

Public Access Rules

1. No pets or other domesticated animals
2. No food or beverages on preserve (water is allowed)
3. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
4. No camping
5. No smoking, vaping, or use of e-cigarettes
6. No fire or fireworks
7. No caving/tampering with caves
8. No firearms or archery equipment
9. No hunting or fishing
10. No removal or destruction of natural resources
11. No littering

Groundwater Conservation

A **recharge zone** is a land surface area where precipitation and surface water are able to enter the aquifer. These areas are incredibly important for groundwater conservation and are sensitive to surface pollution. Gay Ruby Dahlstrom Nature Preserve lies entirely within the recharge zone of Barton Springs. Dye tracing has shown us that water entering the caves, faults, and fractures in this zone flows out of Barton Springs within a few days. Thus, the creation of this nature preserve allows for the protection and management of a valuable recharge zone.



Gay Ruby Dahlstrom Nature Preserve

Trails Map

LEGEND

- VISITOR CENTER
- PARKING
- BENCH
- RESTROOMS
- INFORMATION
- TRAILS/RULES SIGN
- TRASH RECEPTACLE
- 1 EMERGENCY RALLY POINT

Primitive Trails

ADA Trail



Armadillo Trail

(2.0 miles)

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Cicada Trail

(0.75 miles)

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Prickly Pear Trail

(0.75 miles)

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