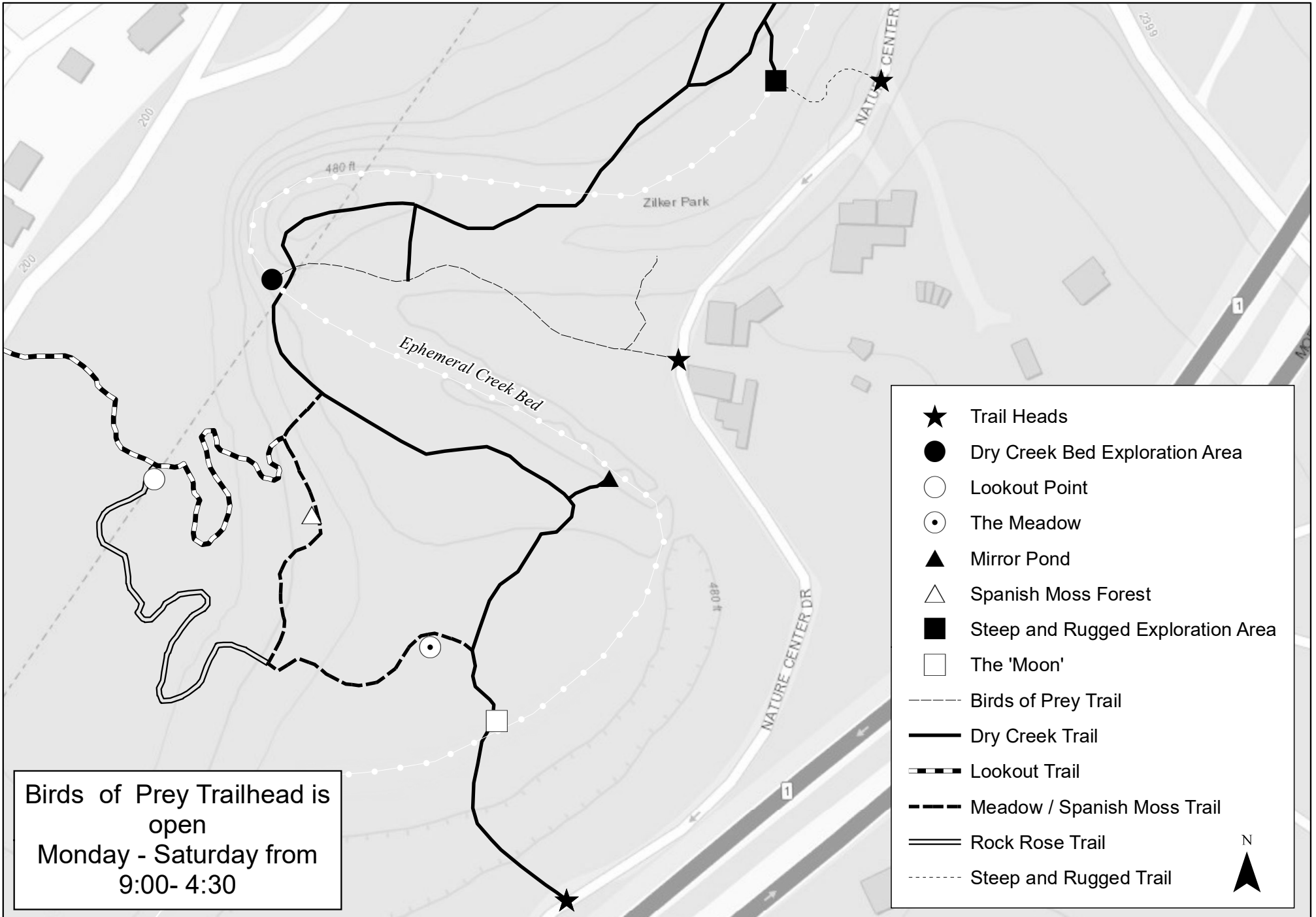


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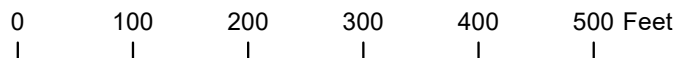


Birds of Prey Trailhead is open
Monday - Saturday from
9:00- 4:30

- ★ Trail Heads
- Dry Creek Bed Exploration Area
- Lookout Point
- ⊙ The Meadow
- ▲ Mirror Pond
- △ Spanish Moss Forest
- Steep and Rugged Exploration Area
- The 'Moon'
- Birds of Prey Trail
- Dry Creek Trail
- - - - - Lookout Trail
- - - - - Meadow / Spanish Moss Trail
- ==== Rock Rose Trail
- Steep and Rugged Trail



Source: ESRI, Garmin, USGS, Open Streetmap contributors, GIS User Community, Elizabeth Funk, City of Austin



Austin Nature and Science Center Trails

Points of Interest

Birds of Prey Entrance

Welcome to the Zilker Nature Preserve!
This is where your adventure can begin.
After spending time checking out the Birds of Prey make sure to note the preserve rules before heading in.



Dry Creek Bed – 10 minute walk

The creek bed stretches along the length of the Preserve and is a great place to explore! Come find gastropod fossils, explore a small cave, and search for signs of animal life. Remember to leave all the treasures you find and to take only photos home!



The Lookout – 20 to 30 minute walk

This steep hike is worth it for a great view of downtown Austin! This open space is great for playing group games, looking for wild flowers in the spring, and seeing our city from above!



The Spanish Moss Forest – 15 minute walk

This trail is lined with beautiful trees covered in Spanish Moss. If you're quiet, you might even come across a few deer!



Mirror Pond – 15/20 minutes

Come see what you can find in this small pond, surrounded by a rock wall on one side and the remains of a swimming spot built by the Civilian Conservation Corps years ago!



The Moon – 25 minute walk

Here is a large stretch of lime stone with a variety of different trees to explore!



Steep and Rugged – 5 minute walk

This trail lives up to its name and has a very steep and rocky entrance. It's a great spot to climb over large boulders and look for fish!



The Meadow - 20 minute walk

Get out in the sun in our meadow! This location is especially striking in the spring when wild flowers are in bloom and pollinators are flocking to the area to feed on their nectar.

