

## For Immediate Release

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## IT'S FALL! GET OUT AND ENJOY THE WEATHER!

October 19, 2007 - As the heat of summer slowly begins to recede, now is a great time to get out and see Texas in the fall. Here are a few tips for things to do in the next few months:

## Hike and Biking:

The Possum Kingdom Lake Hike and Bike trail is five miles of pure Texas splendor perched on a hillside overlooking the rugged beauty of the lake. Natural trails designated for hiking or mountain biking offer a gradual vertical rise of more than 200 feet culminating in a breathtaking lookout area near the top of Johnson's Peak.

Cut through natural and primitive areas, the trail allows a look at native plants and wildlife including the Golden Cheeked Warbler – the only migratory bird that nest solely in the State of Texas.

Maps of the trail are available on request by clicking here or at the BRA project office at Possum Kingdom Lake.

## Camping:

Gone with the heat of summer are the regular camping fees at BRA maintained lake parks. You may enjoy camping at Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone. Camp sites are available on a first come/first served basis. Please see our reservoir information on this web site for additional camping information.

For more information on BRA facilities, please call 254-761-3111 or email us at information@brazos.org.

About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority owns and operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood and Sugar Land. Through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Brazos River Authority operates wastewater treatment plants at Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System in Round Rock, the city of Hutto and the city of Liberty Hill.

The Authority owns and operates water treatment systems at Lake Granbury (which supplies potable water to wholesale customers in Hood and Johnson Counties), and the City of Taylor. The Authority also operates a potable water treatment plant for the City of Dime Box. A water treatment plant for the City of Leander is operated by the Brazos River Authority through an alliance with the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The Authority also engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the Authority samples and tests water from 157 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.