

Camp & Kayak

Martin Dies Jr. State Park, TX

Registration closes March 19 at 12pm or when capacity is reached.

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Saturday March 23

8:00AM	Meet at OAC at Rice Rec
9:00AM	Depart from Rice
11:30AM	Arrive at Martin Dies Jr. State Park Lunch, Set up Camp, then Kayak

Sunday March 24

7:00AM	Wake Up, Breakfast Morning Paddle or Hike followed by Lunch
1:30PM	Depart from Martin Dies Jr. State Park
3:30PM	ETA Gear Check-in and Clean up
6:00PM	Finish Clean Up

Join ROPE as we head out to the southern end of the biologically diverse Big Thicket National Preserve for some overnight camping and day canoeing. The Big Thicket area is known as the biological crossroads of North America since more species of plants and animals occur in this area than any similar sized area of North America. At Martin Dies SP we can wander on or off land through cypress and cedar keeping an eye out for waterfowl, turtles, and perhaps even an alligator. This trip features a "disconnect to reconnect" agreement. Phones will be permitted for photos but all services will be turned off to allow participants the freedom to enjoy the trip without personal or community phone distraction. Trip registration includes transportation, trail fees, trail equipment, and associated recreational fees. This trip is open to participants of all skill levels but the ability to swim is required.

Gear Guide for Cool Weather

Weekend Overnight Kayak/Canoe Trips

Please dress & pack appropriately for this trip. Review the guide below to support a comfortable and successful backpacking trip!

All the gear listed as provided is included in your trip registration. Rental agreements and gear issue will take place during your pre-trip meeting or the day of trip.

Equipment ROPE provides:

- ✓ Watercraft and PFD
- ✓ Dry Bag
- ✓ Sleeping Bag
- ✓ Sleeping Pad
- ✓ Bowl & Personal Utensils
- ✓ Headlamp
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Tents
- ✓ Cooking Equipment
- ✓ Trail Meals

Optional yet recommended

- Sun hat (strongly recommended)
- 1 pair of waterproof pants
- Bandana(s)
- Camera (H2O protection encouraged)
- Journal & Pen
- Cards/Game
- Insect Repellent (DEET free)
- Water reservoir (Camelbak)
 - One-liter back-up bottle required.

Necessary Personal Items:

- 1 Pair Shoes/Sandals for the water
Footwear will be wet must have a heel strap and be appropriate for stepping in rocky water
- Sunglasses (polarized recommended)
- 1 Hooded Rain Jacket (No Ponchos)
- 1 heavy fleece or down jacket
- 1-2 Long sleeve synthetic shirt (NO cotton)
- 0-2 synthetic T-shirts
- 1-2 synthetic pants (NO Cotton)
- 0-1 pair of synthetic/water shorts
- 1-2 underwear
- 1-2 socks (synthetic or wool)
- Campshoes (lightweight; e.g. sandals)
- 1 warm hat
- Warm gloves
- Personal toiletries (Toothbrush, etc.)
- 2 Bottles for water (storage for 2 liters/64oz)
- Personal Towel
- Medications (for allergies, etc.)
You must inform us if you take any medications.
- Money for meals on the road (if applicable)

It is not necessary for you to purchase a set of new expensive equipment; many items listed above you may already own as athletic or day-to-day apparel. Check with your friends for options to borrow or rent items too. Items that you choose to purchase may be available at low cost from online suppliers or local thrift store. Our primary concern is that all participants have appropriate equipment for a safe and comfortable experience.

If you are unsure whether an item or clothing you own is appropriate for this trip, please contact us prior to the trip or bring the item/clothing to the pre-trip meeting.

Please leave jewelry and other non-essentials at home.

Alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs will *not* be tolerated on any trips led by ROPE. If you have such items, do *not* bring them!

These requirements are for the safety and comfort of participants. ROPE reserves the right to refuse involvement in the program to anyone not properly equipped.

[Register for the Trip!](#)