



TRINITY RIVER

DID YOU KNOW... The Trinity River is the longest watershed contained within a state? Its flow begins at the border of Oklahoma and Texas and it flows south to the Gulf of Mexico.

Amazingly enough, the Trinity River flows 423 miles from the confluence of the Elm and West forks to the coast! This makes it the longest river having its entire course in Texas. The river rises on the North Central Plains, but most of its meandering course is in the Coastal Plains area. The total drainage basin area is 17,969 square miles and includes all or part of thirty-seven counties—all within the state of Texas.

DALLAS' TRINITY RIVER CORRIDOR PROJECT UPDATES

What's been done so far?

- The **two boat launches** to be built along the Trinity River are now operational. There is no charge to use the self-service facilities, however only properly licensed watercrafts are allowed on the river.
 - Boat Launch at Trammell Crow Park/ Sylvan Avenue
 - Boat Launch at Loop 12
- The first of a series of **wetland cells** has been completed along I-45 at Overton— This wetland cell is dual purpose as it was created to help with floodway protection, but will ultimately provide much, much more for animal and plant life. These wetland cells are small bodies of water that are not very deep. As wetland plants are brought in and established, they will provide the foundation for a natural food chain and allow the wetlands to provide habitat for aquatic plants, fish, reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and water loving birds such as egrets, and herons. Dallas is in the path of several major yearly bird migrations. The habitat created by this project will make the wetlands an important layover for many species.

WORK UNDERWAY / UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

- The **Trinity River Audubon Center** opens in October 2008 at Loop 12 east of IH-45, a number of wet cells are being created to help improve flood protection and to provide natural habitat for birds such as egrets and cranes.
- **Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge**—Visit the webcam at www.trinityrivercorridor.org to see the building of this signature bridge; the City of Dallas expects some of the steel to arrive for the bridge later this summer.
- **Moore Park Gateway** expansion and renovation—The distinctive 1938 landmark will be one of the first major connections between the Trinity River and the Southern Sector. When it is expanded and renovated, the Moore Park Gateway will serve as a starting point for

such activities as a bike ride or walk along the river, walking to festivals, or simply viewing the beautiful downtown Dallas skyline.

The park improvements include:

- A shade pavilion and scenic overlook
- Pedestrian plaza
- A new grove of trees and amphitheater on the sloping lawn
- Connections to the Santa Fe Trestle Trail
- Athletic fields
- Canoe and kayak river access facilities
- An additional picnic area
- Environmental restoration and clean up of Cedar Creek