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About SMGA

We work to create and conserve an interconnected system of parks and natural areas for the community of San Marcos and future generations. Our non-profit, all-volunteer organization survives on the membership dues, donations, grants, brain, and brawn of people who value the natural world. **Join SMGA** for as little as \$5 at www.smgreenbelt.org and learn about events we sponsor, including trail-building projects and hikes in this and other local natural areas.



About Prospect Park & Purgatory Creek Greenspace

Prospect Park and Lower Purgatory (about 141 acres) sit on a porous section of the Edwards Aquifer. Juniper groves, meadows, ephemeral wetlands, and oak mottes co-exist in Prospect Park. Upper Purgatory (about 323 acres) includes upland meadows and canyon bluffs of 40 feet or more, dense juniper thickets, and champion oaks. Several areas in the park are habitat for golden-cheeked warblers and black-capped vireos. *Some areas border unfenced, private properties. Do not cross fences except the one in the lowland area near the creek bottom.*

Alert: Beginning November 2008 construction of the Wonder World Drive Extension may block the connection between upper and lower Purgatory. Construction should be complete by November 2010. Construction activity will occur near the spillway and along the entrance road to upper Purgatory. Improvements to upper Purgatory's entrance are not likely until the roadway construction is substantially complete.

Directions to Prospect Park & Lower Purgatory: From downtown San Marcos, take W Hopkins St. to N Bishop St. Turn west on Bishop and left on Prospect St. Go 2.5 blocks to dead end. Park on street near kiosk to your right.

Directions to Upper Purgatory: From downtown San Marcos, take W. Hopkins St. to Bishop St. and turn west. Drive 0.9 miles on Bishop and turn left on Franklin St. Stay on Franklin for 4 blocks to end, where you'll see a green City Greenspace sign. Follow green signs to parking area.

Preserve the peace, the quiet, and the place...

- Take only photos, leave only footprints.
- Park open sunrise to sunset (curfew applies after sunset).
- Keep dogs on a leash and remove their waste.
- Campfires, glass containers, motor vehicles, weapons, horses, and camping are not permitted.
- Stay on established trails on public property.
- Bicycles yield to hikers; refrain from biking on muddy trails.

Report problems to San Marcos Parks & Recreation at (512) 393-8400. Emergencies call 911.

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