



# 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 on August 8, 2019. The prescribed burn will occur between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and will take approximately three to five hours to complete.

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

The prescribed burn 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 wind which will carry smoke across 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 trails and/or west side coves will close for part of the week. The prescribed burn will be conducted along the main entrance road (near the fee booth) and some traffic delays should be expected.

Travis County is currently under a burn ban. Burn bans limit certain types of fire-use in order to minimize the potential for accidental fires and to reduce the impact fires have on emergency responders. Burn bans do not limit all fire use (cooking, welding, etc.), and many activities are allowed with certain restrictions. Prescribed-burn managers conduct prescribed burns during burn bans because conditions are favorable for meeting established objectives. Land managers, regulators and emergency responders coordinate the implementation of the prescribed burns.

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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