

RIVERS

GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE *HANDBOOK OF TEXAS ONLINE*

The following guidelines are intended for contributors writing about rivers. Not every guideline listed is necessarily applicable to every entry, but the order of applicable guidelines should generally follow the sequence below. Articles about rivers that were the sites of significant historical events should contain references to the events, but not narratives of them. In order for an article on a river to be included in the *Handbook*, the river must be named on a USGS 1:500,000 topographic map.

The *Handbook* is meant to serve as the principal reference work for all significant aspects of Texas studies and is encyclopedic in scope. All entries should be concise, factual, informative, authoritative, and fully documented.

1. Name(s), including those formerly used and/or nickname(s)
2. Origin(s) of name(s), if available
3. All counties through which the stream flows from source to mouth.
4. Water feature at termination (e.g., Pecos into Rio Grande, Brazos into Gulf of Mexico, etc.)
5. Length or size
- *6. Area drained in square miles
- *7. Volume of annual run-off
8. Tributaries, including direction of flow and location of junction
9. Characteristics of the landscape through which river flows
10. Cities with a population of 50,000 or more listed in order upstream from the mouth
11. First settlements along river
12. Importance/significance of river to historic and contemporary Texas
13. Economic/cultural impact (transportation, irrigation, building materials, etc.)
14. Control district in which river is located
15. Bibliography and notes

*Items marked with an asterisk may apply only to major rivers.

Each entry in the *Handbook* appears over the author's name. We believe that every article will be considered a standard source of information for decades. Because we know that our contributors share our desire to adhere to the most rigorous scholarly standards, we have adopted the policy of checking all factual material to be printed in the new edition. This means that we need specific footnotes, with complete publication information, for all of the facts in an article. We regret the inconvenience which this causes, but only by this double check can we be assured that each entry will be the credit to its author that we wish it to be. Furthermore, the extra effort will ultimately save our small staff hundreds of hours and will earn the heartfelt gratitude of our research assistants.

A brief bibliography should be included with each article. We encourage contributors to list primary as well as secondary sources. The list of works should be highly selective; if possible, it should include recent works of fundamental importance which can lead a reader to further publications, as well as the location of major archival collections.

Please send 2 DOUBLE-SPACED copies of each manuscript. We would prefer to have the entries submitted by email to brett.derbes@tshaonline.org or by mail to the address below on a CD or flash drive in one of the following formats: Word 97 or later (.doc) or for MAC users, Rich Text Format (.rtf).

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