

Park facilities range from trails to tennis courts

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The Parks and Recreation Battalion Staff in College Station can provide an adventurous student with something to do on a lazy Saturday afternoon.

The 22 park sites, totaling approximately 268 acres, range from undeveloped areas with nature trails to areas with recreational facilities such as tennis courts and swimming pools.

Parks and Recreation Director Steve Beachy said a \$3 million five-year bond for park development and land acquisition was approved by voters this year. Approximately two-thirds of the bond will be used for development of the land, he said.

Beachy said a rough schedule of development for the land has been drawn up. Part of the schedule includes adding facilities on three neighborhood parks per year, he said.

After five years, Beachy expects voters to approve another bond for park development. "They (voters) usually approve two- or three-year bonds, but this time they decided to do it all in five years," he said.

A list of parks with their facilities is as follows:

Anderson Park located on Anderson Street has an unlighted baseball field, several little league soccer fields and a ¼-mile jogging trail.

Bee Creek Park located on Anderson Street has two lighted tennis courts, four lighted soccer fields, an Olympic-size swimming pool with bathhouse, a playground, several picnic tables, a covered pavilion and an arboretum with nature trails and jogging trails. A plant guide to the arboretum can be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Office at 1000 Elenor St. for 50 cents.

Brentwood Park is an undeveloped park with a one-acre pond. **Brother's Pond** is also an undeveloped park with large trees and a small pond.

Central Park has five soccer fields, four baseball backstops and an open play area.

Dexter Park is an open play area with a foot bridge. It is basically undeveloped park.

Eastgate is one acre of undeveloped open land. **Fairview** located on Fairview Street has one unlighted baseball field.

Georgie K. Fitch is 11.30 acres of undeveloped land with large trees.

Holik Park is undeveloped open space with few trees and a partially drained pond.

Krenek Tap Park located near the East Bypass has four soccer fields, three soccer fields, 10 picnic tables, nature trails and an open play area.

Lincoln Center located on Elenor Street has several facilities including a judo room, game room, a gymnasium, meeting room, one lighted multi-use court, one lighted softball field, two baseball backstops and restrooms. The Parks and Recreation office is located on this property.

Lion's Park located on University Drive has two picnic tables, multi-use court and one playground.

Longmire Park is approximately four acres of undeveloped land with large trees.

Merry Oaks is also undeveloped, but has a small creek. **Oaks Park** located on Harvey Road has one covered pavilion, one lighted multi-use court, restrooms, ¼-mile jogging court, picnic tables and two party areas. The Arts Council of Brazos in conjunction with the City of College Station, sponsors free summer concerts here.

Parkway park has one playground and is located on South Parkway.

Raintree Park is two acres of undeveloped land. **Southwest Park** is also undeveloped with little vegetation.

Wayne Smith Park located near Wellborn Road and Jersey Street has one lighted baseball field, one concession stand, restrooms and two junior baseball fields.

Thomas Park located near Dominik Street has two playgrounds, picnic tables, three baseball backstops, two unlighted tennis courts, two little league soccer fields and a 25-meter neighborhood swimming pool. The bathhouse is under construction.

Welsh Park is 10 acres of undeveloped land with few large trees.

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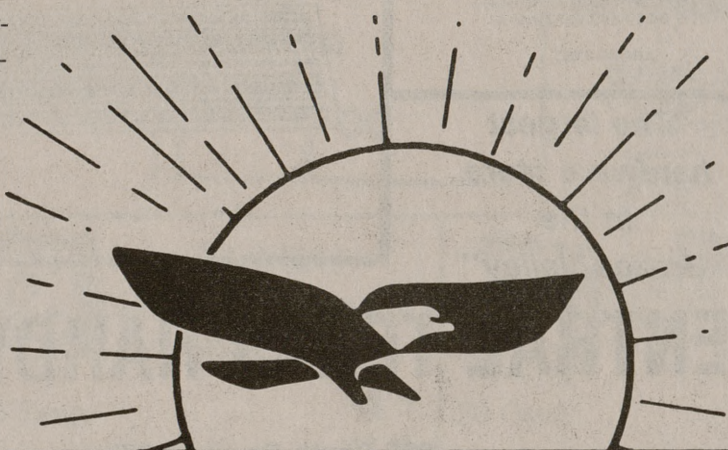
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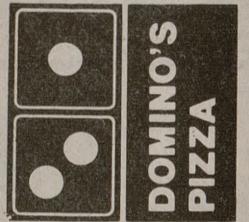
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