

Kayak & Camp

San Marcos River & Palmetto SP

March 1 - 2

Trip Leaders:

Registration closes February 25 at 12pm or when capacity is reached.



Wednesday, Feb 26

7:00-9:00PM Mandatory Pre-Trip Meeting

Saturday March 1

7:00AM Depart from Rice University
Breakfast on the Road

10:30AM Set up Kayaks and Paddle Instruction
Lunch
Paddle the River

PM Shuttle
Set up camp at Palmetto State Park

Sunday March 2

8:00AM Wake Up, Breakfast
Morning Hike & Lunch

1:00PM Depart from Palmetto SP

4:30PM ETA Gear Check-in and Clean up

6:00PM Estimated finish Clean Up

Join ROPE as we head out to the popular spring-fed San Marcos River. Winding through limestone bluffs and banks, the river is an important artery within the Hill Country – no alligators but many other wildlife sightings are possible. We may encounter a few easy riffles and some log jams so two paddle trail options are possible. Zedler Mill winds around Luling Texas before ending at the historic Zedler Mill and Dam. Below Palmetto State Park, the river passes through forest and fields before ending at historically important truss bridge. Following our day of paddling we will camp at the ecological crossroad Palmetto State Park. A short hike is planned for Sunday AM before we head back to campus. This trip is open to participants of all skill levels but the ability to swim is required.

Registration covers transportation, meals on trail, equipment, and associated recreation fees. Participants are responsible for meals while traveling to location. Participants assist with gear clean-up to encourage gear care and reduce trip costs.

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)
- Passport & Travel Visas (Intl. Students)**

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!](#)