

News Release

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Prescribed burn at Pace Bend Park

Travis County Parks plans to conduct a prescribed burn at Pace Bend Park the week of July 16, 2018. The prescribed burn will occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and will take approximately three to five hours to complete. Travis County Parks is conducting the prescribed burn in cooperation with personnel from the local fire departments and natural resource agencies.

The prescribed burn is approximately 100 acres in size and is intended to reduce wildfire danger and improve ecosystem health by removing invading shrubs, consuming dead and downed vegetation, reducing the number of exotic species, and enhancing the health and diversity of the native plant community.

The prescribed burn will be conducted with a southerly winds which will carry smoke across the park, the lake, and towards the communities to the north. However, due to the distance between the prescribed burn and the adjacent communities, smoke impacts are expected to be relatively light.

The park will remain open; however, some portions of the park specifically the mountain biking trail, multi-use trails, the Tatum boat ramp, and a portion of Grisham Trail Road will close for part of the week.

Pace Bend Park is located at 2805 Pace Bend Road North, Spicewood, TX 78669.

Media note: Please call the PIO (contact listed above), or check in at the park fee booth for additional information.

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