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## **Cameron Park River Trail Temporarily Closed**

Waco, Texas (May 22, 2015) – The City of Waco Parks and Recreation Department has temporarily closed the River Trail in an effort to preserve the beauty and accessibility of the Cameron Park Trail System. Using trails in wet conditions causes long term damage to the trees and the soil. We have many areas on the River Trail that have large mud puddles and those spots are now wider from people circumventing the mess and some rogue trails have formed. This only makes the puddles larger every time it rains and causes ruts and accelerates erosion issues. The trails have not had enough time to fully dry between rains, and the ground is saturated.

The river is high due to excess water being released from Lake Whitney/Waco/Aquilla and we have two bridges completely submerged on the River Trail. The Mix Master and Drain Pipe are also quite bad as well. Please avoid the River Trail and use alternate routes in the upper trails if you come across areas that are muddy or soft. At this time only the River Trail is closed. We've had a very wet spring and the forecast looks much of the same for at least the next week.

Volunteers from the Waco Bike Club have done a fantastic job of removing fallen trees and they haven't seemed to stop finding areas to clear. We appreciate everyone's understanding and ask that you help spread the word and educate those who don't know the damage they are causing by using the trails during wet conditions.

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