

# Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force

August 13, 2024



North Central Texas  
Council of Governments  
Environment & Development



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# Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Meeting Purpose
2. State of the Trail
3. Update on Planned Launch Sites
4. VisitD-FW.com Website
5. National Monument Discussion
6. Master Plan Update
7. Roundtable
8. Upcoming Events & Opportunities



# **Welcome & Meeting Purpose**

Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition



Rivers are a natural environment and constantly changing. Please check the local river gauges for current flow conditions. If you have questions, corrections, or updates to this map, email Teresa at [teresa@trinitycoalition.org](mailto:teresa@trinitycoalition.org).



**KEY**

- Launch Site
- Trinity River
- Park
- Airport

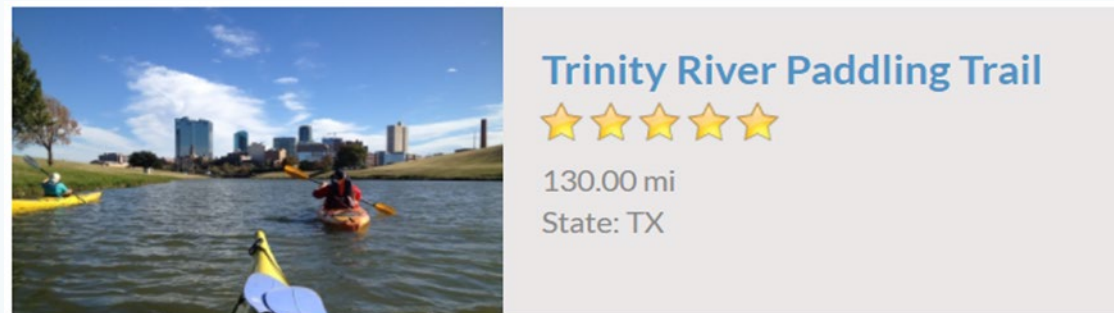


# State of the Trail

*Dale Harris & Teresa Patterson, Trinity Coalition*

# Trinity River National Water Trail

- One of 35 in the nation
- [www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm)
- Select “Find Your National Water Trail”
- Select “Trinity River Paddling Trail”



# Trinity River National Water Trail

- ▶ 130 miles with 21 official launch sites
- ▶ Traverses 9 municipalities including Dallas and Fort Worth and as far north as Lewisville
- ▶ All but two sections are 4-6 miles in length, one section is 12 miles and one is 24 miles



Full strawberry Moon Solstice Paddle event



# Trail Status August 2024

Currently 20 of 21 launch sites are open

- Loop 12 closed due to flood damage and safety concerns – Trinity Coalition proposed to DWU and Dallas Parks Dept to make it a take-out only site
  - River Legacy is slowing deteriorating
- 2 drownings occurred this year (1 on the Clear Fork and 1 on the West Fork) – also 2 on the East Fork (not part of the TRNWT)



4<sup>th</sup> of July night paddle at Panther Island, Fort Worth

# Special Events

## River Cleanups Planned

- April 13 TCC Students
- April 20 Earth Day Celebration Grand Prairie
- 4 cleanups cancelled due to high water
  - April 25 Match group Corporate River Cleanup
  - May 11 Cottonwood Creek Cleanup with KGPB
  - May 18 Freese and Nichols
  - June 15 Mountain Creek Lake Cleanup with KGPB

## Other Special Events

- June 1<sup>st</sup> Paddle Party / Demo Day Panther Island Beach



Paddle Party Event & Panther Island after a flood

# Trail Usage August 2024

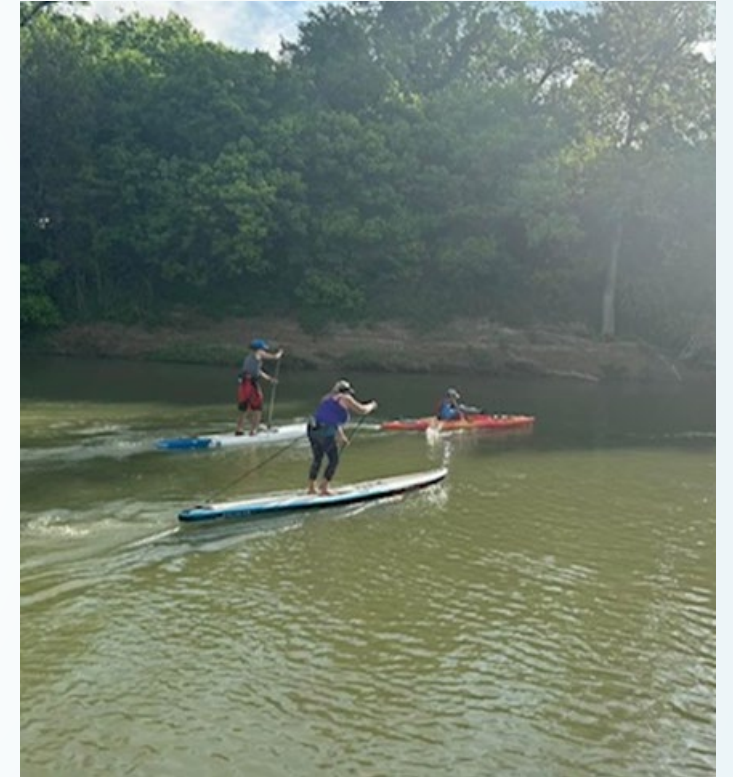
- Heavy spring rains have mostly closed the Elm Fork and Main Branch (March 8 – August 8)
- River flow <3,000 CFS 4 times, only for a couple of days each time
- Downed tree between Hebron Parkway and McInnish Park washed downstream
- Clear Fork and West Fork mostly remained open



Tagging turtles as part of the Trinity River Turtle Survey

# User-Friendly Water Trail Information

- Trinity Coalition Web Site: <https://trinitycoalition.org/>
- Water Trail Information: <https://trinitycoalition.org/paddling-trail>
- Interactive Map:  
<https://trinitycoalition.org/launch-sites-map>
- Water Levels: <https://trinitycoalition.org/water-levels>
- Trinity Coalition Facebook Page / trail information and status:  
<https://www.facebook.com/trinityrivercoalition>
- Trinity River Paddling Trail Association FB Group Page /  
1,900+ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/638530459657010>
- Trinity Coalition Meetup Page / 4,000 paddlers



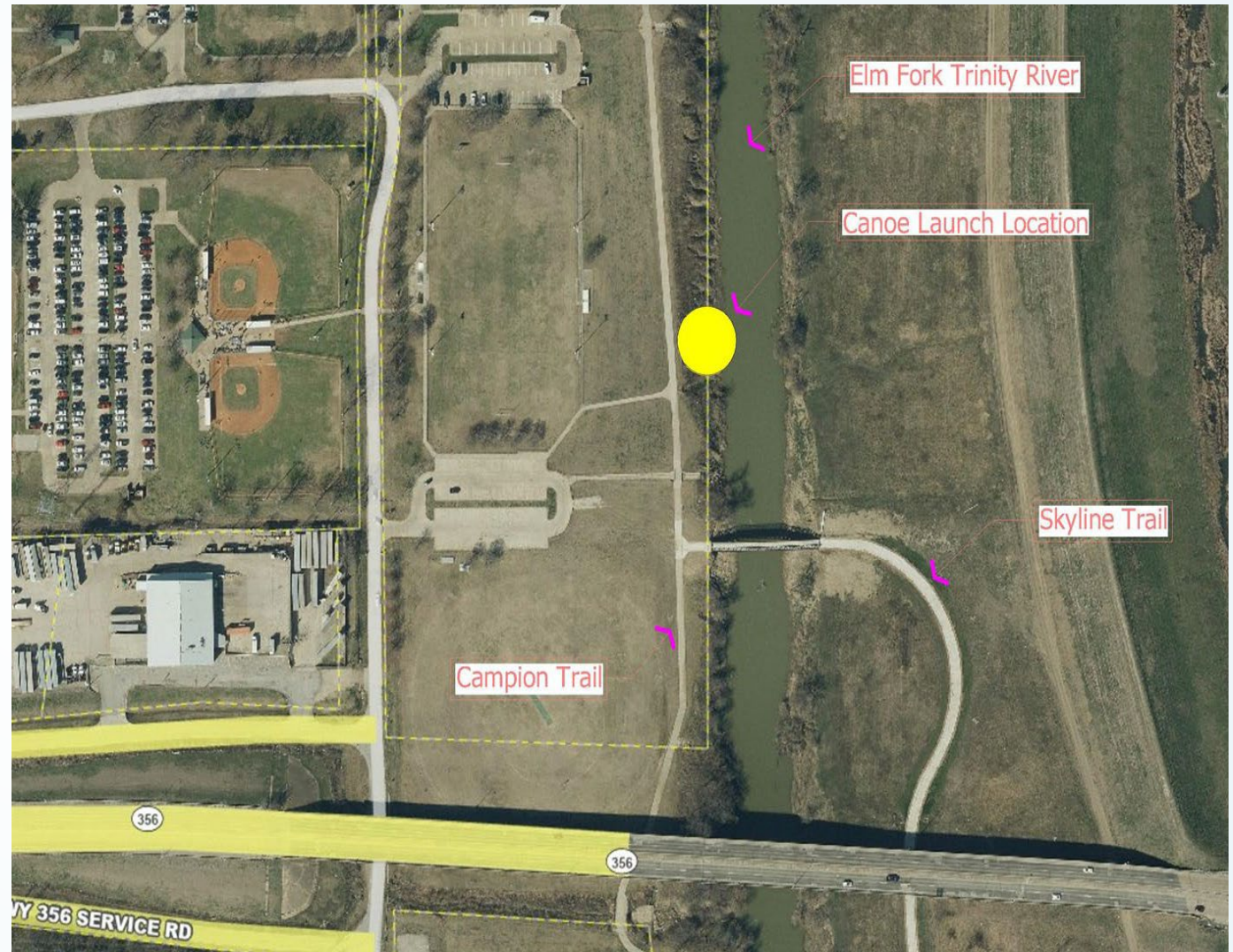
# **Update on Planned Launch Sites**

*Dale Harris, Trinity Coalition &  
Task Force Members*

*(please raise your hand and unmute yourself)*

# Planned Launch Sites

- Beltline Road in Grand Prairie
- Viridian Development in Arlington
- Trinity View Park in Irving - Construction to start when the water level drops to a more normal range
- Riverside Park in Fort Worth - Included in TRWD Recreation Master Plan
- Gateway Park (1<sup>st</sup> Street) in Fort Worth - Included in Gateway Park Master Plan
- Others?



Trinity View Park Canoe Launch Location

# **VisitD-FW.com Website**

*Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition*

# Visit D-FW Website Tour

<https://www.visitd-fw.com>





# National Monument Discussion

*Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition*

# **Trinity River National Water Trail Master Plan Update**

*Jai-W Hayes-Jackson, Erin Blackman, &  
Taylor Hegemeyer, NCTCOG*

# **Trinity River National Water Trail Master Plan**



# Master Plan Components

- ▶ Vision and Mission Statements
- ▶ 8 Goals
  - ▶ Outcome
  - ▶ Strategies
  - ▶ Recommendations
  - ▶ Action Items
  - ▶ Case Study



# Feedback Requested

- ▶ ADA compliant launch sites: Trinity Fork Park, others?
- ▶ Launch sites designs preferred for the Trinity River?
- ▶ ADA-related advocacy groups?
- ▶ What information would motivate your community to invest in the Water Trail?

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# **Task Force Roundtable**

*All Members*

*(please raise your hand and unmute yourself)*

# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

## *NCTCOG Staff*



# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

- ▶ NCTCOG Events & Opportunities: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/Events>
- ▶ Trinity Coalition Events & Opportunities: <https://trinitycoalition.org/events>

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