

ON YOUR OWN TOURS

The Austin Nature & Science Center (ANSC) is home to 18 acres of land, in the heart of Austin, featuring natural spaces, museum exhibits, and ambassador animals.

We are happy to answer any questions about programs or exhibits at ANSC or the Sheffield Education Center (Splash!) please call us at 512-974-3888 or email:

anscprograms@austintexas.gov.

ON YOUR OWN AT ANSC OR SPLASH

AT ANSC

\$1.00/ person

PAY THE DAY YOU ARRIVE

- * ONE CHAPERONE FREE / EVERY 12 PARTICIPANTS
- * TEACHERS FREE

[OFFERED DATES AND TIMES](#)

AT SPLASH

FREE

- * SITE CLOSED MONDAYS
- * 15 STUDENTS AT A TIME IN CAVE EXHIBIT AREA

[COMPLETE SCHEDULING REQUEST](#)

Explore exhibit spaces with your group on your own time.

ON YOUR OWN DELUXE AT ANSC

AT ANSC

\$1.50/ person

PAY THE DAY YOU ARRIVE

- * ONE CHAPERONE FREE / EVERY 12 PARTICIPANTS
- * TEACHERS FREE

[OFFERED DATES AND TIMES](#)

Meet an ANSC Educator at your arrival. Explore the exhibit spaces on your own with an option to rotate into an Educator led station with 35 students at a time. The ANSC Educator will be available for up to one hour from your reservation start time.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION & POLICIES

Registration begins on **August 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

REGISTRATION:

Complete the [On Your Own Tour Scheduling Request](#).

- ◇ [Programs offered at ANSC](#) for On Your Own Tours and On Your Own Tour Deluxe (not updated to reflect booked programs).
- ◇ Programs offered at Splash! are open; send request form with your preferred time and date to schedule.

Confirmation will be emailed by austinparksrec@rectrac.com You will receive an invoice and details for your visit with your confirmation email.

PAYMENT:

Payment is due upon arrival. Due to limited staff and cash on hand, it is the responsibility of the school to calculate and collect chaperone fees.

VIDEO AND IMAGE POLICY:

ANSC regularly takes photos of participants during programs. Photos are used to depict programs at ANSC and may appear in brochures, fliers, and other media.

ADA ACCOMMODATION:

The City of Austin is committed to complying with the Americans with Disability Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request.
Call 512-974-3914.

Austin Nature & Science Center / Splash! (Beverly Sheffield Education Center)

On Your Own Tour - Scheduling Request

Please return by email: anscprograms@austintexas.gov

Name of School

School Address

Teacher Name

School city and zip code

Teacher Email

School Phone

Teacher Phone

Number of Students (total) _____

Age/Grade of Students _____

Today's Date

Number of chaperones _____

Recommended ratio is 1 adult/12 participants

1. Requested Date:

First Choice ____/____/____ Second Choice ____/____/____

2. Requested start time:

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

3. Choose program

On Your Own @ ANSC - \$1.00/person

ANSC Parking Address: 2389 Stratford Drive

1 chaperone free / 12 participants

On Your Own Deluxe @ ANSC - \$1.50/person

Teachers free

On Your Own @ Splash! - Free

Splash! Parking Address: 2201 William Barton Drive

Confirmation will be emailed from austinparksrec@rectrac.com with an invoice and details for your visit.

PREPARE FOR YOUR TRIP TO ANSC OR SPLASH!

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

- * Austin Nature and Science Center parking address: 2389 Stratford Drive
- * Splash! / Beverly Sheffield Education Center parking address: 2201 William Barton Drive
- * Check our maps for info about [ANSC exhibits](#) and [Splash!](#).
- * ANSC practices Leave No Trace. We ask that you bring your own trash bags and pack out your waste.
- * Teachers and chaperones must manage the behavior of participants and are required to remain with their group. The recommended ratio is one adult/12 participants.

ARRIVAL AT ANSC:

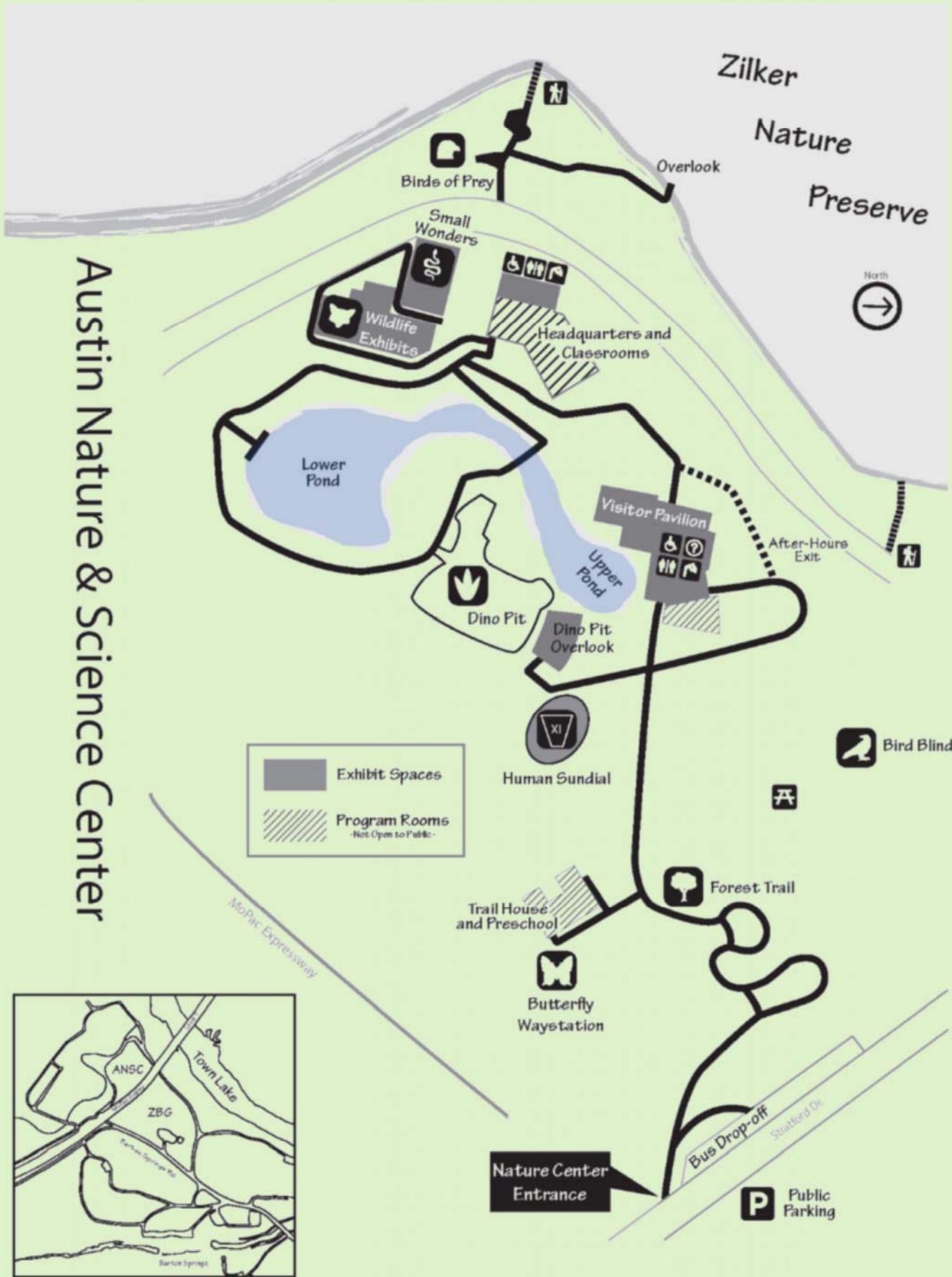
- * At ANSC, all On Your On groups must check in with ANSC staff at the front desk inside the Visitors' Pavilion. The lead teacher should pay the balance upon arrival.
- * This site houses non-releasable Texas native animals; please maintain respectful, quiet voices around enclosures.
- * There are a limited number of picnic tables on our site and they are first-come-first-served. Do not eat around the animal enclosures. Food from humans will make our animals sick and attract pests.
- * For your comfort and safety, please dress for the activity and the weather. We strongly suggest closed toed shoes with traction while exploring our 18 acre site and over 75 acre Zilker Nature Preserve.

ARRIVAL AT SPLASH!:

- * The Splash! site is closed on Mondays.
- * The cave exhibit can comfortably accommodate 15 students at a time. If more than 15 participants in attendance, please plan to rotate through the exhibit.
- * Picnic areas are open throughout the park free of charge. A pavilion across from the playground can be reserved by contacting the Office of Special Events at austintexas.gov/parkevents



Austin Nature & Science Center



SHEFFIELD EDUCATION CENTER

Admission

Free! Parking fees vary seasonally.

Hours of Operation

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am—5pm
Wednesday	10am—5pm
Thursday	10am—5pm
Friday	10am—5pm
Saturday	10am—5pm
Sunday	Noon—5pm

Location

Barton Springs Bathhouse at [2201 William Barton Dr. Austin, TX 78746](https://www.austintexas.gov/department/barton-springs-bathhouse).

