

## Lake Travis Windy Point – September 25 and 26

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The Diving Rebels haven't been to Lake Travis in several years. The lake level has been down making it difficult to reach the water. Rains this spring and summer have lake levels back to normal, so it's time to get wet at Lake Travis!

We will be at [Windy Point Park](#) which is located on Comanche Trail Drive, 2 miles below the Oasis Restaurant. Windy Point Park offers large shade trees on a natural grass lawn, which overlooks the wide open waterfront on Lake Travis. Windy Point Park has picnic tables, camping areas with fire pits, courtesy carts to move your gear, courtesy air to inflate rafts and mats, clean restrooms, changing facilities, rinse-off showers, concession area, free wireless internet access, stairs for easy access to lake, protected swim & dive areas, on-site SCUBA air fills and boat launch access. The tent camping is primitive, but the groomed lawn and abundant shade trees help to make it feel civilized.



The current plan is shore diving along with a charter dive with [Lake Travis Scuba](#) who provides transportation to a variety of dive sites on Lake Travis aboard THE GIANT STRIDE, a 30-foot Pontoon Boat customized for scuba diving. The boat has many special features and amenity updates to make your excursion comfortable, safe, and enjoyable. The boat has 8 Diver Stations with two tank holders and equipment storage, a dry storage area, canvas enclosure for sun shade or warmth in cooler weather and a large heavy-duty ladder for easy exit from the water. You will need to provide your own gear and tanks, weights, if needed, are provided. It is recommended each diver carry a line reel, surface marker buoy. Lights are highly recommended.

The cost of the 4 hour/two tank dive is \$40 per person. A shuttle will pick us up at Windy Point Park and take us around the corner to the public boat ramp where we will board the boat. A signup sheet will be available at the meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> and a \$20 non refundable deposit will reserve your space on the boat. The first dive is scheduled from 8:30am to 12:30pm and if we have more than 8 people we can do a second boat dive from 1pm to 5pm.

For those not participating in the boat charter or for diving before or after the charter, Windy Point Park is one of the top diving "hot spots" in the Central Texas area. There is a wealth of items to find, explore, and seek out in Lake Travis. Divers will find boat wrecks and unique metal sculptures of a scuba diver, a sea turtle, a shark and a manatee along with other interesting objects. There are training platforms, a jet ski, some small boats, a larger sailboat, a Pinto, and more! An underwater map can be seen at: [www.windypointpark.com/uwmap.asp](http://www.windypointpark.com/uwmap.asp)

The entrance fees to Windy Park are:

- Day Use: 8AM to 10PM, Weekends: \$15.00
- Camping: 6PM to 10AM, \$10.00
- Air Fills: \$8.00      Boat Launch: \$10.00
- Weekend Admission after 3PM: \$8.00
- Weekend Special: 2 nights + 2 days (Fri Night - Sunday) \$45.00



Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast will be meal shares. Meal coordinators are needed.

**How to get there:** From the DFW Metroplex, take I35 South toward Austin. Though you can take RR 620 off I35 at exit 252 B-A, it is recommended you continue south and take Toll Road 45 West (Exit 250B). Toll Rd 45 West ends onto RR620 just past Hiway 183 and you will miss a lot of lights and traffic. I have been told there is one toll booth. Once on RR 620, continue west to Comanche Trail and turn right. Comanche Trail should be the first major road to the right after crossing RR 2222. If you get to the dam, you've gone too far. Follow Comanche Trail past Hippy Hollow and just past Bob Wentz Park is Windy Point. Please watch the website as I will post maps to Windy Point in the near future.

**Area hotels and bed and breakfast include:**

[Holiday Inn Express](#), 12703 Ranch Road 620, (RR 620 & 183) 512-249-8166

[Extended Stay America](#), 13858 N. US Hwy. 183 (512) 258-3365

[The Tram House](#), located at Windy Point, check their website for more information

[La Villa Vista Bed & Breakfast Resort](#), 6701 Oasis Pass, approximately 2 miles from Windy Point, 512-266-6000

Jill, Cory and I plan to arrive on Friday evening. If someone can go earlier and secure a great campsite, please let me know. If you have questions or can go early on the 24<sup>th</sup>, I can be reached at 817-542-2962 or [dannyb@divingrebels.org](mailto:dannyb@divingrebels.org)