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J Street

10Km Turn Around

Bob Bear Arch
6km Turn Around

Covington County Park

Drive

Turn Left into
the Park

S/F

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Overview

The Southside Lions Park trailhead is located just east of the Lions Park lake off Pecan Valley. The multi-use, paved trail has trailheads at Covington and Comanche County Parks. It offers stunning views of Salado Creek, surrounded by towering bottomland hardwood trees and natural, flowing springs that run from the adjacent hillside to the creek.

The Southside Lions Park Trail is part of the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System in San Antonio, Texas. From Southside Lions Park, the paved trail heads north to Jack White Park. In 2018, we expect an easement to be built on the east side of the Army's Fort Sam Houston, which will connect the trail past McAllister Park, in northeast San Antonio. In future years the trail will extend south to hook up with the Medina River Greenway System. Eventually the Greenway Trail System will encircle the greater San Antonio area.

Background Information

Southside Lions Park is a 600-acre tract that was purchased by the City from the estate of George W. Brackenridge in 1944 and 1964. The area adjacent to Salado Creek was cleared in 1956 for a picnic area and a 33-acre sports center was developed. Service clubs and citizens donated funds to purchase some 400 trees that were planted in 1957. The City bought the remainder of the Brackenridge estate tract in 1964, and throughout the 1960s, improvements were made to the park. A recreation center, softball fields, tennis facility, dam and 10-acre lake were built on the property. In 1986, Community Development Block Grant funds were used to build a gymnasium and to upgrade the community center that was dedicated on November 1, 1986.

Trails and lighting improvements were provided with funds from the 1994 Quality of Life bond issue. A new playground was also constructed and further additions and improvements were made to the community center, including renovation of the gym and a dance studio/multi-use room. In 2010, the City completed a \$3,548,289 project that rehabilitated the dam and spillway in South Side Lions Park. They also dedicated the Southern Segment of a new Salado Creek Greenway with a trailhead at South Side Lions.

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Southside Lions Park Trailhead



Lions Park Lake

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Southside Lions Park 10km/6km Walk, 1A

Take I-10 East to exit 577(Roland Rd). Turn right at the light onto Roland Rd. Drive to Pecan Valley Dr. Turn right at the 4-way stop sign onto Pecan Valley. Drive to the 2nd Park entrance on your left (the main entrance). Turn right once you enter the park; circle the lake (on your left) and park by Pavilion 2 (the first pavilion on the left).

Special Programs: Cities in Song, Doin' The Louisiana Purchase, City Parks, Lakes and Reservoirs, Animal Safari (Bear, Lion), Bridges, and A - Z.

1. Walk to the paved trail by the lake and circle the lake (keep it on your left), staying on the paved trail. (1.6km)
2. Just before returning to Pavilion 2, stop at the Park Information Sign on your left. Turn **RIGHT** on the concrete pathway with handrails. Cross the park road at the crosswalk. Walk down the gentle slope to the Trailhead, passing the Port-a-Potty on the left.
3. Take the next **RIGHT** onto the trail. Cross the concrete bridge. Stay on the asphalt trail.
4. Pass SSC markers 2.00, 1.75, and 1.50, walk under the Roland Rd underpass, pass SSC 1.25, 1.00, and 0.75.
+++++++ **6km ONLY** ++++++
5. When you reach the large metal arch on your right (Bob Beare Scout Memorial Park), **TURN AROUND**. (This is part of Comanche Park, Bathroom and water fountain available).
6. Walk back to Southside Lions Park.
+++++++ **10km ONLY** ++++++
7. Stay on the trail, walking past Comanche Park on your right. (Bathroom and water fountain available)
8. Pass SSC 0.50. Pass the Racetrack on your right. Pass SSC 0.25. Walk past Covington County Park on your right (Park sign at the SSC 0.00 marker). Bathroom and water fountain available.
9. Pass under Rigsby Rd. Pass SSB 2.75. When you reach the J Street Trailhead Sign, **TURN AROUND**. (5.75km)
10. Retrace your steps back to Southside Lions Park. Remember to log in to finish/complete your walk.



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