

Review of Guadalupe River State Park, Texas

Guadalupe River State Park is located along SR 46 between Boerne and 281. Guadalupe State Park offers a quick and convenient getaway for camping and day trips from San Antonio. The park is only a short drive from San Antonio up either I-10W or 281N to SR 46.

The park sits well back away from SR 46 along Park Road 31. It features secluded campsites carved out of the woods and ample hiking and biking trails. Fishing and tubing are also possible in the Guadalupe River which, as the name suggests, passes through the park. Be sure to bring your own equipment, however, as there are no rental facilities in the park.



The park is especially beautiful in the fall when the foliage is changing colors. It is not uncommon to see photographers and painters along the banks of the river capturing the beautiful landscape of the cliffs and trees along the river. The river is generally slow flowing, shallow with a rocky “beach” along the near shore and majestic cliffs on the far side. Along the river, there are several picnic tables and fixed charcoal grills but relatively limited parking. If you are camping in the park, you can easily walk to the river via a meandering and sometimes steep trail. The park also includes a small tent-only area about halfway from the main campground to the river. This is also the location of a small playground for the kids.

As mentioned earlier, the majority of campsites are large, shaded and secluded with some being nearly impossible to see from neighboring sites. Children will love the ability to roam freely through the woods and explore. During the evening and night, campsites are regularly visited by raccoons and armadillos which have often provided some very funny moments! Standard length RVs have no trouble fitting in the sites, but the width of some sites is restricted by the enveloping trees which may prevent using your awning. Most, if not all sites have a tent pad and a picnic table in addition to the camper parking. The restrooms are generally well taken care of and clean, however, the shower heads are permanently angled down along the wall resulting in the uncomfortable sensation of “hugging” the wall to rinse off.

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The park can get very busy over weekends especially in the summer with day visitors enjoying the river. I highly recommend arriving early if you wish to get a good spot or a picnic table. As with all Texas State Parks, reservations can also be made at ReserveAmerica, but not for specific sites. Those are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Due to the Parks proximity to San Antonio, beautiful landscape and secluded campsites, Guadalupe River State Park is one of my family's favorite camping destinations.

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Links:

Guadalupe River State Park - http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/guadalupe_river/#sch
ReserveAmerica - <http://www.reserveamerica.com/>