

Suitable Locations for Tenkara within Two Hours of San Antonio

Guadalupe River State Park (upper Guadalupe River above Canyon Lake), especially the Bauer Unit, which relatively few people know about. (I do not fish the lower Guadalupe River because of overcrowding and poor access.) 1.5 mile hike to get to river from Bauer unit. Walk can be strenuous in summer.

Blanco River State Park, which offers great winter rainbow trout fishing.

Cibolo Creek Nature Center in Boerne. Truly an urban gem, with fantastic fly fishing . . . but you have to know where to go and how to slingshot cast! (Especially good for Rio Grande Cichlids.)

James Kiehl River Bend Park between Waring and Comfort. This county park is not as well-known as some locations but is worth the drive. If you want to fish upstream, you will need some flotation device, like an inner tube, to get across the deeper water under the bridge.

Medina River near the town of Medina. Specifically, you can park and enter the water at Moffett Park in Medina. I have another great trip in the area, but you need to call me for the specifics.

South Llano River State Park near Junction, TX. The South Llano is one of the most pristine rivers in Texas to fish. Can be tough, but worth the effort.

Lost Maples State Park, but mostly NOT at the ponds where everyone fishes. Lost Maples is beautiful, but the fish are spooky because the water is so clear. If you can catch fish here, you can catch them anywhere! Call me for details.

Louise Hays Park in Kerrville, plus adjoining public areas. Urban Guadalupe River fishing. Wonderful walking trail and associated amenities. Affords wide-open casting and is a good place to learn tenkara. Medium fish population.

James River Crossing Near Mason, off the beaten path, stretches the two-hour driving time, good parking area but no bathroom facilities, rugged beauty in *Old Yeller Country*, saw my wife pull 11 bass out of one deep hole with her tenkara rod.

Kruetzberg Canyon Natural Area, a new county park near Boerne, offers excellent parking, easy river access, wading, and paddling on the Guadalupe, good fish population with easy casting.

FM 2107, off Hwy. 16, between Kerrville and town of Medina . . . Medina River crosses FM 2107 3 times before you run out of asphalt . . . Both the first and third crossing offer good parking . . . Can wade a little downstream at both locations . . . To go upstream, you would need a kayak, packraft, etc., but well worth the effort if you're adventuresome. Wear your life preserver and carry a wading staff!

The New Land Access Program offered by Texas Parks & Wildlife. Call me for details about this exciting new program. Money from your regular fishing license affords river access on normally-private property. What a deal!