

Baby Scoop Austin's Favorite Parks, Part 1



Mayfield Park

This park and preserve is a favorite for nature walks and picture taking. Located at 3505 W. 35th, next to the Laguna Gloria Museum, Mayfield Park is covered with old trees, rocky pathways, small ponds and the surprise of large peacocks that roam the property. You can stay on the main property and explore, or walk down nature trails for more adventure. Be warned, the mosquitoes also like this park. Wear bug spray! For more info visit, <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/mayfield.htm>.



Triangle Park

Nothing fancy or new, but a great neighborhood park for play-dates, this park is literally in a triangle between Winsted, Marganita Crescent and Tower streets in Tarrytown. This park offers a huge area for running, playing and flying kites, as well as a small creek that runs through the park. Two small playground areas are connected by a sidewalk path which includes a bridge over the creek. One of the playscapes, shaded by trees at certain times, caters more to toddlers while the other is geared for big kids. There is one infant swing, and one swing that accommodates special needs and pre-schoolers.



“Unofficially named” Town Lake Park

This year-old park (that is still awaiting a formal name) is perfect for strollers, joggers, and tricycles, because it's covered in pathways. Smaller children love the smooth surface for Big Wheels or Plasma cars. Although there isn't a playscape in site, children can run through the “dancing” fountains of water. Bring a towel and water shoes for safe play. With miniature hills for kids to run up and down, it makes a great park to release energy before dinner out with the kids downtown. The only downside is the lack of trees, bring sunscreen and hats!



Ramsey Park

This park takes up an entire city block in the heart of the Rosedale neighborhood, bordered by 43rd Street, Rosedale Avenue, 44th Street, and Burnet Road. Recently remodeled, this park offers two large playscapes, one for babies and toddlers and the other for big kids. With two sets of swings, four infant and four “big kid”, no one will have to share the swing set. The larger playscape has climbing walls and tunnels. There is plenty of room to run, and several picnic tables are available, including two in the shade. A very steep and narrow metal slide is leftover from the prior play

areas, and is a little scary for small children, but school age kids love the thrill! For more info go to <http://rosedale-na.org/about.php>

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