

# Limestone Link Natural Area



Antelope-horns milkweed and Common buckeye butterfly. Photo by Jennifer M. Ramos



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**Welcome to the 102-acre Limestone Link Natural Area!** The mile long Limestone Link Trail is a natural surface trail connecting the Ringtail Ridge and River Recharge Natural Areas. This historic ranch property lies on the eastern front of the Balcones Fault Zone. It contains fault features such as a small “sink” and Edwards limestone-exposed slopes. Experience the natural beauty of this Central Texas Hill Country landscape, from spring wildflowers and clusters of native cacti in the open meadow, to sculptural karst rock formations, and seasonal migratory birds.

**Enjoy the Trail!**



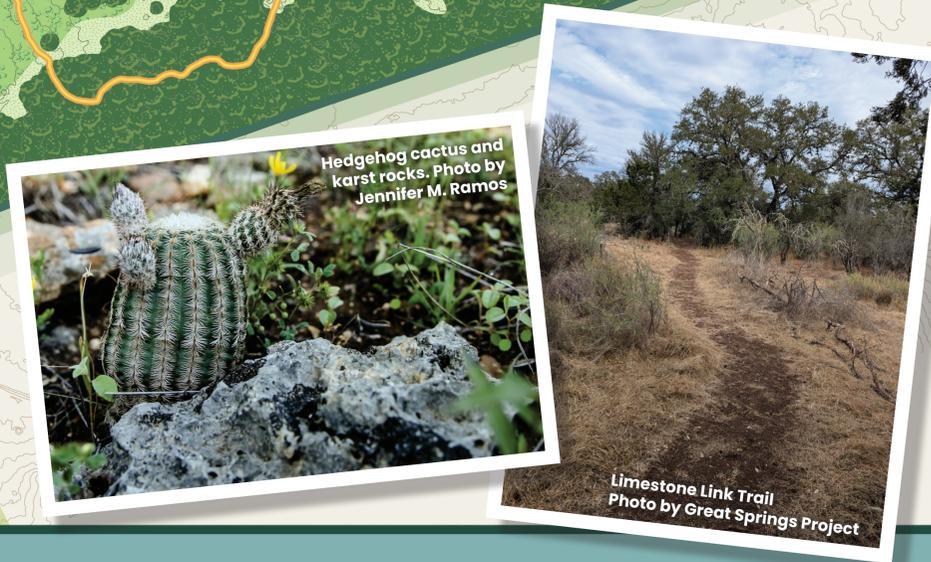
Cedar waxwing (migratory). Photo by Great Springs Project



**Limestone Link Natural Area (Hays County)**

**Ringtail Ridge Natural Area (City of San Marcos)**

**River Recharge Natural Area (City of San Marcos)**



Hedgehog cactus and karst rocks. Photo by Jennifer M. Ramos

Limestone Link Trail Photo by Great Springs Project

## Natural Area Rules

- ◆ Park is open from dawn to dusk.
- ◆ Stay on established trails on public property.
- ◆ Keep dogs on leash and pick up after pet.
- ◆ Avoid hiking and biking on muddy trails.
- ◆ Bicycles, please yield to hikers.
- ◆ Camping, campfires, glass containers, motorized vehicles, horses and weapons are NOT permitted.
- ◆ Take only photos and leave only footprints.
- ◆ Enjoy your time in nature!

Thank you to the residents of San Marcos and Hays County who voted “yes” for the Hays County Parks & Open Space Bond in 2020. These public funds were used in part to establish this Natural Area. Thanks to the people and organizations who dedicated time and resources to the protection of Limestone Link, especially San Marcos River Foundation and Curtis and Kristi Elsik. Special thanks to G.P. “Buzz” Avery, Tracy DiLeo, Deborah Morin and other conservation investors, whose vision and investment secured the preservation of this special place.

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