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Canyon Lake Release Rates to Affect Recreation on Guadalupe River

New Braunfels, Texas — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced their plan to release water from Canyon Lake starting today (Fri. May 29, 2015), which will mean increased river flows on the Guadalupe River through New Braunfels. A release rate of approximately 2500 cfs is expected, which will have implications for recreation on the river. Kayaks and 6-man rafts will still be allowed, but city ordinance dictates that tubing or other recreation on the Guadalupe River is unlawful if the flow of the Guadalupe River is above 1000 cfs.

Also, please note that the New Braunfels Parks Department has installed buoys just upstream of the Gruene Road Bridge as a precaution to prevent potential safety hazards from people passing under the bridge while the water levels are higher than normal.

Again, the Guadalupe River is not completely closed for recreation, but only kayaks and 6-man rafts are allowed. Contact local river outfitters for details about prime rafting spots. The Comal River remains open for regular recreation.

Finally, a reminder to anyone choosing to be on either the Comal or Guadalupe Rivers today and into the weekend: Please use caution on natural waterways, and always wear a life jacket.

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