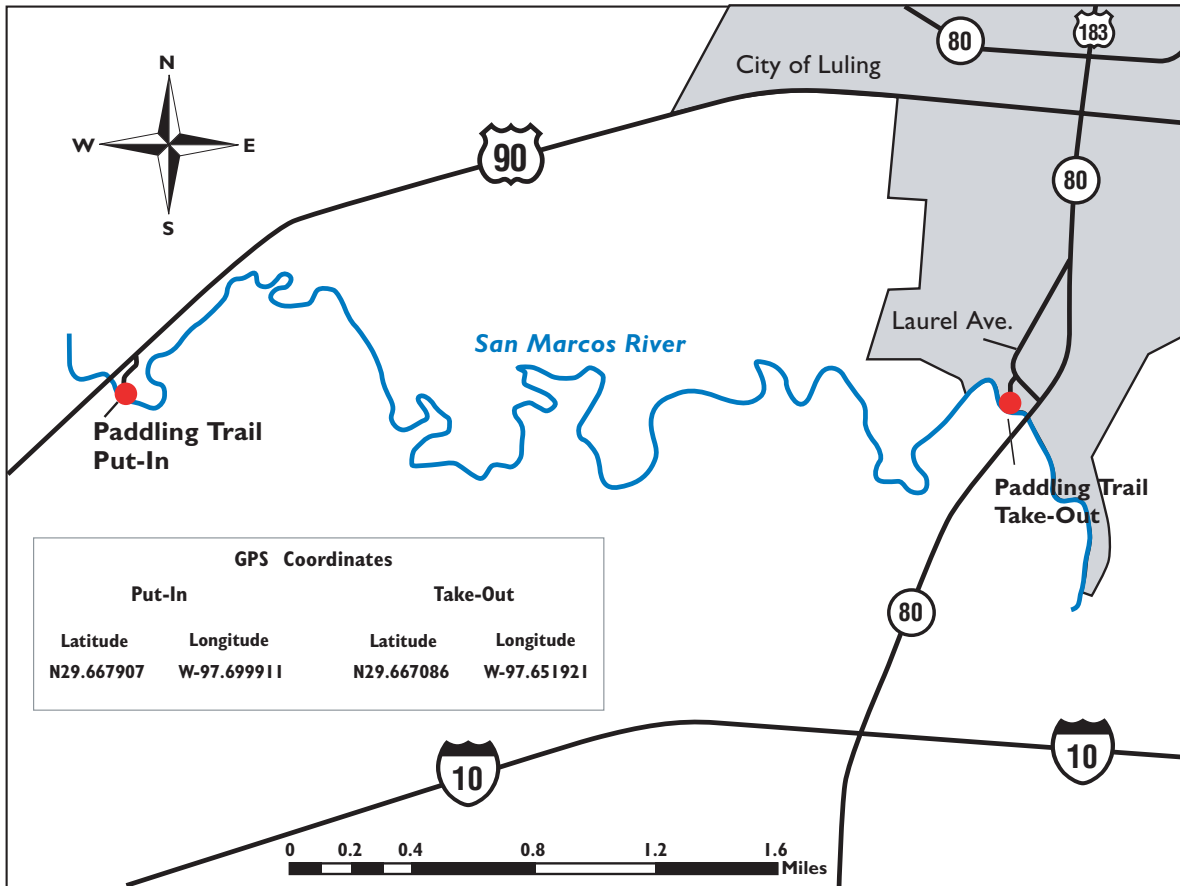


# San Marcos River Luling Zedler Mill Paddling Trail

**Paddling Trail Length:** ~6.0 miles

**Float Time:** ~2-4 hrs. (depending on water levels and flow rates)



### SAFETY

Rivers are ever-changing dynamic systems. Follow basic safety rules such as never boating alone, telling someone where you are going, when you expect to return, and where to call if you don't. Plan your trip and stick to the plan. Wear a Coast Guard approved Type III-V lifejacket and protective footwear. Make sure that your water skills and experience are equal to the river and the conditions. Know your limits. A variety of river features are present on this trail, including a few rapids, small riffles and an abundance of clear, quiet pools. Although there are no man-made obstructions on this reach, there are numerous snags and log-jams to avoid, especially when water levels are low.

**Caldwell County EMS**                    911  
**Luling Police**                            (830) 875-5407  
**Luling Parks & Recreation**        (830) 875-2713

### FISHING

This section of the river supports largemouth and smallmouth bass, gar, and a variety of sunfish and catfish. Small lures such as jigs, plastic worms, spinner baits and light-line are recommended.

### WILDLIFE & ECOLOGY

The San Marcos River corridor supports a diversity of plants and animals. It is a premier birding destination with a variety of migratory species visiting the area. Sightings include osprey, egrets, herons, kingfishers, hawks, sandpipers, phoebes, and turkeys. You will see native cypress, oak, and pecan trees, as well as many non-native tree and plant species. Common wildlife encountered are deer, armadillos, and squirrels.

### CONSERVATION

Get to know your local stream by learning about its watershed, riparian zone, and its native vegetation. Conserving riparian areas is important as these areas filter pollutants and protect against flooding and erosion. When paddling, be sure to take a bag to hold your trash for proper disposal when you leave the river. Visit Leave No Trace ([www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)) for more information.

### ZEDLER MILL

The Zedler Mill was built in 1874 as a gristmill, cotton gin, and sawmill. The historic mill and surrounding 9 acres are now being restored by the City of Luling.

### TEXAS PADDLING TRAILS

The Zedler Mill Paddling Trail is the first inland paddling trail in a network of coastal and inland trails. This trail was made possible through a partnership with the Zedler Mill Foundation, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, the City of Luling and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For more information visit [www.lifesbetteroutside.org](http://www.lifesbetteroutside.org)

### PRIVATE PROPERTY NOTICE

Respect private property by not trespassing or littering and keeping noise levels down. The San Marcos River is classified as navigable, which permits public use of the streambed and, if necessary, the banks to portage any hazard. Any other use of private river banks without permission of the landowner can be considered trespassing. Under Texas Penal Code (§30.05), criminal trespassing occurs when one enters property that is fenced, posted by signs, marked with purple paint on posts or trees or when one enters property after receiving verbal notice from the landowner.