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Austin Nature & Science Center



Birds of Prey
Preserve overlook

Small Wonders

Wildlife Exhibits

Headquarters and Classrooms

Lower Pond

Visitor Pavilion

Upper pond

Dino Pit

Dino Pit Overlook

Human Sundial

Picnic Tables

Legend:

- Exhibit Spaces
- Not open to public

Forest Trail

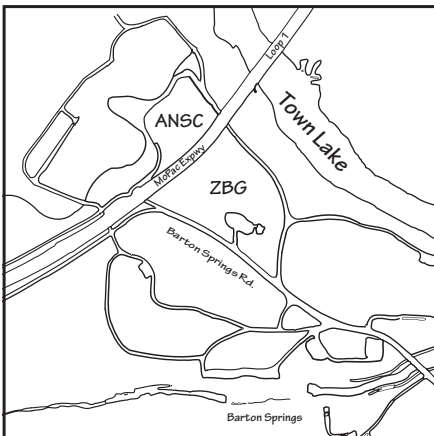
Trail House (Preschool)

Nature Center Entrance

Bus drop off

Stratford Dr.

Public parking



Welcome to the Austin Nature & Science Center

You are about to embark on a journey of discovery and wonder. Learn about the world around us and how people, plants and animals work together. And because nature is always changing, one visit is never enough!



Visitor Pavilion

The fun starts here. Explore exhibits, including a central Texas cave. In the Naturalist Workshop you can touch rocks and shells, study bones and observe insects and tiny organisms through microscopes and magnifying glasses. If you have a natural treasure to trade, check out the Trade Counter. The Visitor Pavilion is also where you'll find the information desk, restrooms, water fountain and meeting room.



Small Wonders

Here you can learn about our tiny friends. See how lizards, snakes and even small mammals survive in the wild and how they help make our world a better place. While you're here, stop on the porch and listen to the sound of the bats who live under the Congress Avenue Bridge.



Wildlife Exhibits

Visit high-climbing porcupines, playful ducks and other native animals. Our animal residents are unable to return to the wild because they were injured or raised as pets – never a good idea –, so we care for them here. You can read their stories as you explore.



Birds of Prey

Ever wanted to get up close and personal with a hawk? How about an owl or a roadrunner? You can see them and more in the birds of prey exhibit. Want to explore further? Keep going and follow the trail into the vast Zilker Nature Preserve. Who knows what you'll find!



Human Sundial

Your own shadow will show you the time. Step on to the calendar block on today's date. Set to Central Daylight Saving Time. Add one hour in the winter months.



Dino Pit

You are a paleontologist. Your mission: uncover incredible fossils from all over Texas, including dinosaurs, mammoths and marine reptiles. You will have to dig through tons of sand at the huge excavation site. All casts in the Dino Pit are replicas of specimens from the Texas Memorial Museum at the University of Texas.



Forest Trail

Many of the trees on the ANSC grounds grew naturally, exhibiting micro niches they prefer. Walk the 1/2 mile trail to learn about the benefits and characteristics of over 40 different native species.



Trail House

The Ashford-Gill House is a historic homestead from the early days of Texas almost 200 years ago. Today it houses our Nature's Way Preschool.

-Not Open to Public-

Hours & Contact

Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm

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