



# News Release

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## Prescribed burns at Pace Bend Park

Travis County Parks plans to conduct multiple prescribed burns at Pace Bend Park the week of February 28, 2022. The prescribed burns will occur between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and will take approximately three to five hours to complete.

A 50-acre prescribed burn is planned along the western boundary of the park on Tuesday or Wednesday followed by a pile burning project in the same area later in the week.

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.

Southerly winds are predicted which will carry the fire across the lake and towards communities to the north. Smoke impacts are expected to be light during the prescribed burn and minimal during the pile burning project.

The Park will remain open but some areas will be closed. The west side of the park, including the Collier Boat Ramp, will be closed and, due to the location of the prescribed burn along the main entrance road, there will be some traffic delays.

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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