

# Wading Guidelines for the Guadalupe River

Wading in any moving body of water depends on the *Experience, Knowledge and Judgment* of the individual and the *Risk* that person is willing to assume.

Remember to wear and utilize safety gear such as: felt or studded wading boots, wading staff, wading belt drawn tight at the waist for waders, and inflatable pfd's.

The general guidelines apply:

- Flows below 100 cubic feet per second (cfs) have slow current and the river is accessible to most anglers.
- Flows below 200 cfs have moderate current. A few areas may create fall down potential.
- Flows between 200 to 300 cfs can be undertaken by most experienced waders. There are still areas that may be too swift or deep to wade. Inexperienced waders will have to be aware.
- Flows between 300 to 550 cfs should be undertaken by only those who have experience wading swift water conditions. Preferably, you will have knowledge of the river bottom and would have local knowledge of the river previously. Much of the river will still be too swift and too deep to wade safely. The potential for being swept off your feet is high.
- Flows above 550 cfs are unsafe to wade.

Remember the Guadalupe is a fast flowing river. A fast current can be very deceiving and carry you down river.

## **Always be cautious and wise about the river and its hazards.**

For Guadalupe River flow information you can also call the Army Corps of Engineers recorded Canyon Lake Dam information line at **830-964-3342**