

2537 Deer Stand Loop
San Marcos, TX 78666
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Parks & Recreation Board
c/o William Ford
City of San Marcos
San Marcos, TX 78666

Dear Board Members:

Thank you all for helping make our river parks more tolerable. Your dog leash signs have really helped with the lose dog problem (however, many of the signs have been removed or thrown out now). And cutting down on parking on the road to the Pavilion near Rio Vista Falls has been good.

I use the river trails to walk my dog, or kayak on the river, most every day. I am concerned, after the past summer, about the overcrowding and the users' lack of respect for our parks.

This last summer they arrived even earlier to "stake their claim" to their territory by erecting canopies, dragging in grills, toys and chairs. It was like an invasion. The trash they left spewed about was massive.

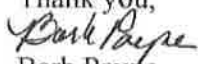
It's too bad that we residents of San Marcos, who pay taxes to support our beautiful river parks, cannot even enjoy them on a hot, summer day. So many users are not from here and have no regard for our property.

Could we possibly consider implementing tougher rules, such as no alcohol at all. Most City parks do not allow the consumption of alcohol. Also, possibly closing earlier?

I have never seen a city park that allows unrestrained canopies to be erected. I know we have restricted the areas they can be put. Could those using canopies be required to get a permit to use them?

I know there are no easy answers, but these crowds are getting huge. It's like going to an over-populated foreign country. Cars even stop on University Dr., backing up traffic, while the driver waits for the passengers to unload themselves and all of their stuff.

Any help you could give to help eliminate this ever growing mess would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Barb Payne
San Marcos Resident