
The Trails of Denton County

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The Trails of Denton County – Mobile is creating museum quality tours for our many natural assets and trails in Denton County. Using smartphones, we are able to easily create electronic self-guided tours for the public. As self-guided tours are completed they are uploaded to our website and can be accessed by anyone anywhere in the world. They are automatically available in Google Earth.

Objectives

- To create resources for educators, conservationists and nature lovers
- To provide a historical record for better stewardship of our shrinking natural assets

Activities

1. Hiking, biking, equestrian, or kayaking
2. Photography
3. Research and information processing
4. Community and education relations
5. Identification and review

Each major park, trail or nature center has an overview of the facility, key features, videos, slide shows, directions and self-guided GPS trail maps. This collected information is presented on our website, in Google Earth, and a GPS self-guided tour.

What Can You Do?

235 miles completed and more to go! We need all contributors. Tell us about any ideas or great places you know. If you are not sure, just ask.

No smartphone? Join us and add your knowledge of plants, birds, animals, geology, or history. Note taking, photography, companionship on a trail broadens the data and enriches the self-guided tours.

Not a hiker? You can process photos, make slide shows and videos, write descriptions, or research and identify those found unknowns.

Like meeting with people? Great information and resources can come from the city and nature center managers. We need to know about their future plans.

Mobile

There's an App for That!

Materials

- Apple iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Android, Blackberry
- EveryTrail & EveryTrail Pro by Global Motion Media
- TrailHead by Northface
- EasyTrail & EasyTour by Zirak

Costs

Excluding the cost of the smartphone, the basic versions of the applications are free. The "Pro" versions cost less than four dollars at the Apple app store or the Android Marketplace.

Available Self-guided Tours

Highland Village

1. Wichita Forest Trail

Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA)

1. Bittern Marsh Trail
2. Vireo Loop Trail
3. Cicada Trail
4. Cottonwood Trail
5. Minor-Porter Pioneer House
6. Redbud Trail
7. Kayak Paddling Trail

Ray Roberts Lake State Park

1. Lost Pines Trail (Guide 1 of 4)

City Parks & Nature Centers

1. Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center
2. Denton City
3. Flower Mound
4. The Greenbelt Trail
5. Highland Village