river's use and to show trail development progress as CTG pursues raising funds for Phase II–IV construction.



Phase II

Phase II focuses on construction of accessible-grade improvements at US HWY 59, Historic Ferry Street, and Goliad State Park. The goal is to provide safe public access not only to the scenic river trail but also to Goliad’s historic Courthouse square, the Angel of Goliad Hike and Bike Trail, Goliad State Park, Mission Espiritu Santo, Presidio La Bahia, and the Birthplace of General Zaragoza—all within walking distance of the proposed Ferry Street and Goliad State Park public access sites. Phase II will offer boaters three paddle options ranging from one hour to a half-day:

- 5.0 miles from US 59 to Ferry Street
- 6.4 miles from US 59 past Ferry Street to Goliad State Park and
- 1.4 miles from Ferry Street to Goliad State Park.



Phase III

Accessible-grade site development will occur at State HWY 239 and Riverdale Road, the two northwestern-most sites.

In addition to the above paddle options, Phase III will give water trail users the following opportunities:

- 15.5 miles from Texas 239 to Riverdale Road
- 27.5 miles from Texas 239 to US 59
- 32.25 miles Texas 239 to Ferry Street
- 33.4 miles from Texas 239 to Goliad State Park

Phase IV

Phase IV accessible-grade development addresses Duke Bridge Road, the southeastern-most site. This site accommodates the experienced paddler seeking full- and multi-day trips and could facilitate paddle races. With this site completed, Canoe Trail Goliad will provide paddlers access to 58.1 river miles and a wide range of paddle experiences, including

- 24.2 miles from Goliad State Park to Duke Bridge Road
- 58.1 miles from Texas 239 to Duke Bridge Road.

For more information, log onto www.canoetrailgoliad.com or contact John N. Barnhart, Canoe Trail Goliad Committee Chair, at (361) 375-2824.



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History of Project

Grass-roots Beginnings

On September 26, 2001, a group of citizens and community leaders from Goliad County met at the Goliad Depot to begin discussing the potential for paddle trail development in Goliad County. The group sought to build off the Sumerlee Foundation-financed study, *Historic Goliad: Interpretive Master Plan for the 21st Century, Texas Parks and Wildlife, March 1999*. The plan encouraged the use of “unique historical and natural resources as teaching tools for youth and adults to understand and appreciate Texas Heritage” and urged that citizens “preserve the historic and rural landscape and the cultural and natural resources therein.” The citizen group recognized a strong connection between these concepts and the San Antonio River and sought to provide greater river access for youth and adults through development of public access sites along the river.

At this and other quarterly meetings facilitated by the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) over the next year, the grass-roots organization identified five publicly-owned sites with the potential for river access development. Starting in northwest Goliad at Riverdale Road, the sites included US HWY 59, Historic Ferry (Commercial) Street, Goliad State Park, and Martinez Street.

Initial Public Outreach

In January 2003, the organization, now calling itself the Canoe Trail Goliad Committee, hosted a meeting of landowners whose property adjoined the proposed trail section of the San Antonio River. The purpose of the meeting was to formally introduce the landowners to the paddle trail concept and to provide the landowners a venue for voicing their support for or concerns over this concept.



Following this meeting and throughout the spring and summer of 2003, the Canoe Trail Goliad Committee developed a logo; elected a chair, secretary, and treasurer; and hosted three public meetings in which it shared landowner responses with the general public, invited additional input, and sought the community’s preferences for facilities and facility sites.

Expanding Trail Concept

As a result of the public input meetings, the Canoe Trail Goliad Committee eliminated the then-proposed southern-most site at Martinez Street just south of Goliad State Park and extended plans for the trail to include Duke Bridge Road in far southeast Goliad County. The committee also extended the proposed trail to the northwest, adding State HWY 239. With these changes, the Committee’s proposed plan responded to meeting attendees’ request that the site selection offer trail users a multitude of options, including a one-hour, a half-day, a full-day, and a two-day paddling experience through Goliad County. This selection would increase trail use to include beginners, novices, and more advanced

multi-day paddlers seeking to camp at Goliad State Park between the first and second days of their journey. Eco-tourism potential also would increase under this plan. The proposed access points, by location and ownership, are shown in the chart below.

Access Point	Owner	River Miles to Next Site	Paddle Hours to Next Site @ 1.5 mph
Texas 239	Texas Department of Transportation	15.5	10
Riverdale Road	Goliad County	12	8
US 59	Texas Department of Transportation	5	3.3
Ferry Street	Goliad County	1.4	1
Goliad State Park	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	24.2	16
Duke Bridge Road	Goliad County	(proposed trail end)	
Total Paddle Trail Miles: 58.1			

Emergence of an Event

In November 2003, the Canoe Trail Goliad (CTG) Committee hosted its first Fall River Flotilla, a 6.4 mile paddle trip with free shuttle service sponsored by Goliad State Park and lunch provided by the San Antonio River Authority. Forty-five participants attended, including local Goliad citizens and members of the Alamo City Rivermen paddle club.



Ensuring Committee Sustainability

The CTG continued to demonstrate its dedication to the project in 2004 as it developed and adopted mission and objectives statements under the leadership of the National Park Service Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. CTG also created two subcommittees: a Planning and Design Subcommittee and a Promotions Subcommittee. In April 2004, CTG entered into a Limited Affiliation Resolution with the Goliad Heritage Council, a 501(c)(3). A copy of the resolution is included under the Supporting Documentation section.



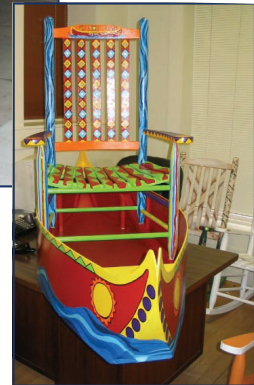
Participation in Goliad Market Days, Old Town Canoe Raffle, and Rocking Chairs on Parade

During Goliad Market Days 2004, the second Saturday from March through December, the Promotions Subcommittee staffed an informational booth on Goliad’s historic courthouse square. The booth featured a six-foot map of the proposed trail and its six public access points, a sign-up sheet for individuals supporting the project’s development, and Canoe Trail Goliad t-shirts available to the public for a small donation.

Early in its Market Days outreach campaign, CTG attracted the attention of Academy Sports & Outdoors, which donated an Old Town Canoe to the committee. CTG held a drawing from among individuals who had donated \$10 toward the project. CTG partnered with the Goliad Chamber of Commerce in announcing the Old Town Canoe winner during the Chamber's 13th Annual Tour de Goliad Bike Race in October 2004.



In July 2004, CTG participated in the Goliad Heritage Council and Goliad Main Street Rocking Chairs on Parade special event. The San Antonio River Authority sponsored the CTG's purchase of a rocking chair for this event and secured the sponsorship of San Antonio artist Betty Atwell, who cleverly built a canoe around the base of a rocker and thematically utilized elements of the CTG logo in her design. The CTG rocking chair joined many other painted rockers during the Goliad July 4th ceremony, remained on display in Goliad's downtown square through the summer, and was later auctioned off.



Unveiling of Conceptual Designs

In January 2005, the CTG Planning and Design Subcommittee unveiled conceptual drawings for the six access points, sponsored by the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, and the accompanying cost estimates sponsored by the San Antonio River Authority. The CTG, which was by this time holding meetings monthly, embarked upon prioritizing the sites to be developed and determining the extent to which the sites should be developed: at the conceptualized low, middle, or high end. The CTG's decisions are reflected herein. In May 2005, CTG presented the conceptual designs and phased plan to landowners along the southern stretch of the proposed project.

Online

In the summer of 2005, the CTG went live with its own web site, www.canoetrailgoliad.com.

3rd Annual Fall River Flotilla

In November 2005, CTG hosted its 3rd Annual Fall River Flotilla, drawing 82 paddlers from as far away as Fort Worth and Arlington. (High flow led the CTG to cancel its 2nd Flotilla in 2004.) Members of the Alamo City Rivermen, the Corpus Christi Paddlers, and the Houston Paddle Club attended, as did several children under 18 and seniors up to 62, reinforcing the CTG belief that the San Antonio River is a perfect venue for paddlers of all ages and skill levels. Goliad State Park sponsored shuttle service and hosted lunch in its Group Dining Hall. SARA sponsored lunch and a photographer to document the event. CTG members staffed an information table and a display of the conceptual designs, collecting contributions from project supporters.

Seeking a Project Manager

During the fall of 2005, CTG evaluated several strategies aimed at moving the project into its development phases. By letter dated October 18, 2005, CTG requested the San Antonio River Authority to assume the lead management role for trail development, with CTG continuing its efforts to raise project funds and to serve as local project support. A copy of the letter is included in the Supporting Documentation segment of this report. During early 2006, in response to this request, SARA began formal discussions with the owners of the proposed access sites, focusing on future operation and maintenance and on the CTG's request for SARA project management services. In March and April, 2006, Goliad County Commissioners Court and the SARA Board of Directors, respectively, approved an Interlocal Agreement establishing SARA's role as project manager. Attached in the Supporting Documentation section is SARA's Board Resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement. The CTG serves as a citizen advisory committee and as the fundraising and local outreach component of the project.

CTG Receives Its First Grant

In April 2006, TPWD's Community Outdoor Outreach Program awarded \$22,436 to CTG to assist in funding *Wild About Our River*, an outreach program providing education and training to enable the youth of Goliad County to receive kayak instruction and environmental education and to take a kayak trip on the San Antonio River. The program begins in July 2006. See page 13 for more details.

A Phased Plan Emerges

With this groundwork laid and momentum building, the CTG Financial Development Subcommittee organized in the Spring of 2006 and developed the phasing plan reflected herein.



The Community's Vision

A Vision Well Suited to Goliad

Where the San Antonio River flows to the coast, alongside are historical and recreational trails that mark a path in history and in nature, showing us the way to explore and appreciate the San Antonio River Basin. The citizen-led CTG envisions the project as a vital link among the several trails that are in or pass through Goliad County.



South Texas sits within a migratory fly zone and brings to the region many birds that are rare or uncommon. The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail weaves its way through Goliad County, offering birders observation areas for viewing Texas' more than 600 species of bird.



The Angel of Goliad Hike and Bike Trail, a designated National Recreation Trail, offers two miles of birding and butterfly spotting along the San Antonio River and serves as a multi-use trail connecting historic downtown Goliad, Goliad State Park, Mission Espiritu Santo, and Presidio La Bahia. The Golden Crescent Nature Club has documented over 130 birds, many of them rare or uncommon, flying within the trail area. The club has documented over 70 butterflies within the same two-mile area. The proposed project will quietly trail adjacent to and below the Angel of Goliad Trail, offering nature lovers yet another venue for observing the natural world around them.

Goliad County also offers a wealth of cultural and historical landmarks easily accessible to the proposed paddle trail. The City of Goliad, the third oldest municipality in Texas, boasts an impressively restored 1894 Second Empire Courthouse nestled within its historic downtown square. Markethouse Museum, an 1854 Masonic Lodge, and Fannin Plaza Park, which displays a memorial shaft and Texas Revolution cannon and features a magnificent, community-built wooden playground, are additional draws for paddlers taking a break from the trail.

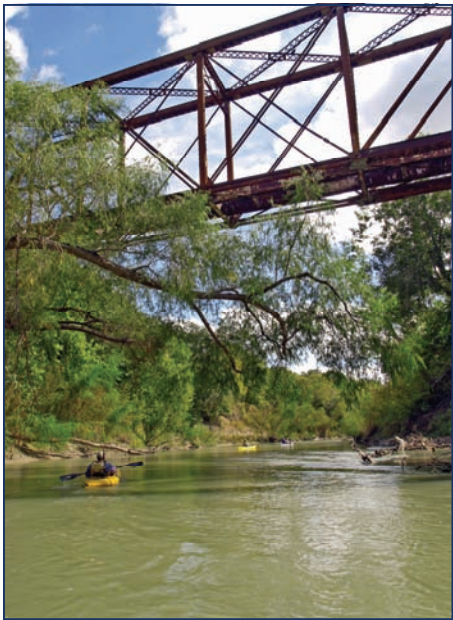
Just around the river bend, Goliad State Park, Mission Espiritu Santo, and nearby Presidio La Bahia and the General Zaragoza State Historic Site preserve the story of Goliad's past. Paddlers using the Goliad State Park public access point will have direct access to the park and to Mission Espiritu Santo. Other historical treasures near the proposed trail or within a short driving distance are the ruins of Mission Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Fannin Battleground State Historical Park, and the Berclair Mansion.

Indeed, the river itself is steeped in history. The proposed Ferry Street public access point still bears evidence of the old ferry that once connected northern and southern Goliad County. Wooden posts can be seen rising from the river where once the ferry made its way from bank to bank. This proposed access point not only will guide paddlers directly onto the site of the historic ferry crossing, which will

be described for paddlers through interpretive signage that will be a central component of the Ferry Street site, but also will provide direct walking, peddling, and vehicular access to Goliad's Courthouse Square.

Annual events such as Market Days, a Pro Rodeo, the Fort Defiance Reenactment, and the Back Through Time History Trail are additional draws for local citizens and visitors alike. Even the proposed paddle trail is the site of a new annual event held the first Saturday in November, drawing increasing numbers to Goliad each year. Participants in the annual 6.4 mile Fall River Flotilla travel through Goliad's lush riparian corridor, passing the ferry site's reminders of times past and, perhaps, hearing the call of the rare Kingfisher.

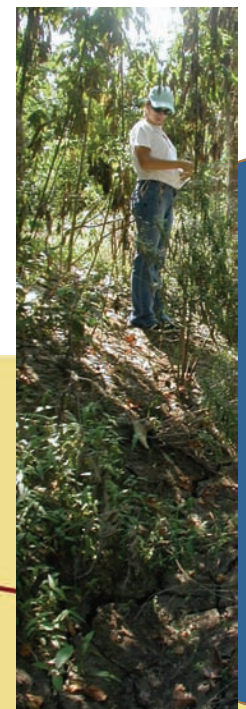
The Paddle Trail will become a vital link in the living story of Goliad County. The Canoe Trail Goliad Committee and the many agencies supporting water trail development through Goliad County invite you to join us in giving life to this grand vision.



Proposed Paddle Trail Public Access Sites



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Ferry Street



Goliad State Park



Coletto Creek Reservoir and Park



Goliad State Park



Riverdale Road



HWY 59



Duke Bridge Road



Phase I: Rudimentary Improvements & Programmatic Use

The goal of Phase I is to increase the river’s use and to show trail development progress as CTG pursues securing funding for construction of future phases. Phase I prioritizes the following:

1. The phased implementation at all six sites of rudimentary improvements to assist paddlers in lowering and raising their canoes along the steep banks of the San Antonio River; and
2. Programmatic use of Highway 59, Ferry Street, and Goliad State Park sites for education and recreation activities, including the *Wild About Our River* TPWD-funded outreach program, the annual Fall River Flotillas, and Goliad Independent School District use for riparian exercises.

Project Construction Costs					
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	TOTAL
Phase I: Rudimentary Improvements Two Sites Per Year	\$5,700*	\$5,700	\$5,700		\$17,100

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Rudimentary Site Development

Rudimentary improvements at the six public access sites will increase vehicular access to the public rights of way, assist trail users in accessing the river banks’ steep slopes, and provide a portable toilet pad. The improvements will consist of the following:

- Site preparation for staging area, parking, and driveway;
- Informational and historical signage;
- Traffic signage;
- Belay pole; and
- Portable toilet pad.

On-going maintenance required at the sites after improvements are made includes litter collection, mowing and trimming, and erosion control. The San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors has approved \$17,100 in funding for these improvements, including associated maintenance, to be made at the Ferry Street and US 59 access sites during its 2006-07 fiscal year.

Programmatic Use

The trail offers unparalleled recreation and education opportunities on which CTG is eager to capitalize. Others within the Goliad community including educators and administrators in the Goliad Independent School District recognize the asset flowing through their community and are seeking ways to better utilize it for habitat and water analysis. Three programs are currently in use at trail access sites:

- **Wild About Our River**

In April 2006, TPWD’s Community Outdoor Outreach Program awarded \$22,436 to CTG to assist in funding *Wild About Our River*, an outreach program providing education and training



to enable the youth of Goliad County to learn about river conservation, preservation, history, safety and self-rescue and to promote the San Antonio River as a source of recreation through hands-on kayak instruction.

The program is providing 12 one-day workshops offered to all Goliad organizations that serve Goliad County youths grades 6 through 12. The program is being hosted at Goliad State Park and will accommodate up to 288 Goliad youth. Classroom instruction is given in the Group Dining Hall. Upon demonstrating mastery of kayak basic skills, each group is shuttled to the Ferry Street site where program staff and CTG volunteers utilize ropes and sheer manpower to lower crafts down the steep slopes. Then the group

kayaks down the San Antonio River, takes out at Goliad State Park and returns to the Group Dining Hall to receive their certification and a free *Wild About Our River* t-shirt.

The Goliad community has rallied behind this effort, with the following organizations and agencies joining Canoe Trail Goliad in sponsoring the effort:

Monetary Contributions:

- First National Bank of Goliad
- General Zaragosa Society
- Goliad Lion's Club
- Goliad Masonic Lodge #94
- Goliad Rotary Club
- San Antonio River Authority

In-kind Contributions of Materials and Time:

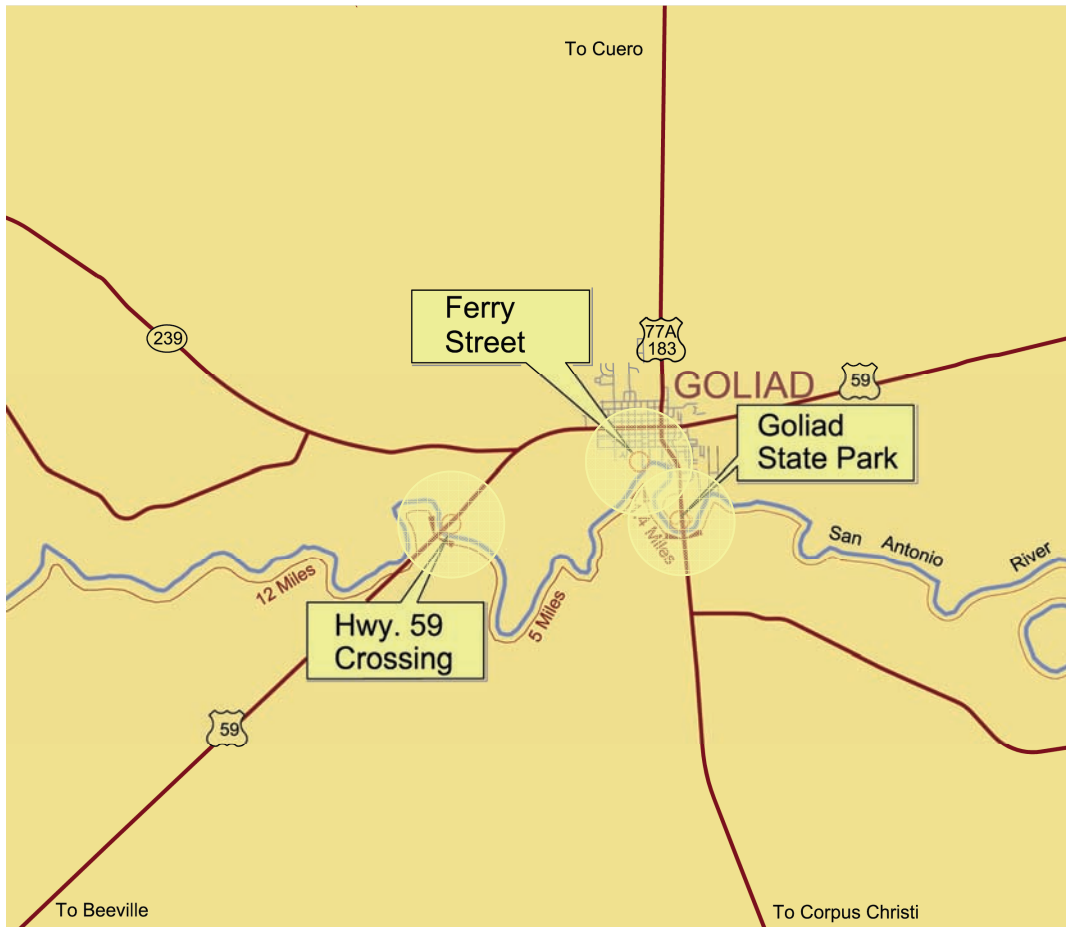
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| • Kirby and Debby Brumby | • National Park Service Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance Program |
| • Goliad Heritage Council | • Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Freshwater Resources Program |
| • Goliad State Park | • San Antonio River Authority |
| • Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) | |

• **Education Curriculum Training and Field Exercises**

As trail development improves accessibility, it provides greater opportunities for teachers and students to gain access to the river for hands-on field exercises. Based upon the CTG's work thus far, Goliad ISD representatives already have approached CTG members for assistance in gaining access to the San Antonio River for habitat and water quality assessment exercises. As a result of assistance CTG and agency participants are providing to educators accessing the Goliad State Park site, Goliad teachers have received river-side training on the San Antonio River Authority's *BasinQuest Water Education* program for middle school students and are incorporating the curriculum into their scope and sequence for future years.

• **Fall River Flotillas (previously discussed herein)**

Phase II: New Construction to Accessibility Standards HWY 59, Historic Ferry Street, and Goliad State Park



CTG prioritized the Goliad State Park and US HWY 59 access points for Phase II construction due to their demonstrated use during the annual Fall River Flotilla and the Park's proximity to Goliad's missions and other historic sites. The committee prioritized the Ferry (Commercial) Street site because of its history and its direct access to the downtown Courthouse Square and the Angel of Goliad Hike and Bike Trail head. The available right of way, natural park-like setting, and proximity to downtown Goliad make the site an attractive candidate for amenities that will appeal to a broad range of future trail users. The site also lends itself to historical markers.

Phase II Project Construction Costs					
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	TOTAL
Highway 59		\$224,250			\$224,250
Ferry Street		\$152,000			\$152,000
Goliad State Park		\$193,750			\$193,750
TOTAL					\$570,000

Phase II: US 59

Owner	Proposed design features	Existing site opportunities	Challenges	River miles to downstream access point	Estimated paddle hours to downstream access point	River miles from upstream access point	Estimated paddle hours from upstream access point
TxDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramp and canoe launch, reducing average grade of 41% to 10–12% Large parking area and boat drop-off loop Portable toilet Signage Trash receptacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right of way is 100 – 160 feet Good access off highway Flat staging area Ideal launch site for youth education, watercraft training, and annual event programs Ample parking and turn space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steep bank Highway noise Funding 	5	3.3	12	8



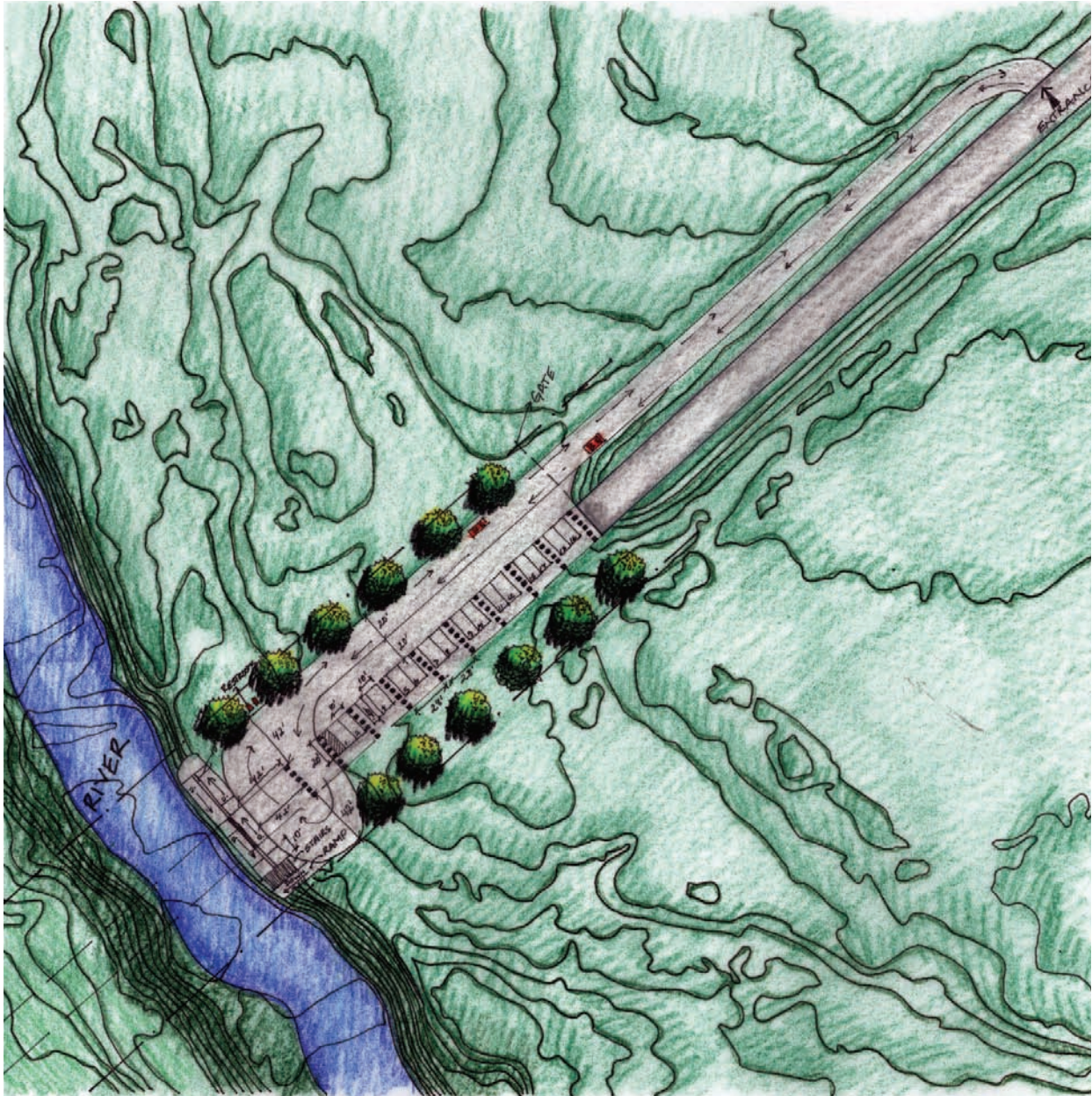
This site is a preferred access point for paddlers seeking a leisurely 1/2 day trip with take-out at Ferry Street and/or Goliad State Park.

The right-of-way accommodates event staging and, with use of ropes and CGT volunteer manpower to lower craft, has been used since 2003 as the put-in point for the Fall River Flotilla.

As shown in the photograph to the left, the site is large enough to accommodate the simultaneous drop off of multiple crafts. Current site users must facilitate lowering their crafts down the steep slope, for instance with a rope as shown in the lower left photograph. Once on the water, paddlers immediately find themselves surrounded by a lush riparian corridor—paradise for wildlife enthusiasts searching for birds and butterflies along south Texas’ migratory flyway; fishing for trout, perch, cats, and other fish; or seeking a glimpse of deer and other wildlife.



Phase II: US 59



Conceptual design courtesy of the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

Phase II: Historic Ferry (Commercial) Street

Owner	Proposed design features	Existing site opportunities	Challenges	River miles to downstream access point	Estimated paddle hours to downstream access point	River miles from up-stream access point	Estimated paddle hours from up-stream access point
County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramp and canoe launch to reduce grade Parking Picnic tables River observation Park toilet Signage Trash receptacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right of way is 83 feet Park-like setting Angel of Goliad Hike and Bike Trail connection Direct connection to Goliad Courthouse Square Ample shade and potential for river/wildlife observation Good for event staging and race viewing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steep bank Funding 	1.4	1.0	5	3.3

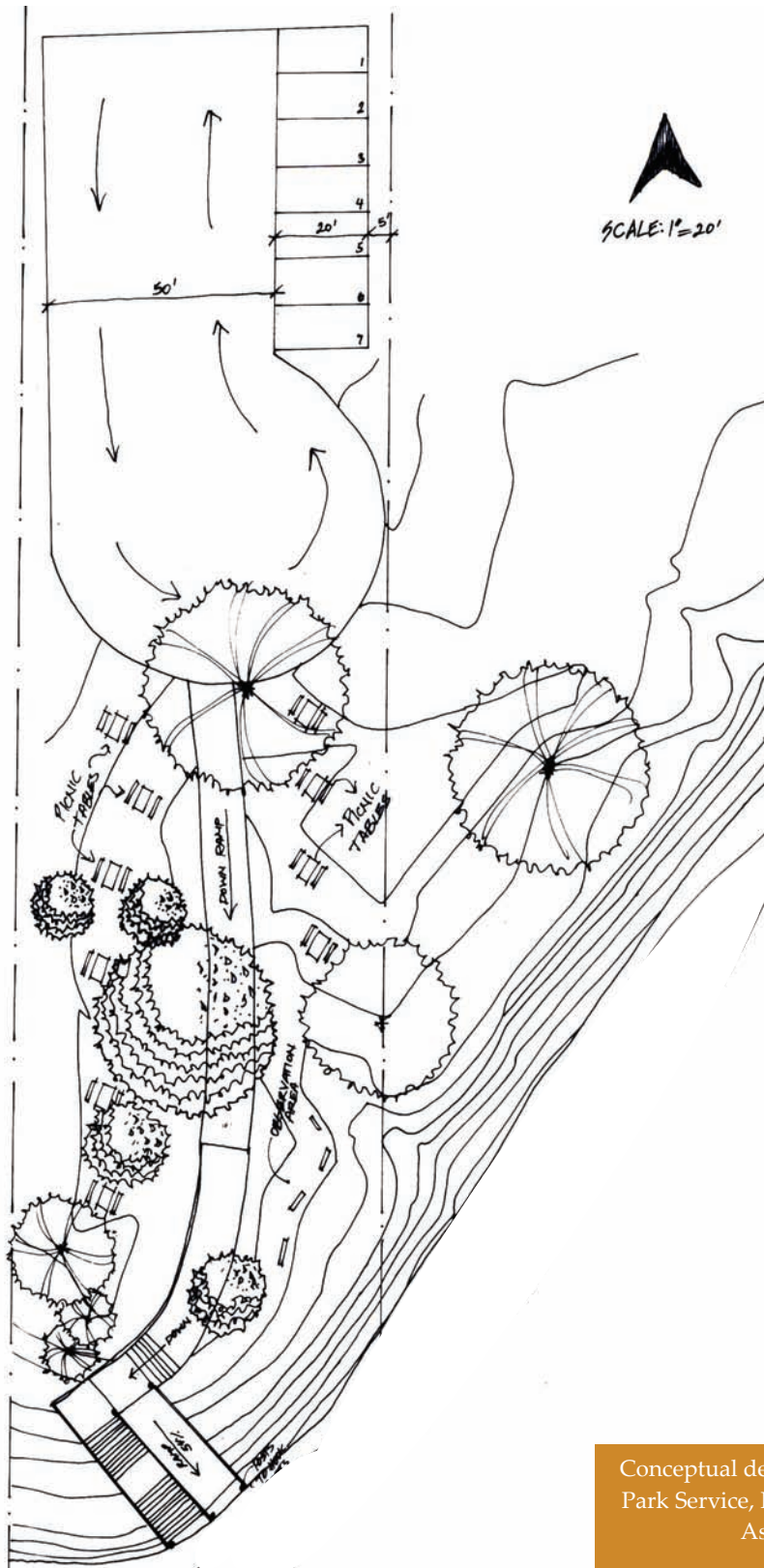


With Phase II development, this historic location provides access to Goliad’s Courthouse Square, its eclectic blend of shops and eateries, and its Market Days street sale and festival. The available right of way, natural park-like setting, and proximity to the Angel of Goliad Bike and Hike trailhead make the site an attractive candidate for amenities that will appeal to a broad range of trail users.

And, for sports enthusiasts looking ahead to the days when Goliad hosts paddle races, this site holds great potential as *the* place to watch the races!



Phase II: Historic Ferry (Commercial) Street



Conceptual design courtesy of the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

Phase II: Goliad State Park

Owner	Proposed design features	Existing site opportunities	Challenges	River miles to downstream access point	Estimated paddle hours to downstream access point	River miles from upstream access point	Estimated paddle hours from upstream access point
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat ramp and canoe launch, reducing grade to 12% New parking facilities and boat drop-off loop Park toilet Signage Trash receptacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled public park area Ample infrastructure Camping and restroom facilities Favorable river bank Angel of Goliad Trail connection. Good for event staging and educational programs. Goliad State Park anticipates applying for TPWD Boat Ramp Grant by to fund 80% of improvements to this site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing TPWD Boat Ramp Grant Funding 	24.2	16.1	1.4	1

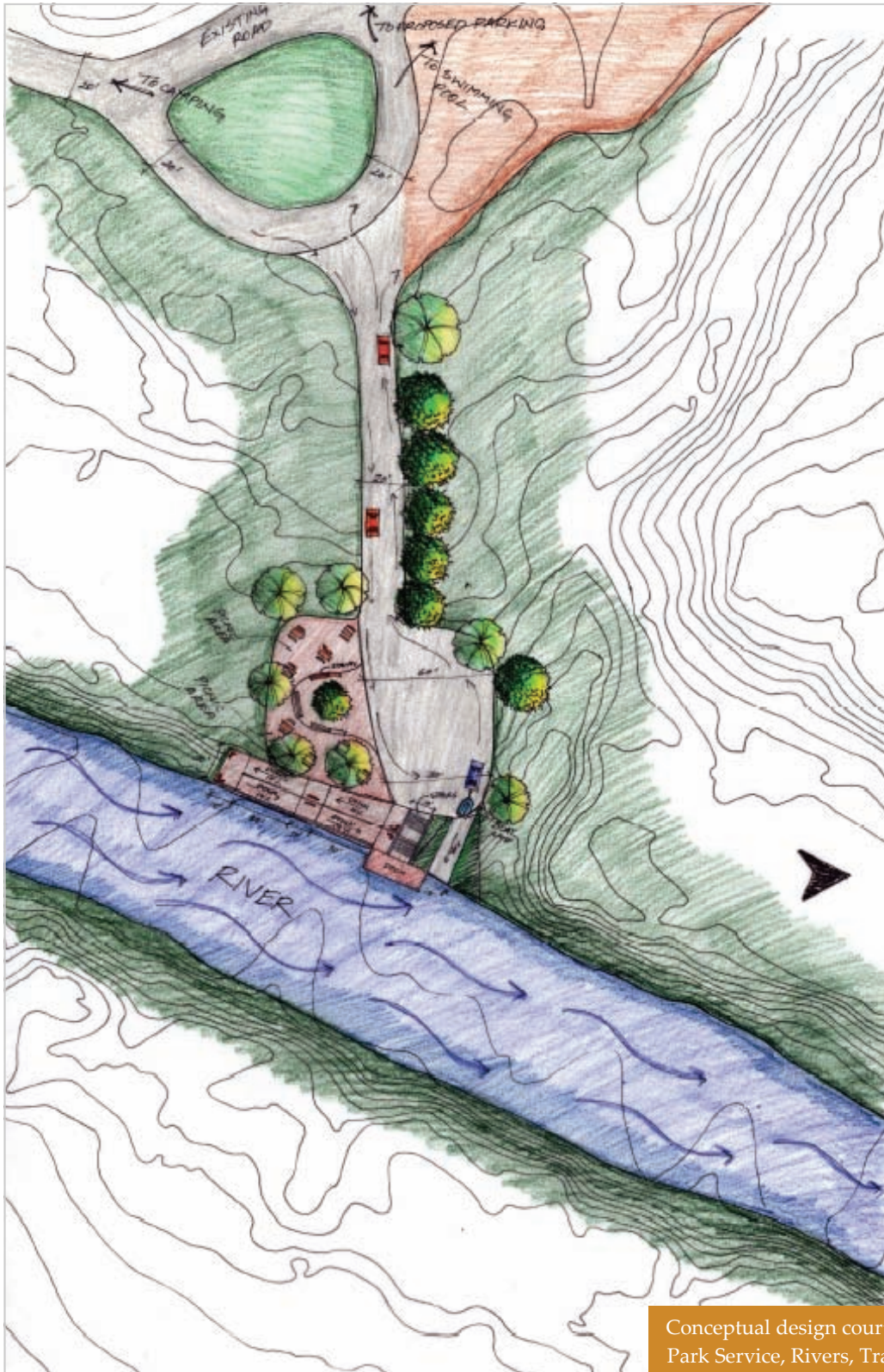


Upon completion of Phase II improvements, this site will provide safe public access not only to canoeists and kayakers, but also to small boaters who will access the river by adjacent boat ramp.

The site provides scenic access to Goliad State Park, the Angel of Goliad Hike and Bike Trail, Mission Espiritu Santo, Goliad's historic Courthouse square, Presidio La Bahia, and the Birthplace of General Zaragoza—all of which are within walking and cycling distance of the proposed public access site.

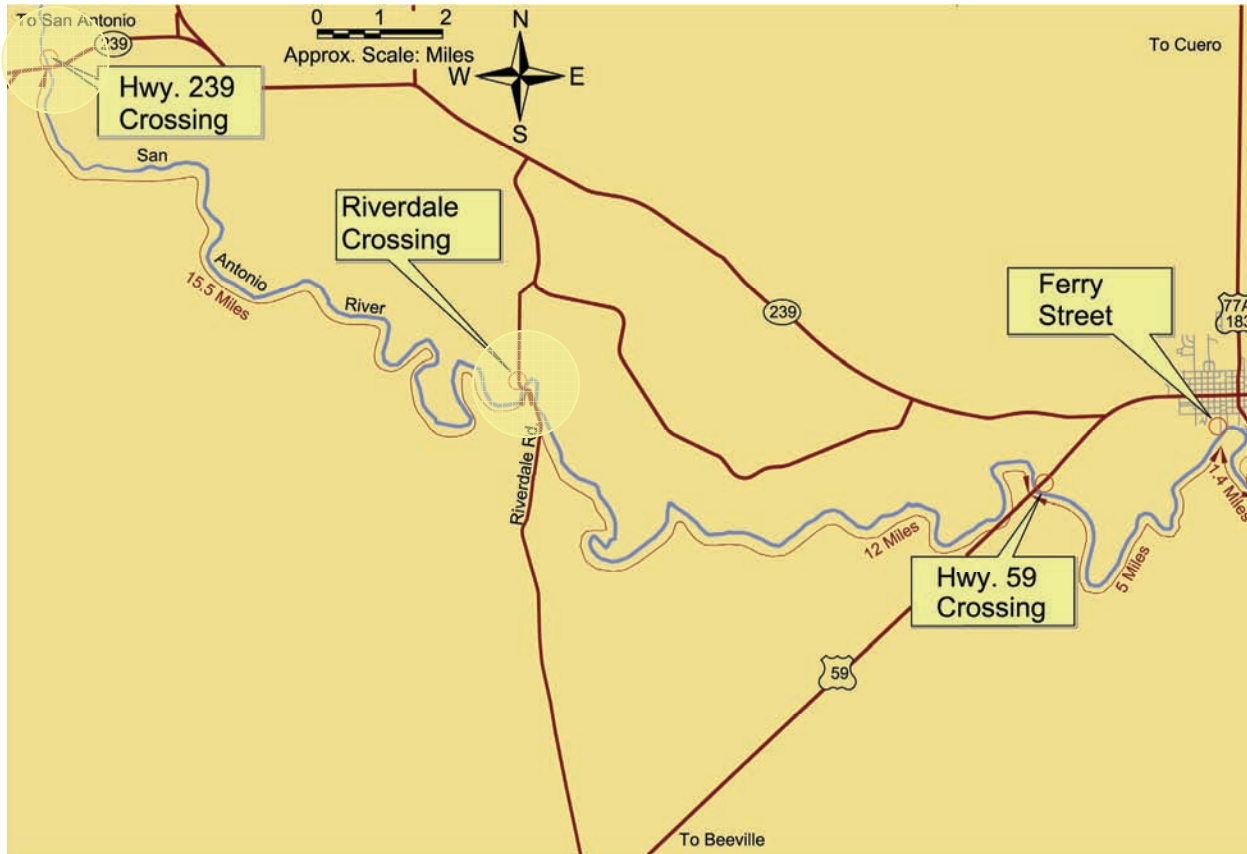


Phase II: Goliad State Park



Conceptual design courtesy of the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

Phase III: New Construction to Accessibility Standards State HWY 239 & Riverdale Road



Phase III Project Construction Costs					
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	TOTAL
Highway 239			\$180,600		\$180,600
Riverdale			\$99,400		\$99,400
TOTAL					\$280,000

State HWY 239

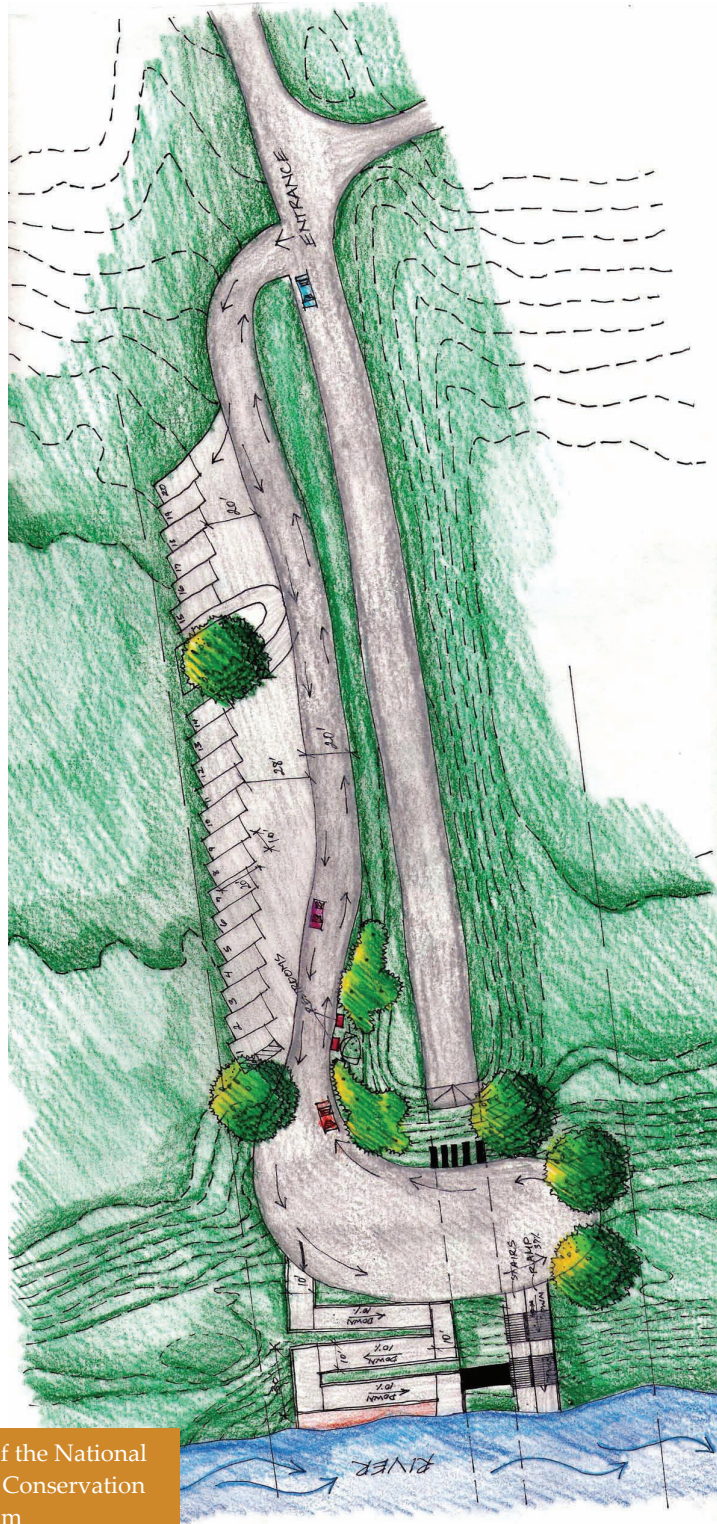
Owner	Proposed design features	Existing site opportunities	Challenges	River miles to downstream access point	Estimated paddle hours to downstream access point	River miles from upstream access point	Estimated paddle hours from upstream access point
TxDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramp and canoe launch, reducing 37% grade to 10% • Boat drop-off loop • Parking • Signage • Portable toilet • Trash receptacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right of way is 100 - 120 feet • Good access off highway • Ample parking and turn space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steep bank • Funding 	15.5	10.3	Site is proposed water trail head	

During public meetings, paddlers throughout the region requested that the trail offer several different experiences from which both novices and experienced paddlers could choose, including full and multi-day trips. It is as a result of this input that CTG added the Highway 239 access point.

The site promises to be a favorite put-in point for experienced paddlers and could be the starting point for a multi-day race to the Texas Coast.



Phase III: State HWY 239



Conceptual design courtesy of the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

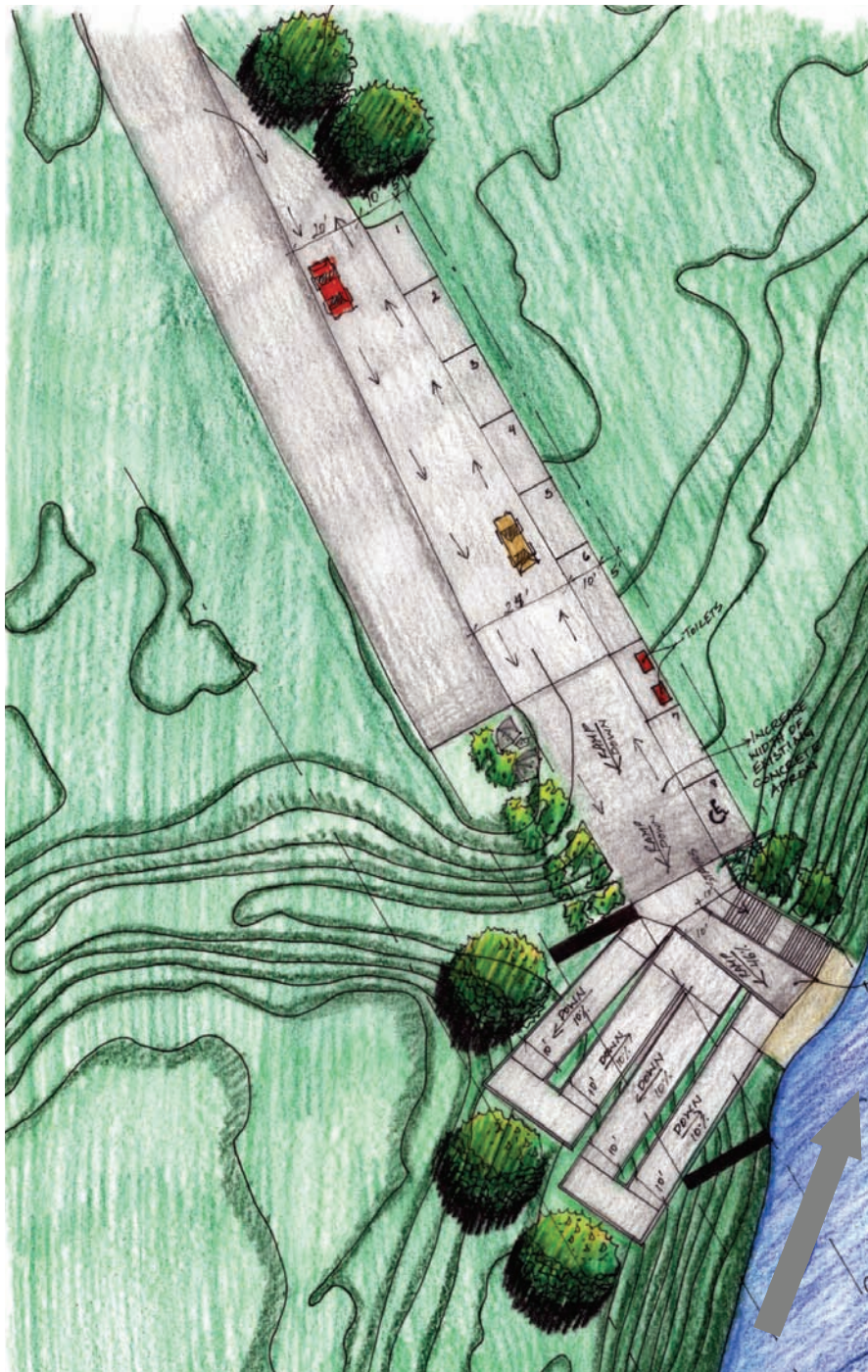
Riverdale Road

Owner	Proposed design features	Existing site opportunities	Challenges	River miles to downstream access point	Estimated paddle hours to downstream access point	River miles from upstream access point	Estimated paddle hours from upstream access point
County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramp and canoe launch, reducing average grade of 44% to 10% • Shoulder parking • Portable toilet • Signage • Trash receptacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right of way is 100 feet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steep bank • Low clearance under bridge • Limited parallel parking • Funding 	12	8	15.5	10

For the experienced paddler, the Riverdale Road access point offers a 12-mile paddle to Highway 59, a 17-mile trip to Ferry Street, or an 18.4 mile trip to Goliad State Park.

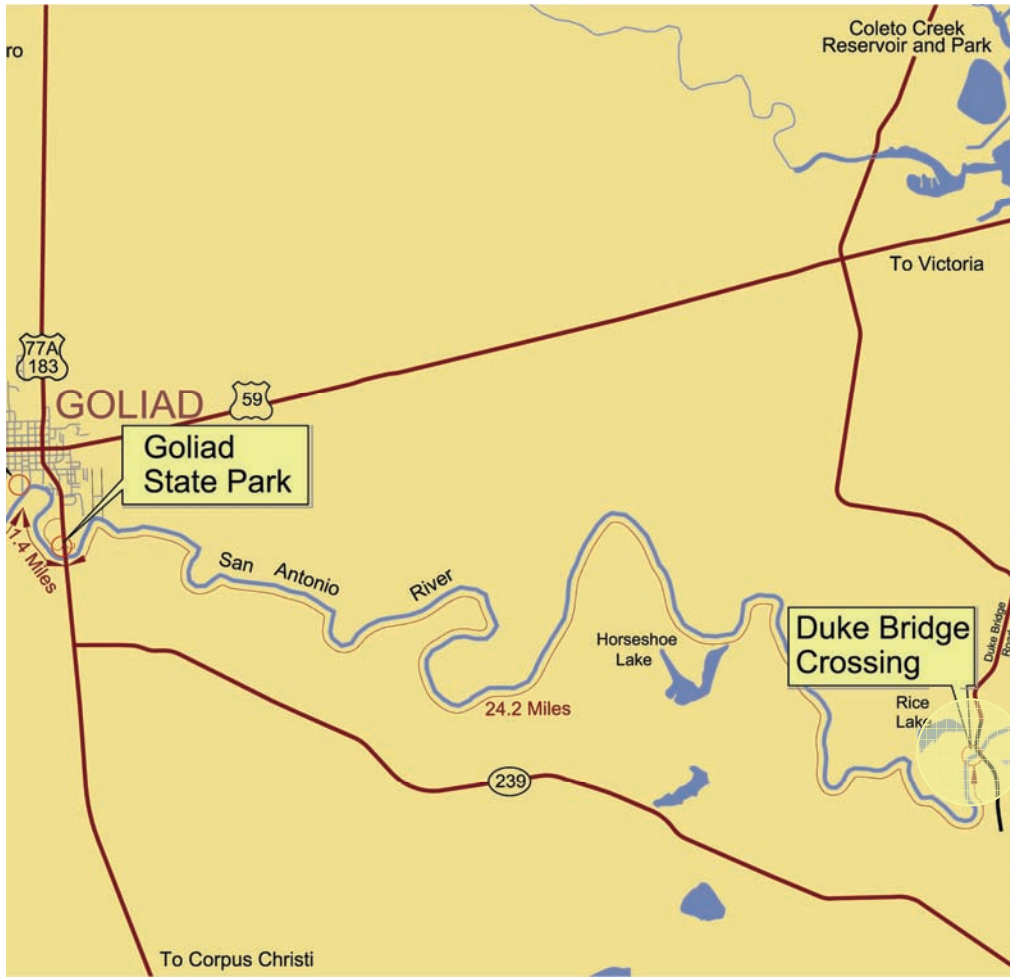


Phase III: Riverdale Road



Conceptual design courtesy of the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

Phase IV: New Construction to Accessibility Standards Duke Bridge Road



Project Construction Costs					
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	TOTAL
Phase IV: Duke Bridge Road				\$165,000	\$165,000

Duke Bridge Road

Owner	Proposed design features	Existing site opportunities	Challenges	River miles to downstream access point	River miles from upstream access point	Estimated paddle hours from upstream access point
County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramp and canoe launch, reducing grade of 42% to 10% Large parking area Primitive camping Park toilet Boat drop-off loop Signage Trash receptacle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right of way is 110 feet Good access off highway Ample parking and turn space Flat staging area Long elevated bridge providing shaded parking and camping area Remote location lends itself to wildlife viewing Potential as rest stop for multi-day paddle racers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steep, vertical bank Funding 	Proposed water trail end	24.2	16



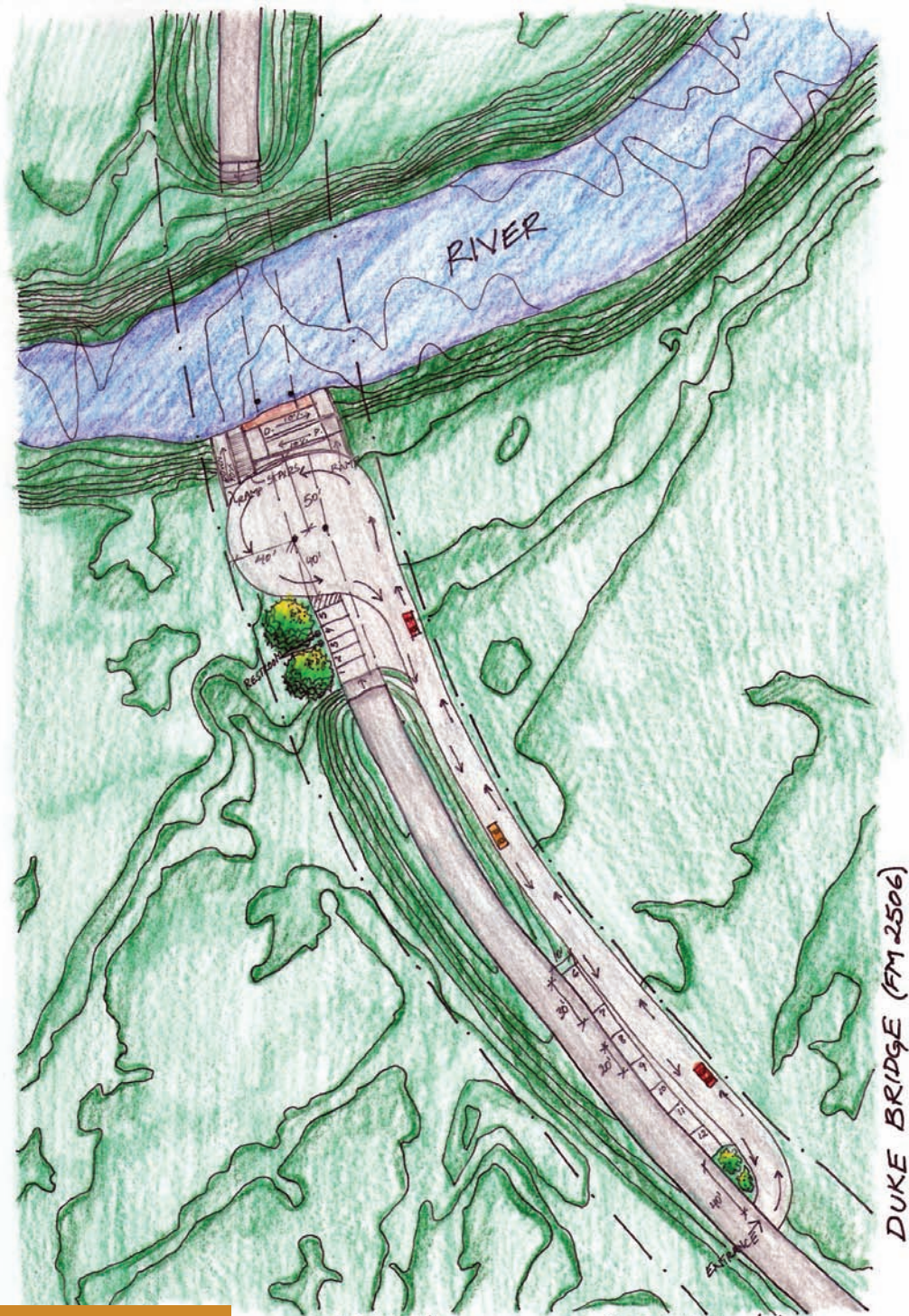
Duke Bridge Road offers the most challenging single stretch of the trail. At 24.2 miles between Goliad State Park and this public access point, with no picnic, restroom, or other amenities along the way, this stretch is designed for the serious paddler. The site is 58.1 miles from Goliad's proposed northernmost access point at State Highway 239.

Unique among the trail's offerings, this stretch of the river begins the transition to the Coastal Plains and is home to a plethora of flora and fauna.

Its remote location within a less populated area of Goliad County makes it an attractive site for wildlife observation. Deer, wild turkey, and migrating and native birds abound in this transitional area.

Multi-day paddle races, perhaps culminating at the coast, would utilize the amenities at Duke Bridge Road.

Phase IV: Duke Bridge Road



Conceptual design courtesy of the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program

Paddle trail development one step closer

During its April meeting, the San Antonio River Authority Board of Directors approved an Interlocal Agreement with Goliad County that is the next step toward implementation of public river access at the county-owned Ferry Street site in Goliad.

Under the agreement, SARA will install basic site improvements and provide routine grounds maintenance at the Ferry Street site.

Goliad canoe trail could be longer now

Goliad State Park. "So, that's a pretty good die-

ance. Tl Bransford would add after, over Leah H explained that River one-day t the park!

Fall River Flotilla set

The second annual Fall River Flotilla, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6, will bring paddlers down the San Antonio River and then up into the heart of Goliad. To promote eco-tourism, the

Event leads paddlers along San Antonio River into Goliad

Advocate Staff Report
GOLIAD - The seco Fall River Flotilla, sch Nov. 6, will bring padd the San Antonio River a into the heart of Goliad. To promote eco-touris noe Trail Goliad Com planned a daylong serie that begins with staggs an kayak launch from

Canoe trail making progress in Goliad

Canoe Trail meeting set

Citizens are urged to attend a public input meeting to discuss the proposed Goliad Canoe Trail on Monday May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 238 N. Commercial.

Citizens are also encouraged to stop by the Goliad Chamber of Commerce through 5 p.m. on May 19 to view displays featuring options for canoe trail amenities, such as picnic tables, restrooms, canoe trail landings and other potential facilities.

The displays show pictures of park amenities at other locations through-

away in floods" on the different wooden structures pictured and she explained that people's preferences when indicating which design they liked best showed how much money they'd be willing to

2nd Annual Paddle Event Draws Regional Attention Registration Continues

Paddlers from canoe clubs throughout the south central Texas region are joining Canoe Trail Goliad members Annual Fall River Flotilla, a 6½ mile River from the Highway 59 crossing Last year's flotilla brought in over registration trends continue, this ye that number.

Canoe enthusiasts can plan for day of activities in Fall River Flotilla

will be paired with a canoe. Evening activities include story-telling, a bonfire, and a barbecue dinner fund-raiser from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 per person, with proceeds benefiting the canoe trail

Second Annual Fall River Flotilla just around the corner

The second annual Fall River Flotilla is just around the folks who do not have their own equipment. Scheduled Saturday, November 6, this year's flotilla in choose from the events without participating in all of the

Canoe Trail Goliad Committee Kicks Off Canoe Raffle

at the Highway 59 crossing. If businesses in the courthouse in park headquarters, accord- ing to the release.

Cruising down the San Antonio River

Editor's note: The following is a first person account of a recent river excursion traveling along the San Antonio River through the west side of Karnes County.

By Janis Holcombe

It wasn't our first paddle trip on the San Antonio River, but it was certainly our most interesting, so far. Colin Bladen, Steve Butler, Colin and myself, made an

will benefit the canoe trail project.

Karnes County. Colin is paddling a kayak, and Sue is riding with me in my trusty Old Town canoe. Though we all share a common interest in paddling on the water and viewing nature, different things have drawn each of us to the river for this expedition.

Colin is our trip leader and our guide and has done this stretch before. He has told us it is the most beautiful section of the river within one county on the world.

research and gathering photos for her topic, Birds On The San Antonio River. Normally she paddles her own kayak, but today she is riding with me to be better able to photograph.

Though I love any excuse to be outside and on water, I tend to be bored after about an hour on lakes and bays. Pam drives to moving water for the adventure, the sections and the unknown. What will I see around the next bend? I chalk it up to me and my excitement for the trip.

and other color exciting sights, wild nature in front of us. I gentle "gobbling."

This trip was we would get to falls. Few people drive to moving water for the adventure, the sections and the unknown. What will I see around the next bend? I chalk it up to me and my excitement for the trip.

Canoe Trail Goliad Committee hosts San Antonio River tour



Join community leaders and your neighbors to discuss the potential for development of canoe trail landings and other canoe trail amenities along the San Antonio River in Goliad.

Public Input Meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2003
7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish Hall
238 N. Commercial Street in Goliad

Discussion of private property and public access issues
Discussion of canoe trail committee structure and officers
Discussion of next steps

Financial Data

Total Project Construction Costs

Project Construction Costs					
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	TOTAL
Phase I: Rudimentary Improvements Two Sites Per Year	\$5,700*	\$5,700	\$5,700		\$17,100
Phase II:					
Highway 59		\$224,250			
Ferry Street		\$152,000			
Goliad State Park		\$193,750			
					\$570,000
Phase III:					
Highway 239			\$180,600		
Riverdale			\$99,400		
					\$280,000
Phase IV: Duke Bridge Road				\$165,000	\$165,000
TOTAL All estimates are in 2006 dollars.	\$5,700	\$575,700	\$285,700	\$165,000	\$1,032,100

*Sponsored by the San Antonio River Authority.

CTG Fundraising to Date** \$6,979

Value of In-kind Services to Date**

- Blue Quail Deli \$900
- National Park Service
Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program. \$32,000
- San Antonio River Authority \$86,414

**September 2001 through April 2006

Financial Data

Phase I Secured Sponsorships*

Phase I Rudimentary Site Development and Operations and Maintenance

San Antonio River Authority	\$7,500
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Education and Recreation

Wild About Our River:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| • Secured Local and Agency In-kind Sponsorships: | \$11,252 |
| • Grant Funding through TPWD Co-op Grant: | <u>\$22,436</u> |

Program Total:	\$33,688
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BasinQuest Water Education Program Curriculum Training and Field Exercises at Goliad State Park Site

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| • Secured SARA sponsorship: | \$886 |
| • Secured Goliad State Park sponsorship: | <u>\$170</u> |

Program Total	\$1,056
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*September 2001 through April 2006

Supporting Documentation: Establishing 501(c)(3) Status

Limited Affiliation Resolution: Goliad Heritage Council and CTG

LIMITED AFFILIATION RESOLUTION

ARTICLE 1 Name & Office

The name of the Affiliation is the Canoe Trail Goliad (CTG). The mailing address is P.O. Box 626, Berclair, Texas 78107.

ARTICLE 2 Not For Profit

The CTG is an organization in affiliation with the Goliad Heritage Council, which is a non-profit organization exempt from income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3).

ARTICLE 3 Duration

The period of the affiliation is perpetual.

ARTICLE 4 Purpose

The purpose for this affiliation is to organize and to promote access to the San Antonio River in Goliad County that will encourage tourism to this region, educate, conserve and cultivate the natural and cultural heritage of the river.

ARTICLE 5 Restrictions and Requirements

- A) The CTG shall not distribute funds to any member, officer, or private persons, except those payments that are pre-approved, by the CTG officers, as a reasonable compensation for services rendered and substantially further the purpose set forth in Article 4.
- B) No part of the net earnings of the CTG shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, Officers or other private persons. All net earnings shall be used for the sole purpose of funding the canoe trail and events in conjunction with the trail.
- C) The CTG shall have no power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for a tax exemption under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3) and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. The CTG shall have no power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for receiving tax-deductible charitable contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 170 (c) (2) and related regulations, rulings, and procedures.
- D) The CTG will establish a separate account with a financial institute that being the First National Bank Of Goliad, or the bank currently used by the Goliad Heritage Council, for the purpose of tracking transactions of both deposits and withdrawals of funds. The account will be set-up so that two (2) signatures will be required on checks written on this account.

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LIMITED AFFILIATION RESOLUTION

- E) It is agreed and understood that all debts and financial obligations incurred will be the responsibility of Canoe Trail Goliad.
- F) It is agreed that upon the dissolution of the resolution all remaining assets, after debts are resolved, shall be donated to another nonprofit organization or project that is promoting tourism to the area.

ARTICLE 6 Officers

The Officers shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 7 Participating Agencies

The committee shall include of a representative from each participating agency. The initial participating agencies are:

City of Goliad

Goliad Chamber of Commerce

Goliad County

Goliad County Economic Development

Goliad Heritage Council

Goliad State Park

National Park Service

San Antonio River Authority

Texas Department of Transportation

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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ARTICLE 8

Membership


The committee shall consist of the officers, representatives from each participating agency, and local citizens.

ARTICLE 9

Indemnification

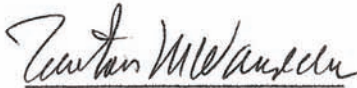
The Officers of the CTG shall be indemnified by the organization against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceedings, civil or criminal, in which he or she is made a party by reason of being or having been such Officer. Except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for, or guilty of negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty.

SIGNED:



John Barnhart
Chairman
Canoe Trail Goliad


Judge Harold Gleinser
Goliad County



Newton Warzecha
President
Goliad Heritage Council

Date

Date



Date

Supporting Documentation: Requesting SARA Project Management



**Canoe Trail Goliad
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P. O. Box 626
Berclair, Texas 78107
(361) 375-2824

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Goliad Heritage Council

Goliad State Park

National Park Service

San Antonio River Authority

Texas Department of
Transportation

Texas Parks & Wildlife



October 18 2005

Mr. Gregory E. Rothe, General Manager
San Antonio River Authority
P. O. Box 839980
San Antonio, TX 78283-9980

Dear Mr. Rothe:

Please know that Canoe Trail Goliad greatly appreciates the relationship we have enjoyed with the San Antonio River Authority over the past four years, and the support that SARA staff has provided in our aspiration of a major canoe trail to experience nature along the San Antonio River in Goliad County. The talents and energy of Karen Bishop, Claude Harding, Randy Wauters and Dale Bransford have been particularly helpful.

We are pleased with the progress to date including public input meetings, public awareness materials, site evaluations, land owner relations, conceptual designs and cost estimates, and support from partner agencies. Ours is a vision of opening a significant canoe trail to the public of Texas and the Nation, and we are delighted in the manifestations of SARA that it shares (and leads) that vision.

The Canoe Trail Goliad vision for this project is consistent with the vision of the Regional Park Planning Advisory Committee (RPPAC) and SARA's regional master plan for nature based parks.

The CTG believes the project has developed to a point where a redefinition of roles would be best to move the project into implementation, and therefore requests that SARA take the lead management role.

More specifically, with regard to access points needed to facilitate the canoe trail, we ask that SARA:

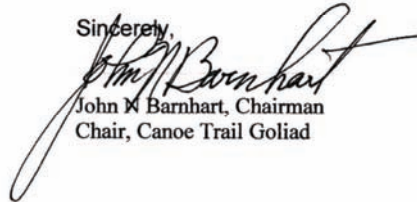
- A) pursue a Multiple Use Agreement with TxDOT for the US 59 and SH 239 (Charco) right-of-ways at the San Antonio River crossing;
- B) pursue a similar agreement with Goliad County for its Ferry Street, Riverdale, and Duke's right-of-ways at the San Antonio River;
- C) allocate resources to establish and maintain basic river access at these publicly owned lands into the San Antonio River,
- D) coordinate with Goliad State Park on their development of canoe access in the Goliad State Park.

Supporting Documentation: Requesting SARA Project Management

The CTG would continue its efforts to raise funds for the project and would serve as its local support group.

I am optimistic that you will see this request presenting an opportunity for SARA to advance its mission and purpose to God and Country, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Barnhart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then loops back under the name.

John M. Barnhart, Chairman
Chair, Canoe Trail Goliad

Supporting Documentation: Securing SARA Project Management

RESOLUTION NO. R-1276

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH GOLIAD COUNTY AND A MULTIPLE USE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC ACCESS SITES AT SELECTED RIGHTS-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IN GOLIAD COUNTY, TEXAS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE GOLIAD PADDLING TRAIL

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, SARA staff have been providing support to the Canoe Trail Goliad Committee to plan public access sites necessary to establish a canoe and kayak paddling trail along the San Antonio River in Goliad County; and

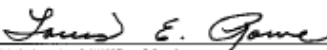
WHEREAS, Goliad County and the Texas Department of Transportation own rights-of-way adjacent to the San Antonio River at these access sites and are agreeable to allow these sites to be available for public access to the River; and

WHEREAS, the two entities require separate legal agreements with SARA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY:

That the General Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Goliad County and a Multiple Use Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the implementation and operation of public access sites at selected rights-of-way adjacent to the San Antonio River in Goliad County, Texas in order to establish the Goliad Paddling Trail.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 19th day of April, 2006.


LOUIS E. ROWE, Chairman

ATTEST:


JIM JOHNSON, Secretary

The seal of the San Antonio River Authority is circular with a five-pointed star in the center. The words "SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY" are written around the perimeter of the seal.

Supporting Documentation: Securing SARA Project Management

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a duplicate original of Resolution No. R-1276 of the Board of Directors of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY as passed and approved by the members of said Board by eleven (11) affirmative votes, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) not voting at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said AUTHORITY held April 19, 2006, in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, at which a quorum was present, as shown by the Minutes of said meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and the official seal of the SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY on this 19th day of April A. D., 2006 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.


JIM JOHNSON, Secretary



Supporting Documentation: TPWD COOP Award Notification Letter



April 13, 2006

Bill Whitworth, President
Goliad Heritage Council
Wild About Our River Workshops
P. O. Box 346
Goliad, Tx 77963

Re: Wild About Our River Workshops

Dear Mr. Whitworth:

The Community Outdoor Outreach Grant review committee has approved your grant proposal for \$22,436.00. A project agreement (contract) between the Goliad Heritage Council and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) can now be executed. Two copies of the following documents are enclosed for your signature:

1. Program Agreement
2. General Provisions

Please review and sign all documents and return one copy of each document to the TPWD. You will also find enclosed program reimbursement instructions and related forms. These documents should be retained with the executed contract documents in a permanent file and used for reimbursement requests. Please do not purchase items not included in your contract without prior approval. Requests for amendments must be made in writing via email or by letter.

Quarterly status reports are also required, and your first report is due July 15, 2006 (for 2nd quarter). **Your quarterly reports should include: updated project status information, calendar of scheduled events, progress reports and evaluation reports. It is critical that you include an updated schedule of events with dates so we can have the opportunity to observe your program.** Please address all correspondence to Darlene Lewis and include the project name and project number on all submissions. **All requests for seed funds must be done in writing.** If you have any questions, please call us at 512-912-7145 or you can email me at: darlene.lewis@tpwd.state.tx.us.

It is very important that you spend all the funds requested. Failure to do so could affect your organization's ability to qualify for future CO-OP funding. If you have questions, call or email me or Dana Lagarde.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Darlene Lewis
Program Director
Community Outdoor Outreach Program

To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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Supporting Documentation: Linking to Established Eco-tourism Opportunities

Texas Paddling Trail Program



Texas Paddling Trails are a new and exciting way for landowners and communities to partner with Texas Parks and Wildlife to conserve habitats while providing recreational opportunities for the traveling public. The paddling trails of Texas promote sustainable economic development and build public support for conservation of waterways and wildlife. TPWD paddling trails offer trails that can be done by the whole family in a few hours.

As Texas becomes more urbanized, it becomes ever more important that there are public places to enjoy outdoor recreational opportunities, such as canoeing and kayaking. The new Texas Paddling Trails program provides these opportunities while also helping to conserving rivers and bays.

This program offers communities in Texas a new way to partner with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, for the purpose of benefiting their own area while also helping build an extensive network of paddling trails across the state to be enjoyed by Texans and out-of-state tourists for many generations to come.

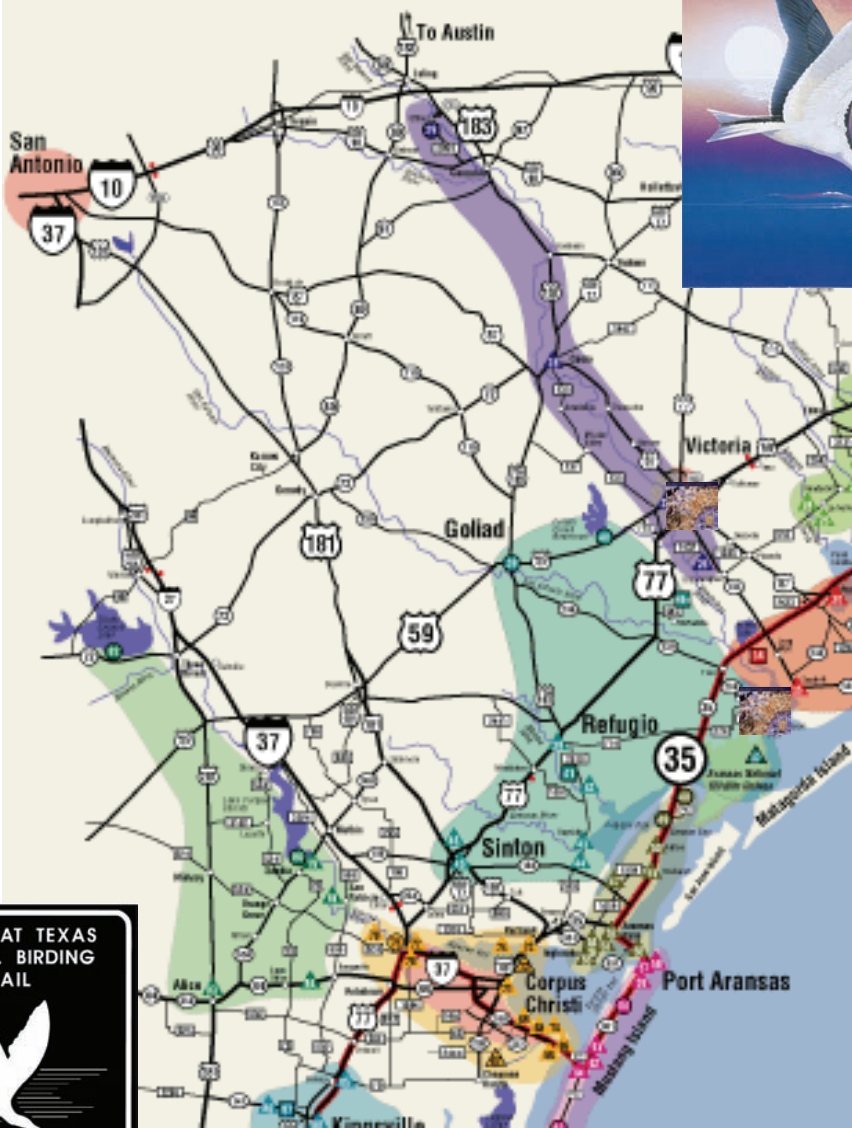
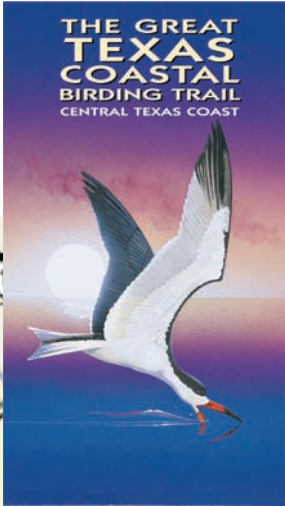
If you have an interest in developing a Texas Paddling Trail in your community, please contact the following Texas Parks and Wildlife staff:

Shelly Plante, shelly.plante@tpwd.state.tx.us

For more information about the Texas Paddling Trail program, log onto www.tpwd.state.tx.us/paddlingtrails.

Supporting Documentation: Linking to Established Eco-tourism Opportunities

Great Texas Wildlife Trail and Maps



For more information about the birding and wildlife map series, log onto <http://tcebookstore.org> or call 888-900-2577.

Birds and Butterflies of the Angel of Goliad Trail

Winter Season: December, January, & February.

- c = common. Several or many seen regularly.
- f = fairly common. One or two seen regularly
- u = uncommon. Not expected. Aren't you lucky!
- r = rare. Could occur, but few or no sightings. Take notes, make a sketch, and turn it in at the City Hall, 152 W. End Street!



Grebes	Pied-billed Grebe	u		
Cormorants	Northern Cormorant	u		
	Neotropic Cormorant	f		
	Double-crested Cormorant	f		
Anhingas	Anhinga	f		
Herons, Bitterns and Allies	Great Blue Heron	u		
	Great Egret	u		
	Snowy Egret	u		
	Little Blue Heron	u		
	Cattle Egret	c		
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	u		
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u		
New World Vultures	Black Vulture	c		
	Turkey Vulture	c		
Ducks, Geese and Swans	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	u		
	Greater White-fronted Goose	c		
	Snow Goose	c		
	Ross's Goose	f		
	Canada Goose	f		
	Wood Duck	u		
	Gadwall	f		
	American Wigeon	f		
	Blue-winged Teal	f		
	Northern Shoveler	f		
	Northern Pintail	f		
	Green-winged Teal	f		
	Ring-necked Duck	f		
	Lesser Scaup	f		
	Buffhead	f		
	Ruddy Duck	f		
Hawks, Kites, Eagles and Allies	Osprey	r		
	Northern Harrier	f		
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	f		
	Cooper's Hawk	f		
	Red-shouldered Hawk	f		
	Red-tailed Hawk	c		
Caracaras and Falcons	Crested Caracara	f		
	American Kestrel	c		
	Merlin	u		
New World Quail	Northern Bobwhite	u		
Rails, Gallinules and Coots	American Coot	u		
Cranes	Sandhill Crane	c		
Lapwings and Plovers	Killdeer	c		
Sandpipers, Phalaropes and Allies	Greater Yellowlegs	f		
	Lesser Yellowlegs	f		
	Spotted Sandpiper	u		
	Long-billed Curlew	u		
	Western Sandpiper	u		
	Least Sandpiper	u		
	Common Sprope	u		
	American Woodcock	f		
Shans, Galls, Terns and Skimmers	Laughing Gull	r		
	Royal Tern	f		
Pigeons and Doves	Rock Dove	f		
	Eurasian Collared-Dove	f		
	White-winged Dove	c		
	Mourning Dove	c		
	Inca Dove	c		
	Common Ground-Dove	f		
Cuckoos, Roadrunners and Anis	Greater Roadrunner	u		
Barn Owls	Barn Owl	u		
Typical Owls	Great Horned Owl	f		
	Barred Owl	f		
Hummingbirds	Buff-bellied Hummingbird	u		
	Black-chinned Hummingbird	f		
	Rufous Hummingbird	f		
Kingfishers	Belted Kingfisher	c		
	Green Kingfisher	f		
Woodpeckers and Allies	Golden-fronted Woodpecker	c		
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	c		
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c		
	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	c		
	Northern Flicker	u		
Tyrant Flycatchers	Eastern Phoebe	c		
	Vermilion Flycatcher	u		
	Ash-throated Flycatcher	u		
	Couch's Kingbird	f		
	Western Kingbird	f		
Shrikes	Loggerhead Shrike	c		
Vireos	White-eyed Vireo	c		
	Blue-headed Vireo	f		
Crows and Jays	Blue Jay	f		
	American Crow	c		
Swallows	Purple Martin	f		
	Tree Swallow	u		
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	f		
	Barn Swallow	c		
Chickadees and Titmice	Carolina Chickadee	c		
	Tufted Titmouse	c		
	Black-crested Titmouse	c		
Wrens	Carolina Wren	c		
	Bewick's Wren	c		
	House Wren	c		
	Winter Wren	f		

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Kinglets	Blackbirds
Golden-crowned Kinglet	Red-winged Blackbird
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Eastern Meadowlark
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Western Meadowlark
Thrushes	Brewer's Blackbird
Eastern Bluebird	Common Grackle
Hermite Thrush	Great-tailed Grackle
American Robin	Bronzed Cowbird
Mockingbirds and Thrashers	Brown-headed Cowbird
Gray Catbird	Fringilline and Cardinaline Finches and
Northern Mockingbird	Phoebe
Brown Thrasher	American Goldfinch
Long-billed Thrasher	Old World Sparrows
Starlings and Allies	House Sparrow
European Starling	
Wood-Warblers	
Orange-crowned Warbler	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Pine Warbler	
Common Yellowthroat	
Wilson's Warbler	
Sparrows and Allies	
Olive Sparrow	
Spotted Towhee	
Eastern Towhee	
Chipping Sparrow	
Field Sparrow	
Vesper Sparrow	
Lark Sparrow	
Savannah Sparrow	
Fox Sparrow	
Song Sparrow	
Lincoln's Sparrow	
Swamp Sparrow	
White-throated Sparrow	
Harris's Sparrow	
White-crowned Sparrow	
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco	
Cardinals, Saltators and Allies	
Northern Cardinal	
Pyrrhuloxia	
Blackbirds	

Butterfly Checklist
For Goliad County, Texas

Key to status:
 A = Abundant: 20+ individuals possible in a 2-3 hour period
 C = Common: 10-20 individuals possible in a 2-3 hour period
 U = Uncommon: 5-10 possible in a 2-3 hour period
 R = Rare: less than 5 possible in a 2-3 hour period
 M = Migrant only
 S = Stray: loners (usually) occasionally wander into area, but not considered resident.

Cerulean Kinglet - U	Cerulean Kinglet - U
White-striped Longtail - U	Cerulean Kinglet - U
Long-tailed Skipper - R	Large Orange Sulphur - C
Dorantes Longtail - U	Lyside Sulphur - C
Coyote Cloudwing - U	Little Yellow - A
Mazans Scalloping - C	Sleepy Orange - U
Texas Powdered-Skipper - U	Dainty Sulphur - A
Sickle-winged Skipper - A	Great Purple Hairstreak - R
False Duskywing - U	Gray Hairstreak - C
Horace's Duskywing - U	Dusky-blue Groundstreak - C
Funereal Duskywing - C	Ceraunus Blue - A
Com./White Checkered-Skipper - C	Reekit's Blue - C
Tropical Checkered-Skipper - C	Fatal Metalmark - R
Desert Checkered-Skipper - U	Rounded Metalmark - C
Laviana White-Skipper - U	American Snout - A
Turk's-cap White-Skipper - U	Gulf Fritillary - A
Julia's Skipper - U	Julia Heliconian - S
Clouded Skipper - C	Zebra Heliconian - S
Least Skipper - U	Variegated Fritillary - A
Orange Skipperling - U	Theona Checkerspot - U
Southern Skipperling - A	Silvery Checkerspot - U
Fiery Skipper - C	Texan Crescent - C
Whirlabout - U	Vesta Crescent - U
Southern Broken-Dash - U	Phaon Crescent - A
Sachem - C	Pearl Crescent - C
Dun Skipper - U	Question Mark - C
Celia's Roadside-Skipper - C	American Lady - C
Eufala Skipper - U	Painted Lady - U
Ocala Skipper - C	Red Admiral - A
	Common Buckeye - A
	White Peacock - R
	Viceroy - U
	Common Mestra - U
	Goatweed Leafwing - C
	Hackberry Emperor - C
	Empress Leilia - U
	Tawny Emperor - C
	Gemmed Satyr - C
	Carolina Satyr - U
	Monarch - M
	Queen - C

Names are derived from "Checklist & English Names of North American Butterflies," North American Butterfly Association, 2001.

list by Ro Wauer, 2003

Supporting Documentation: Economic Impact of Water Trails

Attributing Expenditures to Rivers, Trails and Greenways

- 70 canoe liveries in Florida generate \$38.5 million per year (Stout, 1986).
- For every \$1 paid to canoeing outfitters ... Customers spent \$5 for gas, groceries, restaurants, campgrounds, and other lodging.

Canoeing Direct Impact\$

<http://www.msu.edu/course/prr/840/econimpact/michigan.htm>

- **Michigan canoe liveries rented 165,000 canoes in 1999.**
- **This translates into 75,000 party trips for canoeing and 200,000 party days/nights away from home.**
- **Canoe renters spent an average of \$190 per party per trip, including \$40 in canoe rental fees.**

Supporting Documentation: Economic Impact of Water Trails

Canoeing Direct Impact\$ (continued)

<http://www.msu.edu/course/prr/840/econimpact/michigan.htm>

- **The direct effects on the Michigan economy are**
- **\$10.6 million in sales**
- **\$3.7 million in personal income**
- **\$5.9 million in value added and 266 jobs.**

Canoe Indirect Spending

- **A Michigan study showed total spending on trips involving a canoe rental was \$18 million in 1999.**
- **With secondary effects, canoe liveries generate**
- **\$17 million in sales,**
- **\$6 million in personal income, almost**
- **\$10 million in value added and 350 jobs...**
(Mahoney, Kim and Stynes 2000).

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So how many Texans canoe?

- **7.0% of Texans Canoe
(Participation rate Rank=34)**
- **However that 7% equals 1,093,267
people which is 5th highest in the
US**

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Texas Kayakers

- **1.4% of Texans kayak on
freshwater or (218,653 people)
Rank= 28**
- **2.5% of Texans kayak on saltwater
or (390,452 people) Rank= 20**

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Notes



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Ode to the River

LISTEN! HEAR ME! This is your River speaking.

From me, you have your Presidio. Your Missions. Your People to 5000 years past. I am your La Bahia, your drama, your romance. I brought you both lovers of Peace and violent filibusters. Heroes and rascals. Tejanos and Texans, Hispanics and Anglos. I am the magnet bringing those of peace and tranquility and those of lust and violence. I am the Father and Mother of your history, your heritage, your culture.

I am the path through you, your history, your identity as guardians of the land.

I forgive you of your waste and sewage dumping. I forgive you of your phosphorus, nitrogen and whatever else. I understand and forgive your short-sighted materialism. But, thank God for your belated attention to my purity, my acceptability to children laughing, splashing, parents fretting, all rejoicing in me, your Old Man River. I am preserved. I am restored. I am now with you the same beautiful trail as I was with your forefathers.

Now, you prosperous guardians, let me have children, let me have seniors with their grandchildren, let me have fathers and mothers enjoying my singing birds, my *au natural* beast, the playful raccoons, deer and coyotes. I am a lazy river, fit as a passageway; and, yet, my muddy steep banks deny the naturalists access to me, your Mother. Let them canoe my path through history of your Ox Cart Wars, your reconstructionists, your gun-slinging killer John Wesley Hardin and folk-hero Gregorio Cortez, your cattle barons and their cattle drives “up the trail to Dodge” and your impoverished 40-acre-family-cotton farmers.

Rejoice. Celebrate me. Open me. Invite your fellows to me. Give access to your history, your identity. Open me in honor of yourselves in presenting me.

- Anonymous



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