



# News Release

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## Prescribed burn in Wilbarger Creek Greenway Project

Travis County Parks plans to conduct multiple prescribed burns in the Wilbarger Creek Project Area (east of Manor, Texas) on June 2 and/or 3, 2022. Two projects comprising six small burn units totaling 77 acres are planned. The prescribed burns will occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and will take approximately three to six 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 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 implemented with northerly winds, which will carry the smoke to the south, across rural ranches and residences between Parsons and Bitting School Roads. The smoke could be dense for short periods immediately adjacent to the burns but will quickly disperse. Smoke is expected to be evident throughout the burn day but, due to the small size of the burns, impacts are expected to be light. Impacts will be limited to Littig Road and to a lesser extent Jones Road.

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.

The prescribed burns will be located at 17009 Littig Road, Manor, TX 78653 and 12043 Jones Road, Manor, TX 78653

**Media note: These properties are not open to the public. There may be a PIO or staff available for interviews. Please call the Park Land Manager (contact listed above) for more information.**

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