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## Cowpasture River Preservation Association Cleaning Up the Cowpasture River

The Cowpasture River Preservation Association participated in National River Cleanup Week June 2-10, sponsored by American Rivers. Crews of volunteers scoured the river banks, road sides and campsites at the Walton and Wallace Tracts in Bath County and the Evans Tract in Alleghany County and several more teams floated portions of the river for trash and debris. While rain and high water posed challenges for the volunteers, it did not deter the 42 people who came out to help.

In all, 47 bags of trash were collected along with five tires, two chairs, various articles of clothing, inner tubes, road signs, scrap metal, and cinder blocks. A washer and dryer were also spotted and will hopefully be recovered soon.

Since its inception by America Outdoors in 1992, National River Cleanup Week has helped to raise public awareness of the magnitude of trash accumulating in our nation's waterways. Over the years more than 500,000 volunteers have participated in over 4,500 cleanups across the country, covering more than 100,000 miles of waterways.

(The mission of the CRPA is to preserve the natural condition and beauty of the Cowpasture River and its tributaries for present and future generations. Watershed education and river monitoring are the primary focus of the organization. Membership is open to all who share the CRPA mission. For more information visit our website at [www.cowpastureriver.org](http://www.cowpastureriver.org).)

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