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Temporary Closure of the Comal River

New Braunfels, Texas — Due to heavy rains overnight, the Dry Comal Creek (which feeds the Comal River in New Braunfels) has risen to over 700cfs. That water is now making its way into the Comal River, which is currently flowing at 500cfs and rising with water already flowing over the top of the Tube Chute Dam. Therefore, the Comal River in New Braunfels is now temporarily closed to recreation. City officials will reevaluate river conditions this afternoon and a determination will be made at that time about when recreation on the Comal River can resume. Another press release will be sent once that determination is made.

Meanwhile, the Guadalupe River flow is fluctuating some as the US Army Corps of Engineers adjusts the flow rate due to continued heavy rains both above and below Canyon Dam. Currently the outflow from Canyon Dam is at approximately 1600cfs, however, due to run off from the rains overnight, the flow in New Braunfels remains above 4000cfs. That flow is too fast to allow most forms of recreation (including tubing, and most forms of rafting and kayaking). Guided trips on the Guadalupe River are allowed, so contact local river outfitters for details. As the level of Canyon Lake is brought back to its normal level of 909-feet above sea level, the flow of the Guadalupe River will recede and more recreational opportunities will be made available. Those updates will also be forthcoming.

It should be noted that the National Weather Service is predicting continued rains for the next several days, with heavy rain possible. Those factors will play a role in the decisions made by city officials. The New Braunfels Police Department would like to remind area drivers to use caution on area roads. Slow down, leave plenty of room between you and the person in front of you, and always remember: TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.

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