



Trails

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Trip Report for South Llano River Trip

Well we had well over 30 people attend the canoe/kayak trip on the South Fork of the Llano River in Junction. Kayaks are slowly but surely matching the number of canoes on these trips. We started at the second telegraph road crossing though our friend Steve, smartly probably, started solo at the first crossing (some confusion there). The very first rapid that we sometimes have trouble negotiating was pretty much covered up but still managed to spill a few members (though the water was great). The river was up quite a bit from our trip last year and a lot of the chancier areas were well hidden by water but the river was so much faster people had less time to make decisions on which way to go.....and there were some new snags deposited by the summer floods on the run. Just about everyone took an unplanned Saturday

bath.....(many of us needed it). I didn't flip but did try to go through a "strainer" and had to literally sink my kayak intentionally by pulling off the spray skirt and pushing down on the kayak to get it low enough to get out of the snag. I've never had to intentionally sink a boat to get out of a fix! Four of the five girls that I know from the hospital made this trip and I kind of got used to hearing Linda yell "I hate you! We'll never join your stupid club!".....several times. But they laughed each time as well. They weren't the only water logged members after the trip. Larry had started out in a canoe with Linda but "graduated" to a sit-on-top kayak and was having all kinds of grief motivating it. We

We found out at the end of the trip that he was trying to paddle a kayak full of water! The thing had a leak in it and he was dealing with a boat that weighed probably close to a hundred pounds. He thought that he was just way out of shape but it was the boat that was the problem. Everyone arrived safely back at the State Park, our take-out, anywhere from 5 1/2 to 7 p.m., depending upon their own schedules and that of the river's willingness to allow them to finish. I heard several people say how much fun that they had with a few suggestions about how we should do the trip next time. Thank you Kathy and Bill Lupardis for putting together another great trip!



Photo by Tom Cooper



"I wonder if we can get this canoe through there?"

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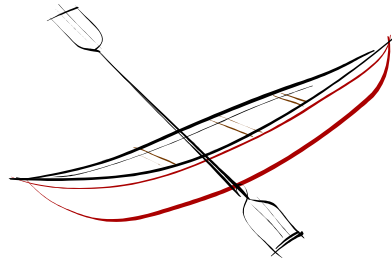
2008 Calendar

We have decided to put together the 2008 PBOC Calendar here at Sibley. Last year we invited everyone and, surprisingly, had a crowd. We were at Chili's and had to shout at one another to get our business done.

We will simply order pizza and you can bring your own choice of beverages..

.....yeah, anything you want, and we will plan out our fate.....er.....calendar for next year. We haven't set a date yet but we will let everyone know. We need

to do it well before the December 1st Christmas Party so that we can hand them out there as well as posting them on the website. When you come, bring personal calendars, school calendars, football schedules, etc. so that we can minimize conflicts.



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We'll have oodles.....(oodles?).....more pictures of the float trip in the October newsletter.....as well as oodles.....(oodles?).....more of the caving trip in the next newsletter. For some reason, very few people wanted to get their cameras soaked.....but some did and those pics will be forthcoming.

October Trip and Meeting

If you can't tell, I'm rushing this newsletter.....one trip just ended!

The next meeting for the PBOC to finalize plans for the October trip is at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Lopez, 4111 W. Illinois, on Tuesday, October 2nd. Bill Bentley will be furnishing us with final details, maps, etc for the caving trip to Cottonwood and Black caves in the New Mexico Guadalupe Mountains. This is a beautiful site to camp even if you're not planning to cave. These are world class caves and much harder to get into than they used to be. The government is restoring many of

these caves and is getting very picky about who goes into them. We're lucky to have the chance and thanks up front to Bill Bentley and Tony Grieco for leading the trip!

