

You may encounter some of our local native animals, plants, trees, or wildflowers. Though not all-inclusive, the lists below may help you identify many of them.

<b>Mammals</b>	
Armadillo	Fox, Red & Grey
Bats	Opossum
Beaver	Raccoon
Bobcat	River Otter
Coyote	Skunk
Cottontail Rabbit	Texas Jack Rabbit
Fox Squirrel	Vole

<b>Trees</b>
Ashe juniper
Black walnut
Bur oak
Cedar elm
Cottonwood
Elbow Bush
Elm
Hackberry
Possum haw
Live Oak
Mexican plum
Osage orange
Pecan
Possum haw
Post oak
Red oak
Sycamore
Wafer ash
Water oak
Yaupon holly

<b>Wildflowers</b>
Antelope-horn
Baby blue eyes
Bitterweed
Blue-eyed grass
Black-eyed susan
Evening primrose
Frostweed
Goldenrod
Indian blanket
Indian mallow
Indian paintbrush
Ironweed
Lace cactus
Lazy daisy
Mealy blue sage
Mexican hat
Prairie verbena
Prickly pear cactus
Purple coneflower
Purple horsemint
Rain lily
Snow on the mountain
Sunflower
Texas bluebonnet
Texas frog-fruit
Texas parsley
Texas star
Texas thistle
Turk's cap
White prickly poppy
Wild onion
Wild honeysuckle
Winecup

<b>Grasses</b>
Buffalograss
Bushy bluestem
Little bluestem
Silver bluestem
Inland seaots
Yellow indiagrass
Eastern gamagrass
Sideoats grama
Blue grama
Hairy grama

<b>Snakes</b>
➤ 16 snake species are known to be in this area
➤ Only 2 are dangerous, IF handled, stepped on or cornered; do not kill unless human life is threatened. Diamondback Rattlesnakes have rattles or a stubby tail; Coral Snakes have red bands next to yellow.

Some birds and butterflies are here just in the summer and others just in the winter. We are fortunate to be located in a major migratory path for both. We have identified over 200 bird species and over 70 species of butterflies here in Sun City. Some of the ones most likely to be seen are listed below.

<b>Birds</b>	
American Crow	Harris's Sparrow
American Goldfinch	Hermit Thrush
American Robin	House Finch
Barn Swallow	House Sparrow
Bewick's Wren	Killdeer
Black Vulture	Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Black-chinned Hummingbird	Lesser Goldfinch
Black-crested Titmouse	Lincoln Sparrow
Blue Jay	Mourning Dove
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Northern Cardinal
Blue-headed Vireo	Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher	Orange-crowned Warbler
Carolina Chickadee	Painted Bunting
Carolina Wren	Pied-billed Grebe
Cave Swallow	Purple Martin
Cedar Waxwing	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Chimney Swift	Red-shouldered Hawk
Chipping Sparrow	Red-tailed Hawk
Cooper's Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Crested Caracara	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Double-crested Cormorant	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Downy Woodpecker	Spotted Sandpiper
Eastern Bluebird	Spotted Towhee
Eastern Meadowlark	Summer Tanager
Eastern Phoebe	Turkey Vulture
Eastern Screech-Owl	White-crowned Sparrow
Field Sparrow	White-eyed Vireo
Fox Sparrow	White-throated Sparrow
Golden-crowned Kinglet	White-winged Dove
Great Blue Heron	Wild Turkey
Great Crested Flycatcher	Wood Duck
Great Egret	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Great Horned Owl	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Greater Roadrunner	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Green Heron	

<b>Butterflies</b>	
Pipevine Swallowtail	Texan Crescent
Black Swallowtail	Pearl Crescent
Giant Swallowtail	Phaon Crescent
Tiger Swallowtail	Question Mark
Checkered White	Mourning Cloak
Falcate Orangetip	Painted Lady
Orange Sulphur	Red Admiral
Juniper Hairstreak	Common Buckeye
Gray Hairstreak	Goatweed Leafwing
Gulf Fritillary	Hackberry Emperor
Variagated Fritillary	Common Wood Nymph
Horace's Duskywing	Monarch
Queen	Fiery Skipper

## About the Nature Trails

The Nature Club worked closely with Del Webb to layout and design the original nature trails.

**Berry Creek Trail** trailheads are at the Legacy Hills Park Pavilion and the White Wing Bridge. This trail weaves through a native pecan grove and past a meadow. Listen for a frog symphony from the Lily Pad Spur and try to find the horseshoe at Horseshoe Spur. Continue past the mustang grapes and sycamores to a scenic bluff. Cowan Creek's spring-fed waters keep our lake full in the summer when Berry Creek dries up. The trail's many benches provide wonderful views and rest stops.

**Berry Creek Park Trail**, on Sun City Blvd. at Ronald Reagan. A wide pleasant loop on mulched flat land.

**Blue Heron Trail**, along this trail the solitary and stoic Great Blue Heron can often be seen feeding at the dam. Notice the low-lying terrain along the creek, trees with exposed root systems, and the many wildflowers in the spring and autumn. You can visit *Double Dog* and *Smoke Signal* caves that were carved out of the limestone many years ago that have metal gratings. Enter from: 1) Goldenrod Street or 2) Legacy Hills Park or 3) south-east of the bridge on Del Webb Blvd.

**Mockingbird Trail**, named after the Texas state bird, aptly named for the many birds that can be sited on this wide mulched flat land trail. Park on Texas Drive and cross Sun City Blvd.

**Quarter Moon Trail**, named for the cave located near the end of the trail. Beginning on Rio Grande Loop at Sun City Blvd, this trail meanders through large exposed limestone outcroppings. Numerous prickly pears provide colorful yellow flowers in the spring and the stark possumhaw has bright red berries in the winter. This trail is much wider than other trails so that groups of nature lovers can walk together identifying or admiring the flora and fauna. Large stones have been placed along the trail as convenient resting places.

**Tranquility Trail**, is perhaps the most peaceful of our trails. It is our most isolated and most challenging trail and a rocky pathway. It begins on Lone Star Drive near the #14 tee of Legacy Hills Golf Course and follows Berry Creek to a low water crossing. Following a short, steep climb, Summit Circle will take you to one of the pinnacles of the Sun City property where the elevation is marked and you overlook the development and to a wooden deck built on the bank overlooking the creek. This is a great place to catch up on your reading in solitude or to do some bird watching.

- **Bonita Loop** off Tranquility Trail is marked with stones to guide you an additional 0.8 miles through level, but slightly rocky, Hill Country terrain.
- **Bur Oak Trail** off Tranquility Trail winds through lush woodlands and tree-shaded meadows along Berry Creek on level, slightly rocky terrain. (April 2016)

## Sun City Texas Nature Trails & Walking Paths

**Please respect the trails & be safe:**

- Pick up after your dog
- Stay on prepared trails
- No bicycles or golf carts
- Do not walk alone & carry ID badge

**Trail difficulty rating:**

1. Easy trail – on pavement
2. Moderately easy – natural surface, no difficult hills
3. Moderate – natural surface, some difficult hills
4. More difficult – rough surface and/or steep inclines
5. Very difficult – rough trail, steep hills, only for those in good physical health

	<i>Distance</i> <i>(round trip)</i>	<i>Difficulty</i>
<b><u>Nature Trails</u></b>		
Berry Creek	3.5 mi.	2
Berry Creek Park	0.3 mi.	2
Blue Herron	1.2 mi.	2
Mockingbird Trail	0.75 mi.	2
Quarter Moon	1.6 mi.	2
Tranquility	1.5 mi.	3
- Bonita Loop	0.8 mi.	2
- Bur Oak Trail	1.6 mi.	2
<b><u>Granite Trails</u></b>		
Village Center	0.8 mi.	2
Whispering Wind	0.8 mi.	2
<b><u>Concrete Paths</u></b>		
Del Webb Blvd	1.9 mi.	1
Sun City Blvd	3.9 mi.	1
Cool Spring Way	0.8 mi.	1

**If you encounter a snake on the trails or at home:**

1. Admire it from a distance.
2. Remove children and pets from the area.
3. Please leave harmless, beneficial snakes in your landscape.

**If the snake is at your home & you feel it is dangerous, call for FREE removal!**

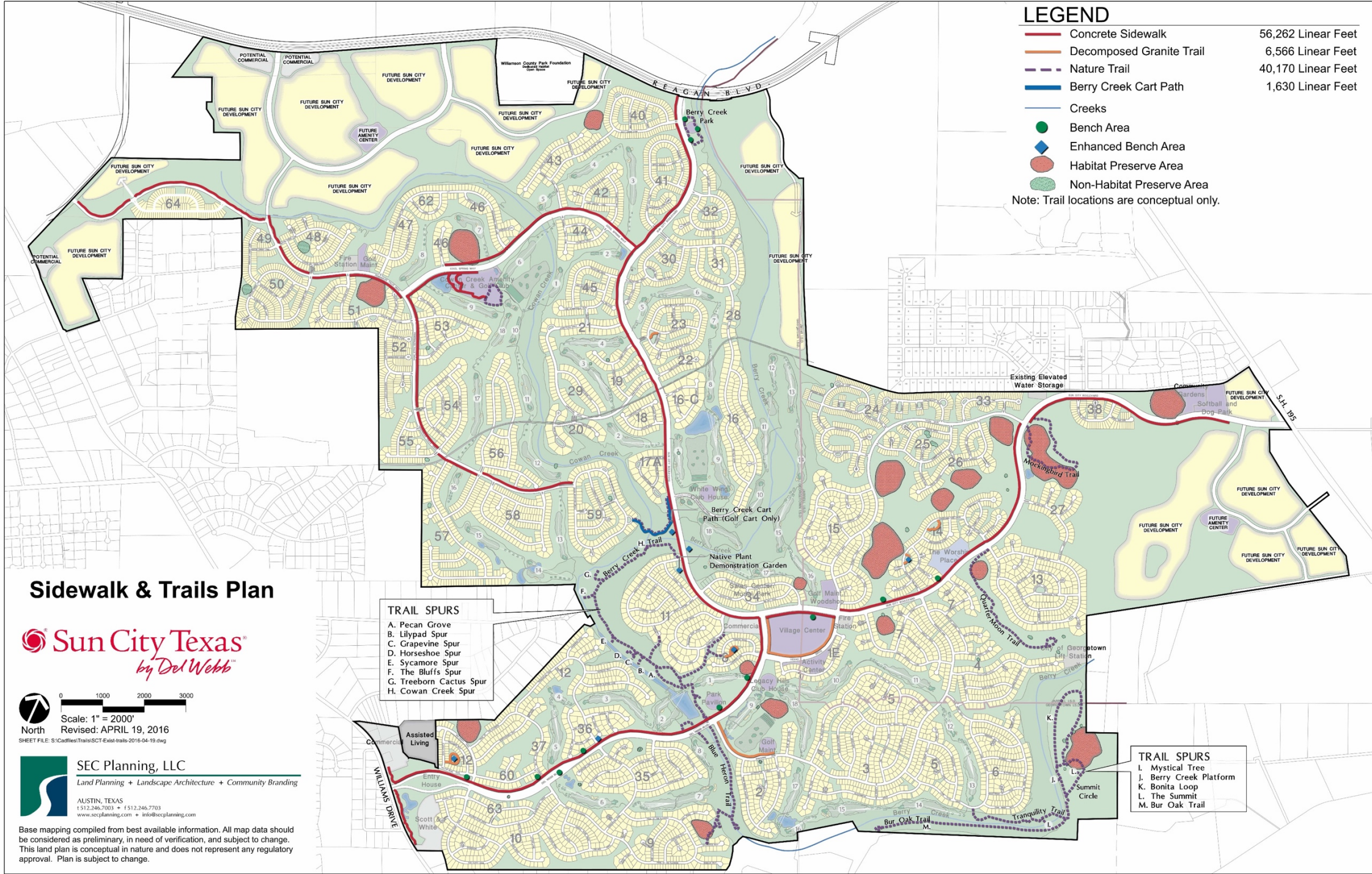
Jim Christiansen 512-868-3504, Joe Moore 512-639-8319, John Leek 713-825-0145, Joe Plunkett 774-226-0810, Steve Kelley 512-639-0539 or City of Georgetown Animal Control 512-930-3592.

***Killing dangerous snakes puts the inexperienced in harm's way – contact those above who have the experience and equipment to remove it safely.***



# LEGEND

- Concrete Sidewalk 56,262 Linear Feet
  - Decomposed Granite Trail 6,566 Linear Feet
  - Nature Trail 40,170 Linear Feet
  - Berry Creek Cart Path 1,630 Linear Feet
  - Creeks
  - Bench Area
  - ◆ Enhanced Bench Area
  - Habitat Preserve Area
  - Non-Habitat Preserve Area
- Note: Trail locations are conceptual only.



## Sidewalk & Trails Plan



Scale: 1" = 2000'  
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Base mapping compiled from best available information. All map data should be considered as preliminary, in need of verification, and subject to change. This land plan is conceptual in nature and does not represent any regulatory approval. Plan is subject to change.

- TRAIL SPURS**
- A. Pecan Grove
  - B. Lilypad Spur
  - C. Grapevine Spur
  - D. Horseshoe Spur
  - E. Sycamore Spur
  - F. The Bluffs Spur
  - G. Treeborn Cactus Spur
  - H. Cowan Creek Spur

- TRAIL SPURS**
- I. Mystical Tree
  - J. Berry Creek Platform
  - K. Bonita Loop
  - L. The Summit
  - M. Bur Oak Trail