

Barton Springs Pool General Grounds Improvements Project

Update: May 05, 2014

We have been monitoring the progress of the grass. Although the variety of grass, Zoysia, is very hardy and resilient, some of the areas on the south sloping lawn have not rooted as quickly as we would have liked. Some of the sod will be replaced in an effort establish grass so the project can open up the most popular areas of the deck. The contractor will also be installing some drip lines to water more closely to the root system.

Very soon we will make available sections at the top of the south lawn, in the newly fenced-in areas. The team also thinks that the northwest areas near the ADA ramp are doing very well and can open soon. We may need to rotate open lawn areas to continue to get the grass well established. Please be patient during this time and respect the boundaries that have been established.

The pool website will have updates as we have areas ready for use.

<http://austintexas.gov/department/barton-springs-pool>

The pool will be closed May 13 through May 15 when contractors will be working to remove and replace utility poles and electric lines near the pool. This closure is for the safety of pool patrons and so the work can be completed as quickly as possible.

The existing utility poles are being replaced because they have deteriorated past their useful life. The replacement poles are made with more durable fiberglass poles that have an average lifespan of 40-50 years and are in compliance with environmental requirements and project scope.

Work completed recently:

- Handrails on the south path have been installed
- North Tree Court stone work around trees
- New south ticket booth has been delivered and set in place
- New bike racks on north have been opened to the public
- Miscellaneous planters and curbing around bath house and pump location
- The historic monument has been relocated

Work in progress:

- New perimeter fencing continues
- New flagstone walkway at south ticket booth
- North irrigation and sod replacement
- South parking lot
- Planting new vegetation and mulching the tree court beds

- Installation of new fence on dams

Work expected in next two weeks:

- North
 - Install additional bike racks in the tree court area
 - Install overlook guardrail
 - Begin clean up and demobilization
 - Remove overhead lines and replace power poles
- South
 - South entry gate path stonework
 - Preparation for pervious ADA outlook path
 - Handrails on the South path ramps and stairs
 - Continue limestone boulder terracing
 - Sod sections near south gate
 - Remove overhead lines and replace power poles
- South Parking Lot
 - Light footings and light poles
 - Driveway apron
 - Sidewalk next to parking lot

Potential Inconveniences:

- Lawn access will be restricted.
- The pool entrance will be temporarily relocated to the west end of the bathhouse.
- For the duration of the project, the South Hike and Bike trail will be closed on weekdays. It will be open on weekends, unless otherwise posted.

These closures have been posted on the City website as well as Facebook and Twitter. See detour map here: <http://austintexas.gov/departments/barton-springs-pool-master-plan>.

Safety:

For your safety and safety of others, please respect construction signs and fencing.

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Thank you for your patience during construction.

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