

# Austin Area Parks



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Central Texas is sprinkled with trails for walking, running, hiking and biking. Some parks offer swimming, boating and disc golf. For information about Austin parks, call the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department at 512-974-6700. For information about state parks, call 512-389-8950 or 1-800-792-1112 or visit [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us).

## Austin metropolitan parks

Circle C Ranch on Slaughter Creek. 545 acres, including a 21-basket disc golf course, seven soccer fields, two pairs of basketball and volleyball courts and 5.9 miles of trails. 6301 W. Slaughter Lane.

Commons Ford Ranch. Formerly a working ranch; trails on 215 acres and lake access at the north end (swimming prohibited); 2,500-square-foot ranch house available for reservations. 614 Commons Ford Road. 974-6797.

Emma Long. 1,150 acres along Lake Austin, sport boat ramps, camping, swimming, volleyball and several miles of trails. 1600 City Park Road. \$5-\$15. 346-1831.

Mary Moore Searight. Featuring hike-and-bike and horseback trails, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, disc golf, barbecue pits, playground and fishing. 907 W. Slaughter Lane.

Town Lake. Boasting 10 miles of scenic trails along the Colorado River downtown and a variety of ball fields.

Walnut Creek. Popular with mountain bikers, 293-acre plot offers 15 miles of trails, basketball and volleyball courts, five softball fields and plenty of space for picnicking. 12138 N. Lamar Blvd.

Walter E. Long. Encompassing Walter E. Long Lake; fishing, boating, camping, volleyball. 6614 Blue Bluff Road. \$8 admission. 926-5230.

Zilker. 400-acre home to Barton Springs Pool connects to Town Lake trails and the Barton Creek Greenbelt; canoeing, concessions, disc golf, train rides and volleyball. 2100 Barton Springs Road. \$3 parking. 472-4914.

## Austin district parks

Balcones District. Woodsy acreage above Walnut Creek, with basketball, volleyball and tennis courts near the entrance. 12017 Amherst Drive.

Bartholomew District. 57 acres just north of 51st Street, including a swimming pool, disc golf, ball courts, playground, horseshoe pit and picnic area. 5201 Berkman Dr.

Beverly S. Sheffield District. 30 acres along Shoal Creek with a variety of amenities. 7000 Ardath St.

Bull Creek District. Austin's premier off-leash dog park with 48 acres at the base of the Bull Creek Greenbelt. 6701 Lakewood Drive.

Butler District. Adjacent to the Long Center, features an interactive fountain and an oval track. 1000 Barton Springs Road.

Dick Nichols District. Featuring a water-play area, hike-and-bike trails, ball courts and several barbecue pits. 8011 Beckett Road.

Garrison District. Shaded park offers a jogging trail, baseball fields, basketball courts, picnic tables, barbecue pits and a seasonal swimming pool. 6001 Manchaca Rd.

Givens District. 35 acres just east of Airport Boulevard. Lighted basketball courts and softball fields allow play past twilight. 3811 E. 12th St.

Mabel Davis District. Amenities include skate park, Olympic-size pool, basketball court and trails. 3427 Parker Lane.

Northeast District. 110 acres include basketball and volleyball courts, covered picnic tables, playground and off-leash dog area. 5909 Crystalbrook Drive.

Pease District. Popular site for festivals includes 39 picnic tables, playground equipment, a wading pool, ball courts and disc golf. 1100 Kingsbury St.

Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River. 362 largely undeveloped acres at the eastern edge of Town Lake include a variety of ball fields and 2.3 miles of trails. 8200 Grove Dr.

Waterloo. 10 acres include handsome busts of historical figures, playground equipment and picnic tables. 403 E. 15th St.

## Austin greenbelts

Barton Creek. Urban oasis includes 7.25 miles of hike-and-bike trails, dense foliage and cliffs, extending upstream from Zilker Park to the Lost Creek subdivision. 3755-B S. Capital of Texas Highway (Loop 360). See [www.texasoutside.com/bartongreenbelt.htm](http://www.texasoutside.com/bartongreenbelt.htm) for list of access points.

Big Walnut Creek. 516 acres connect Balcones District Park to Walnut Creek Park. 2611 Park Bend Road.

Blunn Creek. 12 acres serving the Travis Heights neighborhood. 1901 East Side Drive.

Boggy Creek. 89 open acres in East Austin. 1114 Nile St.

Bull Creek. Scenic trails and swimming holes adorn 477 acres along the watershed. 7806 N. Capital of Texas Highway (Loop 360).

Buttermilk Branch. 18 acres behind the St. John Community Center and library. 7500 Meador Drive.

Colorado River/Walnut Creek. 30 acres along the junction of the two bodies. 8001 Delwau Lane.

Gaines Creek. 136 acres south of Barton Creek between MoPac Boulevard and U.S. 290. Stearn's Lane.

J.J. Seabrook. 3.9 acres along Tannehill Creek. 2000 Pershing Drive.

Johnson Creek. 59 acres include playground and sidewalks. 2100 Enfield Road.

Latta Branch. 1.9 miles of trails just north of Dick Nichols Park. 7910 Beckett Road.

Little Walnut Creek. Two acres on the corner of Hermitage and Furness drives.

Marble Creek. 12 acres near McKinney Falls Parkway. 6500 E. William Cannon Drive.

North Cat Mountain. 13 acres in the hills off Far West Boulevard. Cat Creek Trail and Cat Creek Run.

Shoal Creek. 76 acres offers 3.5 miles of trails. 2800 N. Lamar Blvd.

Slaughter Creek. 305 undeveloped acres. 2328 Lavendale Court.

South Boggy Creek. Picnic tables and parkland on four acres. 7600 Circle S Road.

St. Edward's. 80 acres with trails tucked away in Northwest Austin. 7301 Spicewood Springs Road.

Steck Valley. 38 acres along Bull Creek. 8403 Adirondack Trail.

Waller Creek. 16 acres and three miles of trails extending from Waterloo Park to Town Lake. 703 E. Sixth St.

Wells Creek. 15 acres between Parmer and Howard lanes. 13100 Metric Blvd.

West Bouldin Creek. 15 acres parallel to South Lamar Boulevard. 1200 S. Sixth St.

West Bull Creek. 54 acres just west of Mesa Drive and RM 2222.

Williamson Creek. 312 acres snaking through South Austin. 5200 S. First St.

## Travis County parks

Allen. A 10-acre park mainly used for low-density recreational activities such as picnicking and hiking. Westside Drive.

Arkansas Bend. 323 acres on the north shore of Lake Travis offers hiking, fishing, camping, picnicking and lake access. 16900 Cherry Lane, Leander. \$3-\$15.

Ben E. Fisher. Park in Manor consisting of a small playscape, two basketball courts, a volleyball court, a short walking path and a covered shelter. Carrie Manor Rd.

Bob Wentz. A favorite location on Lake Travis for water sports, plus an adjacent 150-acre tract that is maintained as a natural area. Comanche Trail. \$3-\$8.

Cypress Creek. A favorite spot for boating, picnicking and fishing on Lake Travis. RM 2222 and FM 2769. \$3-\$15.

Dave Reed. Primitive tract on the north shore of the Sandy Creek area of Lake Travis. Reed Parks Road near Jonestown.

Dink Pearson. A 3.6-acre park on the north shore of Lake Travis that consists of a limestone outcropping with shallow layers of loam. Lohmans Ford Road.

East Metropolitan Park. 273 acres, including a swimming pool, basketball court, playscapes, concession stands, hiking trails, three youth baseball fields, four multiuse fields, one practice field and three ponds suitable for catch-and-release fishing. Southeast of Manor at Burleson-Manor and Blake-Manor roads.

Fritz Hughes. A small neighborhood park below Mansfield Dam on Lake Austin with a wooded and grassy plateau used primarily for picnicking, fishing and basketball. Fritz Hughes Park Road.

Hamilton Pool. A historic swimming hole west of Austin with a 50-foot waterfall. Hamilton Pool Road. \$3-\$8. 264-2740.

Hippie Hollow. Park features a steep, rocky shoreline and spectacular views of Lake Travis. The only clothing-optional public park in Texas is popular for sunbathing and swimming. Comanche Trail. \$5-\$10.

Laura Reed. Primitive tract on the north shore of the Sandy Creek arm of Lake Travis. Reeds Park Road, Jonestown.

Little Webberville. On the banks of the Colorado River, the park is a popular spot for boaters, anglers and picnickers. Water Street, Webberville.

Mansfield Dam. A primary access point for boaters on Lake Travis. Central recreation area also offers picnic sites, a playground, horseshoe pits, chess tables and a panoramic view of the Lake Travis basin. Mansfield Dam Road. \$5-\$10.

Mary Quinlan. 5.8 acres of rolling hills with 200 feet of shoreline access, including the only public boat ramp for several miles on Lake Austin. Quinlan Park Road.

Northeast Metropolitan. 349 acres offering picnicking, hiking, biking and sports fields. Pecan Road, Pflugerville. 854-9489.

Pace Bend. More than nine miles of shoreline along Lake Travis with a wide range of recreational opportunities. Pace Bend Park Rd, Spicewood. \$3-\$20. 264-1482.

Reimers Ranch Park. Almost three miles of continuous frontage along the Pedernales River and more than 18 miles of trails. Rock climbing, mountain biking and fishing are popular. Hamilton Pool Road. \$8.

Richard Moya. Two miles of hike-and-bike trails, covered group shelters and regulation softball fields south of Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Burleson Road.

Sandy Creek. A 25-acre park ideal for swimming, nature walks, birding, camping and fishing. Lime Creek Road, Volente. \$3-\$15.

Selma Hughes. Offers several shady picnic areas with nice views of the upper reaches of Lake Austin. Selma Hughes Park Road.

Southeast Metropolitan. A two-mile-long concrete trail skirts two ponds and Onion Creek. Texas 71.

Tom Hughes. Primitive trails in the basin area of Lake Travis near Mansfield Dam. Park Drive. \$3-\$8.

Webberville. Fishing, picnicking, horseback riding and access to the Colorado River. Park Lane, Webberville.

Windmill Run. Oak Hill neighborhood park with playground. 7306 Kirkham Cove.