



BUFFALO BAYOU PARK

NEW PARK FEATURES

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HIKE & BIKE TRAILS AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

With the reconstruction of the Sandy Reed Memorial Trail by the City of Houston and Texas Department of Transportation, bicycling along the bayou has become even more popular. To accommodate residents and visitors who want to enjoy a walk or jog, the asphalt Kinder Footpaths are located closer to the waterway. Download: [Buffalo Bayou Trail Guide](#).



Jackson Hill Bridge

Soaring a dramatic 40 feet above the bayou, this 345-foot-long pedestrian bridge near Jackson Hill Street connects with the existing bridge over Memorial Drive, providing access to Allen Parkway.

Carruth Bridge

The Carruth Bridge allows park users first-time access to the Houston Police Officers Memorial from other areas of the park.



ELEANOR TINSLEY PARK

With its sloping hills and deep ravines, Eleanor Tinsley Park is one of Houston's most popular outdoor spaces for recreation and gathering. Named in honor of the late City Councilmember and civic activist, Eleanor Tinsley, the park is home to the city's annual Fourth of July celebration and other large-scale festivals and events.

In 2014, the large, low open area extending toward downtown was transformed into the park's signature lawn and named the Bud Light Amphitheater. Additionally, the park received upgraded landscaping, redesigned parking spaces, an improved garden area and a trail with a direct connection to Sabine Promenade. Other points of interest are: Nau Family Pavilion, sand volleyball court, Hines Meadow and Jane Gregory Garden.



JOHNNY STEELE DOG PARK

One of Buffalo Bayou Park’s most active destinations is the Johnny Steele Dog Park, a two-acre site located near Allen Parkway and Montrose Boulevard. Features include large and small dog ponds, shade structures, water play features, a dog washing station, benches and drinking fountains (complete with spigots for dogs).



LUNAR CYCLE LIGHTING

Signature trail lighting designed by [L’Observatoire](#) and Stephen Korns, and only seen along Buffalo Bayou, has extended from Sabine Street Bridge to Shepherd Drive offering a beautiful view – as well as practical use – for trail users and also for vehicular traffic along Allen Parkway. The lights change from blue-to-white color in tandem with the phases of the moon.



GARDENS AND PLANTINGS

Buffalo Bayou Partnership has reintroduced native landscapes to restore diversity to the park’s riparian edge and in wetlands, rambles, woodlands, meadows, lawns and special perennial gardens. More than 14,000 trees will be planted throughout the park.

Two new gardens areas have also been added: at the Wortham Fountain area (at Allen Parkway between Montrose Boulevard and Waugh Drive) and at Lost Lake (at Allen Parkway and Dunlavy Street).



ART

It Wasn't a Dream, It was a Flood

John Runnels, 2014

Serving as a major entry point to the bayou at Crosby Outfall, this 20-foot stainless steel canoe sculpture by John Runnels is supported by two stainless steel trees. It resembles 10 other canoe sculptures located at various eastward bayou access points.



Monumental Moments

Anthony Thompson Shumate, August 2015

A series of six human-scale word sculptures placed at ground level in unexpected areas along the new bayou-side asphalt footpaths.



(exterior of the Wortham Insurance Visitor Center)



(Hobby Family Picnic Area)



THE WATER WORKS – coming Fall 2015

The Water Works at Sabine Street will be a new major destination and park entry point made possible by reclaiming a four-acre abandoned City of Houston water system site. Atop a partially buried water reservoir will be The Brown Foundation Lawn, a grassy plateau framed by trees. With the open-air Hobby Family Pavilion, this elevated site will be popular for performances and events. Visitors can also expect restrooms and a bike rental facility at the Wortham Insurance Visitor Center, food trucks in an entry court, and parking.

LOST LAKE – coming Fall 2015

Near Allen Parkway and Dunlavy Street, Lost Lake will feature lush wetland gardens surrounding a restored pond that is situated near a visitor center housing restrooms and paddle craft rentals.

This is also the location of *The Dunlavy*, the multi-purpose private event space under the development of [Clark Cooper Concepts](#), scheduled to open in Fall 2015. Clark Cooper Concepts will also provide park users *Grab and Go* counter service for breakfast and lunch, seven days a week.

NATURE PLAY AREA – coming Fall 2015

Near The Water Works and the [Lee and Joe Jamail Skatepark](#), the nature play area is designed to inspire a love of nature within children. The play area features include: a boulder rock scramble, a rolling lawn, a stream and waterfall, climbing logs and stones, and 33-foot slide. The most compelling component will be a tri-level tree house/boat deck with climbing net.

Parents will have access to parking, restrooms, park staff and the option of renting the play area’s picnic pavilion for special events and birthday parties.

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