



News Release

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Prescribed burn at East Metropolitan Park

Travis County Parks plans to conduct multiple prescribed burns at East Metropolitan Park the week of July 8, 2019. The projects are expected to be implemented over two consecutive days between Monday, July 8 and Wednesday, July 10, 2019. The prescribed burns will occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day and will take approximately two to four hours to complete.

Travis County Parks is conducting the prescribed burns in cooperation with personnel from the local fire departments and natural resource agencies.

The prescribed burns are 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 burns will be conducted with a southerly winds which will carry the smoke to the north across the park and the communities near the intersection of Taylor Land and Blake Manor Road. Some smoke impacts are expected but they should be relatively light and of a short duration.

The park will remain open during the prescribed burns however some portions of the park will be closed, specifically portions of the paved trail, the fishing ponds, and the disc golf course. Other areas within the park that are not closed may be impacted by smoke from the prescribed burns.

East Metropolitan Park is located at 18706 Blake Manor Road, Manor, TX 78653.

Media note: The park will remain open. There may be a PIO or staff available for interviews. Please call the Park Supervisor (contact listed above) for more information.

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