














SLAUGHTER CREEK PRESERVE TRAIL

Welcome to the Slaughter Trail. Volunteers from Austin Ridge Riders and Austin Metro Trails and Greenways built the trail with a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



The Hill Country Foundation developed interpretive signage for the trail. Information is provided along the trail about the land, water, and the human interaction in this area.

Trail Rules

-  Hours of operation: Dawn to Dusk, 7 days a week
-  Please remain on marked trails at all times. This is to ensure that land is preserved and protected for good water quality. Do not attempt to create new trails or explore the tract on your own.
-  Trail traffic is two-way. Bikers yield to hikers and to horses. Hikers yield to horses. Horses have the right-of-way.
-  Temporary closures may occur for the following reasons:
 - 1) In the event of heavy rain,
 - 2) During preventative maintenance activities, either on the trail or on the tract,
 - 3) When threats to public safety may be present.
-  Access points: Please enter and exit only by established trail head(s). Access to WQPL in other areas or creation of social trails is strictly prohibited and is considered criminal trespass.
-  Children must be accompanied by an adult and should be supervised closely at all times.
-  Pack it in. Pack it out. No trashcans are available. Take out whatever you bring in.
-  Please limit groups to 6. If you have a larger group, please split up into smaller groups.
-  Emergencies – Call 911, and provide address: 9901 FM 1826. If possible, designate someone to meet emergency responders at gate.
-  Crime in progress – Please call 911 and report your location and the specific vandalism or damage.
-  For existing damage to the trail, please contact trail steward: (Leave a space for contact information)
-  Horse manure in parking lot, staging area, or on the trail shall be disposed of offsite by riders/owners.
-  For educational opportunities, volunteer activities or special events, contact: City of Austin's Wildland Conservation Division to arrange.

Entering the trail is your acceptance of and a willingness to obey the trail rules. This trail was built and is maintained by volunteers of Austin Ridge Riders and Austin Metro Trails and Greenways under a special agreement with the City of Austin.

Please note that failure to follow trail rules can result in fines and citations for trespassing and such incidents will result in closure of trail to all users. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting these sensitive lands.








Site Rules

PROHIBITED

-  Leaving the marked trail
-  Alcohol consumption
-  Smoking
-  Glass containers
-  Fires of any kind
-  Fishing, hunting, and trapping
-  Access with motor vehicles
-  Weapons possession or usage, including paintball guns
-  Swimming or wading
-  Access with pets (Seeing-eye dogs need special approval.)
-  Collecting of plants, artifacts and/or other natural resources
-  Startling or scaring wildlife – no feeding of wildlife
-  Camping

FACILITIES

-  No picnic facilities on site
-  No water available - Please carry enough for you and your horse(s).
-  No permanent restrooms on site – porta-johns only
-  Parking –in designated spaces only. When lot is full, the trail is at capacity. Please come back later.
-  Leave no Trace – Take out what you bring in.



Many wildflowers can be seen at the Slaughter Creek Preserve. From top: a wildflower meadow; winecup; arctostaphylos; pink phlox; bluebonnets; and a winecup closeup.

9000 years of water use...
Will there be 9000 more?