



Oak Cliff Founders Park Trail

1300 North Zang Boulevard

General Description

Oak Cliff Founders Park is just a stone’s throw from downtown. This 16.11-acre park overlooks the Dallas skyline and is a perfect place to daydream or reminisce.. Beautiful rock walls line part of the trail that meanders through the park.

Oak Cliff Founders Park was acquired in 1938. Dr. W.W. Samuell a real estate investor, and Foster Jacoby, Director of Dallas Parks in the 30’s, were close friends during this time. This friendship engendered a respect in Samuell’s mind for public recreation and parks in an urban environment. When Samuell, who had no children, died in 1938, he left a holographic will written on a prescription blank. It stated simply:

“Real estate to the City of Dallas Park Board for park purposes – not to be sold. Balance to Park Board as permanent foundation. First National Bank, administrator.

W.W. Samuell
March 30, 1937”

Oak Cliff Founders Park is one of many of Dallas Parks made possible thanks to Dr. W.W. Samuell’s generous gift.

Directions to Trailhead from Downtown Dallas

Take I-35 south to Colorado Blvd.; turn right. Go to Zang Blvd.; turn right. The park is on the right.

- Difficulty easy**
- Best time of year to hike year round**
- Length25 miles**
- Mapsco 44 Z**
- Distance to trailhead from Downtown Dallas 4 miles**