

"Learn and Live" at Panther Springs Park



Fifth in a series on pollution prevention.



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Numerous natural areas and community parks beautify Northern Bexar County where the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District (TGR) works to preserve and protect the Trinity Aquifer each day. In addition to these parks' aesthetic value, they also play a major part in preventing pollution from entering the Trinity Aquifer and Edwards Aquifer which are both critical to the water supply in Bexar County. To highlight pollution

prevention message, TGR is bringing its constituents an informative series about the six major parks and natural areas in the district. This month, we are highlighting Panther Springs Park located at 22635 Wilderness Oak, which is north of Loop 1604 and off of Blanco Road.

Panther Springs Loop is a 3.6-mile lightly trafficked loop trail located near San Antonio, Texas that features beautiful wild flowers in the spring, hill country type wooded areas and many beautiful open meadow-like vistas.

The trails are paved and considered good for all skill levels of hikers, walkers and runners.

The park, which opened in March of 2015, consists of 279 acres which were donated by Dan Parman and the San Antonio River Authority (SARA). The dog park which is located near the entrance of the park includes areas for larger dogs and one for smaller ones. Bird watchers have documented 46 different species in the park to include the Greater Roadrunner, two species of hawks and numerous other types of smaller, colorful birds.

The San Antonio River Authority collaborated with the City of San Antonio in the development of Panther Springs. SARA's portion of the project included design and construction work to improve the water and sediment conveyance in the existing natural channel. The agency continues to monitor the stream for changing conditions as the landscape slowly changes over time.

Preserving the community's natural areas goes a long way toward helping efforts to maintain excellent water quality in local aquifers and other waterways. That is why the Trinity Glen Rose District is urging you to **learn** about the parks **and** to **live** a little by visiting each one to experience the environmental beauty and ecological benefits they provide. 💧

Watersaver Landscape Tour Goes "Virtual"

While the Coronavirus pandemic continues to dictate the need to preclude large community

gatherings, that has not dampened the enthusiasm for continuing the

Watersaver Landscape Tour in 2020. The Gardening Volunteers of South Texas (GVST), San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District (TGR) are still gearing up to bring you an inside look at some nice-looking landscapes in San Antonio, but this year you'll be hopping on Zoom rather than a tour bus.



"We had to do a little reimagining of the

Landscape Tour, but we now have a great plan to conduct the tour online," said TGR Assistant General Manager Amanda Maloukis. "This year, we will be featuring landscapes in Sonterra. We will be producing some short videos with beautiful photography to give attendees a first-hand look at various types of plants used in our featured landscapes as well as some interesting ideas people can use to remake their own yards. Our sponsors will be providing some awesome prize packages and we're planning to have some time for questions and answers toward the end of the online broadcast."

Be sure to watch the *TGR Resource Newsletter* for more updates in the coming weeks.
