

# Clarice Tinsley tries a Trinity River canoe ride

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Clarice Tinsley on the Trinity River

DALLAS - The Trinity River is all Texas, all the time. It winds through the Lone Star State for 710 miles from Gainesville to Galveston and empties into the Gulf of Mexico. The Trinity River and it's banks are a home to countless mammals and reptiles. Millions of migrating birds use the Trinity as a landmark, feeding station and resting place.

I was amazed by what I saw and learned during my 4-mile river float with Ben Jones. He's the Director of Education for the Trinity River Audubon Center and in addition to being a great canoe navigator he's a Trinity River nature expert.

Like you, I've crossed over the Trinity countless times and I never paid attention to it unless it flooded or a body was discovered there. My canoe ride with Ben was educational, relaxing, a great upper body work out and just plain fun. This story was my idea because I wanted to see what was "down there". It was my first time in a canoe and after my initial "what did I get myself into" I loved it and felt totally at home.

I'm so glad I covered this story. The Trinity River Audubon Center isn't set up yet to offer Trinity tours but they have fascinating programs. To learn more about those programs and to find companies that will take you on the Trinity for a fee go to [www.trinityriveraudubon.org](http://www.trinityriveraudubon.org).



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