Ringtail Ridge Greenspace

1818 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos, TX Trail map brought to you by San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance www.smgreenbelt.org

About SMGA

We work to create and conserve an interconnected system of parks and natural areas for the community of San Marcos and future generations. Our non-profit, all-volunteer organization survives on the membership dues, donations, grants, brain, and brawn of people who value the natural world.

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About Ringtail Ridge

In the 1990s, the City of San Marcos allowed developers to increase land-use density along RR-12 in exchange for the 40 acres now known as Ringtail Ridge. About 2 miles of loop trail designed and built by SMGA for mountain biking also offer pleasant hiking through oak groves, flowering meadows, cactus stands, and persimmon thickets. The Ringtail Ridge tract was the site of an animal slaughter plant for many years. The foundations of the plant and other artifacts can still be seen. The land is being left alone to recover from ranching and the slaughter business.

Directions: Take Ranch Road 12 (Moore St.) toward Wimberley about 1/10th mile past Craddock Ave. Turn right onto dirt road between Dakota Ranch Apartments and Crestwood Center. Follow road until you reach the big oak and parking lot behind the apartments.

Preserve the peace, the quiet, and the place...

- Take only photos, leave only footprints.
- Park open sunrise to sunset (curfew applies after sunset).
- Keep dogs on a leash and remove their waste.
- Campfires, glass containers, motor vehicles, weapons, horses, and camping are not permitted.
- Stay on established trails on public property.
- Bicycles yield to hikers. Refrain from biking on muddy trails.
- Report problems to San Marcos Parks & Recreation at (512) 393-8400. Emergencies call 911.

