

= Texas Recreational Road 2 =

Recreational Road 2 (RE 2) is a Recreational Road located in Val Verde County in the southwestern portion of the U.S. state of Texas . The highway is approximately 7 @. @ 2 miles (11 @. @ 6 km) in length , and connects the Rough Canyon Colonia portion of the Amistad National Recreation Area to U.S. Highway 277 (US 227) and US 377 . The roadway travels through mainly rural areas . A road first appeared in the location of RE 2 around 1940 . RE 2 was officially designated in June 1970 , and was just the second Recreational Road formed at the time .

= = Route description = =

RE 2 begins at the Rough Canyon boat @-@ launch ramp on the Amistad Reservoir in the Rough Canyon Colonia region of the Amistad National Recreation Area . From this terminus , the highway proceeds as a two @-@ lane , paved road , which travels through a small parking lot and turns northeastward . The road continues northeast as it passes the Rough Canyon Marina and the Rough Canyon Colonia camping area on the eastern edge of the park , as well as several houses and independent camp sites . The highway intersects Cam Real Road , which leads to the Devils Shores community and the surrounding area . The route bends eastward , passing the Rough Canyon Inn and a small parking lot and intersecting a small road before it continues into rural areas again . Proceeding along a small ridge , the highway bends northeastward and travels over a small unnamed wash before reaching its eastern terminus with US 277 / US 377 .

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) publishes yearly reports of the highway 's annual average daily traffic (AADT) , with counts usually taken near intersections . In 2011 , the route 's AADT was 310 vehicles , taken from a point to the west of the US 277 / US 377 intersection . This count was exactly the same as the one taken in 2010 , which in turn was a decrease from the count taken in 2009 , when RE 2 's AADT count was 440 vehicles . No portion of the highway is listed on the National Highway System , a network of roads important to the country 's economy , defense , and mobility .

= = History = =

A road first appeared in the location of RE 2 around 1940 . This road was an unimproved dirt route with a primitive bridge over a small creek near the middle of it . The road led to a small community made up of three residential buildings . By 1951 , the highway 's bridge had been converted to a small concrete dip which allowed the creek to flow through it . By 1956 , this road had been improved to a graded , drained gravel surface . By 1961 , it had been improved to a metal surface , and had been straightened along the eastern portion . Two additional concrete dips had been constructed , over two small creeks connecting to Devils River . In addition , the community which the road served had expanded to five residential buildings and a gate was built at the western end of the highway .

The first serious interest in the road came in mid @-@ 1969 , when the National Park Service approved a plan to develop the facilities with Amistad . The Rough Canyon and Diablo East portions of the park were given particular focus , since they were the only two that were in existence at the time . Large boat ramps were constructed at both areas , in an attempt to increase tourism .

In early August 1971 , several consecutive days of heavy rainfall led to flooding throughout the area . Several highways in the area were damaged , including RE 2 . Portions of the highway were completely washed out , which took about two weeks to repair .

On April 1 , 1970 , RE 2 was officially designated by TxDOT . RE 2 , along with Recreational Road 255 , became the first routes designated as " recreational roads " by the Texas State Highway Department . However , both highways still had to be approved by the Highway Department 's Administration Circle ; RE 255 was approved on April 15 , 1970 , making it the first official highway . RE 2 was approved by the Administration Circle on June 1 , 1970 , making it the second route officially designated as a recreational road . Since RE 2 's designation , each recreational road has

been numbered sequentially . Between 1970 and 1972 , the highway was paved , and the concrete dips replaced with drainage pipes . One of the route 's bends was straightened , shortening it from 7 @. @ 4 miles (11 @. @ 9 km) to about 7 @. @ 2 miles (11 @. @ 6 km) in length . The highway has not undergone any major rerouting or redesignation since .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire highway is in Val Verde County .