# **Buffalo Bayou**

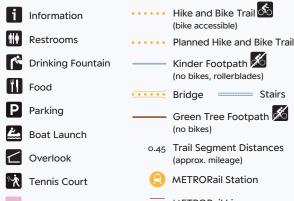
# Map and Guide

Buffalo Bayou has been integral to Houston's history since the city's founding in 1836.

Buffalo Bayou Partnership creates and stewards welcoming parks, trails, and unique spaces, connecting Houstonians with our city's most significant natural waterway. From caring for Buffalo Bayou Park and keeping the bayou trash-free to offering engaging public art and programming, BBP is reinvigorating Houston's iconic waterfront.

This map will guide you as you walk, run, cycle, paddle, and visit the many parks and historic sites along the bayou flowing from Shepherd Drive through the heart of downtown into the East End, and on to the Port of Houston Turning Basin. Enjoy exploring and discovering all Buffalo Bayou has to offer.

Learn more about Buffalo Bayou Partnership and how you can support our work at buffalobayou.org.



METRORail Lines

Audio Tour

6 am-11 pm (except as posted) 7 am-8 pm OTHER AREAS Dawn to Dusk

LIGHTED AREAS

Buffalo Bayou Park Hours

For visitor center hours and information.

visit buffalobayou.org or call 713.752.0314 x301.

JOHNNY STEELE DOG PARK

BARBARA FISH DANIEL

NATURE PLAY AREA

7 am-8 pm

(download at buffalobayou.org)



**Buffalo Bayou Park** 

1 Lost Lake at 3422 Allen Parkway

picnic area, and restrooms.

Lost Lake is on the site of a former pond that was lost in the

1970s when its dam across a natural ravine broke. The pond

was restored and the site includes food service, gardens, a

### 2 Waugh Bat Colony

Bat Colony

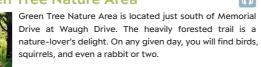
Every evening at sunset, more than 250,000 Mexican free-tailed bats emerge from crevices in the Waugh Drive Bridge. A large portion of the bat colony remains through the winter months, providing viewing opportunities on warm nights. Stop by and witness this amazing sight, and learn more about the bats through interpretive signage.

**3 Wortham Foundation Grove** 

Wortham Foundation

#### Affectionately known as the "Dandelion," the Gus S. Wortham Memorial Fountain's brass starburst of pipes sprays joggers, cyclists, and walkers offering a cool respite from the heat.

4 Green Tree Nature Area



### ohnny Steele Dog Park

5 Johnny Steele

Dog Park

Named by a special group of donors in honor of Johnny Steele, a highly regarded Houston landscape architect, this two-acre dog paradise features the Kinder Pond, washing area, and plenty of wide open space.

## 6 Houston Police Officers' Memorial

Jesus Bautista Moroles, 1991 Created to pay respect to the hundreds of police officers whose lives were lost in the line of duty, this large-scale, pyramid-shaped sculpture symbolizes a royal tomb. The Police Memorial and surrounding grounds, guarded 24 hours a day, are the site of an annual procession and wreath-laying ceremony.

Rosemont Bridge

Houston landscape architect Charles Tapley designed this inspirational site in the late 1970s featuring a bayou tributary, riparian plantings, granite steps, and seating areas. BBP later added a footbridge.

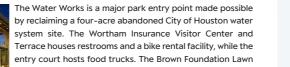
#### 8 Eleanor Tinsley Park

Washington Cemetery

his "park within a park" is named in honor of the late City Council Member and civic activist. Eleanor Tinsley. With its signature Bud Light Amphitheater lawn, Nau Family Pavilion, and sand volleyball court, the area is one of Houston's most popular outdoor spaces for recreation and relaxation.

Glenwood Cemetery

#### 9 The Water Works at 105 Sabine Street 🕠



is popular for performances and events. With the Barbara Fish Daniel Nature Play Area nearby, The Water Works is one of the park's most active destinations.

#### **Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern**

funded by The Brown Foundation

The Cistern was one of the City of Houston's early underground drinking-water reservoirs. Built in 1926, it provided decades of service until it was decommissioned. The 87,500-square-foot expanse includes 25-foot tall concrete columns set row upon row, hovering over water

on the reservoir's floor. In addition to tours highlighting the history and architecture of this unique industrial site, the Cistern houses periodic art installations presented by Buffalo Bayou Partnership. For a tour schedule and tickets, visit buffalobayou.org.

Eleanor Tinsley Park 8

N Memorial Way

to Sixth Ward

Tolerance, Jaume Plensa, 2011

Artwork 🕠

Allen Pkwv

**Houston Police** 

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Jane Gregory 2

Federal Reserve Bank

Spindle, Henry Moore, 1969

Shady Grove, Tim Bailey, 2002

Open Channel Flow, Matthew Geller, 2009

Down Periscope, Donald Lipski, 2015

Portrait of Houston: It Wasn't a Dream, It was a Flood, John Runnels, 2014

Monumental Moments, Anthony Thompson Shumate, 2015. located at six unexpected locations in park

### Lunar Cycle Lighting 🕠

9 The Water Works

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Designed by L'Observatoire and Stephen Korns, Buffalo Bayou's signature lighting transitions from white to blue as the moon waxes and wanes.

#### Rentals

Memorial Dr

Several locations along Buffalo Bayou are available to rent for large and small gatherings ranging from children's birthday parties to corporate events and weddings. Outdoor spaces include expansive lawns, covered pavilions, and performance stages, while the downtown Sunset Coffee Building includes an indoor venue, terraces, plaza, and a roof deck. For information visit buffalobayou.org/venue-rentals.

#### Support

Sabine Promenade 10

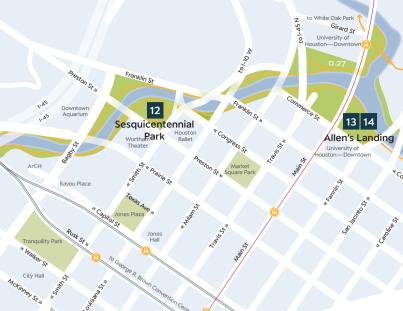
As a non-profit organization, Buffalo Bayou Partnership To make a donation (BBP) relies on support from individuals like you. or become a Member, Donations allow for the continued care of green spaces scan the QR code or such as Buffalo Bayou Park; clean up of the waterway; visit buffalobayou.org expansion of the hike and bike trail system; creation of new parks and destinations east of downtown; and the presentation of tours, wellness activities, public art, and recreational opportunities that enrich Houston's quality of life.

Sam Houston Park

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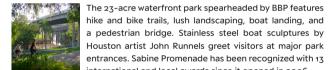
BBP also depends on dedicated volunteers to keep Buffalo Bayou's parks and trails clean, healthy, and beautiful. Lend a hand and help with weeding, removing litter and debris, and conservation activities. To volunteer as an individual (ages 9 and up) or if you are interested in bringing a group, please visit buffalobayou.org.



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# Buffalo Bayou Downtown

#### **10 Sabine Promenade**



ike and bike trails, lush landscaping, boat landing, and pedestrian bridge. Stainless steel boat sculptures by Houston artist John Runnels greet visitors at major park entrances. Sabine Promenade has been recognized with 13 nternational and local awards since it opened in 2006.

#### 11 Sam Houston Park



This historic park, created in 1899 by Mayor Sam Brashear, was meant to be an ideal Victorian garden. Today it is home to The Heritage Society, an organization devoted to preserving a collection of Houston's historic structures.

## 12 Sesquicentennial Park



The centerpiece of downtown's Theater District, this 22-acre park commemorates Houston's 150th birthday in 1986. Public art in the park includes Mel Chin's stainless steel pillars Seven Wonders and Dean Ruck's ceramic history photos. The 8-foot-tall bronze statue of former Secretary of State James Baker gazes across Buffalo Bayou at a similar statue of former

President George H.W. Bush. Both statues were created by North Carolina sculptor Chas Fagan.

### llen's Landing



As Houston's founding place and original port, Allen's Landing has unique historical significance. BBP revitalized the park, adding an entry plaza, wharf, and text art designed by local artist team ttweak. John Runnels' stainless steel boats also grace the entrances and the Lunar Cycle Lighting system adds to the splendor of this historic area.

#### 14 Sunset Coffee Building



In cooperation with its partner Houston First, BBP renovated the historic Sunset Coffee Building at Allen's Landing. The building houses BBP's offices, as well as an event space, rooftop terrace, and plaza that are available for private events. The Sunset Coffee Building was built in 1910 by merchant William D. Cleveland to

house his coffee roasting operation and as an annex to the 1880s William Cleveland and Son's building that housed his wholesale grocery and cotton trading business.

#### 15 James Bute Park



James Bute Park is the original site of Germantown and Frost Town, two early immigrant neighborhoods. In the 1970s, Houston artist Kirk Farris transformed the once abandoned site into a park named after an entrepreneur who lived nearby. A Texas Historical Marker displayed in the park officially designates Frost Town as a historic site.

#### 16 McKee Street Bridge



Painted aquamarine, purple, and lavender, McKee Street Bridge adds a splash of color to the bayou landscape. Local artist Kirk Farris is responsible for transforming the bridge that was built in 1932 into a piece of public art.

# **Buffalo Bayou East**

Traveling east along Buffalo Bayou's hike and bike trails, visitors enter one of our city's most historic areas. In 1914, the Houston Ship Channel opened to deep water navigation. The channel, in combination with the railroads, transformed the area into the industrial heart of Houston. Buffalo Bayou Partnership is now working to deliver significant components of its Buffalo Bayou East Master Plan by 2032 including parks and trails, dynamic cultural destinations, affordable housing, infrastructure improvements, and connections into the Greater East End and Fifth Ward communities. Please check buffalobayou.org for the latest news on construction and closures throughout this area.

### 17 Guadalupe Plaza Park



This City of Houston park features green space, a splash pad, trails, and a boat dock alongside historic elements mportant to the East End community including the Azios' amily fountain and Ely Escobar memorial tree along with historic columns reminiscent of Mexico City's colonial

#### 21 Lockwood on Buffalo Bayou



On this site near Tony Marron Park, BBP and partners have created mixed-income housing surrounded by park space. For more information about Lockwood on Buffalo Bayou visit vingonbuffalobayou.com

#### **lorthside Sewage Treatment Facility**

#### Not publicly accessible



Harvey Wilson Dr

Northside Sewage

Treatment Facility

Lockwood on

Buffalo Bayou

Decommissioned more than 20 years ago, much of the Northside Sewage Treatment Facility's infrastructure remains. Aeration and settling tanks, compressor rooms, as well as original pipes and valves are intact. BBP envisions redeveloping the site into a major, regional destination.

#### 23 Turkey Bend



This dramatic former industrial site along Navigation Boulevard at a stretch of the bayou called Turkey Bend will become a unique recreational and cultural destination.

warehouse along with a public plaza. In the coming years, visitors will be able to congregate and relax along the waterfront wharf where boating and other activities will be offered.

#### **24** Yolanda Black Navarro



This 10-acre park features ponds, native plantings, nterpretive displays, and trails. BBP is working on connecting Yolanda Black Navarro Buffalo Bend Nature Park to the City of Houston's Hidalgo Park to the east.

**Buffalo Bend Nature Park** 

#### 25 Hidalgo Park



Best known for its historic gazebo and statue of Father Miguel Hidalgo, this East End site near the Port of Houston Turning Basin is popular for its playground and water play station. The landmark gazebo was completed in 1934 by designer and builder Vidal Lozano and features textured concrete artistry made to resemble tree timbers, a roof to represent shingles, and a ceiling thatch.

#### rning Basin



In 1837, the Allen brothers arranged for the Constitution, a 150-foot steamboat, to visit Houston to dispel doubts about the bayou's navigability. Not being able to turn around once it reached its destination, the boat backed down the bayou until it reached a wide enough bend. Dubbed Constitution Bend, the site is now the Port of Houston Turning Basin.

# Buffalo Bayou Partnership

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Port of Houston

Turning Basin

expand the City of Houston's Tony Marron Park from 19 to 40 acres. The enhanced park will become the open space anchor for the area, providing a wide range of amenities for residents including improved soccer fields, a play area, barbecue pavilion, and venues for special events and festivals.

Tony Marron

## 20 Japhet Creek Park

19 Tony Marron Park

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Japhet Creek is a bayou tributary stretching north, deep into the Fifth Ward neighborhood. BBP is revitalizing this historic tributary with a native prairie, creekside nature trail, landscaping, lighting, and by 2027, a bayou-crossing pedestrian bridge connecting to Tony Marron Park on

Several remnants of the East End's industrial past can

be found along the hike and bike trails. Just east of

Jensen Drive you will discover massive concrete gravel

important interpretive landscape elements, but the canvas

As part of the Buffalo Bayou East Master Plan, BBP will

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