

NWACA Parks

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Did you know that there are 7 parks, greenbelts, and preserves within the NWACA boundaries? I didn't either! Below is a list and description of the parks.



Allen Park

Westside Dr and Westside Cove, 78731

This county-owned 10-acre park is a limestone plateau covered by a Juniper/Oak woodland interspersed with small, semi-open grassland areas. The park offers a natural setting with panoramic views of the city to the east. It has a large picnic shelter and several wooded picnic areas with barbeque pits.



Bull Creek District Park & Greenbelt

6701 Lakewood Dr., 78731

Bull Creek Foundation has 32 square miles of ecologically unique terrain to tend and protect. Bull Creek watershed includes limestone seeps, springs, and waterways; scenic cliffs and waterfalls; interesting archaeological and cultural features and more.



Doss Park

7005 Northledge Dr., 78731

Doss Park is a small park and playground at Doss School. It includes a running track and sturdy, colorful playground equipment. It is blessed with a lovely collection of oak trees, including a burr oak, and a good view of the downtown skyline.



Murchison Pool

3700 North Hills Dr., 78731

This is a small, pleasant, neighborhood pool, recently renovated with with picnic tables and shade cover.



North Cat Mountain Greenbelt

Cat Creek Trail and Cat Creek Run, 78731

This is a 13 acre greenbelt that runs along Cat Mountain Creek.



Stillhouse Hollow Nature

7810 Sterling Dr., 78731

The Preserve's paved trail winds through a magical landscape of moss-covered junipers. Visitors are asked to stay on the trail, as the area is home to endangered plants and birds. There are benches along the trail and a recently-renovated observation deck at the end of the trail.

The seventh park is **Barrow Preserve** on Long Point Dr. This is a 7 acre preserve. It is currently closed to the public to encourage recovery of several rare plant species.

To find out more about these and other parks in the area, visit Austin Parks Foundation:

<https://www.austinparks.org/parks/>