Canoeing
Neches River, TX
Cooks Lake Paddle Trail

Schedule:

Sunday, March 08, 2020
8:00 AM: Meet at the Outdoor Adventure Center
8:30 AM: Depart for Beaumont, TX
10:30 AM: Arrive at Put-in on Neches River
11:00 AM: Put-in on the river
4:00 PM: Take-out
4:30 PM: Depart for campus
6:00 PM: Arrive back on campus
6:30 PM: Cleaning and Done!

The paddling trail takes paddlers from the LNVA Saltwater Barrier Boat Ramp up the Neches River taking the left fork to Pine Island Bayou and into Cook’s Lake. This looped paddling trail gives paddlers a chance to paddle through a moss-draped cypress/tupelo slough in the biologically diverse Big Thicket National Preserve to Scatterman Lake and back to the Neches River. The seemingly short trail can actually become an all-day adventure since Cook’s Lake and Scatterman Lake are abandoned river channels that have become oxbow lakes which are fun to explore. This trail is relatively flat and very close to sea level giving paddlers a fairly easy paddle upstream; flow is generally quite low.
Packing List:

ROPE Provided:

- Dry Bag
- Lunch on Trail
- PFD

Required:

- Two 1-liter water bottles (e.g., Nalgene)
- Tennis shoes or water shoes
- Light jacket
- Long sleeve insulating layer
- Rain jacket
- Swimwear or synthetic clothing
- Sunglasses
- Hat

Optional but recommended:

- Camera
- Change of clothes & towel for the ride home (in case you get wet!)
- Medications, if any taken
- Additional snacks
- Backpack/day pack
- Sunscreen

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