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Travis County Parks to host grand opening for Barkley Meadows Park

Travis County Parks will host a Grand Opening Celebration to officially open the new Barkley Meadows Park at **11:00 a.m. Friday, November 14, 2014.**

About Barkley Meadows Park

Barkley Meadows Park, the newest addition to the Travis County Parks system, is located along Onion Creek in eastern Travis County. Park amenities such as a playscape and picnic sites are nestled among the large Oak and Pecan trees that populate the park. Over two and a half miles of ten foot wide sidewalk meander through the trees, along Onion Creek, and over a historic concrete barrel/arch culvert. A prominent feature in the park is Berdoll Pond that provides opportunities for kayaking, catch and release fishing, and bird watching. Additional project improvements include two pedestrian bridges, a group shelter, interpretive signage, and parking. The project was funded with \$2,700,000 from 2011 Travis County Bond funds and a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department \$1,000,000 grant.

About the Onion Creek Greenway

Barkley Meadows is the first phase of the Onion Creek Greenway that will extend from Slaughter Creek to the Colorado River through a safe, barrier-free bicycle and pedestrian route. This twenty-one mile corridor was identified as a regional spine trail in the Onion Creek Greenway Concept Plan which was approved and adopted by Travis County Commissioners in March 2010.

The park is located along the northbound feeder road of SH130 between Hwy 71 and Pearce Ln.

For more information about this park and other Travis County Parks, visit <https://parks.traviscountytexas.gov/>