



THE FRIO CANYON ADVENTURE GUIDE

EXPERIENCE THE FRIO CANYON WITH US



The Frio Canyon is an outdoor explorers paradise. With the famous Frio River and two majestic state parks - Garner & Lost Maples - there is so much fun to be had.

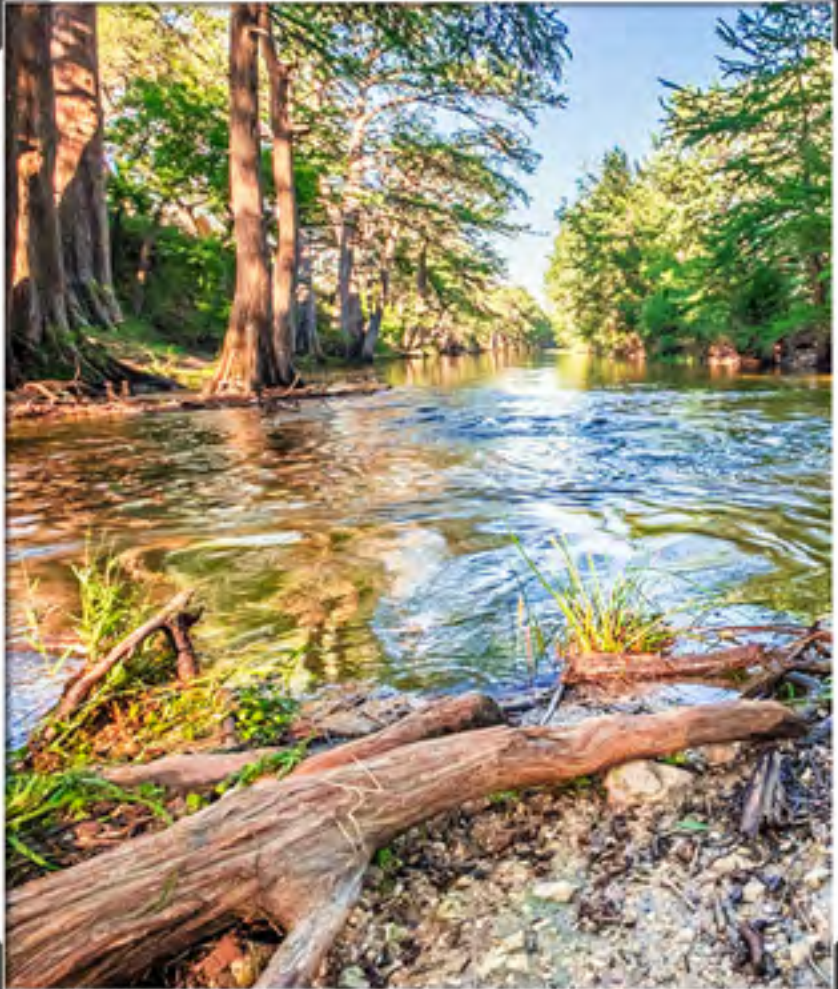
We invite you to come play, rest and relax in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.



BREATH-TAKING NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Frio River

The Frio River has three primary tributaries; the East, West, and Dry Frio rivers. The West Frio River rises from springs in northwestern Real County and joins with the East Frio River near the town of Leakey; the Dry Frio River joins northeast of Uvalde. The river flows generally southeast for two hundred miles until it empties into the



Nueces River south of the town of Three Rivers. Along the way, the Frio River provides water to the Choke Canyon Reservoir in McMullen and Live Oak counties.

The cool and consistent flow of the Frio River has made it a popular summertime destination. Garner State Park, on the river about 10 miles (16km) south of Leakey and 75 miles (121 km) west of San Antonio, provides camping, fishing and other activities. Numerous other privately owned campgrounds are also found along the river.

FLOATING THE FRIO RIVER

We all know by now that Texas is hot. And when it's scorching outside, there's no better river than the Frio.

Cold. Beautiful. Big. Secluded. That's the Frio. Spanish for "cold", the Frio is a great toobing river for those that want to get away from the crowds. Where the Guadalupe is the party river, the Frio is the unadulterated gem of Texas.

Frio River Toobing

The Frio is 47 miles of secluded beauty. High limestone bluffs. Enormous cypress trees. Boulders. Clear water. Even more than the Guadalupe river, this is a river of vast changes.

"Optimum" flows vary from 100 to 1000 CF'S. Check with an outfitter for day to day knowledge.

Toobing Rules and Regulations

A float trip is a relaxing affair, but there are few rules that you'll need to abide by.

General Rules that Apply Everywhere. These rules are statewide, and for good reason.

*** No Glass**

*** No Styrofoam**

*** No littering**

Summer is hot, and the sun is strong. A little preparation when toobing will make for a better trip.

I Just Need Beer and Ice, Right?

No! You've got to take some water, even if you don't have room for it in the cooler. Put it in the trash sack if you have to. Toobing in the heat will dehydrate you, and beer will really dehydrate you. If you think you're a tough-guy, do what you want, but you should drink some water. If you don't you **will** feel it the next day.

Toobing really takes the energy out of you. It's amazing that just laying around drinking beer can be so taxing on the body, but it can be. The sun is brutal some days!

Sunscreen is a must. Water is a must. And obviously, whatever other refreshments you like.

A bungee cord to keep your cooler closed if it tumps over is a great idea. Not needed on all sections, but it doesn't hurt.

Snacks

For snacks, bring something small and individually wrapped. Peanuts are a good idea, or crackers, etc. But any toobing veteran will tell you that if it's something you open, and then put back in the cooler, the next time you pull it out it will be soaked with water.

Sandwiches in baggies are iffy, they're likely to spring a leak. But if you're careful they can work. A better idea is to leave a second cooler in the car. When you get off the river, then you've got sandwiches and food to eat, and best of all it will be guaranteed dry.





If You Can, Leave it at Home!

You can leave your phones, cash, etc in your car, but it's not the wisest thing to do. If you can, simply leave the wallet and purse at home. Bring ID, credit card, and some cash. You won't be happy if you lose that social security card you're carrying in your wallet.

Lighters and Cigarettes

Pack your smokes in a zip lock. If you want to get fancier, outfitters often sell a cigarette pack holder that goes around your neck and is water-proof. Take more than one lighter, so when one gets wet you'll have another. If you do drop one in the water they will float.

Packing List for Toobing

- Sunglasses
- Hats
- Sandals / River shoes
- Sun Screen
- Zip locks / Waterproof cases
- Cash, Credit card, ID
- Cooler
- Ice
- Bungee to keep lid closed
- Beverages (Don't forget water!)
- Koozies
- Snacks
- Waterproof camera

NO GLASS & NO STYROFOAM



Frio River Toobing Companies

River Floating and Rafting Trip Outfitters

These companies offer toobing trips on the Frio River. This section is expanding. If you are an outfitter on the Frio, please email us to update your listing with more information.

- **Concan General Store** - 830-232-6414 - 23269 Hwy 83N - Concan
- Happy Hollow Store - 830-232-5266 - 32580 N US HWY 83 - Concan
- Andy's - 830-232-5444 - 21488 TX HWY 127 - Concan
- Garner State Park Concessions - 830-232-4200 - Inside Garner State Park - Concan
- Josh's Frio River Outfitters - Leakey & Concan - 830-232-6292 - HWY 83 & HWY 127

Access Points for the Frio River

- Bridge on FM 337 east of Leakey
- Bridge off FM 1120 southeast of Leakey
- FM 1120 crossing west of Rio Frio
- Bridge off FM 1050
- Garner State Park
- Magers Crossing
- Third River Road Crossing on County Road 348 (At 7 Bluffs)
- Second River Road Crossing (Frio Country Store)
- Neal's Lodge Campground on river right just above the Highway 127 crossing southeast of Concan



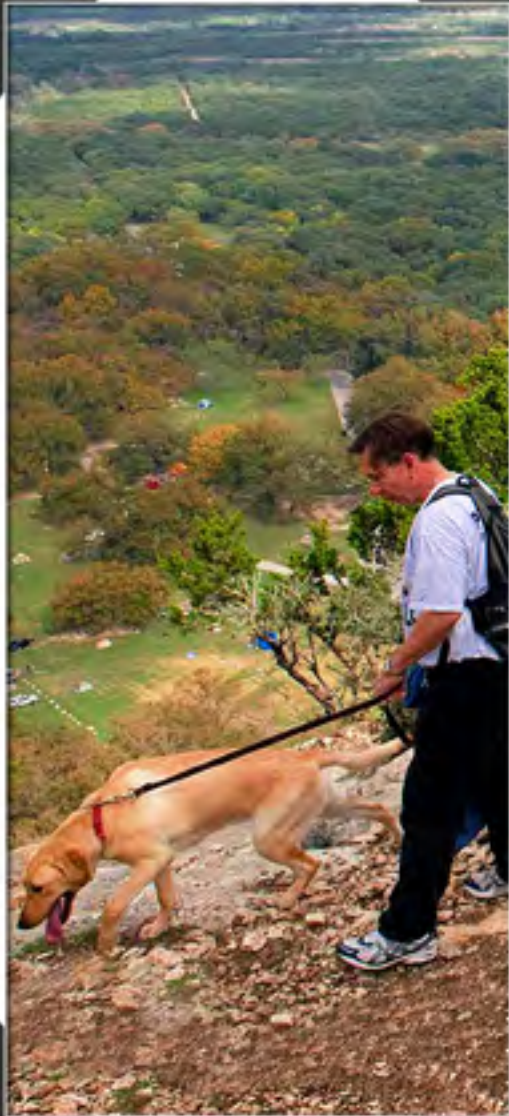


GARNER STATE PARK

Garner State Park is a great place to visit for a swim or hike, or to enjoy a relaxing weekend. With 2.9 miles of Frio River winding through 1,774 acres of scenic Hill Country terrain, the park offers lots to see and do!

Swim in the Frio River or float its waters on an inner tube, operate a paddle boat, and hike 11 miles of scenic trails. You can also camp, study nature, picnic, canoe, fish, play miniature golf, geocache and ride bikes. And, of course, you can dance.

☎ 830-232-6132 for info





LOST MAPLES STATE NATURAL AREA

Visitors enjoy picnicking, camping, backpacking, sightseeing, hiking, photography, birdwatching, fishing, swimming and nature study. Please stay on designated trails, because maples have a shallow root system, and soil compaction from walking can damage the trees.

Also, many natural hazards exist due to the steep and rugged terrain. Do not hike or climb on rocks or hillsides. Interpretive tours are provided by park staff and volunteers.

☎ **830-966-3413** for info

📍 **37221 FM 187 Vanderpool,
TX 78885**



THREE SISTERS SCENIC ROUTE



“The Three Sisters” or “The Hundred Mile Loop” (RR335, RR336, & RR337) are without a doubt the best motorcycle roads to be found in the Hill Country of Texas. These are the roads everyone wants to ride when they visit the Texas Hill Country. Again I caution, if you are a new rider or are a cautious type, then you DO NOT belong on these three roads. They follow canyons and climb over jagged, steep and crumbling hills. They have many tight twisty curves with shear drop offs and not much in the way of guard rails. In one section about 15 miles long, there are around 65 curves. If you are an experienced rider, then this is the ride for you. If you like scenic panoramic views, bring your camera, take this ride and hold on!



The Three Sisters

Ranch Road 337 was voted the #1 road to ride in Texas by Ride Texas Magazine© While in Leakey. We would highly recommend topping off the fuel tank before taking off for each ride. We have a map here of the 3 Sisters. Stop and visit to the Frio Canyon Motorcycle Stop & Bent Rim Grill. It is a good place to cool your pipes for a bit.

The Hunt Loop

The Hunt Loop From Leakey, take Ranch Road 337 East, go North on Ranch Road 187 (While on 187 stop and tour the Motorcycle Museum), then turn East on 39 through Hunt (while in Hunt view Stonehenge II on RR 1340) to Kerrville. Take Highway 27 in Hunt back to Kerrville. Take 16 out of Kerrville to Medina. Take 337 West back to Leakey. The total for this ride is about 125 miles. Remember to top off your fuel tank before leaving Leakey and again when passing through Hunt or Kerrville.



The Hundred Mile Loop

Three Sisters or The Hundred Mile Loop From Leakey, take Ranch Road 336 North, to Highway 41. Turn left and take 335 South. 335 merges with Highway 55. Continue South until you reach Camp Wood. Take 337 East out of Camp Wood back to Leakey. The total ride is about 95 miles.



Utopia Loop

From Leakey, take Ranch Road 337 East to Medina. Go South on 16 into Bandera. Take 470 out of Bandera to Ranch Road 187 and go South into Utopia. Then take 1050 to Highway 83. Go North on 83 to Leakey. This ride is about 100 miles total.



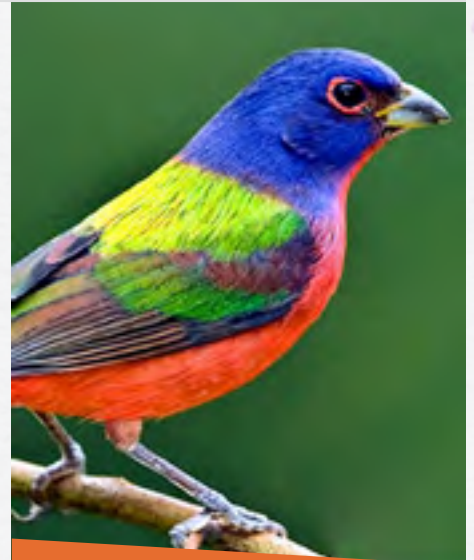
ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES (SPRING, FALL, SUMMER)



Toobing



Biking



Bird Watching



BBQ Cookouts



Camping



Dancing



Fishing



Family sports



Hiking



Hunting



Kayaking



Meditation



Motorcycle Rides



Relaxing



Restaurants



Sightseeing



Photography / Video



Shopping



Swimming



Tree jumping



Dove Hunting



Zapato Interactions

BEST PLACES TO EAT



1. FRIO FRIED CHECKEN

📍 Hwy 127 & Hwy 83 Concan, TX 78838

☎ 830-232-6414 - *Open yr. around*

2. NEAL'S DINING ROOM

📍 Hwy 127 Concan, Texas 78838

☎ 830-232-5813

🌐 www.nealsdiningroom.com

3. MAMA CHOLE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

📍 US Hwy 83 Leakey, Texas 78873

☎ 830-232-6111 - *Open yr. around*

4. THE GARNER GRILL

📍 Garner Pavilion

☎ 830-232-4359 - *Open yr. around*

5. THE FRIENDS GRILL

📍 Hwy83 (across from the Courthouse
Leakey, Texas, 78873

☎ 830-232-6301 - *Open yr. around*

6. HOUSE PASTURE CATTLE CO. RESTAURANT

📍 Co Rd 348 (River Road) Concan, Texas 78838

☎ 830-232-6580 - *Seasonal*

7. SAN JUAN'S TACOS

📍 448 Market St Leakey, Texax 78873

☎ 830-232-5388 - *Open yr. around*

8. LALA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

📍 US Hwy 83 Leakey, Texas 78873

☎ 830-232-4572 - *Open yr. around*

9. PANJOS PIZZA

📍 At the Pavilion in Frio Pecan Farm Leakey, Texas 78873

☎ 830-232-6414 - *Seasonal*

10. CONCAN PIES

📍 Hwy 83 Concan TX 78838

☎ 713-562-8043 - *Seasonal*

11. BENT RIM GRILL

📍 657 W RM 337 Leakey, Texas 78873

☎ 830-232-6649 - *Open yr. around. Call first for hours of operation.*

12. LOST MAPLES CAFE

📍 Main St. - Downtown Utopia, Texas 78884

☎ 830-966-2221 - *Open yr. around*

13. THE GRILL AT THE CLUB AT CONCAN

📍 520 Mountan Valley Dr Concan TX 78838

☎ 830-232-4471 - *Seasonal*

14. BEAR'S DEN

📍 608 Hwy 83 South Leakey, TX 78873

☎ 830-232-5559

EVENTS BY SEASON



Music

House Pasture:

For more information go to www.housepasture.com or call them @ 830-232-6580

Joe Jimmy's:

For more information call 830-232-6118

Other Events

The Club of Concan:

72 hole golf course- 830-232-4417 or www.concangolf.com

Uvalde Memorial Golf Course:

A par 71 course – 830-278-6155

Utopia Golf Course:

830-966-5577

Ongoing activities *(Seasonal)*

Elm Creek Stables:

830-232-5365

Neal's Horse back:

830-232-6118

Frio Bat Flights:

888-502-9387

Frio Country Campground:

Movie Night (Free Admission) Every Tuesday and Thursday night (at dark)

Check In and Confirm Availability at 830-232-6625

For other area adventure ideas visit:

Uvalde County

www.visituvaldecounty.com

Frio Canyon Chamber

www.friocanyonchamber.com

LOCAL SHOPPING

1. CONCAN GENERAL STORE

☎ 830-232-6414

2. LOCA ON THE FRIO

☎ 830-232-4402

3. FRIO'S DRY FIFTY

☎ 830-232-6300

4. STINKIN SWEET CANDY SHOP

☎ 830-232-4549

(Inside Garner State Park)

5. GARNER PARK STORE

☎ 830-232-4200

(Inside Garner State Park)

6. GARNER GIFT SHOP

☎ 830-232-5625

(Inside Garner State Park)

7. CANYON CHARM

☎ 830-232-6102

8. CATAHOULA WOODWORKS & GIFT SHOP

☎ 830-232-5833

9. DORA'S NURSERY

☎ 830-232-4122

10. FRIO FERGIE'S

☎ 830-232-5260

11. ANDYS ON RIVER RD

☎ 830-232-5444

12. JOSH'S RIVER OUTFITTER

☎ 830-232-6292 or

830-232-4243

13. HAPPY HOLLOW RIVER OUTFITTERS

☎ 830-232-5266

14. LEAKEY BUCK STOP / BEARS MEAT MARKET

☎ 830-232-5559

15. LEAKEY MERCANTILE

☎ 830-232-6299

16. PIONEER VILLAGE (SEASONAL)

☎ 830-232-4414

MUSEUMS IN UVALDE

1. BRISCO - GARNER

☎ 830-278-5018 (Call for hours and prices)

2. AVIATION MUSEUM

☎ 830-278-2552 (Call for hours and prices)

Main Street - Four Square Friday - 2nd Friday of every month; Food; Drinks; Music; and Shopping





River Bluff Cabins

River Bluff Cabins offers the finest family vacation destination in the Texas Hill Country. Our wonderfully rustic cabins and majestic lodges are nestled along the gorgeous Frio River where you can relax, have an unforgettable time in the river or hit the trails for an amazing hike and see nature at its finest at nearby Garner State Park or Lost Maples State Park.

Our “lil piece of heaven on earth” has stunning mountain views and a bazillion stars overhead at night. Great for families, reunions, weddings, group gatherings and



we cater to the lodging needs of our motorcycle friends that love to come for the famous Three Sisters Scenic Ride. All of the cabins and lodges are 2 BR/BA and much larger, have fully equipped kitchens, free Wi-Fi, Direct TV, pet-friendly and we even supply the linens. It's not unusual to see European axis deer or our native whitetail deer and turkey roaming through the screensaver-like beauty of the Texas Hill Country.

If you need any supplies, shop with us first for your essentials and you can always find the rest in nearby Leakey, Texas. So whether you're planning a summer river vacation or a quiet spring or winter retreat, remember **River Bluff Cabins** – the finest cabins and lodges on the Frio River.

To book your adventure visit

🌐 www.riverbluffcabins.com

For other questions email or call us at

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