

Comal County Drought and Flood Timeline

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1869 or 1870- The Comal River record flood is estimated to be 37.65 feet.

1870- Texas Drought

June 19, 1872- A flood in New Braunfels wiped out the iron bridge across the Comal River.

1885-1887- Texas Drought

1908-1912- Texas Drought

1915-1918- Texas Drought

1924-1925- Texas Drought

1933-1934- Texas Drought.

1938-1940- Texas Drought.

1950-1957- Drought of Record in Texas

August 1952- the channel of Comal Springs in Landa Park went dry.

September 11, 1952- The Guadalupe went from having almost no flow to near record flood stage in 48 hours. The Comal River peaked at 36.14 feet and 35,000cfs. The Guadalupe River peaked at 30.65 feet and 72,900 cfs.

1954- The big Comal spring went dry.

1956- Landa Lake went dry. The endangered Fountain Darters in the Comal Springs died out during the drought. They were replaced with Fountain Darters from the San Marcos Springs.

1961-1967- Texas Drought

1970-1971- Texas Drought

May 11, 1972- 16 inches of rain fell on the Blieders Creek watershed which caused a flood in Blieders Creek, then the Comal River and then into the Guadalupe River. The peak flow in the Comal was 60,800 cfs and the Guadalupe River was 92,600 cfs.

1988-1990- Texas Drought

1995-96- Texas Drought

October 17-18, 1998- New Braunfels flood. 31 inches of rain. The Comal River was the highest ever recorded since 1869, at 39.2 feet and it was estimated to be between 130,000 and 180,000 cfs flow.

1999-2002- Texas Drought

June 30-July 7, 2002- The Guadalupe River flooded upstream from Canyon Lake causing the Canyon Lake Gorge. The region experienced 35 inches of rain. The water topped the spillway at 4:28 P.M. on July 4th. The peak going over the spillway was on July 7, 2002 and it was 7 feet deep. The overflow of the spillway continued for 6 weeks. The Guadalupe River in New Braunfels reached 69,300 cfs. The flood killed 9 people and damaged or destroyed 48,000 homes.

2005-2006- Texas Drought

2007-2008- Texas Drought

2010-2011- Texas Drought