

# WHAT MOVES YOU?

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Travelers flock to San Antonio to see its famous River Walk. Those who stay on the shores of the San Antonio River are missing the boat. The San Antonio River Authority and partners have been restoring the river south of downtown, returning natural contours and planting thousands of trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Enjoy the results in a kayak rented from Mission Adventure Tours at Espada Park or the King William District, on routes of 2, 3 or 4 miles, on your own or guided. Teresa Maslonka has paddled with Mission Adventure Tours several times. “The amount of wildness incorporated into this city is phenomenal,” she says. “On the river, you’re in the city but feel like you’re away from it. We saw all different kinds of birds turtles and other wildlife, and it is so different from being on the sidewalk looking at the river.” A guided trip not only puts those without experience at ease, but the guides also share knowledge about the river’s abundant wildlife. Single- and two-person kayaks are available and friendly dogs welcomed.



Kayaking the San Antonio River includes thrilling chutes, left, and the serene waters of Espada Park, right.

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