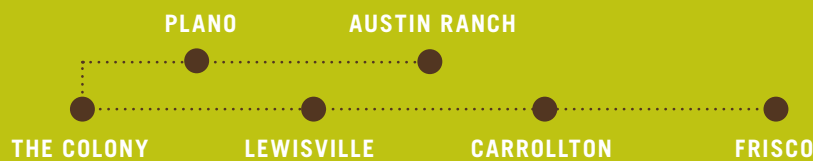




MAKING CONNECTIONS

# THE AUSTIN RANCH TRAILS



## GOING THE DISTANCE

THE ENTIRE 73-MILE NETWORK OF TRAILS, WHEN COMPLETE, WILL CONNECT AUSTIN RANCH, PLANO, THE COLONY, LEWISVILLE, CARROLLTON, AND FRISCO.

We have great news for cyclists, runners, hikers, explorers, dog-walkers and nature lovers.

Austin Ranch nature trails will connect with The Colony and Plano trails, ultimately linking into Lewisville, Frisco and Carrollton for a continuous 73-mile round-trip pedestrian loop that connects all five cities.

The newest phase in The Colony and Lewisville area adds a total of 5.5 miles of trails made up of three sections: Austin Ranch, Park Loop Trail, and Shoreline Trail.

The 1.5-mile Austin Ranch segment will connect Plano Parkway to the Park Loop Trail, and will eventually link to Carrollton, according to Keith Helms, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department of The Colony.

The largest addition to the trail connection system is the 3.9-mile Shoreline Trail that extends from Stewart Creek Park to Ridgpointe Park along Lake Lewisville.

Shoreline Trail, which will provide easy access to the lake, is located on land that is controlled by the Corps of Engineers Wildlife Management. The distance from Austin Ranch to Shoreline Trail is about four miles. Requirements state that the trail must be constructed of a natural surface (not concrete). To uphold that standard, the surface material is decomposed granite. No other city that we are aware of has a "natural surface, 10-foot wide, shore line trail. We think it is unique and we are very proud of it," stated Helms.

Beginning this fall, anyone is welcome to enjoy the Shoreline Trail, which is designed to accommodate runners, walkers, cyclists, wheelchairs and baby strollers. The distance from Austin Ranch to Shoreline Trail is about four miles. The original plan for the expansion was approved in April 2004 and construction began in October 2008. With the dry winter, progress has been better than expected.

Visit [www.tcpard.com](http://www.tcpard.com) for more information, and to view The Colony's trail maps.

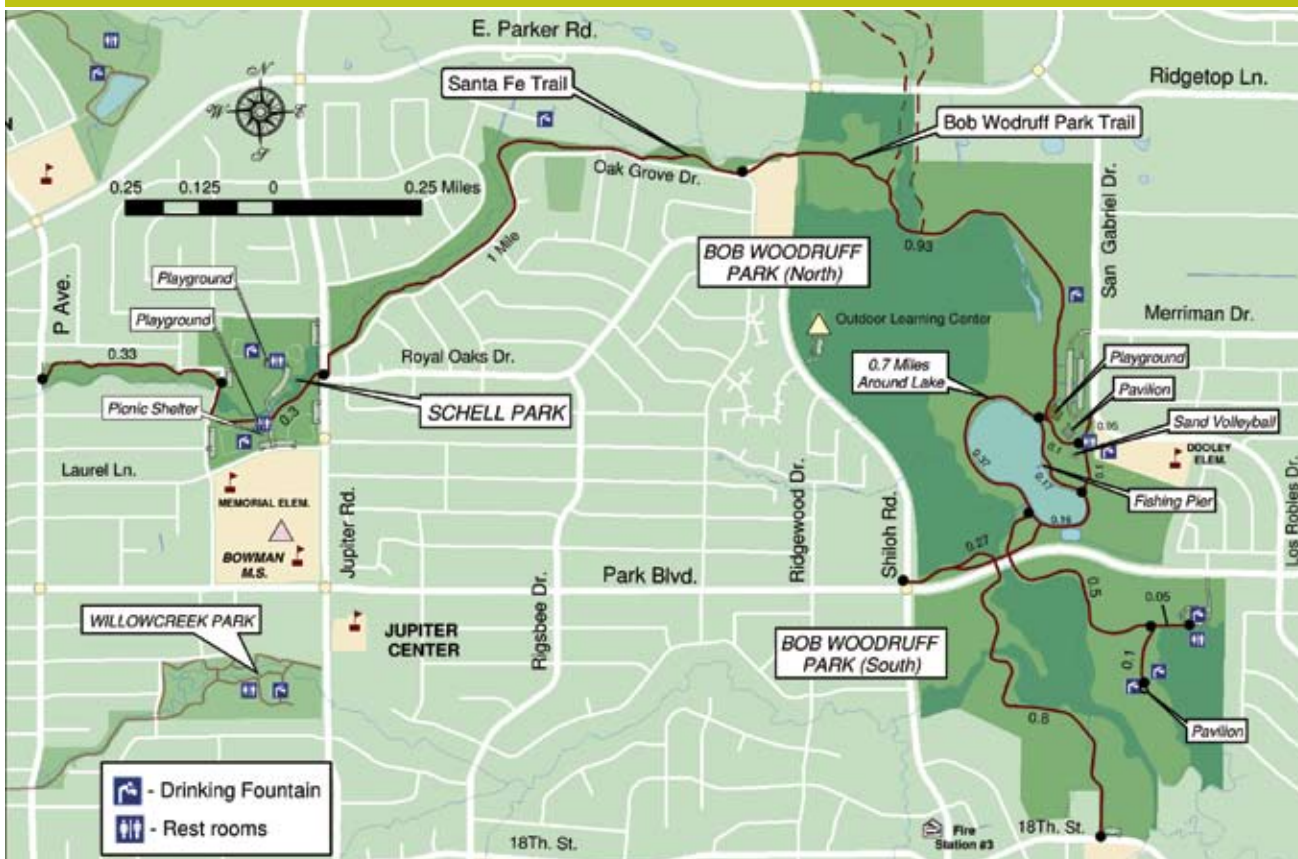
Eventually the trails at Austin Ranch will also connect to the Plano trail system to the east, connecting Austin Ranch to the numerous parks and recreation facilities of Plano. The Santa Fe Trail, that stretches between P Avenue, through Bob Woodruff Park to 18th Street, is just one of the great trails you'll be able to access from Austin Ranch. The map of Bob Woodruff Park (shown below) highlights all of the current amenities including the Santa Fe Trail. It is worth the drive from Austin Ranch to visit, even before the trails are complete.

The trail system at Austin Ranch is a wonderful amenity that continues to improve over time. We at Austin Ranch are happy to be making greater connections with our neighbors, and we are happy to provide walkable transportation for all of the residents in our master planned community.

## BOB WOODRUFF PARK & SANTA FE TRAIL

Features: Baseball fields, creeks, fishing pier, playgrounds, paved recreational trails (approx. 5 miles total)

This is just one of several maps you can find on the Plano Parks & Recreation Website: [www.plano.gov/Departments/parksandrecreation/Parks/Pages/trail\\_maps.aspx](http://www.plano.gov/Departments/parksandrecreation/Parks/Pages/trail_maps.aspx)



## AUSTIN RANCH RECEIPTS CONTEST



Austin Ranch is having a contest! We want to encourage residents to take advantage of the Austin Square retail center. THE WINNING PRIZE IS \$600 OFF YOUR NEXT MONTH'S RENT.

To participate, all you have to do is shop at an Austin Ranch retailer and save your receipts. Then turn in your receipts and entry form by the first day of each month. Receipts must total at least \$200 and be within the same month (Austin Ranch Retailer receipts only). Then drawings are held on the 5th of each month and the winner announced on the 6th. This contest is only for Austin Ranch residents, and runs for a limited time; one winner drawn per month; each entrant is allowed to win only once throughout the duration of the contest.

The first drawing was April 5th. Winners are announced on our blog [[www.austinranch.wordpress.com](http://www.austinranch.wordpress.com)]. Shop at AFLAC, Boss Cleaners, Café Gecko, Classic Nails & Spa, down2earth, Market@The Square, Pure Tan Wellness & Med Spa, Reinvention Salon, State Farm Insurance, and Zen.

For more details, and to pick up entry forms, see the info at the Dry Creek Lodge leasing center. For info on our retail center, visit [www.austin-square.com](http://www.austin-square.com).

### AUSTIN RANCH SPECIALS

You'll notice that flyers are popping up on your front door. These flyers will announce retail specials from our Austin Square retailers. You will receive discounts, gift cards and coupons from our retailers just for being a resident at Austin Ranch.

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