Hiking & Camping
Hamilton Pool, Texas

Registration Closes October 31st at 4pm.

Saturday November 2nd, 2019
8:00 AM  Meet at the Outdoor Adventure Center
8:30 AM  Depart Rice
12:30 PM Arrive at Pace Bend
12:30 PM Lunch & Establish Camp
1:30 PM Swimming, Paddle Boarding, Cliff Jumping, Hiking
6:00 PM Dinner at Camp

Sunday November 3rd, 2019
7:00 AM  Breakfast
8:00 AM  Depart for Hamilton Pool
9:00 AM  Explore Hamilton Pool
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Depart for Rice
5:00 PM Arrive at Rice
5:30 PM Cleaning and Post-Trip Debriefing

Part of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, Hamilton Pool is one of the iconic gems of Texas. Located 3/4 mile upstream from its confluence with the Pedernales River, Hamilton Creek spills out over limestone outcroppings to create a 50 foot waterfall as it plunges into the head of a steep box canyon. We will spend Saturday night camping nearby at Pace Bend, with an early wake up to visit Hamilton Pool for a day of swimming and hiking. Registration fee covers food on trail, transportation, equipment, and associated recreation fees. This trip is open to participants of all skill levels, but is limited to student members.
Gear List for Overnight Camping Trips – Cool Weather

Please dress & pack appropriately for this trip. Make sure to bring everything listed below to ensure a comfortable and successful backpacking trip!

All gear that is listed as provided must still be rented out by each participant at the pre-trip meeting or some other time arranged with the trip leaders. There is no fee for this rental.

Camping Items We Provide

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Personal Utensil & Dishes
- Headlamp
- Whistle
- Tents

Required items we do NOT provide

- 1 pair of camp/approach shoes
- 2 bottles for water (storage for 2 liters)
- Medications (for allergies, stings, etc.) You must inform us if you take medication.
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste and other toiletries
- Personal Towel

Necessary Personal clothing

- Swim Wear
- Water shoes (Must have a heel strap)
- 2 synthetic T-shirts
- 1 lightweight pants (zip-off preferable; No jeans)
- 1 pair of synthetic shorts
- 1 hooded rain jacket
- 1 insulating long-sleeve shirt
- 1 warm insulating fleece/jacket
- 1 pairs of hiking socks (synthetic or wool)
- 1-2 pairs of underwear
- Warm hat

Optional yet recommended

- Camera
- Journal & Pen
- Deck of cards
- Favorite snack food
- One drinking cup or insulated mug
- Sun hat
- Camelback
- Sunglasses
- Sun-block
- Bandana(s)
It is not necessary for you to purchase a lot of expensive equipment; many items listed above you may already own. Items that you choose to purchase may be available at low cost from mail order suppliers or your local outdoor specialty shop. Our major 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.

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.

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