

# Frio River & Garner State Park

The Frio River is a favorite vacation spot for many Texans, offering a variety of fun activities, and a chance to just get away from it all.

The Frio is a spring fed river, flowing southeast for about 200 miles until it connects with the Nueces River. As you cross of the railroad truss bridge near Knippa, Texas you can see the Frio down below. The area is a popular site for camping and floating.

While the Frio River is a great family destination, the atmosphere is noticeably youthful. Many college students use the river as a place to blow off steam during the summer. There are many amenities that keep the location very light-hearted and fun. Garner State Park, located on the Frio, offers tube trips, camping, boating, horseback riding, and even rope swings. The park is clean and offers a rustic, natural feel. Every night there is a dance held inside the park for people of all ages. It's a very fun atmosphere that makes it an easy way to meet new people and have a good time.

You can also enjoy the Frio River outside the state park and relax in one of the many vacation cabins available for rent. If you're looking to get wet, you can float the river, jump off a few cliffs and rocks, or just relax in some of the river's slower spots. However, floating the river on inner tubes is by far the most popular activity. All summer long you can see groups of people floating together with the only things necessary: a cooler and a radio. If you need a break from the sun, there are many local shops and stores with souvenirs and necessities. There are great restaurants in the area, too, and some offer live music at night.

So if you're ever in need of a few days away from the world, the Frio River is a great place to visit. The people are friendly and there is fun to be had everywhere, but be careful, once you visit, you may not want to leave.

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