PRESERVING THE SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS
Mission Concepción
Church completed c.1755

Mission San José
Church completed c.1782

Mission Espada
Chapel completed c.1755

Mission San Juan
Chapel completed c.1755
Colonial History
Mission San Antonio de Valero – founded 1718 / 1724
Colonial History

Mission San José Y San Miguel de Aguayo – founded 1724/1727
Colonial History

Mission Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña – founded 1731
Mission San Juan Capistrano – founded 1731

Mission San Francisco de la Espada – founded 1731

Colonial History
Colonial History
Acequia System
19th Century History
Secularization and Decline
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Conservation History – late 19th/early 20th Century

Early Preservation Efforts
Conservation History – 20th Century

WPA Restoration of Mission San José – 1930s
Conservation History – 20th Century

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Conservation History – 20th Century

1941 Cooperative Agreement
Conservation History – 20th Century

Espada Restoration – Harvey P. Smith, 1950s.
Conservation History – 20th Century
San Juan Restoration – 1960s
Conservation History – 20th Century

Restorations in second half of 20th century
LAWS THAT APPLY TO THE PROPERTIES

- American Antiquities Act of 1906
- Historic Sites of 1935
- Texas Historical Commission
- Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1966
- Antiquities Code of Texas
- Native American Grave Protection
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979
- Unified Development Code
- National Park Service Organic Act of 1916
- National Park and Recreation Act of 1918
- U.S. Public Law 95-629
- U.S. Public Law 101-628
- Texas Natural Resources Code
- Local Overlay/Historic Districts
- Proposed viewshed ordinances

DESIGNATIONS

- National Register of Historic Places
- Texas State Historic Site
- Texas State Antiquities Landmarks
- Recoded Texas Historic Landmark
- City of San Antonio Local Landmark
Mission Concepcion
2003 Conditions Assessment
Mission Concepcion

Interior Restoration
Mission Concepcion

Façade Plaster Conditions Assessment – Conservation Associates
Mission Concepcion
Façade Conservation – Pilot Treatment 2013
Mission San Jose
Façade Conservation
Mission San Jose

Facade Conservation – Building and Monument Conservation
Mission San José
Façade Conservation – Building and Monument Conservation
Mission San Juan
Structural Stabilization
Mission Espada
Restoration
World Heritage Designation
GOALS OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

1. Protect and preserve finite cultural resources using the least invasive techniques possible.
2. Interpret the entire cultural history of the missions in accordance with their Outstanding Universal Value.
3. Provide educational experiences that reflect the multiplicity of stories and continuing heritage of the missions.
4. Ensure that the visitors can maneuver between the mission sites in a way that is understandable and that has the least impact on the cultural resources.
5. Increase visitor capacity while erring in favor of resource protection if necessary.
6. Explore innovative ways to fund the protection and interpretation of the missions.
7. Encourage academic research on the missions that will shed new light on the people, structures, and landscapes.
8. Market the missions to the local community, the country, and the world to increase awareness of their Outstanding Universal Value and the value of their continued protection. Reach out to nontraditional segments of the population for heritage tourism and preservation.
Farm Work Day 2017 at Mission San Juan, National Park Service

Espada Aqueduct, National Park Service
River Improvements

2013 Mission Reach
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American Indians in Texas invites you to the

Spring 2017
Four Seasons Indian Market

Saturday, May 6th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Mission San Juan Capistrano
at 9011 Gral Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214

Native American Arts & Crafts, Jewelry, Drumming, Dancing, Storytelling
and More!
Free and Open to the Public

Featuring: The American Indians in Texas Dance Theater
Performing at 12 p.m.

To register for a booth or for more info, please contact Programs Director Isaac Cardenas at 210-227-4640, or
isaaccardenas@tla.org

This free family event is sponsored by Mexican American Cultural Institute, American Indians in Texas of the Spanish Colonial Mission,
Texas Commission on the Arts, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROGRAMS:

- Tours to school groups
- “Teacher to Ranger to Teacher” program
- National Park Foundation’s First Bloom Projects
- Partnerships with the Boys and Girls Clubs and Sunshine Cottage for the Deaf
- Get Outdoors It’s Yours
- Archaeology Day at Mission San Jose
- History and Genealogy Day
- Faces of the Missions
- Los Pastores medieval play
- Lectures to local organizations, schools, and professional societies
- Student positions in cultural resource management, interpretation, master crafts, natural resources, and law enforcement.
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