



L. B. Houston Hike and Bike Trail

I 600 California Crossing

General Description

This trail is a pleasant combination of hiking and off-road bicycling in a dense wilderness area along the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. These trails are unpaved and run through a thickly wooded area. Heavy rainfall renders them impassable for those who are not adequately prepared. Allow two days after heavy rain. There is a great abundance of plant and animal life, with around 100 bird and 50 plant varieties observed. The trail runs along the river bank for over a mile and provides good sites for catching sight of turtles, snakes and herons.

The area is named for L. B. Houston who was Director of the Dallas Park and Recreation Department from 1939 to 1972.

Directions to Trailhead from Downtown Dallas

Go north on I-35 to Northwest Highway; turn left. Go .75 miles to the Newkirk exit.; turn left. Turn right on California Crossing. Proceed 1 mile; the parking lot is on the left.

Difficulty easy to moderate

Best time of year to hike early spring and fall

Length 1.5 – 4 miles

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Distance to trailhead from Downtown Dallas 6.8 miles