



# THE CUMMINGS DAM PORTAGE



**2. Approaching the Cummings Dam low wall**  
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## 1. The Cummings Dam approach

Cummings Dam is located approximately .5 miles from the San Marco & Blanco River confluence. Recognizable from the tower on river left and low wall on river right. Approach the dam on river right pulling up to the low wall near shore.



### 3. Over the low wall

Lift the boat on the low wall making sure the boat is lined up with the sloped buttress below. Holding on to your boat and 15' stern line slowly and carefully lower the boat down the buttress.



### 4. Down the buttress

Lower the boat until you feel it hit the ground. Do not drop your boat over the wall as this may cause injury to yourself, the boat or bystanders.

### 5. On the buttress to the ground

Once your boat has been lowered down the buttress continue to hold your stern line and begin walking your boat to the side.



## 6. Walking your boat down

Slowly & carefully walk along the low wall with stern line in hand and lower your boat. Do not tie the stern line around any part of your body as this may result in being pulled over the wall with your boat.



## 7. Retrieving your boat from the base of dam

Once your boat has been lowered to the ground and you feel it is secure you may release the stern line. Follow the low wall to the right where it will run into a trail that skirts around embankment leading to the dam base and your boat. Use caution the wall and trail may be slippery.

## 8. Returning to the water.

Congratulations you have just completed the Cummings Dam Portage. Push, pull, carry or drag your boat back to the water to continue your river adventure. Be sure to put your boat in the water at least 25 yards from the dam base as to avoid any hydraulic under tow.

