



Parks: Lush, green & meant to be seen

Best known of the city's parks are those that line the San Marcos River — San Marcos City Park, Bicentennial Park, Children's Park, Rio Vista Park and Thompson's Island among them.

Residents also enjoy a number of neighborhood parks and green-spaces.

Most people know City Park as the summertime home of the Lions Club Tube Rental (and River Taxi, to bring you back upstream); other facilities include a playscape, basketball courts, picnic tables, barbecue grills, football fields, volleyball courts and the recreation hall with restrooms and water fountains.

Improvements in recent years have made for easier river access via steps. Canoe launches have also

been improved. City Park encompasses 7.8 acres.

Hike and bike trails follow the river downstream to Bicentennial Park, a three-acre riverside site that has picnic tables and river access.

Next downstream is Children's Park, with the Playscape, restrooms and water.

Rio Vista, on downriver, is the city's largest park at 10 acres. Rio Vista Pool and associated water-scape; pavilions, picnic tables and grills and the new Rio Vista Falls whitewater recreation area that opened in May 2006 all make Rio Vista a favorite.

Other River Corridor parks include:

- Crook Park — 430 Riverside Drive
- Juan Veramendi Plaza — 400 E.

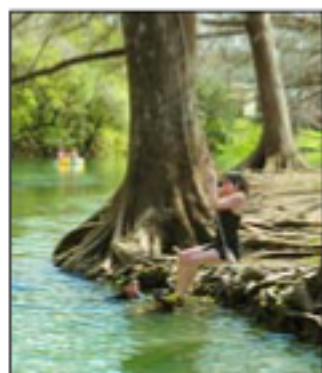
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- Ramon Lucio Park — 601 South C.M. Allen Parkway
- San Marcos Plaza Park — 210 C.M. Allen Parkway
- San Marcos Wildlife Habitat — 700 Cheatham Street

Neighborhood parks include:

- Castle Forest Park — Bishop Street
- Dunbar Park — 801 MLK Drive
- Gary Park — 2600 Airport Highway 21
- H-E-B. Park — 801 Patton Street
- Hills of Hays Park — 1209 Crystal River Parkway
- Jaycees Park — 2108 Lancaster Street
- Memorial Park — 625 East Hopkins
- Prospect Park Greenspace 1414 Prospect
- River Ridge Park — 301 River Ridge Parkway
- Schulte Canyon Greenspace — 100 Ridgewood
- Sessoms Park Greenspace — 905 Chestnut
- Swift Memorial Park — 200 Monterey Street
- Veterans Memorial Park — 320 Mariposa Street
- Victory Gardens Park — 300 Roosevelt Street

The parks are patrolled at various times by the city of San Marcos Park Ranger Patrol. Its goal is to provide park visitors a safe and enjoyable outing and to protect and preserve park resources. The Park Patrol can



be reached at 393-8427.

Permits are available for the following activities:

- The production of commercial films, movies, pictures and other media productions or broadcasts in city parks.
 - The sale of any goods in city parks.
 - Concerts, carnivals and special events.
 - Temporary structures such as jump castles and tents.
- Permits are issued by the Parks Administration Office, 401 E. Hopkins St.
The office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Call 393-8400.

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Be sure to play by the rules ...

- Park Curfew 11 p.m. - 6 a.m.
- Overnight camping prohibited.
- Pets must be properly restrained.
- No glass containers
- Park in designated parking areas.
- Motorized vehicles prohibited on all trails.
- Alcohol prohibited in Children's Park; Softball/Youth Baseball Fields.
- Playscape is a tobacco-free area.

- Spear guns are prohibited in the San Marcos River.
- No jumping, diving from bridges.
- No standing or stopping in the spillway of any dam or flood control structure.
- No standing or stopping on railway bridges.
- Firewood collection prohibited.
- Fires in designated pits only.
- Metal detectors prohibited.
- No nude sunbathing.
- Habitat and wildlife protected.

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