Our Parks, Our Future Community Survey Summary

WRT synopsis (ZTM)

Project Engagement

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1. In the past 12 months, how often have you visited City of Austin parks and recreational facilities?

- 49% Weekly
- 21% Monthly
- 16% Daily
- 8% 4-6 Times a Year
- 5% 1-3 Times a Year
- 2% Never

4,405 respondents

2. Select up to five (5) programs that would increase your use of a park.

- 12% Nature programs
- 11% Musical or theatrical performances
- 10% Public art and art programs
- 9% Activity groups like walking clubs, cycling groups, gardening groups
- 9% Movies in the park
- 8% Culture and heritage events
- 8% Neighborhood gatherings and parties
- 7% Fitness classes like yoga, Zumba, boot camps, circuit training
- 7% Stewardship and volunteer opportunities
- 6% Children's programming
- 5% Organized sports leagues
- 4% Other (please comment)
- 4% Concessions such as boat/bike rentals

3,030 respondents

We need to keep our parks open for use for all and not put vendors in the parks. Austin should never have motorized scooters on the hike and bike trails.

8 months ago  □ 87 Agree

The pushback on motorized scooters is interesting, given the hazard that bikes pose. My son had to go to the ER room after being hit by a fast moving biker on the hike and bike trail. Bikes should be included in the consideration of moving fast-moving vehicles off of walking trails - and they go MUCH faster than the scooters.

8 months ago  □ 9 Agree

Scooters have motors. They are not the same as bikes at all. Nothing with motors should be allowed on the trails.

8 months ago  □ 23 Agree

Why? What does the motor have to do with it?

8 months ago  □ 2 Agree

I stopped riding my bicycle on the Hike and Bike (hike AND bike, you see) trails because of people that would walk in groups of 3-4 abreast and refuse to yield when

8 months ago  □
warned from behind.  
7 months ago  □ 11 Agree

What the scooter riders create is a dangerous atmosphere of it being all about them! If I was a young mother walking with my baby in a stroller on the trail, I am risking serious injury for myself and my child. The City of Austin could face major lawsuits if this were to happen!  
8 months ago  □ 8 Agree

A street bike capable of moving at 30+ MPH has no reason to be on the trails. Ditto scoots. Stay on the streets. Trail bikes are another story. Let’s keep it safe for all.  
6 months ago  □ 2 Agree

Bikes are a hazard too and should be apart from walkers. I’ve had many close calls with bikes while I’ve been out walking the trails. NO motorized vehicles should be allowed unless they’re for disabled persons.  
6 months ago  □ 4 Agree

Agreed! Not limiting the vendors to scooters, it should include food trucks, boat rentals, and docks.  
8 months ago  □ 5 Agree

Soooo riding scooters should only be on the streets with cars & bikes? As a motorist & someone who isn’t petty... let’s keep these scooters ON pedestrian trails.  
8 months ago

Stop using our public park for ACL Fest.  
8 months ago  □ 33 Agree

Absolutely agree. Zilker looks like it was hit by a bomb after the last ACL and they’re now laying sod for Trail of Lights. Sod is extremely expensive and we’re paying for it every year.  
8 months ago  □ 14 Agree

The sod is extremely expensive, but we the Austin taxpayers don’t pay for it in Zilker Park. The City has actually worked out a great deal on our behalf. C3 pays for the sod replacement every year and they do all of the work after the festival ends. They also donate millions of dollars to Austin Parks Foundation that become grants to accomplish park projects all across the city in our neighborhood parks.  
8 months ago  □ 12 Agree

C3’s donations are nice, but they don’t change the fact that Zilker is out of commission for several weeks during the nicest part of Autumn.  
7 months ago  □ 6 Agree

It may be true that C3 donates money to Zilker that the city could not otherwise fund. However, the expansion of the festival to two weeks plus setup and takedown, combined with the Trail of Lights and their setup and takedown means the main part of Zilker is closed to public use for a good three months, or 25% of the year. This is excessive when Zilker is the centerpiece of our public park system.  
7 months ago  □ 7 Agree

Motorized scooters and similar vehicles do NOT belong on pedestrian/ bike trails.  
8 months ago  □ 28 Agree

Move ACL fest out of Zilker Park. The park is closed for six weeks, and ruined for months after that.  
8 months ago  □ 25 Agree

Enforcing dog leash laws. Maintain and manage the parks as ecologically beneficial systems, not as entertainment centers. The value of parks is the green space and connection with nature.  
8 months ago  □ 24 Agree

This. I stopped using the parks after my kids were bit, twice, by unleashed dogs. Numerous calls to 311 on a daily basis did nothing. No enforcement whatsoever. Build more fenced dog areas and enforce leash laws.  
6 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Interconnecting bike paths from park to park.  
8 months ago  □ 23 Agree

For our family, “nature” is key. Less development is something we are very interested in and it would be nice for the parks to have more sustainably features. Compostable toilets, rainwater collection, etc.
Would be nice if the parks to have more sustainable features (compostable toilets, recycled materials, etc.).
8 months ago
21 Agree

I think we can all agree on this!
8 months ago
2 Agree

I was disappointed to read that the Parks and Recreation Department plan on allowing motorized scooters on certain trails, for example on Shoal Creek. Bad idea!
8 months ago
18 Agree

Dedicated space for roller derby and roller skating activities.
ABSOLUTELY NO motorized vehicles or scooters on trails.
8 months ago
17 Agree

We need a nice dog park that has grass that is somewhat central. For our size city the options are minimal and we have the space. Fenced in.
8 months ago
16 Agree

A dog park on the east side would be great. Or at least an off leash area. I don't think it has to be fenced in or anything special, but an area where I can play fetch, legally, would be nice.
8 months ago
9 Agree

It does have to be fenced in, I have a 2 year old and some dogs are as tall as him. Even if you have a dog that would NEVER bite a child they can still easily mow them down in excitement.
8 months ago
2 Agree

Children don't belong at dog parks.
8 months ago
6 Agree

Then dont bring your child to a DOG park :)
8 months ago
6 Agree

Agreed! If there is going to be an off leash area, it needs to be secluded and away from playscapes.
8 months ago
5 Agree

No extra junk. These are our open, natural spaces of repose, respite and recovery. Austinites already give away several weeks per year to big commercial operations like ACL. Don't take away any more of our access. You have enough trouble maintaining the trails, vegetation and erosion control as it is. Where would COA/PARD get the money for extra programs? I certainly don't want to pay for them. Our parks are not a profit-or-loss operation. We pay for our use. The imposition of commercial, for-profit businesses on public space is also a non-starter. Keep profit out of the parks. The only physical addition to the parks that would be of value to a large number of park-goers would be to add foot-level lighting along the trails to enable safe use after dark.
8 months ago
13 Agree

I live near Zilker Park. I would use the park more often if it weren't closed for such long periods during the fall and early winter. Move ACL to COTA.
8 months ago
13 Agree

I can only imagine how terrible that idea would be. Currently ACL is in a central location where its convenient to take transit, shuttles, Lyft, or walk/bike/scooter, and there is still traffic. Imagine the traffic in the city if it's not easily accessible by alternative methods other than driving and at least half of the festival goers would be crossing the entire city.
7 months ago
1 Agree

we need to stop the overuse of zilker park for huge events... (ACL xmas lights).. there are many other parks that are underutilized (wells branch would be perfect for the light festival) the park was really trashed by acl this year.. I thought that was why we funded the F1 track , so the big music festivals would move there and we wouldn't lose the use of our parks for 5 months out of the year.
8 months ago
12 Agree

Exaggerating much? ACL does a lot of good for Zilker and Austin parks.
8 months ago
1 Agree

The F1 track was funded for F1.
7 months ago

As a woman walking alone, safety is my primary concern. Both on the trails, and well lit, well maintained parking areas. Also, plentiful free parking.
Agree, we need to see more cops on trails not on the streets parked 3 side by side for more than an hour.

We don't go more often to Zilker Park because of crowding and parking. Having large events that attract tourists leave Zilker Park less available because of set up and take down activities. Move these large events to COTA.

Roller derby brings a huge community of all ages and genders together.

NO motorized scooters on trails

Off leash dog areas

More neighborhood parks. Any small unused grassy areas owned by the city should become a small park.

Please discontinue allowing motorized scooters on our trails.

Motorized scooters have never been legally allowed on the trails

First off, Austin should not lease out Zilker (at a vastly reduced rate) to ACL fest. The purpose of a public park is for the enjoyment of all, not for the exclusion of Austinites for the benefit of a for-profit company so a bunch of tourists can trash our crown jewel of a park.

Let ACL do what every other for-profit company does and rent non-parkland at a fair price.

please keep motorized scooters etc out of the parks

Space for a full sized roller derby flat track/multi use skate park

I want Austin to maintain its green spaces and wildlife diversity. Rather than finding ways to fit entertainment into a park, I'd prefer to see trails through beautiful native wildlands where nature can flourish and people can get away to a park to appreciate it.

More off-leash opportunities to let my dog exercise and socialize.

dog related events or dog friendly events (we LOVE the off-leash dog park and park areas)

Agree! My dogs have a lot of energy and love to hike and explore and bound through the trees. There's really not very any options where we can do this legally. Turkey Creek and Walnut Creek? And those are quite a drive for our daily dog walks.

Would like to see a dedicated roller derby space set up in Austin

A space to skate and play roller derby because this sport is for all ages and is coed. Fun for everyone whether playing or watching!!!

Parks should have recycling options for trash. It is very discouraging to visit Austin's parks and see recyclable materials in the trash cans or just strewn around the parks.
Agree 6 months ago

Fenced dog parks as park amenities please. These are proven in other cities to reduce crime and increase park use.

Agree 7 months ago

Dog parks - mixed use off-leash and on-leash options. Program the space to increase responsible dog ownership, facilitate more socializing, and develop a stewardship program for dog areas. A sense of ownership will help curb dog waste, bring out more volunteerism, and promote good behavior (by dog AND owners).

Agree 8 months ago

NO more scooters on the trails!! Every time I go for a run I almost get ran over by them.

Agree 8 months ago

Please do not allow electric vehicles, such as Lime and Bird scooters, to use the hike and bike trails. They are not safe for the users or those in their vicinity. The trail were intended to be, and should remain, sanctuaries for human-powered recreation. Thank you.

Agree 8 months ago

Roller skating

Try the veloway. Either that or go back to the 80s.

Agree 8 months ago

Roller derby

Agree 8 months ago

Space for roller derby

Agree 8 months ago

Roller derby

Agree 8 months ago

Disc golf tournaments, events, leagues, clinics, etc.

Agree 7 months ago

Every comment is very entertaining. I keep thinking to myself...I wonder how many people commenting have lived in Austin for more than 10 years. Change is part of our culture but yet so many hate it. Not to mention most change=better results. Except for Trump. 😂 We need to keep over development down, so any extra park usage ideas would keep our parks intact. Rubber tire from pedestrian power or rubber power from a weeker electric motor scooter won't ruin our hike and bike trails as fast as our over development. Let's keep it green for as long as possible and utilize the area as best to our advantage without ruining the area forever. Two weekends a year on grass won't kill it forever. And not all of us have the luxury of utilizing it year round as being downtown everytime you want to play or exercise isn't as convenient for all us true Austinites.

Agree 8 months ago

#thanksinflation #welcometoAustin #sitintraffic

Agree 8 months ago

Scooters are already not suppose to be on the hike & bike trail ... the signs are missed or ignored. Bikes are large and hazardous too. I vote for foot traffic only on the hike and bike trails.

Agree 8 months ago

Keep parks as quiet places to connect with nature.

Agree 8 months ago

please keep motorized scooters etc out of the parks

Agree 8 months ago

Please move ACL Fest to Circuit of Americas or some other large venue. Our poor park can't take anymore. I don't care if they resod it - they are still laughing all the way to the bank at our expense (tax payers). 75,000 people a day x 6 days attend the festival- that is 450,000 people benefiting from Zilker Park (and many of those don't live here and don't pay taxes) while 1,545,000 of the 2,000,000 residents of Austin do not - that is unfair. Move it!
Electric Bikes should be allowed on parkland in all areas. I'm aware of the upcoming trial period, but electric bikes are the future for long range transportation alternatives. Electric scooters should not be on the park trails. Unsafe as no helmets are offered and the smaller wheel sizes are not conducive to unmaintained trails.

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I agree. Make e-bikes legal. If speed is a concern, implement a speed limit on crowded trails, but please don't ban e-bikes entirely. Park trails are often the only safe route between roads with bike lanes. Banning e-bikes on park trails will reduce bicycle usage. Increasing bike usage for recreation or commuting is a good thing for everyone.

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No motorized vehicles should be allowed on park trails. If e-bikes and scooters are part of the future of transportation, then the street system needs to provide safe and protected lanes for e-bikes and scooters as part of the transportation system, instead of additional lanes for cars.

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The concept of local parks should be reevaluated to keep single use & overly groomed open spaces to a minimum. A lot of Austin residents do not know what a field looks like without mowing, rest rooms and a sidewalk. It's often more difficult leaving things alone. In a dignified way. You can always find a place to play a specific sport. Never enough unmolested nature.

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No vehicles -- bikes, scooters, skateboards that travel faster than 10 miles per hour on trails!

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Roller skating, roller derby, skate park.

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I am a senior and dancing is my favorite activity. Unfortunately, the centers close much earlier now (mostly around 9 pm), so that these events now start at 6:30 or 7 pm. Because of the heavy traffic, it is nearly impossible to be there before 7:30 pm. Your recent changes (closing centers earlier in the evening) really discriminate against us seniors.

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And the Rec centers could be used more if they were open all day and provide varied activities: pickleball bridge games spanish conversation. The satc is so under used despite my calling

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Rec Centers closing earlier is also hard for people who are still working, and who have less flexibility to leave earlier to drive through traffic to get to 6:30 or 7:00 start times.

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I walk the beautiful Hike and Bike Trail every morning at 6:30AM. Thankfully, at that time, there is seldom a motorized scooter to buzz me. Later they come out. The city is irresponsible in not enforcing the law we have prohibiting motorized scooters on the trail. What good is a law if it is not enforced. Three days ago I saw two adults on scooters with a child on their scooter with them. If they had fallen forward, it would have crushed the face of the child. Irresponsible adults and irresponsible city officials for allowing that. The quality of my experience on the trail has gone down. A friend and I were talking this morning about why the law has not been enforced on the trail. We were wondering if the city officials were wined and dined and maybe received campaign contributions for not enforcing the law on the trail. There has to be some reason.

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What's the reason you hate electric mobility so much? There are a lot of "ifs" in everyone's worries, but never any data points to back up that electric devices are any more or less dangerous than bikes.

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"Lunch at the park" Instead of going to a crowded restaurant during our lunch breaks, it would be wonderful to sit at a picnic bench with a couple of coworkers and listen to classical music or an inspirational or naturalist speaker while eating. Patio heaters in the winter. Bring your own lunch or have a few food trucks that come and go.

7 months ago
More off leash areas for dogs
7 months ago
4 Agree

Fenced in dog parks. Austin is lacking and I see a lot of non dog owners complain about having dogs off leash at the Hegde belt but we don't have many off leash options outside of the few fenced in dog parks in central Austin. I think there's plenty of room for a few more in south or north Austin
7 months ago
4 Agree

Off leash dog parks
8 months ago
4 Agree

Put our homeless folks to work in our parks clearing out invasive species and picking up trash. And pay them a decent wage. Many other cities are doing this.
8 months ago
4 Agree

No scooters or motorized bikes!! Speeding bicyclers are bad enough to deal with, such a safety hazard. Preserve the quiet and nature only a trail can provide. No vendors ever, food or rentals.
8 months ago
4 Agree

Need more dog parks
8 months ago
4 Agree

Please expand the pool hours. In teh summer, the entire day is hot. We want to swim laps and take our child to the pool in the morning hours, not wait until noon. Also, please expand the splash pad season (it's still hot in October, why not keep the splash pads on?).
8 months ago
4 Agree

Make Zilker Great Again. It has become an event space that is closed for months during the years to accommodate ACL, Trail of Lights, etc. Enough!
8 months ago
4 Agree

Enforce rules on scooters and keep natural areas natural.
Enforce no smoking (anything) at movies in the park and I would attend. I tried one but couldn't stand the reek from smokers (pot and cigarettes).
8 months ago
4 Agree

Roller Derby at Bart & Pan Am
8 months ago
4 Agree

Disc Golf Courses
8 months ago
4 Agree

Think about some of the parks not in the center of Austin.
8 months ago
4 Agree

More off-leash areas are needed, especially in under-served areas such as north and east. Programs that enforced leash laws in all other park areas would encourage more use of those areas.
8 months ago
4 Agree

Off leash areas
8 months ago
4 Agree

Please no scooters! We need trails dedicated for hiking/ running and others for biking. Austin is too big to just have a hike and bike trail. Too many people using the hike and bike trail that it doesn't work for walking/running and biking.
6 months ago
3 Agree

The 'hike and bike' trails define what sort of power should be permitted: foot power. Battery power should not be in any way encouraged. If you're too lazy to walk or pedal, you don't belong on a 'hike and bike' trail.
6 months ago
3 Agree
No vendors no scooters or motorized vehicles. No food trailers. For goodness sake please enforce the leash law. Too many dogs running all over. Need more upgrades to playground for KIDS vs upgrades for ADULTS. No music events that tear up the grass and us tax payers have to foot the bill.

6 months ago

I would like to see 1) more benches for elders. In our area, there are none for at least a mile. 2) It would be nice to provide a separate bike trail so people aren't being run down. 3) Keep Scooters OUT out out. 4) In the case of Edward Rendon/Fiesta Beach and the area between I35 and Pleasant Valley-- Please leave our park tranquil. Do not OVERUSE or overcrowd the park. Parks are open space meant for everyone to enjoy, but we have enough parks that we don't have to use them for entertainment venues, exercise gyms, movie theaters or a place to sell things. 5) OUR PARKS ARE NOT COMMERCIAL VENTURES!! Please do not treat them as such. 6) PARKS are not available land to sell for housing. PERIOD. Thank you!

6 months ago

DISC GOLF provides an ideal balance between keeping the setting very natural and enabling more people to enjoy it through a growing, engrossing sport that keeps them coming back for more. PARD should develop more & better courses, continue improvements to existing courses, and support the courses with ongoing maintenance including signage in places where courses intersect with other use areas.

6 months ago

No scooters, bikes are bad enough to dodge when walking.

6 months ago

No electric scooters on the trails please!

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Motorized scooters and bikes should be banned from the Butler Hike & Bike trail. There are too many people on the trail for motorized scooters and bikes to be there.

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No motorized anything on the trails please

7 months ago

No scooters! The trails are increasingly crowded with walkers, joggers, bikers, kids and pets. Scooters make the trail unsafe and less enjoyable.

7 months ago

I do not like the idea of allowing electric scooters on the park trails. People like to exercise by walking, jogging, or bicycling. Scooters are rented so people leave them everywhere blocking access and most people are amateurs on them so they operate them recklessly which endangers themselves and others.

7 months ago

Keep scooters and electric vehicles OUT of the parks. Parks should be for folks who want to use their bodies to exercise.

7 months ago

I prefer peace and quiet. No scooters should ever be on any park path! No concessions, no classes, no events! Leave the parks as natural outside areas for all to enjoy at all times!

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Please keep all motorized scooters or bikes off non-commuter trails.

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Keep trails non motorized! Please no scooters or e-bikes on non-commuter trails.

7 months ago

I really dislike the motorized scooters on the trail. The trail should stay motor free.

7 months ago

Please don't allow scooters to be used on the hike and bike trails. They are dangerous, especially when there are children or dogs present.

7 months ago
Please do not allow motorized scooters in Austin parks! I agree with other commenters who say they have found that scooters create a safety hazard on our city's trails.

7 months ago

3 Agree

No motorized powered vehicles (bikes, scooters, skate boards, or whatever) in parks or on trails or sidewalks. No dogs unless on leash or in enclosed area specifically for dogs. After all, the parks and trails are for people, aren't they, not motor vehicles or dogs?

7 months ago

3 Agree

The scooters are a problem! No helmets :( On the road - disregarding traffic completely, on the sidewalk - disregarding pedestrians. Completely ridiculous.

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3 Agree

Enforcement of leash laws in parks that are not off-leash

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3 Agree

I'd like the focus of improvement to be around facilities. Workout equipment(pull up bars, un-even bars, jungle gyms), better playgrounds for the kids(slides, swings, jungle gyms) and improve locations of trash and recycling cans. Current trash and recycle bins are consistently overflowing while trash is littered on the ground and in water sources.

7 months ago

3 Agree

Nothing should be added to parks, just animals and people exploring and swimming. That's it. Stop trying to commercialize and sell more trash to leave in our parks.

7 months ago

3 Agree

Keep the scooters OUT of the parks. They are creating a new form of trail and sidewalk litter, a nuisance, and really not needed in the parks! There is enough congestion already in our parks without adding this unregulated buzz. Thanks.

8 months ago

3 Agree

No motorized vehicles, including scooters or bikes on the trail around the lake. And, Stop 🛑 ACL and all of the big events on the grounds of Zilker Park!

8 months ago

3 Agree

Austin has amazing natural landscape, native plants and wildlife. Every effort should be made to protect, conserve, and showcase these features as best as possible. Meaning better trails to prevent off trail hiking, doggie bag dispensers with trash cans, and quarterly clean ups at least.

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3 Agree

Bike free walking and jogging paths

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3 Agree

No motorized vehicles in parks and on trails. That means no motorized scooters.

8 months ago

3 Agree

I don't care for scooters either, but let's remember that electric bikes and scooters, which have the same operating speed as a regular bicycle, are often a great way for the elderly, disabled, or simply less fit to enjoy our trails. We don't need more hurdles for people curious about cycling or enjoying the town lake trail.

8 months ago

3 Agree

Much better to implement a speed limit rather than enforce a ban on all electric vehicles.

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3 Agree

Who exactly is going to enforce the speed limit??

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2 Agree

Better and more accessible offleash dog park options near the university of texas' Main campus

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3 Agree

Parks should be an open space and not used by vendors to make a profit

8 months ago

3 Agree

Motorized scooters and e-bikes are OK on hike and bike trails as long as they go the same speeds that traditional bicycles go. They expand transportation opportunities to those that may be older or have disabilities. The hike and bike trails are part of the transportation network and enable

8 months ago

3 Agree
sustainable transportation options for everyone.

Open spaces that are easy to get to. I prefer to be able to walk (or bike) to a park for any activity, and I will often forgo going to specific places if it is a hassle to get to it. Safe connectivity is probably the number 1 action to increase my enjoyment and use of City parks.

Lighted fields for nighttime play


I love and support Roller Derby. It needs a dedicated space here in Austin!

Please increase roller derby tracks.

Skating areas for rec roller skating, roller Derby and roller hockey

NO MOTORIZED ANYTHING IN THE PARKS, PLEASE!

No motorized scooters or motorized bikes on the trail. Post trail "etiquette" frequently along the trails.

Enforce rules that require dog owners to pick up after their pets. Really, really, enforce them.

Dedicated dog-free parks. Enforcement of existing leash laws.

Enforce the ban of motorized vehicles on park trails (e-bikes, scooters) and establish a speed limit of walking speed, even for bicycles. Keep the trails open and safe for people who want to use their bodies to exercise. If someone uses a motorized device to access the park due to a disability (wheelchair or scooter), then they need to travel at walking speeds. Even bicycles need to yield at all times to pedestrians and not zip around walkers. Move large commercial events to COTA so that Zilker Park is not closed to the public for those events. Even Trail of Lights makes the park inaccessible for a month or more during set-up and tear-down.

I agree with everyone who stated that they are opposed to any type of motorized vehicles on park trails because motorized scooters mixing with bikes, pedestrians and will become a safety problem. In addition, once you put a motorized scooter on the trails someone will then want motorized bicycles and then small motorbikes. You see where that is headed.

I'm 73 yrs old/female and wish there were active things I could do regularly - for instance, a walking group that walks slower than 4 miles an hour. It wouldn't have to be slow (I walked that fast 25 years ago), but reasonable for a fairly fit 73 yr old. I need groups because there is no public space in the parks that I feel safe walking alone. I'd like to do strength training with a fitness trainer, in a small group, for free. I can't afford a trainer on my retirement income. I live in Austin serves children and adults younger than 65 well. We aren't all hunched over "lil' ol' ladies" who can barely move. Older people now can do lots more than is generally expected. I need more activity; I need to be led by a knowledgeable person and it needs to be in a safe environment for a single older female. What can you offer me that is free? I own a house and pay lots of taxes and shop only in central Austin; I'm not a "freeloader", but I feel completely neglected by the city and esp. by Parks and Rec.

More off leash areas for dogs. The small off leash area near Auditorium Shores is suffering from over use. It would be nice if all of Auditorium Shores could be dog free again. even if only on the
Agree over use. It would be nice if all of Auditorium Shores could be dog free again, even if only on the weekends to take some of the pressure off of the off leash park. Everyone uses Barton Creek greenbelt for off leash and it should be made legal. When the Great Lawn is shut for ACL and Trail of Lights, other areas should be opened for off leash use to compensate.

6 months ago

Fenced Off leash dog areas and stricter follow through of online dog areas. I used to take my dog to the park all the time but he is leash reactive and if he is on the leash and a dog runs up to him he gets freaked out. Since everyone in Austin doesn't care about leash laws we can't go to the park anymore.

6 months ago

We need more dog parks. There are several empty areas in South Austin neighborhoods, that could easily be fenced and used as a dog park. EG, South First between Williamson Creek and Arbor Lane; large area with Williamson Creek at west and Westgate Blvd. at East and wot N/S boundaries being Jones Rd. and Cherry Creek. PLEASE. The dog part on far South First (past Wm. Cannon) is littered with cedar stumps.....easy to trip on.

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Disc golf

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Disc golf course, league, tournaments and pro shops

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Disc golf course, disc golf leagues, disc golf tournaments, disc golf pro shop

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Disc golf improvements, and more public disc golf coarses

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Disc Golf

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Disc golf tournaments, events, leagues, clinics

6 months ago

Disc golf courses

6 months ago

Disc golf courses

7 months ago

Do not allow scooters! This is not nature!

7 months ago

Programs like actually enforcing the laws by fining people who trash the Greenbelt, violate leash laws, or don't obey speed and safety regulations would be a good start.

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I prefer peace, quiet and solitude. If someone needs a fitness class, go to the gym! Parks provide an opportunity to be with nature, naturally. Why must we manipulate nature into something else! Leave it alone!!!! It is perfect as it is! Bike/scooter rentals are like trash on curbs everywhere!! They are very unsightly and an eyesore to boot!!

7 months ago

I use the parks for peace and nature. I don't want organized activities going on when I get to a park. I want it to be kept as natural as possible.

7 months ago

More disk golf maintenance

7 months ago

More off leash areas for dogs
Fenced dog park

No scooters, vespa like scooters and / or skate boards. Please no vendors food or otherwise.

Enforcing leash laws- there are too many dog owners with off leash dogs in Austin parks. Also, muzzles for large dogs should be required.

Fenced in dog areas with fresh, running water and permanent benches

We need more dog parks.

I am not a fan of scooters on the trails. Scooter riders typically haven't learned trail etiquette, like runners and bikers have.

We would come if there were more challenging play structures that were designed for older kids and adults. Dolores Park in San Francisco is a good example of a park that provides structures for a large range of ages. The very very very large slide gives kids great exercise. The concrete slide at Codornices Park in Berkeley and the one at Koret Park in SF are also good for people of all ages. Climbing structures should be two to three stories high. There should be rolling treadmills. There should also be a variety of swings and ziplines like those at play for all Park in round Rock. It would be nice if parks had a combination of trails and play structures. Exercise equipment is great to.

More fenced dog parks

I support the “no vendors/no scooters” concept. Don’t turn our public parks into a marketplace!

Dog parks

Dog parks could benefit from an employee that either visits occasionally or is posted at the park. A resident volunteer given the correct authority could work also. My dog AND I have been attacked each time we have gone to the Norwood Dog Park. I thought the first time was a fluke, packed up my pooch, and headed home. I visited again two to three weeks later and my dog AND I were attacked again. Each time it has been a dog slightly smaller than mine (27lbs) that has acted aggressive towards other people/dogs. The first time the dog was some type of red heeler, the second time it was a black pit mix. Each time this has happened my dog has immediately laid down on his side to quit giving chase and has started scream-crying. Each time it has taken the other dogs person up to five minutes to regain control of their dog while my pup and I are getting bit and scratched.

I understand dogs are dogs and it is their nature but I would never allow my dog to go to a park if he won’t come to his name or stay if acting aggressive.

Provide vital habitat for birds, pollinators and other wildlife.
We need an off leash dog park east of i35 similar to Auditorium Shores Dog Park. The closest option without jumping in a car and adding to the congestion is Riverside/i35 dog park. But it’s horrible to cross the river and i35 on the side of the access road/above the highway riverside crossing. I feel like cars on the access road are going to ram into the concrete barrier and kill everyone + the Riverside sidewalk is also narrow when crossing above the highway. And it’s not just that crossing above. If you go under i35 and walk up the trail onto Riverside the cars speed by the narrow side walk going up to the dog park at the corner of i35 and Riverside. There’s no safe way to go to the Riverside/i35 dog park on foot. There needs to be an accessible dog park east of i35. There is plenty of greeny to call off leash dog park.

Movies in the park, during warm weather nights has been popular and successful in New York City parks.

Parks need to have charging stations for electric cars so people could use the park facilities while their cars are being charged. More and more people are driving electric cars... it is the future of transportation. We need to get started now....

We should be careful to not commercialize parks like with Camp Gladiator. They don’t include low income people and should be required to as well as paying part of huge profits. They make a lot of noise and take up a lot of parking, make neighbors feel excluded, even woken at 6 AM.

All of the above! Just keep it free or low cost so everyone can enjoy events.

cleaner & safer park in East Austin

I’m Pro-bike because it seems most people are cognizant of the space they occupy and the speed they are going. Scooters, however, are available to every gaping mouth breather who wants one where they clog trails, are discarded where ever, and are generally a nuisance.

Eco and climate, volunteer activities.. not CampGladiator and canoe abuses please.

We need some parks that are just nature, not movies or concerts or festivals. Just grass for picnics and trails and trees. Parks are getting too crowded and Zilker is closed too often. Have smaller neighborhood events in many different parks instead of huge overcrowded no fun anymore Trail of Lights and Kite Festival. Move ACL to COTA. If ACL pays so much money to the park district than why do we have to pay to park when we want to take our kids to the playground at Zilker? I can’t see where the public benefits from them replacing sod after they ruin the grass. The park being closed for a month is a huge loss to the public.

I would love to have an indoor pool at a rec center.

more shaded playground equipment

Roller Derby

More space for skating for all ages.

Roller derby! I fully support adult female/male, co-ed, recreational, and Junior roller derby programs. I would love to see more availability in flat space for these programs.
2 Agree

Skating
8 months ago

Large, wide open, unstructured space for pickup games like Ultimate Frisbee.
8 months ago

A covered or even indoor roller derby/roller skating track would be amazing!! Well lit and safe is ideal. And an indoor pool open year round.
8 months ago

Indoor Roller derby space for junior derby and adult roller derby
8 months ago

Roller Derby
8 months ago

Roller derby!
8 months ago

Rollerderby tracks or more skate parks
8 months ago

Roller derby!
8 months ago

A flat smoothie surface to roller skating and roller derby would be nice.
8 months ago

Covered pavilions and roller derby track outlines for recreational and team skating
8 months ago

Roller derby is such a great community. We would love to have a facility where all ages and gender can connect and build this strong community even bigger and better.
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Public Roller Derby Tracks like Pan Am and Bartholomew
8 months ago

more green space
8 months ago

Roller derby tracks! A sport that started in Austin!
8 months ago

We need more roller derby tracks. Flat track roller derby is a part of Austin's history, but teams are being priced out of practice spaces in the city. We need more tracks.
8 months ago

Skateparks for quad skating and skateboarding
8 months ago

Vendors would be great. They make children-friendly parks in Paris and London a delight.
8 months ago

I love the parks with my dog. Thanks!
I use the parks with my dog. Thanks!
8 months ago

Agree

Agree

skateboarding lessons @ skatepark
8 months ago

Agree

I would use the parks a lot more if I weren’t harassed by loose dogs/their illiterate, selfish owners in leash-only parks, and if motorized scooters and aerial cameras/go pros were banned. Motorcycles aren’t allowed so scooters shouldn’t be either, unless they’re going to mow down the loose dogs and their no-brain owners.
6 months ago

Agree

1) ENFORCE THE GD-FLUKING LEASH LAWS; 2) TEACH YOUR RUDE IGNORANT LIFEGUARDS THAT PEOPLE WHO NEED THE LIFT need THE LIFT. Yes, the pool may be the only place we look able-bodied but THAT DOES not MEAN OUR KNEES/HIPS/SHOULDERS CAN PULL US OUT OF THE POOL, EVEN IF WE WERE ABLE TO CLIMB DOWN THE LADDER TO GET IN. Your uber-privileged brat Cat or Kat is a prime offender here, along with all her enablers.
6 months ago

Agree

Creating new Disc Golf courses, in the appropriate areas, would help with the growth of the sport.
6 months ago

Agree

New Disc Golf courses would be great to help with the expanding growth of the sport.
6 months ago

Agree

Disc golf
6 months ago

Agree

Disc golf
6 months ago

Agree

Discgolf
6 months ago

Agree

Disc Golf
6 months ago

Agree

Disc golf courses
6 months ago

Agree

Disc golf courses
6 months ago

Agree

Disc golf, Disc golf. Disc golf. My son and I play at least twice a week.
6 months ago

Agree

Disc golf! We travel to Austin every other weekend to play at least two courses.
6 months ago

Agree

Disc Golf
6 months ago

Agree

disc golf
6 months ago

Agree

Improved disc golf facilities. More support for the disc golfers and tournaments.
6 months ago

Agree

Disc Golf courses
6 months ago
Disc Golf
Discgolf course
Disc golf
Disc golf tournaments, events, leagues, clinics, kids courses
More disc golf courses
No scooters
More Disc Golf Courses
Disc golf
Disc golf
Disc golf courses
Disc golf
Disc Golf
Disc Golf
Disc Golf in a disc golf dedicated park area. Let's put in a couple of more world class courses and host a World Championship.
Disc Golf
Disc Golf
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Disc Golf
Upkeep is top of my list
disc golf tournaments would be awesome.
Motorized vehicles/dirt bikes should not share trails with hikers and horses...especially horses because it can be very dangerous.
Fenced in off-leash area for dogs. Equine trails.
6 months ago 1 Agree

Disc golf
6 months ago 1 Agree

Disc golf
6 months ago 1 Agree

Disc Golf
6 months ago 1 Agree

Disc Golf
6 months ago 1 Agree

Dog parks all over the city
6 months ago 1 Agree

More disc golf courses
6 months ago 1 Agree

Disc golf. We have a lot of players in Austin and very few courses.
6 months ago 1 Agree

Disc Golf
6 months ago 1 Agree

Disc Golf Courses
6 months ago 1 Agree

More Disc Golf Courses
6 months ago 1 Agree

More disc golf courses
6 months ago 1 Agree

More dog parks
6 months ago 1 Agree

More dog parks.
6 months ago 1 Agree

Dog friendly off leash areas
6 months ago 1 Agree

NO motorized anything in the parks and trails.
Signs reminding people good trail manners would be helpful, too: two abreast, r.o.w to pedestrians.
6 months ago 1 Agree

Motorized anything disrupts the tranquility in our parks. Scooters and the like can be ridden in other places
6 months ago 1 Agree

Disc golf courses, practice baskets
6 months ago 1 Agree
Prohibiting motorized scooters from using ANY PART OF the Ann & Roy Butler Hike and Bike trail.

Disc golf

More disc golf courses and events.

disc golf

Disc golf!!

Disc Golf!!

Disc Golf would be a great addition

Disc Golf would be a great organized sport and league to be there. It allows EVERYONE to play.

Disc golf

More disc golf courses. Different skill level courses, 9 hole too.

Off leash dog areas

disc golf

Better disc golf facilities

Disc Golf

Disc Golf

Disc Golf

Disc Gof

Disc golf. I play every week. I take my siblings, my parents. We all enjoy a day in the park.
Please either create separate lanes for bikes and scooters on the hike and bike trails or eliminate them completely (many cities have done so). It is incredibly dangerous, as many bikers and those on scooters go extremely fast with the attitude that the walkers need to just get out of the way. I'm surprised there hasn't been a death yet.

We need more dog parks in South Austin. There are dozens of empty lots and open spaces (especially abutting Williamson Creek).


Lap swimming facilities. Don't need fancy water park type pools.

Keep the parks as parks - NATURE. No need for expensive, curated, artificial design or entertainment. No motorized vehicles of any kind ie no scooters.

More fenced-in dog parks, as well as dog parks with separated small and large dog areas (much like Round Rock, Pflugerville, and Georgetown all have).

I don't care if parks provide services or not, parks are stand alone entities that foster community engagement. Put the money instead to improving the parks physical attributes, more benches, swings, covered pavilions for group gatherings, tree plantings, fencing to protect children. These are the seeds planted in parks and then watch the neighborhood enjoy them naturally.

Please offer more fenced dog park areas!! Lots of other, even smaller, suburban cities, offer great dog parks. The only comparable option is Norwood Estates but that lacks fresh water drinking fountains (for dogs), grass, and permanent seating. There is so much green space that could be better utilized. Additionally, we have plenty of off leash areas but hardly any with fences! Yes, my dog listens but I don't hear enough to not run into traffic. Please do something and take a note from other cities (San Antonio) about the abundance of dog parks with modern amenities.

We need more parks. The parks are getting crowded. Sometimes you have to step off a trail to let people or bikes by. We need more small parks so the parks are close to people making it easier to access. These small parks need places for people to gather and visit at the end of the day and also some sports areas like basketball courts. Also, the city needs another large park like Zilker park where large venue events can be held. This park needs to in the northern part of the city.

Develop Metropolitan park and move ACL to it.

More dirt bike trails. Dirt bike trails are in harmony with the environment. The trees will still produce oxygen unlike golf courses or ball sport fields that remove trees. The topography stays the same. A great place for wild life unlike other sports which require the removal of the animals.

Please keep our parks wild and natural! The ability to hike in the forest is vital to our mental and physical health.
Parking
8 months ago
1 Agree

More kayak access points
8 months ago
1 Agree

Enforcement of leash ordinance!
8 months ago
1 Agree

Back in 1972-73 there was an Art Class conducted in the ballroom at Lions Municipal Golf Course. That space could still be used in that way, or others, - provided Muny remains as a public, historic, golf course open space. This should be a HIGH PRIORITY for the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan!!!
8 months ago
1 Agree

The capacity to enjoy the parks and natural areas, in an unprogrammed setting, is what enables many people's enjoyment and use of Austin parks. No need to clutter or overprogram.
8 months ago
1 Agree

More sand volleyball courts
8 months ago
1 Agree

Roller skating and Roller Derby!! Skate park.
8 months ago
1 Agree

I love seeing roller derby out there!
8 months ago
1 Agree

Skating
8 months ago
1 Agree

Roller skate rink
8 months ago
1 Agree

Additional opportunities to play roller derby. Additional paved trails suitable for skating and biking. Veloway is awesome but difficult to reach if you live in north Austin. Trails like the Walnut Creek trail provide additional opportunities and I would ask that future development of trails are suitable for skating as well as biking (surface considerations).
8 months ago
1 Agree

Skatepark!
8 months ago
1 Agree

ROLLER DERBY. Pan Am & Bart -  I LOVE using's Austin's parks to participate in the multiple roller derby leagues that I'm part of.
8 months ago
1 Agree

Roller Derby
8 months ago
1 Agree

Modern roller derby was born in Austin and is one of things that makes this city unique. The roller derby community that celebrates diversity, empowers its participants, and excites fans. However, the sharp rise in real estate prices has pushed most leagues out of town making it much harder to sustain membership and attract spectators to events. More public roller derby tracks would go a long way to ensuring this piece of Austin history can continue.
8 months ago
1 Agree

Roller skating
8 months ago
1 Agree

I would love for movies in the park to be on a saturday night, particularly the kid friendly ones
Space for roller derby!
Roller derby please.
I use the park 4-5x weekly for roller derby currently.
Roller derby tracks
Skate park with ramps and such
Skating fun skating
Natural surface trail (not concrete or decomposed granite)
Year round outdoor swimming in south Austin
better enforcement of leash requirements for dogs
Rotating free entry days for schoolchildren and aged at Zilker Gardens/Barton Springs, including train ride.
Fragrance free bathrooms
I already use them every day
Community gardens.
Permaculture
Better care should be taken of the trails and parks.
Climbing
Camping
Dog walking. West Enfield Park desperately needs an enclosed dog run area.
Dog walking
6 months ago

We live in the ETJ. Austin needs to open up their Austin Colony park. Property ID:289635
6 months ago

Keep park activities for neighborhood residents. Leagues shouldn't shut-out neighborhood teams for game space. Keep motorized vehicles off trails built for pedestrians and bikes. It is a safety issue.
Please change my response to #1 to "weekly" instead of "monthly", as I was unable to correct my mistake.
6 months ago

Swim at Barton Springs Pool several times a week year long.
Please change my response to #1 to "Weekly" rather than "monthly". I hit the wrong response and was unable to correct it.
6 months ago

Disc golf courses
6 months ago

Mountain bike
6 months ago

I am a avid disc golf athlete. I encourage city of austin parks to build more courses for the public to use and enjoy. We are missing a great opportunity to expand and acknowledge the rapid growth of the fastest growing sport in the country. I compete at the national level and people inquire "what is keeping austin so isolated from the sport?" Its sad to respond to them that Austin does not have the venues to accommodate the growth of disc golf at the recreational and professional level.
6 months ago

Special needs program-inclusion activities
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc Golf
6 months ago

Cultural groups should not have to pay for little rental fees if the event is designed to preserve "Austin's Diversity"
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

dance
6 months ago

I am against motorized scooters in the park on the trails. These vehicles belong on streets and not on trails
6 months ago

Championship level disc golf courses
6 months ago

Disc golf course maintenance, even if there were a City of Austin sponsored volunteer day. Keeping the course trimmed and clean are key to bring out for players. Most dedicated players will usually do this on their own but having the city help promote cleanliness will increase the playability of the courses. Also allowing for the city courses to hold more sanctioned tournaments will help increase the disc golf community to come out in numbers.
Austin needs fenced dog parks, not the free-for-all off-leash areas in parks like Walnut Creek. Way too many irresponsible dog owners refuse to leash their dogs in on-leash areas in Austin parks making it unsafe for anyone concerned about encountering unfriendly off-leash dogs while trying to enjoy an Austin park. Many other cities have invested in real dog parks and eliminated unfenced off-leash areas like Walnut Creek. It’s time Austin steps up and does the same.

Austin needs high quality fenced dog parks for off-leash dogs rather than the off-leash free-for-all that is Walnut Creek Metro Park as well as other designated off-leash parks. Off-leash dogs in both the off-leash and on-leash portions of WCMP have ruined the park for anyone wishing to avoid unfriendly dogs in the park. Many other cities across the country have realized the need for real dog parks and have made the investments in these wonderful facilities. It’s time Austin catches up.

North Austin could really use a fenced dog park! There are a lot of great off leash options in the area, but none are fenced.

We quit going because of safety. My husband got bit by a dog that was supposed to be leashed and too many others allows their dogs to run free in leashed areas. We can not even take our own dog out.

I would love to see a partnership between Austin Resource Recovery and PARD for some recycled art installations.
needs to be in a nearby park - the closest park is Balcones on Amherst. Won't drive to others (we are 60+ years and live at the NW corner of Parmer/MoPac)

Disc golf

I go to the park almost every day (except in bad weather), so I don't think I can increase my use.

Dog park or dog friendly activities

Disc golf

FOOD concessions

We need more swings for bigger kids at Dittmar Park, currently only 2 baby swings

More Disc golf courses

Disc golf courses

More Disc Golf Courses, and opportunities to keep these parks beautiful. I see a lot of people in this sport show up to MyPark days and make them look amazing. It would be great to see recycling out at these, and not just Trash cans.

It is a great sport supported by great people.

Disc golf

Disc Golf

I live within walking distance of Stacy. It seems to have enough activities - don't make it so crowded that everyone else cannot use it. NO VENDORS, period. Prohibit scooters.

We need to keep and maintain our neighborhood pools and keep the admission very low
More disc golf courses and hiking trails please

Disc golf. I play daily at city parks, however, we are a growing sport and the courses are becoming overcrowded.

I'm disc golfer since 1987. I'm Usher Syndrome (deaf-low vision).

GOLF!!

Disc Golf, add courses, improve courses.

Off leash dog parks, there are so many dogs in Austin and not many places to run them off leash

Disc Golf Course

Disc Golf

Disc golf

rowing/crew opportunities

Disc golf

My wife and I are retired and use the hike and bike trails almost daily. Not in need or group activity/classes. Keep the scooters off the crushed granite trails!

Disc golfing

more golf courses and improvement to Lions Muny

We need maintenance at the disc golf parks we already have. They are always over grown and poor conditions on a bunch of them. It is always up to volunteers to upkeep the disc golf areas.

Would love to hear about volunteer programs in advance so i can participate

I personally love disc golf, it allows me to be out in nature, walking, hiking (depending on the course :) ) It's a sport that is very easy to pick up, most all newer players I have played with have shown great improvement in just a round or two so most people who try the game don't get
frustrated and quit. It's also a fast game that I can play in under two hours most of the time, cut it in half if I only play nine holes. It's almost always free to play, very inexpensive to start and when compared to almost every other activity that parks are looking to add is incredibly inexpensive to put in.

6 months ago

Play around a frisbee golf

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Disc Golf...fun for the whole family!

6 months ago

Disc Golf! Fun for the whole family!

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

More designated Mountain Bike Parks Please. Lets look at the Bentonville AR. Model. Also treat these parks like a skate park . Major need in the city for this.

6 months ago

Mountain Bike

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

More disc golf courses

6 months ago

Need more disc golf course as its for all ages and its the hottest growing sport across the country

6 months ago

Need more Disc golf courses. This is the hottest growing sport for all ages.

6 months ago

disc golf courses

6 months ago

Golf courses

6 months ago

Cgolf forever

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Disc golf!

6 months ago
Disc golf courses 6 months ago

Love how the parks are looking 6 months ago

More disc golf courses and disc golf events. Austin should host some major tournaments. 6 months ago

Disc golf would be a sure fire way to get me into a park. 6 months ago

It's not about programs; it's about access. Bike connections and buses help. 6 months ago

Would love to see more Disc Golf courses. 6 months ago

I would like to see cleaner pond water at Mayfield Park so that the fish and other creatures could survive 6 months ago

More tennis facilities. Austin is growing and it is difficult to get court time during the week because of league play. Also, I adamantly am against the motorized scooters that have taken over our town. No need for them on the hike and bike trails. Thank you for your consideration. 6 months ago

More wild spots (i.e. buy up more land for conservation & hiking/biking trails - current ones can be a little congested at times) 6 months ago

Disc golf parks are my primary reason for visiting Austin parks. And biking. 6 months ago

More disc golf parks please 6 months ago

Just having a good functional park nearer my home and work 6 months ago

A park that is closer to my home would increase my use. I really wish that there was more green space in general in our city. It's getting less and less as we grow. I've been here since 71 and I grieve the losses 6 months ago

More disc golf parks 6 months ago
Indoor swimming pool - we're one of the biggest cities without one. Work with the Y or with AISD to get an indoor facility!!!

6 months ago

More disc golf courses

6 months ago

We like to see more disc golf courses installed and maintained.

6 months ago

A more equitable use of the adult pool space at Deep Eddy.

6 months ago

Update pocket parks in several neighborhoods to support equity of design. Some pocket parks get overlooked while others get updated and modernized.

6 months ago

Updated playground equipment. Nature-based materials

6 months ago

the use and allowance of motorized scooters and bikes should be stopped! They're hike and bike trails, not roadways

6 months ago

Don't let programs disrupt regular park use

6 months ago

I go to my neighborhood park almost everyday to walk for exercise and enjoy nature. I really don't need another reason to visit the park.

6 months ago

Pet events (meet up groups etc)

6 months ago

Disc golf tournaments

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Lots of Disc Golf meet ups

6 months ago

More disc golf courses
Disc Golf and off leash dog park

Disc Golf course as the sport is growing and an off leash dog park.

Disc golf

safe walking paths to parks

North austin needs a fenced dog park, please!

Other activities would also be of interest but activity grps and fitness top for my life ay this time

Northwest Baseball has taken over my park and they were never supposed more than two fields. kick them out the Gullet Allendale Park make it an open space return to the people

Golf Leagues

Roller hockey!

Roller hockey rinks

Connect all of the small parks with trails so that it is easy and safe to go park to park.

Off-leash dog areas

Keep the heated pool open in Winter.

Keep Balcones District Park pool open in winter. It used to be

The playground equipment needs to be updated in most east side parks.

I just take my kid to play
I use the parks to walk my dogs. We need more off leash area's to let the doggo's run free. We also need the dog waste trash cans cleaned more often. It is nasty that there is 3 month old waste overflowing from the bins.

Programs are needed to regulate off leash dogs in Leashes Required parks! Almost every time I go to a public park in Austin there are off leash dogs running around. Please send more park reps out to monitor and educate people that ALL dogs are required to be leashed at all times in public parks. Thank you.

I would like to see stricter guidelines for dogs on specific walking or mountain bike trails. Its a shame that loose dogs are congesting the rugged trails that mountain bike volunteer groups maintain (specifically walnut creek metro park).

More/better enforcement of leash laws. I stopped going to St. Edwards Park which is one of the closest, because people go with their dogs off leash. I've had my dogs (on leash) attacked by an unleashed dog, and I've had a dog rush me when I was riding. Also, enforce parking on the road.

Not all parks were created equal... Different parks should offer different opportunities to users.

We get great participation and ownership from the Volunteer Programs - such as It's My Park Day that APF and PARD provide! Thank you!

More/less enforcement of parking laws. I stopped going to St. Edwards Park which is one of the closest, because people go with their dogs off leash. I've had my dogs (on leash) attacked by an unleashed dog and I've had a dog rush me when I was riding. Also, enforce parking on the road.

The problem with these things. You have already gotten in your head you have to "do something" when "do nothing" is really what we want? They are fine the way they are. What about people as individuals enjoying the park? Why not
acknowledgement that some organized activity impinges on those who want THAT? So just keep the park maintained. You don't have to over-complicate this. But I know what is really going on. There is no MONEY in simply leaving things alone. It sounds like someone is rooting around for money for doing something we didn't want in the first place. Seems to be par for the course for Austin.

6 months ago

Your rules are policed sporadically and not frequently respected. There are very few written signs to help.

6 months ago

I would very much like to see ACL removed from Zilker Park and relocated out of the city, it destroys the park and is a nuisance to anyone trying to commute through the area that isn't interested in drinking $15 beers and hanging out with drunk teens while listening to Twenty One Pilots.

6 months ago

Improvement to condition of golf courses - particularly Lion's Municipal

6 months ago

I understand peoples attitude toward bicycles on trails. Most people may consider bikes dangerous on the hiking trails, but the reality is that most often it's the mountain bikers that have created the trail. I believe that we need better signage in these areas explaining that the trail is multi use.

6 months ago

An increase in bike trails.

6 months ago

We need more open natural spaces to just experience nature. I agree that NO motorized vehicles other than those operated by someone who has disabilities should be allowed. Also, selling parks to concert and event promoters is a poor use of public parks. They take over zilker for ACL and then again for trail of tail lights. It seems like pandering to consumerism rather than true mission of open park land.

6 months ago

I live in Wimberley, so coming to an Austin park is always a special event. I don't do any of the activities listed here, but I love swimming in Barton Springs and Deep Eddy, running round Town Lake, riding the bike trails of Barton Creek, and playing golf at the city courses, including Lions, Morris Williams, Kizer/Clay, and Grey Rock.

6 months ago

Golf

6 months ago

There are no parks close to me

6 months ago

If the trails are build and maintained by the local Mountain Bike Community there should be abundant signage informing other users groups of this fact. It might go a long way toward easing tensions and building understanding. It might also get other bike users involved with their peers in order to better understand trail etiquette regarding who yields to whom. (Bikes yield to Pedestrians) As for motorized use on unpaved surfaces, a motor powered scooter is more likely to do damage to the trail surface on inclines and turns. This damage will require maintenance and I doubt the sort of person who rents a scooter by the hour is the type to spend a lot of time volunteering. Similar with E-bikes, though less damage potential. Helmet requirements should be better enforced for both modes of electric mobility.

6 months ago

Simply having a nearby park that is not connected to a school would be nice.

6 months ago

I do mountain biking alone and with a group. The group ride is a regular weekly ride since 2002 or 2003 at Walnut Creek. Related to this, please make Walnut Creek a dog free park. Too many off leash dogs all over and way too many inconsiderate dog walkers who leave their dogs poo bagged and just sitting on the side of the trail.

6 months ago
Please set aside areas in parks where native plants and wildflowers can grow. Many parks are mowed and weed-wacked with very few natural areas. I realize this may require hiring or restaffing for Horticulturists. Thank you

PUBLIC GARDENS

Open space

Golf 3-5 times per month

More parks in far north Austin. We are close to the Williamson county line/north mopac and there are few parks nearby, but lots of empty land.

Golf, par 3 courses, driving range

More golf courses, par 3, driving range

adapted sport and recreation for persons with disability

adapted sport for people with disability

more golf courses

Because GOLF is such a popular and integral part of the Austin Parks and Recreation, I'm confused as to why it doesn't warrant being included as one of the stand alone major programs above. The sheer volume of players that frequent the 5 city golf courses is well over 150,000 players every year.

Disc golf

Senior programs taught by youth like cell phone usage and basic laptop usage

Large off leash dog areas, possibly fenced in.

Please list swimming pools as an option for people to choose. Swimming is an activity that seniors and people with joint problems can participate in when they can't do other exercises. With increased aging, our city needs to provide pools accessible to people with mobility issues so they can continue to thrive. Also, with temperatures increasing, pools provide a cool exercise opportunity in the face of climate change. COA needs to provide outdoor pools April to October instead of just June to August. Our city is woefully under funding aquatics.

off-leash dog parks
bocce ball courts, horse shoe courts

Move ACL from Zilker Park! The park is unusable for two months in the fall because of it and then another two weeks for Trail of Lights. Ban electric scooters and bikes from the trails.

Golf lots of golf.

I live in Irving TX so it is difficult to visit a City of Austin park.

Further offerings for the Austin and Nature Center

Golf course improvements

Provide more parks or open space for people to get out will increase usage.

Golfing Opportunities

I and many other people would use and feel more comfortable in our parks if dogs were banned. Women with children feel especially vulnerable and fearful.

Walking or running trails should be separate from biking trails. Bikers always go too fast and sometimes don't call out. Also, seniors can't always hear them coming from behind. Motorized scooters shouldn't be allowed on walking trails. They're too dangerous.

Moore pool dedicated lap swimming

bike trails

The traffic nightmares events like ACL, Trail of Lights, etc create in central Austin is a problem. These events should be moved or revised. Smaller neighborhood TOL at local parks are a better idea at this juncture (maybe four regional set ups?) The tree and a Ferris Wheel at Zilker could still happen. Consider closing all the roads around the area except to bikes, pedestrians, scooters, for these events. Also I disapprove of scooters/motorized vehicles on the trails, including the loud smelly gas powered unit used by APD; horses and bikes are a much healthier and more considerate, natural option.

Less events

Open skillet park to food trucks. Some food would be nice to buy there. That building has or had been vacant for years. Someone would want to lease it. If permitting is an issue it should be elevated.

I would like to see dog parks in more areas of the city. I also would like to make sure that all city parks do not become like Zilker - used by big business much of the year.
I would like to see dog parks at every city park.

I would frequent our parks more in the summer if proper shade was available. I would be satisfied with less impressive play structures to be able to provide shade covers.

If my health were better.

Community gardens!

Austin needs a nature center on the north east side of town.

How about more parks with nature based play instead of cookie-cutter playgrounds (these could be forts, treehouses, large boulders, stumps, logs, etc).

I would increase my use of parks if one was closer to my home (within walking distance). The closest park is one mile away, which isn't too far but not close either.

Easy connections to multi use paths connecting the parks

Easy connections to multi use pathways connecting city parks

More trails that allow off leash dog walking!

Hard for pedestrians and dogs to use the Pease Park trails with mountain bones whizzing by—and whizzing by in blind corners. This is one of the only off leash paths in town, so it would be great if it were easier to coexist.

Enforcement of leash ordinance

I think it's great to use parks for all kinds of enrichment programming! My son and I find ourselves in the park 3 or more times a week, and honestly the main draw for us is to be away from crowds and out in nature, so not sure any specific programs would increase our use of them.

More areas for off-leash dogs

more doggie leash-free areas

A set cyclocross course area for rental/reservation.

A set cyclocross course that's available to reserve and have races.

Everyone seems to want off-leash parks. I'd love to see a park or two that banned dogs altogether, to avoid the off-leash conflict. There are many areas designated specifically as dog-free zones abroad.
Disc golf tournaments, events, leagues, clinics, etc.

6 months ago

Enforce speed limit on bikes, please.

6 months ago

I would like to see outreach toward teens. Kickball! Pick-up soccer! Board games! Enough supervision that will let parents feel safe sending their teens to play in the park.

6 months ago

I'm curious why passive nature based recreation (trails/birdwatching/etc) isn't on the list? My kids especially are more interested in climbing rocks or trees than playground equipment or formal programming.

6 months ago

I'm curious why passive nature viewing (trails/birdwatching/etc) isn't one of the selections? This is the main reason I go to parks, especially w/ my kids. They are not interested in playground equipment, but want to climb rocks, skip rocks, etc.

6 months ago

No motorized anything.

6 months ago

Please focus on conservation of our natural spaces.

6 months ago

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6 months ago

I enjoy musical and theatrical performances in the parks but in recent years the crowds at events such as the zilker hillside theater and blues on the green have made it too difficult to attend these events, especially with children. I would enjoy smaller scale events at neighborhood parks (especially if central or east) and donate funds when attending to help support these events.

6 months ago

No need for more activities. The point is to spend time in nature and be with my dog

6 months ago

More disc golf courses. Various lengths and difficulty. Course now are getting too crowded for this fast growing sport.

6 months ago

Activities need to be free for families or by donation

6 months ago

Programs should be strictly limited to free or very low-cost community-based (non-commercial) activities. Motorized, fossil-fuel powered, solar powered, and battery powered vehicles (scooters, bikes, etc...) should never be allowed in parks or on hike and bike trails.

6 months ago

I think it is important to keep the traditional trails on the BCGB used by Mountain Bikes open for use. Most of the main trail, and all of the side trails are maintained by the bikers anyway.

6 months ago

Children's programming

6 months ago

Senior activity center Lamar & 29th street.

6 months ago

Had places for individual exercise/strength/stretching

6 months ago
Shade over the playscape

Hiking or biking trails - not organized groups, but just more opportunities for outdoor exercise.

More accessibility options.

Complete and total ban of any motorized scooters or bikes on the trails. I have almost been run over by them

More people obeying on-leash areas.

We don't need to increase traffic at all locations. Just better care for the ones in heavy use. Invasive removal, pollinator facilities, and waste cleanup should be among the activities offered. Mexico has organic and inorganic waste bins everywhere. Signage to educate the public public flora and fauna and no mow zones should be increase. Lining the dog parks with a small moat filled with beans along the fence line could decrease nutrient runoff. Our brackish habitats downstream deserve some care. Those are important ecosystems to maintain, for intrinsic and economic reasons

Disc Golf club tournaments, course clean up days, and leagues

MORE hiking trails, please!!!!! NO scooters or motorized vehicles on any park trails!!!!! Dangerous. Myself and my dog have almost been hit many times

"Activity groups" is not necessarily how I'd categorize gardening or even extending that to urban farming.

More disc golf! Austin is home to some of the best courses in the country & should continue to build quality courses to meet the demand of a rapidly growing sport.

1) Better signage for bikers cutting through the off-leash dog parks 2) Zero access for electric scooters 3) Docks for scooters since they seem to constantly end up in the lake polluting our waterways 4) Better access to dog bags. 5) Clean up of homeless camps located in every park, where daily park visitors are harassed by said campers. 6) why have the bathrooms at Butler park been "broken" for six months leaving park visitors to use the smelly/gross portapotties

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No programs, just park availability for pick up sports and trail walking.

1) Less homeless people leaving in tents and harassing visitors in every single park in town. 2) Zero access for electric scooters 3) Better access to dog bags 4) Better signage for bikes cutting through the dog parks.

1) Less homeless people living in tents in EVERY SINGLE PARK in town 2) NO SCOOTERS on the trail anywhere 3) More poop bags 4) Better signage for bikes cutting through the dog park on Town Lake Trail.
No motorized vehicles like scooters and bikes on pedestrian trails.
6 months ago

Dog-free parks and enforcement of leash laws in existing parks. We are tired of telling people to leash their dogs.
6 months ago

More Sand Volleyball Courts
6 months ago

While the Butler Hike and Bike trail is not a "park," cyclists and scooters (which the City Council passed an ordinance to ban on the trail and which I never seen enforce) have made it an unpleasant and unsafe place to walk. Both cyclists and scooter riders come speeding around people walking with no warning. Cyclists used to give a courteous "on your left" to walkers. I rarely hear that anymore. I wish the city would undertake a campaign to teach cyclists courtesy and I wish the ordinance about scooters would be enforced.
6 months ago

tennis lessons
6 months ago

Natural green space for Neighborhood Park for sharing shade with park benches and water fountains.
6 months ago

Please work on little Walnut Creek. East side needs park love.
6 months ago

We need more treehouses
6 months ago

Updated pools Open year round, an INDOOR pool Open year round, indoor recreation for kids
6 months ago

I go to parks with children, but would appreciate equipment for seniors.
6 months ago

Using PARD facilities for cultural activities is a great way to hold on to our culture and our history!!
6 months ago

Trail maintenance which could come along with stewardship. I prefer my park, Mary Moore Searight to remain somewhat untouched other than trail and other maintenance. The front section of the park may invite some more organized activities like Yoga or nature programs. Also I agree with others that no motorized vehicles should be allowed in or on the trails. I like parks for walking and hiking and walking my dogs. Love having a natural space to bring my dogs.
6 months ago

Intermediate and championship disc golf mecca. 2 or 3 disc golf course.
6 months ago

We need more park space all over town
6 months ago

Trails to walk or run or bike
6 months ago

Get the Hookers out of Heorgian Accred
6 months ago

We need more Petanque and Bocce Ball Courses
6 months ago
I like to play Petanque and Bocce Ball games and would like to see more Courts
6 months ago

less people - definitely no motorized or wheeled vehicles
6 months ago

SWIMMING MORE SWIMMING
6 months ago

Why no swimming pools listed? Swimming is an activity that seniors and people with joint problems can participate in when they can't do other exercising. With increased aging, our city needs to provide accessible to people of all ages, not just bike riding millennials. Also, with increased temperatures, pools provide a cool exercise opportunity in the face of climate change. COA needs to provide outdoor pools April through October instead of just in the three summer months. Our city is woefully underfunding aquatics.
6 months ago

No swimming pools listed as part of parks? As our community ages, we need to fully fund and maintain pool facilities since swimming and water fitness classes are the best exercise for seniors or people who have limited mobility on land. Also with increased temperatures in Austin, having outdoor pools for residents to use from April to November is a basic necessity.
6 months ago

- Maintain spaces where visitors can play any number of spontaneous activities such as croquet, cricket
  - Mow Grass.
  - Get ACL out of Zilker. It makes Zilker not only unusable by the general public but also destroys the grass.
  - No Scooters in parks
6 months ago

Trails for hike and bike use. Those would be natural surface trails, no concrete, not decomposed granite.
6 months ago

Programs won't increase my use of parks. Cleaner parks and better trails will! Save Barton Creek!
6 months ago

I walk, run and ride on the park trails daily. Sometimes it's for fitness, sometimes to get to work, go for groceries or run errands. I don't have a problem with others riding bikes or scooters on the trails so long as everyone is being considerate and exercising proper trail etiquette. We all need to get along and realize that these are and always have been multi-use trails. Let's smile and be pleasant to each other folks.
6 months ago

Please do not allow Scooters in the parks or the trails.
6 months ago

Disc Golf please
6 months ago

Nature preservation of habitat for local wildlife, less focus on multi recreational use.
6 months ago

Much more natural areas. That is, large areas left naturally intact (unsanitized ) with simple hiking trails.
6 months ago

By far, the most dangerous people I've encountered on park trails have been bikers. They weave around people and ZOOM around. There doesn't seem to be a safe place to walk with my toddler.
6 months ago

If I had a park within walking distance, I would use it all the time. How about increasing parks instead of cramming more stuff into our already overused public spaces?
More mountain bike trails please

PARD needs to cut its bureaucracy and administer its construction projects more efficiently.

disc golf! its a cheap hobby that people can do of any age. i've seen people from 5 - 90yrs old playing and its always a great thing to see. families bonding and having fun in a park. if you're going to hike, might as well throw a disc while you're at it and make it fun!

less programs

"Decker Lake" leave as a fishing lake and not a golf course. Improve the surroundings and camp grounds around the lake.

The motorized scooters do not belong on the trail. ACL needs to find a different location for their little money-grab. Austin taxpayers pay DEARLY for the damage they cause to Zilker Park, especially due to no access to the park we have paid for. Quit fencing off the rock garden during the Trail of Lights. It's not even part of the ToL, so let the taxpayers have access to it during December.

Landscaping and trash pick up. Keep our park lands properly maintained.

I prefer the perks without a lot of construction. Trails and trees and bathrooms

Greater peace and respite from our fast-moving, 'connected' world. Over the years, the Town Lake trail has become less enjoyable to me as people play music for all to hear off their phones. The thought of scooters on this same trail or in our greenbelts is really the silliest thing I have ever heard of. Part of your goal is to create sustainable natural places. Then please, let's make a choice to keep means of travel low-tech and low-impact. Users of these rented modes of travel have no sense of ownership of the scooter they are using and, from what I see around town, feel free to discard them in the middle of walkways, in trees and shrubs, and in waterways. Please keep these out of our trails and greenspaces.

1) Disc golf
2) Interconnected hike & bike trails - i.e. good park-to-park segregated bike lanes and sidewalks.

Allow more PDGA events (Disc Golf) to use the Austin parks for tournaments. Most PDGA tournaments are held at the Met Center.
I love going to the parks for 3 different reasons: 1. for my kids, in which case there has to be something for them to climb on or slide down. 2. for my dogs, which needs to be large enough for them to feel free and run with abandon and I feel safe - too many dogs in too small a space gets dangerous. Wildlife paths where they can run and explore off-leash and I can hike is ideal. 3. with friends, usually at a small concert or a festival. The last few years I've avoided the major parks (Zilker, Auditorium Shores, Red Bud Isle, etc because its just too crowded. I don't even go to Walnut Creek because the weekends are insane with large families, bikers and dogs - too dangerous). In my opinion more park spaces should be opened up so those that we have don't seem so crowded, certain parks or portion of the parks should cater to specific people, but still have plenty of open space for everyone to enjoy. Less rules and restrictions and more kindness and regard for others. Again, more open spaces. Austin and it's surrounding areas have almost doubled in population these last few years - our park spaces should double too!!

More golf, same rate at Gray Rock GC as other city courses

The City of Austin needs one to three new golf courses. The city will soon be at the same number of courses it had in 1974.

More frequent mowing. Less usable parkland abandoned to tall weeds effectively taking it off limits to use by people (such as Elizabet Ney grounds and excessive "riparian" areas). Parks should be places for people to use in an un-programed way -- running, playing, sunning, throwing a frisbee, walking, etc. I am opposed to the idea that the parks need to be "programmed."

No. Mowing to the edge of creek banks reduces the important infiltration/sponge function of riparian vegetation. If you mow to create a "lawn" you increase the chances of flooding. Vegetation keeps water in place and reduces erosion. The "no mow" zones were implemented for a reason. Austin Watershed Protection has evolved beyond the "mow to the edge of the creek" mentality thanks to scientific evidence and so should you.

Water features! Splash pads, pools, etc.

Fenced dog parks

I believe pedestrians should always be given the first right-of-way on trails and paths. We were put on this beautiful planet with two extraordinary legs in order to navigate and observe its wonders. On our trails & paths, we shouldn't have to worry about "traffic" running us over. Yield to pedestrians! I am a cyclist, both regular & electric, and I ALWAYS YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS.

Fenced dog areas -- for my dogs but also to keep dogs safely separated from my kids when they are at the playground (all neighborhood parks are violated by owners with off leash dogs and there is no enforcement -- just read the neighborhood listserves -- owners talk about how there...
aren't any fenced area nearby so they don't have to leash dogs since no one ever checks anyway).

6 months ago

More paved bike paths and more golf facilities

6 months ago

Tai chi classes

6 months ago

Keep the trails safe for walkers. Bicycles zoom past walkers at a very fast speed. Bicycles are fast and can be dangerous to walkers. Keep walking safe for walkers and keep motorized scooters & motorized bikes off the trails.

6 months ago

Access! Let's connect Pleasant Valley & RoyG to the trail system!

6 months ago

Our local park is under utilized. It would be great if there were park specific coordinators who could scheduling useful programming for surrounding neighborhoods. I am sure resources don't support this idea, though.

6 months ago

Nothing too noisy — Austin already has enough open air music festivals and I wouldn't want to live near a live music venue. Some peace and quiet and nature-based activities would be nice. Also, people have different tastes in art. Plant a flowering tree instead.

6 months ago

Children-oriented installations - not necessarily “programs” with dates, times, reservations. Interesting places to visit and play. [I know we have a lot already.]

6 months ago

Adding more disc golf courses around the austin area.

6 months ago

Disc golf is a highly effective and affordable use of park space

6 months ago

Disc Golf!!! I see more people who visit “off the grid” locations to go out and play disc golf, it's an incredibly effective use of space in the Austin Area.

6 months ago

I use the Town Lake Roy and Ann Butler trail almost daily to ride my bike. I think the trail should be restricted to walking, jogging, running, and biking. We should not allow any motorized vehicles of any kind. I think large groups should also be restricted as they take up a lot of space and generally block the trail. People should not bring their small children down and allow them to play in the middle of the trail. Some rules should be created to accommodate hikers and bikers without giving total right of way to hikers

6 months ago

Sometimes the group fitness is annoying, as they feel compelled to play their music, take over play areas, etc. Though they are supposed to be registered, it is not always the case. There was a group, for example, using the track and equipment that the elementary school (right next to the park) uses at recess. Not cool.

6 months ago

Programming developed FOR as well as more initiatives to work with citizen leaders to create BY the community and other community driven initiatives.

6 months ago

Who is enforcing no motorized vehicle on the Lady Bird Lake hike ‘n bike trails? Maybe more visible signs?

6 months ago

Safety for bike riders is important

6 months ago
Parks are parks. I personally don't need any of the named activities to get me to a park.

more mtb trails. more climbing. no ebikes/ scooters on back country/ singletrack/ hiking trails. might be time to consider restricting mtb to certain days on the busier sections of Barton Creek Greenbelt.

Mountain bike trails

Open space for kite flying would be very nice.

more mtb trails and climbing, no ebikes/ or scooters back country.

I agree motorized scooters should NEVER be on the hike and bike trails.

I really don't need more reasons to go to a park. I am a bird watcher and check various parks for birds. Please don't overdevelop the parks - passive nature opportunities are few and far between, and birds don't need more pavement, clearing of undergrowth or lighting.

Segregated dog park areas. Dog waste on and near to pathways and open areas is a serious nuisance. I have a large dog and often travel to the Cedar Park “Bark Park” (Veterans Memorial Park) because it is so very well designed. But, it is far away for me. Something like that in Austin parks would be great. Not sure how to effectively deal with dog owners who don't take responsibility for their pet's droppings - but it is serious. The leash free dog area on City Park Road is disgusting due to irresponsible pet owners.

A well maintained multi use trail network

Swimming pools

Remove the homeless

Remove the homeless living in the wooded areas with their shelters, trash, stolen bikes and all manners of rubbish.

Group Kayaking and Hiking

I clicked Concessions, but we have boats and bikes. Cafe or other food offerings in Zilker/botanical garden as all major metropolitan areas are able to provide in their signature parks. This absurd situation has gone on too long.

Organized intramural leagues. Sports leagues are too competitive. I'm thinking drop in Frisbee, capture the flag, or the like would be well accepted.

Rec centers with stages should be open later - our theatre community is losing rental space, and these stages are underutilized.
Cafe offerings in Zilker or the Botanical Garden like all other major cities consisting of grownups are able to provide. I started to click "nature programs" but the idea that a PARD that can neither landscape the parks in any coherent fashion (I exempt of course, the wonderful work done by the non-profits attempting to take up the slack) nor mount any challenge to the invasive ligustrum, etc. nor even open up the viewsheds that used to exist along the Town Lake Trail and greenbelt (yes, once you could actually see the lake/Barton Creek) probably isn't the right department to go into the "nature" offerings business.

Thank you for providing such lovely places in which to walk, play, dream, and explore.

Here's a thought... don't tear up and remove a perfectly lovely park (Eiler's on Lake Austin blvd!!) just to make another.... WHY?? Such a waste money and resources.

Austin should have more places for you to play football.

Create a great park in North Austin before all of the land on and around Farmer is developed. Connect this to Walnut Creek Greenbelt. Give us that live in the North more interconnected green space and public sport facilities. Find and buy up all the small plots in older neighborhoods to create pocket parks, much like was done with Alderbrook Pocket Park.

DISC GOLF

More disc golf courses

Improved hiking trails or new trails

Please maintain the parks on the east side, fix the splash pad Forbes this season inner and provide real restrooms (chestnut pocket park).
Sports fields and disc golf. Also free outdoor pickle ball courts.

Disc Golf

More off leash parks for dogs! And a few more parking spots

I go for my dog so an off leash park is amazing to have. The only thing missing is a few more parking spots and maybe an agility gym for dogs

Homeshool programs during the day

More dogs off leash areas that are wheelchair accessible.
More wheelchair accessible trails

With regard to dogs in parks, I love your Bark Ranger program. It helps to educate all park users, create responsible dog ownership, and make dog owners feel more welcome in green spaces.

Mountain Bikers should be able to continue on the parks trails but there are fewer and fewer now. They established many trails people walk on. Poop the scoop doesn't work. People put the poop in a bag then leave the bag on the trail.

I'd go to more of all the things listed IF there were parking available. They city took away so much parking recently and doesn't allow parking during some events where there is parking, like the baseball fields near Zilker. I was just lucky to find a place to park (cuz I knew Threadgills South had just closed, SAD statement on the city) for the New Year Fireworks, great show by the way!! Also, even the free events no longer allow one to bring one's own refreshments/ picnic... the folks who live here and pay high property taxes can't afford the Austin Theme Park the city has become, very sad, wish it were a more low income citizen friendly city, still hanging on by a thread here since 1977.

Stroller accessible hiking paths, for moms with babies and or toddlers. Restrooms along paths longer than 2mi.

More parks and natural areas as walking and cycling thoroughfares to decrease congestion in parks and provide ways for people to move through the city away from the noise, pollution and danger of roads.

More parks and natural areas to decrease congestion

Handball courts, please. This is such an underserved sport in the great state of Texas and in particular the Austin area.

I'd like for Austin parks to have a café and/or coffee shop like they have in European parks

rock climbing

hanging out
No motorized anything on the trails please please
7 months ago

The parks are fine as they are. Nice and quiet.
7 months ago

Wow, none of these have to do with parks.
7 months ago

Dogs
7 months ago

Have fewer commercial operations that result in parks being closed or off-limits to regular folks. We need fewer concerts, food trucks, motorized scooters/bikes.
7 months ago

I wish the survey writers had added a separate category for keeping parks natural and spending money on maintenance. The easy checks for adds on like movies and cultural events and other programming seems to make it easy for people to support, but I think these things can happen in libraries and other venues. Our natural resources should be kept natural and just maintaining these spaces takes a lot of money.
7 months ago

Please keep the parks as natural as possible. Limit vendors and private businesses. Consider parking issues. Do more to link safe bike paths. Don't spend money on events, sports, art, etc. Keep it simple: maintain and keep parks natural. Support and maintain community pools, including lap pools.
7 months ago

I don't live in Austin anymore. I live in Nashville. I miss Austin and UT. Many of my friends and UT alums enjoy viewing the UT biodiversity falcon-cam. Even though it would be seasonal, I would love to see a BAT cam! Under the bridge, on town lake, would be the perfect place for a web cam. David Hillis dhillis@austin.utexas.edu runs the Falcon Cam for UT, loves the idea. Regards,
7 months ago

Parking at a reasonable cost like $1 for an hour at Zilker would increase my use of the park.
7 months ago

Would like to see and some better pocket parks for kids to play in. The Ridgetop neighborhood has nothing north of 51st and in-between airport and IH35. There is nothing safe for my child to walk to with out crossing a major rd. perhaps a partnership with county on their large piece of land that they want to mix-use on.
7 months ago

Having a park facility near where I work and live.
7 months ago

More benches. You want parks to be a gathering place. But ... where are those people supposed to gather? Think New York City. There's parks all over that place - and it's 90% concrete - but people go, they have their lunch, they sit and talk. Why? Because they can. In Auditorium Shores, they made most of it dog free (yes - I have dogs and am still bitter). So, that means that 2/3 of it is just empty when there are no concerts going on. It's in the middle of downtown. You should see people going over there and sitting down, having their lunch. Why don't they? There's no place to sit. And ... it could use more trees. Same goes with Zilker. Benches can be placed closed to trees. Maybe even those old-timey wrought iron seats that circle the tree trunks. Also - repair the bridge at Roy Guerrero park, just south of Krieg Fields. Come on. Make some kind of accessible pathway from trail to trail.
7 months ago

honestly, not having Zilker closed for one major pay event or another
7 months ago

Adult outdoor high adventure activities...Hiking, Biking, rock climbing, Leave no trace, canoeing, scuba classes, sailing
I just want to be able to go to more parks with my dogs and enjoy nature and have them not be so crowded.

A convenient location near me. I live in the 78724 area code and we have the least available facilities. I look forward to the new plan for Colony Park; however, I fear that many other priorities will come first. Also, the Trevino park on 969 has yet to be utilized and Walter Long is overdue for a haul. These areas have been greatly overlooked as compared to other areas of the City, which is a true tragedy, but supports the view that the City has disenfranchised parts of its citizens.

Swimming at Barton Springs Pool

The City also desperately needs more off leash dog areas as well as general park space. The City made a huge mistake several years ago not purchasing the land from the State at 45th and Bull Creek. Funding for inner city parks would almost always pass with voters, especially if the bonds were not mixed with other things and solely focused on Park land acquisitions and specific improvements for that park parcel.

Repair the Shoal Creek Greenbelt damage, which has been sitting untouched for nine months.

1. More off leash dog areas. Establish a program to which owners can contribute time, funds, or equipment to maintain and improve these areas. If there is ownership in leash free areas, people will be better at self policing, picking up after their pets, etc.

I would love to see an asphalt bicycle pump track at the Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District park similar to one offered by Velosolutions. These types of installations are suitable for all ages and abilities above 2 years old and can be enjoyed on a kids balance bike, a scooter or a traditional bicycle. The asphalt installations are very low maintenance and require a small footprint. This would provide a location for kids and adults to enjoy outdoor recreation on bicycles without incurring the risk and danger of vehicular traffic, promoting bike handling skills and fitness.

Walking trials and some creek access points along the trail. (Bart Park)

Walking trials and access to the creek. (Bart park.)

Park Ranger Programs

We need a Robotics Park where students can learn more about STEM with other like minded Austin area students.

We need a Robotics park where students can go and learn more about STEM with like minded students from Austin.

The city would greatly benefit from outdoor 3-wall handball courts. This is popular in Houston, San Antonio, New York City, LA, bay area and etc. The sport is extremely popular for Latinos so would be great to build on the east side.

Evening program hours for people who work. Hike and bike trails that connect parks. Trail markers showing lanes for bikes and pedestrians. Enforcement of on-leash laws. Aquatic classes.

Evening programs for people who work. Aquatic classes. Hiking and biking trails that connect parks.
3 wall and one wall handball courts - Austin is a perfect place to have such facilities because of the weather. There are courts all over the country but zero in Austin. Handball is a great sport for people of all ages.

More programs for all ages and backgrounds, please. Let's bring the community together one park, one square, and one event at a time!

Have bike and dog free days! I can't even take a hike in the parks now-a-days because of loose dogs and speeding bikes! I almost got killed by 3 deer running at full speed because dogs were chasing them down (Walnut Creek Park). Totally has ruined my city park experience. What next - scooters on the trails? Heaven forbid!

Allowing alcoholic beverages in designated areas.

More Dog parks would suffice. Also more playgrounds for children to play on.

Off leash dog areas

A court for wall ball or something of that nature

Handball courts

we need bocce courts.

dog training

Dog park

More dog parks please!

Bocce courts

Bocce please

handball courts

I would like to see handball courts installed throughout Austin's parks.
I would like to see more programming with diverse opportunities for recreation and engagement that can appeal to a broader part of the community. I would like to see equity as a guiding principle in the parks.

7 months ago

Outdoor handball courts

7 months ago

There is an abandoned building on Nash Rodriguez Sr Rd. that would be wonderful if it was converted into a restaurant. Similar to the boat house in Central Park, there could be a sit down restaurant and a counter restaurant with more casual options. There is a lovely open area in front of the building where people could grab a sandwich at the counter restaurant and picnic at, right on the lake.

7 months ago

Handball courts would get me into the city parks more frequently.

7 months ago

It would be great if Zilker Park were open most of the year. At the moment, Zilker Park, is seemingly closed for over half the year. I understand closure for a community event sponsored by the City, like Trail of Lights, but the extended closure for half the year for ACL festival is just not okay at all. This only benefits out of town guests and attendees of ACL. COA residents and taxpayers are just out of luck with no benefit whatsoever. Why isn't ACL moved to the EXPO Center?

7 months ago

I am originally from NYC and grew up playing handball (there are over 2000 public courts there). To this day I still play but am forced to play indoors at a private club because there are no outdoor courts here. There is a good sized handball community in Austin that would hugely benefit from being able to utilize public outdoor courts. Please consider building public outdoor 3 and 1 wall courts in Town!

7 months ago

If Zilker Park were even remotely usable for half the year, that would help. That is the park me and my extended family tend to use. It is fenced off half the year, and this is really frustrating.

7 months ago

I am originally from NYC and grew up a handball player (there are over 2000 public handball courts there). Austin lacks public handball courts though there are many players that live in Austin and it is sorely needed in our community! Please consider adding public outdoor 1 and 3 wall courts!

7 months ago

The conversion of some of the underutilized tennis courts to Handball courts would allow the citizens of Austin an opportunity to learn and play a sport that has very inexpensive requirements. A typical handball costs less than a dollar. Some of these tennis courts are in school parks and could be used for afterschool programs that would keep children active. Once the court is set up there is very little maintenance required so the courts availability would be year round.

7 months ago

Quiet place to read.

7 months ago

More darkroom availability at Dougherty or its successor facility. Currently, the only open darkroom hours are during the workday, and I, well, work during the workday. Please add evening and maybe weekend hours.

7 months ago

Off leash areas

7 months ago

Off leash dog areas in our local parks would be great. Particularly in the East side where there are none!

7 months ago

My wife and I use bikes with electric motors that allow us to use our bikes on hills. I do not believe it is a reason to ban their use on hike and bike trails. Individuals who travel too fast using bikes or scooters are a different issue.
Adult and child exercise equipment, like chin bars, balance equipment, back extension supports

Cooking, especially on grills

Beyond any of these, fenced off-leash dog parks.

Bocce ball is great social fun and encourages movement/activity. Scooters & bikes are a big hazard for walkers. They are silent and fast moving!

Create landscapes that encourage picknicks and sitting together in nature.

Synchronized swimming

Large scale music festivals

Dog meetups

Off-leash dog areas

Bocce ball courts

Make the park greener

Austin spent time and money getting skateboards off the sidewalks then we go and put scooters. Just like paying a consulting company to study downtown parking situation then we go and make different one way streets. smh

There should be separate trails for walkers and bikers/motorized scooters. Walnut Creek Parks needs more signs along the trails and water. Bike/food vendors would be nice. Movies in the park, fitness classes and other musical performances would be nice in North Austin.

dog walking

I think we have enough events. I think we are ruining our parks with all the events that Austin hosts.

Tai Chi lots of Tai Chi in Parks it is beautiful

Tai Chi

I would visit parks more frequently if I were more confident that off-leash dogs were NOT in those parks. Enforcement of leash laws is sorely lacking (related to certain parts of the city, like downtown, etc.).

Movies in the park, fitness classes and other musical performances would be nice in North Austin.

Large scale music festivals
Enforcement of leash laws is sorely lacking. (Relatedly, certain parts of the City—such as the east side—need more dog-friendly, off-leash areas. Dog owners complain, with reason, that they do not have enough off-leash areas for their dogs to exercise.)

I'm not looking for more programming at parks -- I'm just looking for greenspace, trails and playgrounds.

I attend free events in the parks regularly, and especially love movies in the park.

Barbell training programs would be nice.

There are too many “for profit” events in our parks, especially Zilker Park. Zilker is effectively closed as a green space for several weeks before, during and after ACL Fest. And then use is limited during the Trail of Lights. These are some of the best months to enjoy the park and other entities are given the use of the space instead of citizens.

My concern is lights - If park lights were shielded to only light the area intended rather than as now, the lights shine as far as 2 and 3 blocks away, directly in bedroom and living room windows so those rooms are either useless or we must shut ourselves in with heavy drapes and feel more isolated - This is light pollution but more, most birds need a dark night to sleep and without a full night's sleep they move on, so that the natural predator for mosquitoes have been pushed away and noisy undesirable birds replace them. One more, we used to see the stars at night. Increased un-shielded lights are blocking nature's theater.

Bocce Ball !

beautiful landscape, well maintained trails

Play structures that were far more challenging and designed for older people. For example the play structures at Dolores Park in San Francisco are geared towards people of many abilities. The large concrete slides at Codornices Park in Berkeley and Koret Park in SF are wonderful. The middle level of Glendale La Loma Park in Berkeley also has more challenging structures.

More play structures for older kids

Stop closing Zilker for profit making events like ACL. It ruins the grounds and keeps citizens from using the park.

More leash free dog areas
Concessions with vendors for coffee, iced tea, breakfast tacos, lunch tacos, and maybe even wine. Not at all parks, of course, maybe Zilker, Republic Square, Bush Square, and the concessions should be appropriate and logical for the individual park. These types of concessions have done well and draw more people to urban parks in New York City, Seattle, and elsewhere; they are a delight for a morning or afternoon stroll with coffee in hand to watch people participate in programming. Funds raised (above vendor’s costs) could contribute to programming and upkeep of that park.

7 months ago

Just need usable up to date sport courts that are consistently maintained

7 months ago

There is a need for smaller events to be able to use area school parks which would be assigned dates according to school operation uses and to have more off-leash areas for big and small dogs which are fenced off so that park users will feel safe when visiting a park.

7 months ago

some parks, like Cunningham School park need improvements of their oval tracks and ada qualified play scapes. We need to clean up Davis-Hill park and add basic park amenities and an area for small dog non-leash fenced off area with ADA qualified play scape and table and grilling areas.

7 months ago

Parent + infant/toddler activities like play groups or stroller walking clubs

7 months ago

Clean bathrooms. Every time we visit, the bathroom is so dirty that it is in-usable. Zilker Park is packed with people right now. A dedicated staff person for maintaining the bathrooms would be wonderful.

7 months ago

Fenced dog parks as part of the park amenities. These are also proven in other cities to reduce crime and increase use.

7 months ago

I would like to see larger Free forest school programs.

7 months ago

I'm a triathlete & work out alone 90% of the time: i don't need incentives, i need bums out of our shower facilities!

7 months ago

Free parking, bike and walking acessable

7 months ago

I would like to see better shade for playscapes in parks. Half the year, a majority of Austin park playscapes are literally unusable due to being too hot because of no shade. More shade clothes and of course more trees!

7 months ago

Specifically Emma Long Metro Park needs forest management. It's now a tinder box of dead trees and the park has started putting rocks and brush (including two dumps of chipped wood along the street to discourage road side parking. Very ugly and a fire hazard. Why put burnable barriers to stop cars from parking along the street when no parking signs would work just fine? What good are the hiking trails if one can't park to use them? What about cars that have to pull over in an emergency that will now have to stop on the pavement? All that is going to happen is the park goers are going to park on Pearce Rd. (a county street) in a neighborhood where that street is narrow and winding and thus very dangerous. Keep your parking problems in the park, not push it off into the bordering county roads.

7 months ago

Off leash dogs

7 months ago

Plant more native plants along shoreline.

7 months ago
More planting less mowing. Native plantings along the shoreline for pollinators. Also, repair the water feature on the lakefront that has been off line for two years. Brand new and never worked.

7 months ago

Which lake? Which feature?

7 months ago

I usually just go to take my dog for a walk.

7 months ago

Oak View Park would be better used if cleared of underbrush. Much poison ivy! Too many deer! Dangerous to children.

7 months ago

I'd love to see the actual data of bicycle related injuries on the Hike and Bike trail vs scooter related injuries. Bikes are faster and larger than scooters, so if scooters are banned, so should bikes. We can't claim to be a green city and then shun mass electric, traffic-reducing transportation.

8 months ago

Segregate feet on the ground trails from wheels on the ground trails like in Minneapolis.

6 months ago

We like to birdwatch in the greenspace beside the south side of the pool and along the creek to Lou Neff Point. Yesterday we saw 30 species in 2 hours! One bird that we often see is "rare": the Couch's kingbird. He was spotted in the tall cottonwood trees between the railroad tracks and the Butler Park. We are very happy that the city has allowed "our space" (a triangle between Barton Hills Dr. and the Butler trail) to "grow". This year we are seeing many wintering finches and sparrows along with the usual cardinals, wrens, mocking birds, blue jays, and hawks.

8 months ago

No bikes on the trail around the lake, no to scooters. No to ACL at the Zilker Park!

8 months ago

we need parks in places near the simple colonies a few games for children site to be able to walk around the park a few trees and 969 lawn with 973 at this height we do not have a single park please build one.

8 months ago

Coffee carts and food trucks! It helps to make parks destinations for people who might not otherwise go and linger.

8 months ago

Austin already has PLENTY of coffeeshops and food trucks without making space for them in the parks. Do we add banks and grocery stores, too?

7 months ago

1. Need adequate parking for the Turkey Creek trail
2. Need to restore free parking on Stephen F. Austin drive between Austin High and the hike and bike trail along the lake.
3. Reduce the pool fees back to where they were. Raising fees is not making Austin affordable.
4. Have a park in West or Northwest Austin where we can have league softball.

8 months ago

Mary Moore Searight Metro Park is my go-to park. More stations for dog waste (but not an abundance of them) would be helpful. It's possible that I'm missing signage but a brief history of how the park came to be would be of enormous benefit to visitors. Also, to learn about the waterway that flows through the park, one must first have downloaded a QR code on iphone and then must scan the code on a sign in order to i.d. the waterway and learn other information. A more user-friendly, intergenerational sign would provide faster and greater benefit, without having to jump through hoops.

8 months ago

I most often visit City of Austin parks when they're a convenient part of a bicycle trip to some destination. Frankly, that's often a measure of how poor our on-street cycling facilities are. It is nice to get some greenery though.

8 months ago

I live downtown so I use the parks daily to walk or scooter to work and meetings.

8 months ago
I prefer less noise and less events in the parks: I like to enjoy nature.

Less people in parks - better for me, I want to listen to birds not musk and cars.

I used to live downtown, where Republic park was redone. Why? That was as wasteful as the overspending on the new downtown library. There was nothing wrong w/ Republic Park. Our taxes are high enough. It should have been left as it was.

I use them infrequently because of my health, nothing to do w/ the parks themselves. However, I have a lot to say. I used to live downtown, where Republic park was redone. Why? That was as wasteful as the overspending on the new downtown library. There was nothing wrong w/ Republic Park. Our taxes are high enough. It should have been left as it was. Also why do I have to give my email THREE times to comment here?

Connected and clearly marked walking trails where we can enjoy the natural beauty. Clearly delineated trails for walking versus trails for wheeled or motorized pedestrians. I feel like I'm taking my life in my hands in mixed pedestrian traffic, even if I am being vigilant and keeping both to one side.

Please keep our parks wild and natural! The ability to hike in complete forest is vital to our mental and physical health.

A decrease in mass events that necessitate hours of repairs.

Check out buzzmill's lumber society for adults. You warm badges and such when you participate and could be something the city could tweak and get more people involved.

Weekly (weekend warrior) is different than daily. We visit Austin parks 2-4 times a week.

As an owner of a dog that's never coming off leash anywhere but her home and yard I am against expansion of off leash parks that aren't fenced. I have run into trouble with off leash dogs, both stray and owner accompanied, that feel it absolutely necessary to approach my leashed dog and I. Once I had to lift my 65 pound dog off another dog to save the other dogs lower jaw from being ripped off its face. My dog is strong but is not aggressive at all towards other dogs we encounter on our runs through the streets and parks around NW Austin. It's when they insist on running across a field of a ON LEASH ONLY park and attempt to jam their snout into my dogs rear after
having been shooed away 3 times already that the stuff happens. I have a right to take my dog running at an ON LEASH ONLY park and not have to deal with some fool's stupid off leash dog!

8 months ago

Ban Wake Boats on Lake Austin.

8 months ago

The boats were there before the houses.

7 months ago

Creating more opportunities in parks for natural space, ecological restoration, conservation & wildlife habitat.

8 months ago

NO MORE MEMORIAL SIGNS

8 months ago

Scooter belong on street bike paths, not on the sidewalks or hiking paths. Rules need to be established and enforced.

8 months ago

Indoor lap swimming year-round.

8 months ago

Girl Scout events

8 months ago

I would like to see tennis courts updated to also have the lines for pickle ball. This sport has been gaining interest and popularity. Great for everyone from kids to seniors. This is a very low cost improvement.

8 months ago

Change the weather!

It's too hot in the summer.

8 months ago

better maintenance & upkeep

8 months ago

More golf programs, more bike exclusive trails that aren't on streets. Please, scooters need to get out of our city. They are ruining our parks, trails, accessibility to sidewalks and roads.

8 months ago

Golf is bad. It takes up too much space, uses too much water and is exclusionary.

8 months ago

5k and 10k fun runs or park races

8 months ago

5k and 10K races or Fun Run in the park

8 months ago

Snack bars with reasonable pricing would be nice. Motorized scooters and motorized bikes should be prohibited. Trying to put pedestrians/walkers, and some joggers on the same path as motorized scooters and bikes is a prescription for injuries. Please ban motorized scooters and bikes from hike and bike trails!

8 months ago

Bikes go dangerously fast on hike and bike trails. Please slow down.

8 months ago

Parks closer to my home

8 months ago
Please, no further commercialization of the park. Concessions, like bike rentals, should be affordable.
8 months ago

More body weight workout equipment along running trails.
8 months ago

none
8 months ago

Guided nature hikes by professional biologists
8 months ago

I have lived in Austin for over 18 years and my 3 sons have lived here, graduating from Southwestern University in Georgetown, teaching and working other professional jobs in Austin.
8 months ago

Coffee/Tea shop at Zilker Botanical - place to have a nice cup of coffee/tea and enjoy gardening books.
8 months ago

COFFEE SHOP AT ZILKER BOTANICAL. Place to have Coffee/Tea and read books on gardening, Austin etc.
8 months ago

Absence of programs that keep park users out of park spaces.
Absence of amplified music.
Absence of mural walls.
8 months ago

More BMX and skateboarding facilities would certainly increase my use along with many other Austin residents.
Also, more hiking trails!
8 months ago

Better utilization (and enforcement) of recycling options and anti-littering requirements.
8 months ago

I live near Davis and Brodie in the Maple Run area and there's no neighborhood park. PARD should consider a partnership with Boone Elementary to help provide that park space.
8 months ago

Cake decorating class, brewing sessions,
8 months ago

I like the community aspect of programs. I do not think that moving away from neighborhood specific events meets my needs as a mom. Instead of walking to a Halloween event I now have to pack up my kid in the car after a long day of work. Also, instead of community event helping me to build bonds with my neighbors, I know few like a stranger in another community.

I hope you you rethink the negatives consequences of moving to district events and programming has on building community. The environmental effects, the carbon footprint you are asking us to have because event are centralized.
8 months ago

Keep the motorized scooters out of the parks(hard on the grass) and trails. With pets and children, I've seen them almost get hit. The bikers some go way to fast, wonder if we can ticket them for being reckless. You have to watch for them. Some are courteous and warn you they are coming upon you. Keep it natural. love seeing Camp Gladiator, yoga in the park.
8 months ago

I do want electric scooters and electric bikes on the Hike & Bike trails, especially around Lady Bird Lake. A hike, or walk or nice bike ride should not be interrupted by these vehicles ..... and they pose a danger as they speed along, as speeding peddling cyclists do. Never venders of any kind....rentals or food!
8 months ago
Austin needs more tennis courts. It is becoming a huge problem. There are not enough courts for the growing population and the growing leagues and the participation. There is land available at existing parks. the courts just need to be built.  
8 months ago

Have two weekend days a month on the Hike and Bike trail with no scooters and no bikes. It is so stressful around Town Lake on the weekends that we almost never go there anymore.  
8 months ago

I stopped riding my bike on the Hike AND Bike trails because of hikers that walked 3-4 abreast and refused to yield to passing traffic.  
7 months ago

Cleaner - e.g., Waller Creek between 6th and 9th Streets - not sure whether that’s a park, but it was ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING when we walked through there on the way to the Waller lights. Trash, mud, urine, ... I didn’t realize that the lights were in a different spot from the last year that we had seen them, so we just walked north. Thank goodness we didn’t have out-of-town guests. I’m used to going places I’ve never been before for a little adventure, but THAT was probably about as interesting as a dumpster dive might be.  
8 months ago

This park is a true native gem. It fosters a great mix of hiking and walking down to the beautiful constant level Lake Austin. The park is very simple and has a great open field at the “lake.” (Colorado river’s south bank) A permanent volleyball net is perfect and well used on weekends. The main thing needed is to fill in the potholes on the narrow asphalt road in the park. Parking is a problem. The drop off at the edges of the asphalt are difficult, especially for smaller vehicles. The small covered dock with picnic tables is perfect. It is a great, quiet space for amazing bird watching. People fish on the banks of an inlet fed by a creek. The new benches are good. Please continue the “Native Prairie” restoration in the open field where cattle used to graze. Wildlife needs this river corridor left as open as possible. There is a nature preserve on the opposite river bank. thanks  
8 months ago

Open space! Non-commercial open space for running, walking and biking.  
8 months ago

If it was safe to hike on trails alone. Most of the time it is, but as a female, unless it is a very public place or a place like Zilker Gardens, I do not take the chance of walking alone on trails very often.  
8 months ago

I was injured by an over active and pushy runner. The trails need to be used not abused. Good health should increase our concern for each other! Certainly we can have a little less “self focus” in such a lovely place as the hike and bike trail.  
8 months ago

Judo, check out Kokomo judo  
8 months ago

I definitely would go with more activities like sports + Zumba. Movies in the park are always a big hit!  
8 months ago

I skate in the parks with Texas Rollergirls and I really appreciate the tracks that are painted on courts with lights at Bartholomew and Pan Am.  
8 months ago

I use the parks for roller derby with Texas Rollergirls and very much appreciate the track space on courts with lights.  
8 months ago

Bikes and scooters should not mix with pedestrians.  
8 months ago

Better access to safe, clean playgrounds for kids on the east side. Better swimming pools that are open longer and better maintained. Encourage parkland to be PART of our mobility strategy and support the use of bikes and scooters on / thru parkland.
More parking options, especially for The Lake, by Dougherty, splashpads, gardening, tree giveaways.

WTTA GREATLY NEEDS MORE COURTS FOR OUR TEAM TENNIS MATCHES, ESPECIALLY THE ONES AT SOUTH AUSTIN TENNIS CENTER.

With regard to the lawn at Zilker Park. When I moved here in 1990 it was an area open to the public for a variety of activities. Now it seems to be closed in support of "for profit" events or preparation or recovery from these events. I would like to see these events moved to another location so the average citizen of Austin can use it. Also, motorized scooters do not belong on hike and bike trails.

No scooters in the parks!

Austin parks are great, but I just wish they were more integrated with development. It would be great that in addition to large parks, there were some smaller greenery spaces to break up all of the concrete and buildings. There are a few places downtown that have them, but I wish there were more.

It's a long shot, I'm sure, but I would love more off-leash parks or trails for dogs.

Would be great to have an indoor tennis court, particularly as we see growing interest in this sport in the city.

Lighted Tennis Facilities

More tennis courts at Pharr. Also, those courts need to be resurfaced, they're in horrible shape.

My 79 year old mom was knocked over by a scooter when she stepped off sidewalk to get into her car outside of Bob's Chop House as valet pulled up our car. Our in town guests commented on how HORRIBLE downtown looks around lady bird lake especially with scooters literally anywhere! I'm baffled at the lack of oversight these scooters are getting. Now, they've approved even more. This is a recipe for disaster that's going to cost city & it's people money once someone gets hurt. In closing, it's a shame our beautiful city is becoming an eye sore with scooters strewn about every 5 feet.

Easier ways to bike to the parks, the motorized scooters weren't on trails or taking over sidewalks. More fenced in, off-leash dog parks, and maybe some more that have better lighting in the evenings during daylight savings. You've done a great job with the violet crown trail and placing mile markers along the green belt - sometimes I feel like that information isn't required for first responders to know. I've been out at the greenbelt and asked by a first responder where the hurt person was located, only to find out they needed to get to an area a couple miles down.

Tennis improvement! We have so many people that play and not enough courts! For a city its size, we have fewer courts and don't have a tennis center that can hold major events....

Dog off-leash parks with hiking trails.

You removed my civil comment. That was rude.

No concessions in the parks. The mountain bike dudes tore up NW Park before we got them.
The mountain bike guys tore up NW Park before we got them stopped. They put nothing back into the parks, just take for themselves.

Less mowing, more native wild spaces, wildlife viewing is important.

Love the hike and bike trail.

Tennis courts...

We Need to See More for teenager sports, activities, at low cost for single parents.

Tennis courts improved at city parks like Shipe, Ramsey, and West Enfield.

Nature walks

No motorized scooters on hike and bike trail please! It's dangerous for walkers, pets and children. Our parks need more City funding so PARD doesn't have to depend on event rentals for maintenance and improvements. Thanks for asking!

Very happy to hear about the trial going on to allow electric vehicles on the trails. I'm trying to work out alternate commuting options from South Austin to/from Downtown and it seems like allowing this on our extensive trail system is an essential step to reduce traffic on our roads. Not sure the rationale behind all the push back since these vehicles operate at speeds similar to the mountain bikes already on the paths. I'm using a OneWheel vehicle myself – curious how these and the other Electric Unicycles that are growing in number around town will be classified (E-Bike vs Scooter). I'm interested in the route from the Mopac Mobility Bridge up into the Zilker / Butler trails to take me into Downtown.

More park space downtown and in the neighborhoods that is mainly for relaxation and contemplation. This requires enough benches and nice vegetation for viewing and shade. I see such parks in other countries (Europe, Australia, Canada) used by younger adults as well as seniors. Maybe it can't work so well here because of the numbers of homeless, but other more liberal countries seem to overcome that.

Programs that limit the use of our parks for huge events like ACL and limit the use of motorized vehicles would make me use the parks more. Zilker is pretty much inaccessible from August through January.

Roller derby!

Mountain bike trails

climbing, camping, cycling, caving, canoeing, cooking out

Handicap accessibility to all areas. Even for playgrounds I cannot be there for my kids because there are steps to the playground or mulch is underlevel. I'm very flexible and do my best to make things happen. It doesn't work a lot of times.

Increased climbing access
Increased rock climbing access
8 months ago

Stop using our parks for for-profit events. It is ridiculous to have our parks closed for months at a time due to events.
8 months ago

A positive comment: I appreciate how well the city of Austin treats the climbing community, especially officially allowing climbing in the city parks. I was just at Bull Creek, and each time I go I’m touched by how easy it is to introduce spectators to climbing, and how much the experience empowers them. Thank you for supporting this activity which has been historically malaligned in the US.
8 months ago

Parks should include a place of solitude. There are currently too many programs in the central city parks especially along Lady Bird Lake, Zilker, Auditorium Shores. This question should be directed to neighborhoods where parks exist or are near.
8 months ago

Pools
8 months ago

Safe, walking trails that connect activity areas such as pool, soccer, playground.
8 months ago

Roller derby. I think it technically falls under organized sports but it requires concrete instead of just a field so I wanted to specify.
8 months ago

More parks and larger spaces for parks (it’s a travesty that the grove was allowed to take over and develop a prime opportunity for a public park
8 months ago

Theaters are for movies and performances. Parks are for quieter moments, being outdoors and enjoying nature.
8 months ago

Movie theaters are for movies. Parks are for being outdoors, learning to be quiet and for nature.
8 months ago

The parks near me don’t need programs, they need more development, in terms of playgrounds, trails, and parking.
8 months ago

Stop using our public park for ACL Fest.
8 months ago

Parks closer.
8 months ago

Spiritual deprogramming
8 months ago

Public WiFi, more flexible seating
8 months ago

Boat ramps for kayaks. Places to walk and sit. not that interested in organized activities.
8 months ago

Public WiFi
8 months ago
Please add more hiking trails with hills, like the River Place Nature Trail.
8 months ago

Make it easier for neighborhood groups to use the parks for block parties etc. less private for profit use!
8 months ago

more permanent amenities... better playgrounds; splashpads; nicer tennis courts; etc.
8 months ago

Cleaning the homeless people out so I feel safe with my kids.
8 months ago

Bocce courts in parks, in shaded areas, with access to picnic tables and waste receptacles.
Lighting for basketball courts.
Recycling bin options in parks
8 months ago

The Cemetery Master Plan should be FULLY implemented, especially after spending millions to create the plan.
8 months ago

Please keep motorized vehicles off the walking trails. It is hard to get out of the way in some areas when bikers come speeding by. Not safe.
8 months ago

I would prefer fewer organized activities. The parks are already too crowded.
8 months ago

I would prefer less organized activities. They are already too crowded.
8 months ago

Add more natural areas with native plants.
8 months ago

open space is essential to our mental and physical well-being. I do not need to be entertained with movies, sports, giant music/theatrical events. Rather, a selection of well-maintained, moderately maintained and safety-only modifications to our parks seem to be the wisest way to offer nature to all.
8 months ago

Certification programs
8 months ago

I have been told the cemeteries are under the care of The Parks Dept. More time and money needs to be given to them. My husband died in 2004 and is buried at Austin Memorial Cemetery. When the city took over these cemeteries, they were bad. The main problem is the antiquated irrigation system. Grass on my husband's grave has been replanted 4 times since the city took over care. I use to hand water, but most of the time there is a waterline break so no water or the sprinklers don't reach his grave. I am 84 years old and go no longer water. I am told by Tanya, the manager of the cemeteries that not enough money is allocated to the cemeteries to take proper care of the cemeteries. I am disgusted with the way Austin spends money on bike lanes and sidewalks that go nowhere and now the scooters. I was born in Austin and not very proud of it.
8 months ago

Want to know why families move out of Austin? No organized sport fields such as soccer. You need to dedicate land for fields for practice even more than games.
8 months ago

My neighborhood is lovely and so I usually stay here for walks, etc
8 months ago

It is important for people to take care of the parks and for children to learn about doing so. There needs to be more volunteer clean up programs, activities to plant more trees and plants and
education to take care of our ecosystem. Also, people need to be held accountable for their pets. I love dogs and want them at the parks. We do need to enforce the leash laws and picking up animal waste for everyone's health and protection.

8 months ago

Open, repair or rebuild ALL public swimming pools. Maintain ALL city parks and Rec centers. Pickleball for all Rec centers at noon. Keep motorized scooters bikes off park trails! Keep Austin healthy!

8 months ago

excelling playground equipment in shade

8 months ago

Bike polo court

8 months ago

Frisbee leagues/more fields with public access lights

8 months ago

Skate park options for kids and adults

8 months ago

ACL shouldn't take place in Zilker. Let them find another place to be.

8 months ago

Ultimate Frisbee

8 months ago

More quality volleyball facilities

8 months ago

More volleyball courts

8 months ago

Off-leash pet areas are extremely lacking in our city.

8 months ago

Roller Derby

8 months ago

Skate parks!

8 months ago

Activities and off leash areas for pet owners. Limit the number of food trucks and vendors drastically.

8 months ago

more leash free parks for dogs

8 months ago

There should not be mega art pieces in the parks, especially those that limit people's ability to use the parks. Beware of the "gifts" such as the 29th and Lamar mega that at the park.

8 months ago

There is a real need to have some parks and trails remain unprogrammed so people can use the parks and natural areas in their own ways.

8 months ago

I'd love more rollerskating accessibility: paths, derby courts, skateparks

8 months ago
Just maintenance
8 months ago

No eScooters/ebikes! Support roller derby and outdoor skating. Off leash dog park in central east!
8 months ago

I would support a bona fide zoo if it offered a well run animal-kind facility with reasonable admission fees and hours of operation. I have visited the Abilene and San Antonio zoos frequently. Great experience for families, children and grandchildren, grandparents and visitors to the city. Necessary funds would be much better spent in support of a zoo than in wasteful and unnecessary hardships arising out of changing names of all things Confederate in mindless attempts to erase rather than learn from our history. Our city leadership squanders taxpayer funds on Confederate name changes while ignoring their duty to provide adequate police and fire protection and quality schools & teaching staff to our citizens. Our streets & highways & public swimming pools and park restroom facilities close from lack of maintenance while city council members throw taxpayer money at projects beneficial to a very small minority and supported by few while the priority items often don't even make the list. SHAME!!!
8 months ago

Smooth trails without super steep places for roller blading or skating.
8 months ago

Add Food kiosks in Zilker Botanical Garden.
8 months ago

More paved trails for skating & biking
8 months ago

Multi-use courts and courses for activities like bike polo, roller hockey, hardcourt soccer, skating, etc.
8 months ago

Parks should be for everybody not just one race like Givens Park
8 months ago

Parks should be places of integration and not prostitution like in Givens park
8 months ago

I would love it if you built out more of the trail east of I35 & widened the trail near the Hilton (less busy areas for better bicycle riding)
8 months ago

More field space for Ultimate Frisbee
8 months ago

Please no dogs!
8 months ago

Actually ACL pays for all repairs of the park, same for TOL and every other event...
8 months ago

bike polo courts
8 months ago

bike polo court
8 months ago

Dedicated space for roller derby. No scooters on trails.
8 months ago
More opportunities to swim year-round (my aging body prefers swimming to other forms of exercise). Also, more large natural spaces to hike would be great!

I would love to see more information on the web or signage at parks that would easily explain how to exercise in the park and/or how long a trail is and good ways to get to a mile or 3 miles or 5 miles, etc.

Roller Derby

Biking and mountain biking

More neighborhood parks. It is too far to get to the large high dollar parks like Zilker. Oh, high use trails should be paved.

Roller Skating classes for all ages. Roller Skating is great for fitness and better for your joints than running. Austin is home to several certified instructors already.

Roller derby

We need to devote our parks for public use, not private use. Major parts of our very best park are closed to the public for three months due to ACL and Trail of Lights.

We have devoted too much of our public parks to private use in the form of ACL and the Trail of Lights. Our best park is not available for public use for the entire fourth quarter of the year.

A space to skate

Skate parks, I go once or twice per week.

Skate parks! I go once or twice a week.

Roller derby

Parks are missing trees

I'd like to see places for rollerblading.

Allowability of skating

Mountain bike trails

Parkland, restrooms, water fountains. Keep it basic, please.
Parkland, restrooms, water fountains. Basics!
8 months ago

I live a block from Zilker. I would use it more if it wasn't fenced and roped off for more than a quarter of the year.
8 months ago

Something dog related, like a nice basic dog park.
8 months ago

Dog related activities/play times etc
8 months ago

Please increase access for fishing/camping. I come down to fish Town Lake, Emma Long Metropolitan Park, and Decker Lake for carp and buffalo and more bank space would easily draw me down more often!
8 months ago

HIKING
8 months ago

Teen programs
8 months ago

More nature/land preservation and nature trails on the east side please.
8 months ago

Hiking
8 months ago

Accessible trails that are gently used.
8 months ago

Our family spends most of our time at work, at school, or at home. Parks would be most valuable to me if they were on routes connecting up these destinations. They would help me to destress, and to reach destinations, when I bike or use the bus. The new bike lane under 183 near Shoal Creek, which runs through UT-owned flood plain, is a great example. Parks in urban areas like the Domain could serve the same purpose. There are hardly any parks up here, and they want to take the City-owned land that's left to build a soccer stadium.
8 months ago

Better upkeep in my neighborhood. About 3 years ago I reported that the swings are missing at Quail Creek Neighborhood Park and was told they would be replaced soon. They still have not been replaced. Is this merely an oversight, or is it because this park serves low income families?
8 months ago

I would love to have more of the conservation, recreation, and flood control green spaces like they have at Mueller and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Perhaps linking them all together like many of the downtown Austin trails and Exploration Green in Clear Lake (explorationgreen.org)
8 months ago

More golf courses
8 months ago

off leash hours or places for dogs
8 months ago

park clean ups
8 months ago

More mountain biking trails
8 months ago
quiet space walking spaces without dogs running everywhere
8 months ago

Dog park and swimming pool in Mary Moore Searight
8 months ago

More natural dog parks.
8 months ago

Please no more music programs/festivals!! Also, I'd prefer focus on leaving space open VS adding theater sites. Lastly, our parks are being taken over by sticker plants. I noticed them in downtown parks and parks along lady bird lake.
8 months ago

My friends and I heavily use the SAC on Lamar @ 29th and love and appreciate it!!
8 months ago

Ultimate frisbee fields
8 months ago

Fragrance free bathrooms.
8 months ago

If there are night activities, I have a concern about park safety. My neighborhood park (Pickfair Community Park) has no lights and several robberies with injuries have occurred there in the past.
8 months ago

Additional multimodal facilities (transit stops, pay or public bathrooms, scooter/bike parking or maintenance stations, water bottle refill)
8 months ago

Would love to see a larger off leash area for dogs on the east side - maybe somewhere around Bartolomew park?
8 months ago

Senior exercises
8 months ago

Continued/increased support for rock climbing areas and mountain bike trails!
8 months ago

Playscape on hike and bike trail
8 months ago

I walk through the parks any chance I get. I don't go for events often
8 months ago

Houston has yoga classes in the park. I think we used to have them. maybe we still do. I would like to see this.
8 months ago

Group bicycle rides.
Some light area for vendors.
8 months ago

Gaines Creek Park needs ongoing maintenance
8 months ago

More unique features in parks, such as better playgrounds. More up to date site amenities.
Activities for seniors like slow biking, nature programs, mobility challenged activities

Food Trucks would be awesome!

I enjoy the natural beauty and spaces to run, play, and gather without marketing events or sales of goods.

I'd like to see organized events in the parks minimized - especially the very large ones like the Austin City Limits Festival - in favor of preserving these areas for walking, dog-walking, running, biking and family get-togethers.

Keep Austin (catch and release) fishing with areas for families to fish together and stations for discarded fishing line and trash.

We used to have great pick up basketball games at Comal park, well that all changed. People that played had to move out of the neighborhood. Now it caters to a different crowd.

Mountain bike trails, preservation of undeveloped land with singletrack trail which does not impact wildlife or nearby water sources

Mountain biking trails, preservation of undeveloped land with use as single track trails which do not impact wildlife

More developed mountain biking trails, skills parks, etc.

Bike polo or other multi-use court

Multi-use court for bike polo

Bike Polo

We need more golf courses.

this is a waste of money and water

I used to enjoy the outdoor heated pool in the wintertime. I suppose that in today's circumstances such a thing might be deemed to be wasting utilities but if it were possible to employ newer technologies to accomplish such a thing...

Please keep the Butler Hike and Bike trail unmotorized...it's primary use is recreational not transit. It is utilized well and adding motorized scooters and bikes takes away and will add to traffic on the trail. Please keep in unmotorized.

Honestly, I doubt I'll use any park programs. I just use the parks to walk my dog.
I love my neighborhood park, Dottie Jordan, but I wish there were more organized events there to bring the neighbors together.

Additional Ballroom dance activities.

extended aquatics season/hours for lap swimming

The Lamar Senior Activity Center has been hosting my writers' group for 5 years. There are many other activities there that attract a wide range of participation. Thank you, Austin, for providing for our seniors.

I wish for less development in the Slaughter Lane area, more and continued green space in Austin. Developers seems to get a free pass at any green space not currently designated as a park.

I'd like to see increased support for individuals especially children with special needs/disabilities specifically in the parks and rec centers.

I would like to see more native edible plant gardening such as food forests. I would participate more if there was one near me, around Far West/Shoal Creek.

I would love a backboard at the tennis court at Dick Nichols park. I can't actually play games because of bad knees, but I would love to hit balls on my own. And I'm imagining that backboards on other courts would be appreciated as well.

3. Select up to five (5) options below that you would like to see increase in Austin's parks and recreational system in the next 10 years.

- Nature trails for hiking and walking (12%)
- Natural areas and Preserves (10%)
- Multi-purpose trails for walking, running, hiking, mountain biking (10%)
- Nature-based play elements i.e. balancing log, stump jump, climbing boulders, etc.) (6%)
- Off leash dog areas (5%)
- Native plant demonstration gardens (5%)
- Community gardens (5%)
- Outdoor pools (5%)
Honestly the parks need to be kept as parks. Too much development of the parks ruins them. Plenty of "nature-based play elements" right there in the parks now - actually natural ones.

I agree!

I agree too

I don't agree. In Germany, we saw a nature playground that was much more involving; there was a creek kids could build dams in with rocks. There were pet goats behind a fence. A huge wooden boat the kids and goats could climb from two sides and meet at the top (separately). Various tree houses and shelters they could play house in, all made of natural materials. It kept them engaged for hours.

I agree. And sorry I just flagged this. Couldn't see the tiny button on my phone was a flag. I thought it was a like.

Ditto, I agree that we are very fortunate to have green parks. Stop thinking anything needs to be added to the environment.

Disc golf keeps the parks as parks with minimal additions!

Amen!

Please, let's leave the parks as natural as possible. A place to go and get out of the concrete city.

I agree. And keep out the motorized scooters.

Pollinator gardens, more "grow zones". What about establishing savannas or prairies???

Natural open space is important for kids as well as adults. Let's not clutter our green spaces with manufactured playground equipment and sports areas.

Fragrance free bathrooms that are cleaned with non-toxic natural cleaners that are not harmful to the environment or those with chemical sensitivities.

No electric scooter on the trails.

No need to over think. Leave parkland as open space.

I would love to have more of the conservation, recreation, and flood control green spaces like they have at Mueller and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Perhaps linking them all together like many of the downtown Austin trails and Exploration Green in Clear Lake (explorationgreen.org)
when developing the parks dont remove the trees

Leave the parks as natural as possible.

Consider opening more natural swimming holes on creeks other than Barton Creek.

See how low golf is! Please stop subsidizing underutilized public golf courses and spend the money on maintaining facilities that people want and actually will use.

Local public golf courses are not underutilized. I am a golfer and I know the facts. We golfers pay our own way. The fees collected from the golfers go to pay salaries and pay the maintenance expenses. Golf is one of the few “pay to play” sports in Austin. Swimming, tennis, skateboarding and hike/bike trails are basically FREE to use. Lions Municipal Golf Course in central Austin hosts over 60,000 rounds per year....hardly underutilized.

Put our homeless folks to work in our parks clearing out invasive species and picking up trash. And pay them a decent wage. Many other cities are doing this.

Bikes and motorized scooters and bikes make it dangerous to walk in certain parks with dogs and children.

Please leave our parks as natural (and with as many trees) as possible, properly maintained/fire prevention.

Swimming Pools should be accessible for all

Polls also should be chlorine free and offer warm showers.

More smaller neighborhood parks please! The Woodlands TX planned theirs out so beautifully.

We need an off leash dog park east of i35 similar to Auditorium Shores Dog Park. The closest option without jumping in a car and adding to the congestion is Riverside/i35 dog park. But it's horrible to cross the river and i35 on the side of the access road/above the highway riverside crossing. I feel like cars on the access road are going to ram into the concrete barrier and kill everyone + the Riverside sidewalk is also narrow when crossing above the highway. And it's not just that crossing above. If you go under i35 and walk up the trail onto Riverside the cars speed by the narrow side walk going up to the dog park at the corner of i35 and Riverside. There's no safe way to get to the Riverside/i35 dog park on foot. There needs to be an accessible dog park east of i35. There is plenty of greeny to call off leash dog park.

I would like to see more parks/trails where dogs are not allowed or where off leash and dog-waste laws are extremely rigorously enforced. There is an epidemic of dog waste (either not bagged up, or worse, people bag it up then leave the bag)...off-leash dogs are a pain to runners, children, bikers etc.

Removal of poison oak/ivy

Absolutely!
we need to be purchasing land in the barton springs recharge zone and making it accessible for hiking and camping as an extension of our “wild” park/preserve system. dual purpose! also, just more park space in general rather than turning it into parking lots.

Wonderful idea. We need to protect Barton Springs and create more protected natural areas.

Maybe if there were more off-leash areas, there would be fewer off-leash dogs in other areas.

No scooters on trails. Lets focus on more walking, running.

Mainly, leave the parks as green as possible with native plants. Scientists have recently reported that people who live where they have more access to green spaces show significantly less heart disease.

I’d like to see LESS selling of our parks to commercial interests for events like ACL.

Parks should be areas where people can escape the noisy urban street scene, not substitute gyms, sports, entertainment, or child care centers.

Please crack down on off-leash dogs and issue fines. If a focused enforcement program is undertaken, behavior will change as news of the fines gets around. Any extra staff time used for enforcement will pay for itself in fines. I am OK with additional dedicated off-leash space as long as rules are enforced elsewhere.

more parks and larger park spaces - not developed spaces but natural spaces

Off-leash areas.

Way too many dogs off leash in all parks. There is not any control from the city on except when someone might call one in. Too many times with aggressive dogs off leash and a huge pet waste problem.

Leash rules do not assure responsibility of dog owners picking up waste. As a dog owner it angers me as well.

Access to natural areas should be limited so that natural areas remain undisturbed and intact. Multi use trails that skirt natural areas are preferred vs trails that cut through natural areas.

Rollerderby indoor track

Would love covered spaces for skating.

Would love to see covered space for skating.
Skating pavilion like the Anacostia skating pavilion in Washington DC
8 months ago

I'd like more off leash areas. Too often auditorium shores is used for other events so I can't use them. I'd like to use Red Bud more but the bridge is covered in poison ivy and parking is an issue. Additionally having more off leash areas would put less pressure on the grass in the existed dog parks.
8 months ago

Austin needs to support our pools and keep them safe.
6 months ago

Pocket parks within neighborhoods for locals to meet. Couple of benches and shade.
7 months ago

Too many events held at the parks. Leave the parks natural.
7 months ago

Pool access should be expanded and not tied solely to the AISD summer breaks.
7 months ago

Please continue to invest in development of the swimming pools
7 months ago

I would like more off leash dog areas in South Austin.
7 months ago

We need nature and places that we can explore and hear birds and see other animals.
8 months ago

Bicycle only and pedestrian only paths/trails. The hike and bike isn't safe for pedestrians *or* cyclists (never mind those wretched scooters - wish they were outlawed entirely!!!).
8 months ago

Maintenance - budgets for staff and better groundskeeping need to increase.
Increased lighting - particularly on our urban parks and trails is vital.
8 months ago

Also agree. There is a need for different outdoor experiences in different locations. Not every creek in the City needs to have concrete multi-use trails. It would be nice to have some more nature trails and to preserve wildlife corridors in some of the remaining natural areas within the City boundaries.
8 months ago

Austin Citizens should have access to different types of experiences in different locations and decisions should be based on multiple factors. Austin does not need multipurpose concrete trails along every creek in the City. Nature trails would be a very welcome alternative to other high traffic park activities. There is a desire to preserve, at least some wildlife corridors on what little natural green spaces remain in the City boundaries.
8 months ago

Parks should be places to escape the busy street scenes, not substitute gyms, sports, or child care centers.
8 months ago

Multi-use native trails for all activities, large green open spaces for creative play and relaxation, covered pavilions with picnic tables and grilling setup, native plant and environment education, outdoor performances. No motorized vehicles of any type including scooters and dirt bikes on park property.

Low total cost Pocket Parks with water/splash features or playscapes scattered throughout Austin especially in dense populated areas. Larger community parks with expanded pocket park features in select areas.
Open space will be critical with Austin's densification. Healthy air is paramount for the well-being of all Austinites.

Stop excluding people so "events" can be held in parks. ACL should find their own private land to hold their festival.

I would like the City to commit to fixing the closed and damaged pools in East Austin. It is a shame that several pools have been closed for several years due to leaks and damage. Other pools (Enfield) have been built during this time and east Austin continues to be neglected and forgotten. Provide water/splash features instead of building new pools where there already isn't a pool.

The more natural the better.

Transportation provided to Seniors to Senior Centers for those living in areas annexed by Austin such as Del Valle area.

More nature, less development.

Roller derby track with covered pavillion

Roller derby flat track (smooth concrete)

Provide lighting for safety.

Spaces for community roller derby of all levels

More Wheelchair accessible trails

Multi-use Pumptrack skateboard, roller skate and biking

Nice fenced dog park.

My kids are grown, but when they were younger there was a real lack of SHADED playgrounds.

more skateparks, parks closer to town that allow practicing cyclocross

MORE SKATEPARKS

in reference to multi use trails- I'd like to see integration with bike lanes system to create integrated transportation solutions

I selected Golf as one of my choices, but I think we should preserve what we have over getting more golf course real estate. The city courses we have are awesome, old-style courses that help define Austin in the same way Zilker Park and Barton Springs do.
Include more “All Abilities” play areas. The Children's Park in San Marcos and All Abilities Park in Round Rock. Joanne Land park in Round Rock and Landa Park in New Braunfels are also amazing parks that we don't have in Austin. In particular, Southwest Austin parks could use some updating with more play equipment for a diverse age range. Bathrooms at the larger parks would be great (like Circle C). Speaking of Circle C Park - a poured rubber safety surface would be nice. While the rocks make digging and playing with little toys fun, those rocks could be repurposed for an actual “digging” area.

Afforestation and free arbor care classes. We need to replace more trees.

Dog-free parks!

I meant to check nature trails rather than equestrian trails, although I support that as well

Recreation path bridges across Barton Creek within the green belt. This would make the trails accessible year round. Improve the trails as they have deteriorated significantly in recent years.

NO SCOOTERS!

The motorized scooters do not belong on the trail. ACL needs to find a different location for their little money-grab. Austin taxpayers pay DEARLY for the damage they cause to Zilker Park, especially due to no access to the park we have paid for. Quit fencing off the rock garden during the Trail of Lights. It's not even part of the ToL, so let the taxpayers have access to it during December.

How about more shade?

Can we get some nut trees? Pecan would be great

Please build community gardens and off leash dog areas in the Southwest! We are the only part of town that cannot take advantage!

I like green trees and places to walk and sit

Asphalt surfaced bicycle pump track

Please no off leash dog areas. There are already too many people that think the entire park is off leash. It would be nice if the park would enforce that dogs need to be on a leash.

Love Austin's crushed gravel trails. Would like to see more trails and longer trails. Less pavement, more gravel
There should be strict limitations (or a complete ban) on electric scooter use in our parks. And there needs to be enforcement of rules. These are motorized vehicles and should be treated as such.

7 months ago

Need more fishing from the bank, and less slippery area at boat launch areas

7 months ago

Because of growing numbers of younger residents who have dogs instead of children we need to establish more off-leash dog areas spread across the entirety of the park system. Fitness stations in school, which should be available to community members during outside school hours would be a good option to keep community members, as well as our children, in better health. All playscapes should be ADA qualified. This would help disabled children to partake of activities that able bodied children already enjoy. Community gardens are a good way to allow community members grow their own healthy fruits and vegetables. They would also allow children to learn how natural foods are grown.

7 months ago

Ensuring are trails remain safe and free of e-waste. So far I pulled 3 scooters out of waterways and now they are starting to litter the green belt trails. I all for using the trail but who cleans up the mess from these companies or is it now okay to leave a trace?

7 months ago

With future densification of Austin, open spaces are critical for the health of Austinites.

7 months ago

I too would caution against too much buildout of features that will decay, cost money, and look dated in 10 years. Let’s keep parks green. We need more multipurpose fields as well – the ones around town are always booked and savaged... and brown

8 months ago

Trails and paths that tie neighborhoods, schools, communities, businesses together. Alternatives to driving.

8 months ago

Trails such as the Northern Walnut Creek Trail and others that connect park to park for people on foot or bike to use to get places.

8 months ago

Please leave parks as forest! We need natural areas and so does the wildlife!

8 months ago

In general, I believe Austin needs more park space where families with kids can play. I have lived in 2 areas of east Austin, and as I consider beginning a family I can’t imagine where I would take my kids to play. Where I live now in the Guadalupe area, there is no park space within walking distance. I love the trails along the river, but more playgrounds would be great.

8 months ago

environmental education

8 months ago

bike trails like the southern walnut creek trail

8 months ago

Biking wasn’t mentioned. We need more biking areas that can be used safely out of traffic.

8 months ago

I often us kayaks near Barton Springs, and I love performing at Zilker Hillside Theatre. I like the nature trails that go through Garrison Park and the swimming pool.

8 months ago

Increase enforcement of leash ordinance in the non-off leash parks!

8 months ago

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE focus more efforts on building public mountain bike trails for all skill levels. Malott would be the easiest place to start and bring so much value to so many people in...
1 Agree

levels. Walnut would be the easiest place to start, and bring so much value to so many people in
the city.
8 months ago

Natural play areas are cheap, easy, and get tons of use. Pavilions with grills make a park THE
community gathering spot, benefiting everyone from families to church groups and everyone in
between.
8 months ago

More bike/skate only trails. Walker/Runners need their own space, and so do cyclists.
8 months ago

Heated pools that actually stay open. We keep building new facilities and closing our old ones; we
can't fix the old pools or supposedly maintain bathrooms at them, but we are building water
parks- how much maintenance and repair do you think those will cost? Most libraries are now
closed two days a week, and although the new library is lovely, the use of the libraries and
computers by low income citizens is restricted as we shift money away from operating and
maintaining facilities we already have. East Austin doesn't need an expensive golf course, it needs
free docks for fishing on Decker, it needs basketball courts for kids, it needs ACCESS where the
city ALREADY owns land to riverfront in Roy Guerrero Park (but oops we spent millions on building
a boardwalk because we didn't have frontage, while chain-link fence preventing nearing the river
in east austin). How about free swimming lessons and fix the older neighborhood pools? That
would provide jobs for low income teens ...you know those lifeguard jobs the City can't fill?? Why
do we spend money in the areas where the DEVELOPERS should fund the amenities? How about
bus routes that could get kids to pools? How about kayaks and canoes at Decker? OUTSIDE for
East Austin residents? Why isn't there access to Walnut Creek by Heritage Village or the
neighborhoods in East Austin The bike highway is lovely for commuters, what about the
NEIGHBORS? At the community meetings, the local residents should be alerted and meetings held
when they can attend, their preferences should weigh more than the DEVELOPERS who attend
the meetings.
8 months ago

Mountain bike skills course
8 months ago

I think the addition of more mountain bike specific trails with challenging manmade features
(bridges, jumps, drops, rollers, and banked turns) would be a welcomed change in some parks.
Ideally, these would be relatively short trails that branch away from multi-purpose trails with high
foot traffic. The Walnut Creek and Brushy Creek trail systems come to mind.
8 months ago

Spend more money on cemeteries. Need new irrigation system and more money to hire workers
8 months ago

soccer practice field and game fields
8 months ago

Ultimate frisbee
8 months ago

Dedicated mountain biking trails. This is safer for all trail users and would allow for a greater
variety of biking specific features on trails that can't be done on multi-use trails.
8 months ago

Please repair the paved hike and bike trail in Mary Moore Searight Park.
8 months ago

Fragrance free bathrooms; development and preservation of natural plants and landscapes
8 months ago

Indoor, temp controlled roller derby, roller skating rink. Also indoor year round pool
8 months ago

Im not sure your indoor roller skating rink classifies as a park.
8 months ago
a space to play flat track roller derby
8 months ago  1 Agree

Fragrance free bathrooms.
8 months ago  1 Agree

Roller derby needs a place to expand
8 months ago  1 Agree

more trails
8 months ago  1 Agree

Covered spaces for flat track roller derby
8 months ago  1 Agree

Austin is the birthplace of modern roller derby and it would be spectacular to see the city support this empowering & entertaining sport with a lovely facility that can both banked & flat track leagues.
8 months ago  1 Agree

More Roller Derby Tracks for the growing sport in our community. Skaters of all ages 5-80 skate roller derby
8 months ago  1 Agree

Roller derby track!
8 months ago  1 Agree

Roller derby tracks
8 months ago  1 Agree

Multi purpose roller skating rink/ area
8 months ago  1 Agree

Wheel chair accessible trails
8 months ago  1 Agree

Roller derby tracks
8 months ago  1 Agree

Paved/laid out roller derby tracks
8 months ago  1 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago  1 Agree

Covered area to play roller derby with track
8 months ago  1 Agree

Roller derby space
8 months ago  1 Agree

Disability friendly plays capes like the play for all abilities playground in round rock.
8 months ago  1 Agree

Pools. Pools with slides. Every other city has so much playgrounds and pool facilities. Our city looks like it's still in the 70s.
8 months ago  1 Agree

Roller derby track access and availability at more parks.
Agree

8 months ago

roller derby track access at more parks.

8 months ago

theme park

6 months ago

natural terrain trails, i.e. no pavement or minimal flat surfaces

6 months ago

special needs equipment and activities

6 months ago

More trash & recycling bins. Frequent cleanups

6 months ago

Keep homeless & drugs people from meeting at parks. Safety for all children. Especially Walnut Creek.

6 months ago

More disc golf!!!

6 months ago

I can not stress enough fitness equipment! Do some research in what they have put in place around Korea for examples because their parks and trails with fitness areas are amazing!

6 months ago

Fenced dog parks, NOT unfenced off-leash areas like Walnut Creek which is a disaster.

6 months ago

More disc golf courses are needed in city parks. The current courses are way overcrowded especially during peak times (evenings & weekends). This is especially true if you've visited Mary Moore Searight or Zilker and to a lesser extent Circle C. Need more variety in courses as well: beginner friendly 9 hole courses, intermediate 18 hole courses, and championship level courses for very experienced players.

6 months ago

Family friendly food and drinks at most larger parks. Every child (and many adults) needs a snack and a nearby bathroom about every two hours. Even if it's food trucks, we need to eat and drink. And SHADE. And WATER FEATURES.

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

If there is a pond, creek, river, or then utilize it. Water is great for paddling, watching, fishing, nature photography, and children's programs.

6 months ago

If there is a pond, creek, river, or lake then utilize it. Water is great for watching, paddling, fishing, nature photography, and children programs.

6 months ago

If there is a lake, pond, river, or creek then utilize it. Water is great for paddling, fishing, nature photography, and children's programs.

6 months ago

raquetball courts

6 months ago

raquetball courts.
Disc Golf!
6 months ago

Agree with comment below - parks need to be parks. No off-leash dog areas - people do not control their dogs, and my dog and I were attacked by two German Shepherds whose owner was jogging.
6 months ago

Austin needs more green space, less-programmed outdoors. We need more parks!
6 months ago

Protect our parks and recreational facilities. Improvements should only enhance the experiences, not change them.
6 months ago

Disc Golf. Austin has fallen behind other top cities in terms of quantity and quality of disc golf course.
6 months ago

Disc Golf. Austin has fallen behind other top cities in terms of quantity and quality of disc golf course.
Also need field availability for ultimate frisbee and soccer.
6 months ago

I would like to see more Disc Golf in the city. 9-hole courses aren't too terrible to play if they are accessible with easy access to parking.
6 months ago

We need more disc golf courses in Austin as our city is growing
6 months ago

Designated Mountain Bike Parks. Look at Bentonville Ar. Model
6 months ago

Bmx pump tracks
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

The Austin area is a major disc golf area nationally, yet courses in the city are limited.
6 months ago

Would love more disc golf courses in town
6 months ago

What the hey is pickle ball?!
6 months ago

With the increase in population in Austin the lack of available tennis courts has become acute. The managers at SATC have been allowed to take over the majority of courts for teaching. The public is left to fight over one court available in the mornings. So it begs the question - are these courts really public?
6 months ago

We need a Disc Golf course to grow the sport.
6 months ago

I would like to see a variety of additional disc golf courses to support the rapid growth of the sport in the area
6 months ago
The paddle boat vendor should allow everyone to use the facilities.

Disc golf

More disc golf

The south Walnut Creek bike and bike trail feels like an afterthought. It's dirty and poorly maintained. There are no trash cans and the neighborhoods have to volunteer their own time to clean up. Rather than creating new trails, I'd like to see the ones that we already have be better taken care of.

I'd love to see all of these options potentially.

historic stuff: Austin history

Safe rowing on the lake. No swinging bridges or new bridges to block shells.

More bike skills park and/or pump tracks.

Soccer; Restrooms.

Squash courts. Lots of very successful city squash programs being run all over the country, opening up a great and growing sport that is inexpensive to play, to folks who would never have the opportunity to do so.

I would like to see MTB skills areas in the parks that have mountain bike trails.

Mountain Bike Only trail designation for those trails built and maintained by the mountain biking community. Or, at least signage to inform walkers that the trails they are using were made possible by the mountain bikers they are griping about. This might go a long way toward reducing tension between those user groups.

Pet free zones for people that don't have dogs and don't want them around.

Equine Assisted Activities/centers

Keep it natural and native - parks don't need "development"

More off-leash dog areas would work if in turn dogs were banned from some of our most sensitive natural areas like the Barton Creek Greenbelt where dogs are inflicting immense damage to creek side habitat. The continued presence of dogs in Barton Creek creek side areas (the main trail along the creek) will lead to the eventual destruction of the riparian zones and thus the creek itself.
Green space. Access to nature is very important as the city population increases. Pools are important. Permanent restrooms and picnic areas.

6 months ago

Turn lawns into natural grass such as buffalo wherever possible. More nature, less vendors. The events close Zilker park for weeks at a time to residents who seek a relaxing day there. And then there’s the Central Austin traffic problems created by these events.

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Outdoor racquetball/handball/squash courts would be so awesome. I miss playing it and nowhere feasible for us to go.

Also long bike trails are great like shoal creek bike trail and hike anencephaly bike.

6 months ago

I’d like additional playscapes, but ONLY if they provide shade. I’d rather see money used to provide shade covers for the existing playgrounds than add new or alter old ones.

6 months ago

More plazas!

6 months ago

I agree that parks should be maintained but not overdeveloped. I think the main draw of the parkland is ensuring access to nature within our urban environment. My one caveat to park development is this is Austin and it gets hot in the summer; we need to keep budgeting to maintain and develop enough pools for all interested parties to use without overcrowding! Also, thank you for the year round access to Bartholomew Pool; I love swimming in the winter, it adds hugely to my quality of life!

6 months ago

For off leash dog areas, full fencing would be especially helpful.

6 months ago

Stop developing the parks. They are parks. Leave them be. If people can’t handle a natural park they can go to town lake and meet up with their tinder date. Or go to a movie. Create corridors to connect the green spaces. Provide compost and recycling receptacles. No mow zones for long grass to support the dwindling lampyridae populations would be a plus. They need rocks to nest under, long grass to pitch on, near a water source along tree lines.

6 months ago

I would like the green and natural areas to be preserved as much as possible. Our natural resources need to be guarded. I would also like corridors to be provided to connect the natural spaces for existing fauna, fragmentation is causing populations to be separated and impact deaths are contributing to dwindling wildlife. There are no more jack rabbits here anymore, snapping turtles and others, frogs: where have all the frogs gone? Also habitat reconstruction for the lampyridae (lightning bugs/ fireflies) would bring some spark back to Austin that has gone out. There used to be so many and now you barely see one or two in the city. We need more long grasses to be restored with ricks for larvae to nest under along tree lines near water. All these attributes make for a healthy lampyridae habitat.

6 months ago

Disc golf will increase the use of all parks. As a disc golfer I clean as I play as do most disc golfers.
Dedicated trails for bikes, and dedicated walking trails
6 months ago

Austin has a shortage of sand volleyball courts, and a growing sand volleyball community. More courts would foster the community's growth and draw in high levels of local and national competition. The AVP already includes Austin in its tournaments, players come from Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas to compete on weekends in Austin sand volleyball.
6 months ago

move the off-leash dog parks OFF of the trails, and into an area where walkers and runners don't have to hurdle the dogs.
6 months ago

They already did this when the significantly downsized the off leash area at Auditorium Shores. Don't run through the dog park if you don't want to encounter dogs.
6 months ago

Leave parks natural with trails and open lawns. Parks don't need amenities. Parks ARE the amenity. Too much development and paving over of parkland with splash pad and other choices above, never get reversed. Keep it natural. Let people use their creativity and create their own fun by flying a kite, climbing a tree, tossing a frisbee, or bringing a ball. Parks should not be filled with man-made features to entertain.
6 months ago

BMX Pump Track, Mountain Bike Flow Track
6 months ago

Connected, protected trails through a series of parks w trees planted along the routes
6 months ago

The Guerrero park definitely needs more picnic tables throughout the park. And the park needs to be lighted up. It is very dark at night.
6 months ago

BOCCE / PETANQUE
6 months ago

More parks, period.
6 months ago

I'd really love to see a selection of disc golf courses, ranging from beginner to advanced.
6 months ago

no more development
6 months ago

i like it the way it is
6 months ago

Prefer the parks stay natural. Not a lot of development Just Bathrooms and trails
6 months ago

large open areas for kite flying or model airplane flying
6 months ago

I agree
6 months ago

Pull up bars and Exercise Areas.... Miami Beach has these exercise areas and people use them constantly
6 months ago
Keep the trails safe for walking.
6 months ago

allow e-scooters and e-bikes usage. I don’t see the argument that allows for allowing for
commuters by bicycle and not e-scooters. They weigh about the same and take up the same
space. Feels like NIMBY
6 months ago

Public gathering spaces... can be natural areas.
6 months ago

Trap and skeet club
6 months ago

I primarily use the trap and skeet club at decker lake and would like for it to remain there.
6 months ago

not enough outdoor pools
6 months ago

Benches placed near plantings and that face an attractive view. Multiple benches near each other
to invite conversation. Benches could face gardens, children areas, along the paths, under trees
not pavilion roofs, near a pond with fishing, near the bocce courts and etc.
6 months ago

Parks are for park activities. If you’re looking for amusement go somewhere else.
6 months ago

Open space for kite flying is very scarce, need more fields for aerial activities.
6 months ago

I want to see more parkland, some with various amenities, but I encourage maintaining the
natural settings as much as possible. Too often people think they are “improving” parks by adding
structures and paved paths, but I strongly believe that we need to relate to nature as our first
priority.
6 months ago

Accessible trails for handicapped. local artist murals incorporated into park designs. BENCHES!
6 months ago

More RC AIRPLANE FLYING
6 months ago

Please keep our parks tranquil. Do not crowd them with unnecessary activities. The pools have
been a vital part of our parks for generations. Let’s keep those maintained and open to the public
for no entrance fees.
6 months ago

Cafe/concession Zilker and botanical garden. Also, nobody has washed the windows in the
botanical garden building in years. Also, there was obviously meant to be a view of downtown
from that hill, but y’all cluelessly let it become obscured by ligustrum and bamboo.
6 months ago

I am eager for more disc golf facilities.
6 months ago

I agree. Disc golf courses work with nature and have limited impact on the natural features.
6 months ago

Disc golf is an engrossing, growing sport that gets people out in nature and keeps them coming
back for more. Its minimal environmental impact balances use of our natural spaces while
keeping them wild, and makes it coexist well with hiking, dog walking, wildlife watching etc. PARD
should increase the availability of the sport with more and better courses, improvements to
More disc golf courses are needed - too many people trying to play the few that are in PARD's parks. More types and sizes of disc golf courses needed too: need some 9-hole courses (not just 18-hole courses); need courses for beginners, intermediate skill level players, and championship level courses for very experienced players.

6 months ago

Handball courts

7 months ago

Clean and well maintained bathrooms

7 months ago

We need to increase our awareness of plastic in our parks...“pack it out” motto needs to be changed to “keep it out”. Everybody talks about it but the city of Austin needs to lead this charge a lot more aggressively. And yes, the parks need to be parks and not massive music venues that destroy the turf and trees.

7 months ago

Improvements to golf driving ranges including better mats and shade/rain covers over practice mats. This will encourage more use in less than optimal conditions.

7 months ago

I like the natural elements of the parks, but I'd like to see more stroller-friendly spaces in select areas (for parents with infants and toddlers who also like to go hiking/walking in nature).

7 months ago

Parks should feel like being outdoors, not a sports complex

7 months ago

Keep the parks natural and encourage native plants. Provided occasional benches, nature observations benches, and some pavilions where natural shade is not available.

7 months ago

Please keep mountain bikes on trails that don't also have walkers/runners/and hikers. Mountain biking is a different sport altogether and they should have their own separate trails.

7 months ago

If the city loses Lion's golf course to UT, we will need a course to replace it or bring the current courses up to where they can handle the extra traffic.

7 months ago

A space for community bases where the children that are doing cheerleading have a gym to go to all over Austin to practice on mats instead of outside on the grass or concrete or paying high fees to use a gymnastic practice faculty.

7 months ago

I agree with the comments shown below re keeping parks as parks, and leaving the parks as natural as possible AND it is important for the City of Austin to acquire OWNERSHIP of Lions Municipal Golf Course, with an easement to preserve this historic golf course for future generations

7 months ago

Stop hosting ACL and Trail of Lights. Give the park back to the tax payers.

7 months ago

Less development, more nature. Don't mess with the Barton Springs bathhouse--just clean it up.

7 months ago

Playscapes designed for teens and adults.

7 months ago

Drinking water fountain
God, no more freaking golf. Elitist. Expensive. And uses too much water and chemicals.

I think you could paint pickle ball lines on existing tennis courts. Otherwise I want green space.

Preservation of the parks as they are now is vitally important to Austin. Parks that are currently used for activities such as golf, swimming, and baseball should be kept as such, as they are part of Austin's great history and the reason many people want to live here.

Outdoor, 3-wall handball courts; popular with Latinos and a great before and after school activity for all ages. A great life-time sport.

Indoor swimming pools with fitness programs like they have in Las Cruces NM. More year round pools. Permanent game tables like they have in NYC.

An indoor swimming center with water fitness classes like the Regional Aquatic Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

ADA areas for everyone.

We definitely have enough off leash places Jesus

More play structures for bigger kids. Check out Dolores Park in San Francisco, Codornices Park in Berkeley, Koret Park in SF, Glendale La Loma (middle level) in Berkeley. Large slides (concrete or metal) can provide excellent exercise when kids have to climb/walk up lots of steps to get to the top. Multilevel climbing structures are excellent. We like the structures at Mountain View, but they are simply too small.

Water access points would be a HUGE improvement.

Handball courts

Bocce please

handball courts need to return for public use

Please put in HANDBALL courts.

Provide plenty of sport courts and athletic fields so families with young children don't have to drive out of the city for athletic events.

Outdoor courts for handball.

Handball courts.

Outdoor Handball Courts
Handball Courts on the unused tennis courts already in the parks.
7 months ago

Better access to the trail system via CapMetro. For example, the Walnut Creek trail system is basically inaccessible by transit, and the nicer parts of BCG have no CapMetro service. As an environmentalist that does not own a car, it's frustrating how inaccessible the nature areas for folks like me.
7 months ago

less development... more natural features
7 months ago

BBQ grills
7 months ago

improved bathrooms
7 months ago

Make the community better
7 months ago

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7 months ago

Raquetball.
7 months ago

Food forests that are available to the community would be great!
7 months ago

more trash cans, just fyi outdoor performances, pools, water access point, etc seem like fun but not everyone is respectful towards mother nature. people like to litter, destroy things and more activities like that means more trash and more people, so it would be nice to have more trash cans around the parks, at least that's a start if y'all decide to do more outdoor family activities..)
7 months ago

Fitness stations at school parks are needed in order to allow children to exercise during school play times and for use by the community after school hours. There is a need for more dog (on and off-leash) areas in South Austin, Playscapes which are ADA qualified should be established at every school par, with more of them at public parks, community gardens are essential to teach children and adults on how to grow vegetables and fruit for better nutrition.
7 months ago

CLOTHING OPTIONAL DAYS
7 months ago

Enforcement of use of facilities & no "free" access at all & y'all made this survey skewed towards adding activities as the problem eh? Did you have Brian Block write this stuff??
7 months ago

I prefer parks to be places of respite. Too much organized sports etc makes the park relatively unusable for people who just want to walk in nature. I also believe we should create habitat for our urban wildlife. And of course, places where trees can naturally grow and replenish themselves.
7 months ago

Environmental educational signage is a great enhancement for any type of park!
8 months ago
Areas for people and kids w/ disabilities.

Bathrooms and drinking fountains in all the parks should be a priority.

Develop Metropolitan park and move ACL to it.

Y'all need to look at the parks in Kansas City, MO and copy them

Regarding diversity, low income families could use the park as an extension of their place, an area when they can organize family gatherings and celebrations; sometimes their space at home is limited. Having pavilions available for different type of activities, some with shade some outdoor, this could help to increase diversity at parks.

Keep natural beauty, please. Structures and equipment ruin this.

I think elements of all of the above listed are important to meet everyone's desires and needs.

Fenced in areas for dogs off leash. My dog--a hunter--would go a mile if he were off leash and tracking a deer spore or other animal....

Please provide more enclosed off leash dog areas.

Commercial uses should pay fees and part of profits, provide vouchers and sliding scale passes for low income.

Lacrosse fields

No recreational amenities far north of Austin, north of Wells Branch. Would like to see hike and bike trail and tennis courts with PRACTICE BOARDS.

Pesticide free parks. There are programs like this in other cities that create parks that do not use herbicides or pesticides and showcase more environmentally friendly ways of maintaining a landscape while protecting those who use our public spaces.

No more off-leash dog areas. It makes that space unusable to the general public, and the poop that owners leave behind is contaminating water bodies. Stop catering to dog owners.

Kids need simple natural playscapes (not artificial playscapes made to look natural). Examples include big hills, a big hill with a big wide flat slide on it (nobody likes slides with bumps).

Less mowed areas, more nature trails in naturally wild areas.

Keep mega art chunks out of parks. Keep art donations away from public outdoor parks.

Protection of the sensitive natural areas, prevention of littering, and promotion of recycling.
Austin's nature preserve system could be a lot more robust. I'd like to see more preserves or more attention paid to the preserves we have already, some of which are under-utilized. NO MORE DISC GOLF

Have to ask. What problem do you have with Disc Golf courses at parks?

PLEASE NO SKATE PARK!!!!!!! Skate boards are noisy when they start jumping. Also, if you've been to the skate park by 12th st, the drinking and cigarette butts, we don't want to smell smoke while we are enjoying the fresh air

Please preserve Zilker. Move ACL out of Zilker Park.

Petanque courts will allow the three local petanque clubs to continue to hold national and international tournaments.

Indoor and outdoor pickle ball might be nice.

The city os in great shortage of tennis courts for the number of people playing right now. As a city taxpayer, I am unhappy to see Grey Rock tennis, purchased with taxpayer money, not being used as a fully public facility. It is not fair to keep it semiprivate and cater only to those who can pay the membership fees. Some of those paying as members and playing leagues from there are not even city residents.

I believe that anyone can play at Grey Rock if they pay a court fee.

Roller derby tracks

Golf courses need to be more accessible by price. For example, Grey Rock charges the same price (higher) for walking as for riding the motorized cart. Weekend prices are too expensive for many seniors at all city courses.

The COA has not added any unrestricted green space to the park inventory. Additionally, the maintenance of existing park facilities is poor with very little oversight.

Lighted Tennis Facilities

Indoor pool please.

for a city the size of Austin we lack Tennis Courts.

We need way LESS stuff in the parks. And no more off leash dog areas.

So tired of organized sports taking over the parks. Non-sports people can't even use our own parks. More neighborhood parks that folks can walk to.

SO tired of sports teams dominating all recreational areas.
Bike polo
8 months ago

More quality sand volleyball courts with good lighting.
8 months ago

No more disc golf!!!!
8 months ago

Bike polo and roller hockey.
8 months ago

Support for alternative sports like Bike Polo
8 months ago

More venues for larger festivals in the 1000-5000 attendee range (indoor and outdoor)
8 months ago

polo courts
8 months ago

Please, no more golf! The golf we have is failing as it is. We need activities that support the diverse multiage communities of Austin.
8 months ago

Roller Skating areas for public skating, roller derby, skate parks, and fitness. Roller Skating is a fun activity that at any age is great for overall fitness
8 months ago

Regulation roller derby tracks
8 months ago

Chess and ping pong tables.
8 months ago

No trails. No herding.
8 months ago

Roller skating and roller derby!
8 months ago

Don't overdevelop the parks. Keep them green!
8 months ago

Public bank tracks!
8 months ago

Roller derby tracks- ideally that are covered to allow more opportunity if it rains.
8 months ago

More backboards for tennis practice, please.
8 months ago

Roller Derby!
8 months ago

More toddler play equipment and toddler swings
Lighted fields for nighttime play
Large, wide open, unstructured space for pickup games like Ultimate Frisbee.
Multipurpose ultimate frisbee fields
Roller derby tracks, with lights for nighttime
More extreyspoets. BMX park
Hands-on activities for kids that incorporate nature & science - Archimedes screws to carry water, etc. Also adventure playgrounds that allow kids to adapt a play environment collaboratively as part of play.
Multi-purpose sport courts
Bike polo
Bike Polo
More disc golf courses, especially to the north and east, please.
If I could vote for disc golf more than once, I would
multi-purpose court for bike polo
Good security on trails
Equestrian competition facilities
Indoor parks for the kids to play during the summer!

4. Select up to three (3) of the following **facilities** that you would like to see increase in Austin's parks and recreational system in the next 10 years.
I would like to see an INCREASE in the number and size of our parks. Austin is growing rapidly. We need more park space, not more development of the parks we already have.

8 months ago 86 Agree

I agree
8 months ago 10 Agree

I agree. The way these questions are worded I am afraid the parks and green space we do have will be built over with athletic centers.

8 months ago 8 Agree

Agreed
6 months ago

I would like to see the neighborhood park swimming pools stay open longer hours

8 months ago 22 Agree

Why do ANY of these things need to be located in the parks? These facilities could be anywhere within the city. Please leave the parks as natural green space.

8 months ago 15 Agree

Agreed. Buy already developed land to build/rehab.
8 months ago 1 Agree

I want parks and greenspace. I'd rather have more of that than more facilities.

8 months ago 13 Agree

NO more golf-courses. For various reasons (age, ability, time, cost) not enough people use them to justify the amount of resources (money, energy, land) that goes into them.

8 months ago 13 Agree

However, YES to *disc* golf courses. They often are built into wooded areas of the park which are otherwise unused and otherwise use very little resources to maintain. The course at Zilker is always packed. It's a great way that people enjoy our parks.

besides the amount of water a golf course takes

8 months ago 1 Agree

just parkland please
8 months ago 10 Agree

I would like to see Austin parks purchase more land to be accessible as parkland throughout the city. Our green spaces are diminishing with development.

8 months ago 10 Agree

Me too!
8 months ago 3 Agree

Additional built structure is not needed in our parks. Leave them natural, please.

8 months ago 8 Agree

Except for decent, clean bathrooms, strategically located!
8 months ago 2 Agree
We don't need any more concrete in nature areas. Fine to refine existing areas.

Need more park space and need to fix existing pools

None of the above. Any buildings takes away from usage by the public at large and makes it special interest.

mostly just nature

I have no desire for more facilities, except bathrooms. We need more bathrooms.

Fragrance free bathrooms that are cleaned with non-toxic natural cleaners that are not harmful to the environment or those with chemical sensitivities

Less stuff!!!! Keep parks natural and wild. Stop building stuff that takes up space and contributes to impervious cover.

New facilities should be opened in new parks. We needs more parks of all kinds as we grow. Please don't place new facilities in our existing greenspace, but seek to add parkland. No golf courses at all - they are a waste of space and not environmentally sustainable.

It would be nice if the existing recreation centers were fully staffed and operational. Too many times they are closed or open so infrequently that adults can't use them.

Focus on maintaining and keeping open public pools.

I would like to see an INCREASE in the natural areas in our parks rather than yet more development and more concrete.

I would love to have more of the conservation, recreation, and flood control green spaces like they have at Mueller and Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Perhaps linking them all together like many of the downtown Austin trails and Exploration Green in Clear Lake (explorationgreen.org)

Parks are parks rather than for-rent event spaces.

Austin has an abundance of spaces for children, youth, and families in comparison to quality spaces and activities for the growing senior population. Please keep in mind the needs of seniors for non-crowded or designated walking, swimming and social activities.

No organized activity groups. Leave parks natural.

None of this. Don't clutter up the parks with buildings

I would like to see more parks and trails easily accessible in the neighborhood, not needing to drive and travel far.
Golf courses are absolutely not a good use of public park land. To thirsty and exclusive.

The city needs to find a way to maintain and staff pools as a top concern while finding other ways to support green space as the city grows. For some reason our resources always seem to be stretched so thin.

continue outdoor pools

Splash pads

Meeting space availability for neighborhood/community groups in existing PARD structures that could be utilized in that way...

Focus on maintaining pools

Outdoor pool improvements.

I would rather have the pools we have now stay open. There is only so much money to go around.

We should ensure that we can maintain and fully utilize the facilities we currently have (such as our swimming pools) before we consider building new facilities.

Commercialization of open space is just plain wrong.

Giving the people opportunities to access culture and recreation is hardly commercialization. What does this city offer other than bars? Not much

Small parks near transit, to take the edge off getting around town without a car

Indoor/covered/lighted facilities, such as recreational centers or a sports complex, that support roller derby. The roller derby community is thriving in Austin, and we need more support that shields us from the weather and elements.

No more concrete.

Disc Golf

Nature Center on the north side of town would be great

More playscape options for a wide range of ages and abilities. Update the equipment we have - particularly in SW Austin.

Austin is known for its great disc golf courses and vibrant community of players. A championship level multi-course facility that could host national tour events (yes, that's a thing!) has been
proposed for Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park, and would be a great addition to our 'city within a park.'

Disc golf facilities

Disc golf courses

disc golf

More parks! Un (or lightly) developed green spaces!

Need disc golf course complex with pro shop, at least 2 or 3 courses all in the same park.

Relax, guys. It's the Parks AND Recreation department. No one's advocating dropping a rec center in the middle of the greenbelt.

clean up east Austin parks

Anything that encourages people to go outside! In summer that would include splash pads. The rest of the year is wonderful to be outside here. Could the city provide sunscreen and an herbal mosquito repellent?

None of the above!

A mountain bike specific facility would be a great idea. A skills park or pump track comes to mind.

Keep the focus and expenditures focused more on natural areas and trails rather than building buildings; costly to build and maintain.

I would love to see indoor pools, but I would be happy with pools that were open more than 10 weeks a year. We have the weather in Austin to swim from April-October most years.

An increase in park space and natural green space.

I love going to cultural events all over town but I dont think we really need more facilities to foster this. I agree with others, we just need more preserved green space period!

None of the above. While several of these facilities are needed in Austin, none are appropriate for park space.

We need a combination of both parks AND facilities. One doesn't have to encroach upon the other.

Like the comment about an increase in number and size of parks versus over development. I'd also add to ensure proper budget for park maintenance.
I would also like to see an increase in the number and size of our parks.

Pools should be open starting in March.

Lights on fields to play at night

Just clean bathrooms. People go to the parks to be outside

Indoor spaces for flat track roller derby bouts, practices, and training

Bike skills parks

none

Bathrooms and trashcans

Dog space with fence.

I would really like to see the pools hours be extended longer. We have amazing pool systems which are barely ever open. that, or allow for private rental / neighborhood association rental for pools to expand use - allow neighbors to pay for their pools opening longer.

MORE SKATEPARKS

No park land should be used for a building. We have far too little park land as it is.

I have no idea

Kayak canoe launch at Austin's Colony Park on the Colorado.

Gardening education centers for all age groups.

Disc golf courses

food, coffee bistro

performance and rehearsal for dance

more disc golf courses
Fenced dog parks in multiple locations with high quality features for dogs to enjoy.

Disc Golf

Ideally a disc golf park with multiple courses in one space and an onsite pro shop for discs and supplies.

Disc Golf courses

I tried 3 times to provide a comment in the last part, and it was erased each time when I clicked on “comment”

raquetball courts

None of the above. Agree completely with the first comment below - more parks, not more development.

I dont think we need more “centers” Just regular and nature parks for people to use. People dont realize that we have a ton of acreage for nature parks on the west side. We should have more open trails in those parks. Literally hundreds of miles of trails are possible.
Disc golf course needs to improvement for special visual due to I'm Usher Syndrome (Deaf-Low Vision)

More Disc Golf courses, maintenance of existing courses.

More disc golf courses

rowing/crew facilities

Disc Golf. Austin has fallen behind other top cities in terms of quantity and quality of disc golf course.

More Disc Golf Please and Thank You!!

More opportunity to play Frisbee Sports ultimate, disc golf, Etc

Championship level and beginner level disc golf courses

Disc golf

Disc Golf

Mountain bike Park, gravity specific

18 hole disc golf course

More disc golf courses for all skill levels

Disc golf-more

Disc golf courses are getting crowded compared to a decade ago, the sport is growing and we need more public space for this amazing, healthy outdoor activity

More/better disc golf options.

Love to see more people at the beautiful parks

More disc golf options. 9 hole course. Courses for different skill levels.
Disc golf course
6 months ago

More parks. There are a lot of areas closed for public use which would great to explore (like the water preserve between Steiner Ranch and River Place).
6 months ago

Disc Golf
6 months ago

More disc golf courses and maybe even a disc golf complex with multiple courses on one site.
6 months ago

More disc golf courses please
6 months ago

We need a state of the art interactive science museum. San Francisco has a great one the exploratorium. The thinkery is for little kids and gets boring. Certainly not a place for older kids. We could also use a planetarium. We just lack quality experiences for our community in both the arts and sciences. We don't have a major art museum that curates major shows. We should we have a large educated community.
6 months ago

I would like to see a giant indoor arboretum showing a collection of Texas plants from all the climates and regions of Texas.
6 months ago

An indoor arboretum showing all the regions of Texas and a collection of its plants and some small animals such as birds
6 months ago

inadequate tennis facilities for a city of this size. The facilities most recently built are not accessible by the majority of the players due to its location.
6 months ago

Natural surface multi use trails
6 months ago

Facilities, as in addition to the parks and facilities that we already have? Then yes, some of these would be nice to have. The existing parks and greenbelts should remain green and not built over. We have a small neighborhood park and it would be devastating to the community to have anything else built there. However, if other land might be acquired specifically for a multi-use community center, that might work out okay.
6 months ago

Maintain and improve our current parks and start planning for new
6 months ago

We don't need more "stuff". Just leave green space and trails.
6 months ago

Just acquire more parkland to be parkland. It doesn't have to have "stuff" on it
6 months ago

Disc Golf courses. More entry level courses to grow the sport and some more challenging courses.
6 months ago
It is known that physical and psychological well-being is improved by providing locations for contact with nature, physical activity, and social engagement. While I am generally in favor of...
contact with nature, physical activity, and social engagement. While I am generally in favor of facilities like community centers that act as a hub within a park, I am generally not in favor of “overdeveloping” the rest of the city's park areas with dedicated athletic facilities and performance infrastructure. Parks should be preserved as areas where physical activity and mental reflection happens within natural/semi-natural green spaces, not on top of them.

Pocket Parks

6 months ago

Squash courts... Mountain bike trails.

6 months ago

Maintain and strengthen the existing city golf courses, not necessarily build new ones.

6 months ago

More natural undeveloped areas with just trails!

6 months ago

Less developed, more natural areas with just trail.

6 months ago

None of the above. Keep them natural with only trails.

6 months ago

Please set aside areas in parks where native plants and wildflowers can grow. Many parks are mowed and weed-wacked with very few natural areas. I realize this may require hiring or restaffing for Horticulturists. Thank you

6 months ago

Quit putting concrete in parks! The whole point is the lack of development.

6 months ago

Disc golf; champion level and all-skill level courses

6 months ago

Disc golf; champion-level and all-skill level courses

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Community programming built around our awesome muni golf courses

6 months ago

Disc Golf course

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

Equestrian facilities. providing equine assisted activities for persons with and without disability.

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago
Restrooms, and not just in the pool areas.

6 months ago

None of the above

6 months ago

Please keep green spaces. Less development, more natural play.

6 months ago

Great comment - increase number of parks, including more functional, delightful neighborhood parks

6 months ago

no more facilities. More natural areas

6 months ago

no more facilities, more natural areas

6 months ago

bocce ball courts

6 months ago

I envision the parks and natural areas as green spaces, with native plants, trees, native lawn, hiking/walking, and welcoming to all ages of park user. I don't envision building there, though a heated pool (maybe indoor) would be attractive in the cold months somewhere. In summer months the pools are not always available due to maintenance issues and staff shortage. These issues need to be addressed. Some water areas/splash pads need shade.

6 months ago

None of the above

6 months ago

I'd like to see a disc golf complex w/ multiple courses on the same property. Courses should cater to different skill levels (beginner, advanced, championship level) and an on-site pro shop would be the dream.

6 months ago


6 months ago

Outdoor Racquetball, handball, squash courts would be very desirable. Maybe building walls at some tennis courts is feasible.

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

Disc golf courses!

6 months ago

Need more parks in South Austin.

6 months ago

Disc Golf Course

6 months ago

We need more tennis facilities in the Austin area especially since Pharr is going to be unavailable soon. A good use of funds would be to increase the court facilities at Austin Tennis Center since there is already a plan in place for that. Same with down at South Austin: more courts have been planned there. Let's use some public money to finish that work so there are more tennis courts which promote good health for Austin citizens.
Off leash dog area
Nature gardens of native plants
We need a LOT more parkland—the parks space per capital is ridiculous and so many people use our local park (Brentwood Park) they trash overflows on the weekends after the weekenders come in

I wouldn't want to see existing parks developed into other things, and I agree that we need more parkland as the #1 priority. If there were also room in the budget to make new parkland into a nature center or pool space, so much the better!

I would like to see a balance of facilities in all parts of Austin, in other words, there is a concentration of wonderful park amenities central west but not central east.

I need disc golf course complex with pro shop, at least 2 or 3 courses all in the same park.

No more structures, pavement, mountain bikes, skates, scooters - just well maintained and patrolled natural areas

No more facilities. They do need working water fountains and bathrooms.

I don't want to see lots of buildings, parking, and wear-and-tear added. We need more greenspace, not less.

I also think the pools need to keep up and open more! When we moved into our neighborhood over ten years ago the nearby pool was open all year. Now the pool season is VERY limited.

Workout stations

More pools, better pools and extended season outside of May-Sept. It's hot in TX in April - October!

We need MORE ACRES of parkland not more facilities. There are other organizations that are providing facilities... fitness centers, YMCA etc.

disc golf course

None of the above: keep it natural

Disc Golf kiosks for vendors and events with instructional boards and other community information for the sport.

I like rec facilities like Clay Madsden in Round Rock - affordable work out space, racquetball courts, a variety of programming, some rooms available for community use. It meets everyone's needs. The few rec centers I've been to in Austin seem to have programming either for children or seniors, but no one in between.

An auditorium. It would nice to have prominent guest speakers speak to the community and able to accommodate the neighborhood.
I think we should maintain what we have, like swimming pools, or enhance elementary school parks, these are near to everyone. I hike at Walnut Creek mostly and have appreciated the improvements by the ridge riders and it's my park day volunteers, which include my husband and I, as this park becomes busier and busier.

BOCCE AND PETANQUE COURSES - COURTS

nothing else, please; let's use funding wisely and I believe there's already enough being planned without adding to the list.

We do not need more facilities. We need more trails and improved existing trails.

We need more park spaces. Not more "stuff" on existing parks.

Less buildings more parks.

For the size of the city Austin terribly lacks a centrally located complex that can host large tennis tournament events. The facility should have some covered courts to allow play continuation in inclimate weather. As an example Beaumont's new facility. Also pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and the city is lacking play space. ATC is not the answer!

I'm a big fan of leaving things "be." I like nature, and I love playing disc golf because the courses need little upkeep compared to traditional ball golf. It feels like a fun hike. I also love flower gardens, and just primitive nature areas.

less port-a-potties and more permanent ones

Please keep the parks natural. they do not need development just trails and bathrooms
Disc golf
6 months ago

open space for parks. No more development and building. It just takes away from natural open space
6 months ago

Disc golf! They are low-impact and low-maintenance. The sport has been growing rapidly in Austin for decades now, and it's a great way for friends and families to get outside. It also creates a great keep-Austin-weird vibe in our parks.
6 months ago

I completely agree on increasing the number of parks and staying away from re-developing the parks we have!
6 months ago

I agree
6 months ago

We don't need any more buildings to enjoy the outdoors.
6 months ago

Other, meaning no more buildings are necessary to enjoy the outdoors.
6 months ago

More open space.
6 months ago

Keep the trails safe for walking.
6 months ago

add trails adjacent to other waterways such as bouldin creek. Why does central north austin (shoal creek) north of Colorado get great north/south bike commute option away from streets and south central austin does not? Same applies to east austin (extend trail past Pleasant valley for commuters).
6 months ago

Fenced dog parks with large and small dog separate areas. Double gates to prevent escapes.
6 months ago

We need a disc golf complex to bring national tournaments to Austin. Something with several courses attached to a mixed use complex - pro shop - cafe - meeting hall...
6 months ago

Disc Golf Complex (Pro Shop, Cafe, Several courses) to bring national recognition and tournaments to Austin, TX
6 months ago

SCIENCE MUSEUM!!!!
6 months ago

I think a few options will encourage people to use the parks, but the most important thing is to have plenty of park space, easily accessible in all parts of town. Also needs safety features, like bike patrol and good lighting.
6 months ago

Please consider that facilities should be open to as many people as possible even if they are low income or physically disabled.
6 months ago

None of the above. Some days the parks are already overloaded with cars/people. Why is it necessary to add more activities/traffic/people?
6 months ago
Just restroom facility

Interpretative displays showing the history and natural features would enhance people's appreciation of the parks and the history of their part of the city. I encourage these to be done with as little interference with the natural setting as possible.

Indoor (or sheltered from rain) dog agility areas

More splash pads south, better playgrounds south, better and bigger rec center south that can offer lots of classes and stuff like the Y does

Keep our parks open and tranquil! Stop trying to fill the open spaces with money-making operations.

No. Pool in my part of town. Just one is all I ask. Enough with the fiction that there aren't enough pools in "underserved" areas. Look at a gorramp map.

Easier water access for play/kayaking/canoeing.

DISC GOLF

disc golf course complex with pro shop, at least 2 or 3 courses all in the same park

Disc golf courses

Open play all weather fields

Austin is known for its great disc golf courses and vibrant community of players. A championship level multi-course facility that could host national tour events (yes, that's a thing) has been proposed for Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park, and would be a great addition to our 'city within a park.'

Parks should mostly be parks
Make what you have wheelchair accessible before you build a lot more

Austin has great options for dog play. It could use more patrolling, signage, and amenity investments like year-round water, lights, flush toilets, access points, and more sustainable ground cover.

BATHROOMS

Archery range

Can this not be about contractor boondoggles? Oh, wait, that's what City of Austin is ALL ABOUT. The PARKS Department should focus on buying more land for actual PARKS, not on overpriced construction projects.
Austin needs a Velodrome and BMX track.

7 months ago

How about leaving some plain old green space without development.

7 months ago

keep the parks natural but accessible with a focus on education and emphasis on enjoying the outdoors. Bird watching areas, plant identification trail markers and hiking options are always nice.

7 months ago

Pools with ADA friendly features beyond the basics.

7 months ago

In and outdoor pools and natural hiking / walking / biking areas.

7 months ago

There is a need for Senior services in Southwest and Oak Hill. No affordable commercial space available!

7 months ago

None of the above

7 months ago

None

7 months ago

None

7 months ago

None.

7 months ago

Off road atv park.

7 months ago

Asphalt surfaced bicycle pump track

7 months ago

Pocket parks! So many areas can't walk to a park. We needn't to identify small pockets and snatch them up before they are all gone.

7 months ago

None of these

7 months ago

I wonder why none of my comments are showing up....

7 months ago

Natural pocket parks for neighborhoods. No more or bigger parks. Take care of what we have.

7 months ago

None of the above. Leave them green please.

7 months ago

There is a definite need for more access to parks in Central Austin where the density of the residents increases every day.

7 months ago
There should be more park access in Central Austin where the density of the housing increases every day.
7 months ago

Let's please preserve the park structures (especially the historic ones) the way they are now, and not put more buildings on our parks. We need open green space, not more buildings. Inner city public parks in particular are precious gems that should be invested in and maintained for all of Austin to enjoy.
7 months ago

More Rails to Trails bike routes, particularly that provide a means for lower income people and people in out lying areas to get to the downtown area, and to shopping/food establishments.
7 months ago

Warm pools for those of use who want to swim but can't tolerate the frigid temperatures of the public pools. This is also important for People with Disabilities.
7 months ago

More natural green space. Austin is turning into NY city.
7 months ago

More natural green space. Austin is turning into NY city!
7 months ago

We need more natural green space in the city. Austin is turning into NY city! All concrete.
7 months ago

Bocce please
7 months ago

More parks that embrace nature and Austin spirit. Do we really need more buildings in this city?
7 months ago

Handball courts please!
7 months ago

a one-wall or 3-wall handball facility would be awesome
7 months ago

Public outdoor 1 and 3 wall Handball Courts!
7 months ago

For cost purposes I would like to see a better use of the current facilities we have. For instance, where possible, add a small workout facility to the rec centers that don't already have one.
7 months ago

Please keep the darkroom at Dougherty and expand its open hours!
7 months ago

Off-leash dog parks that are actually fenced in and safe from traffic.
7 months ago

urban playgrounds
7 months ago

BBQ grills
7 months ago

restrooms
7 months ago
None of the above

7 months ago

Upgrades to existing buildings. Recycling at all parks facilities, LEED certified (or equivalent) buildings. More efficient and architecturally interesting building designs. San Antonio and Houston have very modern, exciting, and efficient parks facilities like the Phil Hardberger Urban Ecology Center (SA) or Emancipation Park (HTX).

7 months ago

Keep it simple and natural. There are already some great museums/pools/etc in the city.

7 months ago

I live in the Chestnut/Rosewood area, and there are already quite a few very nice, accessible parks. Rosewood Park, Chestnut pocket park, Downs/Mabson Field, the Boggy Creek Trail (and probably others that I don’t know about). They are probably not used as well as they could be.

7 months ago

I would like to see more maintenance, less litter and better restrooms at current parks rather than any of these things.

7 months ago

None, examine utilization and plan based on demographic changes.

7 months ago

Barbell training facilities in existing recreation centers.

7 months ago

More Parks, more green and trees

7 months ago

More park space is needed, not more facilities.

7 months ago

Community centers for elder citizens are ew and far between. We should expand the options that seniors have when they go to lunch service centers. By having senior and recreational centers for community children this would allow the young and old to interact with each other in positive ways.

7 months ago

No more buildings with parking lots in maintenance needs and constantly idling city of Austin trucks parked outside please!

7 months ago

We need to preserve urban core greenspace along with creating all this new urban core density! We need greenspace for people AND to create more pervious cover for our precious water.

7 months ago

A play for all abilities park like round rock’s. Round rock is too far and too crowded.

7 months ago

I would like to see more parks for this rapidly growing community. There are not enough trails. The pool season is ridiculous for this climate (they should be open most of the year - I’m sure a lot of people wouldn’t mind paying a fee for that). And existing pool infrastructure needs to be updated.

7 months ago

Would love more museums in Austin

7 months ago

I like the idea of the parks supporting and sharing our vital artistic and musical creatives.

8 months ago

Multi-use facilities, indoor and outdoor.
More golf courses!

Large, covered, open pavilion-type structure for group gatherings.

Can I just vote *against* golf courses and sports complexes? I agree with others: parks are best as natural areas.

Places for people including kids with disabilities.

More bouldering opportunities. More natural areas.

More natural areas/less maintenance. Bouldering opportunities where appropriate.

Dirt bike trails

Just a reminder that Parks and Rec include a lot of community services. I agree, development of our natural areas needs to be avoided, but there are also many other services such as youth programs and community centers that are impacted by Parks and Recreation.

Food and sharing oriented spaces at parks.

Well maintained restrooms with adequate privacy

Well maintained restrooms, with adequate privacy

Please don’t develop our natural areas! We need natural forested areas to relieve ourselves from the stress of the city.

Why do parks need these things? They are parks...

Don’t need a lot just one and could be outdoor based

more emphasis on history is needed

Put our homeless folks to work in our parks clearing out invasive species and picking up trash. And pay them a decent wage. Many other cities are doing this.


The only facility any typical local park should have is a rest room.
Eco, solar multiuse facilities with free gyms like other cities have to keep citizens healthy. Veggie cooking classes and showers, places for community potlucks.

8 months ago

I chose indoor pool because many days in our summers are just too hot for many of us to be outside, even in a pool! Also, I would appreciate adults-only pools or pool days. I have never used a public pool because of all the kids.

8 months ago

Look how Scotland uses golf courses for one day a week family areas

8 months ago

Add amenities for dog users (wash stations and concessions like at Marymoor Dog Park in Redmond, WA.

8 months ago

Bathrooms at Walnut Creek

8 months ago

Restrooms and water fountains. Even porta potties would be an improvement

8 months ago

Create outdoor environments that WELCOME people to use their public lands and learn about the city's unique history, vegetation, ways to contribute, and ways others have contributed before. Picnic tables, sculptures, gardens. Elisabet Ney Museum is a great place to start - large outdoor public area in a community oriented, historic neighborhood.

8 months ago

Modern restooms.

8 months ago

BMX / Skatetpark

8 months ago

Zilker Botanical Garden is seriously under-funded, under-supported, and under-appreciated. We could do MUCH better there!

8 months ago

Austin doesn't need more facilities -- keep parks more natural and when you must add facilities, keep them nature-inspired (climbing and exercise structures of natural bounders etc, utilize solar power and grey water, for examples).

8 months ago

Let's keep it as green as possible and not build anymore on the parks. We don't need buildings, we need more GREEN space

8 months ago

More free parking or better bus transportation.

8 months ago

If we had a visitor center in Zilker Park near Barton Springs we could greatly extend education opportunities for both residents and the thousands of people who visit the Springs each year.

8 months ago

Zilker Park should have a visitor information and education center to convey our history, culture and environmental values.

8 months ago

More access for rock climbing please!

8 months ago

na

8 months ago
NO MORE FACILITIES/BUILDINGS!
8 months ago

Honestly, just trees, bathrooms, and paths. And acres of parks.
8 months ago

None of the above
8 months ago

Judo!!!
8 months ago

Mountain bike park
8 months ago

Increased access to quality open space in underserved communities especially east austin.
8 months ago

No more golf courses.
8 months ago

Lighted Tennis Facilities
8 months ago

Not increase, but improve. The "paved" trail at Mary Moore Searight is a joke. It is almost completely washed out and needs to be replaced. It is only a mile loop trail and is used by many people in the neighborhood and in south Austin.
8 months ago

Edible gardens
8 months ago

competition swim center
8 months ago

Restrooms, multi-purpose pavilions
8 months ago

Restrooms, multi-purpose pavilions.
8 months ago

Teenagers need fun safe place to go
8 months ago

Expanded opportunities for Special Olympics
8 months ago

A new Visitor Education/Information Center should be added to Zilker Park to orient park visitors and convey our community's environmental values around Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer.
8 months ago

A Visitor Education/Information Center should be added to Zilker Park
8 months ago

Roller Derby facilities
8 months ago
Continue to invest in the existing centers and museums to update and enhance them.

Sand volleyball courts

We need a bike polo/multi use hardcourt facility with lights!

Ultimate frisbee

And care for the limited recreational centers, such as Hancock.

None

Dedicated roller derby track

Just open green space/fields for pickup games like Ultimate Frisbee!

polo courts

These should be well-considered in the long range—i.e. when funding and transportation connectivity are available.

Roller Derby track/skating rink

Roller Skating. In an area pushing 2 Million there is only one skating rink that can skate safely good numbers and one very small one south. Having an indoor skating facility ran by someone who is in the skating business would make it successful both for the community as well as the parks department

Regulation roller derby tracks, can be the same space as basketball

MUSEUMS! Austin barely has any, and this city offers little reason to visit other than to go to a bar or a huge corporate overpriced festival. Give the people some culture. The East Coast is flooded with wonderful museums- the smithsonian, crime and punishment, the mutter museum, the holocaust museum- etc- we have nothing here.

I'd like to see roller derby added in the sports complex

As an artist I am surprised when it becomes a city's responsibility to provide art space.

Roller derby track, ideally covered
Full sized roller derby track
8 months ago

Bike skills parks that are also suitable for youth
8 months ago

Roller Derby
8 months ago

These options are great if they don’t encroach on natural spaces but are placed in parks that already have lawn and concrete.
8 months ago

Roller derby rink
8 months ago

rollerderby indoor track
8 months ago

Fragrance free bathrooms.
8 months ago

Parks need to be accessible for all ages.
8 months ago

Fenced in dog parks
8 months ago

Public or pay restrooms, water refill stations, bike repair stations, bike/scooter parking, tables/chairs appropriate for lunch or coffee in th CBD and Domain areas.
8 months ago

There are enough roller derby leagues in town that an area where we could reliably play indoor would be amazing.
8 months ago

Roller derby travk
8 months ago

Multi surface Roller Derby tracks and skate park.
8 months ago

Would love to see a facility to house banked & flat track roller derby leagues.
8 months ago

Covered skate area and on in South Austin
8 months ago

Recreational spaces with roller derby tracks or capabilities to be uses by roller derby teams
8 months ago

More skate parks
8 months ago

Not blanm
8 months ago

In door roller derby facility with air conditioning and bathrooms
8 months ago
5. Select up to three (3) **sports/active recreation programs** you would like to see increase in Austin's parks and recreational system in the next 10 years.

- 12% Aquatics programs (swim lessons, swim teams, therapeutic, lifeguard training, water polo)
- 12% Gardening programs
- 8% Group Exercise Programs
- 6% Kayaking/Stand-up Paddle boarding
- 6% Disc Golf
- 6% Rock climbing
- 5% Mountain biking
- 4% Cycling
- 4% Dance
- 3% Archery
- 3% Soccer
- 3% Tennis
- 27% Others
2,699 respondents

Disability friendly activities for those with low mobility
8 months ago
☐ 33 Agree

Yes, thank you. Would be so awesome to have more programs my brother could participate in
7 months ago
☐ 2 Agree

Roller Derby
8 months ago
☐ 8 Agree

Flat track roller derby
8 months ago
☐ 7 Agree

Roller derby was founded here. The city should increase efforts to keep it here such as providing indoor space or creating organized round Robin's and tournaments like in other league sports +1
8 months ago
☐ 6 Agree

skateboarding classes and summer camps
8 months ago
☐ 6 Agree

Roller derby!
8 months ago
☐ 5 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago
☐ 5 Agree

Roller skating, roller derby, skate park.
8 months ago
☐ 5 Agree

What’s up with all the pro-roller derby people.

I find it hard to believe that this survey has been distributed evenly across the populace when seemingly 80% of these comments are in favor of a niche activity like roller derby (that maybe 1.3% of the population participates in.
8 months ago
☐ 4 Agree

Because commenting is anonymous, a few people can hijack the survey process. Maybe I should organize a pro-community-garden comment fest... (Is there an emoticon for sarcasm?)
7 months ago

I agree. No one wants the city to pay for a concrete slab. Please create your own roller derby space with your elite club funds.
8 months ago

8 months ago
☐ 4 Agree

Stargazing and astronomy.
8 months ago
☐ 4 Agree

Roller derby track space
8 months ago
☐ 4 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago
☐ 4 Agree

Roller derby was founded here. The city should increase efforts to keep it here such as providing indoor space or creating organized round Robin's and tournaments like in other league sports
8 months ago
☐ 4 Agree
Roller derby
8 months ago  □ 4 Agree

Roller derby area
8 months ago  □ 4 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago  □ 4 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago  □ 4 Agree

Nothing please. Let a park be a park with natural elements
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Roller Derby, Multi use Pump-track
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Skating- like roller.
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

ROLLER DERBY
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Roller Derby
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Flat track roller derby rinks
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Hiking and walking trails
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Roller Derby
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Nothing please! Just a natural space to be in nature
8 months ago  □ 2 Agree

All types of roller skating
8 months ago  □ 2 Agree

Roller Skating!
8 months ago  □ 2 Agree

Roller skating
8 months ago
Rollee said derby facilities need more room. This is an Austin community that is huge and in need of cheaper more accessible facilities.
More Guided hikes in Austin's greenbelts, parks and nature centers so the public has a better understanding of how to take care of nature.

we travel to other cities and find great disc golf courses that are well maintained, Austin was once the premier disc golf location and now it's a disgrace. Poor maintenance like the lack of a bridge to hole number one at Roy Guerra park, lack of restrooms, poor tee boxes, trash and more in a city that as once the mecca, is a disgrace to the sport and the city.
Roller derby is the fastest growing sport in the world and we have one of the best leagues in the world here without a home. Please please please!

Roller Derby and Skating

Roller Derby/Skating

Skating

Roller derby

Roller derby

Roller Derby

Roller derby

Roller Skating

More biking trails please.
Trails connecting different parks and creating a network.

I personally use the park system as a way to connect with nature, not necessarily with other people, and more trails would be most appealing.

Skateboarding classes and summer camps x2

Skate parks and ramps

Another person said on this survey we need MORE parks. AMEN!

Birding

None! No park land should be used for buildings, gyms, recreation centers.

fencing

fencing

fishing
special needs active programs (inclusion)
6 months ago

pet friendly events
6 months ago

no for profit group exercise- hate for profit groups using parks
6 months ago

Rugby
6 months ago

Yoga
6 months ago

racquetball
6 months ago

Dog obedience training classes.
6 months ago

I dont think we need more "programming" run by the city but we should allow licensing for groups and clubs to operate.
6 months ago

Air rifle area
6 months ago

harvesting fruit trees, horseback riding, accessibility
6 months ago

More opportunities for double disk Court and freestyle frisbee would be great
6 months ago

More disc golf!!!
6 months ago

disc golfers are slackers and need to comment and share their interest!
6 months ago

It's hard to say are parks aren't great cause they are
6 months ago

I agree that we should have more disability friendly activities
6 months ago

I think the roller derby people have hijacked the survey.........
6 months ago
Tai chi
6 months ago

Yoga
6 months ago

Real rock climbing, not just climbing walls
6 months ago

Rugby
6 months ago

For me, biking (especially mountain biking) should be separate from walkers. Especially on the
barton creek green way where the trails are narrow than say Lady Bird Lake, the bikers are
dangerous.
6 months ago

None.
6 months ago

Please don’t give us more impervious cover. Facilities and programs aren’t part of nature. Thank
you
6 months ago

We don’t need a large increase in programs, facilities and impervious surfaces. Keep nature in the
plan please
6 months ago

Golf and disc golf!
6 months ago

Equine Assisted Activities.
6 months ago

... 
6 months ago

Bádminton
6 months ago

more natural areas for wildlife
6 months ago

Walking/hiking, swimming, gardening, and peacefully being in nature are the best options for
most people and what I prefer in a park.
6 months ago

Disc golf first
6 months ago

Racquetball courts.
6 months ago

Hiking
6 months ago

Building basketball courts would allow for outdoor exercising, building communication skills as
well as making new friends. I grew up when UT allowed people on the outside courts. I’m still
friends with individuals from that time period. People from different socioeconomic backgrounds,
different education levels and different races actually got along well. Oh, the good old days.

Citizen Science

Hiking and aquatics in restored and maintained current pools

Running

None

I don't want to see anything built in the parks actually. These questions prompt construction. There is too much development here already. That's what make Austin special and people "needing things to do" when they move here defeats the purpose. Austin is green and natural. That's why people love it here. It's relaxing. Building on everything makes it exactly what they're moving away from.

All these would create expensive new buildings, impervious cover on the land, pollution from parked vehicles. We don't need that. We need more greenspace, and to take better care of our current greenspaces.

Multi purpose athletic fields

Multiple purpose athletic fields

None of above keep it green.

Austin has a unique culture and environment that people come to visit. Rock climbing is increasing in popularity and the city should continue to support the climbing community. Sand volleyball is also increasing in popularity and has already outgrown the supply of courts. Private companies are building courts to capture the excess demand, and it becomes a barrier for players who want to practice but have trouble finding an open court.

Just hiking and bird watching.

Protected from cars, connected running routes between several small and larger parks, even if have to use crushed granite in some areas. And with shade trees planted along the route so not roasting

more spaces for pick up sports like soccer and ultimate frisbee especially lighted.

Baseball is a real sport

None. Keep the landscape as natural as possible.

Keep the parks as natural as possible. Maybe park benches, but no more development.
None of these

Trail running

There is only one place in Austin to legally shoot arrows without joining an Olympic styled program and it's a range in north Austin with limited hours. Not everyone has a large enough backyard and I'm not sure how this would look in a city park, but build it and they will come.

BOCCE / PETANQUE

tai chi

General open fields that allow any number of outdoor sports and activities instead of areas reserved for specific sports.

None of the above. Natural space.

I was really, really sad when Austin tore down Pease park to make it a hike and bike trail for the wealthy residents of the neighborhood. All that space goes unused, with massive art structures installed that are eyesores and don't do anything to foster community engagement. I love art, don't get me wrong, but nothing beats meeting new friends in the park playing disc golf. I meet wonderful people from all backgrounds. Love the community!

yes we need more family programs

I'd like to see more activities like Tai Chi and yoga that don't need big facilities

Tai Chi!

Skate park

Yoga!

Trap and skeet club

We need programs that are open to low income people.

Larger skeet and trap shooting facility

I think I'm beginning to see a disturbing pattern here. There is danger of overloading the parks with "activities" to please everyone. Why do these necessarily belong in the park system?
various programmatic offerings fit various populations, and I hope parks take that into account.

6 months ago

So many people are moving downtown with dogs. We need more places that people can bring their dogs to and be active.

6 months ago

Walking

6 months ago

I don’t care, but let’s landscape the parks so they look like parks and not waste areas. Visit Forest Park in St. Louis, a city that without the wealth of this boomtown we’re in, manages to do a beautiful job of the upkeep of its manicured areas, its period structures, and the not-small more “natural” areas therein. Seriously, can y’all study how to run a park under the tutelage of St. Louis?

6 months ago

Please keep the pools open for the neighborhood kids, maybe add hours for seniors during the days. But most important, keep our parks tranquil and open. Do not use the parks for commercial ventures. They are NOT entertainment venues, they are commons.

6 months ago

More Disc Golf!

6 months ago

I want you to make more of these programs inclusive to people with disabilities. And how about listing some “adaptive” programming in your survey?

6 months ago

Hiking

6 months ago

More long-distance, interconnected running trails

7 months ago

Less golf! What a tragic waste of green space and killer of local flora/fauna.

7 months ago

raquet ball

7 months ago

Kickball

7 months ago

Programs geared toward young adults with disabilities, particularly those who use a wheelchair

7 months ago

More special Olympics events...programs geared toward young adults with disabilities, particularly those who use a wheelchair

7 months ago

Just park space, leave it green and don’t overwork it with organized programs and activities (and ACL!)

7 months ago

None

7 months ago

swimming

7 months ago

I would prefer more peace and quiet, but that was not an option!

7 months ago
Gymnastics, kickball
7 months ago

Birding Hikes, Nature Hikes, Cultural Hikes Etc.
7 months ago

Get rid of the massive ball parks that are taking away all of Bart Park, and give us back an open field where we can hang out and play whatever we want! Soccer, fly a kite, run around with our friends and families. Learn to ride a bike. Climb a tree. The ball fields take up the whole park. Remove all, or even leave one, but take the other 9 and distribute them. It's not fair. This is not the arm pit of the parks. This is a primary opportunity, and it's being squandered. I live nearby and have to drive by car to Dittie Jordan, Mueller, willow brook reach to find a pleasant picnic spot, a spot to throw a frisbee with my kid, a trail that feels safe and has Creek access, as the grow zone is out of control.
7 months ago

More community gardens in northwest Austin. Apartment dwellers and homeowners there have no place to garden.
7 months ago

birding!
7 months ago

Increase the season for the outdoor pools. Keep city swim team- it is amazing. The city does not need to do more of their own youth sports programs- there is already so much competition in the private sector.
7 months ago

Fix and build more neighborhood pools. Especially in lowest income areas.
7 months ago

Depends on the Park, some are suitable for nothing more than what they are currently. Others are more amenable to other options.
7 months ago

tai chi
7 months ago

Indoor/outdoor handball taught at UT, competition at junior, collegiate, and age groups well up into the 80's. there are also pro-levels with several Texans have success. Any ball, any wall, but best if facilities include standard 1-wall and 3-wall options. Very affordable options to construct with low annual maintenance.
7 months ago

3 gun/shooting competitions
7 months ago

Bocce please
7 months ago

handball courts
7 months ago

Handball
7 months ago

Handball!
7 months ago

Handball
7 months ago
A handball league on your new public outdoor 1 and 3 wall hand ball courts! Perhaps organized mini tourneys.
7 months ago

Handball Courts within the existing tennis courts.
7 months ago

Gardening programs are needed. Basic lawn care for home owners would be fantastic.
7 months ago

kickball
7 months ago

Not particularly interested in City-sponsored groups or City-led classes. Interested in parks space and infrastructure. Would rather see modernized facilities, upgraded bathrooms, and higher quality parks than have a bunch of classes
7 months ago

I think I'm with a lot of the other commenters who would prefer to NOT see more organized activities in the parks.
7 months ago

Hiking
7 months ago

Raquetball.
7 months ago

Youth athletics programs at an affordable rate for multi child families — these programs offer not only health benefits to participants (who cannot afford more expensive programs) but also foster strong communities around the programs if they are well run.
7 months ago

More open space parks
7 months ago

Austin is known for cycling in the world of cycling events. We need to establish good cycling centers to promote the professional sport of cycling. Soccer football is a huge attraction around he world. We should have more spaces that would allow cycling opportunities so those interested in the sport to have a great place to improve their cycling prowess so they can partake of the professional arena in professional cycling and bring tourism to Austin.
7 months ago

Activities for all ages and level of fitness.
7 months ago

Yoga
8 months ago

Taiji (Tai Chi) ~ j.
8 months ago

Mondo croquet
8 months ago

Expand programs outside of the core of Austin.
8 months ago

Strength training for seniors. Basic balance and core strengthening to help keep seniors active and moving safely.
8 months ago
Tai Chi
8 months ago

Acro-yoga
8 months ago

Kickball
8 months ago

Dirt biking
8 months ago

Please keep our parks natural and forested. If anything, more volunteer programs to pick up trash would be nice! Our parks have a litter problem.
8 months ago

for those with mobility issues, we need to have areas suitable for wheel chairs or ramps instead of stairs
8 months ago

Forest stewardship
8 months ago

All sports are good, but focus on highest impact and lowest cost. We need outdoor gym equipment like peer cities have.
8 months ago

Aerials
8 months ago

Activities that everyone can do! Nature walks, outdoor work out spaces, swimming, and water safety, enjoying the water!
8 months ago

I would love family friendly options that require virtually no maintenance for the city. Frisbee golf or similar comes to mind. You can bring your own equipment and enjoy and it doesn't detract from the beauty of the trail. Ruidoso, NM has an extensive Frisbee golf course all through the beautiful trails....good example
8 months ago

Drone obstacle course in a woodland (like Walter Long)
8 months ago

BMX
8 months ago

BMX / Skatepark
8 months ago

I'm not much of a sportsman or "active" recreat-er so I don't really care about any of this stuff. NO MORE DISC GOLF
8 months ago

Why? Does disc golf somehow detract from your non-sports / non-active use of the park?
Sincerely curious to know why/how.
6 months ago

Green space, no building
8 months ago

None of the above
8 months ago
Judo!! 8 months ago

Badminton! 8 months ago

Summer camps! 8 months ago

Lighted Tennis Facilities 8 months ago

Dog agility parks 8 months ago

Updated swimming pools, more swimming pools with some heated. More flexible swimming pool schedules keeping some pools open for seniors when kids are in school. 8 months ago

Get Ultimate Frisbee out of parks where kids play. Too dangerous. 8 months ago

I would like to see more opportunity for pick up, spur of the moment, local resident activities. Focusing on the water park, crowds, pay programs, makes it more difficult and crowded for regular ongoing use. 8 months ago

We need more natural open spaces with minimally impactful activities like hiking, photography, art, etc; 8 months ago

Yes to activities for people with disabilities 8 months ago

Please add new sports facilities in new parkland, not existing parks. forget about golf - a dying sport that is a waste of space. 8 months ago

Roller derby 8 months ago

Roller derby. Could use same surface as indoor soccer or volleyball 8 months ago

Dog agility field with obstacles. 8 months ago

Dog agility field with AKC obstacles. 8 months ago

Not sure what this means. If facilities for kayaking, for instance, then fine. But not interested in organized activities. 8 months ago

Flat track Roller derby 8 months ago

skating...rollerderby 8 months ago
Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller Derby and skate parks!
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller Derby
8 months ago

Skateboarding, in-line skate, roller derby in safe locations off the streets away from traffic
8 months ago

Disability facilities for those with limited mobility
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Skating/Roller derby
8 months ago

Hardcourt Bicycle Polo
8 months ago

Fishing for Youth!
8 months ago

The McBeth Special Olympics aquatics program needs more than 1-2 lanes for 15 adults with disabilities to practice. This may be a scheduling issue - but maybe we can do better?
8 months ago

Bike polo
8 months ago

Rugby!
8 months ago

bike polo courts
8 months ago

None of above. More neighborhood parks, easily to walk to from homes.
8 months ago

I want COMMUNITY pools. Not a mega-plex pool on the eastside to serve only a few with easy access.
8 months ago

Training for lifeguards and swimming lessons - we have a serious need of lifeguards for our pools, especially if we want to keep them open longer
8 months ago

Upkeep on the city pools should come first. Swimming lessons are the one thing. Necessary for the area.
8 months ago
Just open space and benches & restrooms
8 months ago

more off leash dog areas
8 months ago

None.
8 months ago

Need more activities for older citizens.
8 months ago

more dance classes for adults
8 months ago

fishing
8 months ago

Senior and mobility challenged areas or programs
8 months ago

This is Texas. It's hot in the summer. Please make outdoor swimming pools a priority.
8 months ago

Scheduled rowing and crew would be great - row traffic on Town Lake is ridiculous.
8 months ago

Bike polo
8 months ago

Tai Chi classes outdoors.
8 months ago

How about off track horse racing and a sports book
8 months ago

Horseback riding
8 months ago

skateboarding - more facilities spread around, safe atmosphere
8 months ago

SKATEBOARDING
8 months ago

Equestrian trails and competition facilities
8 months ago

bicycle polo
8 months ago

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8 months ago

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8 months ago
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- Native plant ID, insect, aquatic species workshops. Water quality monitoring workshops.
- Plus birding activities
- Junior/youth roller derby programs
- Skateboarding and BMX summer camps for youth
- Opportunities for kids to learn to garden, prepare food from garden
- How about a "junior master naturalist" program. More education about native plants, pollinators and so on.
- More programs to teach stay at home parents and their little ones more about nature to empower the parent to take their toddler on hikes and nature exploration activities without feeling scared or nervous about something happening. (Ex: teach how to ID poison ivy and what caterpillars you can't touch)
- Let's use what we already have. Nature and educate our youth. It is cost effective and fun. There are many activities youth can do outside and we need them out in nature as much as possible. It is healthy and has been shown to be calming and decreases anxiety.
- I have three kids, so I'm not going to downplay the value of activities for children. But there are lots of things for kids to do in Austin. I agree with another commenter - I would like to see a focus on more parks to keep up with growth, not more activities in the parks we have now that are often located away from where people are going.
- I do not feel that it is safe for my child to participate in activities at some of our recreation centers due to an increase in the transient population and the corresponding lack of cleanliness and sometimes unsafe and even illegal activities. Security is needed.
Low cost or no cost summer and school holiday programs for k-12

There aren't enough after school options for older children (particularly middle school) in Austin. Most 6th and 7th graders are not ready to be latchkey kids. The city can help fill the gap! Get these kids doing service to our community.

We need more education on the environment

Mountain Bike Camp

Lifeguard training.

We need lifeguards at the pools we already have so they can be open longer hours.

My child has aged out of all of the PARD sports programs (up to age 12) that he did for many years. I'd like to see something offered for teens.

Youth league for disc golf in Austin. There are a couple annual events for youth Disc Golf (Young at Heart parent/child event at Flying Armadillo course in San Marcos and the annual Youth Disc Golf tournament in Wells Branch), but Austin could host a disc golf Major event for youth that would bring players from across Texas compete.

Disc golf programs for kids at the rec centers

Disc golf

disc golf programs for kids based in the rec centers

E.D.G.E. (Educational Disc Golf Experience) it is a nationally certified school curriculum that allows the benefit of being active with disc golf while teaching stewardship, social communication, rules of play, math, science, and other factors. Many schools in the U.S. and world have integrated this into their physical fitness activities.

disc golf

None of these, put them in the schools

summer youth disc golf league

I think many school kids don't understand where our water comes from, how pollution enters the water, what happens when pesticides kill the insects and other resources both interactive and
Disc golf is perfect for all ages and a great way to introduce kids to our park system and nature activities.

We need eco classes and camps to have a healthier and more sustainable city.

Gardening interns.

Increase the focus on neighborhood swimming pools and safe multi-purpose trails/bikeways.

My child goes to an afterschool program at Parque Zaragoza and they are amazing. I don’t know if all the recreations provide this, but if they don’t I would recommend it.

These should occur only if the vast majority of the park lands are reserved for private recreation.

Gardening education and nature education.

Summer programs, sure, but please don’t use PARD funds to provide free babysitting. The convention center has a big budget, as do the police - maybe one of those could provide after-school care.

Disc golf programs for kids based in the rec centers and in the parks.

Girl Scout events

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summer camps - only if the same price as other camp options - not more expensive

with inclusion needs being met

bilingual

teach about the environment

disc golf programs
and is great exercise and exposes kids to nature.

6 months ago

Disc golf, we need youth!

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

Link with Campfire USA and other outdoor education groups

6 months ago

Disc golf camp

6 months ago

I don't think Austin Parks and Rec should host any programs, but they can license private programs to use public parks.

6 months ago

Disc Golf introduction to youth.

6 months ago

additional junior golf & tennis camps

6 months ago

I think there should be more opportunities for performance space, specifically for improv classes, theater, and storytelling as well as more opportunities for learning the value of playing ultimate as a team sport.

6 months ago

E.D.G.E. Educational Disc Golf Experience

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

More disc golf courses

6 months ago

Thanks

6 months ago

Bring more kids to the parks

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

nothing should target one demographic. Even youth. Everything should be usable by everyone.

6 months ago

Youth Disc Golf League

6 months ago

Golf

6 months ago

More disc golf courses please

6 months ago
Disc golf
6 months ago

Year-round swim programs - water safety, learning to swim, water polo, swimming, diving
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Grow the sport...Disc golf
6 months ago

Youth disc golf program
6 months ago

Activities focused on healthy aging and exercise for seniors
6 months ago

Health and wellness programs - rowing is a great option for facilitating health and wellness education
6 months ago

Free Forest School of Austin, TX sets a great example of encouraging parents to get their kids into the parks and nature and learn, learn, learn!
6 months ago

Environmental/nature based camps with an emphasis on promoting sustainable thinking as climate change becomes a more pressing issue.
6 months ago

I don't think Austin will be capable of doing this without imposing some political agenda so I would have to say "none."
6 months ago

None
6 months ago

Equine Assisted Activities will benefit youth of all ability.
6 months ago

Keep parks about nature and teach kids to appreciate and value it
6 months ago

More natural areas for wildlife
6 months ago

Nature programs on Saturdays and Sundays for middle school aged or elementary aged kids.
6 months ago

More nature programs for elementary and middle school aged kids on Saturday and Sundays. Workshops or classes. Could be just for kids or family based.
6 months ago

Summer tennis camps would be a great way to use the afternoon time on the local courts that often go unused by adult players and leagues. I grew up in public tennis summer camp and really had fun. Those camps developed a lifetime love of the sport.
6 months ago

Summer tennis programs. I grew up with tennis in the public parks when I was young and it made all the difference in me enjoying tennis and learning how to play. It is affordable and would use
the facilities we already have, especially if camp was in the afternoon.

Free yr round or extended swimming season in East Austin just like west Austin has enjoyed for decades

Camps and after school programs to gets our kids outside.

In our youth programs, we must take into consideration the homeless and other challenged youth in our neighborhoods. Let us build an atmosphere of inclusiveness and foster an environment of accomplishment.

NONE. Put these programs in the schools.

agree re: native plant ID, aquatic species workshops, water quality monitoring workshops, birding, and also permaculture, etc.

Summer camps fill up within minutes of registration opening; definitely more summer camp programming of all varieties.

More tennis programs for all ages and abilities

Mindfulness and Meditation

If there are to be arts programs, they should pertain the the local neighborhood culture and not be brought in from outside. Swimming and sports have always been a part of our parks, but let's not feel the impulse to fill the parks with crowds and activities. Again, we need to keep our parks open and tranquil. Parks should not be an enterprise department. Parks are here to give Austin's residents space and tranquility.

Summer programs, sure, but please don't use PARD money go for daycare services. The convention center has a big budget. Maybe it could run free after-school care.

Special needs programs

Disc golf courses

Camping, hiking, outdoor safety classes

Ada friendly camps and fun camps for youth with disabilities

Something Daughtery Arts but in North Central.

Junior Master Naturalist program

You are already doing so much of this- even as a parent of elementary age kids I don't think you need to increase your scope.
Repair pools that are repairable. Replace the ones that aren’t. Start with lowest income areas first. Especially near multi unit housing.

Repair the pools!!!!!!

Swimming lessons and swim teams so kids can become swimmers

Swimming lessons and swim teams. There are some now but the city is talking about closing pools that provide these services and switching to splash pads. Kids can’t learn to swim on splash pads.

The community has potential staff to run a summer indoor/outdoor handball program, including UT college students. Very affordable for facilities. Great sport for working large motor skills, both sides of the body, one of highest aerobic exercises. Great for just fun and for competition as well.

nature classes

Wall ball and tennis courts

After school program that teaches handball

Handball.

Introduction to handball for junior players. Start with variations of the game using games like 2 bounce and what we called chinese handball back home (the ball bounces BEFORE it hits the wall). These are great tools to get kids interested in the game and teach basic skills and coordination needed to really be able to play handball.

none, let kids be kids and just play in the park. why does everything have to be so structured?

Anything that will increase the love and care of nature.

Anything that can be done to increase love of and care of nature!

No thanks

None of the above, youth programs do not have a positive return on investment

The military bases I grew up on provided scout houses for troop meetings. Couldn’t the city construct scout houses for Girl or Boy Scouts or other youth group programs scattered around the city? Safe places to meet and have group events with storage lockers available for those reserving meeting space for the year. Groups could agree to help maintain or clean facilities to keep meeting privileges. It would really help support people who want to have a troop but have no good place to meet, and it may help groups be able to do more together.
Let City of Austin "Culturally Program" our kids? Yeah right!!! Look at AISD for example. What a joke!

I think that we should have more programs where teens can go after school and be active, learn, be environmentally conscious, and create. Something like the Dougherty Arts Center that includes more outdoor and nature involvement for kids 13 to 17.

Alternate every other week from May through October, a Saturday Mom and toddler and the next week a Dad and toddler program, finish up with a Halloween ‘do’ for all.

Daytime Homeschooler Programs

1. Free swimming classes at city pools.

Summer Programs that teach about entrepreneurship

Judo!!

FREE! For our youth

None of the above

Swimming lessons for all children

Camps for low-income and/or underserved kids.

Roller derby

Roller derby programs

Many of these are so similar that I cannot vote for just three. Summer camps (no matter the age or interest area).

Programs to include Roller Skating.

None

Junior roller Derby

Roller derby for the youngsters
Parents need to pay for after school and summer programs.
12. If you are using parks and recreational facilities that are not managed by the City of Austin, please indicate which one you use. (Check all that apply and list why.)

- 28% Travis County parks
- 17% LCRA parks
- 14% Private clubs, gyms, fields, pools
- 13% HOA/Municipal Utility Districts/Limited District parks
- 13% Neighboring cities
- 11% YMCA
- 5% Other (please list)

1,935 respondents

13. Which of the following issues negatively impact your ability to use City of Austin parks, facilities, or programs? (Check all that apply.)

- 11% Crime or safety concerns
- 10% No parks or facilities close to home
- 10% Parks and facilities appear degraded and in poor condition
- 10% Inadequate parking
- 9% Presence of people experiencing homelessness
- 8% Lack of lighting
- 7% Parks and facilities do not appear clean
- 6% Lack of awareness of what programs are offered
- 5% Operating hours or length of season is too short
- 4% Entry fees at select sites, such as specialty pools
- 4% Other (please comment)
- 17% Others

2,255 respondents
6. Select up to three (3) **youth programs** you would like to see increase in Austin’s parks and recreational system in the next 10 years.

- 71% Environmental Education-youth
- 14% Summer Camps—Adventure Programming (kayaking, rock climbing, biking)
- 14% Other (please comment)
- 0% Others

7 respondents

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12. If you are using parks and recreational facilities that are not managed by the City of Austin, please indicate which one you use. (Check all that apply and list why.)

- 43% Travis County parks
- 14% YMCA
- 14% LCRA parks
- 14% Neighboring cities
- 14% Other (please list)
- 0% Others

7 respondents

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13. Which of the following issues negatively impact your ability to use City of Austin parks, facilities, or programs? (Check all that apply.)

- 29% No parks or facilities close to home
- 14% Lack of lighting
- 14% Crime or safety concerns
- 14% Parks and facilities do not appear clean
- 14% Inadequate parking
- 14% Lack of awareness of what programs are offered
- 0% Others

7 respondents
1. In the past 12 months, how often have you visited City of Austin parks and recreational facilities?

- 50% Weekly
- 25% Daily
- 25% Monthly
- 0% Others

4 respondents
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![Archery](image)

1 respondent

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No responses received yet

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   No responses received yet

1. En los últimos 12 meses, ¿qué tan seguido ha visitado los parques y áreas de recreación de la Ciudad de Austin?

   No responses received yet

2. Seleccione hasta (5) cinco programas principales para incrementar su asistencia a parques locales.

   No responses received yet

3. Seleccione hasta (5) cinco opciones principales que le gustaría ver en incremento en el sistema de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Austin en los próximos 10 años.

   No responses received yet

4. Seleccione hasta (3) tres principales facilidades que a usted le gustaría ver incrementarse en el sistema de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Austin en los próximos 10 años.

   No responses received yet

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1. En los últimos 12 meses, ¿qué tan seguido ha visitado los parques y áreas de recreación de la Ciudad de Austin?

- 67% Mensualmente
- 33% Semanalmente
- 0% Others

3 respondents

2. Seleccione hasta (5) cinco programas principales para incrementar su asistencia a parques locales.

- 20% Clases de actividad física como yoga, Zumba, campamentos de entrenamiento/Boot Camps, o entrenamiento en circuitos
- 20% Programación para niños
- 20% Presentaciones musicales o teatrales
- 20% Películas en el parque
- 20% Concessions such as boat/bike rentals
- 0% Others

1 respondent

3. Seleccione las (5) cinco opciones principales que le gustaría ver en incremento en el sistema de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Austin en los próximos 10 años:

- 20% Senderos naturales para excursionismo y caminatas
- 20% Áreas de juegos para niños
- 20% Piscinas al aire libre
- 20% Espacios con agua/salpicaderos/chapoteo
- 20% Pesca
- 0% Others

1 respondent
4. Seleccione hasta (3) tres principales facilidades que a usted le gustaría ver incrementarse en el sistema de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Austin en los próximos 10 años.

- 50% Centros de recreación comunitarios — Jóvenes
- 25% Piscinas interiores
- 25% Museos históricos
- 0% Others

2 respondents

5. Seleccione hasta (3) programas de deportes o recreativos que le gustaría ver en incremento en el sistema de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Austin en los próximos 10 años.

- 25% Ciclismo
- 25% Béisbol
- 25% Tenis
- 25% Fútbol Soccer
- 0% Others

2 respondents

6. Seleccione hasta (3) principales programas para jóvenes que le gustaría ver incrementar en el sistema de parques y recreación de la Ciudad de Austin en los próximos 10 años.

- 25% Campamentos de verano – artes visuales y teatrales
- 25% Campamentos de verano – basados en la naturaleza y el medio ambiente
- 25% Campamentos de verano – programación cultural
- 25% Programas de arte en vecindarios locales
- 0% Others

2 respondents
12. Si usted frecuenta parques y facilidades recreativas que no son administradas por la Ciudad de Austin, favor de indicar cuales frecuenta usted. (Marque todos los que aplican.)

25% Parques del Condado Travis
25% Clubs, gimnasios, campos deportivos, piscinas privados
25% Parques de LCRA
25% Ciudades vecinas
0% Others

2 respondents

13. ¿Cuáles de las cuestiones siguientes impactan en manera negativa e impiden que usted frecuente los parques, facilidades o programas de la Ciudad de Austin? (Marque todos los que aplican.)

20% Hace falta alumbramiento
20% Mejor frecuentamos parques, facilidades, y programas en ciudades o condados vecinos
20% No estoy informado de cuales programas se ofrecen
20% Costo de los programas
20% Las facilidades no son adecuadas a nuestras necesidades
0% Others

1 respondent

7. Do you feel there are adequate parks and usable green space within walking/ biking distance from your home?

51% Yes
44% No
5% Uncertain
0% Don't use parks/ recreation facilities

3,339 respondents

8. What would encourage you to walk or bike more to a park? (Select all that apply.)

29% Bike / Running / Walking Trail connecting to a park
24% Better maintained or safer sidewalks
21% Having a park closer to home
17% Better lighting and visibility along the route
6% Having a park closer to work or school
3% Other (please comment)
2,447 respondents

Sidewalks period. There aren't any in my neighborhood - walking at night is dangerous
8 months ago 48 Agree

I agree. My neighborhood (Cherrywood) is completely dangerous to walk around without sidewalks, and it's getting worse every year.
7 months ago 6 Agree

Then why did you buy there?
6 months ago

With the cost of housing in Austin, you NEVER get all your needs met unfortunately!
6 months ago

I've never lived in a neighborhood with sidewalks. Everyone walks on the street and drivers watch out. This really isn't a problem that money should be wasted on.
8 months ago

Unless you have disabilities or young children. People don't "watch out" in my neighborhood.
8 months ago 15 Agree

I never thought I'd see someone claiming a nearly complete lack of sidewalks wasn't a problem. What a sad statement.
8 months ago 2 Agree

Safer pedestrian crossings at streets
8 months ago 21 Agree

Sidewalks and a safe way to cross major roads
8 months ago 13 Agree

MORE parks with natural areas/woods/native gardens. Please, not just lawn and sports complexes.
8 months ago 12 Agree

Agreed, baseball and things waste a lot of acres on parking and lighting, very costly. We need modern and lower impact sports.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Enforcing dog leash laws which are often blatantly and knowingly disregarded by dog owners.
8 months ago 10 Agree

Having safe infrastructure like bike lanes, multi-use paths, and sidewalks will go a long to connect people to their parks. Many neighborhood have no sidewalks, no bike lanes and have to cross busy roads with no signals or crosswalks. Building more parks closer to people doesn't solve the problem, if people don't feel safe or confident in getting to the park without a vehicle.
8 months ago 8 Agree

I cannot emphasize enough how connecting trails, street bike lanes, parks would increase my use!
8 months ago 8 Agree

Not having major roads like MoPac/Loop 1 between my neighborhood and the nearest parks
8 months ago 8 Agree

Slowed traffic on roads between parks and neighborhoods to allow safer crossing and access by pedestrians.
8 months ago 7 Agree
more native plants and green space

There are no sidewalks in our Walnut Creek neighborhood and little lighting. The greenbelt is barely maintained and has nothing but wildlands and occasional homeless campers or wild dogs.

This city really lacks sidewalks and bike paths in most areas

Streets commonly lack sidewalks, or we now share sidewalks with scooters which is dangerous for all.

Reduced traffic flow; more, safer, dedicated bike lanes (no scooters). Consider bike and pedestrian only aves.

My personal use of parks would increase dramatically if I could safely commute from home to a park. Riding my bike in the streets feels dangerous compared to riding on a trail that is specifically designed for bike commuters, walkers, etc.

Bike lanes that are better maintained would help me access the park closest to my house. The bike lanes on Bolm road are always full of limbs, leaves, and trash which makes using them dangerous.

We are fortunate to live within easy walking distance to a park with a nice pool. We have a walking/biking trail to the park. I believe this happened as the result of advocacy and participation by people who live in our neighborhood. I wish all citizens could enjoy these benefits.

Safe biking infrastructure in the city.

Separated biking lanes in the city which are well maintained and clean to use. Some bike lanes are dirty, have 2 ft tall grass on either side of 1 ft wide lane. Dirt, stones, glass particles on bike lanes that make it unsafe to use. Constant fear of flat tire on my bike.

Bike lanes or adequate shoulders need to connect one to the other! It's no use having a bike lane or shoulder which disappears, only to reappear hundreds of yards down the road! Interconnected bike routes are what open biking up to people to get to destinations. An example: Hays County has provided an excellent shoulder in both directions on RM 1826, from the county line to Nutty Brown Road. There is a .6 mile piece in Travis County, from Highway 45 to the Hay County line, which has no shoulder at all. Adding this could extend relatively safe street biking all the way to/from Round Spring
No sidewalks in my neighborhood off of South Lamar. It's very dangerous outside of daylight hours.

I live in NW Austin and there is no park less than 4 miles from me and I have to cross busy highways and streets so don't ride my bike even though I do ride.

Bikes now have plenty of bike lanes but walk need more walking trails. Bicycles should yield to pedestrians.

We desperately need protected bike lanes, especially on the necessary arterials like Lamar, Congress, and Guad.

I'd like more connectivity between parks over a wider network, a la the Emerald Necklace in Boston. Austin has a bit of that, but it's really only along water features and it often takes a lot of travel through the concrete jungle to get there.

Leash laws enforced. too many people let their dogs run off leash in the parks and on the trails. Separate bike and walk/run trails. The bikers are a hazard to walkers and people with strollers.

As someone who often bikes in our parks, I agree. I'd like to see separation between foot and bike traffic. The Chicago waterfront is a good model. Separated bike facilities could also be used by scooters.

There are no sidewalks at all on parts of my route. Austin should be walkable, but it's not!

Eastwoods Park is surrounded by paid parking spaces along the Harris Park (West side) border - even on SATURDAYS! That is not practical because it discourages park use.

We need better sidewalks that are dedicated for walking.

I would like to see the hike & bike loop connecting Govalle Park to Walnut Metro Park via the South Walnut Creek Trail and the North Walnut Creek Trail to Balcones District Park finished all the way down to the Johnson Creek or the Shoal Creek Trail and then back to Govalle Park.

I would love to see a bridge over Airport Blvd between Patterson Park and Mueller Lake Park!

More trees for better shade and privacy to enjoy the outdoors and relax.

Please unlock the gates again to the playgrounds and fields at the Eastside schools such as Campbell Elementary. Families used to exercise at Campbell but are no longer allowed to access the fields after school the way people can on the west side of town.

We need a City of Austin Recreation Center/Park in Del Valle since were annexed over 10 years ago and still have yet to have any City services besides Austin Energy, water and trash, and road service. The youth of my community don't have any place to go after school or anything to do on the weekends. They have to travel into 13 miles into Austin to get to the nearest gym.

If Bart Park had a big wide open space where the Ball fields are instead of chainlink fences closing off the entire park.
Reduced speeds throughout Windsor Park, especially on streets that don’t have sidewalks.

My neighborhood is isolated and the only way to get out other than hiking for 3 hours through the green belt is to drive on the highways; so, I would love it if there were more bus stops in neighborhoods like Travis Country. I’m too young to drive, and I don’t want to drive regularly. I ride the bus almost every day from my school all around Austin, but in order to get home I need one of my parents to drive me when they are busy with work. All I ask for is just ONE bus stop just at least at the entrance of the neighborhood so that I can go places and not have to depend on my parents. Please.

Less speeding traffic through the neighborhood so that the walk could be a calm, enjoyable experience and children can safely ride their bikes to the park.

Better traffic safety (ie; more street and park lighting, improved sidewalks, less loose dogs, speed mitigation)

Feeling safe once I got to any park that is close to my house would encourage me to walk or bike to a park. The two that are close to my home are known to be gathering places for homeless and drug transactions. No woman feels remotely safe there if she doesn’t have a dog with her, and even then, it’s a “watch your back” situation.

Not having to cross highways to get to our local park.

Putting some oversight on scooters - tighten the leash on these companies in a bit. Last walk downtown I had to dodge scooters that were randomly left - about every 10 feet. Are we really thinking this looks good? It makes me not want to go for a walk. I’m sure it was done to lighten traffic, but if anything it’s created traffic probs for both pedestrians & cars.

I would use parks if they were on routes I am taking to other places. I would like to see parks integrated into my normal life, not places I seek out.

Smooth trails suitable for roller skates

And, the park has bathrooms.

We need more parks and open space

Thoughtfully designed, functional and well maintained parks.

Better disability accessibility and fragrance free bathrooms

water fountains and bathrooms

Sometimes our trail gets flooded, that makes it harder to use. But in general I am very pleased to have a trail so close. I use it often.

Less traffic along route to park. Doesn’t feel safe to take my kids on bikes to park.
We live in the ETJ. Austin needs to develop and open their Austin's Colony park. Property ID:289635
6 months ago

78744 needs better developed and maintained parks and recreation facilities for its large youth and young adult populations. I no longer live there, but crime would be lower and health of the population would be better if local parks were readily available via safe walkways to the park. When parks are upgraded, immediate neighbors should be asked to "take ownership" and help keep the park safe, clean and in good repair.
6 months ago

no scooters!!
6 months ago

more bike lanes
6 months ago

we live in 78745- park desert
6 months ago

water fountains
6 months ago

distance is not actually walkable especially with children
6 months ago

no more scooters
6 months ago

scooter bike rental near parks
6 months ago

this is largely due to traffic, dangerous, lack of bike lanes that feel safe
6 months ago

Safer and more frequent crosswalks
6 months ago

I'd be much more inclined to use the neighborhood park if I didn't have to worry about all the off-leash dogs everywhere.
6 months ago

Disc golf courses within 20-30 minute rides from home, school and work.
6 months ago

The parks in 78753 are homeless people camps. It doesn't feel safe. There are few lights and no sidewalks.
6 months ago

Enforce leash areas.
6 months ago

Bike lanes, or more room for bikes on the road.
6 months ago

Our neighborhood pocket park has no play structure and little shade. The bathrooms at Patterson Park are not great.
6 months ago
Kicking out homeless camps
6 months ago

bike lane on south first
6 months ago

Disc golf course
6 months ago

Disc golf park
6 months ago

Stacy Park is completely accessible - it is being upgraded for ADA accommodation.
6 months ago

Northwest hills actually has a number of undeveloped parks. But we are completely missing parks with playgrounds. Neighbors would pay to install playgrounds at the front of any of the 5 nature areas (steck, shinoak, etc)
6 months ago

I generally drive my kids to a park of golf course and will continue to do so because of locations
6 months ago

More disc golf
6 months ago

My area may be too developed for space.
6 months ago

golf at the park
6 months ago

Having a Disc Golf Course nearby
6 months ago

More parks and trails. The number of parks and trails has not in any way kept up with the influx of people. The trails are overcrowded, especially on the weekends and evenings. It's hard to even find a place to park, much less get some quiet time in nature.
6 months ago

Having. Ore disc golf courses please
6 months ago

Park with a disc golf course
6 months ago

Safer crosswalks, sidewalk, updated equipment
6 months ago

Bike racks
6 months ago

Improve the Steck Park trails
6 months ago

Onion Creek 'park' is a swathe of unbuildable land. Though that is common for Austin parks, Onion Creek is literally a flooded out neighborhood that is creepy. South Austin deserves more.
6 months ago
Sidewalks. Absurd the lack of sidewalks. Pecan Springs has none so everyone has to walk in the street.
6 months ago

We need sidewalks along Bull Creek from 45th to Hancock Dr
6 months ago

Clean up trash, remove homeless populations, enforce leash laws.
6 months ago

If there were off-leash areas for my dog to play.
6 months ago

Better amenities at the park- especially for youth. I'd love to see a skate park or a splash pad at our neighborhood park. A playscape alone is not enough.
6 months ago

Disc golf courses in parks closer to where I live and work
6 months ago

Safer bike lanes
6 months ago

Homeless people harassment.
6 months ago

Only park within 2 mile walking distance is connected to a school and is frequently in use by the school for activities that residents don't want to disrupt. It'd be nice to have more space, especially an off-leash dog park, in the suburbs that aren't specifically for youth.
6 months ago

I regularly ride my bike to a park but have to accept the risk of being hit on the road.
6 months ago

Universal Healthcare
6 months ago

Many parks are completely inaccessible by public transportation. This is the primary reason why I do not visit them.
6 months ago

Just having a more appealing park. I love my park, but it abuts a creek that would be lovely if not for the trash that festoons the vegetation all along it.
6 months ago

No lights! No concrete!
6 months ago

My lot abuts a green space. I only have to go outside!
6 months ago

Keeping walking/running areas separate from cycling.
6 months ago

Disc golf courses in the park.
6 months ago
I think we need more parks because of the increased population, all the park
And near me is great but increasingly crowded.

Our nearest park has no maintained trails, no functioning bathroom, no tennis courts, only a
basketball court and a very small playground. We mostly just walk through to get to the other side
of the neighborhood.

We would have to walk across and along a dangerous road, so we drive.

Using electric scooter

Removal of poison oak/ivy. I can't go to most parks (which I'd love to do) or I have to avoid people
with pets who do as almost every hike/bike trail has poisonous plants right next to the paths.

Updated and safe bike lanes, smoothly paved trails for rollerblading

Get dogs out of many of our parks. Some parks should be totally off-limits to dogs -- off-leash or
on-leash. Dogs belong in off-leash parks and off-leash parks should have fences that exclude
regular walking trails. Off-leash parks like Shoal Creek and Walnut Creek are absurd in that they
force hikers, runners, and bikers to "run- a-dog-gauntlet" that is often unpleasant, sometimes
dangerous, and very unfair to children and their caregivers. Our parks should cater to and care
more about the welfare of our children than local dogs. Off-leash dog parks are a joke anyway as
often more dogs are off-leash outside the fences than inside. Disgraceful!

Parking

Mary Moore Searight Off Leash Trail it's the closest park to my home but it's in very bad condition.
There's a lot of stumps. You can't enjoy nature if you have to be watching for stumps, holds, etc.
Improvements in this park are very welcome

My nearest park is just an open field with a trail around it. I like to walk on the trail, but a place to
sit, a tree, maybe another amenity would be nice. It's a small park, so not much is needed.

Safe neighborhoods - Rundberg gus garcia is not a safe neighborhood

Austin should invest in biking and walking trails that network through the entire city.

There are homeless encampments near Manchaca and Redd which is on the way to the closest
park. I don't feel safe letting me kids walk there by themselves

Austin needs to convert so many streets that currently treat the automobile as king - put the
Please.
I have parks all around me in the Zilker area. I appreciate the care for the parks. I am using the parks very often. The encouragement I need is stepping out the door!

6 months ago

More off leash dog areas on the east side of Austin

6 months ago

Access to nearby parks & nature preserves without having to cross major roads or high traffic areas.

6 months ago

Less dog waste would certainly make park use more enjoyable.

6 months ago

Trails need to be better maintained, including litter removal, crackdown on dog owners who do not clean up their animals’ fecal matter or leave it in plastic bags on the trail, and education programs for communities to encourage better land stewardship.

6 months ago

No bikes and scooters in parks.

6 months ago

Excited that Comal Park is being renovated. We currently bike to other parks but would walk there when it is improved.

6 months ago

Austin needs more protected bike lanes connecting various parks and hike and bike trails

6 months ago

If I felt that they were safe for a woman to safely use.

6 months ago

I live within walking distance from a great park with trails, pool and playground, so this is not an issue for me.

6 months ago

Austin definitely needs more bike lanes, especially for new methods of transportation like scooters. I’d also like to see more lighting for safety reasons. Crime has been an issue on trails, and a person’s route to and from the park needs to be safe. More lighting also makes surveying the area easier for law enforcement

6 months ago

Disc Golf because it encourages community interaction, walking to the park, walking during the activity, and provides extended visibility and safety in the parks since players present statistically deter illegal and unsafe activities (reference Pease Park in the 1980’s where disc golfers helped push that activity away because of their presence)

6 months ago

Off leash dog area

6 months ago

Granite running trails. Concrete trails are so hard on joints.

6 months ago

Dog park

6 months ago

Enforcement of leash laws in my local park.

6 months ago

Bike Lanes on roads

6 months ago
Sidewalks need to be continually maintained. It is very sad that Austin continues to make new sidewalks in areas that do not need sidewalks. Especially around the Airport. That was a waste of tax payer monies.

6 months ago

Great green spaces available in SW Austin but no safe places to cross Mopac especially with all construction. Will improve eventually but disappointed in current situation and lack of lighting/emergency call boxes. No patrols to make those areas feel safe even during daylight due to secluded areas. Frequently come across makeshift camping areas.

6 months ago

Dedicated and protected bike lanes along major arteries or along roads parallel to major arteries so that you can actually get to a park that’s too far to walk to, for example along Lamar, Burnet or 45th Streets. The dedicated lanes along Shoal Creek and Speedway are great examples.

6 months ago

Sidewalks please! And beginner friendly bike lanes/paths. I also have mobility issues and often need to ride an electric bike instead of a regular one. I can easily go less than 10 mph on this bike and would REALLY REALLY LOVE to be able to ride on the hike and bike trails.

6 months ago

The streets are too dangerous to ride on. Take the bikes off the roads with a speed limit over 30 mph and reduce the speed limit on a few select side streets to 20 mph.

6 months ago

Better bus routes. I’m disabled and my neighborhood bus was discontinued.

6 months ago

The bridge over Longhorn dam is a scary, dangerous disgrace. There is no reasonable safe crossing point East of I-35

6 months ago

I’m always interested in more parks/green space

6 months ago

We need sidewalks on the south side of Austin badly!! It’s dangerous!!

6 months ago

BOCCE / PETANQUE COURTS

6 months ago

MORE PETANQUE AND BOCCE COURTS

6 months ago

connectivity between parks

6 months ago

More dog friendly areas.

6 months ago

I live in Old West Austin so there are many parks and it’s easy to walk/bike to parks and trails. I am lucky because I know my situation is relatively unique. When I venture into far south and north Austin, I see very little in the way of parks and trails. That needs to be addressed.

6 months ago

The park near my house is Still an open air drug market. It is very nice and well maintained and filled with junkies and gang members.

6 months ago

I already go as often as I can

6 months ago

I am fortunate to have all of the factors listed above - weather and motivation are the only
I am fortunate to have all of the factors listed above. Weather and motivation are the only variables impacting my participation.

I am lucky enough to have both a public park and a greenbelt trail within blocks of my home.

I can't reach a park without walking across a very busy highway.

Many PARD and WSD owned properties are home to large homeless camps. Without access to restrooms, showers, water, trash and recycle bins...human waste is a problem. The areas are neither safe nor beautiful. The further off the beaten path, the worse the conditions. Basic amenities nearby (ie Venice Beach Parks & Rec facilities are amazing!)

Feeling safe at parks is essential to being utilized. This may mean more park rangers or security.

East Austin needs sidewalks!! I am forced to walk in the street a majority of the time.

Enforce leash laws! Our neighborhood parks have become unofficial off leash parks and my kids have been bit twice.

We live close to a park and go as often as we can.

I already walk and bike - don't do anything except put the crosswalk back from Hearn St. across Lake Austin Blvd so residents of the Deep Eddy neighborhood can get to the trails and swimming pool. Regardless of what your "studies" say people will continue to cross there and have for the 40 years I've lived here - runners, walkers, dog walkers, baby strollers, etc. It's a logical place to cross Lake Austin to access the H & B Trails and NO ONE wants to walk halfway down the road to a blinking light. Just DRAW THE CROSSWALK BACK, please!!!!!!! I would like a return call on this AGAIN. Every week I see people attempting to cross and your "studies" are wrong. Maybe someone who LIVES here should participate in your "study?"

Disc golf

A Veloway like the one at Circle C for skates and bikes only, around town

Separate lanes for bikers/scooter riders and walkers. The Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail is too dangerous for walking much of the time.

We have no sidewalks in our neighborhood, and people use our street as a cut through. I don't feel safe on our streets with my children.

Safety!! Drug deals are common at our trailhead. This area is not patrolled by police.

I agree that more sidewalks are needed.

If basketball and baseball courts could be available for open play on a predictable schedule.
Easier entry access
6 months ago

Pool within walking/biking distance. Driving several miles on the freeway at traffic time totally defeats the idea of a relaxing dip in the pool. Go for an afternoon swim and it keeps me cool for hours, lessening need for A/C.
6 months ago

Benches in our parks so we elders can sit and rest.
6 months ago

Having a park where dogs are on leash and off leash in designated areas. We no longer go to the park since I started fostering a dog that's afraid of other dogs when they come running up to him.
6 months ago

Already do
6 months ago

More attractions
6 months ago

A low traffic route
6 months ago

more disc golf courses, 9 and 18 basket course for beginners to advanced
6 months ago

more disc golf courses for all levels from beginner, intermediate, to advanced
6 months ago

Elimination of stray dogs always all over the place!
6 months ago

Better lighting at the Park itself
6 months ago

disc golf courses within 20-30 minute bike ride of home, school, and work
6 months ago

More wheelchair access and better info about wheelchair Access. You have some lovely spaces and they are fun to explore
6 months ago

I would like to see parks connected with trails so you could ride your bike in safe green spaces. Look at putting more bike trails on streams and creeks.
7 months ago

Not having to pay to park in order to walk Lady Bird Hike and Bike Trail.
7 months ago

Protected bike lanes that have a physical barrier between the cars and the bikes
7 months ago

Definitely more lighting and cleaner streets. I worry about running over trash on my bike that would give me a flat
7 months ago

Having programming or events that give me a reason to all or bike to the park. It's not that it's too hard for me to walk/bike to the park. It's that I'd do it it more often if something was happening in
the park that made me want to go there.

7 months ago

In Circle C we have a very large park and nice trails - but even though it is right next door, for many - the only way to access these spaces is to drive (up to two miles) and then park and a poorly maintained lot. We need more trail connections from the neighborhood, into the park!

7 months ago

safe bike lock points

7 months ago

Dedicated bike lanes. Drivers do not pay attention and it is just not as safe as it was for cyclists on the road.

7 months ago

I live by the Formula One track there is a park 15 minutes drive but nothing safely walkable (2lane dirt roads).

7 months ago

More signage for dog waste pick up. Maybe educate about rain water runoff and contamination.

7 months ago

More parks for the growing number of visitors. I live right on the Barton Creek Greenbelt, so the park could not be any closer--but it is not big enough for the crowds using it.

7 months ago

Maybe separate trails for bikes and walkers.

7 months ago

Austin has a notoriously poor sidewalk system and inadequate pedestrian crosswalks. Better, accessible pedestrian access makes neighborhoods more appealing as well as safer, and reduces vehicle traffic. Walking in the street in this town is not a safe option.

7 months ago

Sidewalks in our area are sparse at best. Or they go for awhile and then just adorably stop and you're stuck slogging through weeds or mud.

7 months ago

The public golf course in our neighborhood is in danger of being closed and the land developed. We need the city to preserve this course and public green space.

7 months ago

I live in Great Hills area in NW Austin, District 10, there isn't anything within walking/biking distance.

7 months ago

Slower speed on Nile Street

7 months ago

Including cameras into their security system and locating them by the trail, restroom, playground, etc to feel safer.

7 months ago

Be able to notice security in the park like cameras by the restrooms, playgrounds or fields Incase something happens.

7 months ago

We have a park near by, but no safe sidewalks to get there with kids.

7 months ago

easier biking, I would like to see a bike trail from the south elevated to escape such huge and lengthy inclines.

7 months ago

less dogs and bike on the trail

7 months ago
Constructing sidewalks! Especially at Zilker park
7 months ago

Sidewalks please. There are none in Tarrytown. And speed humps on 12th street.
7 months ago

Not having to pay to park
7 months ago

Less Californians
7 months ago

More facilities in the park
7 months ago

Safer park to walk the dogs are out of control at the park Mary Searight, more park officers needed to get people that break the off leash rules.
7 months ago

my discipline to get on the trail more
7 months ago

Better greenbelt access on the CapMetro system. Better bus/bike access to Mayfield park. It is too dangerous to walk there from the closest bus stop.
7 months ago

Having a park with more facilities (e.g. multi-purpose recreational center).
7 months ago

allowing my electric bike on trails... i need it to navigate hills
7 months ago

sidewalks connecting to park. also having parks that are actually cared for by the city dollars instead of having private donations and neighborhood non profits carry the load.
7 months ago

Sidewalk reconstruction needed at 300 S. 1st, for bike use. Sidewalk ends & sidewalk is obstructed by poles
7 months ago

More BBQ grills
7 months ago

weather
7 months ago

off leash dog park
7 months ago

Nothing here
7 months ago

Homeless living at the restroom and shower areas, homeless in general just camping out. Usually drinking and dont want to take the kids around that
7 months ago

disc golf courses within 20-30 minute bike ride of home, school, and work
7 months ago
playgrounds for children and off leash areas for dogs
7 months ago

Very few sidewalks in my neighborhood.
7 months ago

safer bike lanes would help as well
7 months ago

I have at least 3 parks within a very reasonable biking distance. Don't think the answer is more parks, we need better parks
7 months ago

Our parks are small and plan nothing really to do in them unless you have small children to play on the playground.
7 months ago

Well-maintained bike lanes on normal streets. Lower speed limits and better traffic enforcement to increase cyclist and pedestrian safety.
7 months ago

If I were more confident that there would NOT be off-leash dogs in the parks near my house, I would visit more often.
7 months ago

I'd like to have bathroom facilities at the park. I understand the problems of vandals, but If I need a bathroom, it becomes a very long walk to get home. Lack of bathroom facilities is a reason I don't visit the park more often.
7 months ago

I already walk/bike to our park, but only since the pedestrian hybrid beacon was installed.
7 months ago

Secure ways to store a bike during park use, like the lockers at the bus transit center.
7 months ago

Greater awareness and understanding of what parks are near. Stronger websites and maps that communicate what is available at each facility. Information is currently hard to find, not inline with current web best practices, and incomplete
7 months ago

More places to LEGALLY take dogs off leash. As it is, the designated off-leash areas are sparse and hard to walk to, so people exercise their dogs in areas that aren't designated as off-leash. Having more off-leash areas in walking distance of residential areas will make the situation less frustrating for everyone.
7 months ago

My neighborhood is adjacent Onion Creek Metro Park, but you can't get there on foot or bike because there is no sidewalk that connects the two along a very busy and narrow Thaxton road. In fact the grass is allowed to grow 4 or 5 feet high before the city mows it. In addition, the city is currently only developing 30 acres of this 600 acre park despite having a master plan for the entire park. Grand Meadow Park is also adjacent to my neighborhood, but is nothing more than an neglected field that the city mows once a year.
7 months ago

Drivers obeying the laws along the busy street between home/school and the nearby park. The road is too busy for my kids to go to that park without being driven. The cars drive too aggressively, and they don't reliably stop at the pedestrian crosswalk so it's just too hard for kids on this side of the road to get to that park on foot or bike.
7 months ago

Fewer or no camps in these areas
7 months ago

Having water fountains and restrooms on trails that are far away from parks would be awesome!
7 months ago
I used to go to local parks weekly to hike with my large dog. However last year when I was pregnant I had a very scary and uncomfortable incident with a homeless man who came out of the woods and blocked me from going further down the hiking trail (at Dick Nichols). If I did not have my dog I believe the incident may have escalated. Since then I don’t feel safe walking without my partner or a friend with me as well. /

Longview park/Stephenson preserve are a jewel of the city but in desperate need of renovation. It needs renovations to the playground, sidewalks to safely get to this space, and repurposing of the field which is largely used for offleash dogs not the intended use. Fence it in for a dog park and fix the playground and bathrooms.

Getting the trails e-vehicle free and making sure that if they use the trail there is insurance covering the users. Currently there is no insurance that cover people that get hurt by these vehicles.

Enforcement on use of facilities

Building safe places for people to cycle and walk that are dedicated paved lanes and separate from traffic, and which actually go places people are trying to go, is everything!

No parks in my area except one large regional park 5 miles from my home.

More multiuse playing fields

Security Guard

Having an off leash dog park near me instead of driving across town to take my dogs out. There’s plenty of park space near me, but it’s not off leash dog friendly. So I end up driving across town adding to the traffic just to spend time outside with my dogs.

Austin has a hot and humid climate most of the year, yet I find that most hike-and-bike trails in parks and greenbelts are not regularly planted with shade trees that shade the trails during the hot hours of the day. Who wants to broil on a sunny trail at mid-day in August. I find that PARD plants trees seemingly without this in mind.

Secondly, the trail on our Blunn Cr. hike-and-bike trail in Travis Heights had granite gravel once which made walking painless. It is now strewn with limestone stones which makes walking it with tennis shoes painful. Sprained ankles are not uncommon now due to the size of the stones that now cover the trail. I have to resort to my Big Bend heavy duty hiking boots to walk my neighborhood trail! Not resident friendly, guys!

Improvements in my own health

Improvements in my health

Better crosswalks nearer to my house, especially Riverside Drive and Summit.

Need a baby pool or splash pad at Tom Lassiter south lamar park

Enforcement of leash laws. Too many people let their dogs off leash in the parks and on the trails.
Robust parks throughout the community. I don’t visit Lady Bird anymore because of the congestion and bikes. Also, it seems like it’s closed most of the year with the Trail of Lights, ACL, and grass regrowth periods.

I am fairly close to parks and Walnut Creek trail but the pathways there are very unsafe, dominated by fast moving cars and a scary crossing of Mopac.

Create a path along Boulder creek or along UP tracks connecting Galindo to lady bird hike and bike trails. Better pools throughout city.

Off leash dog park with hiking trails

Remove the parking meters. I stopped visiting Zilker because it’s $5 or so every time we go there. It adds up. It’s bad enough that the place is unusable 3 months a year for ACL, Trail of lights, etc.

There are buses! People who believe our parks should be paved over so they can store their personal vehicle should at least pay for that privilege. That money can go to providing alternatives to driving and mitigating the environmental costs of motor vehicle use in and around our parks.

The only way to get out of my immediate neighborhood is to walk along the side of a highway that has no sidewalk for long stretches. Very dangerous.

We need better maintained parks; many of Austin’s parks are sad, run down, shabby, or trashed. I am referring to all facets including parking areas, water fountains, restrooms and other facilities, receptacles, walking trails, trees and other plants. Fewer dog droppings and fewer dogs off leash would also make local parks more welcoming.

Ranger and police patrols, lighting to keep drug dealers and to house overnight sleepers (Gillis Park for sure, neighbors are upset)

If I’m going to the park I’m bringing the dogs, so unless a park should suddenly appear less than a quarter mile from my home, walking is not an option.

I live off Rutland and the sidewalks are not inviting - and sometimes not safe! With my baby in a stroller, it’s really important to have safe sidewalks.

Where is the south entrance of the violet crown trail?

better maintained parks with more amenities, especially play scapes and a variety of spaces kids can use. More reasons to go

We are lucky to have a great nearby park, but more water features would always encourage us to visit more often. Every neighborhood park should at least have a splash pad in this climate.

We are lucky to have a great park nearby, but we could always use more water features (every park should have at least a splash pad or pool).

We’re lucky to have a great park nearby. But, we could always use improved water features (pools, splash pads, shaded sitting).
Improve signage.

8 months ago

None of the above exist north of Wells Branch.

8 months ago

We do not have ANY of the above, north of Wells Branch.

8 months ago

More shade trees

8 months ago

More parks in East Austin with natural vegetation, not manicured lawns.

8 months ago

I prefer nature parks, and those types of parks are not near my home. But I don't mind driving to them.

8 months ago

less traffic.

8 months ago

Control of off-leash dogs.

8 months ago

I just have to program myself to go.

8 months ago

SAFETY.

8 months ago

Having a developed park - right now our 5-acre park sits is still undeveloped, but set to break ground starting in Summer 2019.

8 months ago

No safe walking or biking

8 months ago

Pools with more hours longer season of operation.

8 months ago

Enforce leash laws

8 months ago

Enforcement of leash law. Currently I cannot take my dog to a park to enjoy a walk without having off leash dogs rushing my dog...it's dangerous and illegal.

8 months ago

Better/more/safer sidewalks

8 months ago

Better enforcement of leash ordinance; less fear of off-leash dogs approaching me and my on-leash dog.

8 months ago

fewer homeless people in parks

8 months ago

Having more free time in life.
Better maintained parks - especially playgrounds and pools on the east side.

Making developers keep greenery in tact to build neighborhood parks.

Please add trees to the median of east william cannon

More parks are being developed in my area which is exciting, but there aren’t really sidewalks or pedestrian signals to help dodge the traffic to get there.

Safe sidewalks.

Better traffic control - the route via Riverside is hazardous, period, to walking and biking, because of poor road design and driver lack of concern.

We live a few blocks away from Northwest Park and find it wonderful. We go there daily. Unfortunately the paved walkway ends abruptly, leaving a rough dirt gap for about 100 yards before picking up again, then there’s another gap, then a paved stretch, then a gap, etc. We wish the pathway was ADA accessible the entire way.

A crosswalk from Hearn St. across Lake Austin Blvd. to the west entrance to the Hike and Bike Trails. The City in its “wisdom” failed to draw back a 40 year old crosswalk when they repaved Lake Austin Blvd. 3 years ago. Every day I see walkers, runners, bicycle riders and parents pushing baby strollers taking their lives in their hands as they try to cross where logically there should be a crosswalk. Have a heart and paint the cross walk!!!! I will not quit asking about this until the crosswalk is complete.

There is a lack of parkland in Southwest Austin. We need more urban and natural trails as well as sidewalks that connect to parks. Also, safe routes that cross highways and major streets are needed for people to access parkland.

my neighborhood has plenty of sidewalks, but only one park. And it is an elementary school, not even a real city park that can be used during school hours.

Public WiFi, more seating (for use during work lunch breaks)

Less hipsters in the park

The park closest to my house doesn’t feel safe.

Having a larger and nicer park nearby. My neighborhood one is small and meant more for sports and playground rather than hiking.

If it was only 20 degrees cooler from May to September!

I want to feel safe in the existing parks
MORE PARKS!
8 months ago

safer street crossing
8 months ago

Having more off-leash areas that are also accessible for people with limited mobility.
8 months ago

North Central Austin is a park desert—only tiny pocket parks or ones next to schools that function primarily as soccer fields or tennis courts.
8 months ago

Paved
8 months ago

Adequate and safe free parking
8 months ago

Off-leash park walking distance or within 10 minutes driving distance from home.
8 months ago

We live off Riverside and there is not any walkable park. The area is very underserved.
8 months ago

Having more natural areas and hiking/walking trails nearby.
8 months ago

How about keeping the park safer - in Givens park you will get mugged in broad day light
8 months ago

More restaurants accessible by bike trails! We love to ride our bikes to eat out or go to a performance (Zilker hillside). But riding back in the dark is scary!
8 months ago

There are too many fire ant piles in the park by my house!
8 months ago

Have to drive if I want to take my 86yo mother in law.
8 months ago

Lighted trails would encourage greater evening/early morning use
8 months ago

lighted trails would enable greater use in evening/early morning.
8 months ago

Better maintained lawns, tree maintenance. Love when parks can be connected for longer outings, no need to take the car. See San Antonio's 11 mile mission river trail concept.
8 months ago

Paved trail for skating
8 months ago

The scooters and the tourists really get in the way. On Lakeshore off Riverside, the suburban tourists come in to take up the free parking and pack the park. The tourists then destroy any quality of life with armadas of drunken kayakers/paddlers. And the scooter. The awful scooters. The officers tell me they "cannot" ticket them on park land.
8 months ago
Safe crossings at intersections on the way to parks.
8 months ago

Safe crossings of intersections that need to be crossed on the way to the park.
8 months ago

It is not a priority so it always falls low in time management. Maybe if there was something going on at the park to make it a priority, I would go more often.
8 months ago

Sidewalks ruin parks. If you call it a trail Make sure it is.
8 months ago

The closest park to my home, Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt, is not yet developed. I am looking forward to its progress.
8 months ago

We have to walk on streets (no sidewalks) and then cross a very busy and dangerous intersection to get to the closest city park.
8 months ago

Nicer park - quail creek has very limited space and a weird layout
8 months ago

more time in my day!
8 months ago

off leash dog areas or times
8 months ago

The city picking up the flood debris that has been blocking Walnut Creek for several months. It smells.
8 months ago

A leash free area - I could walk my dog there when the temperatures were not too high and the asphalt/cement were cool enough.
8 months ago

Fragrance free bathrooms.
8 months ago

78753 zip code
8 months ago

Improving Williamson Creek to serve as a nature trail.
8 months ago

A more usable, safe park, which is in the works but just need funding!
8 months ago

Less panhandlers
8 months ago

Fenced dog park.
8 months ago

More amenities at my local park.
8 months ago
I have a park and a bike trail within walking distance so my home already
8 months ago

More parking
8 months ago

Lucky to live in Mueller - we already have all of these things.
8 months ago

BETTER SKATEPARKS
8 months ago

Na
8 months ago

My mobility is impaired at this time. But I have a nice park/rec facility nearby when I am able to get about more easily.
8 months ago

I already use the parks every day but it would be great to have more large parks (not neighborhood parks) that were more accessible.
8 months ago

9. In general, what makes a park valuable to you? (Check top 5.)

- Observing plants, birds, reptiles/amphibians, insects
- Safety and cleanliness are givens--no one wants to use a park that is dirty or unsafe. So I selected three things beside those.
- Natural undeveloped trails
- What does that even mean? In a city park?
- Not sure how many more survey questions there are, but I am finding the survey to be skewed towards expecting Austin parks to provide experiences and activities that are readily available in other locations; i.e. gyms, backyards, restaurants schools, activity centers, HOMES, etc. Zilker Park use to be a wonderful, natural outdoor destination. Now it is a mad house for heavily crowded, for profit events making it unavailable to Austin citizens for much of the year. Sure, we need locations for large events. Let's be mindful of the best locations and ALL of the activities citizens are interested in and the options for participating. More parks as natural green space. Again, the survey lends to a parks pile on when many are asking for options away from high traffic, expensive to maintain areas.

2,633 respondents

- Beauty (e.g., natural features, landscape, views)
- Places to connect with nature
- Cleanliness
- Easy to get to
- Safety
- Places to exercise or be active
- Quiet places and places to relax
- Opportunities to socialize, be with family or friends
- Lots of diverse activities in the park
- Others

15% Agree
13% Agree
13% Agree
12% Agree
11% Agree
10% Agree
10% Agree
5% Agree
4% Agree
6% Agree
Enforcement of sound rules would be nice. Can’t count how many times I’ve had to leave a park for the blaring loud radios.
8 months ago 4 Agree

Open, green space
8 months ago 3 Agree

For me nature is the most important aspect of parks....
8 months ago 2 Agree

Unimpacted natural beauty with promotion of recycling and prevention of littering. We have enough pseudo-green landscaped spaces, we need people exposed to actual nature, nearby, native plants, wilderness. It also benefits our wildlife.
8 months ago 2 Agree

Honestly, all of the above are pretty important. Baseline: accessible, safe, clean. Next level up, aesthetic, quiet, plenty of open-ended spaces. If there’s occasional programming on top of that, it’s also nice.
8 months ago 2 Agree

Environmental conservation.
8 months ago 2 Agree

Park land is the only safe way I have to get down town (if the no scooter rules would be enforced, that would help too)
8 months ago 2 Agree

Lack of homeless living in my park
8 months ago 2 Agree

The cars need to be slowed to make the parks more accessible.
8 months ago 2 Agree

Better homeless management.
8 months ago 2 Agree

Why are safety and cleanliness on this list? Of course, the parks should be clean and safe.
8 months ago 2 Agree

Features that I don’t have available in my yard like a skateboarding mini ramp or bowl.
8 months ago 2 Agree

Functioning bathroom
6 months ago 1 Agree

Opportunity to participate in the care-taking of trails I love through the Adopt-a-Park arrangement
6 months ago 1 Agree

Well maintained walking trails
Restroom facilities available a plus
Feeling safe
6 months ago 1 Agree

Having a disc golf course
6 months ago 1 Agree

We need a City of Austin Recreation Center/Park in Del Valle since we were annexed over 10 years ago and still have yet to have any City services besides Austin Energy, water and trash, and road service. The youth of my community don’t have any place to go after school or anything to do on the weekends. They have to travel into 13 miles into Austin to get to the nearest gym.
7 months ago 1 Agree
Let parks remain in their natural state. Stop trying to squeeze something for everyone into every park!

7 months ago

1 Agree

I enjoy the opportunity to garden. I harden at Patterson Park.

7 months ago

1 Agree

I enjoy the opportunity to garden.

7 months ago

1 Agree

ability to enjoy the park and the nature it offers while playing disc golf

7 months ago

1 Agree

I like the idea of parks integrated into every day life. Smaller parks throughout the city and better connectivity between parks could achieve this. I liked the “Parklets” that popped up on “Park(ing) Day” this year. There is a ton of space in Austin wasted on motor vehicle parking that serves very few people throughout the day.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Nice walking trails. Make something like Memorial Park in Houston. Honestly our parks are embarrassing and not robust like other major metros.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Shade and thermal comfort ;)

8 months ago

1 Agree

natural spaces, no off-leash areas, no homeless camps, drugs, trash, beer cans, etc

8 months ago

1 Agree

They are a place to gather with friends that hipsters haven't yet fully invaded, at least the east end of Guerrero park.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Restriction of off-leash dogs to designated off-leash areas, especially when near school children.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Restriction of off-leash dogs to designated off-leash areas, especially near schools.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Pools need to be larger for growth of the city. More pools also. We need to put more money into this venture and get a board that will do a good financial job!

8 months ago

1 Agree

Bathroom access - fragrance free bathrooms.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Roller Derby Tracks

8 months ago

1 Agree

Disc Golf

8 months ago

1 Agree


8 months ago

1 Agree

I don't even play disc golf, but I like the parks that cater to it. It gets people out and about and it is almost completely unobtrusive, unlike most sports activities (and especially traditional golf).

8 months ago

1 Agree

It's actually been shown to make parks safer, as the continual trickle of players through the course means more eyes on the surroundings so less shenanigans can go down. For the most part, players are respectful of a course and it's surroundings, as
they have a vested interest in preserving it. And yes, it's addictive so it gets people out playing and appreciating nature, and is night/day different from Golf as minimal clearing and maintenance are required.

6 months ago

Engaging for kids. Not just slide and swing.
6 months ago

Children's programs. We have none in the ETJ.
6 months ago

I love seeing water birds, fish, turtles, the sun on the trees, sunsets, and the Austin skyline from Barton Springs Pool. Everything changes with the seasons.
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

diversity programs
6 months ago

adaptive equipment for children
6 months ago

restrooms
6 months ago

Safe and awesomely-designed playscapes for all ages and abilities
6 months ago

good disc golf clubs with mini tournaments held every weekend.
6 months ago

If I could find a park where there weren't illegal off-leash dogs, that would be great. Unfortunately, that doesn't seem to exist because of irresponsible owners and total lack of leash law enforcement.
6 months ago

Disc Golf
6 months ago

Off leash areas
6 months ago

Dog Friendly off leash areas.
6 months ago

Safe and fun for kids WITH SHADE. Lack of shade makes all the difference for about half of the year if you have children. Children are playing during hot and sunny times of day and there's never enough shade or water features in Austin's parks. The best being SHADED WATER FEATURES
6 months ago

Disc golf courses
6 months ago

Area to walk my dogs that offers poop bags, trash cans and bathrooms.
6 months ago

Disc golf courses...
6 months ago
Parks are generally more pleasant when they're not over-crowded, which is becoming all too rare in Austin, as evidenced by the reservation only access to Hamilton's Pool, Enchanted Rock, etc.

Disc golf is the perfect combo of a nature walk and a workout.

Having more disc golf courses please

Easy to get to - Parking

Having disc golf available and decent restroom options

Places to play disc golf

Parks with accessibility for horseback riding

Parks with horseback riding trails

Natural well maintained grounds for family and a good disc golf course.

Play a round of Disc Golf in the woods.

The parks I frequent most often are the ones with a disc golf course.
Other: Places to drop in my kayak.

Wildlife

No Hobos!

"Easy to get to”? Can we make parks harder to get to? That makes it more valuable. More of a hurdle to get to the park means less riff raff.

Trails that are fun/challenging, not sanitized/dumbed down/ turned into a sidewalk in the woods.

Golf as choice

Disc golf courses with well-designed fairways.

More disc golf

Disc Golf

disc golf

Diverse flora and fauna - so habitat for birds, animals and insects

Dog off leash area so we can play ball and frisbee!

More park space

Fenced off-leash dog parks make parks more valuable to my family

Fenced Off-leash dog parks make park space more valuable to my family

Off leash areas.

Off leash dog areas.

NO DOGS! Nothing more denigrates the beauty or value of a park more than a bunch of dogs (with owners who think their dogs are way more precious than nearby children). Owners, even of on-leash dogs, often expect humans to just move off the trail (or even urban sidewalks) for their dogs and to not complain if their dog noses, dirties, or bites some trail-using human. Some sociologist / psychologist at UT needs to do a scientific study about how from what milieu such unruly human-beings evolved.
Of course, I want and expect my parks to be safe and clean. What attracts me to a park are the other features.

Tennis Courts

My young boys ask to go to a playground every day!

areas for my dog to run off-leash - this is the #1 reason I visit a park and for that I need to drive to Auditorium Shores, Redbud, etc.

Safe!! Remove all homeless camps permanently, and patrol for homeless nuisances, drug dealers, and gangs

Good trails to walk my dog

Playscapes

Playscape for kiddos

Spaces for being in community with neighbors

Playscapes and things for our kids. Also, the presence of disc golf baskets definitely keeps me coming back to our parks

Dog friendly

Disc golf

My selections speak for themselves
Increased safety of vehicles left in parking areas.

Enclosed places for my dog to play.

Having a fun, competitive disc golf course!

Being able to have a location close to me that I can go fishing at with my kids and camping

Place to take dogs for activity.

Bike riding trail because street trials are too dangerous

more Mountain Bike trails

A well maintained trail network

I cannot believe you left ability to go with dogs off this list!

Tranquility and safety are top on my list. I don't think parks should be constantly used as money-making ventures or venues for music and crowds. Let's keep them open and focus on nature.

Well-maintained trials. We also need MORE off leash/fenced in dog parks

Plenty of parking

Disc Golf

Disc Gold courses

A well-designed disc golf course strikes the ideal balance between preserving nature and enabling casual (or not so casual) active use. In an hour by myself I can connect with nature and get a good hike in while engrossed in a demanding game. Or, in a few hours with friends, I can enjoy both competition and camaraderie while weaving through a beautiful natural setting. All this with minimal disruption to the native flora/fauna and practically no maintenance cost.

Wheelchair access.
Parks that welcome me AND my dog are most valuable. They recognize that my outdoor experiences are enhanced when I share them with my best friend. Austin has a few really good options for this. Thank you!

6 months ago

I like to find the less occupied parks with water features.

7 months ago

Dogs allowed

7 months ago

Hiking/walking trails

7 months ago

Playgrounds for kids! Number one reason we go to a park

7 months ago

Off leash dog areas

7 months ago

Being able to play handball there!

7 months ago

I love parks that have BBQ grills. We need more grills!

7 months ago

I like to walk dogs in parks but most neighborhood parks are being turned into off leash parks by the neighbors or neighbors nearby. Very frustrating especially since we have several off leash parks for dogs.

7 months ago

Undeveloped. Natural.

7 months ago

Austin would benefit from more parkland devoted to historic preservation. An example is the log cabin at Rosewood. A nearby property now in private hands was formerly Emancipation Park and used for Juneteenth celebrations after the condemned the original Emancipation Park for segregated public housing. This property is on 12th street rights at the railroad tracks. I wish the City would purchase the property for a more significant monument to the history of Austin's African American population.

7 months ago

Playground equipment

7 months ago

Trails for hiking and mountain biking.

7 months ago

Being able to exercise my dog off leash

7 months ago

Five choice is not enough. Really, all of these things make a park valuable to me, though I expect different things from different parks. All parks don't have to be wild nature. I've enjoyed wild nature parks as well as well-programmed urban parks and parks in between. The most valuable park is probably the closest park with something to do and somewhere to sit.

7 months ago

Off leash places for my dog

7 months ago

Off-leash dog park is the most valuable thing to me.
Accessible for disabilities

Walking trail

Opportunities to bring my dogs and let them roam off leash

Off leash for dogs and adequate parking which is lacking in most Austin parks

Keep concerts OUT of parks. Pls let them pay for private space. It's not enough for event promoters to make "donations" to Parks Foundatiin or others.

I like unpaved trails.

Hiking trails and playscapes

Hiking
And BMX / Skateboarding

I completely agree with June Turner's statement below! Dirty, unsafe SHOULD be a given!

Enforcement of leash laws to make it safe to walk your dog.

Better and more safer sidewalks

Off leash parks. My dogs love to explore and I feel more....natural(?), like we're "one with nature" so to speak.

Place to take my dog safely

My car has been broken into twice at Dougherty Arts.

I also love running into my neighbors at the park. It connects the community.

Accessibility as in crosswalks that are safe across busy streets (Lake Austin Blvd.) to get to the parks.

Accessibility
Lit at night
8 months ago

Off-leash areas.
8 months ago

Availability of volleyball courts
8 months ago

Off-leash areas.
8 months ago

It should be a safe place for integration and healing
8 months ago

Off leash dog park
8 months ago

“Easy to get to” encompasses many dimensions. Availability of Public transit and/or parking for more distant parks. Sidewalks / bike lanes for neighborhood parks.
8 months ago

Paved trail for skating or an environment like the Veloway.
8 months ago

Most of the time roller derby
8 months ago

Dog-friendly facilities
8 months ago

Off leash dog areas
8 months ago

Location, location, location. If it's helping me get to where I'm going, I'm going to use it and enjoy it. If it's located behind me, then I won't.
8 months ago

off leash dog areas / times
8 months ago

rollerderby tracks
8 months ago

Bathroom access - Fragrance free bathrooms needed.
8 months ago

nature
8 months ago

Bathrooms and flat track roller derby tracks
8 months ago

It would be nice to go som
8 months ago

I chose safety and cleanliness, but feel that should be expected and more room for making other
choices. That question could be rewritten.

Roller derby

8 months ago

Ones that have derby roller rinks such as Pan Am and Bart Park.

8 months ago

Area for children to play while parents can relax.

8 months ago

Mountain bike specific trails and skills parks.

8 months ago

Cleanliness is huge. Dottie Jordan is always a mess with trash and food litter which makes the fire ants a big problem.

8 months ago

When crowds increase during the summer, trash cans are not emptied as often as they need to be. This creates a litter problem in some of our parks.

8 months ago

SKATEPARKS

8 months ago

An environment free of synthetic chemicals such as pesticides and toxic cleaners. Lack of cigarette smoke!

8 months ago

10. What is the most effective way for you to find out Austin PARD events, recreation opportunities, and park programs? (Select all that apply.)

Please look for alternatives to Twitter and Facebook. Many of us have chosen specifically not to use/support these channels because of their history of anti-democratic activity.

8 months ago

Agreed -- I don't use Twitter and Facebook either and I definitely appreciate having all the information on a website or email list.

6 months ago

Likewise, I do not do Twitter, Facebook, etc.

6 months ago

well then I hope you aren't supporting Amazon as well.

6 months ago
Agreed, Insta is better but still owned by Facebook. Only elders use that. Twitter and Reddit are smarter.

8 months ago

Community impact

8 months ago

I would really like to see the PARD website get a new, interactive and creative website where you could easily find out information about each park and facility, it's rental status (if applicable), good photos (ask Park Users to submit with some reporting about their visit). Current website is not always current and is not that compelling.

8 months ago

Can just copy Bay Area and NYC Parks sites.

8 months ago

The City of Austin website is a mess and needs updating; it's hard to navigate and figure out where to find the information you need.

8 months ago

Agreed, you have to tell your council member and Cronk.

8 months ago

A map of locations for parks and green space without continuous programs, mass gatherings and scheduled reservations and activities.

8 months ago

Chronicle

8 months ago

The PARD website, like all City of Austin websites, is really unhelpful and is long overdue for an update.

8 months ago

I just want to be able to go to the park. I don't really need to have extra things going on there that make it crowded and noisy.

8 months ago

Unfortunately there is no effective way to find any information about anything PARD related. Info is missing, inconsistent, scattered, incorrect, et cetera.

8 months ago

NextDoor makes sense for events in neighborhood parks. Do512 for families for larger events.

8 months ago

South River City Citizens could be a very effective communication tool.

8 months ago

The Austin.gov website is extremely difficult to use and makes it hard to know what resources are available through the Austin PARD. An overhaul of the PARD section of the site would be amazing!

8 months ago

The City of Austin website is the WORST WEBSITE EVER!!!! It is not user friendly.

6 months ago

Neighborhood groups partnering with Parks has helped us keep informed.

7 months ago

The austintexas.gov site is hard to navigate. It is too busy.

7 months ago

Neighborhood FB groups, texting, public radio

8 months ago
We always read the utility stuffers

Please do not rely on Facebook or Twitter. Many seniors dislike social media.

community impact magazine/paper

Do512 family

Marquee at the park.

Garden club meetings.

social media- twitter facebook

signs in surrounding neighborhoods

If it was a better website I’d use it (PARD & City of Austin)

street banner pole

facebook events

specifically the chronicle

Google

Social media

The web site is horrible, too complex and requires too many click to get to information.

Austin EcoNetwork

Through my communicative disc golf club email list

Waterloo Disc golf is a big resource and supporter
Unfortunately City of Austin and park websites are not the most user friendly better website design is in order.
6 months ago

Things to do in Austin websites like Austin 360, do 512, etc
6 months ago

By trying it out, the Austin parks and rec website is terrible
6 months ago

Omg the city website is awful!! So are all of the dept sites as a result. This is a creative tech community—come on y'all.
6 months ago

Neighborhood Newsletters
6 months ago

Twitter
6 months ago

Radio. Specifically, KUT!
6 months ago

The local austinmountainbiking.com forums.
6 months ago

Austin Chronicle and reddit.
6 months ago

None, we live in the ETJ and are treated like we are not citizens of the COA. We still pay taxes...
6 months ago

Other organizations such as Austin Parks Foundation or KAB.
6 months ago

I choose not to use Facebook or Twitter, so miss information on these platforms
6 months ago

I work at The Carpenter Hotel and we'd love to be a place for people to come hear about events! We have bulletin boards with events around town now like the Umlauf calendar.
6 months ago

The PARD section of the website is not especially user friendly when searching for classes at local parks and recreation centers, so although it's a logical first place for many people to seek info at, it needs some restructuring.
6 months ago

Austin Chronicle
6 months ago

Social media
6 months ago

Austin Eco Network weekly newsletter. Radio: specifically KMFA. It also would be very helpful if I could get emails that are specific to my location and interests ... i.e. central west Austin or kid friendly events
6 months ago

I don't know how to find out about Austin PARD events.
6 months ago
Saw this in Facebook
6 months ago

I never hear of any programs
6 months ago

KUT / NPR
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Facebook and Twitter sell out one's private data.
6 months ago

Austin Chronicle; impact
6 months ago

Austin Kids Magazine, Neighborhood News Letter
6 months ago

I agree with the comments offered by Jill Nokes
6 months ago

Worst website EVER! Not user friendly at all.
6 months ago

Neighborhood organizations
6 months ago

Parks is pretty good about notifying folks via email and online media. However in areas where people are not very computer literate, it's good to remember flyers and signs might be required.
6 months ago

agree PARD website needs to be redesigned.
7 months ago

Austin Chronicle
7 months ago

Instagram
7 months ago

Social media such as Instagram or Facebook
7 months ago

NPR public service announcements. Also a text alert option would be great
7 months ago

A public Google calendar would be nice for being able to see what is available when, and then be able to copy those events to my personal calendar.
7 months ago

Honestly the site takes forever to look up and view activities. The registration pages are a nightmare and you can't filter via geo fields. Seems that north central has a parks program desert, besides some pools.
7 months ago
We need a City of Austin Recreation Center/Park in Del Valle since we were annexed over 10 years ago and still have yet to have any City services besides Austin Energy, water and trash, and road service. The youth of my community don't have any place to go after school or anything to do on the weekends. They have to travel into 13 miles into Austin to get to the nearest gym.

Social media

Master Naturalist program

It would be much easier to find information if there was just one PARD Facebook account. There are too many and they are inconsistent in what they post. I would like to see all events done as Facebook events.

I wish that there was just one social media for PARD. There are so many accounts that it's hard to figure out which ones to check when I am looking for something local. It would be great if Rosewood and Parque Zaragoza Rec Centers would post their events on the PARD calendar and as social media events.

Social media

Twitter

Reddit

don't use park programs, just want to use the parks themselves

I'm not aware of any such news

community impact, citysource, and austin energy insider newsletters

Social media (facebook)

Good question. I'm not sure how I hear about PARD events. I think I usually have to seek out information on my own.

Austin 360 and Austin Monthly magazine.

Our former community (Plymouth, MN) released 2-4 catalogs a year detailing upcoming registration opportunities for the community. It also included community events (with complete event details). Registration occurred online but families used these catalogs heavily to see every thing going on in the community for the upcoming six months. The summer catalogs in particular were highly anticipated and many camps and classes filled the first day of Registration.

Do512 or other online event listings (in addition to Facebook), community impact.
--- I go to my local park to find out it’s state.

Keep our green spaces "green". No more development.

Austin Parks Foundation

Text message

Giving announcements on local radio like KUT, KMFA, KGSR, KROX, etc. would be a great way to reach a diverse base.

Austin Chronicle

Eventbrite, do512, Meetup, event apps

Austin EcoNetwork

Next-door is a hot mess in my neighborhood. Quit it after a couple of weeks as paranoia and hysteria gets old.

Notices sent by Austin Gardening clubs and other clubs are helpful.

Word of mouth

I would love for the department to create an app like the one the YMCA has. Being able to select a park to see its amenities, then being able to select a recreation center and being able to see what is going on by room and activity. Even being able to select a special Events for the day and everything come up for the entire the department... BUILD an App

I intensely dislike nextdoor. A poor facsimile of facebook that is managed far worse. Nothing but gossip and nextdoor provides no feature to block others...ugh.

community impact newsletter

Reach out to more individual organizations for word of mouth. It feels more authentic when I hear about it from someone else who has a specific interest in the activity.

Austin Parks Foundation

social media
Partnerships with community groups to promote in their communities and newsletters.

Do512.com

I don't know I don't do events or programs

I hear about activities through the Austin Parks Foundation. I do not think the Parks dept does a good job of promoting events. I can't recall receiving or seeing a notice for an event from PARD. I also learn about events through the Austin ridge Riders and neighbors.

Social Media and Local blogs

Newsletter, upcoming events

I am only interested in tennis and pool incentives.

I think you all are doing a great job of informing

Co-op radio!

opt in text alerts

austin impact ultimate frisbee group

How about KOOP radio?

Street Banners. Radio--KMFA.

Put activities in an insert with city utilities bill.

posters for non-computer users

We always read the utility stuffer

Also, receiving information through our Neighborhood Associations.
11. As Austin invests in its parks system, what should it prioritize? (Hold down to move starting with the most important.)

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My local park has an excellent well-maintained pool, but we know that a number of the older pools in town have closed because of their poor condition. I think that making sure that everyone in Austin is within 2 miles of a public, well-maintained pool should be a top priority.

These should all be priorities in a comprehensive plan. Prioritizing these items is unhelpful, as it leads to the impression that they are exclusive of one another. We have been operating from a place of unnecessary scarcity when it comes to parkland and parks maintenance/ improvement; a portion of the HOT tax should be devoted to these items, just to start with.

I agree that these should all be priorities within a comprehensive plan. However it is helpful for PARD (& COA) staff to know on what specifically we want them to focus. Even if PARD received the entirety of the HOT tax they would be unable to provide everything people wanted (assuming we all agreed on what we wanted in the first place). PARD also does not oversee sidewalk maintenance leading to their facilities (as one example), so prioritization could help them direct resources (such as staff time), focus on collaboration with specific departments, or identify what to ask for in future bond votes.

If everything is a priority, nothing is a priority.

I wish there was more of an emphasis on having small, beautifully maintained pocket parks throughout the city and close to people rather than large but sparse and not well maintained parks.

Ecological restoration of native park vegetation.
Reduce aggressive mowing.
Increase the development of grow zones and pollinator/wildlife zones.
Enforce dog leash laws.
I'm not in favor of using the parks for organized programs (except pool-centered things like swim lessons) and wish there could be more emphasis on maintaining existing parks as natural areas, and providing more parkland in park-less neighborhoods.

Agreeing to the top priority, acquiring land for parks should be the top priority. With prices skyrocketing, the city soon won't be able to afford it (see Central Park in NYC).

Agreed! It was really troubling to see the city considering giving away downtown parkland for a stadium. Undeveloped, city-owned property should go to parkland or affordable housing. We need both.

Convert golf courses to parklands

Fewer specific sports facilities. When they are not in use they are huge wastes of park space. Having areas without a specific use allows for fields to be adapted for a variety of activities.

Maintaining existing parks should be #1 priority.

We need to restore native landscapes for wildlife corridors. It would be nice to create a network of connected parks via green trails.

Stop letting developers cut down trees to develop the land and reduce the amount of green in this city.

We'd love longer pool hours, or an indoor pool option for the winter.

Beautification. Compared to Houston or Dallas, we don't have enough planting's in parks and public spaces. Blocks of weeds with swings, surrounded by a sidewalk if you are lucky, dominate our park system. Planting's, water elements, landscaping and offleash dog parks that are dry and fenced, would be appreciated. The off leash dog park on N Shoal creek is not fenced and is on a run off water reservoir with horrible standing water full of dirt and bacterial. Dogs get giardhia in there and it is not safe for them.

My partner went to college in London, and when she heard that Zilker Park was this amazing urban park she thought it was going to be something like St. James or Regent's. She was absolutely crestfallen.

Improve access for those with limited mobility.

Please preserve the natural land and keep our neighborhood pools running

We must save the neighborhood pools in the parks

I'd like to see an emphasis on keeping acquiring more land in order to preserve our disappearing wild spaces. Hiking/biking trails could be established.

Quit using the parks for rock concerts
Mindful of the taxpayer who must pay for niche changes that benefit very few.
8 months ago
3 Agree

Having more access to roller derby tracks at different parks.
8 months ago
3 Agree

All are important, but save the capital for land and maintenance. Grow the parks system, keep paving to a minimum, keep it wild, encourage users to get exercise and interface with nature through minimally intrusive, active recreation opportunities like disc golf.
6 months ago
2 Agree

#1 - More funding toward conservation/restoration efforts to improve/provide habitat for wildlife and increase ecosystem services like air pollution filtration, flood protection, etc
8 months ago
2 Agree

Put all classes, events, opportunities, EVERYTHING as events on social media. We can save them to our calendar feeds. So much waste of paper for flyers when only a select few folk who happen into a facility see them. So much goes on I never know about bc its not on Facebook as an event
8 months ago
2 Agree

Stand up for our parks. Resist City Council actions that would alienate parkland for the benefit of private developers or for Watershed Protection purposes. PARD is the most "toothless" City department. Find your voice! Stand up and protect our parks!
8 months ago
2 Agree

Wildness & wilderness
8 months ago
2 Agree

Develop Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt on 51st and Springdale so that it is a usable park!
8 months ago
2 Agree

Emma Long is a disgrace. It is filthy and not well taken care of. For the closest campground to town and what SHOULD be a really nice swim/boating area, almost anything would be an improvement.
8 months ago
2 Agree

More simple small skateparks
8 months ago
2 Agree

I would have chosen "Improve existing parks" but there was too much emphasis on buildings and paving. Sometimes improvement should mean restoring degraded natural areas and improving access to natural areas. Why not include ecological restoration as a priority? Wildflower meadows, bird blinds, etc?
6 months ago
1 Agree

There are existing Disc Golf park improvements already approved in Master Plans that have NOT been implemented in YEARS. Example: Bartholomew Park. The local Waterloo Disc Golf Club is patiently waiting for the walking trails and other items to be finalized so they can get permission to improve the disc golf course. The COA & PARD have dragged their feet on this. Why approve it in the Master Plan YEARS AGO and not act on it when a local club is willing to put in their money and hundreds of volunteer hours to fix it up? Disc Golf/Hike/Bike related improvements at Roy G. Guerrero Park where the bridge has NOT been replaced in years since the last big flood. This restricts a major access point to the park for all visitors and should be fixed.
6 months ago
1 Agree

Add more disc golf courses: smaller and larger courses, and courses for different skill levels
7 months ago
1 Agree

Maintain urban forest/wildlife habitat in conjunction with increasing green space.
7 months ago
1 Agree

"My local park has an excellent well-maintained pool, but we know that a number of the older pools in town have closed because of their poor condition. I think that making sure that everyone in Austin is within 2 miles of a public, well-maintained pool should be a top priority." thanks, June Turner - I completely agree! pools for everyone in all parts of town, open much longer throughout
the year. There are no pools open south of Ben White after Labor Day, there are too few pools
open in low income area, too few pools that are walkable to access even if they were open. Please
remedy!

8 months ago

Our pools are severely neglected. Kids need a place to go in the summer. Fix this problem!!!

8 months ago

clean up parks! remove homeless camps and trash. enforce leash laws.

8 months ago

Fewer ‘facilities’ and activities- more quiet open spaces - no motorized vehicles on trails, and no
big festivals.

8 months ago

Parks should be treated as destinations and while biking and walking to parks should be
encouraged, not everyone has the time or desire to bike or walk, especially with young children
and when transporting kid bikes and strollers, so adequate parking is also needed, especially in
parks with an overabundance of activities and programs, etc.

8 months ago

Maybe that would be okay for parks in more suburban areas, but downtown parks can be
accessed by buses (and should be accessible by walking/biking). It’s so soul-crushing to have
to cross parking lots to get to a natural area, and all that pavement increases flood risk,
creates polluting runoff, and contributes to the heat island effect.

8 months ago

Again, the survey seems skewed with all of the possible answers requiring capital expenditures.
Nice to have a plan that focuses on preserving natural green space available to the public and to
wildlife. On the expenditure side, it would be nice to have good quality pools, extended pool use
opportunities and salaries for lifeguards that would make this requirement a more attractive
employment opportunity. Please continue to upgrade outdated pools and build more in
communities without. Many neighborhoods would benefit from a pool, small park for community
based activities.

8 months ago

Just a note that the dragging is difficult on mobile

8 months ago

Making them unattractive to hipsters

8 months ago

I don’t want a lot of paving in the parks. Please leave us some natural hiking trails. I understand
accessibility, but some of my favorite natural trails have been turned into giant paved through-
ways (Walnut Creek Trail, for example). I prefer a much more natural trail.

8 months ago

More neighborhood pocket parks

8 months ago

Swimming pool maintenance, also need increased hours. Parking at Deep Eddy needs to be
controlled for pool use only!

8 months ago

The city pools have been neglected. Taking a downsize and calling them good. Is to little effect.

8 months ago

It’s amazing the pools who all of a sudden failed. Have been declining for more than 20 years. The
reduction of the pool I took swim lessons as a kid was a big disappointment. Olympic to a water
park and tiny pool. That park is immense.

8 months ago

Slow the cars.

8 months ago

additional disc golf courses
More miles of mountain bike or hiking trails!

I'd like to see a "park-keeper" monitoring cleanliness, drinking, smoking in parks

Develop parkland you already have. Property ID:289635

New facilities should be placed on greenbelts (flood resistant areas) and recently acquired areas rather than filling open space in existing parks with buildings. Austin is increasing into new areas, so some priority on acquiring new parks and building facilities there. However, infill also increases use of existing facilities, and they need maintenance and upgrading. New facilities should be placed on greenbelts (flood resistant areas) and recently acquired areas rather than filling open space in existing parks with buildings.

Adding more disc golf courses of all levels of play

Increase in more natural trails (less pavement/modernization)

special needs adaptive equipment

zero waste infrastructure (i.e. recycling)

parking

Safety, for all. Cleanliness for all.

My top priority would be construction of many conveniently located fenced off-leash dog parks with great features for dogs to enjoy. This would not only offer improved facilities for dogs and dog owners, but it would greatly improve every other park in Austin that suffers from off-leash dogs and a lack of leash law enforcement. Children, seniors, mobility challenged people, hikers, walkers, bikers, responsible dog owners, and leash law violators (literally everyone) would be the beneficiary. Many other cities are doing this. It's time Austin stepped up.

Sidewalks and dog friendly off leash

It would wonderful if people would pick up after their dog. Too many times dog waste left has ruined a good visit.

Link food services with parks (we want to buy something to eat and drink every time we go to a park). The City of Austin could utilize the funds it could collect from food concessions to help maintain parks and provide ADDITIONAL SERVICES that would make parks more accessible to LOWER INCOME FAMILIES. Link transportation services with parks (bike rental locations, bus stops, future train lines, higher density housing). Put the nicest parks in the densest neighborhoods with the BEST TRANSIT.

Develop creative ways to generate revenue for PARD (farmers markets, artisan markets, etc) in order to help fund some much needed maintenance while increasing activity at our parks.
Partner with local businesses for sponsorship for certain installations.

More Disc Golf courses please. My family and I love playing and its so low impact on nature!

Please comment

More diversity

Create quiet meditation areas-no bicycles, no scooters, no sports-just you and nature!

Disc golf

Moee Disc Golf course

Disc golf

Add more disc golf courses to new and existing parks.

Adding an 18 hole disc golf course, including cement tee pads, permanent baskets, and a practice basket.

FIX THE POOLS, all of them, period dot

Invest in nature and in keeping our urban spaces green prior to anything else. Recreational centers are important but so is it important to just expand the green areas so people can simply convene with nature

Renovate existing park facilities inc. Lions Municipal Golf Course, improve use of Hancock GC, improve tennis and swimming facilities in the city.

Clean up and maintain what we have. Don't make more parks that will go unattended because they cannot be properly maintained.

We definitely need more Disc Golf in the city. More opportunities for people to play an easy to learn fun to play family sport.

Add more disc golf courses.

A disc golf course should always be top priority.

Disc golf needs more facilities in Austin, the sport has grown rapidly in the last decade. The local disc golf community comes together to maintain it's public courses regularly, easing the burden on the city
Adding disc golf facilities to ease burden of rapidly growing sport. 7-8 years ago it was easy to have the course to yourself, but today the courses are more crowded than ever.

More disc golf options and courses. Austin should be a leader in the disc golf world. Host some major tournaments. Have more options for all level players. Encourage more leagues for all ages.

Build golf courses for the future.

Buy land or use owned land to build golf courses. Golf is the game of a lifetime; can be played from young ages to 90+. Come out and watch the 10 year old and the WWII Vets playing golf. The fees collected from the golfers mostly pays for the salaries and maintenance needed to run a golf course. It's nature at its finest. Golfers play all year long, regardless of the weather!

Acquire more park land and have more natural trails, especially dog friendly ones. There are very few places to go that aren't drastically overcrowded. Also, leave natural trails! Was so sad to see Walnut Creek cut down so many trees to put in paved trails. We need more natural hiking trails, especially dog-friendly ones.

This is a fine order. Also true accesibility is very important both location and physical structure.

Open pools that have been closed and extend the operating seasons of pools.

Disc golf courses

Disc golf

Improve access to parks - for automobiles also!!

More disc golf courses

Maintenance & care of parks

Equity! Our park design and care is extremely disproportionate.

Improve existing parks by increasing amount of and access to natural surface multi use trails.

Improve diversity in your improvements (i.e work on both high income and low income area parks with same fervor, fix the poolsl, improve community stewardship with volunteer opporrunities, open access to programes and information.

More 9 hole discgolf

Buy undeveloped land and preserve these natural areas for water, wildlife, and people.
Add a championship-level disc golf course that could be used as part of a PDGA (Pro Disc Golf Association) major event which requires 2 to 3 expert-level courses to host a multi-day event with a full field of participants.
6 months ago

Add a new pro level disc golf course that could be used to host a PDGA (Pro Disc Golf Association) major event that requires several courses to allow a full field of competitors.
6 months ago

Kayak drop in points!
6 months ago

Prioritize golf! We have a ton of golfers and juniors golfers and the courses now are jam packed!
6 months ago

They are all important, but I see that maintenance is most important to protect investment
6 months ago

PARKING!
6 months ago

Golf Course Improvements
6 months ago

Allow more access in areas of green space that have been fenced off.
6 months ago

I would love to be able to ride my bike to Barton Springs from my home in Wimberley. On and off-trail would be fine.
6 months ago

We need more options to connect with nature as our city continues to grow.
6 months ago

We need more places to connect with nature and find peace as our city grows.
6 months ago

Open the BCP lands to mountain biking, as studies have shown there is no impact on the species. Furthermore, allow the local advocacy group to redesign the existing trail to make them sustainable.
6 months ago

Maintain city pools with current budget.
6 months ago

Create champion-level and all-skill level disc golf courses, as well as different size courses.
Maintain & improve existing disc golf courses.
6 months ago

Maintain & improve existing disc golf courses. Create champion-level and all-skill level disc golf courses as well as different size courses.
6 months ago

Bring the country to the city. Allot space and facilities for learning programs with animals to facilitate interaction and improve well being.
6 months ago

I can't get it to work
6 months ago

disc golf
6 months ago
Leave lots of green natural space.

6 months ago

Maintenance of existing parks shouldn't be prioritized - it should be a given. We need to keep the existing parks from falling apart.

6 months ago

People want to get away from traffic and congestion, have a park away from all this.

6 months ago

Some smooth pavement options for rollerblades, scooters, skateboards

6 months ago

As Austin focuses on more dense development with more people living in high-rise condos and apartments, the need for outdoor/green space access becomes increasingly important.

6 months ago

Focus on nature and environment in future priorities. As Austin becomes more densely developed with many people now living in high-rise condos and apartments, people need access to natural areas.

6 months ago

Maintenance of what we have now is really important. I'm not a fan of more buildings, but prefer resources be used to improve the natural beauty and maintain structural and natural elements. I support more trees for instance, and sidewalks where they are needed for disability, but don't support paving over more than necessary. Neighbors feedback on changes needs to be strongly engaged. The poster child park for this issue is Eilers (Deep Eddy) park that was once a wonderful family gathering place. A handicap accessible ramp was installed that cut the park in half and destroyed it's attractiveness and usability. The playground that was installed was inadequate, and maintenance of the park declined. Though improvement steps are in process now, that ramp issue has created problems requiring really creative out of the box solutions, many of which have been proposed by neighbors and Friends of groups. The ramp and the retaining wall for the playground and picnic area still cuts the park in half and should be opened to make flow from the upper area to the lower more natural. As well the area above the picnic area (former Aquatics offices, not APD parking/offices) needs to be cleaned up and beautified. Invasives are rampant there. Many natives were planted on the terraced area that could be maintained if other maintenance was accomplished. Neighbors experience with park management when making improvements to Eilers was inconsistent. Improvement days would be scheduled but the water would be turned off when volunteers arrived, for example. Structures were installed without notifying the neighborhood group, etc. These type of issues really need to be addressed.

6 months ago

Disc golf courses

6 months ago

Disc Golf Courses

6 months ago

Proper lighting and safety measures.

6 months ago

Improve connectivity for disabled and elderly

6 months ago

More disc golf courses!

6 months ago

Austin parks have become a pet waste heaven. Many people seem to think it is "natural" to leave their pet waste in our beautiful parks. More education, signage and fine enforcement is needed.

6 months ago

All of these are important and it is hard to prioritize.

6 months ago
Most of all, safe access to a park (within 10 minute walk) is essential for all the the human health benefits and improving social cohesion. See this website for the numerous benefits and scientific literature that supports this ("Green Cities: Good Health" at the Univ. of WA)

6 months ago

More disc golf

6 months ago

More disc golf please

6 months ago

Add more land as buffers to existing parks (start with Govalle as there are adjacent lots for sale now). Do not allow the upper end of the Walnut Creek Trail to be developed. It would ruin the open feel of the old farm field. Better yet set that whole area up as an active farm. We seem to be taxing all of our local farms out of the city. This would be great for our farmers markets. Maybe partner with one of the homeless organizations to run the farm. So many better uses than giant warehouses. I could go on but let's start with this.

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The comments here have a point. It would be nice if we could rank these priorities, but I do think that establishing which is most important is helpful too. I think after acquiring new parkland, maintenance of existing parks should be next, then improved access. New development and programs might need some budgetary ranking to decide on priority, that's my 2 cents' worth anyway.

6 months ago

Other: establish more off-leash areas especially in parts of town that lack them

6 months ago

Regular presence of law enforcement helps keep parks safe.

6 months ago

No more buildings, paved tracks for activities. Clean, safe restrooms, remove homeless camps permanently! No more big fests, trail of lights, etc on parkland!!!

6 months ago

No more concrete and infrastructure needed. A lot of the parks are getting overbuilt.

6 months ago

Improve access by bicycle and city buses.

6 months ago

Stop paving and building on the parks. That suggestion needs to be modified. Only fix existing structures. No more development in parklands. Habitat reconstruction with signage would be nice. Pollinator gardens would be nice. A corridor running up the city creating safe passage for monarch migration would be appreciated. Safe passage for all wildlife populations would be a huge improvement in this city and make a huge statement to the rest of the state and country.

6 months ago

Parking even if some of it is not free

6 months ago

More pools and improve the pools we have. NW Austin is losing the Canyon Vista pool to expansions at the middle school. Will there be a replacement. How about at Tanglewood Park? Also, the bathrooms and shelter at Tanglewood Park have never been replaced after the fire several years ago.

6 months ago
I'd like to see more bike lanes and more sand volleyball courts. One of the best things about Austin is its biking and walking culture, and we need to grow the infrastructure to support that culture as the city's population grows.

Hey looks like the comment field is required for this one.

Look at facilities across the city. Compare and contrast facilities in well-resourced areas of the city (read: west and central Austin) to facilities in poorly-resourced areas (read: east, north and south Austin). Then allocate resources that add or enhance programs in a way that is equitable (that brings poorly kept areas, poorly programmed areas to the standards of well resourced/kept areas).

Absolutely bar/ban Daugherty Arts from stealing the parkland at Butler Shores. They should repair/upgrade their current location and not trash/ruin our park near our home on Toomey. Their excuse that the area floods is a complete and total lie. The fact that they would consider stealing/commandeering land that belongs to the youth of Austin ISD should be a crime.

Enforce leash laws or prohibit dogs in some parks.

Parking and roads are terribly maintained especially in high use parks. Especially with erosion from heavier rains.

Maintaining existing parks and facilities and acquiring land for parks in underserved areas and providing facilities there should be a priority, followed by improving existing parks through planting trees. We don't need a bunch of new buildings to replace existing ones, nor do we need more paving. Let's value what we have and care for it.

Do not make access to Barton Springs Pool impossible or very difficult during music festival time.

Relocate music festivals from PUBLIC Zilker Park. They limit access to Barton Springs Pool.

Expel the music festivals from public parkland. I'm referring specifically to Barton Springs Pool's limited access during these events. Andrew Jackson Zilker must be turning in his grave.

disc golf

I am not in favor of paving, or adding much in the way of buildings except for environmentally-friendly restrooms.

Swimming

n/a

We need more outdoor pools.

Cooperate and collaborate with the Austin Parks Foundation and volunteer groups that are working to help improve and maintain our parks.
Cooperate and Collaborate with Park Volunteers and activities organized through the Austin Parks Foundation
6 months ago

Add/maintain the disc golf courses!
6 months ago

Expand natural trail systems like the Barton Creek Greenbelt, allowing citizens to experience our Texas Hill Country landscape
6 months ago

decrease the number of events that limit parks’ usage
6 months ago

Make more undeveloped green space
6 months ago

Bartholomew! That is potentially such a great park with potentially an awesome disc golf course, but the maintenance of the creek, creek banks, and wooded areas seems woefully neglected. What with the new pool complex, it could be real gem of the park system.
6 months ago

Disc Golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

The City of Austin should have plenty of money for all of these priorities. They are all top priorities.
6 months ago

The off leash areas are dangerous-I had a dog lose an eye to an aggressive dog while my dog was on a leash. When I run with my dogs on leash people allow their unleashed dogs to approach and this puts me in a the awkward position of protecting my dogs. So maybe fencing in the off leash areas so the public is protected from dogs who aren't controlled.
6 months ago

The community should plan the parkland near them. You don't know what they want and everyone wants different things. Remember that not everyone enjoys what you enjoy.
6 months ago

I would divert PARD manpower to getting the ligustrum that blocks views, shades out native plants from of the greenbelt/off the trail. Pull down the grapevines that block the views around Deep Eddy, the bamboo that blocks the views from the botanical garden. This is more important than keeping the grass in the parks at 1/4” high.
6 months ago

The pools play an important role. We saw a brochure a couple of years ago extolling the virtues of water parks which some other cities have bought into. It's important that we keep our local neighborhood pools open and available to locals. This is particularly important to low income children. Kids in our area grew up with the pools and say they were an important part of childhood. Otherwise, we need to keep our parks tranquil and open.
6 months ago

n/a
6 months ago

All of the above!
6 months ago

We need better lighting and sidewalks.
6 months ago

Revitalization of Pease Park Disc Golf course
More Disc Golf Courses, and repairing and maintaining existing courses. Just like what happened at Zilkers disc golf course.

Add more disc golf facilities

modernize and maintain restrooms. The ones at Hike Bike trail are filthy.

I agree with the need to keep open all our pools and build new ones so that everyone has access.

improve visibility of classes offered smooth and EZ dance of Texas and Dottie Jordan

Buying more when you don't have enough funds to maintain what you have doesn't make sense

Make parks more accessible for people with disabilities — in an integrated way.

keep bikes and dogs out. They ruin the trails and the park experience

Stop adding charges for use of community centers, difficult for low income folks for sure!

Turn Walter E Long into a great city park. Build a great indoor pool for winter.

More parks

Get rid of the parking meters. That's just ridiculous.

Take care of existing parks, pools and structures which includes maintenance of the trees on the Trail. Add trash cans that are wildlife proof EVERYWHERE and maintain them.

Use the Parkland Dedication ordinance to actually set-aside land within a new subdivision for Parks - not just collect a fee in lieu. AND USE approved Bond fund to help acquire Lions municipal Golf Course.

As developers build multi-family high rises, especially downtown, it puts more stress on our current parks. More units in neighborhoods should equal more acres of green space.

More mountain bike trails

Ramp down commercialization of our parks, in particular ACL. It needs to move to a commercial venue such as COTA.

Southwest has poor maintenance and few programs.
We have lots of parks, but a lack of programming in the Southwest - with some poor maintenance at times.

7 months ago

Safety is very important. Need more police presence to keep parks safe, clean and peaceful.

7 months ago

We need a City of Austin Recreation Center/Park in Del Valle since we were annexed over 10 years ago and still have yet to have any City services besides Austin Energy, water and trash, and road service. The youth of my community don't have any place to go after school or anything to do on the weekends. They have to travel into 13 miles into Austin to get to the nearest gym.

7 months ago

Provide a way for Windsor park residents to have free access to Bartholomew pool for free. We gave away our free pool for a glitzy popular regional pool, and now we all drive to surrounding free pools. It's a real bummer in the summer for families with kids in the area.

7 months ago

Take back land leased to ball fields. (Bart Park.)

7 months ago

Give more of the HOT tax to PARD!

7 months ago

Save Muny!

7 months ago

I look at the inner city land that is being developed instead of being purchased by COA for parkland! You are passing up opportunities to purchase precise land that could be parkland, especially along creeks!

7 months ago

More community gardens

7 months ago

more park rangers.

7 months ago

Prioritize safety. On Saturday, I was at a park with my 7 year old and watched a drug deal transact.

7 months ago

Ecological restoration and wildlife conservation

7 months ago

Leverage/augment existing public infrastructure & facilities. Prioritize multi-purpose areas. Eliminate single use spaces because of city/county/school or college districts/etc organizational boundaries. Partner within and among to leverage previous public sunk costs (i.e., pay for with taxes or bonds) and increase quality of life with minimum capital expenditures.

7 months ago

Dog parks

7 months ago

Make parking and walking safe for everybody; parents with small children and strollers, persons mobility impaired, or wheelchair bound.

7 months ago

Na
Lighting and safety for existing parks. There are whole sections of trails and parks that are dangerous as soon as the sun goes down.

We should turn the city owned land around Fiesta Gardens into a Museum District, similar to the museum district in Houston around Hermann Park.

Again, improving existing parks should include improving Zilker. Access should be available year round, except for City sponsored events or single-day use, non park damaging events.

Build out handball courts!

While I think safe access to parks is extremely important, I don't want to see funding come out of PARDs already thin budget. A Safe Routes to Park program can be set up and with planning add enhancements through the Transportation Department.

CapMetro access to all park facilities!

I'd like to see more nature trails around our parks

off leash dog areas

Improve existing parks and facilities through renovating or retrofitting existing buildings, building new buildings (where necessary), preserving existing trees, adding new trees and native vegetation, non-paved trails, add recycling, outdoor education features, and

Maintainance of existing parks and facilities must include mandatory recycling. It is really hard to believe that Austin doesn't have recycling bins at parts since residents and businesses are required to recycle at home and work.

Raquetball.

Shade all outdoor lights to light the intended area and not the sky or the neighborhood homes.

Can't move the line - but acquire more parkland is the priority

Fix the pools! Keep them open and keep the rates low or free. Build or redo an old pool like Bartholomew Pool south of the River.

Ensure that there is a variety of parks dispersed reasonably throughout the city, so that there are some mostly nature parks with just hike/bike trails; there are some well-programmed parks with concessions; there are lots of neighborhood parks with playscapes and picnic areas; and there are parks with cultural activities. People's needs for parks is diverse (especially with regard to family life cycle), so there should be multiple parks reasonably available to serve various needs/wants as specified in these survey question answers. We mostly have this already; we just need to build on this by ensuring that different types of parks are spread around the city so that no one has to travel far to find a park with the amenities they desire.

Improve parks at schools with ADA qualified playscapes
1. Acquire more park land should be a priority. There is not enough park and open space in Austin. 2. Maintain current parkland. 3. Improve access to existing parks with better sidewalks, parking and trail connections. 4. Improve parks with new or upgrades bathrooms, water fountains, trash cans. We need more trash cans!

Protecting our water ways from scooters being dumped in them. It seem like this ecological problem could be advert by requesting devices to be locked to something.

Maintain urban forest in conjunction with providing other opportunities at parks existing and new.

I can't rearrange the order on a mobile system. Number one priority- acquire new land for parks.

I can't rearrange on a mobile system. Number one priority- acquire more land for parks.

gotta stockpile land now before it's all built out or priced out of reach. The city is prosperous now and won't always be.

Focus on acquiring more land to leave as natural green space where people can relax, hear birds and generally commune with nature. Forget the organized activities and sports. Let's leave some natural spaces where plants and animals can thrive too.

I live in an area that has a lack of parks that are walk able from my home on the south east side of town. Additional parks in this part of town would be an amazing addition to south east Austin.

Turning parts of parks into off-leash. Good example is all of the park space east of I35. There is zero off-leash dog areas

I put "improve access" to parks as number one, but please don't take that as a call for more parking. Too many people drive in this city already. More cars means less access for everyone else, and parking lots are unsightly, dangerous, and take up valuable space.

Make sure all trails and parks are accessible for people w/ disabilities and the elderly

Public bathrooms near playgrounds for families with young children.

It's hot in the summer. More splash pads and pools

Develop the land you already own

Like it or not, most Austinites have to drive to get around town. Parking at park facilities is a necessity. We are decades away from having a true, easily accessible mass transit.
There is a big focus on land acquisition when we seem barely able to maintain what we already have. The pocket park near me is essentially just a grassy field. No nothing. It's basically useless as a park at this point. :(

8 months ago

Also there should be a priority on making the parks that do exist safe. For at least a year, a park near me used to be a meeting place for addicts, and nobody else ever used it. Cops began to go by more often, and now the druggies are gone. I now feel safe enough to go with a dog or another person, but I am not sure if I would take any young children if I were the only adult. Allowing a park to be taken over by addicts makes it virtually unusable for the rest of the community. Atmosphere and safety need to be considerations not just equipment improvement.

8 months ago

Plan for the future by installing charging stations for electric cars......

8 months ago

Poorly designed form - forces people to write a comment as there is no way to get rid of the "Other" option

8 months ago

Stop holding ACL at Zilker. This event ruins the park every year for an event that is not accessible to the general public.

8 months ago

If you go to parks in the SF Bay Area or Washington DC, you're struck by how well maintained the parks are and then you realize they've got far more people than Austin's parks do. Maintaining the parks makes a HUGE difference. Austin Parks Foundation (and I'm sure others) do a great job trying to pick up where the city leaves off but we're still far behind. Perhaps consider public private models like Levy Park in Houston. Beautiful, diverse and always full of people.

8 months ago

adding new buildings/paving doesn't necessarily correspond with general ideas of a park. PLANT more and cultivate a more beautiful, worthwhile environment for all who need a break from the city struggle.

8 months ago

More accessibility features at local parks

8 months ago

Do not reduce parkland by moving the Dougherty Arts Center to Butler Shores. It was not a good place for a soccer stadium and it is not a good place for an arts building.

8 months ago

the programs are not what's missing. it's the safety and maintenance and access. what about private companies funding parks near them?

8 months ago

Protect natural areas of parks as small wild spaces for hiking or biking (in addition to separate areas of use for activities like sports). Protect all areas from littering and promote green-friendly behaviors at park facilities like using solar for lighting, grey water for toilets, etc

8 months ago

I can't move to top.

8 months ago

All of these are number one priority and ongoing!

8 months ago

Very difficult to prioritize. All of these efforts should be number one priority and ongoing!

8 months ago

Remove paid parking in streets adjacent to the parks.

8 months ago

None

8 months ago
Prioritize keeping Zilker open and avoiding commercialization of parks. Overcrowding at Zilker should be minimized by opening new parks. Some events that have become too big should be revamped as smaller events in many parks.

stop paving over green space to build new facilities and sports courts

no comment

anything else

Keep and enhance the natural areas.

Add at least one more nature center

Need more tennis courts in southwest austin. Resurface existing courts in parks so that they can be used

be creative with what areas are called parks - think of mini-parks - just plant more trees - keep the area clean

Lighted Tennis Facilities

Critical to atleast maintain the parks we do have. Seems like we are falling short in this area, especially ones that are not downtown.

Public pools with well-maintained restroom/changing facilities should be a priority.

More Tennis courts

Add move tennis facilities or courts to existing facilities

Stand up for our parks! Resist City Council actions that would alienate existing parkland for private developers or Watershed Protection purposes. PARD is the most "toothless" department in City government. Stop being pushed around! Find your voice!

Improving access to parks via trails/paths is a high priority in my opinion. Any trail that is separate from moving traffic.

More public access lights

Multi sports complex to include roller derby
more tennis courts are needed for our growing population!!! And pools also!!

Pet-friendly areas.

Invest in Austin's history; roller derby.skating facilities and parks!

I heard a rumor about a move to convert cemetery land to a dog park. NO! Do not desecrate existing cemeteries.

That's false

I would remove the “Acquire” if possible. The Parkland Deficient Map is not representational to actual needs. Austin must stop putting parks along arterial road frontages. The same area PARD wants parks is the exact same area where density must be placed. PARD wants flat, open lands for parks and that competes with much needed density.

Support sports such as bike polo

safety and respectful use of parks should be utmost priority.

Developing a skater friendly environment like the Veloway in East Austin or anywhere North of the Veloway.

it's really hard to prioritize these without more context. Different areas of Austin require different priorities.

Public pools should be a top priority

Enhance the biodiversity and habitat of parks and natural areas

Make sure that all parks can be reached by public transportation

Clean, covered areas to roller skate and skateboard, preferably large enough to house a roller derby track.

Add more safe, covered spaces for roller skating and skate parks. Preferably large enough to fit a track for roller derby.

Keep existing parks open longer and more frequently—not allowing closures so often for big or paid events like ACL.

Add lighting for nighttime activities

NO. We create enough light pollution as it is.
Preserve undeveloped land for use as nature and mountain bike trails
8 months ago

Unpaved trails, mountain bike trails, preservation of undeveloped land
8 months ago

Add more parks. But it’s not just adding parks to mechanically fill “gaps.” We need parks where they will do the most good - near transit, destinations. We need them providing connections to corridors. Austin’s current strategy of building sidewalks along busy streets is great for people aged 8 to 60, but it leaves out smaller kids and seniors. Putting new parks in the middle of the neighborhood, away from where people are going, is a huge waste of resources.
8 months ago

All of the above are important. Neglect any of these aspects, and the whole system suffers.
8 months ago

more off leash dog areas at commons ford park
8 months ago

Fragrance free bathrooms
8 months ago

Staff parks to keep users respectful of others. Republic Square has staff that keep it clean and orderly.
8 months ago

More publicly accessible roller derby tracks and skating trails
8 months ago

no
8 months ago

McBeth Recreation Center is for the adaptive program, yet does not have a gym. If they want to play basketball they must go outside and play with one net and a very tiny space. There is no court. Please give this consideration. This question is asking two different things. I would like to answer a question that is separate about buildings and the natural outdoor park.
8 months ago

Preserve Lions Golf Course and try to add a course in east Austin near Long Lake.
8 months ago

Please don’t forget about Common Ford. This park needs help.
8 months ago

Other - convert some existing parkland to off-leash areas, especially in under-served areas such as the north and east part of the city.
8 months ago

There is a lot of “public land” (PARD, Watershed, Water Quality Protection, etc) that is virtually off limits to the public. We already own that land so it should be used by the public as a park.
8 months ago

All of these are priorities. I can vote accounting for my age, physical condition and usage or I can vote on what I think the population at large needs for a diverse community.
8 months ago

please include all of Austin when looking at park and recs.
8 months ago

Master planning individual parks and developing implementable projects from those master plans, so that development occurs smartly and sequentially.
Safety and noise are a large concern at the park near my house. There was a shooting there just the other week. Subwoofers from vehicles in the park rattle the walls of my home.

Austin PARD should focus on maintaining all natural organically kept parks that do not include synthetic chemicals or pesticides including in the restrooms. Gender neutral restrooms also should be provided.

7. Do you feel there are adequate parks and usable green space within walking/ biking distance from your home?

No responses received yet

8. What would encourage you to walk or bike more to a park? (Select all that apply.)

- Having a park closer to home: 25%
- Having a park closer to work or school: 25%
- Better maintained or safer sidewalks: 25%
- Bike / Running / Walking Trail connecting to a park: 25%
- Others: 0%

1 respondent

9. In general, what makes a park valuable to you? (Check top 5.)

No responses received yet

10. What is the most effective way for you to find out Austin PARD events, recreation opportunities, and park programs? (Select all that apply.)

No responses received yet

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7. ¿Usted considera que existen parques adecuados y áreas verdes dentro de una distancia de bicicleta o caminata desde su casa?

- 50% Sí
- 50% No
- 0% Others

2 respondents

8. ¿Qué le motivaría a caminar o ir en bicicleta a su parque más frecuentemente? (Seleccione todas las que aplican.)

- 50% Tener un parque más cercano a casa
- 50% Senderos para bicicletas/correr/caminar que me conecten al parque
- 0% Others

2 respondents
9. En general, ¿para usted que incrementa el valor de un parque? (Marque los 5 principales.)

- Limpieza: 33%
- Fácil acceso: 17%
- Muchas actividades diversas en el parque: 17%
- Belleza (ej. naturaleza, vistas, arquitectura): 17%
- Lugares para hacer ejercicio y estar activo: 17%
- Otros: 0%

2 respondents

11. Al invertir en su sistema de parques ¿qué debería Austin priorizar?

- Mejorar parques y facilidades existentes con nuevos edificios, pavimentos y campos de recreo infantil: 100%
- Adquirir terreno para parques y facilidades en áreas que no tienen parques: 0%
- Mantenimiento de parques y facilidades existentes: 0%
- Mejorar acceso a los parques y facilidades con senderos, aceras, carriles para ciclistas, cruceros seguros: 0%
- Agregar o realzar programas en los parques y facilidades (por ejemplo, ejercicios en grupos, artes y cultura, programas educativos, conciertos, mercados): 0%
- Otros (por favor comentar): 0%

Rank: 1.00

10. ¿Cuál es la manera más efectiva para enterarse de los eventos, oportunidades recreativas y programas organizados por la Oficina de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Austin (PARD por sus siglas en inglés)? (Seleccione todas las que aplican.)

- Redes Sociales de PARD (Facebook, Twitter): 50%
- Sitio web de la Ciudad de Austin: 25%
- Email: 25%
- Otros: 0%

2 respondents

14. **Neighborhood Parks, School Parks and Pocket Parks** are the backbone of Austin's park system. These parks typically provide basic recreational opportunities close to home. Which of the following Neighborhood Parks, School Parks or Pocket Parks do you frequent the most? (Select one.)
1,920 respondents

walnut creek metropolitan park
8 months ago  □ 13 Agree

I use the Barton Creek Greenbelt most often.
8 months ago  □ 7 Agree

Mayfield Park and the Lady Bird Lake hike and bike trail.
8 months ago  □ 4 Agree

I don't see Lady Bird Lake hike and bike trail listed. I am furious that there is now paid parking on weekdays to access the trail, and I am adamantly opposed to any motorized vehicles—bikes or scooters or anything else—on the hike and bike trail.
8 months ago  □ 4 Agree

Enforce the leash laws so I can safely take my dog to the park.
8 months ago  □ 2 Agree

This park was purchased YEARS ago and still has not a single amenity. No playscape. No water fountain. No pavilion. Nothing. Why? Seems like the non-touristy parks don't count. Why do the destination parks get all the bond money?
8 months ago  □ 2 Agree

Mary Moore Searight
8 months ago  □ 2 Agree

Bartholomew Park
8 months ago  □ 2 Agree

Mary Moore Searight Metropolitan Park
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Dick Nichols
Mary Moore Searight
8 months ago  □ 3 Agree

Parking is the biggest problem we face when trying to utilize the lake.
6 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Onion Creek Greenbelt pocket park
6 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Mary Moore Searight
6 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Mable Davis park
Onion Creek Greenbelt
the city parks are clean every well kept up .
thank you for call your hard work .

Very frustrated by all the off-leash dogs in many of our local parks. Off-leash dogs make the parks dangerous for small children and for leashed dogs.

Love Little Stacy and the natural trail. Love the heated pool at Big Stacy, but sadly, it and Barton Springs are the only pools open when the kids are in school and it gets crowded. No place to park. Heated or indoor pools are needed in other neighborhoods.

The park closest to me is a pocket park - Payton Gin/Heron Hollow. But there is no parking and all summer it was filled with homeless and/or druggies. I also go to Ron Rigsby, Wooldridge, Cook and Walnut Creek.

Bauerle Ranch Park

Ridgetop School Park - Wasn't listed

Sadly some of the homeless people I've encountered at Stacy Pool appear to be mentally unstable & it's difficult to avoid interactions with them, particularly in close quarters like the restroom/dressing area.

Latta Branch Greenbelt - “other” was not listed - please correct this survey question

I'm not familiar with neighborhood parks near me.

Mueller and walnut creek

Please develop City of Austin parkland in Austin's Colony

Cat Hollow Disc Golf

Zilker Park is my most frequent park visited.

Bartholomew Park which isn't on the list

PARD in East Austin have always been successful and have met most needs of East Austin community

There needs to be a designated FENCED IN area for off leash dogs at the Triangle park. Dogs are allowed off leash in the park (it's stated in the lease agreement and management allows it) but there needs to be a gate or something to keep the dogs in the area. It's also unkempt and the
park is disgusting. Grass is missing on most of it and it's over run with stickers.

walnut creek

6 months ago

Fiesta gardens / festival beach

6 months ago

Walnut Creek. Go to northwest pool for safety reasons.

6 months ago

The homelessness issue in our neighborhood surrounding Joslin Park and Joslin Elementary is a huge problem and deterrent for families to frequent the beautiful park space and attend Joslin Elementary. As a native resident of the Southwood neighborhood and Joslin community, this issue is maddening. We can have compassion for others while not having to experience public drug use and deals, public urination and defecation in front of our young children, peoples' daily refuse, aggressive panhandling, and so on. This is an extremely tough issue, but we need to work together to find better and more long-term solutions than we have now.

6 months ago

Walnut Creek Metropolitan park & Zilker/Lady Bird

6 months ago

Circle C metropolitan park

6 months ago

Wells Branch disc golf

6 months ago

Walnut Creek Metro Park

6 months ago

walnut creek

6 months ago

Barton Creek, Bull Creek, Emma Long, Ladybird Lake

6 months ago

Dick Nichols, Mary Moore Searight, and Circle C

6 months ago

Butler park

6 months ago

Stacy Park

6 months ago

Stacy Park

6 months ago

I really don't go to much parks. I sometimes miss blues on the greens music due to inaccessible for me to travel to using metro access.

6 months ago

Rosewood is the closest to my house with Boggy Creek Greenbelt connected to it that extends the natural environment.

6 months ago

Dik Nichols park on Beckett.
A dog park would've nice.
Year round pool would be nice. Yoga or exercise classes would be nice.

6 months ago

I own 100 acres in NW hills. I tried to make it available to the neighborhood but the city actually told me I could not do that otherwise I was running a business. I have 5 miles of trails for mountain biking/hiking.

6 months ago

northwest hills has no playgrounds (except doss which is not available during school hours). Northwest hills needs multiple playgrounds with playscapes.

6 months ago

Brentwood park could use a nicer small children area

6 months ago

Brentwood park could really use nicer toddler and young childrens area!

6 months ago

Lions Municipal

6 months ago

Garrison Park

6 months ago

This whole survey is pretty hard to fill out in mobile because it's really not clear how to make 'other' open a comment space, and some pages require dozens of screens of scrolling to advance. This is poorly designed (though important, and I'm glad it exists).

6 months ago

Walnut Creek

6 months ago

What is Garrison park not listed?

6 months ago

Bauerle

6 months ago

Barton Springs and Deep Eddy but those spots are becoming less accessible every year. It's ridiculous that residents of the city already paying high taxes bare the burden of the high rate of tourism. Deep Eddy needs to be more equitable in it's distribution of pool space. The majority of people attending during the warm months are not lap swimmers. Not to mention the ridiculously aggressive behavior of the lap swimmers.

6 months ago

The Ellen Higgins pocket park needs updating. Although the survey doesn't reflect this it is frequented by many neighborhood families.

Swings would be great!! Appreciate the new benches and tables but equipment is outdated.

6 months ago

Mary moore

6 months ago

Dick Nichols

Circle C metro

6 months ago

Pease Park is wonderful and has incredible potential!

6 months ago

Bartholomew, Zilker, Roy G Guerrero.

6 months ago
We try to use Yett Creek Park however often times. One out of every 4 or 5 our path is blocked by a parked train that can sit there for days and up to almost a week.

D. Nichols (seriously, vulgar language? The parks isn't Richard Nichols and not on the list.)
Walnut Creek, Barton Creek, other Mountain Biking destinations.

Northwest Park

Mabel Davis pool

walnut creek park

None of these

None

Walnut creek

Zilker

I use Waller Creek Boathouse most often, followed by Bull Creek Park.

Don't know the names of most of the parks, unfortunately.

Neighborhood: Stacey and Big Stacey Pool. This is the closest park to Bouldin-area residents between S. Congress and S. 1st. It is too far to walk with kids in the heat of the summer, but we do frequent regularly and it is beside my daughter’s school - Travis Heights Elementary. LadyBird Lake - fund to cycle, row, paddle board. Bartons Spring pool and green belt - like to swim and hike or bike here. I wish we had a pocket park in this sector of Bouldin, since the Boys and Girls Club closed and new apartments were built, there is nowhere for neighborhood kids to play ball.

Commons Ford Ranch Park

Givens

Walnut Creek

Walnut Creek

Mary Moore Searight park

Mary Moore Searight for the great equine trails
I have not visited any of these parks

6 months ago

Ellers Park, Reed, WestEnfield and Zilker are the most used by my family.

6 months ago

Don't see Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt here. Very excited about possibilities there!

6 months ago

I use Spicewood Springs/St Edwards the most

6 months ago

None

6 months ago

West Bouldin Greenbelt is too isolated, virtually landlocked and disconnected from the rest of the system. It is totally neglected. And while it serves a purpose as a nature preserve it is often over run with abandoned trash and debris. Such a neglected jewell.

6 months ago

Bartholomew Park is missing as an option!

6 months ago

Balcones District Park

6 months ago

Dove Springs Recreation Center is not listed

6 months ago

Barton Greenbelt, Zilker, Mabel Davis (mostly for skatepark)

6 months ago

Zilker

6 months ago

Enforcement of leash ordinance

6 months ago

Mueller Parks

6 months ago

Circle C

6 months ago

Redbud

6 months ago

Bartholomew

6 months ago

We use Pease Park & Ladybird Lake Trail

6 months ago

walnut creek

6 months ago

I visit mostly preserves and green belts.
Pease Park

Lake Decker

Barton Creek Greenbelt

Barton Creek Greenbelt the most.

Walnut Creek

I go to south Lamar on a trail behind the retreat because it is the least congested and a moderately difficult hike.

Slaughtercreek park

Town Lake Hike & Bike Trail (daily due to access from my office)

I love the west austin dog park. I do think more seating for dog owners would be very helpful

We should have more than one option! My family and I are users of both Pillow's School park as well as Dottie Jordan. Please make a note wherever you need to account for usage.

Mary Moore Seawright

Bartholomew & Ramsey

There are none of these parks in my area (Oak Hill).

Mayfield

Mueller Lake Park

Bowie H.S. although nowadays you can't access tennis courts. Track seems to still allowed for use.

West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt

I go to Bartholomew park the most frequent
Bull Creek, Ladybird Lake.

Mabel Davis

I am partial to the Hike and Bike Trail, Big and Little Stacey, Zilker Park, City Park, and Mt. Bonnell, to name a few.

Bull Creek District Park and greenbelt

Roy Guerrero Metropolitan Park was not on list. I frequent that park the most.

walnut creek metro park

D* Nichols park is not listed and I couldn't type the full name in here. I was this survey was completely representative.

Walnut Creek trails

Pease Park

Zilker and the Hike and Bike Trail around Town Lake

Walnut Creek Greenbelt

BRUSH SQUARE PARK

Brush Square Park - Happy to see that Brush Square Park has a Master Plan in place. Time to make all the downtown parks accessible and safe.

I don't use the parks

Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park

We spend a lot of time at Molly Dawson

We actually send a lot of time at playground at Molly Dawson

We typically visit Dove Springs for sports programs and summer camp.

Butler Shores
I live in Century Park neighborhood in North Austin. There is no local park that I take my kids to. I wish there was.

Walnut Creek metropolitan park

This survey instrument is very poorly designed and skewed toward prompting people to ask for more programming. I don't see an area to request that Zilker be returned to use by the public year round. It is unavailable to the public for about a quarter of the year. Perhaps ACL would be better suited to Circuit of the Americas. Also, please honor the historic nature of Wooldridge Square. No need to spend millions paving it over with concrete so that it can be more "programmed."

Boggy Creek Greenbelt and Edward Rendon

I attend Dottie Jordan for the exercise and dance classes on Monday and Wednesday with Mrs. Barbara Langston classes and I've taken others that also benefit from this class for years.

They sure are taking their time upgrading Eilers Park - what's taking so long?

Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park is the closest to my neighborhood.

Franklin Park

I use Walnut Creek, Brushy Creek, The Veloway, Town Lake Hike and Bike, McKinney Falls bike trails

I stopped going to Zilker or taking out of town guests to Zilker, because it is embarrassingly shabby. I have taken guest to Emma Long Park for a morning picnic on a Saturday to find it overflowing with garbage and a flock of buzzards working on cleanup.

Dove Springs

Why isn't Zilker on this list?

I only use Westenfield because there is no pool remotely close - and it is by no means close. I'm tired of the pretense that SW Austin is not the actually "underserved" area for pools.

Mueller

I only use Westenfield because there is no pool remotely close to me - and it is by no means close. I'm tired of the pretense that SW Austin is awash in pools while other areas are underserved. Enough with the grammar policing in this crazily-designed survey, by the way.
Take a look at Grand Meadow neighborhood park. It has nothing a "Neighborhood Park" should have and that is what I am suppose to consider my neighborhood park.

Dove Springs

Walnut

I only use Westenfield because there is no other pool in the area, and it is by no means close. Enough with the run-on sentence policing in this crazily-designed survey, by the way.

Dick Nichols

Zilker elem and legend oaks

Bartholomew District Park

Walnut creek metro park

Better lighting for the Gillis basketball court would be fantastic. I play ball there after work with a group of guys and while the court has lights today, they really are inadequate.

Revitalization of Pease Park Disc Golf course

None

I would if some of these smaller parks had small disc golf courses (like a really short 9-hole course for beginners, kids, and families); could also add a couple of putting baskets where people could practice putting and/or play putting games.

Mary Moore metropolitan park

I would attend more if some of the smaller parks had small disc golf courses (like a really short 9-hole course for beginners, kids, and families); could also add a couple of putting baskets where people could practice putting and/or play putting games.

Barton Creek Green Belt, Umlauf, Zilker Park

Garrison is close to me but I go to Dick Nichols because it's free and clean. Hancock Recreation Center for Life Drawing Group.

I wish the pavilion hat burned down at Tanglewood years ago would be rebuilt. It was nice for group gatherings and had a restroom.

Closest is Walter E Long but not even listed since there's nothing there ...
I have never visited the neighborhood park. Why would I when I live on the greenbelt?

I use Slaughter Creek Metro and Dick Nichols the most.

This is the closest and it is 1.3 miles away.

Garrison Park, why isn’t that an option?

Auditorium Shores, Zilker, Roy Guerrero, and Stacy Pool.

I want to choose a few parks but it only let me pick one. I also want to list West Enfield and the Barton Creek Greenbelt.

We need a City of Austin Recreation Center/Park in Del Valle since we were annexed over 10 years ago and still have yet to have any City services besides Austin Energy, water and trash, and road service. The youth of my community don’t have any place to go after school or anything to do on the weekends. They have to travel into 13 miles into Austin to get to the nearest gym.

I use Zilker and the Barton Creek Greenbelt most often. And the biggest impediment are the out-of-control cyclists who come barreling down the trail as if there were never any walkers with leashed dogs on it. As if they were the only ones on the trail. They make it unsafe and unpleasant, when all it would take is a little common courtesy.

I use a combination of most of the above depending on the activity intended.

Emma long

Walnut Bluffs

Metropolitan parks

None. I am not aware that any are near my home in the Hudson Bend area.
Interesting that Mabel Davis isn't even on here . . .

Mabel Davis

Mabel Davis needs erosion control and public bathrooms open when the pool is closed. Guerrero needs bathrooms and the bridge over the creek needs to be replaced. Stop people from parking their vehicles in the pleasant valley pocket park on Burleson Rd!

We use Springdale, given, meuller Patterson and govalle as welll

There is really not a close park for us to visit. Closest for us is not a COA facility. It is McKinney Falls, which we love. But would be nice to have something a bit closer. Unless, i'm just not aware of one. Located near Burleson and McKinney Falls, inside the City limits.

Dittmar Park should be on here too.

I play bocce, disc golf, basketball, soccer in multiple parks around town. Butler Shores, Dittmar, Roy G., Zilker, etc. No legit bocce courts currently.

Since we play handball, we have to use public schools after hours and weekends. Nothing else is available to us. I teach 50 elementary school kids to play each year. They have no place to practice or play after hours.

walnut creek metro, barton creek greenbelt

Zilker Park

Stillhouse Hollow Nature Preserve and Zilker/Lady Bird

None of these parks are convenient to me.

Mabel Davis

Bartholomew District Park

Town Lake

I frequent Walnut Creek park, Brushy Creek, and Turkey Creek Trail (Emma Long)

Covert Park at Mount Bonnell.
Why was Mount Bonnell, aka Covert Park, not listed?
7 months ago

Walnut creek
7 months ago

The only parks I use regularly are Patterson and Red Bud.
7 months ago

We enjoy the trail that runs along the usually dry Williamson Creek, near our Westcreek neighborhood. But we also enjoy the Barton Creek greenbelt, Zilker Park, and Lady Bird Lake hike and bike trails.
7 months ago

Givens District Park
7 months ago

Mabel Davis
7 months ago

Zilker
7 months ago

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7 months ago

Perry park and Red Bud Isle
7 months ago

Use town lake trail and larger parks far more often than smaller neighborhood or pocket parks.
7 months ago

Lamar Middle School/Crestmont Pocket Park
7 months ago

Mueller Lake Park
7 months ago

The park I visit most often is Brushy Creek.
7 months ago

Southpark Meadows neighborhood has a small greenbelt. I also use Barton Creek
7 months ago

Pease park on lamar
7 months ago

Zilker
7 months ago

I see people sitting at the picnic tables at the Ron Rigsby Park a lot. I think it's mostly teens that I see there. (Near a high school) There's a Pokémon Go Pokéstop there. I might walk over there with my granddaughter if there was a swing set and slide or something of interest for young kids, or if there was easier access to get close to the creek and look around.
7 months ago

Mueller
7 months ago
Bartholomew Park

Garrison

Walnut Creek is the closest park to me but is not listed here.

Butler Hike and Bike Trail

We love Mayfield and Pease Park

I selected Grand Meadow Park, but it is a joke. The “park” is a neglected field that the city mows once a year. Everyone in our neighborhood uses our HOA park because it’s the only park available.

I selected Grand Meadow Park because it is adjacent to my neighborhood, but it is a joke. The “park” is a neglected field that the city mows once a year. Everyone in our area uses our HOA park because it’s the only park available.

Balcones

Pease Park off leash area

Circle C Metropolitan Park

Balcones District Park

Dick Nichols, Western Oaks

dittmar and d. Nichols park

Barton Creek

Barton Creek Greenbelt and Zilker

Please do something about the aquatics office near deep eddy - they need a new home!!

walnut creek metropolitan park

Nichols
Tried to add Nichols Park with the fill name but it thought I was cursing and disallowed.

Dick Nichols Park

Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park, it's not on this list. Wonderful wooded natural trails and creek, great handicap accessible pool.

Lyons Municipal Golf Course (Save Muni!)

Lady Bird lake Hike and Bike Trail

you did not include Mary Moore Searight Park in your list, I walk there weekly. I also swim at Dick Nichols, and walk the track/use the pool at Dittmar.

There are no pocket parks within walking distance of my home.

Garrison

The closest one to me is Tom Lasseter Park, but getting there requires walking along and eventually crossing Lamar, which makes for such an unpleasant walk that I don't think I've ever been there.

None from this list

We most frequent our MUD park.

Apache Shores

Barton creek greenbelt

Lamplight village pocket park (whenever the grass is mowed) or walnut creek

Parks I frequent the most: wild basin, commons ford, reimer's ranch, hamilton pool, Barton creek greenbelt, discovery cave preserve

highland park is closest to where I live

Roy G. Guerrero

I go to Town Lake/Zilker way more often, though

Garrison District Park
Schroeter Park
8 months ago

Walnut Creek
8 months ago

Garrison Park.
8 months ago

Have to drive from far north austin (north of Shoreline) to Caswell park to use tennis court and practice board.
8 months ago

None in far north Austin, Between Shoreline and hwy 45.
8 months ago

Butler shores, Zilker, auditorium shores.
8 months ago

Shipe Park/grounds behind the Elisabet Ney Museum
8 months ago

Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park
8 months ago

Zilker
8 months ago

Dove Springs
8 months ago

I usually go to Zilker
8 months ago

Our park is so bad that we have to drive to Roy Guerrero park. They have the safest playspace for my son.
8 months ago

Mueller
8 months ago

Hike & bike trail around Lady Bird Lake
8 months ago

Walnut creek
8 months ago

Walnut Creek metro park, nice but Lack of parking, bathroom, trashbins on the trail
8 months ago

Commons Ford and Bauerle Ranch Park also
8 months ago

I don't have a pocket park close to me. Due to traffic and the lack of sidewalks and bike lanes, I have to drive to a park to arrive safely.
8 months ago
Walnut Creek park
8 months ago

I often use Joslin Park, Garrison Park, Lakeshore Park, Zilker Park, Auditorium Shores
8 months ago

West Enfield Park has 2 tennis courts that are no longer playable. Often the courts are used by large groups of skateboarders too. Unsafe for all and an eyesore.
8 months ago

I hit ditmar by mistake and couldn't change it so I can no longer answer these questions
8 months ago

Waller Creek
8 months ago

And the West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt
8 months ago

Springfield park used to be nice, but new development and encampments have kept me to the various parts of Onion Creek greenbelt
8 months ago

Caswell Tennis Center
The Grove
8 months ago

I do not live in Austin city limits.
8 months ago

Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park
8 months ago

Dick Nichols Park
8 months ago

Deep Eddy, Town Lake
8 months ago

This also doesn't reflect the trails. Many of us most frequently use the Ladybird Lake trail and associated parks, or the Walnut Creek, Barton or Bull Creek trail systems.
8 months ago

None of them.
8 months ago

The Boggy Creek Greenbelt, the area near the Rosewood-Zaragoza Neighborhood Center.
8 months ago

Franklin Park
8 months ago

I work on Country Club Creek Trail and CCCT Greenbelt. All other parks are too far far away to be convenient.
8 months ago

Don't know where these parks are located. How about some info in public papers like statesman
or chronicle or posters?

Lake creek park

Crestmont

Little Walnut Creek District Park
(why ain't it on the list?)

I have not used pocket parks

Walnut Creek

Walnut Creek Park

I am at Big Stacy daily!

Tanglewood Forest

Krieg

Northwest park.

Caswell tennis Center and Deep Eddie

Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park

Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park

Walnut Creek Metropolitan

Technically I haven't been to my selection yet, but if we're talking about parks in walking distance, that's the main one.

None of the above.

sadly parks associated with schools are off-limits when the school term active which makes them not assessable most of the year for not school attendees.

Brownie is my walkable park but it's soo sad! It's poorly maintained, unsafe, and just small. We also use Walnut creek because it's soo nice for running and strollers but too many dogs. And we go to Brentwood when we want to let our toddler play with other toddlers (aka it's the little kid
East and West Bouldin Creek Parks are nearby and accessible.

I only use Govalle as an access point for the South Walnut Creek Bike trail. I also use The Veloway which was not listed as an option. Neither of these parks are close to my South Austin home. It would be great if Onion Creek Metropolitan Park included hike and bike trails.

brushy creek, Walnut Creek, NW Balcones, Elizabeth Milburn, Emma Long, Far West pool, Canyon Vista pool, St Edwards Park, Zilker,

WALNUT BLUFF TRAILHEAD and PARK

Live right next to Zilker, so that's the main one I use

Walnut Creek

Bart in Windsor park

Bartholomew, Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt, Mueller

JJ Seabrook

Mary Moore Searight Park.

We live near Ramsey and do not use it other than to walk around. We prefer to go to Wild Basin or somewhere to hike and get away.

Sheffield NW Parks

Veloway

Walnut Creek Metro Park

Also Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park because of the trails and size of it.

mary moore

walnut creek metropolitan park

Zilker Park, Butler Shores and Auditorium Shores.
Bartholomew and Metz park too
8 months ago

Elementary school is like a pocket park for our kids
8 months ago

None. Givens and Mueller
8 months ago

None of them. Mueller and town lake only
8 months ago

Mueller
8 months ago

Bull creek
8 months ago

Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt
8 months ago

My park is not on here. Danny McBeth Rec Center
8 months ago

Barton Creek Greenbelt
8 months ago

Walnut Creek Park.
I didn’t realize Austin Parks counted the Zilker Elementary playground as a park (Little Zilker). How does this work with funding?
8 months ago

Bull Creek Lower
8 months ago

My park is not on the list
8 months ago

Coomon Ford, Not even on the list. :(?
8 months ago

Dick Nichols
8 months ago

My park is not on the list
8 months ago

Mary Moore Searight would be #1 for us, but it wasn’t listed.
8 months ago

Mary Moore Searight.
8 months ago
I mostly use the Senior Activity Centers operated by the Parks Department.
8 months ago

We love the Violet Crown trail from the entrance at 290 west, down to Zilker Park.
8 months ago

Violet Crown Trail: From the trail head at 290 west down towards Zilker.
8 months ago

Don't go to Doss often now that kids are older.
By far the most frequented by the family as a whole is House Park & Walnut creek.
8 months ago

House Park
8 months ago

Circle C Park
8 months ago

Old West Austin park
8 months ago

I use the Mueller parks frequently. I guess they are not city parks?
8 months ago

Givens Park
8 months ago

For the pool!
8 months ago

I mostly use D Nickols Park and Mary Moore Searight Park.
8 months ago

D Nickols Park
Mary Moore Searight Park
8 months ago

15. At your selected park, what are your favorite things to do when you are there? (Select up to 3.)

- Off-leash dogs are a major impediment to my enjoyment of this park
8 months ago

27 Agree

- Walk/Run/Hike/Bike/Horseback Riding on trails or paths
- Enjoy Nature
- Playground / Play structure
- Picnic, Relax
- Pool or water/splash feature
- Recreational sports
- Off leash dog park
- Events (Festival, Race or Sporting Event, Farmers Market)
- Other (please comment)
- Others

1,845 respondents
I agree. Dogs have more access at times than people.  
and it isn't even an off leash area.  

Too many loose dogs even thought it is designated as a leashed area.  

The amount of off leash dogs at northwest park is crazy. Behind the pond to the ball fields. You can count over 30 different owners doing this throughout the day. It's amazing the lack of enforcement and the people just don't care. I've had too many close encounters with large and aggressive dogs around my children. 60% don't even pick up the waste including on the playground.  

Need better enforcement of leash laws.  

Walk dog on leash  

I wish there would be more policing of off-leash dogs at Ramsey Park, particularly after work when everyone is walking their dogs  

off leash dogs are the worst and keep me out of most parks.  

Off leash dogs make this park dangerous to small children and leashed dogs.  

Roller derby  

Off leash dogs at Sandy Beach park make it dangerous for many of us to ride bikes near there, including on the LAB. How can we better divide off leash dogs from other recreational uses? Dog owners seem to think we should just accept their word that their dogs are not a danger to us.  

The natural trail is a wonderful place to disengage from our increasingly crowded and noisy environment. Have been on other trails in Austin and do not enjoy as much due to crowds, bikes and now scooters. Would prefer more nature trails. Enjoy Blunn creek as well.  

The earlier question didn't allow comment. Women are generally not in a park at night solo -- ever. So when you ask about safety, take that as a given.  

Many birding nature walks occur there.  

Disc Golf! Playgrounds  

Disc golf  

Disc golf course  

Disc golf
It's interesting to see the many comments about off-leash dogs. When will the City (APD, APD, and the Parks Dept) start working together to enforce leash laws?

There should be no off-leash dog spaces unless they are enclosed and away from people. There are too many irresponsible dog owners and aggressive dogs.

Please, no motorized scooters on hike and bike trails.

Way too many dogs and lack of enforcement. Let dog owners find private space instead of usurping public parks.

Nothing but walk. There is nothing else to do there. Although the neighbors are putting in a community garden. They are doing all the work themselves; no help from the City.

Park maintenance such as trash clean-up, invasive plant removal, planting native ones

There are a lot of homeless folks at Parque Zaragosa. COA needs to get resources to house all those folks.

Birdwatching, fishing.

The outrageous parking fees near MoPac at the north side of the lake near Austin High School, money which is supposed to go to neighborhoods but does not, is outrageous as it imposes expense to people using the Lady Bird Lake trail for exercise.

Gather with friends

We no longer use the playscape as it's not designed for older kids.

To be honest, there are mainly just cedar trees and one playscape. Our neighborhood does quarterly functions which is nice, but would like to see something for kids. There is an apartment
complex across the street that has lots of kids, and I very rarely see them use the park.

8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

play disc golf

8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Shooting Sports

8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

I'd like my park (Great Hills) to be officially off leash in some areas. Preferably near the retention ponds where they have room to play and run.

8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Also community theater "Shakespeare in the Park" @ Ramsey. Excellent!

6 months ago

Disc Golf

6 months ago

Mentor at Barton Hills School. Some kids prefer to meet outside.

6 months ago

disc golf offers one of the lowest cost of maintenance for group sporting. It also offers the added benefit of having a "public presence" in areas of the parks they do not get a lot of "foot travel" otherwise. Disc golfer are generally very conscientious and courteous to the members of the public. Pack it in and pack out more than what you brought. It has been shown in other cities that when disc golfers are in the parks, vandalism and bad behavior is lowered by their presence. We are always willing to help anyone in need.

6 months ago

summer camps and music lessons

6 months ago

Triangle park needs to have a designated, FENCED IN area for off leash dogs. Every resident agrees, if dogs are allowed off leash (which they are, it is in the lease agreement and management allows it) there needs to be a fence or gate that keeps them in the park.

6 months ago

play music

6 months ago

Play disc golf!

6 months ago

Off leash dogs are a big problem at all parks that I frequent.

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Disc golf and playgrounds

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago
Play golf which is also a six mile walk. Quite healthy.
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Play disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Mountain Bike Park
6 months ago

Disc golf or frisbee
6 months ago

Play Golf (not disc golf, but REAL GOLF)
6 months ago

Hiking with my dog
6 months ago

Disc Golf
6 months ago

Use what few disc golf courses we have in South Austin
6 months ago

disc golf
6 months ago

Join friends to play in the surrounding open space. Hide & seek, Chase, ball
6 months ago

We find pocket parks geared towards family - kids can play, picnics, community gatherings, dog time. We prefer the hike and bike trails for the abi
6 months ago

For our family the pocket park is not ideal, it's small and geared towards picnic community gatherings or a place for little ones to run and play. We prefer hike and bike because we do just that
6 months ago

Play Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Play disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago
I play disc golf regularly on weekends and during the week when light lasts into the evening.

Golf - at the City Municipal courses, and soccer at Zilker

Walk my dog

Disc golf course

Golf!!!!

Also Tennis. Wish there was an off leash area to play ball/fetch.

It is convenient, but not ideal, for dog walking.

Birding. This is not an off leash dog park but that rule is not enforced, making it problematic for those of us who don't wish to walk in dog piles.

OFF-LEASH DOGS. On previous question, about safety concerns or what prevents or hinders my park use, nothing comes anywhere near the issue of off-leash dogs (which you had no check box for because probably some 'dog-lover' concocted this survey. To put it bluntly, dogs are like an evil curse that has descended on this city and its parks and destroyed the pleasure of visiting almost any city park ... and turned many citizens into law-breaking criminals. So sad, disconcerting, and disgusting.

No festivals!

Pick up my children from aftercare.
We have a shortage of off leash dog areas, which leads people to unleash their dogs in other areas.

At Dottie Jordan we like to access the creek. Sadly, there are no formal access points to the creek from there. We access it by whatever cleared spot we can. We love that creek and pick up trash whenever we are there.

Basketball court, tennis court are the recreational activities we do at Ramsey Park. The dog area is technically not "off leash" and we need it to be off leash officially.

Obviously for the comments, off leash dog areas are extremely much in need. If too few are provided, then dog owners have no choice but to use areas they should not.

There is very little to do at this park unless you have children. However, our neighborhood organization sponsors periodic potlucks there.

Tennis!!!

Walk the dog

N/A

disc golf

Cycling

After school programs

Swim

Attend meetings for my support group.

Walk dogs.

Disc golf events

I would highly value an off-leash dog park

I'd like to do a lot of these listed things if it was possible at Walter E Long Park.
Great, safe place for kids to play.

Meeting neighbors and friends

I wanted to select Garrison Park, which I frequent because of the swimming pool, and the playground

Tanglewood Park is small and there isn't much to do.

The park is very small without much to do

Tanglewood is small and doesn't have much other than picnic area.

volunteer in riparian restoration projects

Tennis court

The city MUST do something to hold irresponsible dog owners accountable. There are WAY too many people who let their dogs run off leash. My friend and her dog were attacked by a loose dog at a part that owner was like, I don't know what happened, he is usually a nice dog. Every dog is a great dog until it isn't. It would have never happened is that dog had been on a leash.

Bocce Ball

Off-leash dogs are a major problem.

None of these parks are convenient to me.

westernfield is a gem of a location but a wreck of a park. Baseball field needs improving, tennis courts are not useable and over run with skateboarders, needs pavilion for group gatherings, needs more picnic tables and benches. Needs perimeter fencing since it abuts mopac feeder road and enfield - two very busy streets.

Meet people, discuss current events

I am a gardener at Patterson park

Walk dogs and train dogs

It would be great to have an off leash dog park in this park. I might walk around, but it doesn't feel that safe. There are many transients and homeless people who cut through the area and camp in the park area.
We need fences to divide designated leash and off-leash areas at Onion Creek greenbelt park.

I walk foster dogs at Rosewood, which is why I want to see enforcement of leash laws there. People routinely let dogs run on the baseball fields off-leash, even if small children are present.

Aggressive dogs should not be off-leash. A pit bull came over and clawed my leashed pug’s leg (and made me concerned for my own safety)

Unleashed dangerous dogs are an impediment (An off-leash pit bull cut my leashed pug pretty bad and I was concerned for my own safety)

Must either enforce rule of no off leash dogs at Brentwood or build a structure or barrier to keep dogs from running into the play area.

quiet, easy parking, not crowded, stream for children to catch and let go, a really nice trail that does not feel isolated and yet filled with lots of trees.

None of the above, because Grand Meadow Park has zero amenities. It’s a neglected field that the city mows once a year.

I would like to do some of these other activities but they aren’t available at my park (gardening, dog park, skate park

On-leash dog hiking on the trails.

Swimming

I chose 3 parks, one was not on the list (Mary Moore Searight). I walk at MMS and Dittmar, swim at Dick Nichols and sometimes at Dittmar.

There is one slide and 4 swings and that’s it. A backstop would be great and some lights.

Sadly, there is nothing to do at my neighborhood park - North Oaks.

Let my dogs play off leash!!!
The constant habit of dog owners to use all parks as a leash-free parks is dangerous. These dog owners are living in some fantasy world. They let their dogs run around free at a park that has HUGE "Dogs on leash" signs posted everywhere. Meanwhile, I own a pit bull who requires daily exercise in the form of walking/running alongside me and is ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES!! I have to continually scan the environment for strays and the dam leash-free dogs. A number of times I have had to shoo dogs away from approaching us because I know what is going to happen if the other dog gets too close and I am not aware of the other dog. Usually I am successful. However, one instance haunts me. After being shooed away twice a dog who really wanted to sniff my dog came up from behind us while we were running. Before I knew what was happening my dog defended herself by doing what Pitbulls do best: grabbing and clamping with her jaws. If I had not lifted her 65 lb body off the other dog she would've ripped the lower jaw off of that dogs face with a death-shake, which is a Pit specialty. She is very good at killing things. Now, I know that there are those that say I should train her, I shouldn't have her, etc. etc. but the simple fact is that she exists and she and I are out there and would like to avoid any and ALL encounters with your illegally leash-free dog. She is not aggressive towards other dogs on our walks/runs (Doesn't bark at them at all, doesn't strain to get to them, seems to totally ignore them unless they resemble cats, etc.)

So, I would like this post to break whatever fantasy world these dog owners live in that leads them to let their dog off the leash at every opportunity. My dog and other dogs like mine are out there and they will break up your fantasy. I, however, do not wish to be any part of such an encounter and would like to enjoy my walks/runs with my dog ON LEASH without having to look out for your dog.

walk my dog on leash

There are not many other activities than these 3. There are usually not enough picnic tables, the park is very unclean, and the play structure is missing 2 swings - but its all we've got. My 1 year old loves it.

Playing petanque

Walk my dog (on leash)

Tennis

Tennis

Roller derby

Mountain Biking

Please put lights on the hike and bike trail! As a woman, it's unsafe biking home

Roller derby

Use off-leash areas.

My kids and I use Schroeter Park mostly for PokeMonGo.
Hardcourt bicycle polo

Austin Texas Bike Polo Social Club uses Metz Park for our weekly games

Nothing is nice about brownie park

Roller derby

Shakespeare in the park, movies in the park

Roller Derby

Walk my dog on leash (wish it had some off leash hours)

Fishing is by far the most important!

Flat track roller derby

Ultimate frisbee

Roller derby

Roller derby

Roller derby

Pickup Ultimate Frisbee in the evening during winter months with lights in Gillis Park.

Roller Derby

Roller derby

Roller derby practice

Take my grandchildren there to play on playscape.
I only use this Park when guests with children come by. Otherwise, I take the bus down to Auditorium Shores.

8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Use the cardio/weight room
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Swim
8 months ago

play bike polo
8 months ago

16. What would you like to see at this Neighborhood Park, School Park or Pocket Park in the future? (Select all that apply.)

- Additional grow zones (that the parks mowers recognize and respect), native pollinator wildscapes, more native plants in general and less bermuda

8 months ago

Yes! I agree
6 months ago

More trash cans. It's too small for more facilities but Great Hills could really use some trash cans. And maybe a composting toilet.

8 months ago

waste bins that hold both recycle and trash
more trees

I agree. Trees are a priority

native plants garden

Better maintained. It seems like a forgotten park. People in the community keep it maintained more than the City does.

Strict and regular enforcement of dog leash regulations

Disc golf course

water fountains to refill reusable water bottles

Roller derby!!!! We need this big time

I very much would like maintained trails to Little Walnut Cree and for the creek to be cleaned, as it has a ton of trash. There is also poison ivy along the trails that needs to be removed.

Disc golf
Agree

Disc golf course
6 months ago

C'mon Disc Golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf.
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

More disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Diac Golf
6 months ago

Disc Golf Course
6 months ago

More disc golf courses please
6 months ago

replacement ped. bridge at Roy G
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Honestly 9 hole disc golf courses! Atx area has plenty of 18s. Sometimes you just want to throw 9 after work at a small park on the way home
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago
More disc golf courses
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf - even if it's just a practice basket or a Micro disc golf course (see Wildflower Micro disc golf course off of Anderson Mill as a good example).
6 months ago

Disc golf courses!
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

disc golf course or practice basket
6 months ago

More trees, bushes, and flowers
6 months ago

More disc golf
6 months ago

At Mary Baylor: it needs a little facelift, a bit of niceness in the toilets, and I hate to say this but: sprinklers in the field so we can have grass year round. The field becomes a dust bowl in the summer.
6 months ago

Native plant gardens
6 months ago

Disc golf course
6 months ago

Would love a neighborhood pool in northwest area like great hills
6 months ago

Pool in northwest area like great hills or Anderson high area
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

The splash pad at Bartholomew park doesn't work correctly and should be fixed
6 months ago

I would like more well maintained and marked/mapped mountain bike trails. South Austin has an amazing trail network that is almost impossible to navigate because there are no signs.
6 months ago
Keep Mabel Davis a natural area.
6 months ago

just maintain it. It already has all the stuff you can pack into it but the fields are dangerously uneven for sports activities.
6 months ago

Environmental remediation with native plants
6 months ago

More trees, and more disc golf.
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Yoga and Tai Chi
6 months ago

a single disc golf basket to practice on
6 months ago

Fenced in dog park
6 months ago

Disc Golf
6 months ago

Disc Golf
6 months ago

Ad a disc golf course, Even a short 9 hole.
6 months ago

disc golf
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Open wildflower meadow… NO LAWN PLEASE
7 months ago

Disc Golf course or putting basket(s)
7 months ago

Gagaball pits are hard to find, that would be AWESOME if there were more around so that my friends and I could play. What if there were a small gathering to help build it and paint it so that it represents the community more. Gagaball is too underrated.
7 months ago

Fenced dog park
7 months ago

AERATION. The field is hard as rock in the summer. (I know, I know, ironic because it's called Pillow)
8 months ago
I'm really surprised that someplace as hot as Austin doesn't have more water based play features. In Boston, which is frigid most of the year, fountains abound, and neighborhood children delight in them. Adults too. I imagine water restrictions play a major role, but it would be nice if the city looked into rainwater catchment and natural filtration systems (natural swimming pools!) to make water features work through dry periods.

8 months ago

Splash pad and some form of a bathroom

8 months ago

Nature trails that connect to other parks

8 months ago

More lighted fields in various parks that are open in the evening for pickup sports.

8 months ago

Skatepark or small skating feature like the mini ramp at Patterson Park. Also called a “skate spot.” Large flat area for roller derby / roller skating is also a nice addition like the one at Bartholomew.

8 months ago

More bike racks.

6 months ago

Just upgrade existing facilities

6 months ago

Beautifully landscaped areas where people can sit, meet with friends, and enjoy being outside. Think of New York's great public parks: Central Park, Washington Square, Hudson River Park. Wonderful places to go to interact with neighbors.

6 months ago

More disc golf courses for all levels of play

6 months ago

there's already a water feature

6 months ago

The triangle park should have a designated fenced in off leash dog area

6 months ago

More trash & Recycling bins!!!

6 months ago

food trucks

6 months ago

disc golf courses!

6 months ago

Disc golf courses

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Disc golf

6 months ago

Disc golf
SHADE FOR POOL and seating at pool and longer hours/
6 months ago

a Disc golf course, please
6 months ago

Water fountain near play
6 months ago

After school access for community to use the gym or cafeteria area for exercise or art classes.
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

No more development. Just clean up the litter and junk
6 months ago

One other comment - the great beauty of this park is the trees - but there is no programming for maintaining the tree population. When these trees die, there will be no more. There should be vigorous project permanently funded to ensure that we have trees in this park into the future.
6 months ago

See previous comment - Big Stacy is getting upgraded. The only improvement needed is that the City installed runoff beds to catch rainwater for the creek - planted a bunch of stuff and then totally abandoned the project. We were told that no money or plans to maintain the catchment area landscaping had ever been budgeted or planned. Those garden areas now look terrible. They should be maintained.
6 months ago

Clean and Open Restrooms
6 months ago

northwest hills is actually excellent for nature trails and park land. It is terrible for playscapes
6 months ago

Croquet
6 months ago

Pump tracks for bmx
6 months ago

Extend summer pool hours. The summers are so long these days and the pool is great, but it opens too late and closes too soon for the season.
6 months ago

Access. Nothing beats easier access by different kinds of transportation
6 months ago

We would love a splash pad at Garrison Park or a better splash pad at Dick Nichols Park.
6 months ago

We are fortunate to live near the Gullett school playground and fields - a great place to meet up with other families!
6 months ago

It is a very small park and doesn't need anything added to it.
6 months ago
Onion creek needs help
6 months ago

Roller hockey
6 months ago

playscapes need to be updated and a little bigger. and the splash pad seems to break down a lot.
6 months ago

I would LOVE to see a water feature/splash pad. NW Austin is sorely lacking in splash pads. My kids have pretty much outgrown them, but I would have loved to have had one when they were little. We wasted SO much gas driving to Brushy Creek to use theirs.
6 months ago

Golf
6 months ago

Squash courts, mountain bike specific trails.
6 months ago

Nothing. Just leave it alone.
6 months ago

Longer pool season and better poolside chair/tables/umbrellas.
6 months ago

Bicycle related features. Bicycle Skills park, Pump Track, etc.
6 months ago

Off leash dog park.
6 months ago

Honestly Dottie Jordan packs a lot of recreation into a relatively small area and does a good job providing activities for the whole community.
6 months ago

Doesn't apply
6 months ago

None stated
6 months ago

I don't use pocket parks
6 months ago

My park wasn't listed & I don't want anything else at my local park. I walk on trail off meds& Spicewood springs. The above question is hard to interpret. I used Zilker trails years ago but downtown is impossibly crowded now
6 months ago

Not applicable b/c my park wasn't listed : Zilker trails & walking trail in neighborhood off Mesa& Spicewood Springs rd
6 months ago

Waller Creek Boathouse is managed by the Austin Rowing Club. ARC and the other tenants of the boathouse need a management contract longer than 2 years if they are to make any substantial investments in improving the property.
6 months ago

Restrooms. Have to go to a nearby house to use the restroom.
6 months ago
Off leash area for dogs to play fetch.

6 months ago

It is actually pretty nice the way it is. Just a big nice open field.

6 months ago

Nothing. I LOVE this park

6 months ago

left as is

6 months ago

More trees and better maintenance of trees. Also better maintenance of grass (installed a new pilot drought tolerant grass but it's not being maintained per the instructions for the grass - i.e. not mowing when shouldn't/mowing when shouldn't)

6 months ago

Trees/tree care and better maintenance of grass (installed a pilot grass that was drought tolerant but not maintaining it the way the grass instructions say)

6 months ago

This is a popular and busy off-leash dog park. If possible, enlarge it a little bit.

6 months ago

Open upper park to lower park where retaining wall interrupts the flow. A wide shallow set of stone steps could be installed to do this. The dock should be rebuilt and maybe widened since people enjoy sitting by the river there. Consider better options for installing the utility lines through the park. At some point it was decided (without neighborhood input) that the park was a utility zone and this could have been handled so much more considerately and elegantly! The terraced area above the picnic area and the APD offices/parking need to be cleaned up and maintained. Maintain trees and native plants better throughout the park.

6 months ago

Our district park, bartholomew seems to be 40% ball fields by area taken up by the dell wood sports league and is off limits to the rest of the public. While our kids have participated in the league, I would like to be able to go and play on the baseball fields. Seems like of allot of land to leave unused during the day. The city should also help them pay for maintenance as it could use it.

6 months ago

Racquetball

6 months ago

Multi-use trails. Improved parking lots (full of potholes).

6 months ago

skatepark

6 months ago

picnic tables, "pocket parks" are usually small and would host neighborhood activities or family events.

6 months ago

the current off leash area is a small dog run. I would like to see an off leash area like the one down by the long center

6 months ago

For Bartholomew park - off leash dog area - the park is large and often empty

6 months ago

Rosewood needs a shade structure over the playground desperately. Also, the creek is a depressing concrete-lined channel that is a huge wasted opportunity. Provide some channel
restorations that might also provide flood capacity and design it in such a way that kids can access
the creek. This would help improve environmental equity of east side versus west side natural
environment.
6 months ago

Safer Off leash areas
6 months ago

Leave natural areas natural.
6 months ago

I would like to see the parks left natural.
6 months ago

pool
6 months ago

Pools
6 months ago

More sand volleyball courts should be added at Krieg and Zilker parks.
6 months ago

Exercise/stretching stations
6 months ago

Off leash dog area
6 months ago

Off leash areas for dogs
6 months ago

Better access to creeks in the vicinity of neighborhood parks.
6 months ago

Bartholomew Park is home to oldest remaining disc golf course in the state of Texas but it is
severely neglected, compared to other courses around town. No signs, no permanent boxes, and
only 15 permanent boxes are the top 3 reasons Bart doesn't see the kind of love it deserves from
the DGcommunity. The city has done a better job at cutting the grass out there since the pool
opened, but it's time to invest in this fantastic piece of Texas history!
6 months ago

Water feature for wildlife.
6 months ago

More covered shelters to rent. There's only one! And when it is reserved there's no where else you
can go.
6 months ago

Increased cleanliness and safety
6 months ago

it's great the way it is givens size
6 months ago

Senior playground
6 months ago

nothing else please - just keep it clean and safe
6 months ago
This park desperately needs trash cans placed at the Floral Park trailhead. The city refuses to do this and therefore people leave dog poop bags all along the trails because they have no where to put them if they are not walking all the way to Great Hills Park where the nearest trash can is.

6 months ago

The water feature at Ricky Guerrero is often broken. I would like it to be more reliable.

6 months ago

Walter E long is not listed

6 months ago

Off-leash dog area

6 months ago

Status quo. Please just keep maintaining as nicely as you have since restoring it.

6 months ago

Leash free fenced dog areas are desperately needed at or nearby Brentwood and Northwest parks. Especially Brentwood as the elementary school often uses the park playground!

6 months ago

The basketball court at Brentwood needs an upgrade. The rims are wobbly, the backboards are ancient, and there are holes on the edge of the court that lead to twisted ankles. A splash pad would also be amazing!

6 months ago

It is fine as is

6 months ago

It is fine like it is.

6 months ago

It would be great if Walnut Creek had a mountain bike skills area. Skinnies, small ledges, and small kid friendly pump track.

6 months ago

Our park _really_ needs a trail to facilitate walking, jogging, biking. Then it would be heavenly.

6 months ago

Splash pad

6 months ago

More right of way for cyclist

6 months ago

Benches grouped in 2s and 3s. Picnic tables under the trees the neighbors have planted.

6 months ago

This is not the neighborhood park closest to me, but it is the one that I have frequented most often. I would prefer to see improvements to parks on the east side.

6 months ago

Outdoor basketball courts need a face lift. A cover/shade on basketball court and stage may make space more attractive for use. Pool needs shade also. Its too hot in the summer to be at the pool when there is not protection from the sun, especially for families with young children. We should consider repurposing the building next to the pool to serve as water activity area for small children and restroom facility.

6 months ago

More trees!

6 months ago
Mountain Bike trails
6 months ago

Dove Springs
6 months ago

Too many soccer games going on in Zilker off leash dog park on weekends.
6 months ago

I don't believe community gardens belong in parks. Sadly they end up being fenced and the parks becomes dedicated to the few who keep gardens there. City land can be used for this purpose without it being parkland.
6 months ago

Trash cans and picnic tables
6 months ago

better lighting for the gillis park basketball courts would be terrific!
6 months ago

Racquetball
6 months ago

I wish some of these smaller parks had small disc golf courses (like a really short 9-hole course for beginners, kids, and families); could also add a couple of putting baskets where people could practice putting and/or play putting games.
6 months ago

A real bathroom, not a portapotty
6 months ago

SARC
6 months ago

Off leash dog park! 😊
7 months ago

nothing - leave it alone!
7 months ago

Off leash dog park
7 months ago

Off-leash dog park would be highly desirable.
7 months ago

Better maintenance.
7 months ago

Just keep it clean, safe, and working. Is that too much to ask?
7 months ago

I will only walk through as I don't feel it is safe
7 months ago

Southwest Austin REALLY needs community gardens and off leash dog areas!
7 months ago
There's a little creek that runs through. Would be nice if there was an educational trail and allow kids to interact it a little better.

I would like Garrison Park to have better picnic tables and a splash pad

Tetherball

Off leash dog areas

Public restroom structure

The playground at Reed is old and uninteresting

Mabel Davis pool is closed more often than open

A water spigot to be able to water the plants that have been planted.

Would also be great to have something like Berkeley's adventure playground where kids can play with "risky" materials,

tennis courts exist but need to be repaired

Designated off-leash area for my dog

We need more BBQ grills

BBQ grills

Patterson Park Ned's an off-leash dog park.

Off leash dog areas

Less loose dogs

off leash dog area

Improved and updated playscape.
Would rather see more done at a few bigger parks rather than focus on dozens of little parks.
Disagree with previous question. Town lake trail, metro parks, and greenbelts are backbone of parks system.
7 months ago

Off leash dog park.
7 months ago

There are already some picnic tables and BBQ areas at Rosewood, but they are quite old.
7 months ago

Better lighting.
7 months ago

Raquetball.
7 months ago

Nothing new needed.
7 months ago

Better lighting on the trail.
7 months ago

Dog Park.
7 months ago

Since Grand Meadow Park has zero amenities anything on the list above would be an improvement. A loop trail, playground, playscape, open lawn, etc...anything. Currently the "park" is a neglected field that is full of litter and is mowed about once a year.
7 months ago

A functional oval track. The current is a disaster.
Water stations. This is an important element that should exist in order to help keep park users hydrated.
Fitness stations that are available for the children to exercise and be available to the community at large.
7 months ago

Improve existing park; upgrade the track, which is used by many in the neighborhood as well as school children.
7 months ago

Pools.
7 months ago

Recycle cans and better sidewalks in the neighborhood to get to the park. Very few sidewalks in Clarksville.
7 months ago

Lower tick population.
7 months ago

Lower tick population.
7 months ago

Off leash area for dogs at north side of scofield.
7 months ago

Don't change it.
8 months ago
a large pool, with many lap lanes, open year 'round
8 months ago

Just maintain its natural beauty and the pool and I'll be happy.
8 months ago

None of the above. Park is pretty perfect as is!
8 months ago

Trash cans
8 months ago

more swim lanes, secure bike parking inside pool fence.
8 months ago

Futsal court and/or court for younger kids to play soccer.
8 months ago

nature trains that identify the names and descriptions of the trees and bushes.....
8 months ago

open the pool again please
8 months ago

Great how it is!
8 months ago

Nothing
8 months ago

Quail Creek Park has a lot of un-used space. The middle of it dips very low and no-one really goes into that field. This would be lovely for water features, natural play area, or community gardening. There is trash everywhere and some graffiti - get a mural on that wall instead of graffiti covered up with blotches, and replace the aging picnic tables so its comfortable and clean for families.
8 months ago

No neighborhood park in far north Austin, north of Shoreline along 1325.
8 months ago

Shade trees
8 months ago

Recycling bins
8 months ago

Increased hours available.
8 months ago

Water fountain and recycling bins
8 months ago

Better, safer playscane with shade. We live in Texas we need to make sure we budget for shade structure!
8 months ago

The tennis courts need to be leveled and fixed. And the nets need to be maintained.
8 months ago
improvements & maintenance to existing facilities
8 months ago

None, just needs to be maintained and safe
8 months ago

Free Forest School should be invited to every park. That will increase your use!
Also... any park that has sections that are fenced for children- like Play for All Abilities Park in Round Rock- each section is fenced and I feel super safe in having my kid there.
8 months ago

The all-abilities play feature at Joslin park is fantastic! The community often uses it.
8 months ago

Purpose built mountain bike trails
8 months ago

Our almost 20 year old playscape needs to be replaced
8 months ago

Would be nice if part of Alderbrook could be left natural. We have NO green space in this park of town. All cement.
8 months ago

Keep them as natural as possible with little infrastructure other than trails
8 months ago

Nature Trails. This list of activities is making me dizzy.
8 months ago

Natural preserves
8 months ago

New trees planted. Help for the homeless people living there, including a used needle drop container. Also, I am tired of everyone's off leash dogs. Not everyone loves your dog as much as you do.
8 months ago

Swings!
8 months ago

I would like not to have the homeless use the bathrooms & showers as though they were their private homes.
8 months ago

Fix up the tennis and basketball courts. They are in terrible shape.
8 months ago

Policing and trash pickup on a regular basis.
8 months ago

Policing and trash pickup.
8 months ago

There is a community garden, it has been pretty much inherited forever. Eilers is being revamped AGAIN, has made it less accessible/ open etc. Now just pretty much a giant ramp. Ability to interact, watch, sit by, enjoy the water is not included. There is a small dock at Eilers, but it is very small, and not connected/visible. More open area around, or just a real path to the water. I also don't know what is happening with the stairs on the other end. It looks like the aquatics offices in the area were demolished, not sure what will happen there, but what a great opportunity to tie in with the park area (instead of huge chain link fences).
My neighborhood park is mainly a big open field with a playground in one corner. I'd like to see more trees bordering the park and more trash/recycle cans with closed lids.

better and bigger playgrounds for older children.

More resources for maintenance

Mountain bike specific trails with challenging features.

nothing more, just keep what is already there beautifully maintained

More fenced in off leash dog parks. One at Brentwood park would be great!

Eastwoods has a great mix of uses- basketball, tennis, frisbee, water area, picnicking, most importantly fantastic tree cover and tree diversity, excellent birding, very nice trail around it too.

RESTROOMS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! More recycling and composting bins. Improved trash cans.

Just maintain it and keep the pool OPEN!

Nice trees and plants.

Off-leash areas.

Off-leash dog BAN

May be no drug needles and used condoms (I live next to Givens)

Enclosed dog park

Hardcourt Bicycle Polo court
Improved conditions for the court used by the bike polo club
8 months ago

More water features, More consideration for SMALL children!! Also More trashcans
8 months ago

Connectivity to larger nearby parks
8 months ago

This park has a great mix of amenities, they just all need to be upgraded.
8 months ago

None of these.
8 months ago

A working public bathroom, roller derby, and table tennis!
8 months ago

Ramsey Pool needs upgrades and upgrades to the bathrooms
8 months ago

Tennis backboard
8 months ago

Permitted hours of the day that allow off leash dog play
8 months ago

Please repair the paved hike and bike trail in Mary Moore Searight Park.
8 months ago

We'd like the pool and kiddie pool open again and for longer season
8 months ago

No changes needed
8 months ago

Skate ramps would be nice and easy to set up
8 months ago

Basic cleanup, and dog control
8 months ago

Clean and consistently available bathrooms
8 months ago

Indoor rollerderby track for junior and adult rollerderby
8 months ago

Flat covered space for Roller derby. This sport is often out in the elements.
8 months ago

More benches by playscapes and lighting at night. More trash cans.
8 months ago

Connection to Williamson Creek trail
8 months ago
Shipe was fine just the it was. Now the pool is torn up and we have waited through two summers with no pool.
8 months ago

My selection was not on there, so NA
8 months ago

Roller Derby Tracks
8 months ago

water fountains that work
8 months ago

Mueller has it all.
8 months ago

Off leash dog area would be nice
8 months ago

I would like to see groups of people doing yoga outside. The weather in Austin is usually nice but there are very few outdoor yoga events. It would be very nice to have some.
8 months ago

swimming pool
8 months ago

A fenced-in/off leash area for dog owners would go a long way towards community harmony regarding use of our park.
8 months ago

I would like to see more disc golf added to the parks
8 months ago

Restroom and trashcans.
8 months ago

Would love a splash pad!
8 months ago

Herb garden in the pool area. Private sunbathing for women.
8 months ago

Official off leash dog area
8 months ago

skate park
8 months ago

It's a small park. My park doesn't need for much. Maybe trash cans near the main entrance for dog poop bags. People are just abandoning them at the front of the park near the sign.
8 months ago

Off leash dog area
8 months ago

pool
8 months ago
The Old West austin Park badly needs a shade shelter. I don't know if that is a “pavilion,” but we need more shade down there.

Working pool!

bike polo courts

Pool open for longer during the year

More open pool hours

Nice landscaping.

Would like to see the pool extended with a splash pad. It's totally overwhelmed in the summer. Also, there is the ability for a nature trail - we crawl around in the woods and there is some strange activity in there, it would be safer with an established nature trail (NOT a bike trail, that would be too much for the green strip to handle). Finally, the sunny slope by the playground is perfect for a community garden!

17. Is there anything else we should know about this park?

For all parks—PLEASE enforce leash laws. So many people with loose dogs who are not trained pose a threat to those of us with dogs on leashes, who love to enjoy our parks on a walk. I see that many want more off-leash areas. Perhaps this would help- create fenced, off leash places for them to run so that, hopefully, more dog owners will keep their dogs ON a leash where the rest of us are walking with our leashed dogs. This is a dangerous situation. I am an utmost dog lover, this is nothing against dogs. But even well trained dogs will often react when a stranger dog runs up to them while on a leash. In areas where this is not permitted, the pervasiveness of this keeps us from going to and enjoying our beautiful parks. Thank you.

I say to each park should have a few off leash hours a day.

That's an awesome idea

Dedicate day or time for off leash, dedicate some day or time for no bike of any sort.

People already don't pay attention or respect which parks are on-leash only, or which sections of parks are on-leash only. Making off-leash at certain hours would make it even worse. I support off-leash enclosures (good size) but leash-only in all the trails. I know, a few unruly dog owners ruined it for the rest of us.

Absolutely! I was attacked by an off leash dog while on my bicycle. It bit my shoelace and I crashed. His owner just called him away and went off. There should only be certain parks or certain areas where off-leash is permitted. This should be enforced.

Amen

Dog owners frequently blatantly disregard dog leash laws without recognizing that they are being disrespectful to other park users. Dog owners are also frequently quite confident that their dogs are “friendly” without realizing that they have no control over their animals in uncomfortable situations.
Agree with other comments that dog owners need to abide by rules and use leashes and pick up after their pets. And not get all defensive if anyone points out the law to them.

Enforcement of leash laws and for owners to pick up their animal's waste and dispose of it properly.

Off-leash dogs are a major deterrent to enjoying my neighborhood parks

I would appreciate it if dog owners would leash their dogs in parks where it was posted to do so as well as picking up pet droppings. There is an off-leash area of Mary Moore Searight Park.

Agreement on the need for enforcement of leash laws and for owners to pick up their animal's waste.

Off-leash dogs are incredibly dangerous at WC. Owners disregard posted signs about on leash areas, don't pick up after their dogs, & frequently fail to control their pets. I've seen two cyclists but by aggressive off-leash dogs in the past 6 months."

For all parks, leash laws need to be enforced. I have quit going to most parks because of inconsiderate owners who don't respect leash laws and are usually not even paying attention to their dogs.

I heartily agree with the comments on leash laws. It comes down to a matter of enforcement, perhaps there needs to be park rangers who can occasionally visit all parks to help enforce litter, dog leash, and motorized vehicle rules.

Please don't allow those annoying electric scooters on the trail! That will ruin it for me and take me out of the element of nature.

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Please, enforce the leash laws and start ticketing people!! I saw these intelligent dog owners using the park as their leash free dog park. My dogs were on-leash but I wanted to use the park. I gave plenty of clearance to these wonderful people. Then, one of their dogs felt the need to run over 150 yards from the area they were originally in to intrude on me and my two dogs. Great, now I have to worry about the encounter where my pitbull might be successful in ripping the lower jaw of some very smart dog. She almost was successful a few years back with a stray who insisted on the encounter despite being shooed away twice. I had to lift her 65 lbs off the other dog to save it.
all from becoming a bloody mess. So, very smart dog owners from some fantasy world, please keep your wonderful pet on the leash.

Just please focus on the enforcement of leash laws.

Leash law should be enforced and trash should be picked up especially in Blunn Creek by the swimming pool parking lot. A huge tree branch broke months ago and is causing a stinky mess below the parking lot. It looks like Live Oak St is going to collapse into the creek at the Eastside intersection. So much dirt and trash flows into the creek here, it should be dredged. A fence between the parking lot and creek would help contain the trash from getting into the creek.

Agree about off-leash problems. It would help to have more signs posted. Signs along Eastside Drive have been vandalized or removed. They were posted near the street curb and perhaps should also have been posted on the trail.

Not about West Austin Park specifically, but there is a serious lack of off leash dog parks in Austin. There are 4 in Boulder and all very well maintained. One is as large as the entirety of West Park in Clarksville. It gets busy in there at certain times of day and if there's too many dogs they get more easy aggravated and dog fights happen. If we had more and bigger areas I believe this would happens less.

The crossing of Enfield Road to the Johnson Creek trail, while improved recently, is still not great.

Homeless population is increasing.

It desperately needs litter clean-up especially because litter is getting into the neighboring creek.

There's not enough space for roller derby and pickleball, please help create adequate space for both.

Could use an enclosed off leash dog area. Many people let their dogs go off leash here and it causes problems with kids getting scared and also my dog who stays on leash gets rushed by other dogs. An enclosed area would make it easier to tell people to please only go off leash where it's allowed.

Enforce leash laws

Off-leash dogs are a problem in this park. It creates a dangerous situation when people have their dogs off-leash. Additionally, off-leash dogs damage the riparian efforts in the area and have also been seen chasing deer into oncoming traffic on nearby West Gate Blvd.

Ticket owners of off-leash dogs.

Disc golf is a growing sport that can be enjoyed by all ages.

There are often off-leash dogs on the trails. Either enforce law and establish off leash area

Dogs should be on leashes!
For all parks – PLEASE enforce leash laws. So many people with loose dogs.

Enforce leash laws and waste pick up

Imagine how it used to be and keep it as natural as possible. Do not like the benching of the creek that has been done in the past four years. Please, no paved trails.

Restrooms and showers need to be restored. There is currently a portable potty for use. The east side is always neglected by the City, but there are a lot of families with children who want to visit Zaragosa to swim and have family time.

Using the picnic area just south of Rosewood Ave is not an attractive proposition because it's poorly lit, and because folks experiencing homelessness often use the area to make camp.

Space at Shipe is pretty limited — the idea of permanently closing the stretch of Avenue G between 44th and 45th and connecting Shipe with the Elizabet Ney grounds is interesting! (I don't know how feasible this would be, but it comes up every so often…)

There are beautiful spots on Little Walnut Creek but to get to them you must pass through poison ivy. That's bad news.

needs a better playground that works for older children; Pool should offer evening swim lessons and team; Pool should be open longer;

Please fix the bathrooms

I think all parks should have bathrooms. I know they are expensive, are vandalized often, and are hard and expensive to maintain, but not having bathrooms really limit availability to play at a park for families with little ones. My boys have watered many trees at Wooten Park over the years due to no bathroom.

Until this year the burned out light bulbs of the lighted softball field of Gillis Park is never replaced for several years. I would like for PARD to check and replace burned out bulbs at least once a year.

Lighting was installed, but is so dim it is a shame that money was spent on it. The light from a 7-11 parking lot across the street is stronger than the actual in-park lighting. You can install brighter lights that point DOWN and still not violate the idea of being a dark-sky city.

We love Big/Little Stacy and use them often. Some improvement of existing facilities (playscape, basketball court) would be great. If the pool could be open through August, that would be huge. There are many beautiful natural areas in these parks, but I have noticed a general degradation through use by homeless people. Safety issues due to homeless camps and off-leash dogs are an increasing problem.

The park has homeless camps and so is mostly unusable for families

Make sure the trees don't die

Could also use some more trees /native plants
I do see a lot of “suspicious” activity around the park, and feel if people used the park more, the activity would cease.

8 months ago  

Needs cleaner/safer/better lit bathrooms

8 months ago  

Parks staff should be responsible for reporting and addressing issues such as broke bike and scooter removal. Also, removal of left over ad signage

8 months ago  

Shaded spaces

8 months ago  

it needs the invasive plants removed

8 months ago  

safety is issue in late afternoons evenings. homeless benches. experienced aggressive behavior from individuals while at kids playground (tracks? homeless camp rv park other side

8 months ago  

Pool renovations will be much needed and appreciated. Play equipment needs to be completely redone -- Ramsey park would be a good model to use.

8 months ago  

Whoever improved the bathrooms, thank you so much! Please keep the bathrooms at the current high standards. Perhaps re-installing a water fountain, by the bathrooms?

8 months ago  

Common Ford has been taken over by people. Drugs have kept us away.

8 months ago  

the pool is generally overcrowded and the summer hours are too short.

8 months ago  

We love Dottie Jordan, visit almost every day with dog and 2 year old. I wish there were crews to more frequently clean the grounds as there is often food waste and litter on the ground that makes the ants unbearable. For a period during the summer I couldn't stand still for more than 30 seconds without ants swarming my feet. I'm very disappointed in the Gaga Ball arena that was put in, seems incredibly pointless and a waste of space. The creek that runs through it is also always full of trash, but my husband enjoys fishing down there, I'd like to see it cleaned up and have better access down to the water.

8 months ago  

I think the closest park is Allen Park, but I didn't see it on the list. Nice to walk to with others, but too bedraggled to go on my own. Have seen people camping in the back....

8 months ago  

the hours can sometimes be all over the place and the City's website doesn't update with seasonal closures and such. For example, my son wanted to go play basketball during the Thanksgiving break but there was no info on the website as to which days they'd be closed and the hours they would be open.

8 months ago  

The Austin parks in general are usually pretty crowded which is a turn off for me

8 months ago  

good

6 months ago  

Has no sitting other than retainer wall and no tables.

6 months ago  

Need a monitored public park bathroom
improved playgrounds

Love it! (Gracywoods)

The Little Stacy Park would be a great place for food trailers weekend- one or two to bring people out to the park.

Dog Owners need to be respectful of the leash laws. That being said we also need more fenced in off leash areas for dogs. My dog isn't great with a recall so taking him to an open park like Zilker or Auditorium Shores isn't something that I'm comfortable with because he could easily run into the street. The only real off leash fenced in dog park anywhere near where I live is Norwood estate and it's pretty disgusting there. Would love to see more fenced in areas for off leash dogs for the safety of the dogs and the pedestrians around the park.

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The mosquitoes! AHHH-specifically at Kendra Page

Joslin Park needs more frequent monitoring for safety and cleanliness because of the nearby homelessness and drug use. :( enfor

enforce leash laws and post signs about being considerate (stay to right, don't block path, single file when passing is going on, etc)

little walnut creek is a gem in this city. as east austin revitalizes, we need the city parks to revitalize what's could be a great asset to the surrounding communities

Fenced in dog friendly areas.

Seems to lack restroom? Has some erosion issues?

More disc golf courses: they are cheap to build, maintain, and play! More splash pads. More fenced dog parks.
New community garden is a true asset for the community. Would be great to have access to school kitchen after school hours or on weekend to have cooking or canning and food preservation classes.
6 months ago

For all TRAILS-BAN SCOOTERS! On trails now on Ladybird Lake and saw NO PATROLS enforcing!
6 months ago

The bathroom facilities need to be fixed.
6 months ago

Neighbors actively volunteer to remove invasive, pick up litter, plant and mulch trees and create riparian areas. I take pride in maintaining my park (Rosewood).
6 months ago

The bathrooms need mirrors, cleanliness, access.
6 months ago

This is one of the oldest parks in Austin, and one of the most beautiful. It is always in use, and provides a real neighborhood focal point. There were little toddlers having a game day one afternoon and they were so cute - there are people visiting, having picnics, bringing their kids - my great-aunt swam there, my daughter learned to swim there (she is over 50 years old now). I swim in the pool now. It's not broke, so don't fix it.
6 months ago

The swing set has been broken for quite some time. I also hope that the swimming pool project is able to re-pave the parking lot as it badly needs it. Finally, some “nature” play ground equipment would be awesome! Something as simple as some berms that the kids can run on.
6 months ago

Armadillo Park - often see homeless
6 months ago

Could you please make the Brentwood park a makeover? It really could use it
6 months ago

Could use a trash can by the picnic table. People throw caps and cigarette butts on the ground all around the picnic table.
6 months ago

Not just the park but city as whole...we need more disc golf courses
6 months ago

Fenced playground for safety please.
6 months ago

There is a drainage issue with the tennis courts and they are constantly getting ruined. They get repaired but the underlying issue isn't addressed and they fall back into disrepair quickly.
6 months ago

It's next to a drainage run off and gas pipeline so it has a lot of green space. It's one of few park options for a large older neighborhood and in need of updating
6 months ago

Ramsey is a great park to bring kids to for the playground but I see older kids and adults walk and jog the perimeter on the street, it would be good to put a jogging track in for them to jog and walk
jog the perimeter on the street, it would be good to put a jogging track in for them to jog and walk on so they aren't on the street
6 months ago

Better lighting and enforcement of park rules such as off leash dogs and smoking
6 months ago

I would love for the southwest corner of Schroeder to be fenced as a dog park
6 months ago

Build the disc golf course.
6 months ago

make hiking trails at the park at the end of Steck
6 months ago

Provide more trash cans, enforce leash laws.
6 months ago

Connect the park to other parks with trails.
6 months ago

There are more dogs in this neighborhood than children so a small fenced-in dog park would be ideal next to the basketball court. I have a 5 year old son who outgrew both playscapes a few years ago. A lot of drug paraphernalia found on the ground that is dangerous for kids and dogs to find (we found several used needles). We've witnessed drug dealing in daylight, folks getting high in their cars. Homeless folks getting high at the park. We've also witnessed prostitution in the port a potty that is there permanently.
6 months ago

I don't often go to smaller parks because I live near bigger parks.
6 months ago

There's a lot of cool spaces along the creek that runs through. I'm not sure how feasible this is, but it would be cool to have trails that walk by the water's edge.
6 months ago

Enforce Leash Laws!
6 months ago

The dog walkers need to clean up after their pets. Using the provided bags, then leaving their used bags on the trail is not acceptable.
6 months ago

We miss our pool
6 months ago

Very much appreciate the current improvements to the cabin and pool
6 months ago

Dottie Jordan serves one of the most diverse areas of the city and is one of the few places we all come together regardless of income or background. It really is the heart of our neighborhood.
6 months ago

Ramsey is not close to my house, but is the closest. It is so small, many of the activities are not possible.
6 months ago

 Doesn't apply
6 months ago

NA
6 months ago
Monitor parks for dogs off leash pls
6 months ago

There are no parking spaces other than handicap. Otherwise it's not too bad for a pocket park.
6 months ago

It is very hot in the summer here. There needs to be water water based play feature at every park
6 months ago

Please protect its plant diversity. Think about reforestation. No new trees are growing naturally in the woods as it is being mowed.
6 months ago

I would love to see a water fountain at Gracywoods neighborhood park.
6 months ago

Each park should have off leash hour to accommodate the growing number of in Austin
6 months ago

Each park should have an off leash hour to accommodate the number of dogs in Austin. There are not enough off-leash dog parks.
6 months ago

Please enforce leash laws!
6 months ago

Our new community garden is wonderful and encourages neighbors to get to know one another while spending time outside.
6 months ago

Create a fenced-in off-leash dog area
6 months ago

I believe I covered Ellers Park pretty well in other comments. Regarding opening the upper park to the lower area nearer the dock, one reason given for the division is child safety. I don't understand this as the rest of the parks along the river do not require such division from the waters edge. Parents accompany their children to the park and should be held responsible here, as they are all along the lake, to keep an eye on them. This division dices the park up into small areas, decreasing natural flow that will make the park more attractive and better used by neighbors and the community. Recycling should be available in the park.
6 months ago

I'd love if someone could help with homeless camps at the park
6 months ago

The park actually includes the Deep Eddy Pool, the Community Gardens, the west side park, (which is currently under construction) next to UT student housing. There is wonderful opportunity to create a cohesive larger open park here encompassing all of these things. Working with UT along the West side to benefit the students/families in housing there, also creates a wonderful opportunity for collaboration and improvement. We would like to see more thought put to where utility lines go in this park (and all parks). This one in particular lost some it's park like feel when the lines and massive ramp were installed (without neighbors input -at the time). Let's not make these kinds of mistakes any more please!
6 months ago

The pool needs repairs at Patterson, but it is such a wonderful location for the summer recreational city swim team - so fun and magical, please preserve that possibility!
6 months ago

Public access to baseball fields at Bartholomew park.
6 months ago
Make it sustainable, clean, safe and designed with the intent to promote human health and well being. See the SITES v2 Rating System (Section 6)

We need more leash-free dog parks. There are NONE east of I 35. That's ridiculous.

More trash cans would be helpful

I agree w/ commenters below that leash laws should be enforced. Having adequate off leash areas decreases the incentive for dog owners to disobey the law

The historic structures are cool and the music studio is great. The park needs some love. Plant some trees, restore the creeks, add wildflower meadows with trails and signs that teach kids about insects.

Just be mindful about all built development. Keep parks green and natural.

Govalle park gives me access to the Walnut Creek bike trail which is one of my favorite parts of Austin.

Cyclists ruin Walnut Creek

Pollinator support and corridors to connect wildlife populations are what I’d like to see

Park is essentially undeveloped. It needs real, maintained trails, not just “social” trails through the grass and woods.

not enough parking

Would like to see posted speed limit signs (10mph but not many people know it) and “keep right except to pass” signs - all trail users should be aware that it’s multi-use with different modes moving at different speeds.

At times I feel unsafe at Joslin park as the homeless sleep or loiter here.

This park is pretty much perfect, and we are very fortunate to have a creek running through it. Its balance of nature to organized usage is great. My only complaint is the uncontrolled growth of invasive weeds like beggars lice and sumac. This is true of my all time favorite park Pease as well.

It needs more shade, especially over the playscape.

Leash laws. Not all dogs like other dogs coming up them. Not all people like dogs coming up to them.

Incredible lead volunteer with amazing dedication. having PARD keep helping sustain that lead energy is impt also for oard to have framework to continue to susoort the lead volunteers and
Energy is important for parks to help maintain and support the park volunteers and build up community organizers should they need to move out of town (or just take a breather).

Renovation of Ramsey Park was amazing!!! Only wish there was an off leash dog area.

The lines on the streets need to be stripped. Also a sign that reads no outlet at the entrance of the park.

Enforce leash laws.

Needs recycling center

Needs a recycling center

The small pond in back is hard to see from the street and has homeless people living there basically all the time.

The bathrooms really need to be updated and cleaned

It needs more events for all age groups. Obstacle course race would be awesome.

More my bike trails pls!

Please enforce leash laws. Owners who let their dogs off leash should face serious fines or another consequence that would prevent them from ruining the experience for dog owners who follow the rules and others who don’t have dogs.

Needs some TLC... tennis courts need to be resurfaced and the soccer field is very uneven and dangerous to run on.

Slaughter Creek Greenbelt needs new signs

NO MORE DOGS in our parks! They ruin the environment by overusing areas, unbalance the soil with too much dog poop, and make Ladybird lake unusable to humans. I don’t think we can turn back the clock after spending millions creating off leash swim areas with lovely oaks, etc., but let’s not make things worse.

People need to be responsible with their dogs, not only by having them on a leash but also by picking up after them. More parks need to have bags and disposal areas to keep areas clean. It would be helpful to have enforcement of these laws to keep everyone safe.

Deep Eddy pool gets too crowded in the summer. We need additional pools which are kept cool. The other pools in town are allowed to get so warm they are not enjoyable. Hence too many folks at Deep Eddy.

I love rollerblading and playing hockey. Obviously, it isn’t going to be quite feasible to put an actual ice rink somewhere but it would be awesome if there were a centrally located outdoor inline rink.
Some parking and a safer way down from the side street as it's kind of hard to get to if you don't live in the neighborhood

Not enough shade!

The neighborhood is itching to make this park a bigger part of their life (St. Elmo park). We need the city's help!

Parking is difficult at Ricky Guerrero. Unfortunately, it's the closest splash pad to us. There are no splash pads south of Oltorf. My family lives at Manchaca and Slaughter. I'm assuming there are a lot of families in south Austin who have to drive to splash pads. I wish there were more splash pads in south Austin.

Only to improve the natural grounds around it and not turn it into a golf course

Seriously. Off-leash is a problem. Pool needs updating and hours could be improved.

Agree that people letting their dogs run off-leash is a big problem. I would like clean bathrooms that are open. I would like no homeless people camping

A longer pool season sure would be nice. It would also be nice to have a bit more "hanging out" area around the pool (i.e. a larger fenced-in area), especially with some shade.

need to clean it more

Maybe a dog park with a water feature

The pool needs some serious help! Highly used, not a lot of shaded areas to sit, kiddie pool often closed. As the elementary school will undergo a huge project as part of the bond package, this playground is likely to get a lot of use over the next few years. Also - the restrooms need help too. A water-bottle filler would be awesome. Thank you!

Enforce leash laws!

Lots of folks let dogs run free. They are mostly well behaved but I worry if/when it will become a problem.

allow e-scooters access

The pool could use an upgrade and a longer season. It's crazy that it's not open in late August when it's needed the most.

We love Patterson Park. The only major issue is the restrooms and safety concerns at night. A multi use soccer field/baseball field would be great
Enforce no leash laws and no motorized vehicles allowed
6 months ago

It's a great space to walk our dog
6 months ago

It's oddly devoid of children in the mornings on the weekends. Low cost programming in sports, arts, or something might lure the neighborhood out. Wifi would help. Families could be outside doing a variety of activities. Ask the library to come out on Saturday morning with a selection of books. Make a pop-up reading room.
6 months ago

It's very popular, people are there all the time. I wish there weren't so many off-leash dogs in the area. The whole neighborhood has a huge problem with dogs running around. A lot of the kids in the park are afraid of dogs and so are my dogs.
6 months ago

I'd love to see better lighting for the basketball courts on Gillis and Clarkesville parks!
6 months ago

Adding the port a potty was a game changer. We use this park much more frequently now that it has a restroom facility.
6 months ago

I use the trail
6 months ago

Management of the park is getting better. I see workers cleaning up daily which is a big change from previous years. Please keep it up!
6 months ago

There is a drainage ditch that gets too muddy making access to the playground facilities impossible after rain.
6 months ago

Not much room but maybe a swing set would be nice
6 months ago

better enforcement of leash laws and non-smoking laws
6 months ago

I enjoy my neighborhood park and would like to see smooth & EZ Dance of Texas continue on Mondays & Wednesday!!!!
6 months ago

It's a nice little park. So is Palma Plaza!
6 months ago

Communicate and enforce dog-related rules for all parks in the system. Consistency and clear accountability practices will speak volumes to park users. If we want to keep dog spaces as a part of our recreation options, we have to be more responsible, courteous, and empathetic. I love dogs, but not everyone does. I love dogs, but not unclaimed pet waste. If you see it, pick it up. Be the person who sets the standard for great dog owner behavior.
6 months ago

Homeless are camping in the area, getting violent and leaving needles and trash everywhere. I don't enter the park without a means to defend myself.
7 months ago

If there were more areas in Austin (specifically the east side) that had decent off-leash areas for dogs, I think we could strike a balance. I want to respect people who don't feel comfortable with dogs off-leash, while offering my dog the ability to run and play like the playful animal he is.
7 months ago
There needs to be more native plants in the area. They aid the ground water flow to the aquifer and are better for the environment. More native pollinating plants need to be planted and maintained as well.

lighting for safety

7 months ago

We need bigger pools

7 months ago

pool

7 months ago

Please enforce leash laws-this is a small park and people let large, sometimes untrained dogs off leash all the time! This means I can't safely walk my dogs in the park, especially now that I have an infant.

7 months ago

This park is connected to my kids school, that's why they are there daily. For family recreation we go to Mayfield, Zilker or Dick Nichols.

7 months ago

Slaughter Creek Metro is beautiful but has a HORRIBLE parking lot - full of mud and major pot holes! There is drainage system - so it is a giant mess every time it rains!

7 months ago

Can't wait for the pools to open back up.

7 months ago

It is nice that it ties into Walnut Creek Metro. Park

7 months ago

Ricky Gerrero has one of the greatest splash pads in the City because it is so well shaded by trees. Please don't change anything about it!

7 months ago

Garrison Park has lots of good shade, the playground *could* be updated. In all parks, should designate an off-leash area and seriously enforce leash laws in other areas. Loose dogs are one of the main reasons why we don't go to parks as much as we want to. It's not enough that your dog is "friendly", leash free dogs are my kids terror

7 months ago

We need a City of Austin Recreation Center/Park in Del Valle since were annexed over 10 years ago and still have yet to have any City services besides Austin Energy, water and trash, and road service. The youth of my community don't have any place to go after school or anything to do on the weekends. They have to travel into 13 miles into Austin to get to the nearest gym.

7 months ago

It's pretty nice. Don't fill it up with too much programming. It needs a bathroom. Yucky port-a-potty.

7 months ago

Continued expert maintenance of the beautiful trees.

7 months ago

Addition of skate park utterly destroyed character of Mabel Davis

7 months ago

There is a pond there that has awesome potential for a wildlife observation deck but the pond and trail area around it needs some TLC for litter control.

7 months ago

Tennis courts could be converted into handball courts rather easily and economically

7 months ago
I really enjoy Covert Park at Mount Bonnell for the nice trail and the beautiful view. I recommend that parking spots at the bottom of the stairs need to be isolated/blocked off. People will park there and visitors cannot read the plaques that provide the history of the park. It also blocks people from taking photos in front of the plaques too.

Why was Mount Bonnell listed?

No other thoughts

A peaceful spot dedicated for meditation/inflection and/or yoga somewhat already exists; that being expanded would be lovely.

The pool should be open longer. Season is too short. This is a great park!

It needs bathroom facilities for people who live a little further away that walk over there, or for anybody who can’t get home quickly. It needs more swings and a larger playground. This park gets really crowded with kids sometimes! I’m very jealous of some of the amazing playgrounds they have in nearby towns just north of Austin.

Rosewood park could probably be better used. I’m not sure why more people don’t use it. It’s lovely. The amphitheater is almost never being used.

Lighting and safety are always a concern in this neighborhood. Maybe a police or security feature. This park is on a school property and the school houses a fairly large number of kids, but the playgrounds have been the most sparsely equipped among local schools.

It needs a new sign

We hate the sandbox! It’s well maintained but still just gross...

Too many dogs and doggie bags littering everywhere

I would use the Stillhouse Hollow park far more often if there was a place to park other than the few spots next to private homes - there is land at the entry where parking could be created for at least 8 vehicles.

Grand Meadow Park is completely neglected by the city. It has zero amenities and is not used at all. The city mows the field when the weeds get about 5 or 6 feet tall, usually about once a year....maybe twice.

Dog defecation is not nice. I am not against them but owners should clean up!
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Though this school has existed for decades the community at large does not know that this park is open to the public during non-school hours. Proper signage should be installed so they could become aware of its existence.

It needs pathways to to the play equipment in order for children with disabilities to access the play equipment.

It needs ADA ramps and concrete entrances at park to allow disabled children to access the park area at it's open gate areas.

This park is NOT AN OFF-LEASH PARK, yet people routinely have dogs off leash despite numerous signs posted at all entry points. Children from the school play in this park for recess and PE. They shouldn't have to stop and clean dog poop off their shoes while doing school activities! We need enforcement of this law on the weekends when dog owners are running their dogs off lease not picking up after them. I wonder how many families head to this park to use the playscape, see the off-lease dogs and fear for their children's safety, and simply leave to avoid the dogs. Please enforce the leash laws at this park. If an off-lease dog bites a child on the playscape, the city could be held liable because of the lax enforcement.

The basketball court needs to be re-engineered. It floods with mud and debris after every rain.

Problems that discourage my use include off-leash dogs, trash, and people sleeping on the picnic tables.

The pool is a major draw. Please open it every year

More off leash dog areas please

please enforce the leash rules and please update the city pools like the dicknichols pool

The playground needs to offer play structures for more ages. There are no baby swings but the structure is also boring for kids over 4. Underused space with MANY families nearby.

We need more shaded playscapes to enjoy during Texas summers.

Clean up after usage!!

Better maintained trails and upgrades to safety.

Over emphasis on serving dog owners in parks with inadequate parking. Dog owners should not be THE priority. Creating and keeping buffers that enhance a quiet nature experience is most important to me. I am very disappointed that instead of creating a world class art museumin a place that can accommodate crowds without forever changing quiet nature zones - Mayfield - the city wants to DESTROY what should be left as a nature preserve area by adding sidewalks and parking that will still be egregiously inadequate to a beautiful area like Laguna Gloria. I do not think turning it into badly an amusement park tells newcomers to Austin that we value protecting our wild spaces.

Homelessness is a REAL problem.
Honestly I don't use Sanchez very often. I live in zip code 78741 just south of East Riverside Drive and there are no pocket parks close to my home. The nearest one is in South Montopolis near 183 and is a difficult walk/bike ride due to heavy traffic on East Riverside Drive.

8 months ago

This park could be so much more!!! Help it and help us, we want to use it

8 months ago

Swede Hill Pocket Park is very small, but has six huge, gorgeous heritage trees. There is only enough room for maybe a community garden and a picnic table, but everyone uses it for dog walking, community gatherings, holidays celebrations, and the biannual tree mulching community APF event. It is well-loved, and highly used in our dense neighborhood.

8 months ago

Water fountain

8 months ago

We have a huge space at North Oaks park that is under utilized for the space and potential. We need to create a staple park and an amazing attraction for everyone as this neighborhood grows with families and active Austinites. Use the space #savethetrees

8 months ago

Need recycle and compost options at all parks, please.

8 months ago

People (mostly underage kids) drink alcohol and leave trash in the water and surrounding areas, I've started wearing water shoes because I've cut my feet so many times. I've also had to take my dog to the er vet due to cuts from glass and aluminum cans. I've called the police many times for littering, underage drinking, fighting, and fires and nothing ever happens and it's getting out of control.

8 months ago

Open northwest pool year round

8 months ago

Sanchez: soccer field is in horrible condition. And it's also too small for the number of people that want to play soccer. Often people play in the dark since there are no lights. The other patches of grass are also in bad condition with dangerous potholes.

8 months ago

I love the shades playground.

8 months ago

It's beautiful and requires more lighting.

8 months ago

My dogs have to have a place to run freely. They cannot get their energy out or enjoy their lives being walked around in a leash. They play for only 1-2 hours everyday and they need to hike and bound through trees and chase each other and swim and fetch. If there were more areas where this was allowed, maybe it would keep dog owners out of on-leash parks.

8 months ago

The grass sometimes is in need of cutting. The stickers get so bad you can barely walk through the grass.

8 months ago

Schroeter Park had 2 benches, I think they were damaged, both were taken down, one was replaced. Would be nice to get a second bench back please! :)

8 months ago

I love what the city is doing at Walnut Creek. Connecting it to other parks with trails, making it
accessible, etc. I also love the pool. I really wish it was easier to access for pedestrians but this city has a long way to go to get away from oil & gas-friendly city planning and transportation.

8 months ago

All indoor gyms should include wall clocks.

8 months ago

Doss park is a great example of a school park that's well maintained (by Austin standards) with a diversity of activities. It's this way because of the PTA at this school but it's also a good example of where a partnership with the community can pay dividends.

8 months ago

Would like to see a park built north of Shoreline along 1325, far north Austin.

8 months ago

Butler shores should be designated an official off leash park in a certain area- it's already respectfully used as such by those in the neighborhood. We always clean up after ourselves, and even do our part in keeping issues with crime & homelessness down to a minimim

8 months ago

Though improving, the unruly nature of the grounds. Take a native prairie landscape and manicure it and educate the public by setting an example.

8 months ago

no dog off leash area. everyone lets their dogs off leash, myself included, because it seems unfair to the pets given the large size of the open lawn and trails. all it takes is one person who does not want off leash dogs to say something, which they are correct to point out, and have an unpleasant conversation. most do not care. make longview an off leash park.

8 months ago

Leash law enforcement

8 months ago

restrict areas where dogs (off leash or on leash) are allowed. My tax dollars should not be disproportionately used to subsidize space for other people's pets.

8 months ago

Improve the pool? It's so hot most of the year, so I think pools should be a top priority.

8 months ago

Blunn Creek is polluted. It has a sewer line running under it. The water often has a strong odor after rain.

8 months ago

Needs wildlife support (unimpacted nature zones for native plants, pollination, etc).

8 months ago

Barrington is designated as a green school park and is set for park improvements in 2019 thanks to a generous grant from Austin Parks Foundation.

8 months ago

Each park should have off leash hours. Why do I have to drive away from my community to have access to off leash time. So I recommend that each park have an AM peak of leash hours and a PM peak time off leash hours.

8 months ago

The Brentwood/Crestview neighborhoods Adopt-a-Park group has been instrumental in adding amenities to our park. BRAVO

8 months ago

Need Recreation Center at Govalle Park

8 months ago

We need Recreation Center at Govalle Park

8 months ago
There's not much space for anything at this park beyond the playscape and pool. It really should be in a different location considering that it's across the street from the elementary school. Continued building is destroying the natural spaces around the community. 8 months ago

Enforce leash laws! 8 months ago

no more paved trails. no scooters/e-bikes! enforce leash and picking up pet waste laws, PLEASE PLEASE. clean up homeless camps (dangerous and unsightly). 8 months ago

Needs bathroom access on the weekends. Not great for a family playground that no bathroom facilities are available. 8 months ago

A permanent bathroom instead of a port-a-potty in the parking lot would improve curb appeal. There's also been a large pile of un-used mulch sitting in the corner of the parking lot for 3-4 months. The most unsightly thing about Dottie Jordan is the presence of trash and debris in the creek bed that runs next to it. 8 months ago

The creek was a highlight but the no mow policy has made it inaccessible due to thick poison ivy, which also encroaches the trail. Plus, the creek is frequently filled with trash. 8 months ago

native plants are at risk due to ligustrum and other invasive trees. Volunteer groups can only remove the super small ligustrum but the large ligustrum make berries and shade out undergrowth. Would be nice if there was more of a forestry budget to deal with invasive plants on a professional level. 8 months ago

I love off leash parks and wish we had more. We use Walnut Creek often because it has many trails for our dogs to explore. 8 months ago

We go to this park because the parks in our east austin neighborhood are run down, old and unsafe (homeless issues). 8 months ago

Some neighbors have been working in this park for YEARS. Seemingly by themselves. We always pass the park bonds, but this park never seems to get any of the money. 8 months ago

Please repair the trail where it was washed out at Lamar and 26th street 8 months ago

The Grove is not accessible walking from the north or east. 8 months ago

Mary Moore Searight really needs the one mile trail loop to be repaved. 8 months ago

Dick Nichols is a busy Park and should the city decide to improve tennis courts, they would not be underutilized. 8 months ago

Either enforce leash, aggressively or close the park to all dogs. Strict enforcement over a 30-day period (longer if necessary) should show dramatic improvement. Get serious about this! 8 months ago

Additional patrol during evening hours would be very helpful. There are often people who sleep at the park. 8 months ago

The recent changes are very nice. I'd like to see the stage upgraded so more community groups take advantage of the space
Too many dogs, leash law never enforced

It gets completely overgrown

Real Spring!

This park should be renovated soonest.

I want to agree with others who have commented about the problems with off leash dogs. I have two dogs and would love to have them run all the time, but their frolicking can cause real problems for folks with small children, older people and just anyone trying to have a relaxing time in a park, with or without their dog. More education and enforcement is needed, please

This is a great park; meets many varied needs.

Brentwood park could use an off-leash, fenced-in dog area. I suggest the field in the northeast corner near Arroyo Seco.

It's sooo lacking in beauty. There's wonderful trees but no plantings and just the smallest playground. Also, since it's at a school it's not accessible during the day.

Dog owners let their dogs walk free through the playground area. My children are terrified of dogs and this makes them feel unsafe. Dog owners always get angry when anyone suggests they follow the rules about keeping their dogs on leash

We need more areas where dogs are permitted off-leash. Allowing this will increase compliance in areas where dogs are not allowed off-leash.

More play structures for elementary aged kids

Metz has been the home of Austin Bike Polo Social Club for many years and is currently in a dilapidated condition. At times the court is unsafe for us to use due to the uneven surfaces and light poles.

I've only gone because of a lack of accessible alternatives.

sadly parks associated with schools are off-limits when the school term active which makes them not assessable most of the year for not school attendees. They hardly count as parks for all members of our community. So during most of the year starting at 7:30 am to about 7:30pm the public cannot use the space

Austin is a dog friendly city, so more off-leash areas are needed.

Rollerderby

Park improvement plans in the works - just need funding!
Park improvement plans in the works, just need funding!
8 months ago

It's pretty perfect the way it is
8 months ago

Please provide more skate spots!
8 months ago

Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt if developed with the necessary amenities to make it accessible and usable would be an incredible addition to the parks resources in the city of Austin.
8 months ago

Would benefit from an off-leash area.
8 months ago

It can be challenging and not always safe to play roller derby when other activities are also allowed within feet of the derby track. If there is any way to provide a cover to this park (like the cover at Metz for basketball) that would be very helpful and allow better access when it rains as well as safer in the summer heat.
8 months ago

Please repair the paved hike and bike trail in Mary Moore Searight Park.
8 months ago

We need more dedicated space for roller sports in general, in a central Austin location.
8 months ago

The grass is usually in poor condition
8 months ago

This would be due to soil compaction because of overuse. Off-leash dogs are a cause of the problem.
8 months ago

Needs a bathroom
8 months ago

The St. Elmo school park just needs some more love. It's fine as is. BUT some more dog mitts, and opening it up to a rail trail would be nice to see.
8 months ago

I love how it expands the schoolgrounds and vice versa.
8 months ago

Kids need to be kept on leash
8 months ago

A covering for the roller derby track would be great!
8 months ago

Would love the tracks for Rollerderby to be covered so that we are protected from the elements when we use the space
8 months ago

No lighting at night. Safety concerns because of several robberies.
8 months ago

It is a neighborhood park designed for children. It does not encourage adult use. It is very close to Williamson Creek, but there is no walking trail to get you there.
8 months ago
needs landscaping
8 months ago

Roller Derby is valued! Create spaces for community and youth sport
8 months ago

Creek crossing is a major problem
8 months ago

Please create a small parking lot - there is no parking at all.
8 months ago

McBeth Rec parking area has overgrown brush creeping into the parking lot. The facility needs to be updated and a gym floor put in. The roads are not well maintained up to McBeth. Many with special needs need a more stable road for transport. Also operating hours on the weekends.
8 months ago

There was a car accident near the park while I was running and one of the cars drove onto the sidewalk which is a part of running trail. I was so close to where it happens, missed by less than a minute luckily. I still go there for running but feel uncomfortable.
8 months ago

It's a valued meeting place for mothers and grandmothers caring for toddlers. It's accessible from a walking/biking route to the side of the road. I would like to see a slower speed limit along this area.
8 months ago

Park is usually taken over by soccer players and there is no field for soccer
8 months ago

Mary Moore Searight needs some trail maintenance, especially after heavy rains. The trails for biking and walking can get pretty rough.
8 months ago

Might be nice to add a historical/environmental panel of the area describing the ancestral use and geological/ecological setting
8 months ago

It needs to be kept mowed and trimmed as it can get a bit too snaky when unkempt. Coyotes infest the large drains in the area, too.
8 months ago

I'd like for part of the park to be designated off leash.
8 months ago

there is a multi-purpose court in Metz park that is in bad shape. the surface is crumbling and it really needs to be completely fenced off. basketballs from the basketball court come into the multi-purpose court and vice-versa. it's kinda dangerous.
8 months ago

It's probably overused thanks to a shortage of parks in the area.
8 months ago

For all parks – PLEASE enforce leash laws. So many people with loose dogs who are not trained pose a threat to those of us with dogs on leashes, who love to enjoy our parks on a walk. I see that many want more off-leash areas. Perhaps this would help - create fenced, off leash places for them to run so that, hopefully, more dog owners will keep their dogs ON a leash where the rest of us are walking with our leashed dogs. This is a dangerous situation. I am an utmost dog lover, this is nothing against dogs. But even well trained dogs will often react when a stranger dog runs up to them while on a leash. In areas where this is not permitted, the pervasiveness of this keeps us from going to and enjoying our beautiful parks. Thank you.
I say to each park should have a few off leash hours a day.

That's an awesome idea

Dedicate day or time for off leash, dedicate some day or time for no bike of any sort.

People already don't pay attention or respect which parks are on-leash only, or which sections of parks are on-leash only. Making off-leash at certain hours would make it even worse. I support off-leash enclosures (good size) but leash-only in all the trails. I know, a few unruly dog owners ruined it for the rest of us.

Absolutely! I was attacked by an off leash dog while on my bicycle. It bit my shoelace and I crashed. His owner just called him away and went off. There should only be certain parks or certain areas where off-leash is permitted. This should be enforced.

Amen

Dog owners frequently blatantly disregard dog leash laws without recognizing that they are being disrespectful to other park users. Dog owners are also frequently quite confident that their dogs are "friendly" without realizing that they have no control over their animals in unpredictable situations. If a dog owner does not have verbal command over their pet, they have NO business letting their dogs off leash in our increasingly congested multiuse parks. We can be a dog-friendly city, but people who have dogs need to respond by being responsible and respectful pet owners.

I would appreciate it if dog owners would leash their dogs in parks where it was posted to do so as well as picking up pet droppings. There is an off-leash area of Mary Moore Searight Park.

Agree with other comments that dog owners need to abide by rules and use leashes and pick up after their pets. And not get all defensive if anyone points out the law to them.

off-leash dogs are a major deterrent to enjoying my neighborhood parks

Enforcement of leash laws and for owners to pick up their animals waste and dispose of it properly.

Off-leash dogs are incredibly dangerous at WC. Owners disregard posted signs about on leash areas, don't pick up after their dogs, & frequently fail to control their pets. I've seen TWO cyclists but by aggressive off-leash dogs in the past 6 months.

Off-leash dogs are sometimes terrifying and dangerous to kids who are afraid of them, including my son, who is uncomfortable with ANY dog to approaching him, friendly or not. Off-leash, free-roaming dogs basically make parks inaccessible to him.

All parks need enforcement of leash laws

Fine people who do not pick up after their pets.

Please enforce leash laws!!

Please don't allow those annoying electric scooters on the trail! That will ruin it for me and take me out of the element of nature.
I heartily agree with the comments on leash laws. It comes down to a matter of enforcement, perhaps there needs to be park rangers who can occasionally visit all parks to help enforce litter, dog leash, and motorized vehicle rules.

8 months ago

Please enforce leash laws.

8 months ago

For all parks, leash laws need to be enforced. I have quit going to most parks because of inconsiderate owners who don’t respect leash laws and are usually not even paying attention to their dogs.

7 months ago

Please, enforce the leash laws and start ticketing people!! I saw these intelligent dog owners using the park as their leash free dog park. My dogs were on-leash but I wanted to use the park. I gave plenty of clearance to these wonderful people. Then, one of their dogs felt the need to run over 150 yards from the area they were originally in to intrude on me and my two dogs. Great, now I have to worry about the encounter where my pitbull might be successful in ripping the lower jaw of some very smart dog. She almost was successful a few years back with a stray who insisted on the encounter despite being shooed away twice. I had to lift her 65 lbs off the other dog to save it all from becoming a bloody mess. So, very smart dog owners from some fantasy world, please keep your wonderful pet on the leash.

8 months ago

Just please focus on the enforcement of leash laws.

8 months ago

Leash law should be enforced and trash should be picked up especially in Blunn Creek by the swimming pool parking lot. A huge tree branch broke months ago and is causing a stinky mess below the parking lot. It looks like Live Oak St is going to collapse into the creek at the Eastside intersection. So much dirt and trash flows into the creek here, it should be dredged. A fence between the parking lot and creek would help contain the trash from getting into the creek.

8 months ago

Agree about off-leash problems. It would help to have more signs posted. Signs along Eastside Drive have been vandalized or removed. They were posted near the street curb and perhaps should also have been posted on the trail.

8 months ago

Not about West Austin Park specifically, but there is a serious lack of off leash dog parks in Austin. There are 4 in Boulder and all very well maintained. One is as large as the entirety of West Park in Clarksville. It gets busy in there at certain times of day and if there's too many dogs they get more easy aggravated and dog fights happen. If we had more and bigger areas I believe this would happens less.

7 months ago

The crossing of Enfield Road to the Johnson Creek trail, while improved recently, is still not great.

8 months ago

Homeless population is increasing.

8 months ago

It desperately needs litter clean-up especially because litter is getting into the neighboring creek.

8 months ago

There's not enough space for roller derby and pickleball, please help create adequate space for both.

8 months ago

Could use an enclosed off leash dog area. Many people let their dogs go off leash here and it causes problems with kids getting scared and also my dog who stays on leash gets rushed by other dogs. An enclosed area would make it easier to tell people to please only go off leash where
Enforce leash laws
6 months ago

Off-leash dogs are a problem in this park. It creates a dangerous situation when people have their dogs off-leash. Additionally, off-leash dogs damage the riparian efforts in the area and have also been seen chasing deer into oncoming traffic on nearby West Gate Blvd.
6 months ago

Ticket owners of off-leash dogs.
6 months ago

Disc golf is a growing sport that can be enjoyed by all ages.
6 months ago

There are often off-leash dogs on the trails. Either enforce law and establish off leash area
7 months ago

Dogs should be on leashes!
7 months ago

For all parks—PLEASE enforce leash laws. So many people with loose dogs
7 months ago

Enforce leash laws and waste pick up
7 months ago

Imagine how it used to be and keep it as natural as possible. Do not like the benching of the creek that has been done in the past four years. Please, no paved trails.
8 months ago

Restrooms and showers need to be restored. There is currently a portable potty for use. The east side is always neglected by the City, but there are a lot of families with children who want to visit Zaragosa to swim and have family time.
8 months ago

Using the picnic area just south of Rosewood Ave is not an attractive proposition because it’s poorly lit, and because folks experiencing homelessness often use the area to make camp
8 months ago

Space at Shipe is pretty limited — the idea of permanently closing the stretch of Avenue G between 44th and 45th and connecting Shipe with the Elizabet Ney grounds is interesting! (I don’t know how feasible this would be, but it comes up every so often…)
8 months ago

There are beautiful spots on Little Walnut Creek but to get to them you must pass through poison ivy. That’s bad news.
8 months ago

needs a better playground that works for older children; Pool should offer evening swim lessons and team; Pool should be open longer;
8 months ago

Please fix the bathrooms
8 months ago

I think all parks should have bathrooms. I know they are expensive, are vandalized often, and are hard and expensive to maintain, but not having bathrooms really limit availability to play at a park for families with little ones. My boys have watered many trees at Wooten Park over the years due to no bathroom.
8 months ago
Until this year the burned out light bulbs of the lighted softball field of Gillis Park is never replaced for several years. I would like for PARD to check and replace burned out bulbs at least once a year.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Lighting was installed, but is so dim it is a shame that money was spent on it. The light from a 7-11 parking lot across the street is stronger than the actual in-park lighting. You can install brighter lights that point DOWN and still not violate the idea of being a dark-sky city.

8 months ago

1 Agree

We love Big/Little Stacy and use them often. Some improvement of existing facilities (playscape, basketball court) would be great. If the pool could be open through August, that would be huge. There are many beautiful natural areas in these parks, but I have noticed a general degradation through use by homeless people. Safety issues due to homeless camps and off-leash dogs are an increasing problem.

8 months ago

1 Agree

The park has homeless camps and so is mostly unusable for families

8 months ago

1 Agree

Make sure the trees don’t die

8 months ago

1 Agree

Could also use some more trees /native plants

8 months ago

1 Agree

I do see a lot of “suspicious” activity around the park, and feel if people used the park more, the activity would cease.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Needs cleaner/safer/better lit bathrooms

8 months ago

1 Agree

Parks staff should be responsible for reporting and addressing issues such as broke bike and scooter removal. Also, removal of left over ad signage

8 months ago

1 Agree

Shaded spaces

8 months ago

1 Agree

it needs the invasive plants removed

8 months ago

1 Agree

safety is issue in late afternoons evenings. homeless benches. experienced aggressive behavior from individuals while at kids playground (tracks? homeless camp rv park other side

8 months ago

1 Agree

Pool renovations will be much needed and appreciated. Play equipment needs to be completely redone -- Ramsey park would be a good model to use.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Whoever improved the bathrooms, thank you so much! Please keep the bathrooms at the current high standards. Perhaps re-installing a water fountain, by the bathrooms?

8 months ago

1 Agree

Common Ford has been taken over by people. Drugs have kept us away.

8 months ago

1 Agree

the pool is generally overcrowded and the summer hours are too short.

8 months ago

1 Agree

We love Dottie Jordan, visit almost every day with dog and 2 year old. I wish there were crews to more frequently clean the grounds as there is often food waste and liter on the ground that makes the ants unbearable. For a period during the summer I couldn't stand still for more than 30 seconds without ants swarming my feet. I'm very disappointed in the Gaga Ball arena that was put in, seems incredibly pointless and a waste of space. The creek that runs through it is also...
Always full of trash, but my husband enjoys fishing down there, I'd like to see it cleaned up and have better access down to the water.

I think the closest park is Allen Park, but I didn't see it on the list. Nice to walk to with others, but too bedraggled to go on my own. Have seen people camping in the back....

The hours can sometimes be all over the place and the City's website doesn't update with seasonal closures and such. For example, my son wanted to go play basketball during the Thanksgiving break but there was no info on the website as to which days they'd be closed and the hours they would be open.

The Austin parks in general are usually pretty crowded which is a turn off for me.

Good

Has no sitting other than retainer wall and no tables.

Need a monitored public park bathroom

Improved playgrounds

Love it! (Gracywoods)

The Little Stacy Park would be a great place for food trailers weekend- one or two to bring people out to the park.

Dog Owners need to be respectful of the leash laws. That being said we also need more fenced in off leash areas for dogs. My dog isn't great with a recall so taking him to an open park like Zilker or Auditorium Shores isn't something that I'm comfortable with because he could easily run into the street. The only real off leash fenced in dog park anywhere near where I live is Norwood estate and it's pretty disgusting there. Would love to see more fenced in areas for off leash dogs for the safety of the dogs and the pedestrians around the park.

Dog owners need to respect off leash laws, and I think we should have more fenced in off leash areas. My dog isn't great with the ca

Pastor Edward Clarence Park would love to see community garden area and more edible/ native trees/ shrubs etc.

Dittmar has water feature turned off a lot in the summer months

The restroom needs attention.

The mosquitoes! AHHH-specifically at Kendra Page
Joslin Park needs more frequent monitoring for safety and cleanliness because of the nearby homelessness and drug use. :-(
6 months ago

enforce leash laws and post signs about being considerate (stay to right, don't block path, single file when passing is going on, etc)
6 months ago

little walnut creek is a gem in this city. as east austin revitalizes, we need the city parks to revitalize what's could be a great asset to the surrounding communities
6 months ago

Fenced in dog friendly areas.
6 months ago

Seems to lack restroom? Has some erosion issues?
6 months ago

More disc golf courses: they are cheap to build, maintain, and play! More splash pads. More fenced dog parks.
6 months ago

New community garden is a true asset for the community. Would be great to have access to school kitchen after school hours or on weekend to have cooking or canning and food preservation classes.
6 months ago

For all TRAILS-BAN SCOOTERS! On trails now on Ladybird Lake and saw NO PATROLS enforcing!
6 months ago

The bathroom facilities need to be fixed.
6 months ago

Neighbors actively volunteer to remove invasive, pick up litter, plant and mulch trees and create riparian areas. I take pride in maintaining my park (Rosewood).
6 months ago

The bathrooms need mirrors, cleanliness, access.
6 months ago

This is one of the oldest parks in Austin, and one of the most beautiful. It is always in use, and provides a real neighborhood focal point. There were little toddlers having a game day one afternoon and they were so cute - there are people visiting, having picnics, bringing their kids - my great-aunt swam there, my daughter learned to swim there (she is over 50 years old now). I swim in the pool now. It's not broke, so don't fix it.
6 months ago

The swing set has been broken for quite some time. I also hope that the swimming pool project is able to re-pave the parking lot as it badly needs it. Finally, some "nature" play ground equipment would be awesome! Something as simple as some berms that the kids can run on.
6 months ago

Armadillo Park - often see homeless
6 months ago

Play
6 months ago

6 months ago
Could you please make the Brentwood park a makeover? It really could use it
6 months ago

Could use a trash can by the picnic table. People throw caps and cigarette butts on the ground all around the picnic table.
6 months ago

Not just the park but city as whole...we need more disc golf courses
6 months ago

Fenced playground for safety please.
6 months ago

There is a drainage issue with the tennis courts and they are constantly getting ruined. They get repaired but the underlying issue isn't addressed and they fall back into disrepair quickly.
6 months ago

It's next to a drainage run off and gas pipeline so it has a lot of green space. It's one of few park options for a large older neighborhood and in need of updating
6 months ago

Ramsey is a great park to bring kids to for the playground but I see older kids and adults walk and jog the perimeter on the street, it would be good to put a jogging track in for them to jog and walk on so they aren't on the street
6 months ago

Better lighting and enforcement of park rules such a off leash dogs and smoking
6 months ago

I would love for the southwest corner of Schroeder to be fenced as a dog park
6 months ago

Build the disc golf course.
6 months ago

make hiking trails at the park at the end of Steck
6 months ago

Provide more trash cans, enforce leash laws.
6 months ago

Connect the park to other parks with trails.
6 months ago

There are more dogs in this neighborhood than children so a small fenced-in dog park would be ideal next to the basketball court. I have a 5 year old son who outgrew both playscapes a few years ago. A lot of drug paraphernalia found on the ground that is dangerous for kids and dogs to find (we found several used needles). We've witnessed drug dealing in daylight, folks getting high in their cars. Homeless folks getting high at the park. We've also witnessed prostitution in the port a potty that is there permanently.
6 months ago

I don't often go to smaller parks because I live near bigger parks.
6 months ago

There's a lot of cool spaces along the creek that runs through. I'm not sure how feasible this is, but it would be cool to have trails that walk by the water's edge.
6 months ago

Enforce Leash Laws!
6 months ago
The dog walkers need to clean up after their pets. Using the provided bags, then leaving their used bags on the trail is not acceptable.

We miss our pool

Very much appreciate the current improvements to the cabin and pool

Dottie Jordan serves one of the most diverse areas of the city and is one of the few places we all come together regardless of income or background. It really is the heart of our neighborhood.

Ramsey is not close to my house, but is the closest. It is so small, many of the activities are not possible.

Doesn't apply

NA

Monitor parks for dogs off leash pls

There are no parking spaces other than handicap. Otherwise it's not too bad for a pocket park.

It is very hot in the summer here. There needs to be water water based play feature at every park

Please protect its plant diversity. Think about reforestation. No new trees are growing naturally in the woods as it is being mowed.

I would love to see a water fountain at Gracywoods neighborhood park.

each park should have off leash dog park hours to accommodate the growing number of in Austin

Each park should have an off leash hours to accommodate the number of dogs in Austin. There are not enough off-leash dog parks.

Please enforce leash laws!

Our new community garden is wonderful and encourages neighbors to get to know one another while spending time outside.

Create a fenced-in off-leash dog area

I believe I covered Ellers Park pretty well in other comments. Regarding opening the upper park to the lower area nearer the dock, one reason given for the division is child safety. I don't understand this as the rest of the parks along the river do not require such division from the waters edge. Parents accompany their children to the park and should be held responsible here.
Parents accompany their children to the park and should be held responsible here, as they are all along the lake, to keep an eye on them. This division dices the park up into small areas, decreasing natural flow that will make the park more attractive and better used by neighbors and the community. Recycling should be available in the park.

The park actually includes the Deep Eddy Pool, the Community Gardens, the west side park, (which is currently under construction) next to UT student housing. There is wonderful opportunity to create a cohesive larger open park here encompassing all of these things. Working with UT along the West side to benefit the students/families in housing there, also creates a wonderful opportunity for collaboration and improvement. We would like to see more thought put to where utility lines go in this park (and all parks). This one in particular lost some it's park like feel when the lines and massive ramp were installed (without neighbors input -at the time). Let's not make these kinds of mistakes any more please!

the pool needs repairs at Patterson, but it is such a wonderful location for the summer recreational city swim team - so fun and magical. please preserve that possibility!

Public access to baseball fields at Bartholomew Park.

Make it sustainable, clean, safe and designed with the intent to promote human health and well being. See the SITES v2 Rating System (Section 6)

We need more leash-free dog parks. There are NONE east of I 35. That's ridiculous.

More trash cans would be helpful

I agree w/ commenters below that leash laws should be enforced. Having adequate off leash areas decreases the incentive for dog owners to disobey the law

The historic structures are cool and the music studio is great. The park needs some love. Plant some trees, restore the creeks, add wildflower meadows with trails and signs that teach kids about insects.

Just be mindful about all built development. Keep parks green and natural.

Govalle park gives me access to the Walnut Creek bike trail which is one of my favorite parts of Austin.

Cyclists ruin Walnut Creek

Pollinator support and corridors to connect wildlife populations are what I'd like to see

Park is essentially undeveloped. It needs real, maintained trails, not just "social" trails through the grass and woods.
not enough parking
6 months ago

Would like to see posted speed limit signs (10mph but not many people know it) and "keep right except to pass" signs - all trail users should be aware that it's multi-use with different modes moving at different speeds.
6 months ago

At times I feel unsafe at Joslin park as the homeless sleep or loiter here.
6 months ago

This park is pretty much perfect, and we are very fortunate to have a creek running through it. Its balance of nature to organized usage is great. My only complaint is the uncontrolled growth of invasive weeds like beggars lice and sumac. This is true of my all time favorite park Pease as well.
6 months ago

It needs more shade, especially over the playscape.
6 months ago

Leash laws. Not all dogs like other dogs coming up them. Not all people like dogs coming up to them.
6 months ago

Incredible lead volunteer with amazing dedication. having PARD keep helping sustain that lead energy is mt. also for pard to have framework to continue to support the lead volunteers and build back up community organizers should they need to move out of town (or just take a breather)
6 months ago

Renovation of Ramsey park was amazing!!! Only wish there was an off leash dog area.
6 months ago

The lines on the streets need be stripped. Also a sign that reads no outlet at the entrance of the park.
6 months ago

Enforce leash laws.
6 months ago

Needs recycling center
6 months ago

Needs a recycling center
6 months ago

The small pond in back is hard to see from the street and has homeless people living there basically all the time.
6 months ago

The bathrooms really need to be updated and cleaned
6 months ago

It needs more events for all age groups. Obstacle course race would be awesome
6 months ago

More my bike trails pls!
6 months ago

Please enforce leash laws. Owners who let their dogs off leash should face serious fines or another consequence that would prevent them from ruining the experience for dog owners who follow the rules and others who don't have dogs.
6 months ago
needs some TLC... tennis courts need to be resurfaced and the soccer field is very uneven and dangerous to run on.

Slaughter Creek Greenbelt needs new signs

NO MORE DOGS in our parks! they ruin the environment by overusing areas, unbalance the soil with too much dog poop, and make Ladybird lake unusable to humans. I don't think we can turn back the clock after spending millions creating off leash swim areas with lovely oaks, etc., but lets not make things worse.

People need to be responsible with their dogs, not only by having them on a leash but also by picking up after them. More parks needs to have bags and disposal areas to keep areas clean. It would be helpful to have enforcement of these laws to keep everyone safe.

Deep Eddy pool gets too crowded in the summer. We need additional pools which are kept cool. The other pools in town are allowed to get so warm they are not enjoyable. Hence too many folks at Deep Eddy.

I love rollerblading and playing hockey. Obviously, it isn't going to be quite feasible to put an actual ice rink somewhere but it would be awesome if there were a centrally located outdoor inline rink.

Some parking and a safer way down from the side street as it's kind of hard to get to if you don't live in the neighborhood

Not enough shade!

The neighborhood is itching to make this park a bigger part of their life (St. Elmo park). We need the city's help!

Parking is difficult at Ricky Guerrero. Unfortunately, it's the closest splash pad to us. There are no splash pads south of Oltorf. My family lives at Manchaca and Slaughter. I'm assuming there are a lot of families in south Austin who have to drive to splash pads. I wish there were more splash pads in south Austin.

Only to improve the natural grounds around it and not turn it into a golf course

Seriously. Off-leash is a problem. Pool needs updating and hours could be improved.

Nope

Agree that people letting their dogs run off-leash is a big problem. I would like clean bathrooms that are open. I would like no homeless people camping

A longer pool season sure would be nice. It would also be nice to have a bit more "hanging out" area around the pool (i.e. a larger fenced-in area), especially with some shade.

need to clean it more

Maybe a dog park with a water feature
The pool needs some serious help! Highly used, not a lot of shaded areas to sit, kiddie pool often closed. As the elementary school will undergo a huge project as part of the bond package, this playground is likely to get a lot of use over the next few years. Also - the restrooms need help too. A water-bottle filler would be awesome. Thank you!

Enforce leash laws!

Lots of folks let dogs run free. They are mostly well behaved but I worry if/when it will become a problem.

allow e-scooters access

The pool could use an upgrade and a longer season. It’s crazy that it’s not open in late August when it’s needed the most.

We love Patterson Park. The only major issue is the restrooms and safety concerns at night. A multi use soccer field/baseball field would be great

Enforce no leash laws and no motorized vehicles allowed

It’s a great space to walk our dog

It’s oddly devoid of children in the mornings on the weekends. Low cost programming in sports, arts, or something might lure the neighborhood out. Wifi would help. Families could be outside doing a variety of activities. Ask the library to come out on Saturday morning with a selection of books. Make a pop-up reading room.

It’s very popular, people are there all the time. I wish there weren’t so many off-leash dogs in the area. The whole neighborhood has a huge problem with dogs running around. A lot of the kids in the park are afraid of dogs and so are my dogs.

I’d love to see better lighting for the basketball courts on Gillis and Clarkesville parks!

Adding the port a potty was a game changer. We use this park much more frequently now that it has a restroom facility.

I use the trail

Management of the park is getting better. I see workers cleaning up daily which is a big change from previous years. Please keep it up!

There is a drainage ditch that gets too muddy making access to the playground facilities impossible after rain.

Not much room but maybe a swing set would be nice

better enforcement of leash laws and non-smoking laws
I enjoy my neighborhood park and would like to see smooth & EZ Dance of Texas continue on Mondays & Wednesday!!!!

It's a nice little park. So is Palma Plaza!

Communicate and enforce dog-related rules for all parks in the system. Consistency and clear accountability practices will speak volumes to park users. If we want to keep dog spaces as a part of our recreation options, we have to be more responsible, courteous, and empathetic. I love dogs, but not everyone does. I love dogs, but not unclaimed pet waste. If you see it, pick it up. Be the person who sets the standard for great dog owner behavior.

Homeless are camping in the area, getting violent and leaving needles and trash everywhere. I don't enter the park without a means to defend myself.

If there were more areas in Austin (specifically the east side) that had decent off leash areas for dogs, I think we could strike a balance. I want to respect people who don't feel comfortable with dogs off-leash, while offering my dog the ability to run and play like the playful animal he is.

There needs to be more native plants in the area. They aid the ground water flow to the aquifer and are better for the environment. More native pollinating plants need to be planted and maintained as well.

We need bigger pools

Please enforce leash laws-this is a small park and people let large, sometimes untrained dogs off leash all the time! This means I can't safely walk my dogs in the park, especially now that I have an infant.

This park is connected to my kids school, that's why they are there daily. For family recreation we go to Mayfield, Zilker or Dick Nichols.

Slaughter Creek Metro is beautiful but has a HORRIBLE parking lot - full of mud and major pot holes! There is drainage system - so it is a giant mess every time it rains!

Can't wait for the pools to open back up.

It is nice that it ties into Walnut Creek Metro. Park

Ricky Gerrero has one of the greatest splash pads in the City because it is so well shaded by trees. Please don't change anything about it!

Garrison Park has lots of good shade, the playground *could* be updated. In all parks, should designate an off-leash area and seriously enforce leash laws in other areas. Loose dogs are one of the main reasons why we don't go to parks as much as we want to. It's not enough that your dog is "friendly" leash free does not say you kids are safe.
enough that your dog is friendly, leash free dogs are my kids terror

We need a City of Austin Recreation Center/Park in Del Valle since were annexed over 10 years ago and still have yet to have any City services besides Austin Energy, water and trash, and road service. The youth of my community don't have any place to go after school or anything to do on the weekends. They have to travel into 13 miles into Austin to get to the nearest gym.

It's pretty nice. Don't fill it up with too much programming. It needs a bathroom. Yucky port-a-potty.

Continued expert maintenance of the beautiful trees.

Addition of skate park utterly destroyed character of Mabel Davis

There is a pond there that has awesome potential for a wildlife observation deck but the pond and trail area around it needs some TLC for litter control.

Tennis courts could be converted into handball courts rather easily and economically

Handball Courts

More Bocce Courts

I really enjoy Covert Park at Mount Bonnell for the nice trail and the beautiful view. I recommend that parking spots at the bottom of the stairs need to be isolated/blocked off. People will park there and visitors cannot read the plaques that provide the history of the park. It also blocks people from taking photos in front of the plaques too.

Why was Mount Bonnell listed?

No other thoughts

Nope

A peaceful spot dedicated for meditation/infection and/or yoga somewhat already exists; that being expanded would be lovely.

The pool should be open longer. Season is too short. This is a great park!

It needs bathroom facilities for people who live a little further away that walk over there, or for anybody who can't get home quickly. It needs more swings and a larger playground. This park gets really crowded with kids sometimes! I'm very jealous of some of the the amazing playgrounds they have in nearby towns just north of Austin.

Rosewood park could probably be better used. I'm not sure why more people don't use it. It's lovely. The amphitheater is almost never being used.
Lighting and safety are always a concern in this neighborhood. Maybe a police or security feature. This park is on a school property and the school houses a fairly large number of kids, but the playgrounds have been the most sparsely equipped among local schools.

7 months ago

It needs a new sign

7 months ago

We hate the sandbox! It's well maintained but still just gross...

7 months ago

Too many dogs and doggie bags littering everywhere

7 months ago

I would use the Stillhouse Hollow park far more often if there was a place to park other than the few spots next to private homes - there is land at the entry where parking could be created for at least 8 vehicles.

7 months ago

Grand Meadow Park is complety neglected by the city. It has zero amenities and is not used at all. The city mows the field when the weeds get about 5 or 6 feet tall, usually about once a year.....maybe twice.

7 months ago

Dogs defecation is not nice, I am not against them but ouners should clean up!

7 months ago

Though this school has existed for decades the community at large does not know that this park is open to the public during non-school hours. Proper signage should be installed so they could become aware of its existance.

It needs pathways to to the play equipment in order for children with disabilities to access the play equipment.

It needs ADA ramps and concrete entrances at park to allow disabled children to access the park area at it's open gate areas.

7 months ago

This park is NOT AN OFF-LEASH PARK, yet people routinely have dogs off leash despite numerous signs posted at all entry points. Children from the school play in this park for recess and PE. They shouldn't have to stop and clean dog poop off their shoes while doing school activities! We need enforcement of this law on the weekends when dog owners are running their dogs off lease not picking up after them. I wonder how many families head to this park to use the playscape, see the off-lease dogs and fear for their children's safety, and simply leave to avoid the dogs. Please enforce the leash laws at this park. If an off-lease dog bites a child on the playscape, the city could be held liable because of the lax enforcement.

7 months ago

The basketball court needs to be re-engineered. It floods with mud and debris after every rain.

7 months ago

Problems that discourage my use include off-leash dogs, trash, and people sleeping on the picnic tables.

7 months ago

The pool is a major draw. Please open it every year

7 months ago

More off leash dog areas please

7 months ago

please enforce the leash rules and please update the city pools like the dicknichols pool

7 months ago

The playground needs to offer play structures for more ages. There are no baby swings but the structure is also boring for kids over 4. I understand ours is with MANY families nearby.
We need more shaded playscapes to enjoy during Texas summers.

7 months ago

Clean up after usage!!

7 months ago

Better maintained trails and upgrades to safety.

7 months ago

Over emphasis on serving dog owners in parks with inadequate parking. Dog owners should not be THE priority. Creating and keeping buffers that enhance a quiet nature experience is most important to me. I am very disappointed that instead of creating a world class art museum in a place that can accommodate crowds without forever changing quiet nature zones - Mayfield - the city wants to DESTROY what should be left as a nature preserve area by adding sidewalks and parking that will still be egregiously inadequate to a beautiful area like Laguna Gloria. I do not think turning it into a basically an amusement park tells newcomers to Austin that we value protecting our wild spaces.

8 months ago

Homelessness is a REAL problem.

8 months ago

Honestly I don’t use Sanchez very often. I live in zip code 78741 just south of East Riverside Drive and there are no pocket parks close to my home. The nearest one is in South Montopolis near 183 and is a difficult walk/bike ride due to heavy traffic on East Riverside Drive.

8 months ago

This park could be so much more!!! Help it and help us, we want to use it

8 months ago

Swede Hill Pocket Park is very small, but has six huge, gorgeous heritage trees. There is only enough room for maybe a community garden and a picnic table, but everyone uses it for dog walking, community gatherings, holidays celebrations, and the biannual tree mulching community APF event. It is well-loved, and highly used in our dense neighborhood.

8 months ago

Water fountain

8 months ago

We have a huge space at North Oaks park that is under utilized for the space and potential. We need to create a staple park and an amazing attraction for everyone as this neighborhood grows with families and active Austinites. Use the space #savethetrees

8 months ago

Need recycle and compost options at all parks, please.

8 months ago

People (mostly underage kids) drink alcohol and leave trash in the water and surrounding areas, I’ve started wearing water shoes because I’ve cut my feet so many times. I’ve also had to take my dog to the vet due to cuts from glass and aluminum cans. I’ve called the police many times for littering, underage drinking, fighting, and fires and nothing ever happens and it’s getting out of control.

8 months ago

Open northwest pool year round

8 months ago

Sanchez: soccer field is in horrible condition.
And it’s also too small for the number of people that want to play soccer.
Often people play in the dark since there are no lights.
The other patches of grass are also in bad condition with dangerous potholes.

8 months ago
I love the shades playground.
8 months ago

It's beautiful and requires more lighting.
8 months ago

My dogs have to have a place to run freely. They cannot get their energy out or enjoy their lives being walked around in a leash. They play for only 1-2 hours everyday and they need to hike and bound through trees and chase each other and swim and fetch. If there were more areas where this was allowed, maybe it would keep dog owners out of on-leash parks.
8 months ago

The grass sometimes is in need of cutting. The stickers get so bad you can barely walk through the grass.
8 months ago

No
8 months ago

Schroeter Park had 2 benches, I think they were damaged, both were taken down, one was replaced. Would be nice to get a second bench back please! :)
8 months ago

I love what the city is doing at Walnut Creek. Connecting it to other parks with trails, making it accessible, etc. I also love the pool. I really wish it was easier to access for pedestrians but this city has a long way to go to get away from oil & gas-friendly city planning and transportation.
8 months ago

All indoor gyms should include wall clocks.
8 months ago

Doss park is a great example of a school park that's well maintained (by Austin standards) with a diversity of activities. It's this way because of the PTA at this school but it's also a good example of where a partnership with the community can pay dividends.
8 months ago

Would like to see a park built north of Shoreline along 1325, far north Austin.
8 months ago

Butler shores should be designated an official off leash park in a certain area- it's already respectfully used as such by those in the neighborhood. We always clean up after ourselves, and even do our part in keeping issues with crime & homelessness down to a minimum
8 months ago

Though improving, the unruly nature of the grounds. Take a native prairie landscape and manicure it and educate the public by setting an example.
8 months ago

no dog off leash area. everyone lets their dogs off leash, myself included, because it seems unfair to the pets given the large size of the open lawn and trails. all it takes is one person who does not want off leash dogs to say something, which they are correct to point out, and have an unpleasant conversation. most do not care. make longview an off leash park.
8 months ago

Leash law enforcement
8 months ago

restrict areas where dogs (off leash or on leash) are allowed. My tax dollars should not be disproportionately used to subsidize space for other people's pets.
8 months ago

Improve the pool? It's so hot most of the year, so I think pools should be a top priority.
8 months ago

Blunn Creek is polluted. It has a sewer line running under it. The water often has a strong odor
after rain.

Needs wildlife support (unimpacted nature zones for native plants, pollination, etc).

Barrington is designated as a green school park and is set for park improvements in 2019 thanks to a generous grant from Austin Parks Foundation.

Each park should have off leash hours. Why do I have to drive away from my community to have access to off leash time. So I recommend that each park have an AM peak of leash hours and a PM peak time off leash hours.

The Brentwood/Crestview neighborhoods Adopt-a-Park group has been instrumental in adding amenities to our park. BRAVO

Need Recreation Center at Govalle Park

There's not much space for anything at this park beyond the playscape and pool. It really should be in a different location considering that it's across the street from the elementary school. Continued building is destroying the natural spaces around the community.

Enforce leash laws!

no more paved trails. no scooters/e-bikes! enforce leash and picking up pet waste laws, PLEASE PLEASE. clean up homeless camps (dangerous and unsightly).

Needs bathroom access on the weekends. Not great for a family playground that no bathroom facilities are available.

A permanent bathroom instead of a port-a-potty in the parking lot would improve curb appeal. There's also been a large pile of un-used mulch sitting in the corner of the parking lot for 3-4 months. The most unsightly thing about Dottie Jordan is the presence of trash and debris in the creek bed that runs next to it.

The creek was a highlight but the no mow policy has made it inaccessible due to thick poison ivy, which also encroaches the trail. Plus, the creek is frequently filled with trash.

Native plants are at risk due to ligustrum and other invasive trees. Volunteer groups can only remove the super small ligustrum but the large ligustrum make berries and shade out undergrowth. Would be nice if there was more of a forestry budget to deal with invasive plants on a professional level.

I love off leash parks and wish we had more. We use Walnut Creek often because it has many trails for our dogs to explore.

We go to this park because the parks in our east austin neighborhood are run down, old and unsafe (homeless issues).

Some neighbors have been working in this park for YEARS. Seemingly by themselves. We always pass the park bonds, but this park never seems to get any of the money.
Please repair the trail where it was washed out at Lamar and 26th street
8 months ago

The Grove is not accessible walking from the north or east.
8 months ago

Mary Moore Searight really needs the one mile trail loop to be repaved.
8 months ago

Dick Nichols is a busy Park and should the city decide to improve tennis courts, they would not be underutilized.
8 months ago

Either enforce leash, aggressively or close the park to all dogs. Strict enforcement over a 30-day period (longer if necessary) should show dramatic improvement. Get serious about this!
8 months ago

Additional patrol during evening hours would be very helpful. There are often people who sleep at the park.
8 months ago

The recent changes are very nice. I’d like to see the stage upgraded so more community groups take advantage of the space
8 months ago

Too many dogs, leash law never enforced
8 months ago

It gets completely overgrown
8 months ago

Real Spring!
8 months ago

This park should be renovated soonest.
8 months ago

I want to agree with others who have commented about the problems with off leash dogs. I have two dogs and would love to have them run all the time, but their frolicking can cause real problems for folks with small children, older people and just anyone trying to have a relaxing time in a park, with or without their dog. More education and enforcement is needed, please
8 months ago

This is a great park; meets many varied needs.
8 months ago

Brentwood park could use an off-leash, fenced-in dog area. I suggest the field in the northeast corner near Arroyo Seco.
8 months ago

It’s sooo lacking in beauty. There’s wonderful trees but no plantings and just the smallest playground. Also, since it’s at a school it’s not accessible during the day.
8 months ago

Dog owners let their dogs walk free through the playground area. My children are terrified of dogs and this makes them feel unsafe. Dog owners always get angry when anyone suggests they follow the rules about keeping their dogs on leash
8 months ago

We need more areas where dogs are permitted off-leash. Allowing this will increase compliance in areas where dogs are not allowed off-leash.
8 months ago
Metz has been the home of Austin Bike Polo Social Club for many years and is currently in a dilapidated condition. At times the court is unsafe for us to use due to the uneven surfaces and light poles.

I've only gone because of a lack of accessible alternatives.

sadly parks associated with schools are off-limits when the school term active which makes them not assessable most of the year for not school attendees. They hardly count as parks for all members of our community. So during most of the year starting at 7:30 am to about 7:30pm the public cannot use the space

Austin is a dog friendly city, so more off-leash areas are needed.

Rollerderby

Park improvement plans in the works, just need funding!

It's pretty perfect the way it is

Please provide more skate spots!

Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt if developed with the necessary amenities to make it accessible and usable would be an incredible addition to the parks resources in the city of austin.

Would benefit from an off-leash area.

It can be challenging and not always safe to play roller derby when other activities are also allowed within feet of the derby track. If there is any way to provide a cover to this park (like the cover at Metz for basketball) that would be very helpful and allow better access when it rains as well as safer in the summer heat.

Please repair the paved hike and bike trail in Mary Moore Searight Park.

We need more dedicated space for roller sports in general, in a central Austin location.

The grass is usually in poor condition

This would be due to soil compaction because of overuse. Off-leash dogs are a cause of the problem.

Needs a bathroom

The St. Elmo school park just needs some more love. It's fine as is. BUT some more dog mitts, and
opening it up to a rail trail would be nice to see.
8 months ago

I love how it expands the schoolgrounds and vice Versa.
8 months ago

Kids need to be kept on leash
8 months ago

A covering for the roller derby track would be great!
8 months ago

Would love the tracks for Rollerderby to be covered so that we are protected from the elements when we use the space
8 months ago

No lighting at night. Safety concerns because of several robberies.
8 months ago

It is a neighborhood park designed for children. It does not encourage adult use. It is very close to Williamson Creek, but there is no walking trail to get you there.
8 months ago

needs landscaping
8 months ago

Roller Derby is valued! Create spaces for community and youth sport
8 months ago

Creek crossing is a major problem
8 months ago

Please create a small parking lot - there is no parking at all.
8 months ago

McBeth Rec parking area has overgrown brush creeping into the parking lot. The facility needs to be updated and a gym floor put in. The roads are not well maintained up to McBeth. Many with special needs need a more stable road for transport Also operating hours on the weekends.
8 months ago

There was a car accident near the park while I was running and one of the cars drove onto the sidewalk which is a part of running trail. I was so close to where it happens, missed by less than a minute luckily. I still go there for running but feel uncomfortable.
8 months ago

It's a valued meeting place for mothers and grandmothers caring for toddlers. It's accessible from a walking/biking route to the side of the road. I would like to see a slower speed limit along this area.
8 months ago

Park is usually taken over by soccer players and there is no field for soccer
8 months ago

Mary Moore Searight needs some trail maintenance, especially after heavy rains. The trails for biking and walking can get pretty rough.
8 months ago

Might be nice to add a historical/environmental panel of the area describing the ancestral use and geological/ecological setting
8 months ago
8 months ago
It needs to be be kept mowed and trimmed as it can get a bit too snaky when unkempt. Coyotes infest the large drains in the area, too.

8 months ago
I’d like for part of the park to be designated off leash.

8 months ago
there is a multi-purpose court in Metz park that is in bad shape. the surface is crumbling and it really needs to be completely fenced off. basketballs from the basketball court come into the multi-purpose court and vice-versa. it’s kinda dangerous.

8 months ago
It’s probably overused thanks to a shortage of parks in the area.

18. **District and Metropolitan Parks** are much larger than neighborhood parks and provide a wider variety of recreational opportunities. Which of the following Metropolitan Parks or District Parks do you **frequent the most**? (Select one.)

- 21% Zilker
- 10% Walnut Creek
- 10% Butler Hike and Bike Trail at Lady Bird Lake
- 6% Bartholomew
- 5% Town Lake-Auditorium Shores
- 4% Bull Creek
- 4% Mary Moore Searight
- 4% Pease
- 4% Dick Nichols
- 3% Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest
- 3% Circle C Ranch at Slaughter Creek
- 3% Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River
- 21% Others

2,114 respondents

8 months ago
Zilker is over-loved. Commercial, for profit entities like ACL should not be allowed to use a public park which keeps the public from using it.

7 months ago
I disagree with this. I think ACL should maybe take care of the park a little more post-festival, but ACL is one of my favorite parts about Austin

6 months ago
Agreed! It’s two (weeks) weekends out on 365 days. And enjoyed by many!

6 months ago
It’s more like five weeks as that portion of the park is shutdown for setup, the two weekends and then cleanup, including lawn recovery.

6 months ago
I agree. Festivals like ACL take away time residents could be enjoying Zilker.

6 months ago
I agree that Zilker is over-loved. Too many festivals and too much time fixing the damage that is done after the festival.

8 months ago
Wish it wasn’t closed for all of the winter months. I hope that ACL pays over and above the going rate to use the park in such an intensive way

8 months ago
Actually, I think the lease is for about $10,000 per year. It’s way under market value - not that there should be any ability to lease out an entire public park.

8 months ago
Except when it’s closed for 4 months of acl and tol.
Zilker is closed too long to park loving friends in prime season (October thru December). Move ACL to a location further from city center.

8 months ago
7 Agree

Free Zilker! Give it back to the community and not to festivals and events for 6 months out of a year.

8 months ago
7 Agree

Please get festivals out of Zilker Park and stop charging for parking. Most people in the city don't live close enough to walk, bike, or take the bus there. This is the flagship park for the city and should be free for everyone.

8 months ago
6 Agree

It's possible to park farther out and take the bus in. We need less park space wasted on parking, and the people who choose to use a mode that makes it more dangerous for others to access the park and wastes valuable park space on asphalt eyesores should at the very least pay. Parking fees should go to improving access options that are more community-friendly and mitigating the damage to our parks caused by people who use cars.

8 months ago
4 Agree

The Butler Hike and bike trail is the jewel of the city! Please keep e-scooters off it.

8 months ago
6 Agree

Please cut down on exploiting Zilker. Let it just be a park for the people of Austin to enjoy. Visitors are welcome to use it as a park, not a venue.

8 months ago
4 Agree

Roy G is awesome, keep it wild and rough! But also develop a modest, maintained trail network for runs and walks through it.

8 months ago
4 Agree

May be instead of having everything at Zilker we should have something at Givens to have a change from drug and prostitution.

8 months ago
4 Agree

LOVE commons Ford! It's soo good for birding!

8 months ago
4 Agree

Shhhh, don't let people know.

8 months ago
1 Agree

Too many festivals closing down Zilker for EXTENDED periods of time for use by tax payers. I appreciate ACL as well if it were one of the only regular festival uses. Seems like the City now uses festival revenue as an integral part of their budget instead of available use by the general public priority that ought to be primary.

7 months ago
3 Agree

Zilker park should not be used for commercial purposes. It is time to find a new home for ACL Fest and SXSW music fest. Austin should provide a permanent place designed to hold these festivals in a location that does not prevent the citizens of Austin from using the parks that we pay our taxes for. Both ACL and SXSW are run by profit making corporations.

8 months ago
3 Agree

Also, Blunn Park, Garrison. I used to love Zilker but it is over-committed. Agree with comment "Free Zilker"

8 months ago
3 Agree

closures due to ACL are clearly a big issue. It does a lot of damage that needs to be repaired.

8 months ago
3 Agree

In summer the trash cans need to be emptied more frequently. Would also appreciate an extra composting toilet if it wouldn't have too negative effect on the area.

8 months ago
3 Agree

We frequently go to the trail around Town Lake. Who knows what each part is called?! I really like the new boardwalk that is out on the water. We also camp at Emma Long several times a year, but it's in TERRIBLE condition. It's only out of convenience. I prefer not to get in the water bc there is
frequently trash there.

8 months ago

I have concerns that this survey will be skewed toward areas of particularly educated people. Here in E. Austin lots of folks don’t use computers—particularly elders who have lived here for all their lives. I'm hoping Parks will do some of these surveys in person. That will give a more accurate picture. Aside from that, we need to keep this park tranquil and not give in to the pressure of entities such as C3 to turn them into entertainment venues. The neighborhood is already suffering from the increasing density and events add to the traffic, parking and crowding woes—which chip away at the residential quality of life. Keep parks parks.

6 months ago

Make Zilker and Vic Mathis like NYC Central Park, close to traffic

8 months ago

Under which heading is Red Bud Isle? This is the only park that combines good access for people with limited mobility and is off-leash as well.

8 months ago

Lakeshore (near Riverside) is about the only riparian area not yet destroyed on Ladybird so any development is dangerous. Some PARD people threatened to put concessions in. That is a trash-filled, smelly, terrible idea. Right now, the vibe is being ruined by scooters and people who hang their hammocks up and “take over” the space like they own it.

8 months ago

Keep Walter E. Long as a fishing-focused lake.

8 months ago

We need to encourage the bicycles to use the bike trail and to leave the walking trail to walkers

8 months ago

What about the hike and bike trail around Lady Bird Lake? I use that the most but don’t see a way to comment on it. I don’t even know what all the parts of Town Lake are (e.g. Vic Mathias Shores? etc.)

8 months ago

That’s the Butler Hike and Bike Trail at Lady Bird Lake.

8 months ago

Agree with other commenters that festivals are so frequent that they impede the use of parks for the public.

6 months ago

Do not make public access to Barton Springs Pool impossible or very difficult during music festival time. Commercial entities have no place in a public park.

6 months ago

Senior Citizens should not have to pay to access these parks. I have brought my residents there and been turned away because we refused to pay the parking fee to drive through on a senior mobility bus. ridiculous!

6 months ago

Do not like the choices when it comes to Town Lake. I use all of Town Lake most everyday, including the board walk.

6 months ago

Return this park back to the public. Move ACL to Circuit of the Americas.

6 months ago

City should not be charging for parking at town lake. The trail is for all to enjoy not just those who can afford to pay for parking

6 months ago

It should never be fenced off from use. When the rented fences are up it looks ugly. If there's an event, make it free—it's in a park, I meet friends there and half the time we have to spend half an hour making alternate plans since there's an event on Saturday even though it's like Wednesday. Who can keep track of the schedule?

6 months ago
This is the easiest pool for me to get to. It is a 15 minute drive. It is not free. I don't mind that so much except that in many areas in Austin, neighborhoods get a free pool within walking distance of their homes. That's cool for them, but I'm not too happy that my taxes pay for that, and on top of that I pay to drive somewhere and swim. Garrison has a cool midcentury vibe, but it is still just a box of water, I'm not sure why this is hard to grasp.

I've been an Austin resident my whole life, 32 years. I walk/ride the trail daily and it is becoming over-crowded and I agree that public spaces should not be taken over by private events. Many months this year, Zilker was gated off due to ACL and trail of lights.

I'm runner and work downtown so this used by me. I don't take my toddler down here much because of the bikes and scooters now. I almost get run over and I'm on there 5 days out of the week.

Not enough parking and too many people. Get rid of ACL and Trail of Blight. Let the people use the park year round.

Zilker is closed to public use, or damaged/in recovery for too much of the year. There is no control over the weather, and a year with heavy rains coinciding with ACL, like 2018, devastates the park for months after. Move ACL or reduce to one week again

South Bull Creek used to be a pleasant park to go to, but with the increase in Austin's population it has become a popular area. With increased attendance at this park I have noticed an increase in trash and parking problems.

Addition of skate park utterly ruined Mabel Davis

Permanent public bathrooms open year round. Erosion control on the trails. Clean up the pollution and trash on pond and take pollution abatement measures such as drain filters.

The extended closure of Zilker Park after ACL festival is not okay. ACL prevents all residents from enjoying the park for half of the year. This should not be allowed. If a bunch of City Council, and the Parks Board Commissioners did not get premium passes to the event, I think there would be a greater outcry from the City. This is not a good use of our taxpayer money.

We love Walnut Creek for its nature elements and the awesome trail.

stopped using all parks where Austin allows public concerts. There are supposed to be decibel limits, but these are ignored. This is harmful to anyone within a close distance. It shouldn't feel like a concert is in your living room. Your walls and windows shouldn't vibrate. Every single person who works at and attends these events is having their hearing harmed unnecessarily. There are supposed to be OSHA standards. Is Austin going to pay for workers' comp when everyone has permanent hearing loss in a few years? What about everyone w/o health insurance who will be harmed by this? This is also especially harmful to animals and children/babies. There is NO reason for music to be that loud. It can be easily enjoyed at half the volume that it's generally at. This is ridiculous and an assault on everyone within a half mile of these events.

You NEED More Than Zilker

seems obvious that most people like the bigger parks ... plenty of space and you actually FEEL like you're in a park - BUT ZILKER/THE CITY NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE TRAFFIC THRU THERE! It's getting worse and worse and NOT what the park was initially meant to be

Auditorium Shores needs less events. Too often cordoned off from public use
I put down Bolm because it's walking distance from my house, but I'm puzzled as to why you listed it here. It's not really a park, just the land the city owns. It has no way to get in, no amenities, nothing.

8 months ago

Northwest Park appears to be missing from this list.

8 months ago

Needs and off-leash dog area that is fenced off from the rest of the park users. Dog owners don't obey the leash laws and need a space that allows them off leash without interfering with other park users.

8 months ago

Benches and garbage cans along the paved trails, and please cut the brush that obscures the trail.

8 months ago

keep lower Bull Creek Park as a small neighborhood park

8 months ago

I wish people would be better about picking up after their dogs, but I know that's hard to enforce. Sigh.

8 months ago

Should be given back to the area as a neighborhood park. It was changed when the dogs came and destroyed it. Thankfully they are no longer there

8 months ago

How about moving ACL (and some other big events) to one of the less-used parks?

6 months ago

Walnut Creek could be a great park except that the off-leash dogs (actually the irresponsible dog owners) are out of control across the entire park and ruining the park for everyone else. It's totally unsafe to take an on-leash dog into the park because they could be attacked at any time by an aggressive off-leash dog. It's happened to me several times now so I avoid the park as a result.

6 months ago

Dick Nichols could have a small disc golf course in the center.

6 months ago

Mary Moore Searight, Circle, come in at a close 2nd and 3rd

6 months ago

Adding more parkland would help take the load off Zilker. Give people more places to be outdoors, closer to home.

6 months ago

I will echo the comment that Zilker is over-loved. Using Zilker for ACL makes the park unavailable for those of us who like to swim there regularly. Not to mention clogging MoPac.

6 months ago

Roy G. Guerrero park has the most beautiful disc golf course in the city.

6 months ago

Park needs an immediate make over.

6 months ago

I'd go to Guerrero park more but since the built was bridge on sand and it got washed out, it's a pain to play that disc golf course

6 months ago

Onion Creek -- I use it for horseback riding! Great trails!

6 months ago
Zilker and Lady Bird Lake's to become Austins Central Park, NO ROADS and NO Parking, you walk, ride or public transit to one big connected park
6 months ago

Walnut Creek trail gets super sketchy as you get closer to Mopac. I would love for some kind of Security or patrol to be added.
6 months ago

The disc golf course at Bartholomew needs to be renovated, similar to zilker.
6 months ago

Please FIX the bridge at Roy G !
6 months ago

Good place to see golden-cheeked warblers.
6 months ago

Grey Rock Golf Club
6 months ago

Barton Springs Pool is the jewel of Zilker, and the trails connecting it with other places on Town Lake make it one of the best park systems in the country. I love that ACL tells the world what Austin is all about--it's a great source of pride. But we are right to be highly sensitive to the negative consequences of growth: over-commercialization, destruction of natural areas, and increasingly limited access. Growth and increased utilization is unavoidable, but it can be managed properly.
6 months ago

We cant afford to live near one of these parks.
6 months ago

Town Lake - Waller Creek Boathouse
6 months ago

Much loved events like ACL should be moved to an area with less impact on traffic. It's a nightmare in Central Austin during events like ACL and Trail of Lights. Unless all transport is by bus or bike, there is not a good solution for this other than moving the festival. Zilker should not be closed to area residents so much of the year due to expensive for profit events like ACL. The traffic, the trash, the noise, the inconsiderate, noisy, trash leaving activities, are not what I seek in a city park.
6 months ago

I love acl but it ties up the park for so long. I understand people's frustration not being able to use it for half of fall.
6 months ago

I selected Bartholomew, but it chose Balcones.
6 months ago

How about an area for off-leash dogs? There are NO off-leash parks east of 35.
6 months ago

Again, any parks with disc golf.
6 months ago

none
6 months ago

There are existing Disc Golf park improvements already approved in Master Plans that have NOT
been implemented in YEARS. Example: Bartholomew Park. The local Waterloo Disc Golf Club is patients waiting for the walking trails and other items to be finalized so they can get permission to improve the disc golf course. The COA & PARD have dragged their feet on this. Why approve it in the Master Plan YEARS AGO and not act on it when a local club is willing to put in their money and hundreds of volunteer hours to fix it up?

Disc Golf/Hike/Bike related improvements at Roy G. Guerrero Park where the bridge has NOT been replaced in years since the last big flood. This restricts a major access point to the park for all visitors and should be fixed.

6 months ago

No dogs off leash

6 months ago

ACL benefits the city of Austin through the money given to the city's parks department. I'm not a fan of the crowds, but it's a good investment

6 months ago

I don't like all of the options related to Town Lake. What about those of us who use most every area of that park most days, including the board walk?

6 months ago

I really wish the city would take better care of the overgrowth at this park sometimes. However, I love the OG disc golf at Bart, great place!

6 months ago

Please throw some love at Bart and its disc golf course!

6 months ago

We would like to see the John Trevino District Park developed for family friendly activities. First step might be to make the building on the site available for rental/reservation. It would be an easy and inexpensive way to create activity at park.

6 months ago

I visit Roy G quite a bit but the bridge into the park has been washed out for over 4 years now so it isn't very easy to get in to the park area from Pleasant Valley.

6 months ago

I like these parks more because there's more room to move around, take a walk

6 months ago

too many bikes and dogs

7 months ago

A very special park with Bull Creek as its centerpiece is lovely as it is!

7 months ago

I can't find St Edwards Park along Old Spicewood Springs Blvd in any of these lists. It's my favorite park. I enjoy walking in the creek bed, walking the trails, and using the swimming holes.

7 months ago

Can we consider enlarging a park area or lake/river where we can have floats and tubing?

7 months ago

Southeast Metropolitan Park

7 months ago

walnut creek is overrun with dogs and bikes. it's no longer a pleasant park.

7 months ago

Thankful for ACL and C3 for maintaining beautiful Zilker park and Butler Shores. When I was a kid, these parks were weed infested junk. Now they are landscaped and beautiful. The sacrificial cost is losing the park for a month in October, but the benefits to the city far outweigh this cost.

7 months ago

I use Mary Moore Searight because it is a great park for mountain biking and for the fitness
I use Mary Moore Searight because it is a great park for mountain biking and for the fitness stations. My neighborhood is adjacent to Onion Creek Metro park, but I can't get there on my bike because there is no sidewalk or bike lane access on Thaxton Road. The park is also mostly undeveloped. The current development of phase 1, will only develop 30 acres of this 600 acre park. I would like to see the Onion Creek master plan fully implemented.

Northwest, Walnut Creek deep eddy

Red bud isle?

I selected one of the Town Lakes, but I typically use the whole trail and Zilker.

Zilker is NOT over-loved and for-profit entities like ACL (C3) have brought millions of dollars into the parks via the Austin Parks Foundation. Zilker would be so much worse were it not for the partnership with ACL, C3 and APF. We need more of this to bring more money to the parks.

Far drive, from north of Shoreline along 1325, in heavy traffic to take a walk or ride my bike, daily.

having trouble finishing filling out survey.

I wish the tennis courts were playable, they need a proper surface on them.

Please make it off leash again. This is not a safe park for kids anyway and 70% of patrons are dog owners. Let us enjoy the park and let's the dogs swim off leash. Thank you.

Big Stacy Park - it's not on the list. It's trails need improvement.

Little Walnut Creek District Park
(why no love?)

I ride my bike, walk and/or walk my dog about 150 days of the year, which is almost every day that I reside in Austin each year.

Zilker

Lady Bird Lake trail, mostly at holly shores

St. Edwards Park

Mayfield, Stillhouse Hollow, Irving and Hazeline Smith Trail, Pease.

Fix the Commons Ford road. It was past due last season.

All of Town Lake trail
Panamerican and Metz park
8 months ago

Since we have no amenities on the park no fields, swimming pool visitation is low
8 months ago

I wish people would be better about picking up their dog poop, but I know its hard to enforce that. Sigh.
8 months ago

Parking needs improving. The road has eroded to such a degree that it is difficult to get car onto gravel parking areas without damaging car. This also means fewer parking spots.
8 months ago

We go to the hike and bike trail around Town Lake every weekend—not sure which choice that one is of the Town Lake parks.
8 months ago

19. At your selected park, what are your favorite things to do when you are there? (Select top 3.)

- 28% Walk/Run/Hike/Bike/Horseback Riding on trails or paths
- 18% Enjoy Nature
- 9% Picnic, Relax
- 9% Pool or water/splash feature
- 6% Off leash dog park
- 6% Playground / Play structure
- 5% Recreational sports
- 5% Events (Festival, Race or Sporting Event, Farmers Market)
- 4% Water recreation (kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing)
- 3% Other (please comment)
- 8% Others

1,895 respondents

Would love to an effort on all of Town Lake to separate pedestrian use—walking and running from wheel use—bikes, skateboards, jogging strollers, and now the scooters which are not supposed to be on the trail but ARE on the trail. Minneapolis/St. Paul made separate trails 30 years ago and it relieves a lot of the congestion and issues.
8 months ago

LOVE THIS IDEA!!
6 months ago

YES, great idea of Susan Palombo.
7 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Disc GOlf
8 months ago

The last time my kids and I were there, I felt unsafe. There was trash everywhere and it was just me, my two kids and two possibly homeless men. :-(
8 months ago

Disc golf.
WAY too many loose dogs, no enforcement whatsoever of leash rules. Dangerous for humans (esp kids), and for other dogs that are on leash. Please fix this.

Our local folks also love doing drugs at the park -

At my last home, in Florida, we had park rangers to keep patrolling. Is this possible in Austin? It would be safer, and they could help enforce the rules.

Disregard my last comment, we have not had this issue at our park.
I play disc golf at Bartholomew park, having learned the sport there in the 1990's. However, the course is not well maintained, and while they have a master plan that is several years old with disc golf as part of its future, the master plan has not been implemented, which makes me sad and likely discourages people from taking park in community feedback when the results aren't followed up on.
Disc golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Disc golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Disc golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Disc golf 99% of the time I'm here that's why!
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Hike without bikes, etc on the trails.
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Disc Golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

More disc golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Birding
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Disc Golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Ban electric vehicle use on trail systems, and put them back on the roads where they belong.
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Disc golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Please create consequences for people who use scooters on the trail. They endanger themselves and their neighbors.
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

disc golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

We LOVE the nature center at Zilker.
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Play a round of disc golf!
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Fish bbq and would camp
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

disc golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Disc Golf
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

...
disc golf, a large section of this park has a course. It's funny there is no option for what the park has, "disc golf" but has options for items it does not, ie "skate park", "pool", "golf",
6 months ago

Sometimes families come with big speakers and play loud music. The trash is overflowing on weekend mornings. The bathrooms are messy and when malfunctioning they are gross. The portcans are an eyesore. The grass is full of those very sharp grass burrs. The ground is littered with food and ash from barbeques. This park has beautiful bones. It needs love, care, and respect.
6 months ago

Needs a better playground and splash pad
6 months ago

Disc Golf
6 months ago

I play and practice disc golf in Zilker at least once a week and really enjoy the disc golf events that are held in the park.
6 months ago

Disc golf - Circle C has one of the best courses in the country, well maintained by volunteers with only minimal assistance from PARD. It's a model for how well this sport works in our parks, striking the ideal balance between preserving nature and enabling casual (or not so casual) active use, and should be repeated across more of the parks.
6 months ago

control poison ivy
7 months ago

Mabel Davis Pool has abysmal record of closures, pool problems, lack of maintenance, staffing on top of a ridiculously short season even when it is open
7 months ago

I try to bird and photograph but it's almost impossible due to dogs and bikes.
7 months ago

Disc golf
8 months ago

Use the shoal creek trail for commuting and exercise. way to go pease park conservancy - thanks for leading the volunteer events!
8 months ago

Fishing, canoeing.
8 months ago

Birdwatch
8 months ago

BIRDING!
8 months ago

I know squat about birds, but I used to frequent a national park that had informational signs about local plants and animals at trailheads. It added a little scavenger-hunt aspect to every hike, and they were unobtrusive. I'd love to see more of that in Austin parks.
8 months ago

bird watching
8 months ago

I walk right past it. If it has a nice trail system, that might appeal to me,
8 months ago
Dick Nichols is a good park for me to ride because it has a long hike and bike trail easy to ride for me with mobility challenges.

Disc Golf Course. The saddest, most neglected disc golf course in the whole city.

The pool is great but it gets so packed.

I would use Walnut Creek far more often if I didn’t have to be concerned about unruly off-leash dogs and their irresponsible owners literally everywhere.

Hike and bike trail and the hill next to the Palmer Events Center

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Get the scooters off the trails! Some bicyclers are dangerously fast. More enforcement of leash laws.

we need more mountain biking trails. BCP is a huge area and should be opened up for biking. This would remove pressure from other area parks. It would also help recruit a huge user group that will help to buy more land. When the BCP promised to allow biking, mtb got on board. A few years later all the land was closed and they keep trying to shut off access to emma long and the barton creek greenbelt. Mountain bikers will no longer support more BCP land acquisitions.

NO motorized transport other than for those needing assistance.

We frequent Garrison 2-3 times per week. we would love to see a splash pad anywhere in the park.

Disc Golf
Hiking off leash with my dog
6 months ago

Fantastic place for equestrians! Love horseback riding the trails
6 months ago

Roller hockey
6 months ago

Soccer
6 months ago

3 choices was not enough for Balcones District Park. We love to use the playground, pool (though the season and hours are too short), trails, creek, enjoy nature, volunteer and enjoy our neighborhood events! Thanks!
6 months ago

visit Austin Nature and Science Center
6 months ago

Movie in the park
6 months ago

Read
6 months ago

birding
6 months ago

Rowing on Lady Bird Lake is my most frequent recreational activity.
6 months ago

I walk to work everyday through Auditorium Shores. I enjoy it! But I'mma just be repetitive with my suggestion for smooth pavement options for the scooters and rollerblades. From Riverside all the way to Lamar
6 months ago

Public access to baseball field would be nice. Half of Bart is off limits to most public.
6 months ago

Hike without bikes, scooters, etc!!
6 months ago

There are no trails in Bartholomew park. Adding some would be really nice, as well as a leash-free area for dogs. There are NO leash free parks east of 35
6 months ago

Best disc golf course in the city
6 months ago

Tennis
6 months ago

sandbox
6 months ago

Sand Volleyball
6 months ago
Swimming at Barton Springs. Duh.

6 months ago

Zilker itself does not have many trails. So I think people are confused on the parks and why 65% of the answers like the trails and paths option.

6 months ago

Bike and scooter riding on concrete paths; Labyrinth

6 months ago

Ride bikes and scooters; Labyrinth

6 months ago

There is a great piece of art in this park. It's perfect

6 months ago

too many dogs and bikes ruin this park

7 months ago

Swim

7 months ago

walk the dog and take the kids to play

7 months ago

Swim

7 months ago

Bull Creek used to be off leash but no longer is. I would like to have some off leash days or hours reinstated. I do agree that dog owners should police their dogs in every way and be considerate of others!

7 months ago

We have no amenities here to speak of. If you don't have a dog to walk... there's nothing to do.

7 months ago

Tennis

7 months ago

Bocce Ball

7 months ago

Meet people

7 months ago

We need fences to divide designated leash and off leash areas.

7 months ago

I wish there were more off leash areas in South Austin

7 months ago

I use this park for my commute at least once a week.

8 months ago

Musicals/other events on the Hillside

8 months ago
Walk my dog on leash.... I would like to see fenced in off-leash areas for dogs....
8 months ago

Playscape with my child
8 months ago

You can only walk at Alderbrook. There is nothing else to do. No playscape. No meeting pavilion. No amenities at all. :( 
8 months ago

I have attempted to play tennis and bring guests there for tennis. The cracked concrete courts and crummy nets are embarrassing. We can surely do better.
8 months ago

Read
8 months ago

Roller derby please!
8 months ago

Skate and play roller derby
8 months ago

Zilker Hillside Musical
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Use the off-leash areas.
8 months ago

Flat track roller derby
8 months ago

Play Bicycle Polo
8 months ago

People and dog watch
8 months ago

Roller skate and play roller derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Fishing the Austin Team Championship
8 months ago

Flat track roller derby
8 months ago

Ultimate frisbee
8 months ago
Zilker Zephyr
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Rollerderby
8 months ago

Ultimate Frisbee
8 months ago

Flat Track Roller Derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Use the roller derby track
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller skating
8 months ago

Roller Derby!
8 months ago

Roller derby
8 months ago

Roller Derby
8 months ago

Jazzercise
8 months ago

Meditate/Pray
8 months ago

Zilker Zephyr and outdoor theater
8 months ago

no amenities so this question can not be answered
8 months ago

hike
8 months ago

Swim in the creek
20. What would you like to see at this District Park or Metropolitan Park in the future? (Select all that apply.)

1,718 respondents

- 8% Nature Trails
- 8% Bathrooms
- 6% Nature-based play elements (i.e. balancing log, stump jump, climbing boulders, etc.)
- 5% Off Leash Dog Area
- 4% All-abilities playground
- 4% Community Garden
- 4% Nature Centers
- 4% Loop Trail
- 3% Disc Golf
- 3% Water based play feature
- 50% Others

Stop these plans for developing park lands! They should be maintained as green space and a way to connect with nature. Sports, etc. has no place in these parks!

- 26 Agree

Where do sport belong if not in a park?

- 7 Agree

Our schools have extensive facilities that are not available to the public and not utilized for much of the time, especially in the summer. They should provide space for sports, meetings, and performances by community groups. It is wasteful for the provide duplicate facilities.

- 13 Agree

I agree, school fields/courts should be open but they're not, so there's nowhere else to go than Zilker; most other parks have poorly maintained fields.

- 1 Agree

There are many areas & facilities that were built and are maintained with public money (i.e., taxes, bonds, etc.) A key problem is that these assets are managed by single focused governmental organizations that prioritize their controlled use as exclusionary. Our public K-12, community college and public colleges/universities are among the pervasive implementer of these types of policies. There are not city, county or state guidelines to direct otherwise. Can you re-imagine how different the city park system might look like if we took a more holistic view of public spaces? Certainly eliminating artificial organizational boundaries would need planning and primary use safety and mission must be preserved, but not at the expense of other “reasonable” public uses. The Parks Department could be one of several, spokespersons for more holistic use policies and constituents.

- 6 Agree

in the schools, where there are sporting facilities!

- 2 Agree

Problem that would need to be addressed, no oversight at a school ‘park’, folks climb over the fences rather than use the gate, bring their dogs and let them loose, and no trash cans much less pickup. and since children are familiar with the area parents assume they can take care of themselves and so, there is no oversight unless an organized sport with coaches and even then little ones think all dogs are their friend - school grounds lend themselves to recreation parks more than nature or quiet walking parks.

- 1 Agree

Many area parks become havens for the homeless. They set up camps in the forested areas. This makes a park unsafe and unsavory for other people

- 13 Agree
You should feel fortunate to have a home.

Yes, the homeless problem in our area park creates huge problems with regards to safety, and garbage. The parks should be mostly undeveloped. Greenspaces where one can commune with nature.

Are there any stats in Austin of homeless attacking people in parks? It seems like a major concern but in all my years I've never had any of them steal, attack or do anything but keep to themselves. I'm not saying I like it, but it doesn't pose a safety threat to me.

better security. car break-ins are too frequent.

bring back free parking under Mopac! Move money-making events that shut down our access to our parks to some other site; really appreciate that there are public toilets but wonder why auto flush features were not installed,

More trash cans and water fountains.

Remove the new parking fees for users who access the hike and bike trail at Austin High. Citizens should not have to pay to park to access the trail!!! Repair the Shoal Creek trail or add a trail on the creek's east side that parallels the sidewalk but is closer to the creek to retain a natural setting and off-leash opportunities for dog walkers.

The parking meters were put in by the Austin High. AISD owns most of Veterans Blvd.

Yes please! Paid parking inhibits citizens who are trying to live a healthy lifestyle.

Less concrete in parks and more preservation of nature.

A new Visitor Education/Information Center should be added at Zilker Park to expand the environmental education to the public about Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer

Keep it the way it is. Add some lighting to the trails, work on eradicating poison ivy, get businesses like the Hyatt and Statesman out of the Waterfront Overlay's primary and secondary setbacks, and we're good to go!

Please no camping in our parks, the homeless population is bad enough!

I'd like to see an end to the use of Zilker Park as a money-making operation for ACL and the Trail of Lights.

No mountain biking on the hills as it detracts from its natural beauty

Bathrooms, but only if we can keep them clean and safe. And I think they would have to be locked at dusk.

Garrison Park pool needs a lot of love, especially the rest rooms/shower area. It's actually kind of disgusting.
This park could use a bathroom and maybe a bird blind! Woot woot birding!

8 months ago

1 Agree

Improve the pool bathhouse facilities at this location and clean pool more frequently.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Fenced dog park

8 months ago

1 Agree

Skating pavilion like the Anacostia skating pavilion in Washington DC

8 months ago

1 Agree

Don’t bring your East Coast things to Austin. Austin can do without.

8 months ago

2 Agree

It would be great to have water fountains for dogs.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Leave Walter E. Long as-is, but improve camp sites, bathrooms and add a pavilion area.

8 months ago

1 Agree

More water fountains for dogs and maintenance for those that are existing.

8 months ago

1 Agree

The whole Disc Golf course at Bartholomew needs a complete overhaul, with bathrooms and a kiosk at the entrance, a loop trail around the course, and erosion control at all creek crossings. The oldest Disc Golf course in Austin should get a little more love from the city.

8 months ago

1 Agree

Pease park is fantastic the way it is and only needs maintenance

8 months ago

1 Agree

Reduction in crime, intoxication, and noise.

8 months ago

1 Agree

better fishing

6 months ago

Add a bathroom on the south side of Barton Springs Pool. Add youth gardens and gardening education at Zilker Botanical Garden.

6 months ago

no scooters

6 months ago

racquetball courts

6 months ago

Expanded playscapes and water feature for littler ones who aren’t quite ready for Barton Springs would be awesome! Better food/snack options would also be great.

6 months ago

Fenced dog park with great features for dogs to use with the goal of getting off-leash dogs out of the main park.

6 months ago

Enforcement of leash laws

6 months ago

Shade for existing water features. More water features including drinking fountains

6 months ago
When my daughter was young in the 70’s I took her to Zilker all the time. We rode the train, swam in the pool, played in the playground. We went to the plays at night in the summer. It was beautiful. It’s not now. There is no way to even park there. I don’t know what you should do about it, but trying to get more people there is absolutely the wrong thing to do.

Less poison ivy

better signage so I don’t get lost in this park!

Help keeping clean and maintaining areas with erosion.

Would like to have help keeping clean and maintaining the areas with erosion.

Spaces free of dogs!

Practice basket for disc golf, possible expansion with more disc golf opportunities. Fix the bridge!!!

Nothing. It's fine the way it is.

Bring the Pease park disc golf course back, it was my favorite and the best one for central north Austin, Bartholamew is always trashed out near the creek so I don’t like going there

Water fountains

Roller hockey

The off-leash area needs to be fenced. I can’t enjoy it fearing our dog will dash out onto Lamar.

Would like to see no motorized scooters/bicycles on the trails.

FREE parking. If you are trying to get people to be more active and fit, charging for parking is a major deterrent. Take the meters away along the trail and under the bridge. Make it 2 hour parking, but make it FREE. This trail is one of the gems that belong to all residents of the city- not just those that live downtown or have high disposable income for parking meters.

I’ve had opportunity to review the proposed Master Plan for improvements to Emma Long, and will be very excited to see it executed. It’s a lovely park as it is, but could be extraordinary.
Enforce leash laws or no dogs on mountain bike trails
6 months ago

No off-leash dog areas or move the off leash area to the side where the ball fields are.
6 months ago

Please set aside areas in parks where native plants and wildflowers can grow. Many parks are mowed and weed-wacked with very few natural areas.
I realize this may require hiring or restaffing for Horticulturists. Thank you
6 months ago

history events
6 months ago

Greater connectivity across the creek and throughout the park would really transform Bartholomew. The baseball fields do serve an important purpose but are also not available to the general public and block an obvious flow from the interior of the Windsor Park neighborhood and a lot of the park's amenities like the basketball court, pool, and disc golf course.
6 months ago

Separate walking/running from cycling. Off leash CONTAINED areas and leash enforcement outside of the off-leash areas.
6 months ago

None of the above
6 months ago

Better maintenance, cleaner overall facility.
6 months ago

Water fountains by the sports courts and an off leash dog area or at least a specified time of day to allow off-leash dogs
6 months ago

Hike and Bike is already spectacular. I would say - no scooters.
6 months ago

Disallow motorized vehicles from trail, including APD four wheeler (bikes and horses will do). Ensure bathrooms are clean, trash is collected twice per day, recycling bins are also available, drinking water fountains are clean and usable. Plants and trees are cared for and maintained.
Poison Ivy is controlled.
6 months ago

Racquetball courts
6 months ago

6 months ago

Enforcement of leash laws, trash pickup, police patrols.
6 months ago

Add more lighting to the trails
6 months ago

Same park, less dog waste. That's all I want.
6 months ago

Improved signage?
6 months ago
Dedicated kayak launches on Town Lake
6 months ago

MORE Off leash areas without cyclists
6 months ago

Habitat reconstruction and signage for lampyridae populations. They are a big part of this city for me when growing up and they are dwindling terribly.
6 months ago

dog wash station
6 months ago

Disc golf
6 months ago

Prohibition of motorized scooters and bicycles.
6 months ago

Would love to have better parking here. Potholes everywhere. Parking is a nightmare on weekends during soccer season especially after it rains.
6 months ago

We go to Bull Creek for the creek: at the main access area there is barely enough parking and the erosion and landscape on the creek edge is a mess. It would be nice to have a series of small official parking lots along the creek at different access points connected by a well maintained trail. Nicer access points and a nicer trail would create a better sense of our community caring about those areas and therefore encourage trail users to pick up their trash etc. Also more parking areas would help spread out the use of this area. At the main access point: Create an erosion resistant creek edge … maybe terraces of limestone boulders that facilitate use of the creek (not cliffs of limestone blocks like on shoal creek) and creating actual pathways instead of slippery mud slopes.
6 months ago

More community clean up events, better initiatives to provide stewardship of the park.
6 months ago

Clean up events in creek, more active stewardship opportunities.
6 months ago

Bartholomew Park is home to oldest remaining disc golf course in the state of Texas but it is severely neglected, compared to other courses around town. No signs, no permanent boxes, and only 15 permanent boxes are the top 3 reasons Bart doesn't see the kind of love it deserves from the DGcommunity. The city has done a better job at cutting the grass out there since the pool opened, but it's time to invest in this fantastic piece of Texas history!
6 months ago

More treed & native veg areas w mix of whimsical art- similar to the Mueller prairie & pollinator area w the pollen art.
6 months ago

lighted area for pick up play
6 months ago

lighted areas for pickup play
6 months ago

Nothing needs to be added. Keep it as a walking trail and don't overcrowd it with other activities.
6 months ago

Enforce leash laws
6 months ago
Simply safer and calmer paths to walk, hike, bike, electric bike and scooter. I want all the wheels -- and I want ways to do it SAFELY and COMFORTABLY! Thank you.

Leash restrictions for dogs.

Make it safer and more relaxing for us walkers/joggers. Aggressive cyclists and scooter people destroy the ambiance. We are there to enjoy nature and to spend time being contemplative, not to ward off cyclists and scooters!

Do not make any more park land leash-free. Please.

Please STOP changing this park. Years of going here and seeing it change again and again. I don't go as often as I used to because of that. Now that its being paved I'm certain to go even less. I only use the trails so will respond in regards to that - if anything, create a separate place for the bikers in the park so that dogs and bikes don't clash. Don't pave anything, don't fence anything. Don't make a law. Just separate out the amenities and make the suggestion so people can be respectful keep these two things separate. I also suggest making another park (anywhere in Austin) that specializes and caters to trail bikers and mountain bikers to relieve some of the traffic at THIS park.

more benches

Less programming. Take better care of areas outside "The Great Lawn."

Would be great to have a mountain bike skills area for newer riders and kids to develop their skills on. Features like small ladder bridges and skinnies, logs to ride over, small ledges to climb up and down, and a smaller kid friendly pump track (no jumps).

Maybe a way to separate fast-moving bikes from walkers?

Clean it and keep it clean. New bathrooms and more bathrooms. Get rid of port a cans.

Separate paths/lanes for scooters and bikes and pedestrians. It is far too dangerous the way it is now. We have pretty much stopped going on the Hike and Bike Trail as a result. Even though there is a speed limit and scooters are not allowed on Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail, that hasn't stopped people from using scooters and speeding on both bikes and scooters. I've seen too many close calls with strollers, young kids, and older adults. If scooters are not allowed, why are there pick up points for them on the trail?

Add nothing, maintain and encourage the nature that is already there.

Soccer goals

Trash cans

Racquetball

There are some perfect areas for disc golf here that are 100% safe and a great use of otherwise
Please pay more attention to repairing and preventing erosion from overuse. We are loving many of our parks to death. Grass is stomped dead, tree roots are exposed after too much foot traffic near the water and I notice several trees slowly falling into the water. Sad. Trash - even dirty diapers and abandoned small grills are often seen near Barton Springs spillway especially after warm weather weekends, and nearby trash cans overflow so maybe more frequent disposal service may be a good solution. Also, don't get me started on how pervasive invasive species (ligustrum trees, nandina bushes with those beautiful red berries, etc.) are along the hike and bike trails and trailheads to the Greenbelt. I know how hard that problem is to overcome, but we must make the health of the flora a higher priority.

Free parking!!!!!! The new meters are ridiculous and inhibit citizens from seeking healthy lifestyles. You can't add an extra mile last minute because your meter is running. If you run into a friend, you can't step aside to socialize because your meter might run out. Please get rid of the parking meters. Keep Austin healthy and friendly!

How about some police to enforce leash laws, public inebriation and scat pick-up?

Walter E Long is a great lake for fishing and bird watching. These elements occur naturally and it would be great to see them utilized. A fishing platform or pier would be a great opportunity to develop an urban fishing youth program. A kayak launch would be a great opportunity for bird watching programs for all ages as well as opportunity for more fishing.

Wifi

control poison ivy

No ACL at Zilker.

I'd like to see the Sunken Garden restored.

NO SCOOTERS!!!!!!

More police patrols and walking or bicycle police on the trails to stop the homeless from urinating and leaving beer cans and trash on trails. Also need to discourage sexual encounters in the woods and pick up the stuff that is left behind from this activity.

We need more park space- the city is growing and they are over crowded

Room for gymnastics
Would love to see an asphalt surfaced pump track at this park similar to a design offered by Velosolutions. I\'m willing to help develop advocacy and support for this to happen.

Removal of all ball fields at Bart Park. And minimization of parking lots to emphasize street parking.

Fewer commercial events like ACL that close the park down to the citizens and trash it for weeks afterwards. Seriously, why two weekends? Why so many events that tear up our beloved Zilker? Enough already!

Bull Creek is too small to fence a separate area for off leash dog activities. I think specific hours allowed for this activity would be better. Leave this park alone! People love it because it is a natural wonderland for everyone! There are already signs everywhere!

Better trail markers

There is nowhere to walk here without being run over by a mountain biker,

Maintain the beautiful open green space.

Area to float using Tubes

Need trails that connect all the way from one end to the other without having to wade across stream or scramble over cliffs.

less dogs and bikes

Improved bathrooms.

I would like to turn the public land around Fiesta Gardens into a museum district for the city. The land is right along I-35 and would be a great park/museum area for the city (similar to Hermann Park and the museum district in Houston). There could be natural history museum with events that focus on environmental education and other nature related educational programs/events for kids and adults. There could be permanent and temporary art collections, and event spaces for performing arts. There is an abandoned public building on Nash Rodriguez Sr Rd right along the lake that could be turned into a restaurant, with part of it a sit down restaurant and part a counter restaurant with sandwiches and snacks for picnics in the sprawling oak tree groves along the lake.

We need more BBQ grills

Less off leash dogs

Obviously the pool needs restoration (closed multiple years despite the City knowing the issues yet not funding the restoration) as well as the existing bathrooms and pool-changing areas are atrocious. Please save my neighborhood pool/park/skatepark!

Maintain and improve by adding nature-based education features and upgraded/modernized facilities. Should have recycling at all metro parks. Recycling is only available at auditorium shores.
Fences and a few speed bumps are needed.

More water fountains and trash receptacles.

Just better maintenance.

There needs to be trash cans/dog waste stations inside the park. The park is littered with dog waste and waste bags because there is no where to throw away once in the park.

Gagaball please. It would also be cool if volunteers helped to build and paint it. Gagaball is too underrated.

No scooters!

Better lighting on the trail.

Low water fountain for dogs.

Improve pool and playground and walking trails.

More trash bins please!

I don't really know what pickleball is, but it sounds adorable.

More trash cans and add recycle. Its 2018 in Austin. I thought Austin was suppose to be progressive and green?

More shade.

Enforce the vagrant situation.

No further development to this park!! More tree growth zones and nature spaces for walking only.

--- Green space only.

Clean.

Simply better maintenance. I don't want PARD to drop more money on silly features that don't fit. Just keep it strong and beautiful.
Zilker is great the way it is; we just need more than 1 giant park for the size of city Austin now is. I'd love to see an equally wonderful park like Zilker somewhere in north-central Austin (where they are developing Bull Creek or the new soccer stadium would be perfect park lands).

a big pool with many lap lanes, open year 'round

I'd like a separated bike path to reduce conflicts between pedestrians and bikes/scooters. Only if it's sufficiently maintained, though.

Less parking. Cars are unsightly and the last thing the city should be doing is incentivizing more traffic. If we must have parking, there should be a charge that can go to transit and bike/pep facilities that benefit everyone.

Working water fountains and more of them along Butler Trail.

More park benches

None of the above, the park is pretty perfect as is!

More trash cans

build more lake access points for paddleboards

Enforce the leash laws. If people want off-leash let them raise funds and fence it in!! Give out expensive tickets for those off-leash dog owners that are not in an off-leash area.

I need extra consideration for being mobility challenged, and would like to see fenced in areas for off-leash dog exercise.....

Nothing

Gardens

Keep Zilker as natural as possible.

Leave Zilker Park alone. It does not need extra fixtures. Please move ACL somewhere else.

Please fix/improve the parking and traffic pattern problems in Zilker Park. I frequently experience problems with drivers turning and driving the wrong direction; it slows traffic and creates a dangerous situation.

Bike paths to get to park

WILDFLOWER TRAILS and SAFE ACCESS FROM THE PARK TO ZILKER BOTANICAL ACROSS THE
A visitor center at Zilker, near Barton Springs, would enhance the experience of Zilker and the Springs for both residents and visitors to Austin.

Free parking.

Zilker and the Barton Springs/Greenbelt area is all but unusable due to the homeless population. The paid pool area at Barton Springs constantly smells like weed, cigarette smoke, alcohol, and dog poop blowing over the fence, and you can't relax there without listening to homeless people screaming at each other. The police are no help. It's so dangerous to go there alone or at night or early in the morning; constantly getting jumped by off-leash dogs. Please, before spending money building more stuff (and adding impervious cover), spend some money to enforce existing laws and clean up existing spaces! This should be the crown jewel of our city parks system and instead it's becoming a giant homeless/drug user camp and garbage dump that I'm embarrassed to take out-of-town visitors to.

Fields for ultimate frisbee

Judo!!

Concerned about the direction of the Future Parks Plan based on this survey. Good to survey and plan based on the results. Looks like Austin needs a few more locations for roller derby and roller skating. Lots of responders support natural spaces.

I like it the way it is.

Remove the parking fees at Zilker and near Austin High. These privilege those that love close (who are wealthy) and disadvantage those that live farther (most of the city). The area near Austin High is one of the primary canoe/kayak launches, and you can't walk, bike, or take the bus with those.

Mountain bike skills course

Improved paths / trails

the art there during EAST was cool.

Spend money at this park on the pool; Better/more seating at pool; Make tennis courts and area nicer.

nothing more, just keep what is already there beautifully maintained

Just maintain it!

Overall I would like to see the Holly Shores master plan implemented.
Splash pad would suit the area immensely with the changing demographic of more families in the surrounding area.

Splash pad would be excellent for the area. Especially since the demographic of people has changed to more families with children.

Ultimate frisbee

More quality sand volleyball courts with lights, and clean bathrooms like the California Public Beaches have.

NO OFF-LEASH DOGS

You’re in luck! 95% of Austin’s parks are not off leash. As long as you avoid the rest you should be a happy camper.

I don’t want to see anything else at my park. I just want natural trails to run on with my dogs.

A safer street crossing option. Maybe a pedestrian light?

They have a basketball court but it fills up on nice weekends

Drinking fountains and seating are needed by the sports courts

Rollerderby

Paid parking to help pay for maintenance and improvements. People are willing to pay a couple of bucks if they know it will go to support that specific park they are visiting.

Zilker is a great open field park - but could really benefit from some permanent composting bathrooms or something similar to those at Butler Park

Please repair the paved hike and bike trail in Mary Moore Searight Park.

Toddler sized equipment

Nighttime lights

Indoor rollerderby track

More fitness stations and 2 more bathrooms
Roller derby tracks.
8 months ago

Improve the skate park.
8 months ago

Roller Derby Tracks
8 months ago

Roller derby facility
8 months ago

Multipurpose gym at McBeth Rec.
8 months ago

Comment
8 months ago

The Walnut Creek green belt would be a lovely Nature center similar to the Zilker Park one. It has many possible nature trails and is in need of lighting, maintenance and a loving hand.
8 months ago

This is in regard to the Walnut Creek green belt entrance at the end of Tedford Ln. Across Lamar from Walnut Creek Park.
8 months ago

swimming pool
8 months ago

Improved parking/road
8 months ago

I mentioned this on one of the earlier questions, but I would love a backboard at the Dick Nichols tennis court.
8 months ago

Water based play features that dogs could also use would be fun.
8 months ago

This park can support a LOT more use than is currently there. Designed correctly, it could be as welcoming and beautiful as any park in the city. As it stands, though, the trails are degraded, the stream is gross, and too much of the park is dedicated to dangerous frisbee golf. A pool here would address a pool shortage in far south austin. A performance space would also be REALLY valuable - there's nothing here!
8 months ago

Creek is great the way it is. (This survey won’t let me name the park because it has ‘vulgar’ language in it. The creek I'm talking about rhymes with null creek, ha!)
8 months ago

Bull creek is great the way it is.
8 months ago

Fragrance free bathrooms and more disabled friendly parking as well as parking fee exemptions for disabled people (as with COA street parking)
8 months ago

21. Is there anything else we should know about this park?

The City should enforce the no motorized scooter law. A low cost alternative could be to impound the scooters that are left in areas where they are prohibited from operating. This would
incentivize the operators to take steps to prevent their use in these areas.

Agree 6 months ago 

Agree! 7 months ago

No scooters on trails!! 8 months ago

Enforce dog leash laws. 8 months ago

Zilker Park needs to be purged of all huge special events. The soil is packed and the beautiful old trees are suffering, the public cannot use the park for months out of the year due to the events setups, breakdowns, and "repairs". Our park has been sold to the highest bidders. We want it back. 8 months ago

Please address the homeless problem along Barking Springs. There are folks with mental illness this make going there scary. Also, electric bikes and scooters make the trail difficult to walk on with or without dogs. I've almost been run over multiple times. 8 months ago

I wish there were fenced in dog parks—the one by the lake is not fenced. 8 months ago

Motorized scooters are a scourge on this great city. 8 months ago

Get rid of the scooters. They are left all over the place. If more are allowed in I am wondering how they will be collected. Vans driving in at night to collect? 8 months ago

Keep motorized scooters and all motorized vehicles out of and off trails. Remove riverside and all pavement from park. 8 months ago

Motorized scooters are not being supervised and are left all over the trail like litter. roads not well maintained. Fix the rec centers we have before building new. 8 months ago

Places to cool down for dogs. A hose bib or dog shower. A second water entry for dogs on north side of river. Perhaps near Festival Beach. 8 months ago

Enforce leash laws.

Enforce motorized vehicle laws.

Enforce impervious cover rules - no new concrete! 8 months ago

Please fill the holes leftover from putting the stages up for ACL and Trail of Lights. I see recreational players on the Zilker Lawn twist their ankle on these holes. 8 months ago

I'm OK with charging parking on Zilker, but the flat $5 fee is quite high irrespective of actual time spent on the park. Why not use a flat hourly rate of $1 per hour and have the user pay for the number of hours used. I myself have stop paying the fee after a month, since I stay on Zilker for 2 hours at most each time, and find the $5 flat fee not a fair fee. 8 months ago

We Love Emma Long. I hope a way is found to decrease the trash issue. It takes PARD employees Days to get to it all on Monday Mornings. 8 months ago

No scooters on the trails 8 months ago

3 Agree

2 Agree

16 Agree

12 Agree

6 Agree

5 Agree

5 Agree

4 Agree

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Give us back Zilker Park please!!! Let the music venues find a space.

Roy G has the best disc golf course in the city, if not the region. It is well maintained. However, the bridge to Hole 1 has been out for years. To reach the course you have to drive an extra 15 minutes around the park, which causes you to have a 20-30 minute walk back to the parking lot when done, or traverse the ravine which is not particularly safe. Fixing the bridge or installing a temporary one while work on the primary one is taking place would reduce the risk of someone breaking an ankle scrambling down the ravine.

There are existing Disc Golf park improvements already approved in Master Plans that have NOT been implemented in YEARS. Example: Bartholomew Park. The local Waterloo Disc Golf Club is patiently waiting for the walking trails and other items to be finalized so they can get permission to improve the disc golf course. The COA & PARD have dragged their feet on this. Why approve it in the Master Plan YEARS AGO and not act on it when a local club is willing to put in their money and hundreds of volunteer hours to fix it up?

Disc Golf/Hike/Bike related improvements at Roy G. Guerrero Park where the bridge has NOT been replaced in years since the last big flood. This restricts a major access point to the park for all visitors and should be fixed.

We need more disc golf

Zilker really needs the upcoming study. As we densify the park is widely loved. A mix of shuttle and bike/walk connections needs to be encouraged. Address the transient situation. Leave the dogs alone. The pool is the heart and soul of the City open space should not be used as parking. The events have the park closed in a chunk of time that is too long. Maintenance should appear to occur more regularly than just before events. Plant more trees as the pecan trees have a life span. Care for the historic features - Sunken Gardens needs love and the habitat there needs to be protected. I could go on and on.

Trash bins often are overflowing at Bull Creek and Barton Creek Greenbelt as well.

It's overused and so shouldn't be closed /reserved for big/pay events

Well-delineated areas where dogs can run off-leash (fenced, please!) and where they mandated to be on leash.

Better lighting that comes on at dusk.

Better markers on walking/hiking trails that point to entrance/exit.

No motor vehicles (scooters) on trails.

More trash cans to encourage proper disposal of garbage and dog waste.

I wish it was open to the public more often. During festivals, trail of lights, etc. it's unusable.

There needs to be better land markers between public and private land. This park abuts a large tract of privately owned land (yard) for a home in the neighborhood with some trespass issues and some minor trash issues.

Better signage of trails.
Just add more disc golf and kid friendly nature based events!
6 months ago

Repair the bridge ASAP please
6 months ago

It used to have a disc golf course and it needs to be brought back. (Pease Park)
6 months ago

Bartholomew is the oldest existing disc golf course in Texas, and it is the worst maintained disc golf course. It needs new tee pads, signage, kiosk, practice basket.
6 months ago

I would love to use the water at Fiesta Gardens, but I am fenced out, with a sign reading "Private Property-KEEP OUT!" It is such a unique, tranquil feature–LET ME IN, please.
6 months ago

Circle C park is wonderful. It could benefit from
1. police presence and or cameras to reduce smash & grab theft from cars in the parking lot nearest Slaughter
2. more enforcement of leash laws
3. investigation / penalty for unauthorized clearing by residents on Tasajillo trail,
4. Sustained maintenance and support of the disc golf course, including potentially signage where the course intersects with pedestrian use
6 months ago

enforce leash laws. Can't tell you how many times I've been at the park trying to enjoy my picnic when a random dog comes over and goes to the bathroom right next to me and their owner doesn't notice b/c they're 100 feet away and not paying attention to their "good boy" 8 months ago

It's very open and urbanized. It would be nice to have more native plants and trees at this park.
8 months ago

My car has been broken into twice at this park.
8 months ago

Expand the pool hours at Northwest park, please.
8 months ago

Keep scooter off trails
8 months ago

Scooters shouldn't be allowed in this dog park! The trail is popular as it is and most scooter users aren't used to the machines they're riding, I don't like seeing the close calls!
8 months ago

Do not allow scooters on the trails. As a walker/runner dealing with bikes especially on really nice days is already enough.
8 months ago

Stand up scooters and electric bikes should not be allowed on the trail.
8 months ago

It's time for the City to take action on returning the Holly power plant back to parkland. I would also like to see the pedestrian bridge improves to cross the river.
8 months ago

Please fill the holes left over from putting up the stages and tents for ACL and Trail of lights at Zilker lawn. I see many folks twisting their ankle after stepping on these stake holes when playing recreational sports.
8 months ago
Off-leash dogs are out of control
8 months ago

The amount of picnic tables that were installed is ridiculous. Keep this park natural!
8 months ago

remove poison ivy
8 months ago

create a grow zone around the creek and pond-stop mowing.
8 months ago

Shoal Creek earthworks that protect the park from the creek are becoming unstable. There are "paths of desire" that continue to erode the earthworks and make the park look bad. It would be great if the paths would be suitable for all - not just dirt paths
8 months ago

Emma Long and the surrounding parkland is a wonderful, all-natural park with enough acreage to keep regular hiking there interesting.
8 months ago

No scooters on trails!
8 months ago

Wish there were more no mow zones here / less turf
8 months ago

Disc golf consumes too much usable space. I respect the players' space so I feel there is too little available lawn in areas nearest our neighborhood
8 months ago

Drainage areas are actually becoming a great space for disc golf course. Pretty good idea! That's something that is really cool about disc golf, in that most "unusable" land can be a course.
6 months ago

Most disc golf courses don't use lawn area. Typically, a well designed course uses land that is enveloped in scrub and brush. I think some communities have installed poorly designed courses that give people the wrong impression.
6 months ago

This park has beautiful historic resources! There is much evidence of colonial and pre colonial occupation. It has an elaborate current trail system, and it may contain historic trails that pre-date the city of Austin. It may contain some of the oldest extant homestead ruins in the city, but the site is not yet in the state archaeological records. Onion Creek Metro Park is a very exciting and important piece of property, and the city had great foresight to acquire it.
8 months ago

Bathrooms!!!
8 months ago

The shades that have been installed, are so very wonderful! Thank you very much!
8 months ago

We fight crime because of the neglect this park receives. There are homes nearby which watch the circle in front where people park. A neighbor mows the grass. The children play in the front and people walk there dogs off leash there often. It deserves attention.
8 months ago

Too many drugs. No enforcement of laws at this park as it is on the edge of the city. On the weekends it is out of control with people doing terrible things. No one wants to take their children there.
8 months ago

occasional signage and barricades laying around look trashy and can become a trip hazard when left lying on the ground when not in use
We love this park! Although, the playscape does not have shade and in the summer the plastic slides are burning hot. Given the high-use that this playground gets, it would be nice to get some shade added. A play based water feature that was open year-round or nearly year-round would also be great since the pool is only open for the summer. Adding light around the walking trail would also be a great addition. The sidewalk from the park to the library is frequently overgrown - this needs to be part of park maintenance.

Mary Moore Searight is beautiful as it is, no further development. Except maybe horseback riding :)  

The Lawn is degraded by ACL, and requires too much water to revitalize it each year.

It should be one of the crown jewels. Could take the weight off Zilker.

The history of this park should not be destroyed as is planned by PARD

I like to run around Town Lake I'd like to see more shade trees planted. Also more proactive about planting trees to replace dying trees. Poison Ivy eradication would be nice-some areas are quite narrow.

Pleas make fishing on town lake good again.

it's good

These parks are family destinations. It would be helpful if the dress code discouraged semi-nude (female) and almost nude (both sexes) swimming. And, although all City facilities are "smoke free", Barking Springs apparently is the de facto exception, as various smoke fumes invade the air 100' or more up the pool from the lower dam. It is unhealthy inhaling second-hand smokes, and swimmers are deeply inhaling it while swimming.

NA

Garrison requires payment for entry even though the facility is too small and outdated.

People ride scooters while on their phone. It is ridiculous and unsafe. There is also an apartment complex near the boardwalk that allows off leash dogs, which is not safe.

Wonderful trail

Lighting and longer hours. This is the heart of the city and people should be out at night walking safely.

Need more fenced in dog parks where they're allowed off leash. Also would love to see more water fountains or hoses where you can cool off dogs

Please fix the bridge on the S. Pleasant Valley side of Roy Guerrero! Love Festival Beach Food Forest! Please fund more signage/info and other resources they need to keep it thriving. Would love to see more perennial, edible landscapes in other parks! Camping at Roy Guerrero along the
Colorado would be cool!
6 months ago

Needs additional garbage & recycling bins
6 months ago

make more art along trails
6 months ago

Yes, increase the number of trash cans at most of the disc golf courses. This will help tremendously with the trash problems at most if not all disc golf courses around Austin.
6 months ago

The off-leash area for the north side of Walnut Creek may have been fine back in the day when it was designated and relatively unused. However, the entire park is now overrun with off-leash dogs to the point it's not safe for anyone else. This needs to be fixed. There is unused space on the north side of the ball fields that can be fenced for a real dog park.
6 months ago

It would be great if the pool allowed recreational swimming before 11:00 a.m. I didn't want my kids to be out in the sun after 12:00 p.m.
6 months ago

It has the perfect space for a little disc golf course in the center :)
6 months ago

I see lots of people parking in the critical root zone of trees at Zilker. I'm concerned this might damage the trees and wonder if the overcrowded parking situation could be improved.
6 months ago

Too crowded
6 months ago

It's great. Connecting to Bartender Creek and trail could be better. Build more parks like this around the city!
6 months ago

Please get the scooters off ALL trails. They are dangerous and a nuisance.
6 months ago

It is a nice park going thru playground improvement and trails linking to it. However I am unaware of any park sponsored adult activities.
6 months ago

It's a very nice park with no known city sponsored adult activities.
6 months ago

Walnut Creek is heavily used. There is a dangerous drop off along the major trail that is roped off - better signage to warn folks is needed.
6 months ago

N/A
6 months ago

Thou the splash pad is shaded there is poor drainage and sludge collects along the side walls. The space is also too small for the crowd it draws.
6 months ago

Garrison: It feels a little isolated and therefore unsafe to go in the back of the park (away from Manchaca Rd). If more people used it, it would feel safer. Wish the pool opened some days to regular swim before 11am.
The trail in green space along the creek needs to go all the way from the main park to Dessau and be accessible from the neighborhoods it passes thru. Particularly where it passes under IH35.

Love love Ladybird trail.

I don't like being attacked by dogs either than a running free or on their leash because I'm walking in a park or running in a park or playing in a park I think there should be parks where dogs are not allowed to come. That would make me feel a lot safer.

Make extra holes for disc golf

To whoever has to read all of these grumpy comments, my thoughts are with you. Thank you for your patience.

Obviously, the bridge into the park from pleasant valley would be nice to have...

Bartholomew seems to have got forgotten about. Park is in serious need of a Makeover

It has gotten so overcrowded and so much trail erosion from overuse.

Please patrol in early mornings and at night. Many homeless or vagrant people and kids skipping school

I like the idea of separating foot traffic from wheeled traffic

Need more trash cans throughout the park. They're all bunch together in certain areas and should be spread out more.

Since Onion Creek is a Metropolitan park that means motorized vehicles are not allowed. However a local biker club (motorcycles) constantly invades the area.

I only go for Fourth of July. It's just a big field, isn't it?

needs a bigger trash can somewhere because people litter

The City should enforce the motorized scooter ban on the trails. They're dangerous to pedestrians and abandoned scooters don't belong on the trail.

Charging for parking under the MoPac bridge is ruins access to the trail. Please remove the metered parking and keep this city gem accessible to ALL residents.

Trails are well maintained and very much appreciated.

Please fix the bridge
We need large, explicit signs that state that NO SCOOTERS can be on the Butler trail. We also need more lighting.

The Butler trail needs lighting

The trails on the other side of Mopac are really nice, they just need a little maintenance. Really cool overlook!

Off-lease dogs and “doggie bags” are out of control. Just get rid of off-lease altogether in this super-dense and over-used park.

The mountain bike community cherishes walnut creek metro park. There are too many off leash dogs on the actual mountain bike trail which results in collisions and injuries. Its a shame that so much volunteer work from mountain bike organizations maintain the trails here that are just congested with loose dogs.

Improve signage to stop trail use if conditions are too muddy.

Off-lease dogs and owners leaving dog-waste-filled bags on the trail are a problem that needs to be addressed.

Bull Creek needs more trash disposal options. Littering is endemic.

Taking away picnic tables by moving them from the island in the pool parking lot does not serve the citizens.

Pedestrian access to Pease Park is very poor. There is no access from 15th Street, and for pedestrians arriving from the east, the only access is from 12th Street or 24th Street (besides the unmarked creek crossing across from MLK) - this dramatically increases the distance required for many residents of central Austin to reach it on foot.

It could be amazing but it's made of too many disparate, unconnected parts.

Among my fave Austin spots

Keep it open year round

Yes, stop listening to self appointed east Austin “activists” who always oppose any improvements like connectivity or anything dealing with dogs. They don't speak for our whole community.

There are underutilized areas of the park that are used for flood control. It would be great to make better use of these areas

I live by Mabel Davis, which I enjoy. I had a wonderful time when the arborists did some demonstration programs - and going out to the neighborhood park kickstarted my recovery from shingles.

I would use the park more regularly if I felt safe going to the woods around the pond. I feel awkward stepping through homeless encampments when all I am doing is running, sometimes
with my dog,
I would also use the country club creek trails... if there were country club creek trails that
connected to the Roy Guerrero / town lake parks. I would bike and run to the Ruiz library happily.
6 months ago

this is not an off leash park but it is not enforced when people bring dogs off their leashes.
6 months ago

Walnut Creek is an amazing park. Thank you!
6 months ago

Please do a better job of removing poison ivy/poison oak. There's too much right on the trails in
walnut creek itself and along the new paved trails attached to the park
6 months ago

No more electric scooters, bikes, and everything along those lines
6 months ago

Off-leash dogs are a problem here.
6 months ago

Very well maintained park, by both PARD and the neighborhood.
6 months ago

Multiple disc golf courses to entertain tournaments
6 months ago

Homeless camping makes part of trails feel unsafe. Picnic tables at pavilion usually occupied by
homeless people all day.
Dark parts of trails and sidewalks feel unsafe at night.
Need more trash cans. On weekends they overflow quickly and so much trash blows away.

Allowing food trucks would be cool.
6 months ago

Love it! As long as it stays safe to go to, I'll be there!
6 months ago

The parking lot needs to be improved (full of potholes!)
6 months ago

Homeless camps everywhere.
6 months ago

Have all parks be functional landscapes that also contribute to community resilience (use green
infrastructure strategies)
6 months ago

I wish Zilker wasn't trashed as much during the ACL Festival, Blues on the Green, and the Trail of
Lights.
6 months ago

Please do not allow motorized scooters on park trails.
6 months ago

Please enforce the no motorized scooters on the trail law. They are a danger to runners/walkers!
6 months ago

I'm in this park multiple times a week. Lately there has been an uptick in homeless people
sleeping in the park and also an increase in trash and vandalism. There is FAR too much trash in
this park. I spend hours cleaning it up when I visit and it barely makes a dent. Also why is there a
I prefer to keep all motorized vehicles out of the park and off all trails.
6 months ago

Love the park. Don’t like the free roaming dogs and their waste.
6 months ago

I love Walnut Creek.
6 months ago

Neighborhood access to the Walnut Creek bike trail should be increased. It’s adjacent to lots of peoples’ homes but not accessible.
6 months ago

greenspace. Is woefully unnoticed and regularly trashed out by overuse. This should be addressed before anything else is even considered.
6 months ago

It is the most fabulous feature of the entire city for me.
6 months ago

The trail needs to be widened in many places and the Longhorn Dam bypassed.
6 months ago

Parking is terrible especially during the soccer season. There are lots of potholes which make it difficult to navigate. The 4 parking lots are not enough to accommodate all the cars. Would be nice to pave the areas along the fields or at least have some gravel. These areas get muddy and torn up after a rain and I’ve seen many a car get stuck.
6 months ago

We go to Bull Creek for the creek, please don’t add any buildings. At the main access point the parking is inadequate and the creek edge is a mess from erosion and overuse. It would be nice to clean up that edge with some limestone terraces that facilitate use of the creek. Please don’t do any more limestone cliffs such as were installed at shoal creek. Also a better developed hiking trail.
6 months ago

extend the trail north. And no electric vehicles except on pavement.
6 months ago

The creek is glorious.
6 months ago

we really need a trail, and perhaps an off-leash dog area.
6 months ago

Just that it is overcrowded most of the time and parking is a real problem
6 months ago

Lots of people with their dogs off leash.
6 months ago

The off leash dogs everywhere really scare us w our kids. Would rather it be more defined (attacked twice as a kid myself).
6 months ago

put it is SW Austin
6 months ago
So much poison ivy along the trail - would like to see this eradicated as it is very easy to get poison by brushing up along plant along the trail. I LOVE the gardening they've done in the circular walkway area along the trail and along the footbridge.

6 months ago

It would be better if there were no scooters.

6 months ago

Paving is typically a mess and roads in/out are too narrow with no option for people to walk across creek bridge at entrance without close sharing with vehicles.

6 months ago

Connect it to Slaughter creek trail system and it will be perfect!

6 months ago

barton springs... the soul of our city! please protect the recharge zone as the water quality is getting worse every day and will soon turn the pool into a cesspool.

6 months ago

The motorcycles are destroying Emma Long trails. No oversight. The race organizers should be held accountable for the damage caused to trails. This used to be A great technical mountain bike trail.

6 months ago

The water is too hot in the middle of the summer.

6 months ago

Brush Square Park is a wonderful place to rest in busy downtown. It needs more love!

6 months ago

Needs Friendly staff

6 months ago

Parking should be free as our taxes already pay for it... And acl is a blight to anyone who actually grew up here when zilker was accessible to everyone year round, not just rich out of towners who drive drunk and pee in your yard.

6 months ago

I love it. Keep scooters off of the trail. They are already ubiquitous in Austin. Make hike and bike trails like the one around Lady Bird Lake and the board walk, scooter-free.

6 months ago

Walnut Creek and its trail system park is a gem. One of the best things about Austin!

6 months ago

D. Nichols park is great in the winter due to its lack of shade. In the summer, the metal on the playscape is so hot, kids can't touch it. Thus, in the summer, we often go to Circle C Ranch. Circle C has a lot of shade due to all the trees. In the winter, the shade can make this park seem much colder. I like how each park can be used in different seasons.

6 months ago

Dick Nichols is a wonderful park in the winter because it lacks shade. In the summer, it's often so hot that the metal on the playscape can't be touched. Thus, in the summer, we often go to Circle C Ranch which is very shady and cool. In the winter, Circle C can be freezing due to the shade the trees provide. I like that each park is different and can be used in different seasons.

6 months ago

No

6 months ago

my answers are same as earlier

6 months ago

Anything motorized should not be allowed on the park trails.

6 months ago
Motorized vehicles, including scooters, should not be on the trail through the park, and any rules to that effect are meaningless without enforcement.

6 months ago

No electric vehicles on the natural surface trails. No electric scooters on either the natural surface or the paved multi-use paths.

6 months ago

Enforce leash laws, no motorized bikes or scooters

6 months ago

Disc golfers volunteer thousands of hours each year to keep the courses clean, free of graffiti, and spreading mulch as needed!!!

6 months ago

We need a different place than the hiking trail for motorized vehicles but it must be enforced.

6 months ago

Repairs and maintenance following flood damage have not been timely.

6 months ago

Restrict all motorized scooters and vehicles from park trails and all sidewalks and enforce this restriction with heavy fines and impounding vehicles. It's too dangerous for those walking on trails and sidewalks. Don't increase the amount of impervious cover for future development of the parks. Enforce leash laws.

6 months ago

Just do something about the scooters and bikers.....they need to use facilities, too, but many cities have separate lanes....Austin should do that as well.

6 months ago

Needs better walking access from the near neighborhoods

6 months ago

enforcement needed

6 months ago

Zilker should be shut for ACL only every other year

6 months ago

Parking at parks should be free (IMHO). Maybe it's time to look at a simple, multi-story garage to accommodate the throngs that go to enjoy the park and its offerings as well as concert goers.

6 months ago

This park is in the middle of a neighborhood, and as such should support quiet use that is respectful of park neighbors. Putting more events and facilities in the middle of neighborhoods adds traffic and noise to the area and is not compatible with the fact that homes border this park.

6 months ago

Parking can be tough depending the time and day.

6 months ago

The west side of the park has many more activities than east of I-35. Please improve this.

6 months ago

Revitalization of Pease Park Disc Golf course

6 months ago

This park is frequently used for family gatherings and should be maintained and preserved.

6 months ago
I've been running town lake for many years and I am glad, that through all the things that occur there, I can still run it.
6 months ago

We are grateful that the GGRC is one mile from our house. It has been enriching our lives since it opened.
6 months ago

We're grateful that the GGRC is a mile from our house. It has been enriching our lives since it opened.
6 months ago

Safety due to lack of lighting and increasing homeless taking up camp in the vicinity.
6 months ago

Fix the bridge!
6 months ago

I noticed a sign along the hike and bike trail that said scooters can go up to 10mph as part of a trial/pilot program. Really?!?! Who is going to monitor and enforce? Will we start seeing speed guns aimed at scooter riders? What's the penalty? I'm already having to step over scooters along the sidewalk and parts of the trail. I don't think motorized anything should be permitted on the trail, period. Please make scooter companies (not taxpayers) pay to provide more scooter parking spots where the scooters can be kept upright and out of the way.
7 months ago

Absolutely loving the paved trails! Hurry up and connect Copperfield to the network! Hate risking life and limb biking near Austin motorist.
7 months ago

too many speeding bikes and off-leash dogs
7 months ago

Bring back free parking! Enforce the no motorized scooters law by ticketing those who choose to ignore it, and you'll earn back that money in spades
7 months ago

no
7 months ago

Increased lighting for safety
7 months ago

Utilize the natural features and wild life.
7 months ago

Keep it as an off-leash dog park
7 months ago

Enforce getting scooters and bike hires off the trail.
7 months ago

It isn't close to my home.
7 months ago

d they use it to dump old cars and such. If the park could take this land and turn it into a park with a library and rec center this would give people in central Austin a place to go where we have no place now. The park is connected to a school so it is only accessible during after school and weekends. We do not have a central gathering space now.
7 months ago

No Scooters!
7 months ago
Too many homeless and sexual encounters going on. Makes me not want to take my kids on the trails with me.
7 months ago

Need better signage regarding leash law. Maybe establish separate off-leash area. No scooters on the trails!
7 months ago

Garrison park is great because it has so many trees. But the trails could be *better*, and there could be more nature based elements
7 months ago

Better lighting on the trail for night time runners
7 months ago

Zilker and surrounding: No scooters! Reduction of closures due to TOL and ACL. Increased trash cans. More water fountains. Increased tree and other plantings replacement programs.
7 months ago

We need an accessible loop trail at Bart Park.
7 months ago

The private ball fields are not serving the public. We barely have a park left. People want to experience the wide open expanse of nature, and instead we've leased all our land away. It is really unfair to the majority of park users who don't use them to be kept out of the majority of the land thrust could be usable for recreational enjoyment by everyone.
7 months ago

What does this park need to go to get to the top of the priority list. The volunteer in our neighborhood has been working on it for 10 years!
7 months ago

It's over-crowded. Also there is no safe way to cross Lamar on bike to access the park
7 months ago

More light post because it gets dark fast.
7 months ago

The old playground was great. If a new ADA-compliant is installed, a few of the previous features be retained or incorporated in teh park in other spaces (e.g. swings and red firetruck).

The new fence was installed is too close to the main path so there is no space to step off the path to make room for joggers and bicyclists.

There is space for a small dog park near the playground and tennis courts. Please do not disturb the nature trails.

The development by Mopac and Davis disturbs the previous views from the path. More trees should be planted and the city should not have allowed the retaining walls to be placed so close to the park.
7 months ago

Skate Park ruined Mabel Davis
7 months ago

Please no scooters, or maybe enforce a speed limit for scooters and bikes alike. I bike on the trail myself, but I don't treat it like a race track like some do.
7 months ago

no comments
7 months ago

Get rid of motorized scooters in parks. More walking trails. More local parks.
7 months ago
No scooters on trails
7 months ago

Handball Courts
7 months ago

Bocce Courts
7 months ago

Good softball fields but they have insufficient areas for teams preparing to play (i.e., warmup areas) and insufficient parking. It's enough of a problem that we are looking at other places to play.
7 months ago

Please improve outdoor lighting and police presence in the evening, so that it feels safer to walk and jog around Lady Bird Lake after dark. Also, please enforce the prohibition on motorized scooters on the trail.
7 months ago

I absolutely love this park right here in our neighborhood, I'd love some trails & loops for our families to explore
7 months ago

I love it! So close to home and the trail is well maintained.
7 months ago

John Trevino Jr. Metro Park at Morrison Ranch is HUGE and has been in the development phases for years, yet there is no discernable activity there... EVER. Please develop this park. The East Austin corridor needs the development and this park is so special. It has so much potential!
7 months ago

The homelessness isn't ideal
7 months ago

No scooters on trails
7 months ago

The kids playground is underneath some trees. There is no other shaded areas in the park. It makes staying outside very difficult as an adult during the long hot months.
7 months ago

Maintenance of the trail always is a challenge - also keeping trash out of the creeks and the lake.
7 months ago

Move Trail of Lights Elsewhere.
7 months ago

Ban all motorized scooters and bicycles from the trails and have full-time roving officers to enforce the regulation to ensure the safety of the walkers, joggers, and hikers on the trails!
7 months ago

There's nothing I "do" at my selected park except walk my dogs through it every day. So I answered about parks-in-general. I imagine that a lot of other respondents did as well.
7 months ago

Need fences to divide designated leash and off-leash areas and need a couple speed bumps at Onion Creek off-leash dog park.
7 months ago

Pease park is wonderful and repairing the off-leash trail damaged by the landslide should be a high priority
7 months ago

too many scooters on the hike and bike trail
Too many scooters on the hike and bike trail

7 months ago

We need green space, please don't build on our existing green space...thank you.

7 months ago

People experiencing homelessness are rapidly detracting from the park since they have increasingly inhabited areas of it that are wooded, like adjacent to the model airplane field and the off leash dog area

7 months ago

No scooters

7 months ago

Poison ivy has gotten bad in the last couple of years. In the summer I had to avoid most of the trails due to rampant poison ivy growth.

7 months ago

The pool at Garrison Park is not well maintained; the water is always sketchy and filled with debris. We actually regularly bypass this pool for another city pool not far away that is much cleaner (water and facilities). Even better, that pool is free when Garrison has a fee. Also, the bathrooms are always dirty, and the doors are often locked (even when it's obvious that no one is inside) during the day. They need to be rebuilt and with more stalls because this park is heavily used, especially in the Spring and Fall. The playscape at Garrison is nice, and the trees give the whole park great shade. Sometimes on holiday weekends, this park is so busy that people searching for parking in the park back up onto Manchaca Rd. On holiday weekends, it really could use a police officer directing traffic flow and ensuring that Manchaca doesn't get blocked.

7 months ago

It needs regular cleanup.

7 months ago

The pools are way old and the bathrooms smell a bit

7 months ago

I don't appreciate that the park is closed for nearly 5 months of the years for festivals and the lights. The festivals especially are really hard on the land - it's mostly a muddy field right now. Our best and most loved park is closed for the nicest weather of the year? Try moving one of the fests elsewhere. Maybe the Rodeo land?

7 months ago

Improved safety and maintenance of trails.

7 months ago

No scooters

7 months ago

Zilker is awesome!

7 months ago

More trails for walking. Almost every trail is for mountain biking which makes it really dangerous for everyone. For a park this large, there should be at least one designated waking only trail.

7 months ago

Please make more fenced dog parks in Northwest Austin

7 months ago

Get people to pick up after their dogs. Not sure how to accomplish this, as poop bag stations and trash cans are provided. I wish people would use them.

8 months ago

Keep electric scooters out!

8 months ago
Enforcement of scooter laws and clear signage

8 months ago

no scooters! enforce leash laws! please!

8 months ago

More art would be nice too.

8 months ago

Occasionally water fountains are unusable. New fountains at Auditorium Shores occasionally run continuously.

8 months ago

The flooding this fall really clogged up the bridge under Metric with debris. Making sure these pathways are kept clear and open once the flooding subsides should be a priority.

8 months ago

Again with the underage drinking and subsequent garbage

8 months ago

Closed for 1/4 of the year...

Not enough trash cans.

It would be great if the fields south of Barton Spring would be suitable for soccer.

8 months ago

A fenced in dog area would be great! Dogs are off leash that run away and I've seen many dogs get lost for hours on the trails.

8 months ago

Motorized scooter adds a lot of mobility and helps with parking problems. However, at times it could pose safety hazards to others. There needs to be more awareness campaign for the citizens to reduce risk/fear of getting heat.

8 months ago

Trash cleanup would be great! Also, please don't develop it. The forest and creek are beautiful the way they are; they're the reason we go here!

8 months ago

I love the hike and bike trail. Most of the time I feel very safe there, but I would really like to see a cop a bit more often. I especially appreciate when I've seen police go into some of the dead end areas a bit off the trail, for example that peninsular with a kiosk on the southeast side or the oak grove by the baseball field in the northeast. Sometimes the areas near picnic tables are very unclean, with fallen food or paper trash. There are already some stands with bags for dog waste, which I greatly appreciate. I wonder if there could be one by each parking area to assist dog owners in picking up after dogs. I don't like the idea of scooters on the trail. I am already afraid of some of the fast bikers, and I do not think we need to add more vehicles to the trails. Young children, dogs, seniors all being able to walk safely should have priority over scooters. Sometimes I notice homeless people sleeping on a bench, but in general I am happy that everybody has access to the park area and have not felt threatened by the homeless presence.

8 months ago

Develop charging stations for electric cars... people would use the parks while charging their cars. Electric cars are the future.....

8 months ago

Put our homeless folks to work in our parks clearing out invasive species and picking up trash. And pay them a decent wage. Many other cities are doing this.

8 months ago

The new parking meters are wrong and exacerbate inequality even more

8 months ago

Pool needs replacing, maintain olympic size!

8 months ago
Zilker is frequently jammed with traffic and overcrowded. There are more aggressive people than there used to be, intoxicated individuals, homeless, people with clear psychiatric issues, but apparently no enforcement of any kind.

Wildlife is present throughout Walnut Creek Trail. In the spring deer families are crossing the trail. Keep motorized vehicles off the trails. They are not compatible with the environment for recreational use hike and bike trails. Scooters already litter the trail even though they are not allowed. A bicyclist coming around a blind corner would crash.

Balcones District Park is where we do a quick hike. There is a steep section leading down to the creek (or up from the creek) near Duval that could benefit from a switch back trail.

If you ever allow scooters at Walnut Creek I will never go back. Before anyone comments I’m being a NIMBY, I have been hit as a pedestrian by a scooterist on a sidewalk who wasn’t paying attention (LOOKING AT THEIR PHONE!) and slammed into me from behind. I was pretty neutral about scooters before that happened.

City employees should get free parking all year... not just for the summer.

I love Garrison park and enjoy its many beautiful trees. I think expanding the pool hours would be a nice added park feature. General upkeep and cleanliness of the park is important. Mostly, I’d keep the park the way it is.

This is neighborhood park for a lot of families. Stop renting it out to the highest bidder while we loose access for weeks on end.

Walnut Creek needs a bathroom near the playground.

Enforce leash laws and improve signage regarding off-leash areas in mix-use parks.

I do not feel unsafe at Zilker Park. I do not feel threatened by the homeless individuals in the park.

I Appreciate having an accessible trail at Duck Nichols. It would be nice to have more accessible walking paths at other parks.

No electric scooters on the trails, please.

Do not allow ACL to use the park for performances. Zilker is closed too long in the fall. Move ACL to somewhere like Circuit of America's. There are so many tents, toilets, people, etc that fill up Zilker during ACL you can't tell it's in our beautiful park anyway. Then it takes months for the park to recover.

REALLY NEEDS A UNIQUE AND ATTRACTIVE BRIDGE/ACCESS from Barton Springs/Zilker fields to Botanical Gardens across the street - it's a VERY dangerous intersection and AT THE VERY LEAST should have a blinking yellow light/crosswalk.

Don't allow scooters.
More restoration! The restoration project is what brings me here.

This park is amazing. Please keep it maintained for years to come.

No

If dogs are ok, and bikes, so should scooters. Im a 50yer old who loves bike riding but i really like scooters. scooters get a lot more people out and enjoying the park instead of staring at their phones. Its not just teens on scooters, its all ages and genders. I do not get the anger toward scooters. Scooters are a great addition to a park...

I think a conservancy would be a good way to work down the long list of deferred maintenance issues at Zilker, for example fixing all the broken walls and repairing the steps from the parking areas down to the Hillside Theater, as well as making headway on reparations to over-loved lawns and groves.

Zilker Park needs a new visitor information and education center to orient visitors to the park features and to tell the story of our historical, cultural and environmental values.

All public spaces in Austin need more recycling and during events no styrofoam and less plastic!

No scooters on trails, or on sidewalks.

enforce leash laws and clean up homeless camps!

It is an opportunity for novel land management. It's lovely, wild, and a little rough, but also suffers from erosion, overgrowth, and invasive species. Could longhorns graze seasonally? Could we partner with the LBJ Wildflower Center to maintain it with controlled burns?

Drone laws should be enforced. Perpetrators are harassing the wildlife.

Love Zilker Park - perfect place for ACL! Great all times of the year - very happy to live so close!

Love Mary Moore Searight because it has nature trails

Master plan is in place, would be great to see it implemented

No scooters!!

No bikes or scooters on the Butler Trail

It's not clear whether this is an off-leash dog area or not. I have heard other visitors complaining when people have their dogs off-leash, but I have always thought that it was allowed in this area.
The longhorn dam pedestrian crossing must be a priority.

It would be nice if the bond money was shared more equitably. Neighborhood parks, especially pocket parks seem to get ignored.

NO SCOOTERS ON TRAILS!

NO SCOOTERS ON TRAILS. I've already seen three people almost get knocked over by these things. Regulate this and keep them out of the parks!

What is the timeline for developing into an actual park?

needs repaving on the main one-mile loop trail

The trail needs lighting.

Love the views of the city from here. It is kept clean and quiet. Thank you.

Clear signage for walking trails, please!

There are not enough trash cans at commons ford

Scooter and e-bikes are OK here as long as they keep to bicycle speeds. They are better than all of the cars.

New pavilions and picnic tables are great!

This is not really about the park itself but as a city, we need to find solutions for our homeless population. I love Community First as one solution but not all of our homeless population are ready to transition into a community like that. Many cities are creating showering, restroom facilities for the homeless and tent cities. If we could provide other facilities, we might be able to reduce the homeless who are dependent upon our park and recreation facilities.

Dogs are a real problem here, like every park in Austin.

The tennis and basketball courts desperately need better lighting that is on until the park closes. There's really great natural water areas deeper in that would be nice for kayaking/ canoeing if there was an easy launch point and better irrigation to make the water cleaner.

More park infrastructure and work needs to be done. Lots of erosion and broken trail makes it hard to connect to town lake.

It's full of possibilities!
More lighting around the entrance of the park would be nice
8 months ago

I love the park, and appreciate the work by those that care for the park. The trails could be improved with additional sloped drainage under the trails. The surface could be improved via regular maintenance using a drag device behind a tractor to keep the trails smoother and therefore safer, especially to aid old and young people. Some additional signage, although minimalist in character would be good, identifying entrance, mileage, directions and instructions oriented towards, for example, rider safety.
8 months ago

Parking needs addressed. More sand courts.
8 months ago

Butler Park is a great place for small children. We haven't had any bad off-leash dog experiences there (thanks to the dog run area next to Town Lake). Some picnic tables would be nice.
8 months ago

The picnic & playground areas are not kept up well. The tables are falling apart and corroding. It does not have the care or attention that a park on the West side of 35 gets.
8 months ago

We are so grateful that the playscape is shaded year-round. So many playscapes in parks around Austin are not useable during summer as equipment gets too hot and sun beats down on you. We REALLY need a designated off-leash dog area.
8 months ago

It just needs more TLC!
8 months ago

It really doesn't need much, let it be for the birds!
8 months ago

Circle C Slaughter Park should interconnect by street biking / multi-use paths to Wildflower Park (Violet Crown Trail is not planned as suitable for street bikes), and to Grey Rocks junction of 45 and Mopac; also from Grey Rocks (end of Mopac) west to Escarpment. Providing these interconnecting multi-use / street biking paths will enlarge use of biking, and create safe routes. Highway 45 eastward provides (or soon will provide) a multi-use path to 1626. This should be extended all the way to 1826.
8 months ago

Park should provide an interconnected multi-use path, for walking and street biking (not just mountain bikes), to connect from Slaughter Lane to either Spruce Canyon or La Crosse. This would create a loop, including Escarpment, since RM1826 is unusable for street biking.
8 months ago

I love the trees.
8 months ago

I think there should be trails designated as off leash on one side of the creek, the back side. And trails that are on the road side kept on-leash areas.
8 months ago

We need mountain bike only trails or stricter enforcement of leash laws. It's dangerous for cyclists and animals.
8 months ago

Lights do not always work on their scheduled time. Not enough parking in the roller derby section of Bart. Does not always feel safe.
8 months ago

Please repair the paved hike and bike trail in Mary Moore Searight Park.
8 months ago

Needs a nice flat ring that's well lit for flat track roller derby
I go to the off-leash dog area of Onion Creek almost daily. I love that we have this available to us so close to home. However, in the summer, I do worry a lot about snakes in the overgrown area in the middle of the dog park. They've done a great job lately of cutting it back, and I hope it continues into the summer. Also, the grass in the park gets long very quickly, and the bugs tend to get worse. I've had times where I am literally in a swarm of mosquitos out there. I'd also love to see more maintained trails to explore in that park.

needs better parking and off leash area or times

When the time changes, the schedule for the lights is not always updated properly, which makes the park inaccessible and unusable for some hours when the park is supposedly open

A building sheltered by the elements for Austin's Roller Derby Community. Adults and children play.

This is pretty much a dog park right now and parking is absolutely horrible

Sometimes the lights don't work at the roller derby track, and it takes weeks for the problem to be fixed. This cuts out a lot of otherwise available track time and presents safety issues.

the running path is rough. Unable to safely skate on it.

Definitely needs bathrooms.

Mostly deserted so feels unsafe. It would be nice if there were more benches and it were better-kept to encourage more traffic.

Better connectivity to the north side of the park. (Crossing over Longhorn Dam needs to be upgraded)

As with many parks to the north and east, an area where dog owners can run their dogs off-leash would be an improvement.

Our swimming pool was approved in the last bond, we want to see construction

Another water spot for dogs to cool down on Lady Bird Lake. Perhaps near Festival Beach. If someone runs with their dog on leash a few cool down spots would be great. Even a hose bib or dog shower.

Water features or access for dogs. For instance, another spot on Lady Bird Lake for dogs to get into water. If someone walks or runs with their dog on leash, a stop for the dog to cool down would be great. Near Festival Beach perhaps. Or even a hose bib in a few areas.

Bartholomew is great, love the splash pad and playscapes. Always appears clean.

Hope they repair the trail soon.
I feel blessed to live close to Dick Nichols park and a green belt trail right behind our house. I wish that every citizen of Austin had the same access to clean and safe parks.

8 months ago

The grass is really beat up due to heavy use. Maybe we could rotate which part along the lake is dog park?

8 months ago

I wish that Bartholomew Park was better maintained: trash was kept in check, etc.

8 months ago

Keep it off-leash

8 months ago

I wish there was a designated, fenced in area for off lease dogs. Many many families love to bring their dogs there to run around, but it prevents people with reactive dogs from going there even if they're on a leash.

8 months ago

better lighting needed

8 months ago

Needs to be more lit and secure at night!

8 months ago

The City should enforce the no motorized scooter law. A low cost alternative could be to impound the scooters that are left in areas where they are prohibited from operating. This would incentivize the operators to take steps to prevent their use in these areas.

8 months ago

Agree

31 Agree

6 months ago

Agree!

2 Agree

7 months ago

No scooters on trails!!

16 Agree

8 months ago

Enforce dog leash laws.

12 Agree

8 months ago

Zilker Park needs to be purged of all huge special events. The soil is packed and the beautiful old trees are suffering, the public cannot use the park for months out of the year due to the events setups, breakdowns, and "repairs". Our park has been sild to the highest bidders. We want it back.

6 Agree

8 months ago

Please address the homeless problem along Barking Springs. There are folks with mental illness this make going there scary. Also, electric bikes and scooters make the trail difficult to walk on with or without dogs. I've ast been run over multiple times.

5 Agree

8 months ago

I wish there were fenced in dog parks—the one by the lake is not fenced.

5 Agree

8 months ago

Motorized scooters are a scourge on this great city.

4 Agree

8 months ago

Get rid of the scooters. They are left all over the place. If more are allowed in I am wondering how they will be collected. Vans driving in at night to collect?

4 Agree

8 months ago

Keep motorized scooters and all motorized vehicles out of and off trails. Remove riverside and all pavement from park.
Motorized scooters are not being supervised and are left all over the trail like litter. Roads not well maintained. Fix the rec centers we have before building new.

Places to cool down for dogs. A hose bib or dog shower. A second water entry for dogs on north side of river. Perhaps near Festival Beach.

Enforce leash laws.
Enforce motorized vehicle laws.
Enforce impervious cover rules - no new concrete!

Please fill the holes leftover from putting the stages up for ACL and Trail of Lights. I see recreational players on the Zilker Lawn twist their ankle on these holes.

I'm OK with charging parking on Zilker, but the flat $5 fee is quite high irrespective of actual time spent on the park. Why not use a flat hourly rate of $1 per hour and have the user pay for the number of hours used. I myself have stop paying the fee after a month, since I stay on Zilker for 2 hours at most each time, and find the $5 flat fee not a fair fee.

We Love Emma Long. I hope a way is found to decrease the trash issue. It takes PARD employees Days to get to it all on Monday Mornings.

No scooters on the trails

Give us back Zilker Park please!!! Let the music venues find a space.

Roy G has the best disc golf course in the city, if not the region. It is well maintained. However, the bridge to Hole 1 has been out for years. To reach the course you have to drive an extra 15 minutes around the park, which causes you to have a 20-30 minute walk back to the parking lot when done, or traverse the ravine which is not particularly safe. Fixing the bridge or installing a temporary one while work on the primary one is taking place would reduce the risk of someone breaking an ankle scrambling down the ravine.

There are existing Disc Golf park improvements already approved in Master Plans that have NOT been implemented in YEARS. Example: Bartholomew Park. The local Waterloo Disc Golf Club is patiently waiting for the walking trails and other items to be finalized so they can get permission to improve the disc golf course. The COA & PARD have dragged their feet on this. Why approve it in the Master Plan YEARS AGO and not act on it when a local club is willing to put in their money and hundreds of volunteer hours to fix it up?

Disc Golf/Hike/Bike related improvements at Roy G. Guerrero Park where the bridge has NOT been replaced in years since the last big flood. This restricts a major access point to the park for all visitors and should be fixed.

Zilker really needs the upcoming study. As we densify the park is widely loved. A mix of shuttle and bike/walk connections needs to be encouraged. Address the transient situation. Leave the dogs alone. The pool is the heart and soul of the City open space should not be used as parking. The events have the park closed in a chunk of time that is too long. Maintenance should appear to occur more regularly than just before events. Plant more trees as the pecan trees have a life span. Care for the historic features - Sunken Gardens needs love and the habitat there needs to be protected. I could go on and on.

Trash bins often are overflowing at Bull Creek and Barton Creek Greenbelt as well.
It's overused and so shouldn't be closed/reserved for big/pay events
8 months ago

Well-delineated areas where dogs can run off-leash (fenced, please!) and where they mandated to be on leash.
Better lighting that comes on at dusk.
Better markers on walking/hiking trails that point to entrance/exit.
No motor vehicles (scooters) on trails.
More trash cans to encourage proper disposal of garbage and dog waste.
8 months ago

Please encourage shades for lights - so the light shines only on the area intended rather than 3 blocks away in bedroom and living room windows or trying to back out of the driveway and the light hits your eyes or keeping many birds that are natural predators for mosquitoes from roosting since they need a dark night and the noisy unattractive birds take over and finally more un-shielded lights means the less we can see the theater of the stars.
7 months ago

I wish it was open to the public more often. During festivals, trail of lights, etc. it's unusable.
8 months ago

There needs to be better land markers between public and private land. This park abuts a large tract of privately owned land (yard) for a home in the neighborhood with some trespass issues and some minor trash issues.
8 months ago

Better signage of trails.
8 months ago

Just add more disc golf and kid friendly nature based events!
6 months ago

Repair the bridge ASAP please
6 months ago

It used to have a disc golf course and it needs to be brought back. (Pease Park)
6 months ago

Bartholomew is the oldest existing disc golf course in Texas, and it is the worst maintained disc golf course. It needs new tee pads, signage, kiosk, practice basket.
6 months ago

I would love to use the water at Fiesta Gardens, but I am fenced out, with a sign reading "Private Property - KEEP OUT!" It is such a unique, tranquil feature - LET ME IN, please.
6 months ago

Circle C park is wonderful. It could benefit from
1. police presence and or cameras to reduce smash & grab theft from cars in the parking lot nearest Slaughter
2. more enforcement of leash laws
3. investigation / penalty for unauthorized clearing by residents on Tasajillo trail.
4. Sustained maintenance and support of the disc golf course, including potentially signage where the course intersects with pedestrian use
6 months ago

enforce leash laws. Can't tell you how many times I've been at the park trying to enjoy my picnic when a random dog comes over and goes to the bathroom right next to me and their owner doesn't notice b/c they're 100 feet away and not paying attention to their "good boy"
8 months ago

It's very open and urbanized. It would be nice to have more native plants and trees at this park.
8 months ago

My car has been broken into twice at this park.
8 months ago
Expand the pool hours at Northwest park, please.
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Keep scooter off trails
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Scooters shouldn't be allowed in this dog park! The trail is popular as it is and most scooter users aren't used to the machines they're riding, I don't like seeing the close calls!
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Do not allow scooters on the trails. As a walker/runner dealing with bikes especially on really nice days is already enough.
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Stand up scooters and electric bikes should not be allowed on the trail.
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

It's time for the City to take action on returning the Holly power plant back to parkland. I would also like to see the pedestrian bridge improves to cross the river.
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Please fill the holes left over from putting up the stages and tents for ACL and Trail of lights at Zilker lawn. I see many folks twisting their ankle after stepping on these stake holes when playing recreational sports.
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Off-leash dogs are out of control
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

The amount of picnic tables that were installed is ridiculous. Keep this park natural!
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

remove poison ivy
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

create a grow zone around the creek and pond-stop mowing.
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Shoal Creek earthworks that protect the park from the creek are becoming unstable. There are "paths of desire" that continue to erode the earthworks and make the park look bad. It would be great if the paths would be suitable for all - not just dirt paths
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Emma Long and the surrounding parkland is a wonderful, all-natural park with enough acreage to keep regular hiking there interesting.
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

No scooters on trails!
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Wish there were more no mow zones here / less turf
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Disc golf consumes too much usable space. I respect the players' space so I feel there is too little available lawn in areas nearest our neighborhood
8 months ago  □ 1 Agree

Drainage areas are actually becoming a great space for disc golf course. Pretty good idea! That's something that is really cool about disc golf, in that most "unusable" land can be a course.
6 months ago
Most disc golf courses don’t use lawn area. Typically, a well-designed course uses land that is enveloped in scrub brush. I think some communities have installed poorly designed courses that give people the wrong impression.

6 months ago

This park has beautiful historic resources! There is much evidence of colonial and pre-colonial occupation. It has an elaborate current trail system, and it may contain historic trails that pre-date the city of Austin. It may contain some of the oldest extant homestead ruins in the city, but the site is not yet in the state archaeological records. Onion Creek Metro Park is a very exciting and important piece of property, and the city had great foresight to acquire it.

8 months ago

Bathrooms!!!

8 months ago

The shades that have been installed, are so very wonderful! Thank you very much!

8 months ago

We fight crime because of the neglect this park receives. There are homes nearby which watch the circle in front where people park. A neighbor mows the grass. The children play in the front and people walk there dogs off leash there often. It deserves attention.

8 months ago

Too many drugs. No enforcement of laws at this park as it is on the edge of the city. On the weekends it is out of control with people doing terrible things. No one wants to take their children there.

8 months ago

occasional signage and barricades laying around look trashy and can become a trip hazard when left lying on the ground when not in use

8 months ago

We love this park! Although, the playscape does not have shade and in the summer the plastic slides are burning hot. Given the high-use that this playground gets, it would be nice to get some shade added. A play based water feature that was open year-round or nearly year-round would also be great since the pool is only open for the summer. Adding light around the walking trail would also be a great addition. The sidewalk from the park to the library is frequently overgrown - this needs to be part of park maintenance.

8 months ago

Mary Moore Searight is beautiful as it is, no further development. Except maybe horseback riding :)!

8 months ago

The Lawn is degraded by ACL, and requires too much water to revitalize it each year.

8 months ago

It should be one of the crown jewels. Could take the weight off Zilker.

8 months ago

The history of this park should not be destroyed as is planned by PARD

8 months ago

I like to run around Town Lake I’d like to see more shade trees planted. Also more proactive about planting trees to replace dying trees. Poison ivy eradication would be nice-some areas are quite narrow.

6 months ago

Pleas make fishing on town lake good again.

6 months ago

it’s good

6 months ago

These parks are family destinations. It would be helpful if the dress code discouraged semi-nude (female) and almost nude (both sexes) swimming. And, although all City facilities are “smoke free”,

6 months ago
Barking Springs apparently is the de facto exception, as various smoke fumes invade the air 100' or more up the pool from the lower dam. It is unhealthy inhaling second-hand smokes, and swimmers are deeply inhaling it while swimming.

6 months ago

Garrison requires payment for entry even though the facility is too small and outdated.

6 months ago

People ride scooters while on their phone. It is ridiculous and unsafe. There is also an apartment complex near the boardwalk that allows off leash dogs, which is not safe.

6 months ago

Wonderful trail

6 months ago

Lighting and longer hours. This is the heart of the city and people should be out at night walking safely.

6 months ago

Need more fenced in dog parks where they're allowed off leash. Also would love to see more water fountains or hoses where you can cool off dogs

6 months ago

Please fix the bridge on the S. Pleasant Valley side of Roy Guerrero! Love Festival Beach Food Forest! Please fund more signage/info and other resources they need to keep it thriving. Would love to see more perennial, edible landscapes in other parks! Camping at Roy Guerrero along the Colorado would be cool!

6 months ago

Needs additional garbage & recycling bins

6 months ago

make more art along trails

6 months ago

Yes, increase the number of trash cans at most of the disc golf courses. This will help tremendously with the trash problems at most if not all disc golf courses around Austin.

6 months ago

The off-leash area for the north side of Walnut Creek may have been fine back in the day when it was designated and relatively unused. However, the entire park is now overrun with off-leash dogs to the point it's not safe for anyone else. This needs to be fixed. There is unused space on the north side of the ball fields that can be fenced for a real dog park.

6 months ago

It would be great if the pool allowed recreational swimming before 11:00 a.m. I didn't want my kids to be out in the sun after 12:00 p.m.

6 months ago

It has the perfect space for a little disc golf course in the center :)

6 months ago

I see lots of people parking in the critical root zone of trees at Zilker. I'm concerned this might damage the trees and wonder if the overcrowded parking situation could be improved.

6 months ago

Too crowded

6 months ago
It’s great. Connecting to Bartender Creek and trail could be better. Build more parks like this around the city!

6 months ago

Please get the scooters off ALL trails. They are dangerous and a nuisance.

6 months ago

It is a nice park going thru playground improvement and trails linking to it. However I am unaware of any park sponsored adult activities.

6 months ago

It’s a very nice park with no known city sponsored adult activities.

6 months ago

Walnut Creek is heavily used. There is a dangerous drop off along the major trail that is roped off - better signage to warn folks is needed.

6 months ago

N/A

6 months ago

Thou the splash pad is shaded there is poor drainage and sludge collects along the side walls. The space is also too small for the crowd it draws.

6 months ago

Garrison: It feels a little isolated and therefore unsafe to go in the back of the park (away from Manchaca Rd). If more people used it, it would feel safer. Wish the pool opened some days to regular swim before 11am.

6 months ago

The trail in green space along the creek needs to go all the way from the main park to Dessau and be accessible from the neighborhoods it passes thru. Particularly where it passes under IH35.

6 months ago

Love love Ladybird trail.

6 months ago

I don’t like being attacked by dogs either than a running free or on their leash because I’m walking in a park or running in a park or playing in a park I think there should be parks where dogs are not allowed to come. That would make me feel a lot safer.

6 months ago

Make extra holes for disc golf

6 months ago

To whoever has to read all of these grumpy comments, my thoughts are with you. Thank you for your patience.

6 months ago

Obviously, the bridge into the park from pleasant valley would be nice to have...

6 months ago

Bartholomew seems to have got forgotten about. Park is in serious need of a Makeover

6 months ago

It has gotten so overcrowded and so much trail erosion from overuse.

6 months ago

Please patrol in early mornings and at night. Many homeless or vagrant people and kids skipping school

6 months ago

I like the idea of separating foot traffic from wheeled traffic
Need more trash cans throughout the park. They're all bunch together in certain areas and should be spread out more.

Since Onion Creek is a Metropolitan park that means motorized vehicles are not allowed. However a local biker club (motorcycles) constantly invades the area.

I only go for Fourth of July. It's just a big field, isn't it?

needs a bigger trash can somewhere because people litter

The City should enforce the motorized scooter ban on the trails. They're dangerous to pedestrians and abandoned scooters don't belong on the trail.

Charging for parking under the MoPac bridge is ruining access to the trail. Please remove the metered parking and keep this city gem accessible to ALL residents.

Trails are well maintained and very much appreciated.

Please fix the bridge

We need large, explicit signs that state that NO SCOOTERS can be on the Butler trail. We also need more lighting.

The Butler trail needs lighting

The trails on the other side of Mopac are really nice, they just need a little maintenance. Really cool overlook!

Off-leash dogs and "doggie bags" are out of control. Just get rid of off-leash altogether in this super-dense and over-used park.

The mountain bike community cherishes walnut creek metro park. There are too many off leash dogs on the actual mountain bike trail which results in collisions and injuries. Its a shame that so much volunteer work from mountain bike organizations maintain the trails here that are just congested with loose dogs.

Improve signage to stop trail use if conditions are too muddy.

Off-leash dogs and owners leaving dog-waste-filled bags on the trail are a problem that needs to be addressed.

Bull Creek needs more trash disposal options. Littering is endemic.

Taking away picnic tables by moving them from the island in the pool parking lot does not serve the citizens.
Pedestrian access to Pease Park is very poor. There is no access from 15th Street, and for pedestrians arriving from the east, the only access is from 12th Street or 24th Street (besides the unmarked creek crossing across from MLK) - this dramatically increases the distance required for many residents of central Austin to reach it on foot.

6 months ago

It could be amazing but it's made of too many disparate, unconnected parts.

6 months ago

Among my fave Austin spots

6 months ago

Keep it open year round

6 months ago

Yes, stop listening to self appointed east Austin "activists" who always oppose any improvements like connectivity or anything dealing with dogs. They don't speak for our whole community.

6 months ago

There are underutilized areas of the park that are used for flood control. It would be great to make better use of these areas

6 months ago

I live by Mabel Davis, which I enjoy. I had a wonderful time when the arborists did some demonstration programs - and going out to the neighborhood park kickstarted my recovery from shingles.

I would use the park more regularly if I felt safe going to the woods around the pond. I feel awkward stepping through homeless encampments when all I am doing is running, sometimes with my dog,

I would also use the country club creek trails... if there were country club creek trails that connected to the Roy Guerrero / town lake parks. I would bike and run to the Ruiz library happily.

6 months ago

this is not an off leash park but it is not enforced when people bring dogs off their leashes.

6 months ago

Walnut Creek is an amazing park. Thank you!

6 months ago

Please do a better job of removing poison ivy/poison oak. There's too much right on the trails in walnut creek itself and along the new paved trails attached to the park

6 months ago

No more electric scooters, bikes, and everything along those lines

6 months ago

Off-leash dogs are a problem here.

6 months ago

Very well maintained park, by both PARD and the neighborhood.

6 months ago

Multiple disc golf courses to entertain tournaments

6 months ago

Homeless camping makes part of trails feel unsafe. Picnic tables at pavilion usually occupied by homeless people all day.
Dark parts of trails and sidewalks feel unsafe at night.

Need more trash cans. On weekends they overflow quickly and so much trash blows away.

Allowing food trucks would be cool.

6 months ago
Love it! As long as it stays safe to go to, I'll be there!
6 months ago

The parking lot needs to be improved (full of potholes!)
6 months ago

Homeless camps everywhere.
6 months ago

Have all parks be functional landscapes that also contribute to community resilience (use green infrastructure strategies)
6 months ago

I wish Zilker wasn't trashed as much during the ACL Festival, Blues on the Green, and the Trail of Lights.
6 months ago

Please do not allow motorized scooters on park trails.
6 months ago

Please enforce the no motorized scooters on the trail law. They are a danger to runners/walkers!
6 months ago

I'm in this park multiple times a week. Lately there has been an uptick in homeless people sleeping in the park and also an increase in trash and vandalism. There is FAR too much trash in this park. I spend hours cleaning it up when I visit and it barely makes a dent. Also, why is there a big truck from Electrical Engineers of Texas and a trailer parked in the park? they were dropped off there a few years ago and have been a magnet for vandalism every since.
6 months ago

I prefer to keep all motorized vehicles out of the park and off all trails.
6 months ago

Love the park. Don't like the free roaming dogs and their waste.
6 months ago

I love Walnut Creek.
6 months ago

Neighborhood access to the Walnut Creek bike trail should be increased. It's adjacent to lots of peoples' homes but not accessible.
6 months ago

greenspace. Is woefully unnoticed and regularly trashed out by overuse. This should be addressed before anything else is even considered.
6 months ago

It is the most fabulous feature of the entire city for me.
6 months ago

The trail needs to be widened in many places and the Longhorn Dam bypassed.
6 months ago

Parking is terrible especially during the soccer season. There are lots of potholes which make it difficult to navigate. The 4 parking lots are not enough to accommodate all the cars. Would be nice to pave the areas along the fields or at least have some gravel. These areas get muddy and torn up after a rain and I've seen many a car get stuck.
6 months ago

We go to Bull Creek for the creek, please don't add any buildings. At the main access point the parking is inadequate and the creek edge is a mess from erosion and overuse. It would be nice to clean up that edge with some limestone terraces that facilitate use of the creek. Please don't do
any more limestone cliffs such as were installed at shoal creek. Also a better developed hiking trail.

6 months ago

extend the trail north. And no electric vehicles except on pavement.

6 months ago

The creek is glorious.

6 months ago

we really need a trail, and perhaps an off-leash dog area.

6 months ago

Just that it is overcrowded most of the time and parking is a real problem

6 months ago

Lots of people with their dogs off leash.

6 months ago

The off leash dogs everywhere really scare us w our kids. Would rather it be more defined (attacked twice as a kid myself).

6 months ago

put it is SW Austin

6 months ago

So much poison ivy along the trail - would like to see this eradicated as it is very easy to get poison by brushing up along plant along the trail. I LOVE the gardening they’ve done in the circular walkway area along the trail and along the footbridge

6 months ago

It would be better if there were no scooters.

6 months ago

Paving is typically a mess and roads in/out are too narrow with no option for people to walk across creek bridge at entrance without close sharing with vehicles.

6 months ago

Connect it to Slaughter creek trail system and it will be perfect!

6 months ago

barton springs... the soul of our city! please protect the recharge zone as the water quality is getting worse every day and will soon turn the pool into a cesspool.

6 months ago

The motorcycles are destroying Emma Long trails. No oversight. The race organizers should be held accountable for the damage caused to trails. This used to be A great technical mountain bike trail.

6 months ago

The water is too hot in the middle of the summer.

6 months ago

Brush Square Park is a wonderful place to rest in busy downtown. It needs more love!

6 months ago

Needs Friendly staff

6 months ago

Parking should be free as our taxes already pay for it... And acl is a blight to anyone who actually grew up here when zilker was accessible to everyone year round, not just rich out of towners who drive drunk and pee in your yard.
I love it. Keep scooters off of the trail. They are already ubiquitous in Austin. Make hike and bike trails like the one around Lady Bird Lake and the board walk, scooter-free.

6 months ago

Walnut Creek and its trail system park is a gem. One of the best things about Austin!

6 months ago

D. Nichols park is great in the winter due to its lack of shade. In the summer, the metal on the playscape is so hot, kids can't touch it. Thus, in the summer, we often go to Circle C Ranch. Circle C has a lot of shade due to all the trees. In the winter, the shade can make this park seem much colder. I like how each park can be used in different seasons.

6 months ago

Dick Nichols is a wonderful park in the winter because it lacks shade. In the summer, it's often so hot that the metal on the playscape can't be touched. Thus, in the summer, we often go to Circle C Ranch which is very shady and cool. In the winter, Circle C can be freezing due to the shade the trees provide. I like that each park is different and can be used in different seasons.

6 months ago

No

6 months ago

my answers are same as earlier

6 months ago

Anything motorized should not be allowed on the park trails.

6 months ago

Motorized vehicles, including scooters, should not be on the trail through the park, and any rules to that effect are meaningless without enforcement.

6 months ago

No electric vehicles on the natural surface trails. No electric scooters on either the natural surface or the paved multi-use paths.

6 months ago

Enforce leash laws, no motorized bikes or scooters

6 months ago

Disc golfers volunteer thousands of hours each year to keep the courses clean, free of graffiti, and spreading mulch as needed!!!

6 months ago

We need a different place than the hiking trail for motorized vehicles but it must be enforced.

6 months ago

Repairs and maintenance following flood damage have not been timely.

6 months ago

Restrict all motorized scooters and vehicles from park trails and all sidewalks and enforce this restriction with heavy fines and impounding vehicles. It's too dangerous for those walking on trails and sidewalks. Don't increase the amount of impervious cover for future development of the parks. Enforce leash laws.

6 months ago

Just do something about the scooters and bikers....they need to use facilities, too, but many cities have separate lanes....Austin should do that as well.

6 months ago

Needs better walking access from the near neighborhoods

6 months ago
enforcement needed
6 months ago

Zilker should be shut for ACL only every other year
6 months ago

Parking at parks should be free (IMHO). Maybe it's time to look at a simple, multi-story garage to accommodate the throngs that go to enjoy the park and its offerings as well as concert goers.
6 months ago

This park is in the middle of a neighborhood, and as such should support quiet use that is respectful of park neighbors. Putting more events and facilities in the middle of neighborhoods adds traffic and noise to the area and is not compatible with the fact that homes border this park.
6 months ago

Parking can be tough depending the time and day.
6 months ago

The west side of the park has many more activities than east of I-35. Please improve this.
6 months ago

Revitalization of Pease Park Disc Golf course
6 months ago

This park is frequently used for family gatherings and should be maintained and preserved.
6 months ago

I've been running town lake for many years and I am glad, that through all the things that occur there, I can still run it.
6 months ago

We are grateful that the GGRC is one mile from our house. It has been enriching our lives since it opened.
6 months ago

We're grateful that the GGRC is a mile from our house. It has been enriching our lives since it opened.
6 months ago

Safety due to lack of lighting and increasing homeless taking up camp in the vicinity.
6 months ago

Fix the bridge!
6 months ago

I noticed a sign along the hike and bike trail that said scooters can go up to 10mph as part of a trial/pilot program. Really?!!! Who is going to monitor and enforce? Will we start seeing speed guns aimed at scooter riders? What's the penalty? I'm already having to step over scooters along the sidewalk and parts of the trail. I don't think motorized anything should be permitted on the trail, period. Please make scooter companies (not taxpayers) pay to provide more scooter parking spots where the scooters can be kept upright and out of the way.
7 months ago

Absolutely loving the paved trails! Hurry up and connect Copperfield to the network! Hate risking life and limb biking near Austin motorist.
7 months ago

too many speeding bikes and off-leash dogs
7 months ago

Bring back free parking! Enforce the no motorized scooters law by ticketing those who choose to ignore it, and you'll earn back that money in spades
7 months ago
Increased lighting for safety

Utilize the natural features and wildlife.

Keep it as an off-leash dog park

Enforce getting scooters and bike hires off the trail.

It isn't close to my home.

No they use it to dump old cars and such. If the park could take this land and turn it into a park with a library and rec center this would give people in central Austin a place to go where we have no place now. The park is connected to a school so it is only accessible during after school and weekends. We do not have a central gathering space now.

No Scooters!

Too many homeless and sexual encounters going on. Makes me not want to take my kids on the trails with me.

Need better signage regarding leash law. Maybe establish separate off-leash area. No scooters on the trails!

Garrison park is great because it has so many trees. But the trails could be *better*, and there could be more nature based elements

Better lighting on the trail for night time runners

Zilker and surroundaing: No scooters! Reduction of closures due to TOL and ACL. Increased trash cans. More water fountains. Increased tree and other plantings replacement programs.

We need an accessible loop trail at Bart Park.

The private ball fields are not serving the public. We barely have a park left. People want to experience the wide open expanse of nature, and instead we've leased all our land away. It is really unfair to the majority of park users who don't use them to be kept out of the majority of the land thrust could be usable for recreational enjoyment by everyone.

What does this park need to go to get to the top of the priority list. The volunteer in our neighborhood has been working on it for 10 years!

It's over-crowded. Also there is no safe way to cross Lamar on bike to access the park

More light post because it gets dark fast.
The old playground was great. If a new ADA-compliant is installed, a few of the previous features be retained or incorporated in the park in other spaces (e.g. swings and red firetruck).

The new fence was installed is too close to the main path so there is no space to step off the path to make room for joggers and bicyclists.

There is space for a small dog park near the playground and tennis courts. Please do not disturb the nature trails.

The development by Mopac and Davis disturbs the previous views from the path. More trees should be planted and the city should not have allowed the retaining walls to be placed so close to the park.

Skate Park ruined Mabel Davis

Please no scooters, or maybe enforce a speed limit for scooters and bikes alike. I bike on the trail myself, but I don't treat it like a race track like some do.

Get rid of motorized scooters in parks. More walking trails. More local parks.

No scooters on trails

Handball Courts

Bocce Courts

Good softball fields but they have insufficient areas for teams preparing to play (i.e., warmup areas) and insufficient parking. It's enough of a problem that we are looking at other places to play.

Please improve outdoor lighting and police presence in the evening, so that it feels safer to walk and jog around Lady Bird Lake after dark. Also, please enforce the prohibition on motorized scooters on the trail.

I absolutely love this park right here in our neighborhood, I'd love some trails & loops for our families to explore

I love it! So close to home and the trail is well maintained.

John Trevino Jr. Metro Park at Morrison Ranch is HUGE and has been in the development phases for years, yet there is no discernable activity there... EVER. Please develop this park. The East Austin corridor needs the development and this park is so special. It has so much potential!

The homelessness isn't ideal

No scooters on trails
The kids playground is underneath some trees. There is no other shaded areas in the park. It makes staying outside very difficult as an adult during the long hot months.

Maintenance of the trail always is a challenge - also keeping trash out of the creeks and the lake.

Move Trail of Lights Elsewhere.

Ban all motorized scooters and bicycles from the trails and have full-time roving officers to enforce the regulation to ensure the safety of the walkers, joggers, and hikers on the trails!

There's nothing I "do" at my selected park except walk my dogs through it every day. So I answered about parks-in-general. I imagine that a lot of other respondents did as well.

Need fences to divide designated leash and off leash areas and need a couple speed bumps at Onion Creek off leash dog park.

Pease park is wonderful and repairing the off-leash trail damaged by the landslide should be a high priority.

too many scooters on the hike and bike trail

we need green space, please don't build on our existing green space....thank you.

People experiencing homelessness are rapidly detracting from the park since they have increasingly inhabited areas of it that are wooded, like adjacent to the model airplane field and the off leach dog area

No scooters

Poison ivy has gotten bad in the last couple of years. In the summer I had to avoid most of the trails due to rampant poison ivy growth.

The pool at Garrison Park is not well maintained; the water is always sketchy and filled with debris. We actually regularly bypass this pool for another city pool not far away that is much cleaner (water and facilities). Even better, that pool is free when Garrison has a fee. Also, the bathrooms are always dirty, and the doors are often locked (even when it's obvious that no one is inside) during the day. They need to be rebuilt and with more stalls because this park is heavily used, especially in the Spring and Fall. The playscape at Garrison is nice, and the trees give the whole park great shade. Sometimes on holiday weekends, this park is so busy that people searching for parking in the park back up onto Manchaca Rd. On holiday weekends, it really could use a police officer directing traffic flow and ensuring that Manchaca doesn't get blocked.

It needs regular cleanup.

the pools are way old and the bathrooms smell a bit

I don't appreciate that the park is closed for nearly 5 months of the years for festivals and the lights. The festivals especially are really hard on the land - it's mostly a muddy field right now. Our
best and most loved park is closed for the nicest weather of the year? Try moving one of the fests elsewhere. Maybe the Rodeo land?
7 months ago

Improved safety and maintenance of trails.
7 months ago

No scooters
7 months ago

Zilker is awesome!
7 months ago

More trails for walking. Almost every trail is for mountain biking which makes it really dangerous for everyone. For a park this large, there should be at least one designated waking only trail.
7 months ago

Please make more fenced dog parks in Northwest Austin
7 months ago

Get people to pick up after their dogs. Not sure how to accomplish this, as poop bag stations and trash cans are provided. I wish people would use them.
8 months ago

Keep electric scooters out!
8 months ago

Enforcement of scooter laws and clear signage
8 months ago

no scooters! enforce leash laws! please!
8 months ago

More art would be nice too.
8 months ago

Occasionally water fountains are unusable. New fountains at Auditorium Shores occasionally run continuously.
8 months ago

The flooding this fall really clogged up the bridge under Metric with debris. Making sure these pathways are kept clear and open once the flooding subsides should be a priority.
8 months ago

Again with the underage drinking and subsequent garbage
8 months ago

Closed for 1/4 of the year...
Not enough trash cans. It would be great if the fields south of Barton Spring would be suitable for soccer.
8 months ago

A fenced in dog area would be great! Dogs are off leash that run away and I've seen many dogs get lost for hours on the trails.
8 months ago

Motorized scooter adds a lot of mobility and helps with parking problems. However, at times it could pose safety hazards to others. There needs to be more awareness campaign for the citizens to reduce risk/fear of getting heat.
8 months ago

Trash cleanup would be great! Also, please don't develop it. The forest and creek are beautiful the way they are; they're the reason we go here!
8 months ago
Keep your dogs on leash.
8 months ago

I love the hike and bike trail. Most of the time I feel very safe there, but I would really like to see a cop a bit more often. I especially appreciate when I've seen police go into some of the dead end areas a bit off the trail, for example that peninsula with a kiosk on the southeast side or the oak grove by the baseball field in the northeast. Sometimes the areas near picnic tables are very unclean, with fallen food or paper trash. There are already some stands with bags for dog waste, which I greatly appreciate. I wonder if there could be one by each parking area to assist dog owners in picking up after dogs. I don't like the idea of scooters on the trail. I am already afraid of some of the fast bikers, and I do not think we need to add more vehicles to the trails. Young children, dogs, seniors all being able to walk safely should have priority over scooters. Sometimes I notice homeless people sleeping on a bench, but in general I am happy that everybody has access to the park area and have not felt threatened by the homeless presence.
8 months ago

Develop charging stations for electric cars... people would use the parks while charging their cars. Electric cars are the future.....
8 months ago

Put our homeless folks to work in our parks clearing out invasive species and picking up trash. And pay them a decent wage. Many other cities are doing this.
8 months ago

The new parking meters are wrong and exacerbate inequality even more
8 months ago

Pool needs replacing, maintain Olympic size!
8 months ago

Zilker is frequently jammed with traffic and overcrowded. There are more aggressive people than there used to be, intoxicated individuals, homeless, people with clear psychiatric issues, but apparently no enforcement of any kind.
8 months ago

Wildlife is present throughout Walnut Creek Trail. In the spring deer families are crossing the trail. Keep motorized vehicles off the trails. They are not compatible with the environment for recreational use hike and bike trails. Scooters already litter the trail even though they are not allowed. A bicyclist coming around a blind corner would crash.
8 months ago

Balcones District Park is where we do a quick hike. There is a steep section leading down to the creek (or up from the creek) near Duval that could benefit from a switchback trail.
8 months ago

If you ever allow scooters at Walnut Creek I will never go back. Before anyone comments I'm being a NIMBY, I have been hit as a pedestrian by a scooterist on a sidewalk who wasn't paying attention (LOOKING AT THEIR PHONE!) and slammed into me from behind. I was pretty neutral about scooters before that happened.
8 months ago

signs and benches on the trail are not maintained
8 months ago

City employees should get free parking all year... not just for the summer.
8 months ago

I love Garrison park and enjoy its many beautiful trees. I think expanding the pool hours would be a nice added park feature. General upkeep and cleanliness of the park is important. Mostly, I'd keep the park the way it is.
8 months ago

This is neighborhood park for a lot of families. stop renting it out to the highest bidder while we loose access for weeks on end.
8 months ago
Walnut Creek needs a bathroom near the playground.
8 months ago

Enforce leash laws and improve signage regarding off-leash areas in mix-use parks.
8 months ago

I do not feel unsafe at Zilker Park. I do not feel threatened by the homeless individuals in the park.
8 months ago

I Appreciate having an accessible trail at Duck Nichols. It would be nice to have more accessible walking paths at other parks.
8 months ago

No electric scooters on the trails, please.
8 months ago

Do not allow ACL to use the park for performances. Zilker is closed too long in the fall. Move ACL to somewhere like Circuit of America's. There are so many tents, toilets, people, etc that fill up Zilker during ACL you can't tell it's in our beautiful park anyway. Then it takes months for the park to recover.
8 months ago

REALLY NEEDS A UNIQUE AND ATTRACTIVE BRIDGE/ACCESS from Barton Springs/Zilker fields to Botanical Gardens across the street - it's a VERY dangerous intersection and AT THE VERY LEAST should have a blinking yellow light/crosswalk.
8 months ago

Don't allow scooters
8 months ago

More restoration! The restoration project is what brings me here.
8 months ago

This park is amazing. Please keep it maintained for years to come.
8 months ago

No
8 months ago

If dogs are ok, and bikes, so should scooters. Im a 50yer old who loves bike riding but i really like scooters. scooters get a lot more people out and enjoying the park instead of staring at their phones. Its not just teens on scooters, its all ages and genders. I do not get the anger toward scooters. Scooters are a great addition to a park...
8 months ago

I think a conservancy would be a good way to work down the long list of deferred maintenance issues at Zilker, for example fixing all the broken walls and repairing the steps from the parking areas down to the Hillside Theater, as well as making headway on reparations to over-loved lawns and groves.
8 months ago

Zilker Park needs a new visitor information and education center to orient visitors to the park features and to tell the story of our historical, cultural and environmental values.
8 months ago

All public spaces in Austin need more recycling and during events no styrofoam and less plastic!
8 months ago

No scooters on trails, or on sidewalks.
8 months ago

enforce leash laws and clean up homeless camps!
8 months ago
It is an opportunity for novel land management. It's lovely, wild, and a little rough, but also suffers from erosion, overgrowth, and invasive species. Could longhorns graze seasonally? Could we partner with the LBJ Wildflower Center to maintain it with controlled burns?

Drone laws should be enforced. Perpetrators are harassing the wildlife.

Love Zilker Park - perfect place for ACL! Great all times of the year - very happy to live so close!

Love Mary Moore Searight because it has nature trails

Master plan is in place, would be great to see it implemented

No scooters!!

No bikes or scooters on the Butler Trail

It's not clear whether this is an off-leash dog area or not. I have heard other visitors complaining when people have their dogs off-leash, but I have always thought that it was allowed in this area.

The longhorn dam pedestrian crossing must be a priority.

It would be nice if the bond money was shared more equitably. Neighborhood parks, especially pocket parks seem to get ignored.

NO SCOOTERS ON TRAILS!

NO SCOOTERS ON TRAILS. I've already seen three people almost get knocked over by these things. Regulate this and keep them out of the parks!

What is the timeline for developing into an actual park?

needs repaving on the main one-mile loop trail

The trail needs lighting.

Love the views of the city from here. It is kept clean and quiet. Thank you.

Clear signage for walking trails, please!

There are not enough trash cans at commons ford
Scooter and e-bikes are OK here as long as they keep to bicycle speeds. They are better than all of the cars.
8 months ago

New pavilions and picnic tables are great!
8 months ago

This is not really about the park itself but as a city, we need to find solutions for our homeless population. I love Community First as one solution but not all of our homeless population are ready to transition into a community like that. Many cities are creating showering, restroom facilities for the homeless and tent cities. If we could provide other facilities, we might be able to reduce the homeless who are dependent upon our park and recreation facilities.
8 months ago

Dogs are a real problem here, like every park in Austin.
8 months ago

The tennis and basketball courts desperately need better lighting that is on until the park closes. There's really great natural water areas deeper in that would be nice for kayaking/canoeing if there was an easy launch point and better irrigation to make the water cleaner.
8 months ago

More park infrastructure and work needs to be done. Lots of erosion and broken trail makes it hard to connect to town lake.
8 months ago

It's full of possibilities!
8 months ago

More lighting around the entrance of the park would be nice
8 months ago

I love the park, and appreciate the work by those that care for the park. The trails could be improved with additional sloped drainage under the trails. The surface could be improved via regular maintenance using a drag device behind a tractor to keep the trails smoother and therefore safer, especially to aid old and young people. Some additional signage, although minimalist in character would be good, identifying entrance, mileage, directions and instructions oriented towards, for example, rider safety.
8 months ago

Parking needs addressed. More sand courts.
8 months ago

Butler Park is a great place for small children. We haven't had any bad off-leash dog experiences there (thanks to the dog run area next to Town Lake). Some picnic tables would be nice.
8 months ago

The picnic & playground areas are not kept up well. The tables are falling apart and corroding. It does not have the care or attention that a park on the West side of 35 gets.
8 months ago

We are so grateful that the playscape is shaded year-round. So many playscapes in parks around Austin are not useable during summer as equipment gets too hot and sun beats down on you. We REALLY need a designated off-leash dog area.
8 months ago

It just needs more TLC!
8 months ago

It really doesn't need much, let it be for the birds!
8 months ago

Circle C Slaughter Park should interconnect by street biking / multi-use paths to Wildflower Park (Violet Crown Trail is not planned as suitable for street bikes), and to Grey Rocks junction of 45 and Mopac; also from Grey Rocks (end of Mopac) west to Escarpment. Providing these
interconnecting multi-use / street biking paths will enlarge use of biking, and create safe routes. Highway 45 eastward provides (or soon will provide) a multi-use path to 1626. This should be extended all the way to 1826.

8 months ago

I love the trees.

8 months ago

I think there should be trails designated as off leash on one side of the creek, the back side. And trails that are on the road side kept on-leash areas.

8 months ago

We need mountain bike only trails or stricter enforcement of leash laws. It’s dangerous for cyclists and animals.

8 months ago

Lights do not always work on their scheduled time. Not enough parking in the roller derby section of Bart. Does not always feel safe.

8 months ago

Please repair the paved hike and bike trail in Mary Moore Searight Park.

8 months ago

Needs a nice flat ring that’s well lit for flat track roller derby

8 months ago

I go to the off-leash dog are of Onion Creek almost daily. I love that we have this available to us so close to home. However, in the summer, I do worry a lot about snakes in the overgrown area in the middle of the dog park. They’ve done a great job lately of cutting it back, and I hope it continues into the summer. Also, the grass in the park gets long very quickly, and the bugs tend to get worse. I’ve had times where I am literally in a swarm of mosquitos out there. I’d also love to see more maintained trails to explore in that park.

8 months ago

needs better parking and off leash area or times

8 months ago

When the time changes, the schedule for the lights is not always updated properly, which makes the park inaccessible and unusable for some hours when the park is supposedly open

8 months ago

A building sheltered by the elements for Austin's Roller Derby Community. Adults and children play.

8 months ago

This is pretty much a dog park right now and parking is absolutely horrible

8 months ago

Sometimes the lights don't work at the roller derby track, and it takes weeks for the problem to be fixed. This cuts out a lot of otherwise available track time and presents safety issues.

8 months ago

the running path is rough. Unable to safely skate on it.

8 months ago

Definitely needs bathrooms.

8 months ago

Mostly deserted so feels unsafe. It would be nice if there were more benches and it were better-kept to encourage more traffic.
Better connectivity to the north side of the park. (Crossing over Longhorn Dam needs to be upgraded)

As with many parks to the north and east, an area where dog owners can run their dogs off-leash would be an improvement.

Our swimming pool was approved in the last bond, we want to see construction

Another water spot for dogs to cool down on Lady Bird Lake. Perhaps near Festival Beach. If someone runs with their dog on leash a few cool down spots would be great. Even a hose bib or dog shower.

Water features or access for dogs. For instance, another spot on Lady Bird Lake for dogs to get into water. If someone walks or runs with their dog on leash, a stop for the dog to cool down would be great. Near Festival Beach perhaps. Or even a hose bib in a few areas.

Bartholomew is great, love the splash pad and playscapes. Always appears clean.

Hope they repair the trail soon.

I feel blessed to live close to Dick Nichols park and a green belt trail right behind our house. I wish that every citizen of Austin had the same access to clean and safe parks.

The grass is really beat up due to heavy use. Maybe we could rotate which part along the lake is dog park?

I wish that Bartholomew Park was better maintained: trash was kept in check, etc.

Keep it off-leash

I wish there was a designated, fenced in area for off-lease dogs. Many many families love to bring their dogs there to run around, but it prevents people with reactive dogs from going there even if they’re on a leash.

better lighting needed

Needs to be more lit and secure at night!
22. **Greenways or Greenbelts** are linear park systems that often link to other types of parks, serve as wildlife corridors, provide areas for flood control, are a means of preserving water quality, contain routes for alternate modes of transportation and function as possible utility corridors. Which of the following Greenbelts do you **frequent the most**? (Select one.)

![Greenbelts frequency chart](image)

1,775 respondents

23. What would you like to see in this greenbelt area in the future? (Select all that apply.)

![Greenbelt improvements chart](image)

1,389 respondents

- **STRICTLY enforce the dog leash laws.** The neighborhood has fought long and hard to request regulation of off-leash dogs in this narrow, multi-use park that cannot sustain uncontrolled dogs along with the elderly, small children, runners, dogs on-leash, and other park users. PLEASE enforce these laws. I have never seen a park policeman in the park in 30+ years.

  - Agree
    - 8 months ago: 34 Agree
    - 6 months ago: 2 Agree

- **Better demarcation of what IS and ISN'T a mountain bike trail.**

  - Agree
    - 8 months ago: 27 Agree

- **It would be great if dogs were no longer allowed in the Barton Creek Wilderness Area, as too many owners cannot seem to follow the rules about picking up after their dogs and keeping them on a leash. This whole area should be maintained as a wildlife preserve.**

  - Agree
    - 8 months ago: 16 Agree

- **Enforce leash laws. Remove homeless encampments. Lighting under bridges. Remove/deter graffiti.**

  - Agree
    - 8 months ago: 6 Agree

- **Trash pickup.**

  - Agree
    - 8 months ago: 5 Agree

- **Would like to see better police presence.**

  - Agree
    - 8 months ago: 4 Agree
Nature trails. Mountain biking is fine in some areas, but can do great damage to tree roots. Urban trails do not belong near creeks or in floodprone areas. There is a need to differentiate urban trails from nature trails and wildlife corridors. The Urban Trails Master Plan needs to be reduced to leave more natural greenbelts outside of the urban core. Decisions about what amenities to provide must be purposeful and communicated to citizens to maximize the availability of a true variety of activities.

8 months ago
4 Agree

Just keep it clean and leave it alone.
8 months ago
4 Agree

Trees and plants besides bermuda grass! In the Gracy Woods area of the Walnut Creek greenbelt they remove all vegetation for the convenience of the electric utility. It would not harm the utility and the greenbelt would become an asset to the community if appropriate native plants were allowed to grow naturally.

8 months ago
4 Agree

More “no mow / grow” zones
8 months ago
4 Agree

No mountain biking (Sorry mountain bikers...)
8 months ago
4 Agree

No big developments right on the border of the Greenbelt.
8 months ago
4 Agree

trash cans would help
8 months ago
4 Agree

Nothing really - Barton Creek is pretty much perfect as it is. Leave it alone and don’t over develop it.
8 months ago
3 Agree

Hiking areas without mountain bikes would be a plus.
8 months ago
3 Agree

Funding has been poor thus far. Let us be reasonable and imagine a great outdoor space without a lot of (private sector) extras
8 months ago
3 Agree

Just keep it clean and natural please. Less beer cans and cigarettes
8 months ago
3 Agree

bathrooms
8 months ago
3 Agree

bathrooms, water fountains for dogs, nature information for children
8 months ago
3 Agree

Less homelessness especially under bridges
8 months ago
3 Agree

room for walkers
8 months ago
3 Agree

I didn’t know about a lot of the other greenbelts—I’d like for those to be more known—maps, access points, features, trail lengths, parking, etc.
6 months ago
2 Agree

Preservation
6 months ago
2 Agree
Nothing. Keep it as wild as possible.
6 months ago  2 Agree

Fewer bike trails. Cyclists have become a menace to anyone not on a bike.
7 months ago  2 Agree

Hiking/walking not safe due to mountain bikers
7 months ago  2 Agree

Enforcing against pet owners who don't pick up their pet's waste
7 months ago  2 Agree

More law enforcement, especially of off-leash dogs and glass containers. We've been accosted by aggressive off-leash dogs on more than one occasion and told by those dog owners that they just don't care. Some financial consequences might help that attitude. There need to be officers every single daylight hour of the weekend whenever there is water in the creek. Put the officers on foot, bike, or horse, it doesn't matter, but please have more of them to help people obey the rules and be courteous to each other.
7 months ago  2 Agree

Lower Colorado River water access with safe parking.
8 months ago  2 Agree

disc golf
8 months ago  2 Agree

It's perfect. Less lawn though, it's okay for native grasses to be tall. I love the newly planted trees!
8 months ago  2 Agree

No mountain biking.
8 months ago  2 Agree

Disc golf courses work well in greenbelts
6 months ago  1 Agree

Disc golf
6 months ago  1 Agree

A ban on motorized vehicles!!
6 months ago  1 Agree

The water access is too disperse at Bull Creek and the creekside is getting degraded. You may need to start limiting the number of people allowed - or - fencing off areas to be restored. Also, people leave their garbage everywhere - need more trash and more rangers out there citing people behaving badly. DON'T let dogs off leash here. Dogs need to go away from the creeks where their ... (I can't use the word that I need to use to explain why dogs are a source of e coli contamination) doesn't contaminate the water.
6 months ago  1 Agree

Do not add anything to the greenbelt. Leave it alone as a natural space. It is perfect as is.
6 months ago  1 Agree

Just maintain it better and control access so it's not destroyed by overuse, trash and littering.
6 months ago  1 Agree

I hate to say it but: more law enforcement. I want to take my kids to the greenbelt on the weekends without having to constantly explain why adults choose a beautiful space to do all the things they are not supposed to do: throw their trash everywhere, smoke illegal substances, have badly behaved dogs off leash etc.
6 months ago  1 Agree
Off-leash laws enforced strictly.
6 months ago

Leash law enforcement.
6 months ago

Enforce leash laws
6 months ago

I would like to see the laws enforced. TICKET people with glass containers and dogs off leash.
6 months ago

Just some more maintenance of the native plants/keeping out invasive would be great.
6 months ago

disc golf
6 months ago

Nothing to add, please remove invastives
6 months ago

This park is wonderful as is. The only problem with this park is that it is not an off-leash park but everyone let's their dogs off the leash. Once my 3 year old was overrun by 6 large dogs all being walked by the same person and they encircled him before I even knew what was happening. They were all nice dogs and after stealing the stick he was holding went on their way but it was a terrifying moment.
6 months ago

Improved crushed granite recreation trail with narrow bridges so the trail is usable all year.
6 months ago

Leave it natural! It's gorgeous as is!
6 months ago

Nothing. We need plain outdoor hiking trails.
6 months ago

Pull the dirty diapers out of the water. Clean up the trash. Start a media campaign to care for the parks. Close off sections for restoration. Teach people how to take care of the parks. Revitalize the landscape.
6 months ago

I'd like to see that the area is preserved and not further developed in any way.
6 months ago

Proper maintenance.
6 months ago

NOTHING, let it stay as nature made it.
6 months ago

Security. There are some sketch things going on.
6 months ago

If the city spends so much money on signage. Can you pay for 1 officer to just enforce the rules at the Barton Creek Greenbelt? It is out of control now.
6 months ago

I desperately wish you would enforce leash laws at Barton Springs Greenbelt. I can't go anymore.
because there are so many crazy dogs.
6 months ago

Removal of homeless persons and improved safety.
6 months ago

Disc golf - there are numerous areas that would be ideal and wouldn't conflict with other park use.
6 months ago

I would like to see the City enforcing leash laws, littering laws, and laws against amplified music.
7 months ago

More lights under the bridges. It can get pretty dark even in the middle of the day
7 months ago

Nothing. Do not add anything. It should remain a green belt and as close to nature as possible.
7 months ago

clear markings of mileage/maps
7 months ago

Hard to know what are designated trails and what trails people have created on their own.
7 months ago

Shoal Creek Greenbelt: The south intersection of Shoal Creek Blvd and Lamar is dangerous. There is limited visibility, and vehicles come through the pedestrian section too fast. Also, bicyclists ride on the Lamar sidewalk and do not yield to vehicles. There should be at least a blinking light and/or pedestrian crossing light. The small parking there needs repair as well. Also, PLEASE repair the Shoal Creek Greenbelt trail from last year's hillside collapse! It has been months, and remains untouched. It is not the responsibility of the city to pay for repairs to adjacent private property restoration.
7 months ago

Wildlife viewing "stations" would be cool.
7 months ago

A few benches along the trail at junctions. Cleaning up the mostly dry rapids at the top of the creek where Steck ends.
7 months ago

litter containers emptied more frequently
7 months ago

I would like to see enforcement of laws pertaining to dog leash and "pack it out", it seems hundreds of people cannot respect this.
7 months ago

Less development encroachment.
7 months ago

Fewer off-leash dogs.
7 months ago

Better trail markings
7 months ago

Better maintenance
7 months ago

Regular cleaning
Fix the rockslide and reopen the trail to connect the two ends of Pease Park. Should be #1 priority above improving the playscapes.

No scooters in sight

Please keep our neighborhood's greenbelt as is. It has a nature trail; that is all that is needed. There are enough play structures elsewhere. Let's encourage our children to play in nature.

More shade from the hot summers on the hike-and-bike trail. Plant shade trees so that they will shade the trail!

Would love more interpretative signage about nature, science, history, and culture on North Walnut Creek trail. Wish that we could encourage semi-professional bikers to watch for kids rather than just yelling out "on the left!"

Keep your dogs on the leash unless you’re in a clearly marked off leash dog area, which I avoid like the plague with my pitbull.

Nature trails that identify and explain about trees and bushes

Trash and recycling receptacles

Better signage

Would like to see bikers slow down and runners respect pedestrians.

More restoration!

More signage on the trails so people don't get lost (particularly on the twin falls access point). I often help lost people who don't know how to get back up to the frontage road off of mopac (twin falls access) from the Barton Creek Greenbelt. A sign on the splits would help.

Trailheads could use bathroom and water facilities. Besides that it's lovely as-is. Minimal human intervention.

Please enforce leash laws for dogs. This is a safety issue that is not addressed in Austin Parks.

better lighting at entrances. police presence occasionally.

Trail maintenance, and trash & debris removal

Better maintenance and connectivity to the neighborhoods. A continuation of the creek restoration project along boggy creek.
Some areas should be left natural.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Additional trash pickup, graffiti abatement and patrol
8 months ago 1 Agree

Please enforce leash laws here with fines. Too much dog waste and rude dog owners.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Parks of Shoal Creek has been cleaned up. THANK YOU! Much of it is still overgrown and passage is difficult. Please continue with the clean up and beautification.
8 months ago 1 Agree

It's wonderful to have a natural area so close in the city. I've enjoyed rock climbing, hiking, biking, and paddling (when there's water) there since the early 80s. With the population increasing, the BC greenbelt is over loved, but perhaps some nature and etiquette educational signs could help ease the strain.
8 months ago 1 Agree

restricted dog areas, people do not know how to clean up after their pets. poo bags everywhere
8 months ago 1 Agree

more trees
8 months ago 1 Agree

Roller derby
8 months ago 1 Agree

Keep this park small. There are no easily remedied parking issues. In the summer there are congested roadways marked no parking but are ignored. Public Safety vehicles will find it difficult or impossible to traverse during those times.
8 months ago 1 Agree

I don't see Red Bud on any of the three lists. I use this park frequently as a put in/take out for canoeing, and to run a dog.
8 months ago 1 Agree

No bicyclists or horses, please.
8 months ago 1 Agree

I know there is already a master plan in the works for this area. It would be nice if the existing trail could be worked on with signage, etc... first, so it could be user friendly while renovations are under way or haven't started yet.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Bike commuter trails.
6 months ago

Children's programs
6 months ago

better kept trails
6 months ago

less paving
6 months ago

Nothing! keep them wild or simply trails.
6 months ago

Possible disc golf course? This would be a great project and John Houck, im sure, would love to help with this!
Preservation

Art installations

I enjoy the feeling of wilderness on this trail.

No further development of the greenbelt

Mountain bikes destroy trails.

N/A

Places to rest, maybe a water fountain

Better connections to trails, lighting, restrooms

Williamson Creek: sense of safety, posted trail map/signs, garbage cans, trail going all the way/connecting to McKinney Falls SP

Williamson Creek: Sense of safety, posted trail map/signs, garbage cans, trail going all the way & connecting to McKinney Fall State Park

I enjoy trail running, so non-groomed single track, that is suitable for Mtn bikers is also perfect for me assuming it is not “bike” only.

Dog free days!!

Better trash receptacles

Great for horseback riding! Connects with Onion Creek metropolitan park with it’s 400ac of horse trails.

space intended for street hockey or skateboarding (we use the abandoned roads around the park for that right now)

space for street hockey or skateboarding

More attention to preserving the quality of Williamson Creek greenbelt by enforcing the no camping ordinance

It’s fine as is. Keep it clean n fine dog poop
Patrolling to relocate homeless squatters. I do not feel comfortable taking my kids biking on this path with people sleeping along the trail.

6 months ago

Golf Courses/Driving Ranges

6 months ago

More Safety and Policing.

6 months ago

Realistically people are taking their dogs to the greenbelt to get some off leash exercise, there needs to be areas dedicated for it if that's bothersome to people.

6 months ago

I love the Barton Creek Greenbelt just the way it is. But unleashed dogs can be an issue.

6 months ago

Enforce the leash laws

6 months ago

Enforce leash laws, fine violators. Virtually no one leashes their dogs here.

6 months ago

Nothing. I enjoy this trail for its relatively light traffic

6 months ago

I don't go any more bc there is no safety if you are a lone female.

6 months ago

The green belts should be completely OFF LEASH. With the rocky trails it's actually dangerous for dogs and people to walk leashed.

6 months ago

Thank goodness for Bull Creek's off leash dog park!

6 months ago

Trash pickup enforcement

6 months ago

Dog bags and receptacles

6 months ago

Dogs are destroying the greenbelt. Dogs should be banned from the greenbelt.

6 months ago

Dogs are destroying the greenbelt. It's happening very fast, almost in real time ... before your very eyes. If dogs are not banned from the greenbelt (and likewise the Bull Creek Greenbelt), in 20 years it will be called our “degraded belt”. Take action now to preserve this wonderful urban treasure for future generations.

6 months ago

enforcement of leash laws, and more trash cans so dog waste is not everywhere

6 months ago

No mountain biking trails. Preserve as much of the natural area as possible.

6 months ago

This wonderful park already has all these features. Thank you.
Town Lake Trail and all of the connecting trails require better night time lighting. I like that the trails are being connected to each other, but evening night time lighting is a need. And some trails need to be widened (Johnson Creek has some very narrow sections near a dropoff). Shoal Creek has an excellent plan and the improvements are much appreciated.

Little Walnut Creek is a huge park and could use some attention to cleanliness and safety. Could also use parking so that people can visit! A lot of potential here.

Legal parking is needed for Barton creek swimming holes.

WBGGB is totally isolated. It needs better connectivity in and out. There is too much trash and debris left by campers. The neighborhood group that cares for it with quarterly clean-ups cannot do it all alone. It needs better signs to inform users of the greenbelt rules.

None of those. Just keep it functioning, safe and clean. Make sure people pick up their dog poop and trash.

More lighting in areas where the trail is used for transportation

No cyclists in off leash dog areas and MORE off leash dog areas. Cyclists can go anywhere, dogs cannot.

Less poop. No one seems to pick up after their dogs on Barton Creek Greenbelt.

Water, water, water access!! We clean whenever we can.

Cycle trail

More limited off leash areas. Art tucked into nooks. Increased litter prevention.

BIKE TRAILS PLEASE!!! All the way up to the Domain, if possible. What an amazing asset that would be!

No additional suggestions

No off leash dog parks!

I'd like it to stay trash free, and it's perfect the way it is.

Trail extended much much further north.

Improve access with crushed granite paths
Don't really want anything to change, except back to how they were. I used to love taking my dog down along the water and to "Barking Springs". People were kind and courteous and never had any problems until about 5 years ago. This was the only place I could go swimming with my dogs and we were kicked out by the police! Also sudden overcrowding along these areas. If there is going to be conflict then I suggest creating a large section that IS off leash where dogs and dog owners can play and swim together and other people can stay away if they don't like it.

6 months ago

It needs some lighting
6 months ago

All weather trails
6 months ago

I mostly avoid the greenbelt. Too much ligustrum. I primarily use it to swim in the creek a couple times a year.
6 months ago

Baurerle Ranch Green Belt–bathroom
6 months ago

Nothing needed
6 months ago

Bathrooms
6 months ago

People already let their dogs off leash, which is annoying at least and dangerous at worst for those of us who follow the rules and keep our dogs leashed. I completely understand the desire (and NEED in hot summer weather) to let our beloved four-legged family members swim to stay cool. It would be awesome to do this legally in part of the Greenbelt!
7 months ago

Better bathrooms and parking at more entry points
7 months ago

More climbing routes. Many existing routes, especially the best ones and easier ones, are highly polished
7 months ago

Restrooms
7 months ago

Maintain the off lease dog it is one of the few places people can take their dogs.
7 months ago

Fewer dogs would be a great start, there should be natural places people can go that are free of dogs.
7 months ago

Currently there's no trail along Tannehill Branch in windsor park. It would be nice to have a trail to connect Hyde park to BArt Park and beyond.
7 months ago

Leave Bull Creek alone! It is perfect as it is!
7 months ago

Shouldn't St Edwards Park on Old Spicewood Springs Road be in this list?
7 months ago

Keep path safe and clear for bikes
7 months ago
less dogs
7 months ago

Please enforce dog-leash rules.
7 months ago

Better bus access from CapMetro on the south end of the trail. Couldn’t the 30 bus stop at 360?
7 months ago

Johnson creek is a beautiful watershed with existing sidewalk. Provide lighting and clean up the place and it would be beautiful. Limestone cliffs, rolling terrain and beautiful heritage trees. Too much poison ivy. The land south of enfield and adjacent to new sound wall of Mopac could be an incredible lineal park with benches, pavilions and trails.
7 months ago

none. It’s perfect.
7 months ago

Honestly, I noticed a lot of people say they want strict dog leash laws. In all sincerity, people will be people. Park Rangers can only patrol so many parks and areas. To say we need ‘strict’ dog leash laws is kind of unfair when Austin does not have a lot of dog parks nor areas for them to be unleashed as is.
7 months ago

Bike path paved
7 months ago

People own dogs. Dogs need places to run off-leash. People would follow the leash laws much more if there were more dedicated places where people could go with their dogs. Further restrictions against dogs without offering areas that they can go will be counter-productive.
7 months ago

Improved trails. They’re pretty rough when we get even the smallest amount of rain.
7 months ago

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7 months ago

Please add an off-leash dog area. This greenbelt serves a dense residential area with apartments and condos, and those residents need a place within walking distance to let their dogs run. It’s true that Walnut Creek Park is “only” two miles away, but realistically that’s too far for most people to walk on a daily basis.
7 months ago

Restrooms at the beginning
7 months ago

No more development and enforcement of litter etc. Possibly some composting toilets as there is such heavy use there now. More trash cans with regular collection schedule for people to throw out their dog poop
7 months ago

Need to fix the trail between 24th and 29th
8 months ago

I like to take my dog to Barton Creek and will let him off leash when I am absolutely confident that it will not encroach on others’ enjoyment of the park. I value that ability quite a bit. That said, I agree that many dog owners do not pick up after their dogs and do not consider other users when deciding whether to let their dogs off leash.

I don’t know what the solution is. I don’t think the current situation is ideal, but I also think banning dogs isn’t a good idea. Dogs should be able to use our parks responsibly.
8 months ago
It's perfect.
8 months ago

disability access
8 months ago

Connection from the Northern Walnut creek trail paved path to ACC Northridge, as had been intended.
8 months ago

Do nothing to this park. It's perfect other than the trash
8 months ago

The Onion Creek Greenbelt has all of these things!
8 months ago

No horses, no dogs - people don't clean up after their animals
8 months ago

Bathrooms
8 months ago

I'd like dogs on leash on the trail. I can't take my dogs hiking ever for fear of off-leash dogs' approaching.
8 months ago

Protected bike lanes
8 months ago

A pedestrian bridge over Barton Creek upstream from Barton Springs would help get hikers and bikers safely to the other side's trails particularly during times when the creek is flowing at unsafe levels, which is quite often here in Flood Alley.
8 months ago

No dogs
8 months ago

Recycling bins
8 months ago

None of the above
8 months ago

Beautifying the boggy creek area!
8 months ago

Educational signage
8 months ago

We already have trails; there should be no further infrastructure
8 months ago

More connection to other parks.
8 months ago

Connection under 2222 or a traffic circle to make the intersection safer
8 months ago
Reopen climbing by Lampeel's hole
8 months ago

Dog owners should be held accountable for leaving feces and plastic bag litter where they can enter waterways
8 months ago

Cleaner creek and enforced leash laws.
8 months ago

We're building an off road bike trail in CCC Greenbelt now. Private effort, no city funding, but with city oversight and blessing. We hope this will provide park access to the neighborhood and discourage homeless camping. Plus, reduce crime in the area.
8 months ago

None! Leave it alone!
8 months ago

Better signage
8 months ago

Enforce the leash laws!!!!!! Please.
8 months ago

NO OFF-LEASH DOGS
8 months ago

the greenbelt is beautiful already
8 months ago

safer pedestrian street crossing elements, maybe a button that turns on a flashing light.
8 months ago

Safer bike trails. Add two way protected bike lanes.
8 months ago

enforcement of leash laws.
8 months ago

trail protected from flooding + bathrooms
8 months ago

A fenced in off leash dog area.
8 months ago

Safe biking/walking access
8 months ago

Wonderful as they are
8 months ago

parking, restrooms, playground, all masterplan amenities for little walnut creek greenbelt!
8 months ago

None
8 months ago

Trails like Walnut Creek and any future trail development in Austin that are paved should take in consideration those wanting trails that are smooth enough for skating like the Veloway surface.
Much of the development in trails in Houston, Dallas, and Ft Worth all have suitable trails for skating.

Roller derby

Addition of a roller derby track on this side of town would be useful to many local athletes

Bathrooms!!!

Just more secure places to park

Diana wants roller derby

Improve security on Waller

Roller Skating Trails and Tracks

I really enjoy the spaces like the yelloway. I have the most family fun there.

Roller skating

Nothing. I love this park. What a great use of land!

Better maintained trail

I think that the Latta Branch greenbelt is fine as it is.

less evidence of dogs using the bathroom on the trail

Less dog poop

In general, I like off leash dog parks. But what has happened to the Emmett Shelton Low Water Bridge park below Tom Miller Dam is a tragedy. Nice for dogs and their owners, but unusable for everybody else. And when it rains, dog feces and urine wash into Lake Austin. It used to be a lovely area for walking, but now I call it "Dog Sh*t Park."

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24. Is there anything else we should know about this greenbelt?

Walnut and Barton Creek trails are great, too. Keep them wild and protect the water quality through comprehensive watershed protection plans.  
8 months ago □ 29 Agree

Yes! The parks are super important for the watershed. So much runoff comes off of Lamar and other streets into Barton Creek. We should be doing all we can to reduce motor vehicle use and mitigate its effects on our natural areas (and our city overall).  
8 months ago □ 10 Agree

The mowers in the Big Stacy Park field across from Travis Heights Elementary seem to have no clue as to how to deal with the berms that were installed to prevent runoff. They routinely scalp the vegetation off the top of the berms. Please figure out a better plan for maintaining vegetation in this field and educating your mowers.  
8 months ago □ 6 Agree

Erosion control  
8 months ago □ 6 Agree

Enforcement for on-leash requirement for dogs is badly needed.  
8 months ago □ 6 Agree

I love Barton Creek, Walnut Creek and Shoal Creek. Leave them be and don’t over develop them. The concrete multi-use path through the middle of Walnut Creek turned out okay, but leave it alone now.  
8 months ago □ 5 Agree

Everyone needs to pick up their dog waste. All the trails are littered with dog excrement. It’s so gross. Please ticket these selfish people.  
8 months ago □ 4 Agree

Keep it natural, please.  
8 months ago □ 4 Agree

It’s great! Sometimes it’s annoying with people walking around with stereos and such rather than using their own private headphones. But that’s a problem with people, not the green belt itself.  
8 months ago □ 3 Agree

Seriously, Bluetooth speakers made it far too easy to be inconsiderate.  
8 months ago □ 2 Agree

Put our homeless folks to work in our parks clearing out invasive species and picking up trash. And pay them a decent wage. Many other cities are doing this.  
8 months ago □ 3 Agree

NO SCOOTERS ON TRAILS!  
8 months ago □ 3 Agree

Fix the trail and get rid of all the invasive species! Only please see removal of invasives.  
8 months ago □ 3 Agree

There needs to be a SIGNIFICANT greater law enforcement presence when there is water flowing
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A disc golf course would be great, there are a bunch of great places one could build one as well. BCGB near Travis Heights could be a good start.

Please we need the city's to invest in little walnut creek!

Preservation, trash cans at trailhead

Keep out all homeless camps

Make it longer

Boggy Creek has transformed from an urban concrete conduit to a natural restored Creek.

Agree with the comments above.

This green belt has significant topographic features that make it ideal for mountain biking trails on the East side, which currently has none. It also has very little flat areas to do much else.

The trail needs to go all the way from the main park to at least Dessau with access to all the neighborhoods it passes thru. It needs access under IH35 that doesn't require going up to the street level.

Has abundant wildlife. Gives opportunity to teach about the importance of saving wildlife.

Somewhat concerned about all the times we hear helicopters looking for (I assume) bad actors in the green belt. Homelessness is often an issue making safety a concern.
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Create a Separate trail for Bikers. The current trails aren't well built to support walkers, runners and bikers.

More signage

It needs a disc golf course.

Far too many people have dogs off-leash when they should not be, makes for a dangerous situation for everyone using the trail.

This could be a HUGE draw for mountain bike tourism if we would legitimize the trails. It is some of the best riding in the country.

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has the opportunity for good connection to the boardwalk, the creek feeds right to it!

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It has amazing potential!

None

I stopped going bc the homeless as well as the off leash dogs became such a safety concern for me.

It has so much potential but is in need of trail maintenance and a link to the larger Walnut Creek Trail for bicyclists.

make sure to promote it to UT!!

Too crowded, too many bikes, hardly ever go any more

One entrance too close to highway, other one right next to park road.
people confuse the greenbelts with parks. The Shoal Creek Greenbelt is not Pease park
6 months ago

I believe the Country Club Creek Conservancy has a wonderful vision for this space. It would be great if the planned trail also had playgrounds around the trails by the creek so that the parents would bring their kids down and play more regularly in the wonderful nature this watershed provides.

Also, if there was a dirt trail, I - and all the other people with bum knees - could jog regularly without having to go on concrete. That would be sensational. for the general health of the community. Add some accessible soccer fields to Roy Guerrero and I am fully sold.
6 months ago

keeping it wild in contrast to TownLake is a good plan
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Little Walnut Creek has so much potential and is so dearly needed by this area -- these neighborhoods are park deserts and the rapid housing develop will only amplify the problem/lack of green space in the coming years.
6 months ago

Shoal Creek trail has really improved! I would like to see similar improvements for all the trails.

Johnson Creek trail needs some love. Safety is the main issue, lighting, camps, wider trail paths could all be used along Johnson.
6 months ago

Enforce dog leash rules! It's a madhouse on weekends especially in parks areas with local neighborhood entrances
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Nothing
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I think it's the gem of this city and should be protected and maintained so it is functional and beautiful.
6 months ago

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This is an ENORMOUS park and it should include at least an acre or two of off-leash area for dogs.
There are NO off-leash parks in East Austin.
6 months ago

It would be good to have more information about the spaces online in an easy format to navigate, such as detailed interactive maps, up to date information about the condition and available activities, and access in terms of trails, trailheads, parking, etc.
6 months ago

It's overused such that I don't go there often any more. There is a clear need for this sort of natural water play in Austin.
6 months ago

Too many off-leash dogs, too many people leaving trash
6 months ago

All the parks would benefit from better runoff management and invasive species removal. Also all parks would benefit from stricter controls surrounding dog leash law and fecal matter litter.
6 months ago

There needs to better enforcement around dogs, including leashes, and fecal matter removal.
This is true for all the green belts and parks.

The Greenbelt is a loose area where Neighbors can plan events, walk, sit, Ditto to keep them wild and protect their water quality.

Too many drunk people playing excessively loud music. Disrupts other patrons. They leave trash and beer cans and bottle everywhere.

Please re-establish the trail connection from the primary trail over to Doe Meadow.

The danger posed by people who live in and around the greenbelt has only gotten worse over the past several years.

Educate Austin citizens about actions in surrounding areas that help keep our creek water clean. Keep the creeks wild. Erosion control on the edges in heavily used areas.

move the off leash area off the trail where walkers and runners don't have to hurdle dogs.

We access it from points that are not "official" access points, because we long to connect to nature. We are a family of five - including a teenager and two pre-teens - and enjoy exploring creeks.

I'd like to see a way to have a bike trail that could connect over to the Walnut Creek trail behind the YMCA. Something paved so that non mountain bikes could use it too.

There need to be more bike trails in NE Austin. Walter E Long is so packed you can hardly ride on Saturday or Sunday.

No

Cleaner park

No

Seems to be getting too trashed for such a beautiful gem and being so imp to barton pool. Pls add more enforcement & better education targeting re: litter issues.

Williamson Creek too

Enforce leash laws and make dog owners pick up after their dogs.

no
More signage with maps that show how it connects with other parks and trails. So many great trails that connect, but you have to know the area SO well to be able to navigate.

6 months ago

It’s the most amazing part of the city! keep it clean!

6 months ago

Needs new signs.

6 months ago

It’s a beautiful park that needs to be preserved and protected from being over developed.

6 months ago

Extend Walnut Creek across Parmer and open up into a new, city run, great park area.

6 months ago

It’s trails are seriously degraded in the past few years from all the increased traffic. Too many people means the narrow trail is dangerous for bikers and hikers alike. It needs a major upgrade to a proper 4-6’ wide rec path (crushed granite - NOT pavement).

6 months ago

Like to see all the greenbelts connect ASAP

6 months ago

Parts of this greenbelt are quite beautiful, but those areas always seems somewhat scary to me because of random homeless people. If someone were to accost me, I would be very vulnerable. Not sure what the solution is and maybe my fear is unfounded.

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It’s a big homeless camp. (W. Bouldin)

6 months ago

Too many people. Other trails and greenbelts should be made accessible to give options and less crowding.

6 months ago

Agree with the need to enforce dog leash rules.

6 months ago

Other greenbelts should have more hiking trails. I think all of the creeks in the city should have hiking trails

6 months ago

No, I think it’s a nice, small area, again I just wish there was more places to walk and run

6 months ago  SMS

A splash pad / playground would be welcomed for the neighborhood

6 months ago

Sssssshhhhhhh!!! Don't tell ANYONE about it :-P

6 months ago

It’s filthy and overused.

6 months ago
Prohibit motorized vehicles. Enforce leash laws and picking up after dogs.
6 months ago

Dogs without leash are an issue.
6 months ago

Ridge riders are doing a great job on these trails
6 months ago

Enforce that dogs must be on a leash
6 months ago

Remember this is considered a preserve!
6 months ago

Baurerle Ranch Green Belt--bathrooms would be nice addition
6 months ago

No
6 months ago

The Greenbelt needs to be made more accessible to people with disabilities
6 months ago

New trails are being blazed at an alarmingly fast rate, both by hikers and bikers. Trash is an ever-growing problem, especially the closer you get to the waterline (when there's water). Glass and beer cans, despite signs that glass and alcohol are not permitted, are easily found along with abandoned clothing items. How reasonable is it to ask for paid enforcers of these rules, concentrating in popular areas like The Flats, Campbell's Hole, Gus Fruh, and rock climbing spots, to name a few. Oh, and dog poop, in bags or not, should get a huge fine and automatic community service of at least 5 hours per pile of scooping poop in the area where their dog was off-leash or seen pooping without an owner cleaning up.
7 months ago

Need better maintained trails.
7 months ago

Please make Shoal creek better connected to the Lady Bird Lake Greenbelt
7 months ago

It's sad that some bad dog owners are ruining it for all. If I have a well trained dog who is under my command off-leash, where can we go to enjoy a nice trail. We all want to explore and have fun. Dogs included.
7 months ago

No
7 months ago

I love the greenbelt!!
7 months ago

no
7 months ago

No
7 months ago

No. My comment for 8 is just that I see no reason to change things.
7 months ago
There's more and more broken glass and other trash in it all the time, too. The City needs to start enforcing laws about glass bottles, unleashed dogs, littering, and amplified music. The total lack of any enforcement of these is setting a terrible precedent that will irreparably harm the Greenbelt.

7 months ago

Issue with people not picking up pet waste and/or trash
7 months ago

Dog owners are out of control and show no sense of responsibility for their pets and their scat.
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7 months ago

Hope we can get a trail / bridge from Belfast Dr. over Tannehill Creek to Mueller. There's a pocket park area on Broadmoor Drive that the city should look at acquiring to bring a pocket park to this area and to help make this a reality.
7 months ago

This natural delight would only be lessened by sidewalks, facilities, events!
7 months ago

There's almost nowhere to park at the St Edwards Greenbelt on Old Spicewood Springs Rd. When the tiny parking area is full, people have to park on the street, which is both legal and not entirely safe.
7 months ago

I wish people wouldn't leave trash everywhere. Maybe enforce the trash rules / signs on more places besides the front?
7 months ago

No
7 months ago

The scooters are disruptive to the peacefulness of the park. Also, I wish that the tunnels leading downtown through the Johnson green belt or shoal creek were lit and safer
7 months ago

No
7 months ago

I love the green belt. Use it all the time
7 months ago

There have been a lot of car break-ins recently. Need more security.
7 months ago

Walnut Creek has folks doing unlawful things such as substance use and some interpersonal interactions in vehicles, the wooded areas and in bathrooms.
7 months ago

Johnson creek greenbelt needs to be cleaned up
7 months ago

N
7 months ago

Could use better trail maintenance
7 months ago
Need more trash cans placed along the trail. I think this would greatly cut down on the trash that is left behind.

It would be nice to develop any scenic overlooks that are available. The mossy area at the end where the steck valley trail hits mayfield creek is very beautiful and should be protected. Maybe add a bench somewhere.

Nature trails that are family friendly

Enforce the leash law

Most of the parks I go to have maps of the trails... It would be nice to see more promotion of all the different areas accessible by phones through an app or website maybe with a tracker or something.

Awesome, giant turtles in the creek at the Blunn Creek Greenbelt. Need to be environmentally sensitive to them.

Signs posted at entrance asking the public to keep speakers at a reasonable volume. Especially on the weekends, people have a tendency to blast their music so while looking up at our gorgeous foliage you hear nothing but the garbled bass of trap music. Not the most ideal of soundtracks.

Needs more lighting

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Doogie bags littering everywhere

The crosswalk at Bittern Hollow is dangerously underlit at night. There are street lamps a few dozen yards away on either side of the crosswalk, but the crosswalk itself is in the dark, making it hard for cars to see pedestrians. Please add a street lamp at the appropriate location to illuminate the crosswalk.

Off leach dogs shouldn't be allowed.

There used to be a pedestrian bridge across Barton Creek about 1/2 mile downstream of the 360 access point. It needs to be replaced. Without it, you can only hike or bike downstream on the trail about half a mile before you're stopped by the creek and have to turn around. Please replace it so that we can have a longer hike!

Violet Crown trail
Could use more pet waste stations
7 months ago  SMS

There are no sidewalks connecting Onion Creek Park to the adjacent neighborhoods. The road along Thaxton is dangerous to walk on because of a curve along some trees by the trailhead.
7 months ago

keep the water clean, make folks pick up after their dogs and educate the public about noise pollution
7 months ago

This is a strategic greenway and trail. It should connect easily all the way south to downtown and lady bird lake trail and all the way north to triangle and beyond
7 months ago

No
7 months ago  SMS

Somehow make it less of a place for people to party and trash and more of a nature preserve.
7 months ago

Greenbelt is great
7 months ago

Recycling bins, more trash cans, more shade trees along walking path, more blooming trees for beauty. Gorgeous blooming wild orchid tree was cut down. Why? Used to see gray water trucks watering trees in the area. No more. Many trees have died from water distress.
7 months ago  SMS

People leave dog poop in bags along the trails. They've already done the gross part (bagging it), so why don't they carry it out with them?
8 months ago

Would like to see more recycling bins, and less trash along the lake
8 months ago  SMS

Trash cans along the path for poop control
8 months ago  SMS

Nah
8 months ago  SMS

No
8 months ago  SMS

There are a lot of unofficial trails through the park. Trash cans and dog waste bags/disposal at these entrances could help keep the park clean.
8 months ago

A large number of cedar/juniper trees died over the last ten years on the trail between Big Stacy Pool and Woodland. No shade trees have been planted to replace them. "Dust" the trail with granite material as before; don't use the large limestone material you are using now. It's hard on my feet in tennis shoes.
8 months ago

ENFORCE Dog leash rules!
8 months ago

We need a playground close by!!!
8 months ago  SMS
It definitely will need some tree clearing and drainage work, but there are no playgrounds in the area and there are so many families in the area that would benefit having a playground and/or a safe walkable nature trail.

8 months ago  •  SMS

Needs improvement and would get wonderful use!

8 months ago  •  SMS

Underage drinking and trash

8 months ago

I really love North Walnut Creek trail!

8 months ago

No

8 months ago  •  SMS

No

8 months ago  •  SMS

Make it as big and native as possible

8 months ago  •  SMS

Please more trash pick up!

8 months ago

Keep your dogs on-leash.

8 months ago

Wish shoal Creek were 100% bikeable from pease to town lake.

8 months ago  •  SMS

More Bathrooms

8 months ago  •  SMS

Needs more parking

8 months ago

Better parking and designated parking....

8 months ago

No

8 months ago  •  SMS

Dog droppings everywhere

8 months ago

Too much dog excrement

8 months ago

Bull Creek has hiking in and around the river bed, but could benefit from a more developed trail system

8 months ago

I'm sorry to say that, while in theory it sounds nice to be open to both, off-leash dogs and biking do not mix on trails. I'm rather surprised more dogs aren't killed by bikers.

8 months ago

No
Yes! Protect it and stop letting it get developed! With more & more people living here, the demand for green space will only increase.

having an off leash dog availability feels like an obvious decision given the size of this greenbelt. In addition, everyone lets their dogs off leash despite the sign at the entrance stating otherwise. It seems unfair to the pets. Could we please make it off leash?

People are terrible about picking up after their dogs - even if it's in the middle of the paved trail!

need safety lighting and patrols because lots of transients sleep under the bridges.

It's awesome but very short. This is from tangelwood park

lighting on lady bird lake for biking safety

Enforce leash laws

SAFETY - lights here and there.

It would be nice if PARD worked with local neighborhoods to organize greenbelt clean ups. Also, the rock climbing in greenbelts is not maintained by anyone and the walls are flaking and the anchors are getting loose. These are a major safety liability for the PARD department. It is wonderful that Austin has this opportunity, but if they are not maintained they are extremely dangerous.

Very crowded, so many cars at access points; off leash dogs are problematic (or make it all off leash)

Expand the creek restoration project further down boggy creek.

We need to find solutions for the homeless population. Just displacing them from the greenbelt is not enough.
It should be officially off leash

Remove all illegal camps from parks and green belts.

Get rid of the unhoused camps in all parks and green belts!!!!!

It'd be nice to allow more areas for climbing if that's possible.

I would like to see more trail heads and wayfinding (mile markers)

Please make dog owners leash their dogs and pick up the poop! All the trails are covered in dog poop.

People have made great improvements in the past few years.

DEC Greenbelt has huge unrealized potential. With continued city support it can become the crowning jewel of our area.

The Shoal Creek Trail's pavement is badly cracked and uplifted in spots and this represents a safety hazard for bicyclists and joggers.

Dogs are a problem here, as in every Austin park.

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Let's keep moving forward with Little Walnut - big, beautiful trail potential!

No one ever picks up after their dogs

Parking needs to be better.

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I agree totally! This is especially annoying along 31st Street where the "trail" is actually located on the street, not even on a sidewalk. Keep the trail green!
Fine people who litter or don't pick up their dog's doo. Fine revenue can go to Austin animal rescue organizations. Let's show that as a city we care about our parks.

Connect to trails north

It's a GREAT Bikeway and we need to prioritize the Eastlink project so it connects to other trails further north.

No

Sometimes feels unsafe if walking alone

Love B ranch Greenbelt!!!

Enforce littering fines

this park and neighborhood is a diamond in the rough, lets keep it that way

Bauerle Ranch at Slaughter Creek Greenbelt is a large park that could be a high quality hike and bike trail. Many people that live near this park have no idea it exists or how large and connected it is. Also most of the trail signs are broken or in disrepair.

Better signage on trails.

Keep it beautiful.

It is poorly connected to the Dove Springs District Park.

park and ride for communities with no bus service

If the washed out trail is not repairable, please build a trail on the east side away from Lamar that is off-leash for the section that is damaged.

Poor access from my neighborhood

No

Generally, do as little as possible other than maintaining the trails and keeping high-use areas like Twin Falls clean.
Could use a toilet.
8 months ago

there aren't any greenbelts in far south austin, so everyone drives into town. More creative thinking is needed in far south austin (Mary Moore Searight/Dittmar area)
8 months ago

Keep it green
8 months ago

Walnut and Barton Creek trails are great, too. Keep them wild and protect the water quality through comprehensive watershed protection plans.
8 months ago 29 Agree

Yes! The parks are super important for the watershed. So much runoff comes off of Lamar and other streets into Barton Creek. We should be doing all we can to reduce motor vehicle use and mitigate its effects on our natural areas (and our city overall).
8 months ago 10 Agree

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8 months ago 6 Agree

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8 months ago 4 Agree

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8 months ago 4 Agree

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8 months ago 3 Agree

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8 months ago 2 Agree

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6 months ago

SO Many people that bring dogs of the barton creek in Bull Creek Greenbelts do not pick up after them and it's disgusting. People also need to follow leash laws there. Somebody should be there in forcing leash laws. As a dog owner myself I would never let my dog off leash in an area where he's not allowed to be. People need to be more respectful of those who do not want to use every public park is an off leash dog park. That being said we do need more Fenced in off leash dog parks in the Austin area
6 months ago

no
6 months ago

A disc golf course would be great, there are a bunch of great places one could build one as well. BCGB near Travis Heights could be a good start.
6 months ago

please we need the city's to invest in little walnut creek!
6 months ago

Preservation, trash cans at trailhead
6 months ago

Keep out all homeless camps
6 months ago

Make it longer
6 months ago

Boggy Creek has transformed from a urban concrete conduit to a natural restored Creek.
6 months ago

Agree with the comments above.
6 months ago

This green belt has significant topographic features that make it ideal for mountain biking trails on the East side, which currently has none. It also has very little flat areas to do much else.
6 months ago

The trail needs to go all the way from the main park to at least Dessau with access to all the neighborhoods it passes thru. It needs access under IH35 that doesn't require going up to the street level.
6 months ago

Has abundant wildlife. Gives opportunity to teach about the importance of saving wildlife.
6 months ago

Somewhat concerned about all the times we hear helicopters looking for (I assume) bad actors in the green belt
6 months ago

no
6 months ago

homelessness is often an issue making safety a concern.
6 months ago

Out of town users should being oavine for the uptick in use because it's them. I am already oavine.
Out of town users should be paying for the uptick in use because it's them. I am already paying crazy taxes for my house and am not a member of the gentry.

6 months ago

Create a Separate trail for Bikers. The current trails aren't well built to support walkers, runners and bikers.

6 months ago

More signage

6 months ago

It needs a disc golf course.

6 months ago

Far too many people have dogs off-leash when they should not be, makes for a dangerous situation for everyone using the trail.

6 months ago

This could be a HUGE draw for mountain bike tourism if we would legitimize the trails. It is some of the best riding in the country.

6 months ago

Off Leash Dogs are very common.

6 months ago

too many people in the greenbelt sometimes they leave trash

6 months ago

has the opportunity for good connection to the boardwalk, the creek feeds right to it!

6 months ago

There needs to be more signage informing users of the tremendous efforts of the mountain bike community towards building and maintaining the trails. Walkers might be less offended if they understood the significant time and effort the mountain bike community have provided toward development of this park.

6 months ago

It has amazing potential!

6 months ago

None

6 months ago

I stopped going bc the homeless as well as the off leash dogs became such a safety concern for me.

6 months ago

It has so much potential but is in need of trail maintenance and a link to the larger Walnut Creek Trail for bicyclists.

6 months ago

make sure to promote it to UT!!

6 months ago

Too crowded, too many bikes, hardly ever go any more

6 months ago

One entrance too close to highway, other one right next to park road.

6 months ago

people confuse the greenbelts with parks. The Shoal Creek Greenbelt is not Pease park

6 months ago
I believe the Country Club Creek Conservancy has a wonderful vision for this space. It would be great if the planned trail also had playgrounds around the trails by the creek so that the parents would bring their kids down and play more regularly in the wonderful nature this watershed provides.

Also, if there was a dirt trail, I - and all the other people with bum knees - could jog regularly without having to go on concrete. That would be sensational for the general health of the community. Add some accessible soccer fields to Roy Guerrero and I am fully sold.

keeping it wild in contrast to TownLake is a good plan

Little Walnut Creek has so much potential and is so dearly needed by this area -- these neighborhoods are park deserts and the rapid housing develop will only amplify the problem/lack of green space in the coming years.

Shoal Creek trail has really improved! I would like to see similar improvements for all the trails. Johnson Creek trail needs some love. Safety is the main issue, lighting, camps, wider trail paths could all be used along Johnson.

Enforce dog leash rules! It's a madhouse on weekends especially in parks areas with local neighborhood entrances

I think it's the gem of this city and should be protected and maintained so it is functional and beautiful.

There needs to be more connectivity with the neighborhoods around it. Maybe there could be mileage markers every half miles starting at Balcones and ending at wherever the end will be in the upcoming years, which I believe will be along I-35.

I would love it if PARD would develop fully develop the Williamson Creek trail system, so that longer walks through the city-owned land near Williamson Creek would be possible. I'd be enthusiastic about volunteering to make that happen, if that were a useful option!

This is an ENORMOUS park and it should include at least an acre or two of off-leash area for dogs. There are NO off-leash parks in East Austin.

It would be good to have more information about the spaces online in an easy format to navigate, such as detailed interactive maps, up to date information about the condition and available activities, and access in terms of trails, trailheads, parking, etc.

It's overused such that I don't go there often any more. There is a clear need for this sort of natural water play in Austin.

Too many off-leash dogs, too many people leaving trash

All the parks would benefit from better runoff management and invasive species removal. Also all parks would benefit from stricter controls surrounding dog leash law and fecal matter litter.

There needs to better enforcement around dogs, including leashes, and fecal matter removal. This is true for all the green belts and parks.
The Greenbelt is a loose area where Neighbors can plan events, walk, sit, and keep them wild and protect their water quality.

Too many drunk people playing excessively loud music. Disrupts other patrons. They leave trash and beer cans and bottle everywhere.

Please re-establish the trail connection from the primary trail over to Doe Meadow.

The danger posed by people who live in and around the greenbelt has only gotten worse over the past several years.

Educate Austin citizens about actions in surrounding areas that help keep our creek water clean. Keep the creeks wild. Erosion control on the edges in heavily used areas.

move the off leash area off the trail where walkers and runners don't have to hurdle dogs.

We access it from points that are not "official" access points, because we long to connect to nature. We are a family of five - including a teenager and two pre-teens - and enjoy exploring creeks.

I'd like to see a way to have a bike trail that could connect over to the Walnut Creek trail behind the YMCA. Something paved so that non mountain bikes could use it too.

There need to be more bike trails in NE Austin. Walter E Long is so packed you can hardly ride on Saturday or Sunday.

Seems to be getting too trashed for such a beautiful gem and being so impt to Barton Pool. Pls add more enforcement & better education targeting re: litter issues.

Williamson Creek too

Enforce leash laws and make dog owners pick up after their dogs.

More signage with maps that show how it connects with other parks and trails. So many great trails that connect, but you have to know the area so well to be able to navigate.
it's the most amazing part of the city! keep it clean!

Needs new signs.

It's a beautiful park that needs to be preserved and protected from being over developed.

Extend Walnut Creek across Parmer and open up into a new, city run, great park area.

It's trails are seriously degraded in the past few years from all the increased traffic. Too many people means the narrow trail is dangerous for bikers and hikers alike. It needs a major upgrade to a proper 4'-6' wide rec path (crushed granite - NOT pavement).

Like to see all the greenbelts connect ASAP

Parts of this greenbelt are quite beautiful, but those areas always seems somewhat scary to me because of random homeless people. If someone were to accost me, I would be very vulnerable. Not sure what the solution is and maybe my fear is unfounded.

The trails at Bauerle Ranch are barely wide enough for a bike tire. They need to be expanded.

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It's a big homeless camp. (W. Bouldin)

Too many people. Other trails and greenbelts should be made accessible to give options and less crowding.

Agree with the need to enforce dog leash rules.

Other greenbelts should have more hiking trails. I think all of the creeks in the city should have hiking trails

No, I think it's a nice, small area, again I just wish there was more places to walk and run

A splash pad / playground would be welcomed for the neighborhood

Sssssshhhhhhh!!! Don't tell ANYONE about it :-P

It's filthy and overused.

Prohibit motorized vehicles. Enforce leash laws and picking up after dogs.
Dogs without leash are an issue.

Ridge riders are doing a great job on these trails.

Enforce that dogs must be on a leash.

Remember this is considered a preserve!

Baurerle Ranch Green Belt—bathrooms would be nice addition.

No

The Greenbelt needs to be made more accessible to people with disabilities.

New trails are being blazed at an alarmingly fast rate, both by hikers and bikers. Trash is an ever-growing problem, especially the closer you get to the waterline (when there's water). Glass and beer cans, despite signs that glass and alcohol are not permitted, are easily found along with abandoned clothing items. How reasonable is it to ask for paid enforcers of these rules, concentrating in popular areas like The Flats, Campbell's Hole, Gus Fruh, and rock climbing spots, to name a few. Oh, and dog poop, in bags or not, should get a huge fine and automatic community service of at least 5 hours per pile of scooping poop in the area where their dog was off-leash or seen pooping without an owner cleaning up.

Need better maintained trails.

Please make Shoal creek better connected to the Lady Bird Lake Greenbelt.

It's sad that some bad dog owners are ruining it for all. If I have a well trained dog who is under my command off-leash, where can we go to enjoy a nice trail. We all want to explore and have fun. Dogs included.

There's more and more broken glass and other trash in it all the time, too. The City needs to start enforcing laws about glass bottles, unleashed dogs, littering, and amplified music. The total lack of any enforcement of these is setting a terrible precedent that will irreparably harm the
Greenbelt.
7 months ago

Issue with people not picking up pet waste and/or trash
7 months ago

Dog owners are out of control and show no sense of responsibility for their pets and their scat.
7 months ago

Dog owners are out of control and show no sense of responsibility for their pets and their excrement.
7 months ago

Hope we can get a trail / bridge from Belfast Dr. over Tannehill Creek to Mueller. There's a pocket park area on Broadmoor Drive that the city should look at acquiring to bring a pocket park to this area and to help make this a reality.
7 months ago

This natural delight would only be lessened by sidewalks, facilities, events!
7 months ago

There's almost nowhere to park at the St Edwards Greenbelt on Old Spicewood Springs Rd. When the tiny parking area is full, people have to park on the street, which is both legal and not entirely safe.
7 months ago

I wish people wouldn't leave trash everywhere. Maybe enforce the trash rules / signs on more places besides the front?
7 months ago  SMS

No
7 months ago  SMS

The scooters are disruptive to the peacefulness of the park. Also, I wish that the tunnels leading downtown through the Johnson green belt or shoal creek were lit and safer
7 months ago  SMS

No
7 months ago  SMS

I love the green belt. Use it all the time
7 months ago  SMS

There have been a lot of car break-ins recently. Need more security.
7 months ago

Walnut Creek has folks doing unlawful things such as substance use and some interpersonal interactions in vehicles, the wooded areas and in bathrooms.
7 months ago

Johnson creek greenbelt needs to be cleaned up
7 months ago

N
7 months ago  SMS

Could use better trail maintenance
7 months ago  SMS

No
7 months ago  SMS
Need more trash cans placed along the trail. I think this would greatly cut down on the trash that is left behind.
7 months ago

It would be nice to develop any scenic overlooks that are available. The mossy area at the end where the Steck Valley trail hits Mayfield Creek is very beautiful and should be protected. Maybe add a bench somewhere.
7 months ago

Nature trails that are family friendly
7 months ago

Enforce the leash law
7 months ago

Most of the parks I go to have maps of the trails... It would be nice to see more promotion of all the different areas accessible by phones through an app or website maybe with a tracker or something.
7 months ago

Awesome, giant turtles in the creek at the Blunn Creek Greenbelt. Need to be environmentally sensitive to them.
7 months ago

Signs posted at entrance asking the public to keep speakers at a reasonable volume. Especially on the weekends, people have a tendency to blast their music so while looking up at our gorgeous foliage you hear nothing but the garbled bass of trap music. Not the most ideal of soundtracks.
7 months ago

Needs more lighting
7 months ago

Boggy Creek trail near 12th street is almost always full of garbage.
7 months ago

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7 months ago

Doogie bags littering everywhere
7 months ago

The crosswalk at Bittern Hollow is dangerously underlit at night. There are street lamps a few dozen yards away on either side of the crosswalk, but the crosswalk itself is in the dark, making it hard for cars to see pedestrians. Please add a street lamp at the appropriate location to illuminate the crosswalk.
7 months ago

No
7 months ago

Off leash dogs shouldn't be allowed.
Cleaning after your dog!
7 months ago

There used to be a pedestrian bridge across Barton Creek about 1/2 mile downstream of the 360 access point. It needs to be replaced. Without it, you can only hike or bike downstream on the trail about half a mile before you're stopped by the creek and have to turn around. Please replace it so that we can have a longer hike!
7 months ago

Violet Crown trail
7 months ago

Could use more pet waste stations
There are no sidewalks connecting Onion Creek Park to the adjacent neighborhoods. The road along Thaxton is dangerous to walk on because of a curve along some trees by the trailhead.

7 months ago

keep the water clean, make folks pick up after their dogs and educate the public about noise pollution

7 months ago

This is a strategic greenway and trail. It should connect easily all the way south to downtown and lady bird lake trail and all the way north to triangle and beyond

7 months ago

No

7 months ago

Somehow make it less of a place for people to party and trash and more of a nature preserve.

7 months ago

Greenbelt is great

7 months ago

Recycling bins, more trash cans, more shade trees along walking path, more blooming trees for beauty. Gorgeous blooming wild orchid tree was cut down. Why? Used to see gray water trucks watering trees in the area. No more. Many trees have died from water distress.

7 months ago

People leave dog poop in bags along the trails. They've already done the gross part (bagging it), so why don't they carry it out with them?

8 months ago

Would like to see more recycling bins, and less trash along the lake

8 months ago

Trash cans along the path for poop control

8 months ago

Nah

8 months ago

No

8 months ago

There are a lot of unofficial trails through the park. Trash cans and dog waste bags/disposal at these entrances could help keep the park clean.

8 months ago

A large number of cedar/juniper trees died over the last ten years on the trail between Big Stacy Pool and Woodland. No shade trees have been planted to replace them. “Dust” the trail with granite material as before; don’t use the large limestone material you are using now. It’s hard on my feet in tennis shoes.

8 months ago

ENFORCE Dog leash rules!

8 months ago

We need a playground close by!!!

8 months ago

It definitely will need some tree clearing and drainage work, but there are no playgrounds in the area and there are so many families in the area that would benefit having a playground and/or a safe walkable nature trail
Needs improvement and would get wonderful use!

Underage drinking and trash

I really love North Walnut Creek trail!

No

Keep your dogs on-leash.

Wish Shoal Creek were 100% bikeable from Pease to Town Lake.

More Bathrooms

Needs more parking

Better parking and designated parking....

No

Dog droppings everywhere

Too much dog excrement

Bull Creek has hiking in and around the river bed, but could benefit from a more developed trail system

I'm sorry to say that, while in theory it sounds nice to be open to both, off-leash dogs and biking do not mix on trails. I'm rather surprised more dogs aren't killed by bikers.

No
Yes
8 months ago
SMS

Yes! Protect it and stop letting it get developed! With more & more people living here, the demand for green space will only increase
8 months ago
SMS

having an off leash dog availability feels like an obvious decision given the size of this greenbelt. In addition, everyone lets their dogs off leash despite the sign at the entrance stating otherwise. It seems unfair to the pets. Could we please make it off leash?
8 months ago

People are terrible about picking up after their dogs - even if it's in the middle of the paved trail!
8 months ago

N
8 months ago
SMS

No
8 months ago
SMS

need safety lighting and patrols because lots of transients sleep under the bridges.
8 months ago

It's awesome but very short. This is from tangelwood park
8 months ago
SMS

lighting on lady bird lake for biking safety
8 months ago

Enforce leash laws
8 months ago

SAFETY - lights here and there.
8 months ago

No
8 months ago

It would be nice if PARD worked with local neighborhoods to organize greenbelt clean ups. Also, the rock climbing in greenbelts is not maintained by anyone and the walls are flaking and the anchors are getting loose. These are a major safety liability for the PARD department. It is wonderful that Austin has this opportunity, but if they are not maintained they are extremely dangerous.
8 months ago

Very crowded, so many cars at access points, off leash dogs are problematic (or make it all off leash)
8 months ago

nope
8 months ago

Expand the creek restoration project further down boggy creek.
8 months ago

We need to find solutions for the homeless population. Just displacing them from the greenbelt is not enough.
8 months ago

It should be officially off leash
8 months ago
Remove all illegal camps from parks and green belts.

Get rid of the unhoused camps in all parks and green belts!!!!!

It'd be nice to allow more areas for climbing if that's possible.

I would like to see more trail heads and wayfinding (mile markers)

Please make dog owners leash their dogs and pick up the poop! All the trails are covered in dog poop.

People have made great improvements in the past few years.

DEC Greenbelt has huge unrealized potential. With continued city support it can become the crowning jewel of our area.

The Shoal Creek Trail's pavement is badly cracked and uplifted in spots and this represents a safety hazard for bicyclists and joggers.

Dogs are a problem here, as in every Austin park.

Please enforce leash laws. Car break-ins appear to be common.

Let's keep moving forward with Little Walnut - big, beautiful trail potential!

No one ever picks up after their dogs

Parking needs to be better.

It would be great to have some interpretation of the creek system to help folks appreciate what they are seeing and increase respect of our natural resources.

JJ Seabrook is such a great little place. I am so grateful to the watershed department for making it into a place I want to spend time.

The Shoal Creek “trail” needs to actually go through Shoal Creek, not the sidewalks in front of homes along Shoal Creek. A trail could be built through the creek bed and, to the extent such land is privately owned, such land should be eminent domained.

I agree totally! This is especially annoying along 31st Street where the “trail” is actually located on the street, not even on a sidewalk. Keep the trail green!

Fine people who litter or don’t pick up their dog’s doo. Fine revenue can go to Austin animal rescue organizations. Let’s show that as a city we care about our parks.
Connect to trails north

It's a GREAT Bikeway and we need to prioritize the Eastlink project so it connects to other trails further north.

No

Sometimes feels unsafe if walking alone

Fine litterbugs

Love B ranch Greenbelt!!!

Enforce littering fines

this park and neighborhood is a diamond in the rough, lets keep it that way

Bauerle Ranch at Slaughter Creek Greenbelt is a large park that could be a high quality hike and bike trail. Many people that live near this park have no idea it exists or how large and connected it is. Also most of the trail signs are broken or in disrepair.

Better signage on trails.

Keep it beautiful.

It is poorly connected to the Dove Springs District Park.

park and ride for communities with no bus service

If the washed out trail is not repairable, please build a trail on the east side away from Lamar that is off-leash for the section that is damaged.

Poor access from my neighborhood

No

Generally, do as little as possible other than maintaining the trails and keeping high-use areas like Twin Falls clean.

Could use a toilet.
there aren't any greenbelts in far south austin, so everyone drives into town. More creative thinking is needed in far south austin (Mary Moore Searight/Dittmar area)

Keep it green

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- 0% Others

1 respondent
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- Community gardening: 33%
- Stewardship and volunteer project: 33%
- Enjoy Nature: 33%
- Others: 0%

1 respondent

20. What would you like to see at this District Park or Metropolitan Park in the future? (Select all that apply.)

- Community Garden: 20%
- Kayak/Canoe Launch: 20%
- Mountain Biking Trails: 20%
- Nature Centers: 20%
- Nature Trails: 20%
- Others: 0%

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14. **Neighborhood Parks, School Parks and Pocket Parks** are the backbone of Austin's park system. These parks typically provide basic recreational opportunities close to home. Which of the following Neighborhood Parks, School Parks or Pocket Parks do you frequent the most? (Select one)

No responses received yet

15. At your selected park, what are your favorite things to do when you are there? (Select up to 3.)

No responses received yet

16. What would you like to see at this Neighborhood Park, School Park or Pocket Park in the future? (Select all that apply.)

No responses received yet

18. **District and Metropolitan Parks** are much larger than neighborhood parks and provide a wider variety of recreational opportunities. Which of the following Metropolitan Parks or District Parks do you frequent the most? (Select one.)

No responses received yet

19. At your selected park, what are your favorite things to do when you are there? (Select top 3.)

No responses received yet

20. What would you like to see at this District Park or Metropolitan Park in the future? (Select all that apply.)

No responses received yet
22. **Greenways or Greenbelts** are linear park systems that often link to other types of parks, serve as wildlife corridors, provide areas for flood control, are a means of preserving water quality, contain routes for alternate modes of transportation and function as possible utility corridors. Which of the following Greenbelts do you **frequent the most**? (Select one.)

No responses received yet

23. What would you like to see in this greenbelt area in the future? (Select all that apply.)

No responses received yet

14. **Parques en vecindades, parques en las escuelas y mini parques** (Pocket Parks) son fundamentales en el sistema de parques de Austin. Típicamente estos parques brindan oportunidades básicas en recreación cerca de las residencias. ¿Cuáles de los siguientes parques en vecindades, parques en las escuelas y mini parques (Pocket Parks) **frecuenta usted más**? (Escoja uno.)

1 respondent

15. En el parque que escogió, ¿qué es su actividad favorita cuando está usted allí? (Escoja 3 principales.)

2 respondents
16. ¿Qué le gustaría que hubiera en los parques en vecindades, parques en las escuelas y mini parques (Pocket Parks) en el futuro? (Escoja todos los que aplican.)

- Jardín Recreativo-Para todas las capacidades: 17%
- Área para Asar Carne y Barbacoa: 17%
- Canchas de Basquetbol: 17%
- Muro de escalada/rocódromo: 17%
- Equipo de gimnasia: 17%
- Campos para múltiples usos: 17%
- Others: 0%

2 respondents

17. Los parques de Distrito y Parques Metropolitanos son mucho más grandes que los parques de vecindades y ofrecen más variedad en oportunidades de recreación. ¿Cuál de los siguientes parques metropolitanos o parques de distritos frecuenta usted más seguido?

- John Trevino Jr. at Morrison Ranch: 100%
- Others: 0%

1 respondent

18. En el parque que escogió, ¿qué es su actividad favorita cuando está usted allí? (Escoja 3 principales.)

- Días de campo, relajarse: 25%
- Eventos (festivales, eventos de carreras o deportivos, mercados de agricultores [Farmers' Market]): 25%
- Piscina o facilidades acuáticas / chapoteo: 25%
- Campos de recreo infantil / estructuras de juegos infantiles: 0%
- Others: 0%

2 respondents
20. ¿Qué le gustaría que hubiera en este Parque de Distrito o Parque Metropolitano en el futuro? (Escoja todos los que aplican.)

- Jardín Recreativo-Para todas las capacidades
- Anfiteatro
- Campos de Béisbol/Campos de Sóftbol
- Sanitarios
- Muro de escalada/rocódromo
- Jardines comunitarios
- Equipo de gimnasia
- Campos de futbol americano
- Senderos para ciclismo de montaña
- Senderos de naturaleza
- Área para perro sin correa
- Piscina
- Patinaje (Roller Derby)
- Parque de patinaje
- Campos de futbol Soccer
- Juegos acuáticos
- Others

2 respondents

22. Los senderos verdes (Greenways) o zonas verdes (Greenbelts) son sistemas de parques lineales que típicamente enlazan con otros tipos de parques que son corredores de fauna silvestre que podrían servir para control de inundaciones, o medios para conservar la calidad del agua, o para contener rutas para alternativos de transporte, y posiblemente funcionar como corredores para los servicios públicos. ¿Cuáles de las siguientes zonas verdes frecuenta usted más seguido? (Escoja una.)

No responses received yet

23. ¿Qué le gustaría que hubiera en esta zona verde en el futuro? (Escoja todos los que aplican.)

- Montar a caballo
- Senderos para ciclismo de montaña
- Senderos de naturaleza
- Área para perro sin correa
- Others

2 respondents

24. ¿Hay algo más que deberíamos saber tocante esta zona verde?

25. Downtown and Urban Spaces

- Republic Square
- Wooldridge Square
- Brush Square

250 respondents

I love all the improvements to Republic Square park. It's a wonderful place to enjoy during the farmers market.
8 months ago □ 14 Agree

Brush/Wooldridge need improvement. Republic is a model to follow for these
8 months ago □ 6 Agree

Wooldridge is a MUCH different situation than Republic. Wooldridge is a historic gym and a beautiful grassy retreat in the middle of the city. PARD should to the greatest extent possible PRESERVE it, not feel compelled to spend millions "modernizing" it.
6 months ago □ 3 Agree

Wooldridge Square needs programming to activate the space. There are so many users in a walkable area, and even more coming on line in the next few years.
7 months ago □ 2 Agree

Buy out the Baptist church and restore Hamilton square!
8 months ago □ 2 Agree

Few would pick Republic Square before the enhancements. Need more projects like this.
8 months ago □ 2 Agree

love the work done on historic trees here, and the farmers market.
8 months ago □ 2 Agree

I use this park a lot more since it has been improved. Maintenance and programs are great.
8 months ago □ 2 Agree

Great park. I enjoy just sitting and people watching.
8 months ago □ 2 Agree

Wooldridge Square is so underutilized. I wish that there was more going on there -- it's so close to my work, but I never go that way because there's nothing going on there except homeless people hanging out and pedestrians shortcutting through on their way somewhere else.
8 months ago □ 2 Agree

Republic square is amazing. It would be nice to see more facilities built for the many bus commuters that use the square.
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Republic Square has been wonderfully transformed to accomodate multiple user groups and functions
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

I really like the new restrooms that have gone in at Republic Square.
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

are these the parks in HIGH demand areas?? The city wants to close the park and build APTS???
well I say NOOOOOO to that.. leave our parks .. I've lived in Austin 48 yrs.. IM 5 generations AUSTIN BORN AND RAISED.. STOP taking away what makes Austin a beautiful place to call home..
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

Leave Wooldridge alone. It is perfect and should be preserved.
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

New irrigation system. Was there again today..no water because of water main break. Happens about once a month. My husbands grave has had only dead grass on it for nine years. The pretty oak trees are stressed because they don't get watered. Spend less on bike lanes and use that money on cemeteries
6 months ago □ 1 Agree

I think you just need to remove the parking lot for the firehouse, let them park for free at one of the Convention Center Garages and revitalize the landscape. Don't over complicate it. Do it
sooner than later.
6 months ago

More flowers to make it more inviting. I walk by it often and always feel like it's off limits. More trees too
7 months ago

WS is adjacent to Travis County facilities, so the city should partner with Travis County to manage it.
7 months ago

Too many homeless folks around. Feels unsafe.
7 months ago

In all of these parks, the safety factor can be intimidating. The programming at Republic Square in the past 12 months has been extraordinary and brought thousands of families and others downtown to enjoy the park. But unless APD has a presence, and City Council decides what to do with the sit-lie ordinance, these will quickly not feel safe for the public that supports them.
7 months ago

Has been given over to homeless operations
7 months ago

What can be done about all the homeless people in all three of these spaces. It seems like this is out of control.
7 months ago

The only use of Woolridge Square I see is a base for the homeless. Oh, and movies once a week.
7 months ago

Too much panhandling and camping there.
7 months ago

Keep all three squares.
7 months ago

keep all three of these spaces as green spots in the middle of all that concrete
7 months ago

Farmer's market is great
7 months ago

Beautiful area—very enjoyable for outdoor activities....and community events.
7 months ago

The improvements to this park are wonderful
7 months ago

Love farmers market but oh oh oh the dogs have taken over, often their owners do not respect those shopping.
7 months ago

Waterloo Park needs to be finished!
8 months ago

My favorite spot downtown
8 months ago

More security.
8 months ago
Wooldridge Square is a beautiful space.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Republic is a prime example of exceptional transformation BUT it was only possible with the leadership of APF and DAA. This platform must be used more.
8 months ago 1 Agree

LOVE the improvements to Republic Square! What a treasure!
8 months ago 1 Agree

Great improvements and serves certain purposes for the location. A good example of diversified options.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Lots of homeless keep me from using.
8 months ago 1 Agree

The recent use of Republic Square Park as an event space has been great. I have used it for workouts, movies, concerts, a festival, and the farmer's market.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Not a fan of the increased pavement at Republic Square. So much of Downtown is concrete - there need to be grassy oases in Downtown.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Leave Wooldridge alone. It does not need major work that would destroy its historic character.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Access and parking to the farmers' market should be taken into consideration when the many special events are scheduled downtown including in the park.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Wooldridge Square - would be great to have more seating that invites people down into the park, not just along the very edges. The seating area right across from the courthouse is well used and nice.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Thankyou to the staff that maintain this park. They are polite yet enforce rules that keep the park nice.
8 months ago 1 Agree

I wish we had a better solution for the homeless... than simply free-range park dwelling...
8 months ago 1 Agree

Wooldridge Square is highly underutilized and completely unaccessible as a downtown park space. The entire facility needs to be redesigned in similar fashion to the Republic Square master plan and renovations
8 months ago 1 Agree

So happy with the updates and renovations recently. It's a great space!
8 months ago 1 Agree

Really glad to see a weekly farmers' market at this park. The recent improvements are lovely, also.
6 months ago

Republic Square needs more shade. It gets hit during farmer's market.
6 months ago

Maybe post signs telling people how many laps around Wooldridge equals one mile - many office workers in the area, litigants, and jurors go there in the daytime to eat lunch, take a break and get some exercise walking laps around the perimeter. It is nice that one can do laps around that block. Maybe also post historical information sign about the origin of the park, since it is one of the oldest parks in Austin. Wish there were fewer homeless hanging out. I like it when large chess is available on the pavilion.
6 months ago
Parking it expensive and difficult to find, this makes us generally avoid events in these spaces.
6 months ago

It's a gem. Please keep it vibrant with quality care and community events.
6 months ago

Make parking easy again remove the meters --it should not cost a small fortune to hit the park for farmers market
6 months ago

Movies are fun. Farmers market is great. The redesign feels a bit sterile. Please return some more nature.
6 months ago

These are great parks. There is a homeless problem at Brush Square
6 months ago

these are all bomb! Great little pockets of green!
6 months ago

All of these need more flowers and perennial flowering shrubs.
6 months ago

Looking forward to the cafe! Really enjoy the 101X film nights and farmers market.
6 months ago

More events should utilize this space. It is not well used
6 months ago

More organized activities for this park would be wonderful
6 months ago

Poor Brush Square, aka grab bag of random program. I would love to see it be more of an amenity - given it's connection to the train station, it could be an awesome entry/welcome into the city, as well as a place for those at the convention center to enjoy the outdoors. Brush Square should be an opportunity to show off what is great about Austin's outdoor culture to those at the convention center, instead of a forgotten lawn!
6 months ago

It is nice to see a civic space working well in Austin. Concern: Keeping these spaces/places inclusive of all income levels
6 months ago

don't always feel safe there
6 months ago

I love Republic Square. My only thought is that the northbound bus lines stop at "Republic Square Station" which is a full block away from the southbound busses. Not awesome.
6 months ago

Park seems like a homeless camp and sometimes unsafe. Parking is tough.
6 months ago

Love the transformation of this park. The others could use the same love
6 months ago

have not gone in a long time as it is not very close and parking is difficult
6 months ago

Republic square is nice. What I'd like to see in downtown park upgrades are stormwater treatment
features with signage educating folks about raingardens, etc.
6 months ago

Would benefit from more public outreach programs.
6 months ago

we like coming here for public events.
6 months ago

I love what you have done with this park. But when is the restaurant going to open???? Also, I am very disappointed in the COA's commitment to maintaining African American cemeteries. The people who are buried there are part of our history too!
6 months ago

Very pretty being right by the Court house and old library... I would like to see exercise equipment here
6 months ago

Urban splash pad please
6 months ago

Looking forward to the redo. This is a crucial point in downtown and needs to be busy relaxing and vital
6 months ago

Safety issues
6 months ago

Do not program in such a way that streets are closed / affected. This degrades the public transit system & goes against COA's ideals about improving transit access & increasing ridership.
6 months ago

SFC Farmers' Market is the BEST thing about RSP!!
6 months ago

Downtown is a pain to get to now that number doesn't go by my house so I no longer go to these places.
7 months ago

Much better with the improvements. More people will be using it now for special events.
7 months ago

great renovation of the park.
7 months ago

It's a pretty nice park and I like the art in there now. Feel fun to go to. Also love that they have a farmer's market there.
7 months ago

I think it is important to have the farmers market and small events here
7 months ago

I would like to see the farmers market back IN the park like it was before the remodel - currently it is on the sidewalk and perimeter.
7 months ago

Nice improvements. Would like to see more programming there. Do not like that it is "lost" during ACL but do appreciate that transit option for attendees and the need to connect to public transit.
7 months ago

Much better space
7 months ago
I think any additional buildout downtown should be elevated. Space is at a premium and facilities CANNOT take away green space. Plus elevation will create performance space or sun-shade.

I'd like to see some real public squares downtown. Six Street (and sometimes other streets) are closed for special events, but if you go to any major city in Europe you'll find major pedestrian-only plazas throughout the downtown. I'd love for Austin to have something similar. We've let the needs of car-dependent commuters shape our city for far too long.

I'm looking forward to the improvements just north of the capital.

Thank you for the improvements! Love the art! Such a beautiful space.

Love the improvements made to Republic square park but it's programmed heavily and not always open.

Great job! More silva cells for tree volume in downtown for street trees.

We really need help with Brush Square. I would love to remove the heinous parking lot there. I also really think we should consider flattening Wooldridge. I know that is heresy among some groups but right now the steep incline makes the square really usable especially for small children. Overall it feels creepy. We need to redevelop around it to get "eyes on the street."

Make this a permanent farmers' market site with a covered pavilion area.

Love the programming there - cool art and food

I enjoy Wooldridge park

I'm very impressed with how this space has been improved.

I like all of them.

Thank you for the renovation!

This downtown park should be modernized! Would love to see public art and sculptures here, and flexible seating for downtown residents/employees to enjoy during breaks.

I like the farmers' market.

love the public art

Nicely enhanced in the last couple of years; enjoy the native plantings and art

Beautiful park
It's not inviting for hanging around
8 months ago

More events like music and food trucks at lunch or movie nights
8 months ago

Beautiful update ~
8 months ago

None of the above -- too far south
8 months ago

I like the museums.
8 months ago

keep open and native plants
8 months ago

I love that there is free yoga at Republic Square!
8 months ago

should be sold to buy large track 50+ acres for a good city park.
8 months ago

Never spent much time at any of these.
8 months ago

Leave this jewel as it is.
8 months ago

26. Senior Centers

So SAD that the City of Austin can only list three senior centers. This LACK of gathering spaces for seniors should not be justified based upon current use. Austin needs to change the mindset of what a welcoming and thriving senior center should look and feel like. Do the research and make the INVESTMENTS. The fact that this survey question is so far down the list speaks for itself. Move it to the top five and make some real Capital expenditures. Just do it!
8 months ago

I think the commenter is correct. We have an increasing number of residents who are aging and require senior centers because not only the number is insufficient, but also, because the aging population had a difficult time navigating in our worsening traffic conditions.
7 months ago

Nice, but not easily reached by public transportation.
8 months ago
All too far from North Austin.
8 months ago

Need senior center in far Northwest Austin.
8 months ago

Needs more diverse activities for seniors.
8 months ago

Austin needs to respond appropriately to its growing Senior population. It’s pretty much ignored them to date. And when the city responds (I am being hopeful here!) it needs to recognize that the Senior population in this town is extremely diverse and many of them helped put Austin “on the map.”. In other words, one-size-fits-all programs will not suffice.
6 months ago

I believe that the senior population in Austin is increasing. Austin needs to recognize that fact and respond accordingly. And by the way, Austin’s seniors are a diverse bunch with a wide-range of interests. Don’t assume that one-size-fits-all programs work for them.
6 months ago

Why only three senior centers? That’s pretty bad for a big city.
7 months ago

The facility looks old and is not very well insulated. During cold seasons it does not keep the warmth in too well.
7 months ago

I’d like to see a city page listing by month the activities available and if there are any excursions planned and if they plan nature walks and if they have learning times with classes on fixing things, using tools, how to care for streams, excursions to the main library since the walk is too long, history of the area with speakers, small group visits to some of Austin's outdoor art, a monthly trailer food visit, a class from a local chef how to fix a healthy meal for one or two, a handwork group to learn quilting or needlework or knitting or whittling or making wooden toys.
7 months ago

I am not yet retired, but I wonder if 3 facilities is enough for our growing senior population?
8 months ago

Wonderful facility and staff. Wish it was easier to access via public transportation.
8 months ago

Space needs to be updated.
8 months ago

Nice Facility - needs to be opened more evenings
8 months ago

Lack of parking makes access difficult for seniors. Our truly lousy public transit system is largely inaccessible for the senior population.
6 months ago

Do we have enough senior centers to serve the growing number of seniors in Austin?
6 months ago

Definitely need more Senior Activity Centers or Multi-generational centers.
6 months ago

Need more senior centers. Many of the working citizens of Austin are getting older and if you live long enough you will get old and become a senior too! Seniors need places to go where people are their ages also.
6 months ago
The city should make all centers a combined and offer senior programs at all of them. Why not multigenerational?
Programs that make kid interact with seniors would be great.
7 months ago

Clearly far away from growth areas of the city.
7 months ago

need more senior centers
7 months ago

Combine senior centers and recreation centers
7 months ago

Generally—put another senior center up north/northwest. We are all aging up there too!
7 months ago

We need more Senior Centers.
7 months ago

Austin needs more senior activity centers.
8 months ago

All Geezer Centers should offer Tai Chi classes.
8 months ago

Lunchtime lectures like at Lamar Senior Center. Other educational talks.
8 months ago

Yes, it would be nice if there would be public transit to the Centers
8 months ago

Why so few senior centers?
8 months ago

Good classes
8 months ago

I love the pecan cracking program!
8 months ago

too far from where I live
8 months ago

nice space, well-maintained, offers variety of programs
8 months ago

It's nice to see that there is a garden here.
6 months ago

Too many programs at high costs as fees. Need more accommodations for low income folks.
6 months ago

Make "senior centers" part of existing centers-make them multi-generational. I don't want to hang out only with other OLD PEOPLE LOL!
6 months ago
City of Austin needs to do better job creating more senior centers for our aging community.

6 months ago

Where are these and what do they offer?

6 months ago

Add more centers, look at where seniors live and frequent. Include green spaces near VA clinics as well.

6 months ago

Need more easily accessible senior centers!

6 months ago

The city of Round Rock senior activity centers are closer to us as there aren't any senior activity centers in North Austin.

6 months ago

Increasing average age of Austinites = need for more services

6 months ago

Public transportation - it doesn't matter how many if one can't get to them. Austin needs real public transportation.

6 months ago

I agree with other comments... There should be more of these

6 months ago

I agree that Senior Programs are not given enough thought or resources.

6 months ago

always a welcoming place if just for coffee and doing a puzzle

6 months ago

This is a great facility in a great location!

6 months ago

Does not apply

6 months ago

The aging population has changed and the centers should be renovated and enhanced to keep up with their needs

6 months ago

The Lamar Sr Center is a really lovely senior center and the staff is very friendly.

6 months ago

With the aging population, senior activity centers need to be added.

6 months ago

need more programs for seniors and infants

6 months ago

Would benefit from more public out reach programs.

6 months ago

We have only 3 senior centers. This is ludicrous, sad and severely short-sighted. Please concentrate on this. Young people are not young forever

6 months ago

what? there are only three senior centers in all of Austin? Gee, i am worried of getting old now...
Where do seniors go to socialize and stay connected?

6 months ago

I've enjoyed my time at Conley-Guerrero. It's sad Montopolis does not have a Sr. Activity Center. There are a lot of seniors who reside in Montopolis. The neighborhood could benefit from one.

6 months ago

Happy that this center exists.

6 months ago

No experience

6 months ago

We need more programming for seniors!!

6 months ago

I don't use it.

7 months ago

Difficult for seniors to navigate traffic to get to Lamar Sr. Ctr.

7 months ago

Need more programs and to better publicize existing programs.

7 months ago

More advertising to the Latino residents would be sure to increase participation and ensure less social isolation of our elders.

7 months ago

Center needs updating. Love the pecan program. Would like more speakers, book clubs, history of Austin, other intellectual activities.

7 months ago

I'm unaware of senior centers in NW Austin. Either we need some or we need to hear about them better.

7 months ago

Greater variety of exercise classes and more online info about those

7 months ago

Love this center. Would like to see more activities and classes at other times of day or weekends for folks who aren't retired yet.

7 months ago

No comment

7 months ago

Nicer employees

7 months ago

Had a great experience this year partnering with the senior center for a public art project. Hope to be able to foster more of this in the future.

7 months ago

A good space and large! but some parts of it seem underused/purposeless.

8 months ago

Pecan cracking program is thumbs up

8 months ago

Meals on Wheels are an important social event at this location.

8 months ago
More hours and games.
8 months ago

Art classes would be nice at this center.
8 months ago

We need more!
These are great.
8 months ago

What is with the no parking signs? Why can't the parking lot be used by the Shoal Creek Trail users?
8 months ago

Maybe incorporate programs that help connect school youth with the senior centers
8 months ago

Good activity calendar. I enjoy the line dancing classes.
8 months ago

It's nice that you have been hosting my writers' group for over five years at no cost.
8 months ago

27. Tennis Centers

I am not sure why a new tennis center (which is not even mentioned here) was built way out in the middle of nowhere forcing everyone to drive to it - and then having little parking there to boot! Expand South Austin Tennis Center.
8 months ago

There's simply is NOT ENOUGH tennis facilities. The number of tennis courts per capita is so low (especially for a warm weather state) that it discourages participation. That is a shame. And of those that exist, many are not maintained well.
8 months ago

We do not have enough courts for the number of players in this town...South Austin Tennis center has 10 courts but only 5 courts can be used for league play...
8 months ago

The electorate passed bonds to expand SATC, but the neighborhood shot it down. Pharr is set to be torn down and redone, but once again, the neighborhood chose more green space rather than more tennis courts. Austin is in short supply of tennis courts for league and recreational play. ATC is great if you live in north or east Austin, but it's underutilized because most league players live south or west. Austin desperately needs more public courts south! Expand SATC!
8 months ago

As a long time Austin resident and avid tennis player, I use all of the city tennis centers. They all need upgrades and maintenance.
Agree
Expensive, not accessible to all
The Caswell Tennis Center is a wonderful facility. I like the booking system for reserving court space and I think the courts are well lit.
Expand South Austin Tennis Center! The new Austin Tennis Center is too far and has no parking (you can’t really get there except by private vehicle).
South Austin needs more Tennis courts. Would be great if could get access to school tennis courts. Even just some backboard spots for practice would be great.
Need more courts and better resurfacing.
More tennis centers or public courts (WITH LIGHTS!!) would be a good idea. Courts are heavily utilized in town and there just aren’t currently enough to meet demand.
Need more tennis courts. Open up Austin High where one can reserve a court there.
Programming offerings need to drastically improve to compete with south Austin tennis center
Not enough courts in Austin, and paid places are a pain.
Caswell is still a precise sight on Lamar and is well utilized
We need more tennis courts in the city. It's impossible to get a court.
We need more tennis courts. Every time I call the tennis centers, they're booked and when I go to Austin High, I end up waiting 30+ minutes — sometimes only to go home. :( Please do not take away Austin High tennis courts --- our community depends on them.
We need more courts!
Do not expand South Austin Tennis center. Keep the park surrounding it natural and available to all neighbors for many activities.
All these should be pickleball courts too.
Tennis centers should double as Pickleball centers, and there should indoor tennis/PB centers or at least covered courts.
Build more tennis centers with practice boards! Have to drive from north of Shoreline and 1325 to use practice board at Caswell or Austin High.
Need more tennis courts
I play at Austin Tennis Center because there are so few courts available anywhere else. I hate how crowded South Austin Tennis Center is and I don’t love the management. We NEED more courts available in Austin and to maintain the courts that are available. I have played on courts with uneven concrete and open rifts, making it dangerous for anyone using them.

The managers of Pharr, Maggie and Ruben Yanez, do a great job. Unfortunately, the courts are in increasingly bad condition. The cracks in the courts are on the edge of being a safety hazard.

How is Pharr cash only in 2018? If they aren’t going to accept cards can we at least get a kiosk outside like at Barton Springs?

Tennis takes up too much space in public parks. We need less of them.

The courts are in miserable shape. Who is responsible for their maintenance?

Also, where is Austin Tennis Center in your survey? Are you not aware it’s owned by the city?

Expand SATC. How come the GreyRock facility is not mentioned.

There are not enough public tennis courts available for the growing population in Austin. The city should provide a larger facility, that at least compares to facilities in some of smaller cities in TX.

Make Austin High a facility where courts can be reserved in advance. There are not enough reserve-able tennis courts in Austin for league and recreational play.

Why are courts in the same condition at Caswell as they are at SATC?

City needs to look at contracts.... SATC does not offer enough courts for league play, even though they have more courts than other facilities. Standing teams have to hustle to keep their spot at one of the city facilities. Forget even being able to start a new team... there’s no place to play! Caswell has been VERY accommodating to league play.

Programming is too expensive and therefore not accessible to many.

Could use more tennis in South Austin.

Not easily accessible living downtown/Holly area without a car. More public courts with backboards & lighting please

Where’s the shade?? I cannot even consider getting my kids involved. There’s too much sun damage to be had...

South Austin Tennis Center should have been expanded with the $ provided by the Mueller family, years ago. It’s not too late. Austin needs a regional tennis center with at least 20, if not 40 courts.

We need a replacement for Pharr, but further west of town.
Expand the Tennis Centers that exist - the one out east is too far. All the leagues are full - no room for new people.

For a city which is growing at an alarming rate there are not nearly enough tennis courts for the people who wish to play. Its very hard to get a court except in the hottest part of the day. SATC has lots of land for expansion. Why build public facilities in the middle of nowhere? SATC has been given over to lessons and leagues almost exclusively. The “public” is a minor distraction. Shame on Austin.

I use Shipe tennis courts

I use all of these often, Pharr needs to be updated

Doesn’t apply

This place - the South Austin Tennis Center - is a jewel. The Rippners have done so much work to embed the space in the surrounding communities. It is simply a model.

I like the austin high center, but I realize they get far more non-patron bathroom traffic than any of the other centers. Caswell is also nice, but South Austin is still the friendliest.

A great resource for all of South Austin

Lea Sauls has done an amazing job renovating Caswell and bringing it back to its original state as the hub for tennis in Austin. It would be nice to have a public indoor facility that is not too far a drive. Also, why are Austin High School's courts listed and not Austin Tennis Center, the newest of the tennis centers and the one that is in the WORST shape. It is neglected, mowing rarely happens, the wind screens are down and the fencing is broken and the youth tennis courts have been turned into pickleball courts. What a shame.

Add walls for or build new racquetball courts.

In love with this space. The rippners have done an amazing job.

North Austin tennis center would be nice

don’t use tennis courts

Would benefit from more public out reach programs.
Until light pollution from tennis courts is addressed and fixed, I am not in favor of them at all. At all.
6 months ago

NW Austin needs at tennis center. All the COA tennis centers are in central or south Austin.
6 months ago

Need something farther north for Tennis
6 months ago

Create improved trail system around the park in crushed granite. There are no improved trails so people just walk on grass which then degrades.
6 months ago

Grass around the perimeter needs to be replanted. Other than that. Caswell is wonderful and should be maintained as is.
6 months ago

Diverse Program offerings need to drastically improve in order to compete with SATC
6 months ago

N/a
6 months ago

 Maintain it and continue to offer programs
7 months ago

Why isn't Austin Tennis center, on Johnny Morris Road, on the list?
7 months ago

 I never use these
7 months ago

 has much to be improved upon.
7 months ago

 I use this tennis center as part of my Patterson Park use
7 months ago

 More Parking
7 months ago

 This is great! Love that you can turn on the lights at night
7 months ago

 Meh. Tennis doesn't interest me.
7 months ago

 Would love a covered facility to keep the sun off the courts. Does not have to be enclosed - just covered. Would be nice to have a mid-Austin facility near 78731
8 months ago

 The managers of this facility, Maggie and Ruben Yanez, do an excellent job. The courts are in increasingly poor condition and need to be refurbished. The cracks in the courts are becoming a safety issue.
8 months ago

 It is ridiculous that tax payers money bought grey rock tennis yet it is run like a private club. As a non member, tax payer I can never get a court, or play on a team there. It should be illegal. Dick Nichols courts need to be resurfaced too. Tennis courts at slaughter met park would be nice as
Southwest Austin is completely void of courts (Grey Rock doesn’t count)
8 months ago

This is a great central location for tennis courts but in need of renovation of the existing facilities and additional courts on this site
8 months ago

Great place. I’d like more social events like scramble and round robins.
8 months ago

Huge fan of Caswell, Pharr and Austin High. It’s a shame the last 2 are not in better condition. It does baffle me why the newly acquired GreyRock is not being treated like the other public venues. South Austin residents really need access to more courts.
8 months ago

We need more courts. Why isn’t Grey Rock tennis center public?
8 months ago

Allow advance reservations to make Austin High worth the trip to it. It’s disappointing when the courts are all in use.
8 months ago

More tennis courts are needed all over town for league and recreational use. More could be built at South Austin, Pharr and Greyrock. Why is Greyrock owned by the city but not run the same as the other city courts? Anyone should be able to have a team play out of that facility.
8 months ago

Love this place!!
8 months ago

28. Cultural, Art, Historic Facilities

The classes and performances at DAC are great, but we need something like that up north and down south! Not everybody can make it downtown.
8 months ago

Mayfield is a treasure. My son loves the peacocks!
8 months ago

Zilker Park needs a new visitor information and education center to orient visitors to the park features and to tell the story of our historical, cultural and environmental values.
8 months ago

I can’t believe Zilker Botanical Gardens shows such a low percentage in this survey. This is the place we bring family and friends when they visit us in Austin. Austin should spend more money on this beautiful walk.
8 months ago

I wish it were more accessible by transit. It’s inconveniently located, and the parking lot is so huge!
8 months ago
The Dougherty is staffed by amazing people, but the facility is shameful. Children should not be playing in a rat and roach infested building that still contains asbestos. Austin should be proud of their amazing art and nature facilities. Instead they receive little to no funding for maintenance and become safety hazards and eyesores.

8 months ago

All suffer from lack of maintenance. Daughtrey Center is a disgrace. Mayfield should be a jewel if maintained.

6 months ago

please improve the parking situation at Daugherty

8 months ago

Hard to believe Zilker Botanical Garden shows such a low percentage in this survey. When family and friends visit us in Austin, that is where we take them. Would like more money spent on this beautiful place to walk.

8 months ago

Ney and Botanical Garden are great

8 months ago

Hope you find a new home for the Dougherty with plenty of parking and art education classes.

8 months ago

We should have facilities like Doughtery distributed all around the city in old disused churches, schools, and other historic buildings. The plan to destroy Doughtery and spend millions to replace it with a newly constructed building is atrocious.

8 months ago

Austin has has some top notch, awesome cultural and heritage facilities. Keep investing in the existing facilities and explore opportunities for new centers. These centers and programs are not highlighted and bragged about enough. They are fantastic places!

8 months ago

These are such great resources. I wish more people knew about them, and that programming was better publicized.

8 months ago

Please keep providing free music opportunities during child friendly hours

8 months ago

The DAC is awesome!

8 months ago

Please keep funding the DAC and it's programs.

8 months ago

And please keep it in the existing historic building at its current location.

8 months ago

Love the Umlauf!!

8 months ago

Bring something like the nature and science Center more east

6 months ago

ANSC is such a treasure for this city and our youth!

6 months ago

Some of these facilities are old and deprecated. It would be nice to be able to remodel or update it a bit more. Also the lack of work/office space is horrible.

7 months ago
Less and less can I visit locations that do not have adequate parking - using buses take at minimum 4 times the time as driving.
7 months ago

I’d like to see lower cost options for those who want to take a class and learn an artistic skill, but can’t afford it. I’d also like to see smaller classes available around town rather than mainly downtown at Dougherty.
8 months ago

Mayfield and Umlauf also wonderful
8 months ago

carver museum is a valuable resource offering a wide variety of cultural programs. the grounds don't seem to be maintained as well as other museum and library sites. why is that?
8 months ago

We need a Nature Center North East.
6 months ago

Zilker Botanical garden is nice, however so so dinky and small/unimpressive compared to Botanical gardens of other cities (example: Dallas).
6 months ago

great space for kids to get in touch with and learn about nature. maybe expand the summer camp programs so more can participate.
6 months ago

I love taking classes at the DAC. Would love for them to be another one or similar up north to access it more. Also love Zilker Botanical Garden and I love that I can bring my dog (on leash of course).
6 months ago

The AARC, Umlauf, Zilker, Elizabeth Ney and Austin Nature and Science Centers are treasures. Daughtery is as well and must be repaired.
6 months ago

Cool building, I'm sure you want to replace it. I went to a tea ceremony there with visiting delegation from Japanese sister city and was embarrassed that the windows were too filthy to see out of, but perhaps it's unimportant since the city view they frame has been allowed to brush up and be obscured - bamboo and ligustrum. I don't see Zilker House on here. Now there's an undersused, ill-maintained facility. Why does Austin find these things so much harder than other cities do?
6 months ago

It is sad to me that so few people use this place. Their website is not good, you have to access it through the City's sites, and their events are not well-publicized. It could be a real treasure for the city. Parking and just getting there are also problematic. Until they fix the Rainey Street traffic I think this place will continue to be under utilized.
6 months ago

Love the Austin Nature and Science Center
6 months ago

Need to offer more parking.
6 months ago

All of these places are part of what make Austin great. If I were picking a type of facility to expand it would be these.
6 months ago

I loved going to Zilker Botanical Garden with the children when it was free. We called it the pretty park. Now you pay to park and go to the park if you can find parking. I can only guess that it is very hard to pay for park entry when you have small children. I have not been back since I was going to go with the kids to remember all the fun we had and discovered that you had to pay.
7 months ago

Austin Nature Center is a great place for youth summer activities. Please put some money in to it to keep it up to date with new features to keep people coming back.
I agree to keep it up to date with new features to keep people coming back.

What about them? This isn't a question--it's a list of sites.

I love the Austin Nature and Science Center. I wish it was safer to cross Barton Springs by walking to get there.

Please mark some of the parking spots by the staircase for non-parking. People will park in front of the plagues and visitors cannot read the history of this beautiful park.

This should be a crown jewel of Austin.

The development around Rainey street has made it difficult to access the Emma Barrientos/MAC center. A shame.

Umlauf is too expensive for general entry. Mt. Bonnell is over used and the parking is dangerous for a variety of reasons. Need better plans there. Mayfield needs more programming and better explanation of the facilities.

I'm beyond happy with the programming happening at the Carver Museum and Center. The city should highlight the centers efforts as an example for others to follow.

I love the Nature and Science Center; specifically the animals. The dino digging sand areas are delightful.

PLEASE invest some time/money to maintain the creek crossings and trails at Mayfield Park. We love this park so much, but only the front area ever gets any maintenance. The back trails are overgrown with poison ivy, the benches are falling apart, and all of the cemented stepping stones at the creek crossings have washed away.

I would go to all these parks far more often if they were better served by frequent bus routes (or rail) or were connected via protected bike lanes.

I love being able to take my child to the AN&SC. It's free and interesting. I think better signage for the place would help. I couldn't find the place for a long time when I first moved here.

I have often patronized the parks that I have marked and love them. I think the nature, education, and historical aspects are important.

These are such awesome spots. ZBC is getting a little long in the tooth tho... time for some updates....

Underutilized yet relevant and beautiful story!

Allow food in Zilker Garden. Charge more for weddings and other private use.

Zilker Botanical could use a coffee/tea shop for revenue and would be such a great place for visitors to sit and enjoy the gardens and have their coffee/tea. I just saw where the old Bergstrom Farms is being diminished from 10 acres to 4 acres because of the "developer"... horrible word for those of us that would like to preserve some of our rich Austin history. WHY DID THE CITY/COUNTY LET THIS HAPPEN?
So many responses in previous questions have asked for more nature centers and ANSC hasn't even been listed in this long range plan. Neither has MacBeth. Are we not planning for the future of folks with all abilities in Austin?

8 months ago

I would like to attend events at MACC and AARC more but parking is limited and they are hard to access by transit.

8 months ago

I enjoy visiting Mayfield most frequently, but I also love Elisabet Ney and Umlauf, as well.

8 months ago

Mayfield is such a unique park with the peacocks. Love it!

8 months ago

I LOVE the events at the Asian center!

8 months ago

The Dougherty classes are really expensive and hard to enroll in (not enough options and they fill up). To get a kid into camp there, you have to click in to enroll within moments of the sessions opening.

8 months ago

Need more investment in the upkeep and access to the cultural centers.

8 months ago

DAC is a treasure. Please keep all its programming intact.

8 months ago

Carver Museum has great events

8 months ago

I enjoy Umlauf, Elisabet Ney, and Mt. Bonnell. Dougherty—I only go if there's a specific event; don't really know what else happens there.

8 months ago

Ney has great programming and activities our whole family enjoys—especially Polkapoclypse

8 months ago

Mayfield and Laguna Gloria!

8 months ago

Love the trails around Mayfield

8 months ago

The audio that loops is really loud in the Carver Museum, and echoes in almost every exhibit. Can it be lowered?

8 months ago

ZBG needs upgrading to better meet the needs of this growing City. Children's gardening (with mentors) would help bring more families into the facility. Restrooms are needed throughout the facility, and supplemental parking is a must. More programs and events are needed to bring families and visitors into the facility. Visitors should be able to receive electronic information on plants, landscaping design, rainwater management, etc., while walking around the facility.

6 months ago

Umlauf should be free for residents

6 months ago

all great facilities

6 months ago
love it!
6 months ago

Emma S. Barrientos is a great gem in Austin. Keep it up!!!
6 months ago

Use Emma S. Barrientos more. Offer language classes- writing in Spanish for non-native speaker, film in Spanish- guitar lessons-Mexican folk songs
6 months ago

Love this museum
6 months ago

Would be great if parents would not allow their kids to disturb the peacocks.
6 months ago

I have appreciated the programming at the DAC, ANSC, MAC, and Carver Museum/Cultural Center.
6 months ago

Great spot, enjoy the newer programming bringing in fresh art from the community. Would love to see more events using the outdoor spaces
6 months ago

These are all great places and I appreciate that PARD has nature-oriented, cultural, historical programs and facilities.
6 months ago

I think it's telling that I've never even heard of some of these: Old Bakery and Emporium? Asian American Resources Center? Haskell House?
6 months ago

Someone should travel to botanical gardens in other cities. This one is pathetic by comparison. Consider Dallas or San Antonio. Visit Chicago. Fabulous places all of them. Zilker is embarrassing by contrast.
6 months ago

Traveling / traffic to get to any of them and parking if you do get there are problems for me.
6 months ago

Love ANSC. I wish the summer camps did not sell out in 10 minutes every year. There's definitely a demand for more nature-based camp activities.
6 months ago

Zilker Botanical Garden and the Carver Museum and Cultural center are fantastic.
6 months ago

the AARC is a very important community asset.
6 months ago

not well taken care of, not much info about Elisabet Ney, site director not great
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6 months ago

(Elisabet Ney) super cool, hidden gem (Old Bakery) pretty nifty, 100% haunted
6 months ago

Where is the resource center for White people? Seems like having racially segregated things like that for one group but not for another sets up the city for a lawsuit.
6 months ago
Love these parks!
6 months ago

Been a long time since I've visited any of these. Good reminder!
6 months ago

Dougherty has wonderful programs, but the building is decrepit. If it can't be salvaged, I hope the programming is relocated to a similarly central facility.
6 months ago

The Austin Nature and Science Center is amazing and likely the best cultural offering for families with small or younger children in the Austin area. However, all of The facilities are very dated and it shows that there is a lack of investment to support this great place.
6 months ago

The shrubbery needs to be trimmed to restore the view of Lake Austin.
6 months ago

The MACC has SUCH an amazing site, but so many people jog right past it, probably not even noticing it's there. It could do so much more to connect to the lake and their people that use the lake!
6 months ago

I love all these spaces. They are part of what makes Austin liveable and vibrant.
6 months ago

Not that the park system can do much but it would be nice if there were more hotels adjacent to cultural/art performance areas. I'd love to do more group things with out of town visitors but then they have no place to stay within walking distance of most cultural events.
6 months ago

The Austin Nature & Science Center and the Dougherty Arts Center both need funding for significant improvements. The Dougherty Arts Center needs to be addressed ASAP! The Austin Nature & Science Center really needs to improve their animal exhibits. It is one of the coolest places to go in Austin but the exhibits the animals are kept in are sad. We love to visit the animals but wish they had a better place to live.
6 months ago

Or sure if I'm allowed into the nature science center or if only for schools. Not welcoming and little info when I went by.
6 months ago

Love Mayfield, Umlauf, Mt. Bonnell. Would love to have something like DAC farther north.
6 months ago

This place is great. I wish we could improve it more cause there seems to be some empty spaces.
6 months ago

Please do something about the poison ivy at Mayfield and all trail systems for that matter.
6 months ago

love this place. keep it real and awesome. like the charm of it as it is now, but ensure it is well-maintained.
6 months ago

The Umlauf Sculpture Garden is truly an Austin treasure. I really liked the atmosphere for a picnic, and the curators/grounds overseers there were very considerate and courteous.
6 months ago

Would benefit from more public out reach programs.
6 months ago

wow, we have a lot of exploring to do! so many places i didnt know about.
6 months ago
paying for parking makes some of these places prohibitive for visiting more frequently
6 months ago

Need more opportunities in South/SouthWest. Downtown/Central/North areas are difficult due to congestion/traffic.
6 months ago

I wanted to take a ceramics class at the Dougherty Arts Center and it said that I needed to BUY all my supplies myself. I have taken ceramics in many cities and facilities always have equipment to use. What a waste to have every student by tools that they may only use for one class. Please provide the basic tools. Happy to pay for clay, but silly to make everyone go buy their own.
6 months ago

What a gem! Let's invest in this resource that serves so many.
6 months ago

Mow part of Elisabet Ney so people can enjoy the grounds more, picnic, etc.
6 months ago

Wonderful!
6 months ago

Underused!
6 months ago

Great resource
6 months ago

I love Elisabet Ney!
6 months ago

Events are great but parking is very difficult at AARC.
6 months ago

Wish we had something like this in north Austin.
6 months ago

We're so lucky to have the AARC 1.5 miles from our house. We go every week for Tai Chi, and love the arts and cultural programs and events.
6 months ago

AARC is a great place
7 months ago

what is this?
7 months ago

I would appreciate increased dissemination of information on what these facilities offer
7 months ago

Love all of these. Sadly none are near Windsor Park.
7 months ago

Austin does a good job of spreading cultural awareness.
7 months ago

I didn't select a cultural center (etc) because I don't know what you want to know. My favorite? My most used? The one that needs the most work?
Keep Mayfield up - what an amazing place!

My children have loved the art camps at Dougherty. I hope the capacity can be increased for future generations when the DAC is rebuilt.

Please add more darkroom hours particularly in the evenings or Sundays.

I'm glad they are there!

I attend ballet performances there.

Would like to see a museum in the building at Mayfield. And please don't kick people out of the park for for-profit weddings.

The MAC is such an eyesore. It makes me cringe every time I pass it.
I love Elisabet Ney Museum. Such a special place.
Zilker Botanical Garden is a jewel.

DAC needs more classes on the weekends for adults.

Austin nature and science center is an amazing facility and resource for this city.

The Asian American resource center does a good job with diversity of events but their website is hard to navigate and find a clear calendar of events.

I love this cultural center, and I'd like to see more artists using the space for events, gallery events, rehearsals, and performance.

I am very happy that the cultural arts centers are receiving bond funding. We need to create more policy to financially support these amazing facilities!

I love the MACC and believe its existence is very important for our city.

I am happy to see that it is finally undergoing renovation, it was really a run-down and unattractive, both inside and out.

We enjoyed the Elisabet Ney Museum during Ney Day which was great. My daughter loved seeing clay sculpture being done and being able to participate in screen printing. We keep an eye on the classes at the Dougherty Arts Center which look interesting!

More of this programming to the regular recreation centers.
Love taking my son to Mayfield for nature walks. Love exercising at Mt. Bonnell.

8 months ago

I love all of these places. I wish there was more/better programming at the Elisabet Ney & George Washington Carver Museums that encouraged use.

8 months ago

I've spent many wonderful hours perusing art at Elizabet Ney. Free parking at adjacent garage is super convenient, too.

8 months ago

George Washington Carver Museum is beautiful.

8 months ago

Good programs for all ages, particularly the children and youth camps.

8 months ago

My toddler loves the peacocks and turtles at Mayfield. Its probably the best place in town for him to see animals in a park.

8 months ago

We need facilities like Doughtery distributed around town in old and disused churches, schools, and other historic buildings. The city's plan to destroy Doughtery and spend millions to construct a new building are atrocious.

8 months ago

I love everything I selected.

8 months ago

Love this park

8 months ago

It's time to let the staff take the Carver into the present and get some culturally relevant art and programming in the space. There is a reason black folk are leaving Austin. Let the Carver be a space for black folk to celebrate, create and congregate.

8 months ago

Wonderful meeting space.

8 months ago

The recent, regular nature and arts programming at the museum has added to the value of this gem.

8 months ago

Provide computer class on face book for seniors.

8 months ago

Such a fabulous gem. Would be nice to incorporate some nature-themed information tied into Waller Creek.

8 months ago

Could you offer additional summer programming for kids here or at an offsite location? The signup process is crazy.

8 months ago

I've been to a party at Mayfield park and enjoyed it VERY much. But I would never have known to go there if the hosts hadn't reserved it and invited me.

8 months ago

Love this place more events

8 months ago

I'd love to see this place grow.

8 months ago
Please keep it
8 months ago

Umlauf sculpture garden, old bakery, Elisabet Ney, and Dickinson / O’Henry museums are all really under-utilized.
8 months ago

George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center is one of the last ungentrified public spaces in the city. It's a place where a part of the city's history has not been erased.
8 months ago

I love the daily activities that happen here. It is accessible to the community it serves.
8 months ago

LOVE the facilities here. It's always clean and nice - really wonderful asset.
8 months ago

love these historic facilities
8 months ago

I love it!
8 months ago

Such a gem! We love hiking at Mayfield.
8 months ago

love the peacocks at Mayfield Park
8 months ago

I also take visitors to Mayfield Park—terrific place
8 months ago

I also love Mayfield Park and take visitors there.
8 months ago

Would love for the Elisabet Ney to get more visibility. It would be a great space for events and other programming.
8 months ago

Wonderful place, good activities
8 months ago

i love dougherty arts center and the way it serves both visual and theatre artists. i would love more spaces like it across town!
8 months ago

we should keep ALL of these sites supported
8 months ago

Dougherty is wonderful. Can we replicate that in far South Austin?
8 months ago

Seriously needs an update.
8 months ago

Offers great programs but is in serious need of updating.
8 months ago
29. Community Recreation Centers

725 respondents

- No places for youth roller derby. Give them a safe indoor option to skate at! 6 months ago
  - 6 Agree

- A center for roller skating. There are several sports associated with skating that are great educators for youth—figure skating, speed skating, roller derby, hockey, to name just a few. Having a dedicated skating center could open up the community to more activities that are great for all ages 8 months ago
  - 4 Agree

- I could get behind a roller skating facility that includes many skating activities. Building custom roller derby rinks, on the other hand, is too specific and it excludes people who need to learn to skate first. 7 months ago

- with traffic & lights North Austin YMCA & town lake YMCA are too far apart, need a YMCA in the middle of the 2
  - 2 Agree

- needs more resources to meet park and recreation goer demands
  - 2 Agree

- We need a true recreation center in north Austin. Not one co-opted by a Christian organization which is fee-riddled.
  - 2 Agree

- would be terrific if NW Rec center was open on Sundays!
  - 2 Agree

- Please give us an indoor space for roller derby so it becomes safe and possible to do in all weather types
  - 2 Agree

- need programing that is geared toward youth, young adults, and seniors
  - 2 Agree

- Never used any of these.
  - 1 Agree

- Love the summer camps at Camp Camacho offers. Best in the city!
  - 1 Agree

- I haven't seen any rec centers that meet my needs. I go to Clay Madsden in Round Rock because they have a great workout area, classes, and racquetball courts.
  - 1 Agree

- I think the current rates, even those based on lower income levels are exorbitant; particularly considering the served community
  - 1 Agree
ARC—please make the place safer and cleaner for the users. Even the parking lot is a place where nobody wants to be—too much "suspicious activity" inside and outside the center.

We need a City of Austin Recreation Center/Park in Del Valle since were annexed over 10 years ago and still have yet to have any City services besides Austin Energy, water and trash, and road service. The youth of my community don't have any place to go after school or anything to do on the weekends. They have to travel into 13 miles into Austin to get to the nearest gym.

I didn't select a recreation center because I don't know what you want. My favorite? My most used? The one that needs the most work?

something needs to be done about the homeless.

Need safe, covered places to roller skate and play roller derby.

Agreed -- the private rinks that are decently-sized are crowded.

Dove Springs Rec Center is too small for the population, despite the planned/in process expansion. Another facility is needed in the 78744 area, serving multiple community needs as well as recreation. DSRC should be open 7 days a week from 10 am - 10 pm. The grounds recently received a wonderful upgrade. More improvements are needed along the greenbelt, including open playing fields for baseball, soccer, etc. And, nature education trails also should be added to the area, as well as measures to keep them safe.

like the toddler programming (South Austin)

bring tennis to dittmar

COA/YMCA North Austin is a great facility

I'd love to see recording studios in rec centers freely available to Austin residents.

kids attend after school program, really good program

Add disc golf practice baskets at some of these centers for practice and learning of the game.

Kudos for dedicating resources toward a community and teaching garden here, as well as at the Gus Garcia Recreation Center.

Please Offer more low cost or free exercise options/classes here.

I wish it were easier to know when the next season's programming is up and running, so we can possibly sign up our children. It seems like it is on the PARD site, by facility. Some rec centers seem to have PDFs of brochures - but it's always hit and miss (for me) to see the latest or most updated info. The programming database where one can look up programming across all facilities seems a little "clunky."
well you can see who is taking this survey.

6 months ago

NW Rec is closest to me but I don't know what activities are available or when and if they have anything in particular for seniors that would interest me.

6 months ago

Please reestablish an Afterschool program!

6 months ago

Improve website accessibility to information about these

6 months ago

it is difficult to tell from the website what amenities are available at the recreation center, and when I have called nobody answers the phone number from the website.

6 months ago

Add a disc golf course to the Hancock ball golf course. It would utilize the same land but would be more well-utilized as many ball golfers do not want to play a 9-hole course. There is room for two disc golf courses there for the annual Waterloo event fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House. So, I think a permanent course there would do well.

6 months ago

Teen summer programs

6 months ago

Don't have experience with these but glad they are here

6 months ago

I love this one! Great place with great staff!

6 months ago

Doesn't apply

6 months ago

This center packs a lot in it's small space. We use it all the time.

6 months ago

We just started using this space because of the karate lessons there. I love the way neighbors of all ages make their way through the center, like it is their center as much as it is for those of us who pay for activities there.

6 months ago

this place is high on the list of used facilities because it acts as a free place for homeschoolers to reside. It is noisy, unruly and hard to concentrate in as a result.

6 months ago

Hancock is a beautiful location but it would be nice if it were updated and there were more space outside for the kids to play.

6 months ago

There are limited adult activities at Dittmar, most programming is for youth. It would be nice to be able to participate in activities/programs/classes geared towards multi-generational peer groups.

6 months ago

The afterschool program at Delores Duffie is really fantastic. Please give those kids a shade structure though!

6 months ago

Would benefit from more public out reach programs.

6 months ago

Since the Boys and Girls Club has taken over the Pickfair Camps for kids the quality has gone
down. Movies are shown each day (which COA did not allow), the kids go outside less and seem to play more video games. I wish COA P&R if contracting with outside groups would make them follow the same rules (like no movies). We really miss Rick Kocian and the quality of his camps at the Pickfair Center.

6 months ago

Not familiar enough to comment

6 months ago

Stop locking the gate at the driveway. We used to be able to enjoy long conversations after the building closed in the evenings, before everyone got into their car and went home. Now, that opportunity to continue conversations and spend additional time with new and old friends no longer exists, as not everyone wants to spend money to go out.

6 months ago

Rollerblading and skating

6 months ago

Haven't been yet

6 months ago

Revitalization of Pease Park Disc Golf Course

6 months ago

We volunteer and participate in art classes, exercise, and Tai Chi at the GGRC. We also enjoy special events and holiday activities.

6 months ago

Add some disc golf baskets and disc golf programming for the kids and adults. Can get used discs from the local Waterloo Disc Golf Club for the kids and adults to use.

6 months ago

City parking areas by Town Lake YMCA are "compact" but most cars in these spots are not compact. It's not working. Please use regular size parking spaces so cars don't end up taking 1.5 spaces or denting other cars.

7 months ago

There should be more opportunities for art classes and group fitness. I also don't see volunteer opportunities here at my park.

7 months ago

never use

7 months ago

I use none of these facilities.

7 months ago

Add some disc golf baskets and disc golf programming for the kids and adults. Can get used discs from the local Waterloo Disc Golf Club for the kids and adults to use.

7 months ago

Northwest Rec Center is in a great central location and is underutilized. If it was similar to the YMCA, my family would use the NW Rec Center instead.

7 months ago

Meeting spaces at the rec centers are needed to allow for groups to gather easily (e.g. recent APD community class held in Dittmar was impossible to hear well due to acoustics of hosting it in a gym).

7 months ago

Pickfair community centers after school program is always full. Also are there any other events there or just the after school program? The facility seems a bit under utilized.

7 months ago

I don't really know what goes on at the Recreation Centers if anything...

7 months ago
Needs table tennis :)  
8 months ago

Great place. I like the yoga sessions.  
8 months ago

My daughter has done rec center camp at Parque Zaragoza and Rosewood. The best deal in the city! Love it. Wish there were more camps that provided intensive cultural programming and weren't as expensive and hard to get into.  
8 months ago

I would like to see more dance programs, like brake dance at the Dove Springs Rec Center.  
8 months ago

We don't use a recreation center.  
8 months ago

None north of Shoreline and 1325 area.  
8 months ago

Great facility for lots of different activities.  
8 months ago

I am disappointed that the City allowed this facility to be run by a private organization. This facility or the resources that went into it should have gone into something that was 100% public.  
8 months ago

I wish Northwest Recreation Center (and perhaps all of the similar centers) has better communication. It's difficult to find out about programming. I wish there was a periodic email newsletter announcing programs, hours, etc. I would use the recreation center more (and probably others) if I simply knew about the various activities.  
8 months ago

What about McBeth Recreation center?!!! Please support one of the largest delegations of Special Olympics in the state! This special population deserves to have use of the city's facilities just as much as other citizens! Our 5 basketball teams almost got booted from the recreation center where we've been practicing for YEARS! Without any notice! Please support Special Olympics And the competitions here and at the State level.  
8 months ago

Our neighborhood association meets there monthly. However the weight lifting (and dropping) is upstairs above the meeting space and it disrupts the meetings - the projector jiggles.  
8 months ago

I visit ARC weekly, and it is important to keep the facility clean, with bathrooms that are not littered with syringes as recently reported. It is also important that residents feel safe going to their cars after dark. Having a well-lit parking lot with onsite security more frequently on the premises would be helpful.  
8 months ago

More roller derby areas  
8 months ago

The bike repair station should either be removed or repaired. I would love some trails around it... closer to homes. Some desire paths exist and pop up shelters etc. pool is over burdened. Perhaps extend with a water pad...  
8 months ago

This pool and pool house desperately needs an upgrade  
8 months ago

The group exercise room is too crowded and hot. The instructors aren't very good.  
8 months ago
Would like to have walking groups at Hancock
8 months ago

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8 months ago

Well run and maintained; excellent, welcoming staff.
8 months ago

Please add an indoor skate center for flat track roller derby
8 months ago

off-leash fenced dog area would be great at NW Rec
8 months ago

Improve and update the facility
8 months ago

This recreation center has been very important to my health for 30 years. I exercise there at least twice a week. I don't know what I would do without it. In addition to its practical use, the grounds and building are a relief and a joy to visit and the staff are great.
8 months ago

Indoor track for Roller Derby.
8 months ago

The after school and summer camp programs here are top notch. Staff are very professional and care about the kids.
8 months ago

How about recruiting teens to help out elders with technical computer issues or digital camera class.
8 months ago

I enjoy the senior activities offered here. Would like to have Facebook classes offered for seniors.
8 months ago

Woefully underutilized. Such a beautiful oasis that would benefit from nature trails or anything to increase access to the general public.
8 months ago

We love the Christmas candle trail at Hancock
8 months ago

We LOVE the Dove Springs playscapes and general design—it's our favorite Austin Park.
8 months ago

Too expensive
8 months ago

I really like the flower beds at ARC and would like to see more at other centers.
8 months ago

Security is needed. Wonderful parking and wooden floors in 2 of the activity rooms.
8 months ago

McBeth Rec. is so over looked. The adaptive program and special needs would benefit from a gym floor instead of terrazzo floor. So much money has been thrown at the floor that is existing only to find out that none of the procedures worked. Fix the floor, the road and keep the brush back
from the parking lot. It is unsafe. Add more lighting. Very dark. Also have Sat. and Sunday operating hours.
8 months ago

I love the free zumba at the South Austin Rec Center!
8 months ago

All dates and need to be renovated.
8 months ago

Great place for summer child programs- very friendly staff.
8 months ago

The Dove Springs Rec Center needs updating and a place for families with young children to go. There isn't sufficient programming for the families with small children to do during the day especially since it is adjacent to a very family oriented neighborhood
8 months ago

Lavish more love on this gem! It needs beautiful historic style lighting that goes better with the architecture.
8 months ago

the virginia brown center and the adjoining st. john's library are valuable community resources that would benefit from having more resources for improvement and maintenance.
8 months ago

Yay for Pickleball—need more space though
8 months ago

30. Cemeteries

42% Austin Memorial Park Cemetery
25% Oakwood Cemetery
12% Oakwood Annex Cemetery
12% Evergreen Cemetery
6% Plummers Cemetery

292 respondents

Should add native plants and pollinators to the cemeteries.
8 months ago

All the cemeteries need trees.
8 months ago

I wish the cemeteries could be more open public spaces, respectful of the dead but also inviting to the living.
8 months ago

More native plants and nature trails
8 months ago

Add native plants and bird loving plants to the cemeteries. More bird habitat!
8 months ago
Oakwood is a hidden (and poorly maintained) gem. Such history there! Such an atmosphere. I wish it was better maintained and open for walking, interpretative signs etc. Add native plants and trees!

8 months ago 5 Agree

Under NO circumstances should PARD allow conversion of parts of the cemeteries to dog parks.

8 months ago 5 Agree

That is never going to happen. PARD has no intention of doing so.

8 months ago 1 Agree

Incorporate native plants and pollinators to these spacea

8 months ago 5 Agree

I prefer to focus limited resources on parks and facilities for the living.

8 months ago 5 Agree

cemeteries should also be preserved, as green space. Otherwise they will be developed and made into condos.

8 months ago 5 Agree

I love the idea of helping pollinators any way possible by putting more native plants in cemeteries. Most cemeteries are just grass (a European style lawn) and trees. We need more varied vegetation to support animals and insects that increasingly have nowhere to reside

8 months ago 4 Agree

It's a shame that this stretch of MOPAC didn't get sound barriers!!!

8 months ago 3 Agree

Take better care of these cemeteries and do a better job of marketing them as a part of our history.

6 months ago 2 Agree

Lovely new black iron fencing is a great improvement!

6 months ago 2 Agree

Please continue to provide care and maintenance to these cemeteries. I have heard many are in disrepair and not maintained. This should not happen and should be treated with upmost attention, respect and care.

8 months ago 2 Agree

Ken Herman is right--it's time to publish and enforce some rules. That's actually more important than fine-tuning and fine-tuning and fine-tuning. Someone is going to be unhappy inevitably. But dignity and simplicity are more important than customization.

8 months ago 2 Agree

More preservation efforts to make places like this beautiful.

8 months ago 2 Agree

Can we eliminate the current cemeteries? Seems like a waste of space.

8 months ago 2 Agree

And where would you put all the people who have been buried there and paid for their spots? how disrespectful to even suggest

8 months ago 4 Agree

I love the new “cemeteries” in Europe where urns are buried and incorporated into the landscape, covered by greenery and the names of the deceased listed on plaques on the surrounding shade trees. I believe that this kind of beautiful last resting place would appeal to Austinites!

8 months ago 3 Agree

Preserve this treasure

6 months ago 1 Agree
Add native, low maintenance plants and trees and information about the history of the cemeteries.
7 months ago 1 Agree

cemeteries should use xeriscape plants!
7 months ago 1 Agree

Sad maintenance of Plummers
7 months ago 1 Agree

There is a large area on the north side of this cemetery which is not in use and is projected to remain vacant for many years. It abuts the parking lot for NW Rec center. This would be a great place to fence off and provide a dedicated off leash dog park. Most people would rather take their dogs to a safe, fenced area and not bother people in other parks.
7 months ago 1 Agree

This is an amazing cemetery with a lot of culturally important gravestones and it's super obvious the city doesn't care about it at all because where it is (East side) and who rests there (mostly Black and Latinx Austinites).
7 months ago 1 Agree

Just get rid of these entirely. The city does not need to pay eternally for cemeteries.
7 months ago 1 Agree

Cemeteries are an antiquated use of valuable city land, better suited for outskirts of the city.
8 months ago 1 Agree

I'm actually not sure who manages some of my favorite cemeteries in town, but there are some real picturesque ones in town.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Native trees and landscaping needed!
8 months ago 1 Agree

I love this cemetery - it's a block from my house, and everyone in the surrounding neighborhoods uses it as our green space. There's a lot of jogging and dog walking going on, plus I see many strollers and picnickers. We use it for our Easter Egg Hunt every year. It's our largest park.
8 months ago 1 Agree

This history here is amazing. This is a cultural relic that should stand the test of time. I've enjoyed the guided haunted Halloween tours. We have so much tree history here too.
8 months ago 1 Agree

I hate the new rules that are being initiated that will not allow the freedom to decorate graves as has been the tradition for years, at least from 2000 when my son was interned there.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Native plants and pollinators would be good in all cemeteries, because they're such a passive use of land.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Use grass that can withstand dry conditions. I'm always sad to think of how much water is used to maintain green grass in cemeteries.
8 months ago 1 Agree

We should invest in the preservation and beautification of our historic cemeteries. The rusted chainlink fence around Oakwood makes me so sad.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Love the improvements occurring here. Hope cultural heritage educational programming can be expanded.
8 months ago 1 Agree

Love the improvements occurring here. Hope cultural heritage educational programs can be added.
8 months ago 1 Agree
I walk by this cemetery often, and am always frustrated by the fences around it— such an eyesore! Could chain link be replaced? Can roses be planted along perimeter? 8 months ago

I (respectfully) enjoy walking and birding here. 8 months ago

Cemeteries are not a great space for active play. It’s ok for walking around but there are those who think that ANY activity in a cemetery is not respectful. Austin Memorial contains a large area that is not suitable for burials - this area can be fenced off to allow for active play or trails for running/bike riding allow more respectful use of the area 8 months ago

Building renovation and new fencing is making a big difference. Please keep improving this beautiful historic gem. 8 months ago

My last visit there was shocking. Poor maintenance. I need to go back and see if it has improved. Also, it would be helpful to know if there is a way to check grave locations for individuals online. 6 months ago

Wish this cemetery had better upkeep 6 months ago

These people are dead, turn them into parks those of us that are alive can actually use. 6 months ago

Miss being able to get landscape rocks for free at the cemetery 6 months ago

Families should be allowed more flexibility in landscaping and adorning their spots. 6 months ago

love the S.A.C. events 6 months ago

Privatize these to save money and resources. 6 months ago

Please set aside areas in parks where native plants and wildflowers can grow. Many parks are mowed and weed-wacked with very few natural areas. I realize this may require hiring or restaffing for Horticulturists. Thank you 6 months ago

Doesn’t apply 6 months ago

Lovely historic places - could use native plants for pollinators and butterflies 6 months ago

Oh my gosh PLEASE put some money into making sure these cemeteries aren't falling apart! It's so sad to see. I know they are full and thus basically a money pit, but more could be done to welcome people into them (taking down the sad chain link fences on oakwood, for a start?). What about a program to "adopt a plot" or something, connecting people / volunteers to grave sites are areas that no longer have people tending to them? 6 months ago

Areas of Austin Memorial that cannot be used for burials should be fenced off and used for park space. A respectful space to allow people to enjoy nature, trails, walking their dog, connecting to NorthWest rec Etc. would be great! 6 months ago

Isolating/fencing off the areas of the cemetery that cannot be used for burying people would expand the uses and trails in and around the facility.
A wonderful, but run down old cemetery - more resources to protect it please - chickenwire fencing doesn't seem appropriate to the historical importance of the place. It seems susceptible to vandalism and theft.

More native plants, trees and pollinators

Recommend a green/sustainable approach to cemeteries that function like nature preserves, rather than be on life support with additional irrigation, mowing and fertilizers. See this example "West Laurel Hill's Nature Sanctuary and Cemetery" in Pennsylvania.

I did not realize we had any cemeteries and though more persons were being cremated.

Have no idea we had cemeteries here I thought more people were being cremated

Make them more inviting and parklike.

Natural/green cemeteries might be an option to consider.

What about Walnut Creek Cemetery? Is it maintained??

There is a tiny cemetery where you turn off 71 coming back from the airport. It needs love.

Cremate more people, there isn't enough space.

When possible, please convert cemeteries to public green spaces. Do not build more cemeteries.

Partner with Travis County to use these cemeteries to perform the functions of the county's international cemetery.

My father is buried here and I love the trees that surround his grave. The City needs to do better lawn maintenance or xeriscape--though that might be a difficult sell.

I think you forgot to finish the survey. This isn't a question. It's just a list of cemeteries.

There is a large unused area on the north side of this cemetery where it abuts NW Rec center. It is projected to remain unused for many years. This would be a great place for a fenced off-leash dog park. Most people would rather take their dogs to a safe, fenced area to run and not bother people in other parks.

I have no opinions on these facilities

I agree with this comment: I wish the cemeteries could be more open public spaces, respectful of the dead but also inviting to the living.
Cemeteries are an important resource for preserving our history...
8 months ago

So glad the city is investing in this facility. Great historic cemetery.
8 months ago

should allow dogs on leash at cemeteries.
8 months ago

Austin State Hospital
8 months ago

I don't visit the cemeteries, but they deserve to be well maintained.
8 months ago

This cemetery is not well watered or maintained.
8 months ago

Look aged, need major engineering to be inviting.
8 months ago

It is getting too crowded. We need a certain amount of space between gravesites.
8 months ago

31. Special/Athletics/Recreation

Making the entire island - Red Bud Isle - a dog park excludes other uses. I find it wasteful.
8 months ago

There are very few options for people to legally take their dogs for a swim. Technically not supposed to be leash free along Barton Creek. This is a good spot because it's not near a playground and therefore reduces conflict with kids. Plus it's already over crowded. Where would people going there for other activities park?
8 months ago

They could ride their bike like you do, Corrina. thanks
6 months ago

With their dogs?
6 months ago

Red Bud has an enormous access problem. It's really only accessible by car, yet it's parking situation is terrible.
8 months ago

I agree, but I'm not sure how that could be dealt with except by turning the whole "isle" into
parking, which would defeat the purpose. A private group has done some nice landscaping there.
6 months ago

Mabel Davis skatepark needs a restroom!! Has had portapotties for like ten years now and they are perpetually an awful mess. The public pool has a permanent restroom. Just need to add an exterior door and gate off the interior door for out-of-season use. That would be a cheap fix. A better fix would be to add standalone restroom facility in the park.
8 months ago

Red Bud is great, but wish there was some way to make people pick up after their pets.
8 months ago

Red Bud Isle does not exclude other uses! I see canoes and kayaks there frequently, as well as people fishing, and walkers sans dog. (There is actually a bit of a problem with fishing string, lures, and hooks littering the water line and tree branches!) It’s a great place for dogs from a safety standpoint- only one access point to automobiles. It’s an essential swimming hole for dogs in hot weather- one of only two legal options, both of which are overused which begs the argument for More of this type of water dog park in Austin!
7 months ago

I agree. Keep Red Bud as is and add more types of parks like this. I think we won’t see so much overcrowding issues if this were the case.
6 months ago

Austin needs more off-leash dog parks that can off-load the huge number of dog owners who don’t follow Austin's leash laws especially in parks.
8 months ago

Need better public transit, bike and sidewalk facilities to access Red Bud Isle (not more car access). Need to charge for parking to help pay for maintenance and improvements.
8 months ago

A canine sports and training center somewhere would be nice. Dog sports, clubs and training.
8 months ago

Red Bud is a safe, isolated dog park. I love it.
8 months ago

I love dogs but there comes a point when there are too many dogs.
8 months ago

Used to enjoy this park, but now there are WAY TOO MANY dogs off leash to enjoy (with or without a dog). I guess the lack of parking is supposed to help manage the number of visitors here, but it also makes it very difficult to use the park for boat launching, fishing, general nature appreciation since it seems to be very heavily used as an off-leash park.
8 months ago

Because it IS an off leash park
7 months ago

My kids use Mabel Davis a lot but it is a bit overrun by vagrants/people experiencing homelessness.
6 months ago

BMX park is fantastic. Red Bud is ruined by dog owners not picking up after their dogs.
6 months ago

I hate to advocate for more parking but there isn’t enough parking at Red Bed Isle, either at the park or within walking distance. I always end up idling in my car until someone leaves which isn’t great but because I am bringing my dog from the east side biking/walking/public transit aren’t options.
8 months ago

I spend a lot of time fighting invasives at Kreig Fields. These are really super places for baseball and volleyball or for walks in nature. City needs to get the washed-out bridge fixed, though.
8 months ago
Redbud is beautiful but we don't go there as much as we could because it smells of dog waste.

8 months ago

A mountain bike skills park section would be great here.

8 months ago

Please clear the poison ivy off the bridge to Red Bud Isle. It's in the sidewalk and on the sides. I am dangerously allergic and it means we can't use this park as much as we would like.

8 months ago

The shoreline here is degraded and overly maintained. I recommend adding plantings along the shoreline to help improve the aesthetics and natural condition of the shoreline, to aid in the nature viewing that can occur here for the neighborhood.

6 months ago

Red Bud is getting damaged as a dog park. It smells like dog waste and gasoline as people sit in their cars waiting for parking spaces. It's also dangerous because untrained dogs are not leashed.

6 months ago

Speaking of Red Bud Isle, this reminds me of Bull Creek Park (not sure where to put this comment, so adding it in here) and going there one summer day to see that it was filled with grills, boom boxes, and not an inch to get into Bull Creek because there were so many dogs and children in it. Grilling should not be allowed in Bull Creek except at designated grilling stations, no boom boxes, and I wish there were some way to limit the number of people/pets allowed in the creek.

6 months ago

cool place if it weren't for all the dog dukes.

6 months ago

The sheer number of people bringing their dogs to this one place makes it unsafe for people. Too many dogs, not enough space for them to roam around without running into people. Combine this with the traffic it creates, and I vote against it all around as it is currently used.

6 months ago

Walsh is over used and under maintained. Needs attention.

7 months ago

Get rid of the ball fields at Bartholomew. Move those programs to school campus fields.

7 months ago

Once again, you forgot to include a question with your list of facilities. Thanks for the list, but didn't you want me to tell you something?

7 months ago

Hate it

7 months ago

Sadly this island was given over to the dogs. It is not a pleasant place to go anymore with children. This used to be a beautiful island until it was made off leash. Please consider making it a leash park again and improving the park for all to use.

7 months ago

I used to love Red Bud Isle with my dogs, but the parking situation has become unbearable. Same is true for the greenbelt. There just isn't enough green space (or dog-friendly spaces) in the city now that it's become so populated.

8 months ago

Red Bud has kind of become a disaster. The access is really problematic and people don't have good dog etiquette. I really think we should no longer have it as an off leash dog park. The idea of a "drive to" dog park in itself is a little problematic to me.

8 months ago

More about the access to the metro park than the ball fields. The massive erosion issue must be fixed.

8 months ago
Using Red Bud Isle as a dog park has ruined it. We need new off-leash spaces, but please not at Red Bud. This used to be a great place to relax, fish, or launch a canoe or kayak until it was "improved" and allowed dogs to roam free bothering people and dropping their waste. Please fix the bridge over Country Club Creek that provides access to Krieg Fields.
8 months ago

I cannot take my small dogs here anymore because of the large aggressive dogs always here.
8 months ago

Walsh needs some major repairs.
8 months ago

Red Bud is eroding away.
8 months ago

Most of these Need repair and grounds maintenance
8 months ago

Make it dog use only. The water is not safe to swim or fish in. Also more parking
8 months ago

I walk a small dog and too many dogs are running off leash and out of control. Never feels safe.
8 months ago

Needs to have more greenery, remove metal building, add restrooms.
8 months ago

More parking at Red Bud and improved water access for kayaks and paddleboards.
8 months ago

I haven't visited Onion Creek Soccer Complex, as it is always locked when I am in the vicinity. This facility is used by organized leagues and closed to the local neighborhoods. Very unwelcoming to locals.
6 months ago

amazing, beautifully maintained area. Special place in Austin
6 months ago

Awesome dog space!
6 months ago

Red bud should have bathrooms, water fountains, and at LEAST a hose or two to clean off your dog. Mine gets so dirty there it would just be nice to have one by the parking lot!
6 months ago

Red bud isle is one of the few places I feel comfortable taking my dog and letting him off leash. A lot of people don't pick up after their dogs which stinks but that's the case at literally any dog park. People complaining about too many dogs and too little parking: the parking is limited but adding more would only add to the overcrowding. I say keep red bud an off leash dog park. We need more dog parks like red bud that are either surrounded by water or are fenced in. My dog loves being off leash and swimming but can't take him to auditorium shores because his recall isn't the best and it's completely open to the street.
6 months ago

need more parking and lighting
6 months ago

Disc golf tournaments need to be recognized as athletic competitions/events. As such parks should be able to be reserved for large, Professional Disc Golf Association-sanctioned tournaments. Particularly true at Roy G Guerrero and Circle C Metropolitan parks as they are the professional level courses in the Austin parks system.
6 months ago
Zilker is so often sold out to private companies that use the whole park. There seems to be a shortage of lighted fields. What about adding lights to GCSC and making it reservable?
6 months ago

Disc Golf! Such an amazing sport. Cheap to install, maintain, and play!
6 months ago

It would be nice if the concession stands were open during regular league games. This could be a way for PARD to generate income. Or rent the space!
6 months ago

Protect this vital and natural setting at all costs.
6 months ago

Better parking
6 months ago

too crowded, somewhat dangerous, number of boats allowed per day should be limited—it’s a small landed with inadequate parking in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Parking is a problem for residents given number of trailers, etc.
6 months ago

More ultimate opportunities here. I think these fields could be used for more purposes and more time without disturbing the neighborhood. How many people would pay a premium if they could have lighted fields to play ultimate
6 months ago

Access to disc golf from softball parking lot
6 months ago

Onion Creek brings so much to the city but also shows the need for more pitches.
6 months ago

Keep up maintenance. Needed for our youth.
6 months ago

This is a godsend spot for when zilker is too busy
6 months ago

Limit the dogs to area close to parking lot and to only one hardened water access, to much erosion and forget about bird watching to many off leash dogs
6 months ago

I personally see onion creek soccer as a waste. Granted i dont drive there often, but every time i pass by i see less than a full game if soccer going on and usually its empty. If people use it, great. But if not, lets put something else there. Maybe pavilion/picnic space or one if the other fancy development ideas you seem to have for other areas that dont need it. It would fit here!
6 months ago

Wish there was a safe and legal way to swim at Red Bud Isle
6 months ago

Disc golf tournaments need to be recognized as athletic events, with permission to use the courses and sometimes even to reserve the courses.
6 months ago

Needs to be more accessible.
6 months ago

More places like these for doggos and pups
6 months ago
this needs so much more parking, not sure where it would go but it's impossible to visit unless you get there first thing in the morning.

6 months ago

Doesn’t apply

6 months ago

Parking solution!

6 months ago

Red bud Isle is dog paradise and one of the few places that is off-leash in a meaningful way - those sad little fenced in areas just aren't cutting it. Usually, I would say that more people should walk/bike/bus to parks, but since most dog’s can't ride bikes or take the bus, unfortunately, I'm happy that Red Bud Isle is currently very vehicle-friendly. If anything, it needs more parking, as it's definitely unsafe to walk there, and there is often a line of idling cars, waiting to park (which is unsafe in it’s own way). Please don't ever take away the off leach park status - we need a place like this for doggies to swim in the hot summer months!

6 months ago

I spend at least two days a week, 40 weeks a year at the Onion Creek Soccer Complex. I do this with the thousands of other people who play in the amazingly affordable soccer associations here in Austin. All I can say is that another soccer park, maybe southwest, would be filled incredibly quickly as well. organized soccer abhors a vacuum, and if you make the fields available they will come.

I love red bud isle, and I think the parking difficulties are a feature, not a bug. It keeps traffic low and manageable - and that matters given the off-leash nature of the park. I love bringing out of town friends to this park, because it gives you magnificent views of the Colorado River and of austin's kayakers and the egrets and everything else.

I like the montopolis practice field (behind the softball fields) and wish the city found a way to have that at Mabel Davis. maybe my neighborhood could then field a soccer team in the city rec leagues.

6 months ago

Lucky dogs! It is a shame that this little park is a dog park - I took my kids (1 and 3-years old at the time) there to look at the dam and river after noticing the lovely, hidden spot when I was rowing. I had not realized there would be tons of dogs and they overwhelmed us - it became a scary and rather tearful incident.

6 months ago

this place is so full of dog waste you can't walk there.

6 months ago

Id love a skate park here! Huge fan of coming here to watch rec leagues in the summer.

6 months ago

Disc golf tournaments need to be recognized as athletic events, with permission to use the courses and sometimes even to reserve the courses.

6 months ago

BMX parks aren't always the most welcoming.

Don't know about Walsh boat landing but sounds Intersting.

Red bid parking is sparse. Not much to do though.

6 months ago

Parking is terrible at Red Bud Isle. There should be some designated spaces for long term parking (fishing/kayaking) and some designated spaces for short term parking (1 hour or less) for people visiting with pups or strolling through the park.

6 months ago

Would benefit from more public out reach programs.

6 months ago

Kreig fields needs more sand volleyball courts. I think 4 more courts be added on to the existing
Parking at Red Bud Isle makes it really difficult to visit.

Get rid of the off-leash area at Red Bud Isle. Dog poop is polluting the lake. Dog owners are rude to other park users.

Parking is never enough.

Keep this area better protected from erosion and over use of dogs.

please, please, please keep this an off-leash dog park. One of the last ones that remain good in Austin - so many of the places have been taken away by new people moving into Austin (Barton Springs, Auditorium Shores, Bull Creek, etc). Keep this off leash for those that have dogs and those that love dogs. One park out of all the parks in austin should be devoted to this and show people how dog-friendly Austin is and always will be.

Make affordable accessible for the taxpayer

The tunnel near the fields is filthy and unsafe.

Extend town lake trail to red bud isle

This is one of the best off leash areas. But it could use a bit more parking. People line up for a long time to park there

More parking please.

More parking for red bud

More Ada options pls

Keep the entirety of Red Bud as an off-leash dog park! More parking would be very helpful

need more skate parks in austin

Love Krieg Fields! Except that is it so far south.

Love spending time there with my dog!

Red Bud is amazing just the way it is!
Red Bud Island is a special place and should be kept as is. Please keep the natural elements, trees, and everyone seems respectful with off leash dogs. The limited parking is OK as it keeps too many from using this place at the same time.
7 months ago

Never space.
7 months ago

Too bad this beautiful natural gem that was suppose to be a multi purpose natural area with canoe and kayak access, fishing areas and birdwatching areas has gone to the dogs, literally. This space has been over run with dogs off leash, disturbing the peace and quiet and wildlife. The space is a parking lot not a place to go enjoy nature. I can't believe PARD promotes this area as a dog area with all the fecal matter going right into the lake.
7 months ago

this community park needs attention.
7 months ago

community needs help on this park.
7 months ago

We use it frequently. We wish there was more parking.
7 months ago

never use
7 months ago

Disc golf tournaments need to be recognized as athletic events, with permission to use the courses and sometimes even to reserve the courses.
7 months ago

The best place I have found so far to take my dog.
7 months ago

More parking at red bud isle would be nice
7 months ago

My pups and I enjoy quiet afternoons there.
7 months ago

Too much pot smoking to take my kids to softball games...
7 months ago

Polluted by dog poop. Wasted.
8 months ago

Tree diversity is apparent during the fall time. Thumbs up!
8 months ago

Desperately needs more parking.
8 months ago

We don't use any of these.
8 months ago

Continue to be able to use Redbud trail for people and dog walking.
8 months ago

Can more parking be provided?
8 months ago
Covered or indoor skate park would be great
8 months ago

It would be nice to have a permanent restroom building at Onion Creek.
8 months ago

Restrooms at Mabel Davis please
8 months ago

An indoor skating track.
8 months ago

Someone suggested making all of Red Buda dog park. YES.
8 months ago

Create a roller skating center for all ages.
8 months ago

Need a dedicated roller sports area - roller derby, skate park, covered.
8 months ago

We love Redbud Isle, but it is such a pain to find parking on the weekend. I hate to build more parking lots, but this is such a gem, it's too bad more folks can't enjoy it.
8 months ago

The Heath Eiland and Morgan Moss BMX Park is truly special. It's wonderful to see continued support for this Austin original.
8 months ago

Can this place be updated?
8 months ago

More parking at Onion Creek Soccer Complex
8 months ago

We love being able to take our dog to Red Bud Isle.
8 months ago

Love the features at House Park, but it needs a better restroom -- the one there is dark and gross. The restroom does not feel safe. Water fountain does not work -- someone recently collapsed from heat exhaustion. We need more skate parks. We also need patrolling of the skate park to keep it safe.
8 months ago

Mabel Davis skatepark needs a restroom
8 months ago

Mabel Davis skatepark needs a restroom!
8 months ago

### 32. Golf Courses

- 26% Hancock Golf Course
- 19% Lions Municipal Golf Course
- 15% Jimmy Clay Golf Course
- 15% Morris Williams Golf Course
- 13% Grey Rock Golf Course
- 12% Roy Kizer Golf Course
Golf courses are a terrible waste of resources. To maintain historic golf courses in the city, perhaps they should be xeriscaped with only native grass, shrubs and trees. And no more golf courses, please.

Hello Japhael. Golf courses are NOT a terrible waste of resources. They provide natural ground cover to absorb the run-off from asphalt and concrete that cover other areas. Golfers "Pay To Play" and the fees collected pay for the salaries and maintenance expenses. Compared to tennis, basketball and other sports, GOLF IS THE SPORT OF A LIFETIME. Golf is enjoyed by the youngest (ie Tiger Woods at age 4) to the oldest (ie WWII Vets I see playing every week).

Marcia, I am glad that you love and enjoy the sport of golf. It is simply not good for the environment. It destroys habitat and wastes resources. Turf grass is shallow rooted, as opposed to deep rooted native grasses. Deep rooted native grasses allow water infiltration into layers of soil and the aquifer. Golf courses with compacted soil and turf grass actually suffer from high water run-off without any deep infiltration. Herbicides and pesticides, along with frequent mowing, create the nice golf lawns that are actually devoid of most other life. Large amounts of water, a resource quite often in short supply in the Southwest and Texas, is used to keep these courses green. Native grasses, bushes, and trees require little to no watering, nor the use of pesticides or herbicides. Also, quite often, gas or electric powered carts tote golfers around the course. Both styles consume resources to produce their power. I would recommend the reading of A Global Perspective on the Environmental Aspects of Golf by Wheeler and Nauright (2006). I simply suggested that, to be a sustainable city, that we should adapt our existing golf courses to the climate and convert them to xeriscaped landscapes. I don't know, maybe Cycling is the sport of a lifetime. Cyclists start as early as 2 years old, and there are riders in their 90's still riding. And cycling does not seem to do the much environmental damage. If you have scientific evidence, rather than anecdotal, that says otherwise, please share.

Thanks!


Golf courses are an aristocratic and divisive waste of land. Turn them into farms.

Not a waste of land for golfers...we like to walk outdoors!! Aristocratic? $15.00 for 18 holes not very expensive..give it a try!!

All the clubs and bags, course or country club fees, etc, plus the $15/round. Not cheap at all. Disc golf on the other hand doesn't require special grasses and upkeep, so the land can stay much less interrupted, usually costs $0 for 18 holes, with the maximum I've found being $5 for all day access & unlimited# of rounds on a privately owned public course with several other recreational options on that property as well. In today's day and age, yes, golf is becoming an aristocratic sport. Don't see too many lower and lower-middle class people playing, and not all that many middle class either.

Hello. I have heard that same erroneous belief expressed many times. Golf courses are NOT an aristocratic waste of land. There are many private golf clubs in the Austin area, but there are also municipal, daily fee golf courses that are played by tens of thousands of NON ARISTOCRATIC golfers annually. We golfers "pay to play" and the fees collected from us go to pay salaries and maintenance required to operate the courses. Municipal golf courses in Austin are not high-roller destinations. Municipal golf is an affordable exercise, outing, nature walk, social gathering, and peaceful solitude...whatever you need it to be. We need more golf courses.
Please no more golf courses! Too many resources (energy, land, money) spent on a sport that relatively few people play.

Are these necessary? They really aren't something people of normal incomes can use.

It costs $15 to play Hancock Golf Course, $21 to Play Morris Williams, Lions, Jimmy Clay or Kizer. The cost of a set of clubs is equivalent to the cost of a bicycle.

But can you ride a set of golf clubs to get to the grocery store? Not a good parallel.

That's a lot of money.

And the golf costume? How does it cost to dress like a dork? jk

what a waste of space and money - how many dollars per person does it cost? An activity like golf excludes all other users, so that at Hancock, we have essentially decreed that all that acreage can only be enjoyed by 36 people at a time.

Golf courses are ridiculous wastes of land. Please turn them into useable land

Golf is a wasteful use of space. CoA should not be in the golf business. Golf courses don't make the best use of park space

Golf course takes up a lot of space and is expensive to maintain compared to the few people it serves. Convert to public park

Do they really have to be in the center of cities? Terrible waste of land and resources. They should be turned into parks.

Golf courses are not a good use for public land. They are thirsty and exclusive.

Close down golf courses - its a waste of our money

Golf is crummiest green space.

I suggest zero money for golf.

I don't see how the city will be able to sustain Morris Williams and prevent development of this prime property without adding activities that interest the general public (ie, build a bike path through it, etc). Also, please do not turn Decker Lake into another golf course. Facepalm.

None. This is a waste of space and water.

Big expense to city for a few patrons.

Golf is the only enterprise fund within the city, meaning the courses generate revenue to cover their operating expenses. What that means is that little to no tax money from the general fund is used for golf courses
They still represent a phenomenal cost to the city. A million other uses would provide more revenue.

We shouldn't judge utility in economic terms anyway. What would provide the greatest quality of life improvement to the most people? I seriously doubt it's a unnaturally landscaped playground for players of an elitist and dying sport.

8 months ago 4 Agree

Golf is not the only enterprise fund within the City. And what revenue they generate does NOT typically cover all of their expenses. The balance is paid through the PARD general fund.

6 months ago 1 Agree

I think golf courses support only a select few yet use massive resources.

8 months ago 10 Agree

Turn golf courses into low income housing

8 months ago 9 Agree

Terrible waste

8 months ago 8 Agree

Golf courses are a colossal waste of land in the city. It's a rich man's sport, let the rich men pay for golfing at private clubs.

8 months ago 7 Agree

I understand that golf courses increase the revenue of PARD, but they are very environmentally unfriendly uses of the land. Austin habitat is not acres of grass. To really fit the green vision of COA they could be used in so many more positive ways that could benefit more of the Austin population. Community gardens, food forests, demonstrations of xeriscaping, a nature play preschool...there are so many possibilities.

8 months ago 7 Agree

Golf is a sport in decline and takes up a huge amount of open space that's then single use for that one sport. Pls repurpose some/all of these courses for broader use.

8 months ago 7 Agree

Hancock is the largest green-space to my home, and a great place to hike and run -- but it could be made more accessible to more people. It should be a park -- with a pool!

8 months ago 7 Agree

Good luck with that, you reap what you don't golf

6 months ago

Golf is waning in popularity and is classist. Please no more public resources for golf. Rich people can pay for their own sports.

8 months ago 6 Agree

We do not need so many golf courses! Waste of precious resources, especially land and water. Elimination of invaluable biodiversity. Even the "greenest" golf course is terrible barren landscape as far as nature is concerned, and to many of us an eyesore.

8 months ago 6 Agree

It's time to let go of MOST of Muni!!!!!! Keep it as a three-hole memorial!!!!!

8 months ago 6 Agree

Waste of land!

8 months ago 6 Agree

The junior golf academy was very affordable made Golf for everyone. My son's ended up playing in high school and college. They even were camp counselors to give back. Love this program! Hancock was the former ACC. How awesome is it that it opened to the public. If you take away our city courses how will the youth afford to learn to play whose parents do not belong to a country club?

8 months ago 6 Agree

Are these necessary? Seems like this land could be used better.

8 months ago 6 Agree
I have only played one round of golf in my life, but I very much want to see Lions (and Hancock) stay the way they are because they are open green spaces. There used to be so much green space in Austin and over the last forty years much of it has been turned over to commercial development. Think the Triangle or Central Market area.

All City of Austin golf courses should be chemical free, and be allowed to go brown in the summer.

Reduce the number if golf courses and do more xeroscaping.

No more golf courses!

More bird habitat!

Golf is a sport that can be played for an entire lifetime. I can go to any city course and play with a junior from 8-12 years old and have played with many seniors in their 80's and 90's. As far as cost, I can play a round of golf for the same price I would pay for a dinner at most any full service restaurant!

Blocks access for walking/biking

Love Hancock Golf Course: keep it! don't sell the land or change the programming (unless you add a disc golf component to the existing ball golf). Adding disc golf to some other courses would also increase the revenue stream for those courses. Disc golf and ball golf can co-exist on a lot of courses.

No more golf courses please !!! There's not enough fenced dog parks in North austin

I agree that golf courses should be repurposed to better meet the population's needs esp given the water waste involved in keeping them green. Turn it into a real park with multipurpose fields and THEN you'll see it serve 10x the citizenry.

FYI The city courses use reclaimed water at no cost to the city.

Golf courses are single use facilities, severely limiting who accesses and uses them. They are a huge amount of land utilized by a hand-full of usually wealthier people, and are water hogs in our water strained city. We need to get away from the traditional green water guzzling turf all over them.

FYI The city courses use reclaimed water at no cost to the city. Barton Springs is also a single use facility. So if your not into swimming, should it be closed?

Get rid of all the golf courses. And don't build more.

Use multiple public courses. Please keep

Rather golf course instead of developed
Steve, golf courses that are on public land won’t be sold for development but could be turned into park space for use with a broader audience. However, it isn’t fair to eliminate all of the golf courses in town because some people play golf for recreation and exercise. Just because it has historically been a sport for the wealthy it doesn’t mean everyone who golfs is rich. We should have at least two public golf courses for people that can’t afford a country club membership to play on.

City of Austin decision makers: Please do not develop any new golf courses, especially a big one that is intended to bring in people from out of town for PGA tournaments. While it may bring more money into the city through tourism it will also put more cars on the roads and increase housing cost. This beautiful town used to be a place were average middle class families could live in a decent home but that is no longer the case. The city has put profit over people again and again and now Austin is losing families, especially families of color. Why would the city invest in something that continues that trend?

I enjoy the walking trail around Hancock golf course and I especially like the candlelight trail there every December. Morris Williams golf course serves as a barrier to walking/cycling in the area, and it would be great if safe multi-use paths could be added for cyclists and pedestrians to cut through.

My family and I really enjoy golf. I realize this isn’t a popular opinion, but its a great way to be together and active and learn focus.

DO NOT LIONS BECOME YET ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT!!!

Golf courses are not a waste! They provide wonderful places for wildlife, exercise, and beauty.

We need more public golf courses. Compared to other cities, our ratio of public golf holes per thousand population is very low. I disagree with comments saying that golf courses are a poor use of environmental resources. They are a wonderful way for people to enjoy a sport and the great outdoors.

Keep it a golf course, please.

Save Muny!!!

Lions is the most played course in central Texas

There are a lot of misconceptions about golf voiced here. Golf is reasonably priced at city courses. Many seniors are able to maintain their activity levels by playing golf regularly. Responses below about the effluent water used and other responses like how the taxpayers have little to no money to support golf courses (due to the revenue into the “enterprise” fund of golf). Also, the environmental impact is not really a valid comment. The established turf provides absorbs and filters rain, before it goes into the creeks, actually decreasing the pollutants going into the creeks. The landscape of turf, trees, and shrubs release oxygen and takes carbon dioxide from the air.

Pretty much all those benefits would be equally true for myriad other uses that would be more inclusive, less of a strain on the environment, and/or provide more revenue.

Lots of people use all of these golf courses, they maintain green spaces in the urban environment and provide recreation for many.

Golf courses aren’t really green space, except in the most literal sense. The maintenance they require is detrimental to the environment, they’re eyesores to many, and their enforced homogeneity is the antithesis of a natural area and inhospitable to most wildlife.
Golf courses could all be repurposed as dog parks. Our dog parks are so densely used.

Build affordable housing on the golf courses

Golf courses should use native short grass and should have more beautiful lush landscaping that is more an asset to the neighborhoods.

A park in itself, a jewel

So much opportunity to use Morris Williams as a vehicle to connect old East Austin neighborhoods with Mueller resources, instead of dividing the two as it currently does.

I am not a golfer, but I think golf is a healthful sport. Making Hancock affordable and usable for young people and senior citizens would be an enhancement that encourages use of that historic asset. The green space is a tremendous value and the walking trails are especially important.

Austin's municipal golf courses are a great asset and are heavily patronized by the city's many avid golfers. Hancock, which opened in 1899, is one of the oldest continuously used golf courses in the country, and Lions was Texas' first racially integrated golf course. Municipal golf courses bring reasonably priced golf to people like me who cannot afford to join private golf clubs, and it will be evident to anyone who bothers to walk around at any of our municipal courses that there is nothing aristocratic about them. Golf is enjoyed in Austin by people of all races and economic classes. The naysayers in this thread seem unaware of this or indifferent to it. Of course, golf is not for everyone. Neither is tennis, bicycling, or running. But it is important for the City to support the broad range of recreational interests of Austinites, and the naysayers in this thread are denying this.

Love Hancock Golf Course: keep it! don't sell the land or change the programming (unless you add a disc golf component to the existing ball golf). Adding disc golf to some other courses would also increase the revenue stream for those courses. Disc golf and ball golf can co-exist on a lot of courses.

fight to keep Lions a city golf course

Please keep the golf courses but offer more opportunities for youth to participate at no cost.

The diversity of well designed golf courses is a huge asset for Austin.

Thank-you PARD for providing golf to all citizens of Austin. The golf courses are under appreciated assets of the city.

Golf courses a single use, high maintenance facility that is less than ideal for the environment. According to 2017 statistics, roughly only 13% of the population play golf and that number is dropping. I would love to see Lions Municipal Golf course turned into a multi-use park that benefits people other than a select few.

Add a disc golf course to the Hancock ball golf course. It would utilize the same land but would be more well-utilized as many ball golfers do not want to play a 9-hole course. There is room for two disc golf courses there for the annual Waterloo event fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House. So, I think a permanent course there would do well.

golf courses area single use area - a waste of space. They should be used for more than just golf.
Pedestrian access and connectivity to Morris Williams from neighboring neighborhoods is essential. This is an enormous amount of central public land being used exclusively by people who golf.

6 months ago  1 Agree

Please repurpose golf courses to allow for open space / more users/uses. Particularly Morris Williams. This could be "Zilker Park East".

6 months ago  1 Agree

Austin needs to look at the water usage of these golf courses, in the midst of near constant water restrictions it seems irresponsible to keep maintaining golf courses with traditional turf all over them.

8 months ago  1 Agree

FYI the city courses utilize reclaimed water as does UT, Mueller, Samsung and other facilities. Not potable water. What they don't use, is dumped into the Colorado River.

7 months ago  1 Agree

Golf courses are a waste of space and the city should not dedicate funds or land to them. I honestly can't think of a worse use of Austin resources. Besides maybe the house that Abbott lives in.

8 months ago  1 Agree

Terrible use of space

8 months ago  1 Agree

Make these into parks.

8 months ago  1 Agree

We don't golf.

8 months ago  1 Agree

It would be awesome to have nature trails around the golf courses.

8 months ago  1 Agree

Make all golf courses use native grasses, use reclaimed water, add native plants for pollinators and PROHIBIT FERTILIZERS and ROUNDP.

8 months ago  1 Agree

you left out MUNY

8 months ago  1 Agree

Save Muni!

8 months ago  1 Agree

I like the option of a golf course. It's nice to have something that's usually reserved for higher-income folks (private clubs) be an affordable option for the public.

8 months ago  1 Agree

Where is Lions Municipal Golf Course?

8 months ago  1 Agree

I respect that the golf courses actually /bring/ money into Parks and Rec. However -- I really feel that Grey Rock ought to be either a public park or a high school.

8 months ago  1 Agree

Ideally, provide a multi-use path from Highway 45, through the golf course, to Hays County. This could be to RM1826, or to the back of a development in Hays, such as Reunion Ranch.

8 months ago  1 Agree

Beloved for golf at short notice and for after-hours walks

8 months ago  1 Agree
Regular golf courses should be reverted to natural landscape and converted to disc golf courses. Golf is expensive, uses scarce water, and elitist.

The city golf courses use effluent water from the city water treatment plants, so it assists in dispersing this reclaimed, non-potable water. The cost of a round of golf is usually equivalent to the cost of a movie ticket and a bucket of popcorn.

It it a jewel. Maintain it as it is.

My husband LOVED jimmy clay and Mo Willu

Pitch and Putt

Keep Hancock. Add disc golf into some of your poorer performing golf courses as an additional revenue stream.

Maybe put one further in north Austin.

Turn city golf courses into multi use! Golf, Disc Golf, Soccer Golf, etc.

Disc golf instead please. No watering, no heavy construction, SUPER affordable, AND has all of the fundamentals of golf.

Golf courses are a waste of space. Hard to maintain without harmful chemicals.

The land underlying Lions ("Muny") golf course is owned by the University of Texas and leased to the City of Austin. This lease is due to expire this year. Unless Muny continues as a golf course either by a lease or some other arrangement, the University will lease, sell or enter into some other arrangement with one or more developers. In that event, Muny, this jewel of open space, recreation, and natural beauty, an ever diminishing aspect of life in Austin, will be lost to buildings, streets and other forms of impervious cover. All debate as to which residents of Austin may access this land, the pluses or minuses of the environmental impact of this golf course, or the desirability and value of open space will cease and be replaced debates about traffic, noise, and additional drainage into the Lake. In other words, the land known as Muny will be either a golf course, or a significant development by or through the University of Texas.

Lions must be saved and given some overdue TLC.

needs a renovation and added practice facilities—busiest golf course in the City with a historical pedigree. golf, tennis and swimming are a critical part of the parks fabric of any great city—this lease must be renewed or the land acquired—private funding will pay for improvements if the City does its part

golf courses require way too much water to maintain, and use boring grass.

Such a waste of space for so few

Fabulous facility and an oasis in the middle of town. Keep MUNI!
More disc golf courses please.

Convert all the golf courses into woodlands.

Austin needs more Golf courses. Jimmy Clay and Roy Kizer are often crowded. It is hard to imagine having more fun in a public outdoor setting :).

Love Hancock Golf Course: keep it! don't sell the land or change the programming (unless you add a disc golf component to the existing ball golf). Adding disc golf to some other courses would also increase the revenue stream for those courses. Disc golf and ball golf can co-exist on a lot of courses. Works in many other cities, the North Las Vegas Muni has both 9 hole golf course and 18 hole disc golf course.

Kill Lions. More golf Courses, more junior golf first tee programs. The only place kids can go for The First Tee is off 183 and there needs to be more junior golf programs throughout Austin. Create a PGATour level course because we only have 2 years of Match Play left and it's very divisive and aristocratic at Austin Country Club. and inaccessible to those who aren't members.

Golf courses are a very important recreational activity for all ages. Golf is a sport you can stay active in from a very young age through retirement and The City of Austin does a great job offering lessons to all ages, conducting a junior golf academy for youth, offering discounts for senior citizens, and creating community for all ages of individuals throughout the City of Austin. Golf is not for everyone but it is a very important recreational activity for those who love it.

Golf Courses provide me, family and friends, a place to come together for golfing and also getting together afterward to socialize. They also provide non-golf related activities as well. Grey Rock host a great firework show around 4th of July.

Golf is a sport the includes some physical activity along with strategy that can be played over a persons lifetime. We need additional city courses to keep the sport available to the working class. Golf courses in Austin are very crowded.

I live in Wimberley and except for Hancock, but I play these courses regularly. I play in casual games as well as tournaments at them all year long. They are jewels in the heart of a very cool town that are open to everyone. I don't think Austin needs more city-owned courses, but it's imperative that we keep and maintain the ones we have. They are old-school design and wonderfully playable. They are accessible to anyone in the city for not much more than it costs to get into Barton Springs pool. Keep them viable!

Side note: I'm surprised at the comments that say golf is elitest or for rich people--that stereotype is even older than these golf courses--and it's simply not true. I'd say the opposite of that is closer to the truth. If you respect the game and your partners, they don't give a rat's a where you come from.

I had the opportunity to play golf at the collegiate level because I had access to public golf courses here in Austin. When I am at a golf course, I see people of all generations - it's actually the most diverse group of people than I see at any other public space in Austin. Lastly, I value the green space and bird life on the golf courses tremendously.

Only use the Butler Pitch n Putt

Should be turned into affordable housing sites, especially in west Austin.

I'm sure you would love those new neighbors more than the golfers.
The city should not own golf courses, period. They are a massive waste of water, and are exclusionary based on the sheer math of the sport. Think about it - at max capacity, you would can serve 72 people, TOTAL, for the entire, gigantic park (4 golfers at all 18 holes). In an urban area like Austin, this just makes no sense. One solution would be to make them open to walkers, joggers, etc. between 5pm and 8am, so that all Austinites can enjoy them.

6 months ago

I love the idea that this is one of the first historically white golf courses to desegregate in the United States; I think it would be great to turn the golf course center into a museum or nature center that would feel more accessible to non-golfers. I have gone jogging around the park and I think it would be a great asset to have a set jogging trail going through the trees that line the park.

I know golf appeals to people and public golf courses are some of the more democratic spaces around - but maybe tennis courts and other activities could also be folded into these spaces and make them even more democratic.

6 months ago

Save Muny for the future of Austin! We need the green space even if not for golf.

6 months ago

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6 months ago

None of the above. Imagine what other uses could be done with these spaces.

6 months ago

Love these courses

6 months ago

Ban golf courses in Austin. Build housing or parks on them. Thanks.

6 months ago

This could be such an incredible park if it weren’t entirely given over to golf, which is a white man’s game. Get rid of the golf and make it a real park for all of Austin.

6 months ago

Would benefit from more public out reach programs.

6 months ago

No more golf courses. Turn them into natural areas.

6 months ago

Waste of space, source of pollution, temptation to greedy, runaway developers. Convert to something else, please.

6 months ago

I love the course when we play disc golf there. I think making it both ball and disc golf would be very beneficial.

6 months ago

The annual charity disc golf event in October for the Ronald McDonald House is a great use of Hancock Golf Course space while raising money for a great cause. The event is fun to watch for 3 days and you really get to see a sporting event that is normally not highly visible in a tournament setting. When the weekend is done, the course is cleaner and you cannot event notice that they were there. They pay good money to rent the whole facility all weekend long and this benefits
Hancock.
6 months ago

The annual charity disc golf tournament event in October is always fun to watch and I think uses the facility very well when it would otherwise be dormant from people paying to play. They keep the facility clean and the event is fun to watch for charity.
6 months ago

Hmmm, there are more golf courses than senior centers???? what a testament to the priorities of the city! Look at the demographics of who is served by golf courses and do the math.... Austin, we can do better.
6 months ago

Hancock could add disc golf to the course to add another revenue stream.
6 months ago

Convert golf courses to parkland. Golf is exclusive and a waste of resources.
6 months ago

I LOVE LOVE LOVE the Butler Pitch & Putt. Small, manageable, natural and inexpensive.
6 months ago

Save them all!
6 months ago

Waterloo Disc Golf Club holds a great event at Hancock Golf course
6 months ago

NO GOLF COURSE
6 months ago

Get rid of them.
6 months ago

Awesome piece of history. Land could be preserved and converted into neighborhood loop trail + one or two fantastic disc golf courses + expand the current youth rec. programs.
6 months ago

I think we have enough Golf Courses as it is. There are even more in Round Rock - there are HOA courses too. Seems fine enough to keep what we have.
6 months ago

Seems like the larger question about Muni is beyond PARD's control (UT's decisions about what to do with it). Would like to see Muni accommodate some space for general park users in addition to golfers. Not sure if there is room but it should be considered. The broader the constituency that uses the space the better chance it has of not being redeveloped into a strip mall and condos.
6 months ago

Pedestrian access and connectivity to this park from neighboring neighborhoods is essential. This is an enormous amount of central public land being used exclusively by people who golf.
6 months ago

Needs to go! Waste of urban space
6 months ago

Save Lions
6 months ago

Bart disc golf course - I would love to see the full 18 holes back and some updates to the course : concrete tee boxes and new tee signs. this is the oldest active course in Austin and one of the oldest in Texas. It is in the worst shape out of all the local courses. The neighborhood is going through a growth spurt and it would be nice to see their local course get a face lift.
6 months ago
I have lived next to Lions Municipal Golf Course for almost 60 years, but I have never set foot inside. I do not play golf, so I am forbidden to even enter. Runners should be allowed to use the park during the early morning hours at least. A waste of space for rich white people,

6 months ago

Historic - Must Keep

6 months ago

Disc golf is so much better, esp. close to a brew pub.

6 months ago

I would like to see this as more or a mixed use park with a permanent disc golf course(s) and pay to play options. It has been done successfully on many other ball golf courses and is a great way to bring in additional income for the course.

6 months ago

Convert all golf courses to parks and trails with native plants. Golf should never have been taken out of Scotland

7 months ago

Away with golf courses! This is a massive waste of green space and water resources. Only enjoyed by a SELECT few.

7 months ago

For some, golf provides an excellent way for exercise and getting outside. It is just as an important part of diversity in a park system as bike riding, a nature hike or art classes.

7 months ago

Love all of these.

7 months ago

Need more investment in all city courses.

7 months ago

Waste of space. Golf is an elite sport and the courses keep people off the land. Let them be transformed into other kinds of natural and recreational centers.

7 months ago

Golf courses are a waste of space. Let them grow over, plant some native species and turn them into parks for real, regular people. Not golfers.

7 months ago

Don't we have better uses for all this open land than golfing? It's an expensive facility to maintain and bad for the environment (water use, fertilizer). I suggest turning the least used into a community garden.

7 months ago

Once again, you forgot to include a question with your list of golf courses. Thanks for the list, but didn't you want me to tell you something?

7 months ago

Golf is elitist and exclusionary. Not to mention a huge waste of water and too many chemicals. Please no new golf courses. If you can afford to play golf, you can afford to belong to a club.

7 months ago

Lions is a treasure and the only way my kids can play golf- do whatever you can to maintain it!!!

7 months ago

Leave Lions public

7 months ago

Lions is the oldest most beloved public golf course in the city, and it is the first golf course to desegregate in the south, a Civil Rights landmark. This beautiful urban green space needs to be preserved forever, for all in our city to enjoy. Many people say this golf course is for rich west Austin people but that is NOT TRUE! Youth golf teams from all over the city and state play and practice here. It is a wonderful community space where people can enjoy nature amongst some other things.

7 months ago
of the oldest trees in Austin. It is imperative that the City of Austin do everything possible to acquire this park land for generations to come. Lions is like Zilker. Once open green space is gone it is gone forever. We will not get another chance on this one.

Golf courses in central Austin should be repurposed as parks. They are a terrible waste of space and resources.

Golf courses are important open spaces in a dense urban core; however, they need to be set up for multi-use. Loop trails like the one at Hancock should be in place at all of them so people can walk and jog around them. Additionally, hours for use of the fairways when golfers are not using them should be posted.

Consider turning into a very nice 9 hole course and take the other half and make a zilker park north of the river.

Please. No more golf courses. The number of people playing golf is rapidly declining and they are a waste of City resources. I would suggest getting rid of all golf courses within the core of the City or at a minimum opening them up to hikers and bikers.

Please DON'T save Muny

Love that there are accessible courses for people who can't afford exclusive private memberships or expensive commercial courses.

CLOSE underutilized golf courses, they cost too much money, waste water, and benefit too few.

So many folks down on golf however, it is a wonderful sport to teach character, we need green space that is not over used as lungs for the city since our large parks have become busy venues for various mostly music events. It would be nice if the perimeter of a golf course could have a nature trail installed next to or near the fence line to be used during certain hours of the day. The vacant land at night allows many of our birds a place since most birds require a dark night - it would also be grand if once a month part of the golf course would be open to viewing the night sky since lights have made it difficult to enjoy the natural theater in the sky. The benefit is also as we age elders can still enjoy golf over most other outdoor activities.

Turn Lions, Morris Williams, and Hancock course into dense urban commercial/residential districts, like the Triangle. More housing, and more diverse housing types will improve the affordability problem in Austin. We also need some senior housing as our population ages out of their single-family homes. We need the housing more than the golf courses. Let the people who can afford to play golf drive to the outskirts to play golf and let more people live near where they work.

We should quit subsidizing golf courses in Austin. Perhaps we could decommision a few golf courses and make them into nature preserves or community parks? Far less wasteful of water in an area that is so needful of water conservation.

Not really into golf...

Golf courses are largely exclusionary. They do not serve most of Austins' population or our values both morally and ecologically. Most should be repurposed and the rest should offer accessible programs and equipment.
Golf courses take lots of chemicals, water, space and up keep. Maybe we could use these spaces more efficiently by turning them into multi-use green spaces?

7 months ago

1) Check out Planning & Zoning's small area plan recommendations. This land greatly needs an improved trail or sidewalk down 41st St. 2) Shared-use would be a great consideration. The topography here is comparable to similar elements in NYC's Central Park—“picturesque” to borrow from Olmsted's park design principles. The eastern portion has great views of UT/downtown especially during sunset. More opportunities for people to frequent this course sans tee time, would be a great improvement. Then again, it's hard to argue against the state's oldest publicly-owned golf course. 3) Designated dog portion on the north side underneath the oak trees. This may be in place but it's unclear.

8 months ago

Stop maintaining golf courses. Terrible waste of resources

8 months ago

I like the golf courses but think other things can be integrated - like on leash dogs

8 months ago

Too expensive

8 months ago

Find a way to make them more accessible for student age patrons. Increase the native plants/landscaping

8 months ago

He also loves Kizer

8 months ago

Butler Pitch N Putt!

8 months ago

25. Downtown and Urban Spaces

No responses received yet

26. Senior Centers

No responses received yet

27. Tennis Centers

No responses received yet

28. Cultural, Art, Historic Facilities

No responses received yet

29. Community Recreation Centers

No responses received yet

30. Cemeteries

No responses received yet
31. Special/Athletics/Recreation
No responses received yet

32. Golf Courses
No responses received yet

25. Centro de la ciudad y espacios urbanos

![Chart showing 100% for Brush Square and 0% for Others]
1 respondent

26. Centros para personas mayores

![Chart showing 100% for Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center and 0% for Others]
1 respondent

27. Centros de tenis

![Chart showing 100% for South Austin Tennis Center and 0% for Others]
1 respondent
28. Facilidades de cultura, arte e historia
- 33% George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center
- 33% Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Centers
- 33% Austin Nature and Science Center
- 0% Others

1 respondent

29. Centros de recreación comunitarios
- 50% COA/YMCA North Austin Community Recreation Center
- 50% Metz Recreation Center
- 0% Others

2 respondents

30. Cemeterios
- 100% Evergreen Cemetery
- 0% Others

1 respondent
31. Especial/Atletismo/Recreación

- 50% Heath Eiland and Morgan Moss BMX Skate Park
- 50% Montopolis Practice Field
- 0% Others

1 respondent

32. Campos de Golf

- 100% Morris Williams Golf Course
- 0% Others

1 respondent

33. How long have you lived in the City of Austin?

- 29% More than 30 years
- 23% 11-20 years
- 20% 21-30 years
- 15% 5-10 years
- 14% Less than 5 years

2,588 respondents

34. What is your home zip code?

- 78734 8 months ago
- 78744 one month ago
- 78757 6 months ago
78735 - we are in the Barton Creek area and have no access to the Austin Public Library system. Shocking.
6 months ago
for the last 10 years, we used to live in Austin in the 80's.
- actually don't live in Austin, but do work there.
but lived 39 years in 78645
SMS 78741, but I have also lived in 78703, 78704, 78702, 78754, 78756, 78757, and 78759
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6 months ago
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but lived 39 years in 78645

and 78733

78704 and 78733

8 months ago
78745
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78739
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78703
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78731
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78721
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78752
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78741
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78753
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78702
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78704
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78745
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8 months ago

78723
8 months ago

78729
8 months ago

78748
35. How many individuals live in your household?

2,567 respondents

36. What is your age?

2,552 respondents

37. What is your household income?

2,522 respondents
38. What is your race/ethnicity?

- 67% White or Caucasian
- 13% Latino or Hispanic
- 9% Prefer not to answer
- 4% Asian or Asian American
- 4% Black or African American
- 3% Others

1,694 respondents

39. What is your marital status?

- 64% Married, or in a domestic partnership or civil union
- 29% Single
- 7% Prefer not to say

2,493 respondents

40. Parenting status

- 37% I don't have children
- 16% I have children between ages 6-12
- 14% I have children under age 5
- 13% I have children over age 18
- 9% I have children between ages of 13-17
- 7% I have grandchildren
- 3% Prefer not to say

1,739 respondents

41. What is your gender?

- 56% Female
- 35% Male
- 4% Prefer not to say
- 1% Non-binary
1,757 respondents

By the way, why was Mount Bonnell not included in the survey?
7 months ago
5 Agree

It was. It was in section 4 on specialty parks or some such. You might have missed it because it's actually “Covert Park”
6 months ago
2 Agree

community activist
8 months ago
2 Agree

I can't go back to an earlier page so I will put this here. The ONLY thing I really see the parks needing to do is strictly prohibit people playing "radios" (which now includes people's "phones") in the parks.
6 months ago
1 Agree

Community servant
8 months ago
1 Agree

I am not sure the comments worked properly or that all my responses were properly recorded.
6 months ago

Warm human
6 months ago

Attack Helicopter.
6 months ago

retired professional
7 months ago

BBQ master
7 months ago

33. How long have you lived in the City of Austin?
No responses received yet

35. How many individuals live in your household?
No responses received yet

36. What is your age?
No responses received yet

37. What is your household income?
No responses received yet

38. What is your race/ ethnicity?
No responses received yet
39. What is your marital status?
No responses received yet

40. Parenting status
No responses received yet

41. What is your gender?
No responses received yet

33. ¿Cuánto tiempo ha vivido usted en la Ciudad de o Austin?
2 respondents

34. ¿Cuál es el código postal de su hogar?

35. ¿Cuántas personas viven en su hogar?
2 respondents
36. ¿Cuántos años tiene?

- 50% 35-44
- 50% 65-74
- 0% Others

2 respondents

37. ¿Qué son los ingresos de su familia?

- 50% $50,000-$74,999
- 50% Más de $250,000
- 0% Others

2 respondents

38. ¿Cuál es su raza/étnicidad?

- 100% Latino o Hispánico
- 0% Others

1 respondent
39. ¿Qué es su estado civil?

- 100% Casado/a, o en unión doméstica o unión civil
- 0% Others

1 respondent

40. Padre o Madre

- 100% Tengo hijos/as entre las edades de 6-12 años
- 0% Others

1 respondent