

# Welcome!



## Brazos Bridges and Bosque Bluffs Paddling Trails

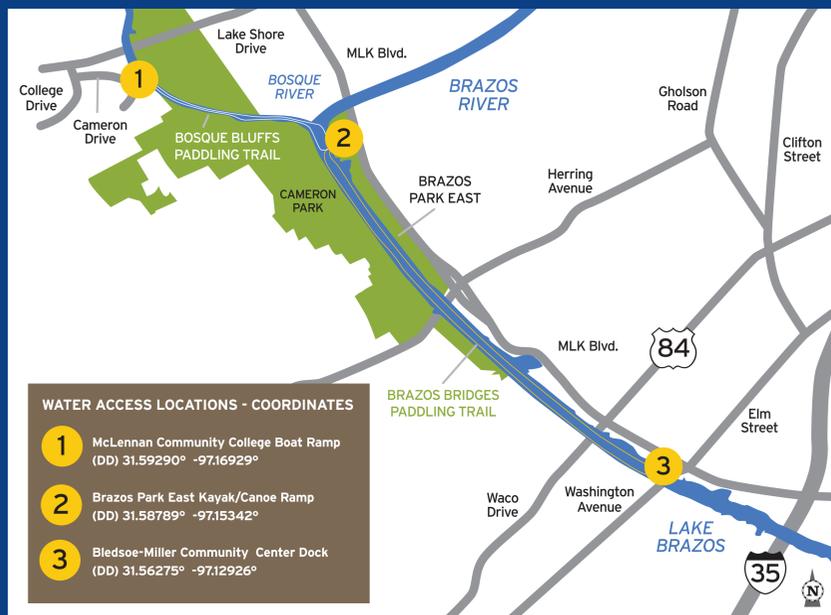
### PADDLING TRAIL LENGTHS:

Bosque Bluffs Paddling Trail - 2.2-mile loop  
Brazos Bridges Paddling Trail - 4.8-mile loop

### FLOAT TIME:

~1 to 3 hours per trail (depending on water level, flow rate and wind speed)

These paddling trails were designed for beginning or novice paddlers, with no shuttle or portage necessary.



### Wildlife and Ecology

Birds spotted here include scissor-tailed flycatcher, muscovy duck, great egret, red-tailed hawks, and more. Cottonwood, red oak, pecan, cedar/American elm, ashe juniper, and sugar hackberry trees grow along the river. Common wildlife encountered includes raccoons, red-eared slider turtles, red fox, and armadillos.

### River Conditions

This trail offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the quiet serenity of nature while paddling through the parks and riparian corridors of Waco. Although there are no man-made obstructions on either of these trails, there may be snags to avoid, especially when water levels are low. Heavy rains and high water can create dangerous conditions.

The Brazos and Bosque Rivers are readily influenced by rainfall runoff that may create temporary high flows and undesirable water quality conditions. Flow and water quality information is available to paddlers on the web at [www.brazos.org](http://www.brazos.org)

### Fishing

Channel, blue, and flathead catfish; smallmouth buffalo; common carp; largemouth bass; white bass; and crappie are all possible on these trails. Catfish, buffalo, and carp require stout tackle and natural baits. Bass and crappie are caught on jigs, plastic worms, spinner baits, or minnows.

### Local Activities

Cameron Park  
More than 20 miles of hike and bike trails weave through natural vegetation and limestone cliffs. The zoo, splash pads, playgrounds, disc golf courses, and picnic areas are perfect for families. (254) 750-5980 [www.cameronparkwaco.com](http://www.cameronparkwaco.com)

### Partnership

This trail was made possible through a partnership between the City of Waco, Waco Paddle Club, McLennan Community College, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

## Always remember:

### Be safe

Rivers are ever-changing dynamic systems with inherent dangers. Follow basic safety rules:

- Never paddle alone.
- Always file a "float plan" - tell someone where you are going and when you are expected to return.
- Check weather forecasts.
- Carry a map of the stream so you can find your location at any time.
- Wear a Coast Guard approved Type III-V lifejacket and protective footwear.
- Carry drinking water, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Plan your trip so that your paddling skills are equal to the water conditions.

### Conserve

Streams contribute to the flowing waters in Texas, influence downstream water quality, and assimilate domestic wastewater. Healthy rivers and streams supply drinking water, support agriculture and industry, sustain diverse fish and wildlife populations, and promote excellent fishing, hunting, and other recreational activities which positively affect Texas' economy. Water conservation is one way to ensure that the natural heritage of Texas is protected for all...every drop counts! To conserve rivers and streams, keep them clean, maintain native vegetation along the banks, and support water conservation efforts focused on maintaining streamflows for future generations.

### Respect private property

Respect private property by not trespassing or littering and keeping noise levels down. This river is classified as navigable, which permits public use of the streambed and, if necessary, the banks to portage any hazard. Any other use of private river banks without permission of the landowner can be considered trespassing. Under Texas Penal Code (§30.05), criminal trespass occurs when one enters property after receiving notice not to enter. Notice includes verbal notice, a fence, sign(s), purple paint on posts or trees, or the visible presence of crops grown for human consumption.

### Other day trips on the water

For information on inland and coastal Texas Paddling Trails, please visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/paddlingtrails](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/paddlingtrails).

### Emergency numbers

EMS and Sheriff  
Operation Game Thief  
City of Waco Parks and Recreation  
TPWD Inland Fisheries

911  
(800) 792-4263  
(254) 750-8080  
(254) 666-5190

## Have fun!