

Brazos River Outing, Aquilla, TX

Outing Report

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Our May outing takes us to one of the best stretches of the fabled Brazos River for fishing and paddling. This part of the river, near Dick's Canoe's off FM 2114, is known for its clear water, limestone cliffs and big bass, bluegills and other species. It is great for kayakers as well as those who like to wade. Your outing coordinators for the weekend are Kay and Les Jackson, Linda Whiddon and Pam Holland. For info and reservations, email lwhiddon@embarqmail.com.



Photos courtesy of Russell Husted

Our home location for the weekend is Latham Springs Baptist Camp in Aquilla, located off Interstate 35 between West and Hillsboro. <http://www.lathamsprings.com/>

The camp features different types of accommodations including a large cabin with twin beds, a small motel and RV camping spots. The camp will provide our Saturday breakfast and evening meals.

There is also a large lake on the camp property that is available to us for fishing from the bank or in a kayak or float tube.

So as you can see, we have several places to fish and ways to fish all weekend.



We're excited to have Jerry Hamon of the Red River Fly Fishers and Mariner Sails, as our Mullet Mixer speaker on Friday evening. Jerry's presentation focuses on effective techniques for fishing from a kayak. Our Mullet Mixer will be held at the camp's lake (weather permitting), and Jerry will be presenting and demonstrating on the water. He will be with us for the weekend and leading a group on the river on Saturday along with Les Jackson.

We will also have a mini Auction. We have a lot of cool items for bid. As you know, these funds help keep our club running and help us donate to Casting for Recovery. Look in the newsletter for further information.

On Saturday, we'll be heading to the river. The best river access is from Dick's Canoes, off FM 2114, about ¼ mile from the camp. We'll be using Dick's as our kayak launch area for those who want to kayak and fish. There is also wading areas near Dick's. We will be leading a group to Dick's on Saturday morning, departing at 9:00 am. Parking is \$6 per day and payable directly to Dick's that morning.

According to the owner (and Les), the best fishing is two miles upstream and downstream of Dick's, so we don't have to paddle the 8 miles from Lake Whitney down to Dick's. The best wading opportunities are near the bridge at FM 2114.

Dick's also has canoe and kayak rentals. Please contact them directly to reserve. <http://www.dickscanoe.com/>

