Backpacking
Pedernales Falls SP
Pedernales Falls State Park
11/12 - 11/13

Leaders: Sydney, Hannah, Natalie, Audrey, Rachel

Registration closes 11/01 at 4pm.

**Pre-Trip Meeting:**
Thursday November 2nd 2022
6:30pm-8PM - OAC

**Schedule:**

**Saturday, November 12, 2022**
- 8:30AM  Meet at OAC
- 9:00AM  Depart from Rice
- 12:30PM Lunch on Road
- 1:30PM  Arrive at parking lot and depart for campsite

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**
- 8:00 AM  Breakfast
- 9:30 AM  Day Hike, visit Pedernales
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30PM  Depart for Rice
- 5:30PM  Finish Clean-up & Trip Debrief

Come explore a lovely Hill Country state park West of Austin and discover the wonders of backpacking! We will check out the name-sake waterfalls along with a variety of other points of interest nestled throughout the beautiful terrain. Expect to be hiking moderate distances (5-10 miles per day), with an additional short backpacking segment of 2-3 miles to and from our campsite.
Gear Guide for Cold Weather

Backpacking 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.

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**Equipment ROPE provides:**

- ✓ Backpack w/ rain cover
- ✓ Sleeping Bag
- ✓ Sleeping Pad
- ✓ Bowl & Personal Utensils
- ✓ Headlamp
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Tents
- ✓ Cooking Equipment
- ✓ Trail Meals

**Necessary Personal Items:**

- □ 1 Pair of Hiking Boots or Hiking Shoes*
- □ 1-2 of hiking socks (synthetic or wool)
- □ 1 Hooded Rain Jacket (No Ponchos)
- □ 1 heavy fleece or down jacket
- □ 1-2 Long sleeve synthetic shirts
- □ 1-2 synthetic T-shirts (NO cotton)
- □ 1-2 of underwear
- □ 0-1 synthetic shorts
- □ 1-2 synthetic pants (NO cotton)
- □ 1 insulating long-sleeve shirt
- □ 1 insulating legs layer
- □ 1 warm hat
- □ Warm gloves
- □ Personal toiletries (Toothbrush, etc.)
- □ 2 Bottles for water (storage for 2 liters/64 oz)
- □ Small and lightweight face towel (4 x 4in)
- □ Medications (for allergies, etc.)

*You Must Inform us if you take any medications.*

- □ Money for meals on the road (if applicable)
- □ Clean shoes for travel

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**Optional yet recommended**

- □ Sunglasses *(strongly recommended)*
- □ Camera (H2O protection encouraged)
- □ Campshoes (lightweight; e.g. sandals)
- □ 1 pair of waterproof pants
- □ Sun hat
- □ Bandana(s)
- □ Journal & Pen
- □ Cards/Game
- □ Water reservoir (Camelbak)
  - ○ One-liter back-up bottle required.
Footwear Guidance: Appropriate footwear for backpacking is a sliding scale largely based around prior experience and terrain. The more challenging and rocky a trail is the greater requirement for hiking shoes or boots. An established trail through the forest offers more flexibility for trail shoes. Participants with weeks of trail experience may consult with trip leaders on preferred footwear. Some restrictions may still apply including prohibitions on sandals.

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 mail order suppliers or your local outdoor specialty shop. 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.

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!