



Benbrook Horse and Nature Trails

*Difficulty levels are TETRA recommendations
 **Difficult trails should only be ridden by experienced riders and horses. Horses should be shod.

- Trails***
- Easy
 - - Moderate
 - ▲▲▲ Difficult**
- Legend:**
- Park Areas
 - Leased Parks
 - Wildlife Management
 - Water Stop
 - P Trail Parking
 - ★ Equestrian Camp

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Trailer parking locations are: Benbrook Stables and the Dutch Branch Trail Head; the Holiday Parkcamp gate and site #65; south side river access; Rocky Creek Park gate, and West Creek Circle of Mustang Park. There is no parking at the Stevens Road access point. Please never block any road, driveway or gate. Always lock your vehicles. Equestrian camping and campfires are permitted only at Holiday campsite #65 and West Creek Circle.

Control all fires and extinguish before leaving.

There are several nearby stable operations. Restrooms and drinking water are available but water along the trail is seasonal. Always tie your horse before walking to a facility.

***For your safety and that of others:
Please observe the following
courtesy rules -***

► Stay only on the designated, marked trail - on the government property and off private property. Never cross fences.

► Do not cut trees, signs or other public property. Carry out or properly dispose of all trash or garbage; and please pick up after your animals.

► Horses are allowed below the main park roadway only at equestrian camping areas. Keep horses out of camp, picnic, swim areas, or any developed area not specifically designated for horses.

► Trails are open sunrise to sunset only.

- Grasses
Big and Little Bluestems, Yellow Indiangrass, Switchgrass, Sideoats Grama, Buffalograss, Texas Wintergrass
- Trees
Live Oak, Red and Bur Oaks, Hackberry, American Cedar, Winged Elm
*along streams – Pecan, Willow, Sycamore, Cottonwood, Buttonbush
*drier uplands – Hackberry, Locusts, Mexican Buckeye, Soapberry, Sumacs, Wild Plum
- Aquatic Vegetation
Arrowleaf, Muskgrass, Cattail, Sedges, smartweed
- Birds
bobwhite quail, doves, teal, wood ducks and other waterfowl, egrets and herons, gulls, terns and other shorebirds, osprey, wild turkey in the spring
- Wildlife
opossum, fox squirrel, cottontail, skunk, coyote, beaver, armadillo, White-tailed deer, occasionally, grey or red fox, bobcat
- Wildflowers
abundant depending on season and rainfall
- Snakes
many kinds of poisonous snakes may be found in North Texas, but are seldom seen.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAINTAIN YOUR TRAILS?

Contact the Benbrook Lake Office at -

CESWF-OD-BB@usace.army.mil, or -

PO Box 26619, Fort Worth, TX 76129-0619; (817) 292-2400

or - TETRA - Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association, at info@tetratrails.com

Benbrook Horseback and Nature Trails

The Benbrook Horse & Nature Trails are part of the Grand Prairie region of Texas. The trails were built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, cooperatively with TETRA. The trails traverse open spaces, rolling hills, shaded woods, challenging slopes, and a beautiful Trinity River crossing.

The original seven-mile West Trail runs from the Benbrook Stables south thru Dutch Branch to North Holiday Park. The easy, dirt trail changes with the terrain to a more difficult, rocky course.

The River Trail is a three-mile extension of along each bank of the Trinity River at the upper end of the lake. The shady, flat trail is prone to seasonal flooding. Check the trail website for closures.

The ten-mile, mid-difficulty, East Trail traverses moderately shaded rolling prairie. Several starting points allow connecting loops for shorter outings.

Native grasses, trees, birds, and wildlife in the area offer excellent photography and viewing for the hiker and horseman.