

TRANQUILITY ISLAND

GUADALUPE RIVER CUTS A NEW CHANNEL

OVERVIEW

Tranquility Island is part of Louise Hays Park and can be accessed by bridge from both sides of the river. Because the upper portion of the Guadalupe River has very few islands, Tranquility Island is one of Kerrville's environmental treasures.

DID YOU KNOW?

All parts of the Poison Ivy plant contain *urushiol*, which causes rashes on humans. However, birds can eat the white berries and deer can eat the leaves without harm. Like other members of the Sumac family, the leaves turn bright red in the fall.

ORIGIN OF AN ISLAND

The flood of 1932 marked the beginning of Tranquility Island. The flood carved a new channel on the south bank of the river. This channel remains today with the island in the middle being built-up and reshaped by deposited sand and gravel.

When river water moves rapidly, boulders, gravel, and sand are swept downstream and scour the river bed and banks. When the water flow slows, the heavier sediments are dropped and gravel is deposited on sand bars and islands.



LEAVES OF THREE

Be aware of the poison ivy that grows in this area. Exercise caution and stay on the trail. Poison ivy has a trifoliate leaf, which is a compound leaf with 3 leaflets.

When in doubt, DON'T TOUCH!

