# Welcome to the

AUSTIN PARKS & RECREATION
Cultural Places, Natural Spaces

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## Directions

**From North MoPac:**
•Exit Rollingwood / 2244
•Take the turn around at 2244 (Bee Cave Rd.)

**From South MoPac:**
•Exit 2244 toward Rollingwood / Westlake Hills

**After Exiting:**
•Stay on frontage road which will turn into Barton Springs Road
•Turn Left onto Stratford Dr. immediately after Zilker Botanical Garden

•Continue on Stratford
•Parking is under the MoPac (Loop 1) bridge

Safe drop-off for students and teachers at Entrance Trailhead

Exploration begins on the trail to check-in at the Visitor's Pavilion

1. Come down steps to the Visitor's Pavilion

2. Line up by class

3. Send one teacher to check-in group

# In the Visitor's Pavilion

1. Field trip check-in
2. Restrooms
3. Water fountain

# Wild About Wildlife

**2nd and 3rd grade**

- **1 ½ hour program**
- **3 stations**
- **30 minute stations**

**<u>Stations</u>**
**Mammals**
**Birds**
**Reptiles**

**2nd grade TEKS: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.9, 2.10**
**3rd grade TEKS: 3.1, 3.2, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10**

# Mammal Station

- Discover characteristics of mammals
- Meet a ferret and a rabbit
- Feel several different mammal's fur
- Investigate differentiated teeth
- Count live mice babies and mothers

# Bird Station

- Discuss bird characteristics
- Examine a live bird
- Investigate specialized feathers, beaks, feet
- Compare nest types and parental strategies

# Reptile Station

- Learn basic characteristics of reptiles
- Discuss reptile adaptations
- Meet a turtle, lizard, and snake
- Touch scaly, reptile skin

There is plenty to do before or after your program

# Hands-On Naturalist's Trade Counter

# More Exhibits

1. Animal Enclosures

2. The Pond

3. The Dino Pit Exhibit

# Places to Explore

1. The Zilker Nature Preserve

2. Birds of Prey Enclosures

3. Small Wonders Exhibit

Be sure to visit the ANSC resident wildlife before you leave.

# Thanks for coming

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**Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement** The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide, protect, and preserve a park system that promotes recreational, cultural and outdoor experiences for the Austin Community.