



Texas Paddling Trails Program Community Application for Assistance



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Texas Paddling Trails (TPT) is a new program to develop public inland and coastal paddling trails throughout the state and support these trails with maps, signage and other information. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) continues to seek partnerships with communities interested in developing a paddling trail in their area.

TPWD will provide the following assistance to approved applicants:

- Work with the local community partners
- Promote your paddling trail as part of the Texas Paddling Trails
- Provide TPT kiosk design options and estimated costs
- Develop trail map and local interpretive information for use in marketing materials (i.e., kiosk inserts, laminated TPT maps, Web site)
- Provide river conservation and river ethics information for use in marketing materials
- Provide official TPT marker signage for roadways and put-in/take-out locations
- Provide interpretive vinyl insert for approved community TPT kiosk
- Promote your paddling trail on the TPWD Web site

TRAIL CRITERIA

Designated paddling trails will have public access points for kayaks and canoes and must meet the following criteria:

- Public access must be a minimum of four paddling miles to a maximum of twelve paddling miles for each segment
- Presence of natural or historical attractions such as rapids, mature trees or unique habitat, wildlife diversity, historic sites, etc.
- Adequate water quality, river flows or water depth (seasonal flows acceptable)
- Population center within 100 miles
- Local partner(s) to maintain put-in/take-outs and keep them clean
- Canoe and kayak rentals from local sources
- Designated parking
- TPT marker signage and kiosk

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The application should be completed by a representative of the community group wishing to partner with TPWD. Please note that the landowner(s) of the put-in and take-out access points must be partners in the project.

PROPOSED PADDLING TRAIL INFORMATION

Inland Paddling Trail or Coastal Paddling Trail

River, Bay, or Estuary: _____

County(ies): _____

Community partner (group or organization): _____

Web site (if applicable): _____

Main contact name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

TRAIL CRITERIA

Public access must be a minimum of four paddling miles to a maximum of twelve paddling miles for each segment.

Estimated distance in paddling miles between the put-in and take-out: _____

Proposed put-in location: _____

Name of put-in site owner/manager: _____

Describe the bank or land adjacent to the put-in (sand, gravel, boat launch, steps, etc):

Proposed take out location: _____

Name of take out site owner/manager: _____

Describe the bank or land adjacent to the take-out (sand, gravel, boat launch, steps, etc):

Presence of natural or historical attractions such as rapids, mature trees or unique habitat, wildlife diversity, historic sites, etc.

Describe the natural and historical attractions of the proposed paddling trail: _____

Adequate water quality, river flows or water depth (seasonal flows acceptable)

If on a river, is river floatable based on historic flows? _____

If coastal water, describe the water depths, access channels, etc.: _____

Population center within 100 miles.

List nearby cities and towns and their distances to the put-in: _____

Local partner(s) to maintain put-in/take-outs and keep them clean.

Local partner(s) responsible for general maintenance of the put-in and take out points:

Canoe and kayak rentals from local sources.

List all canoe and kayak rental businesses that could serve this trail: _____

Designated parking

Approximately how many cars can park at the proposed put-in: _____

Approximately how many cars can park at the proposed take-out: _____

TPT marker signage and kiosk

TPWD will provide 'Texas Paddling Trail' marker signage for roadways, put-ins and take-outs.

Local partner responsible for putting up marker signage:

A TPT kiosk will be required at the put-in and take out locations. TPWD will provide TPT kiosk options and estimated costs; the community partner is responsible for producing, installing and maintaining the approved kiosks. The map, interpretive and river conservation and ethics information inserts will be provided by TPWD to kiosk specifications.

Group or person responsible for kiosks: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If on a river, describe dams or other permanent obstructions that would require paddlers to portage:

Include any other pertinent information about the proposed trail site:

Note: Applications will be prioritized based on above criteria to achieve statewide representation.

Return Texas Paddling Trail applications to:

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