

SUN CITY TRAIL ROUTES

Sun City Hiking Club
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OFFICIAL TRAILS IN THE SUN CITY TRAIL SYSTEM

Berry Creek Cart Path: 0.65 mile (out-and-back)
Berry Creek Park: 0.38 mile (loop)
Berry Creek Trail: 2.5 miles (out-and-back, without spurs)
Berry Creek Trail: 3.5 miles (out-and-back, with all spurs)
Blue Heron Trail: 1.2 miles (out-and-back)
Bonita Loop: 0.8 mile (loop)
Bur Oak Trail: 1.8 mile (out-and-back)
Cowan Creek Amenity Center Nature Path: .26 mile (loop)
Mockingbird Trail: 0.75 mile (loop)
Quarter Moon Trail: 1.6 miles (out-and-back)
Tranquility Trail/Summit Circle: 1.5 miles (out-and-back)
Hidden Ravine Natural Area Trails: 4+ miles

DEPARTURE POINTS

Cowan Creek Pavilion
Legacy Hills Pavilion
Lone Star Dr.
White Wing Complex
Sun City Park (Community Gardens/Softball Field/Dog Park)
The Worship Place

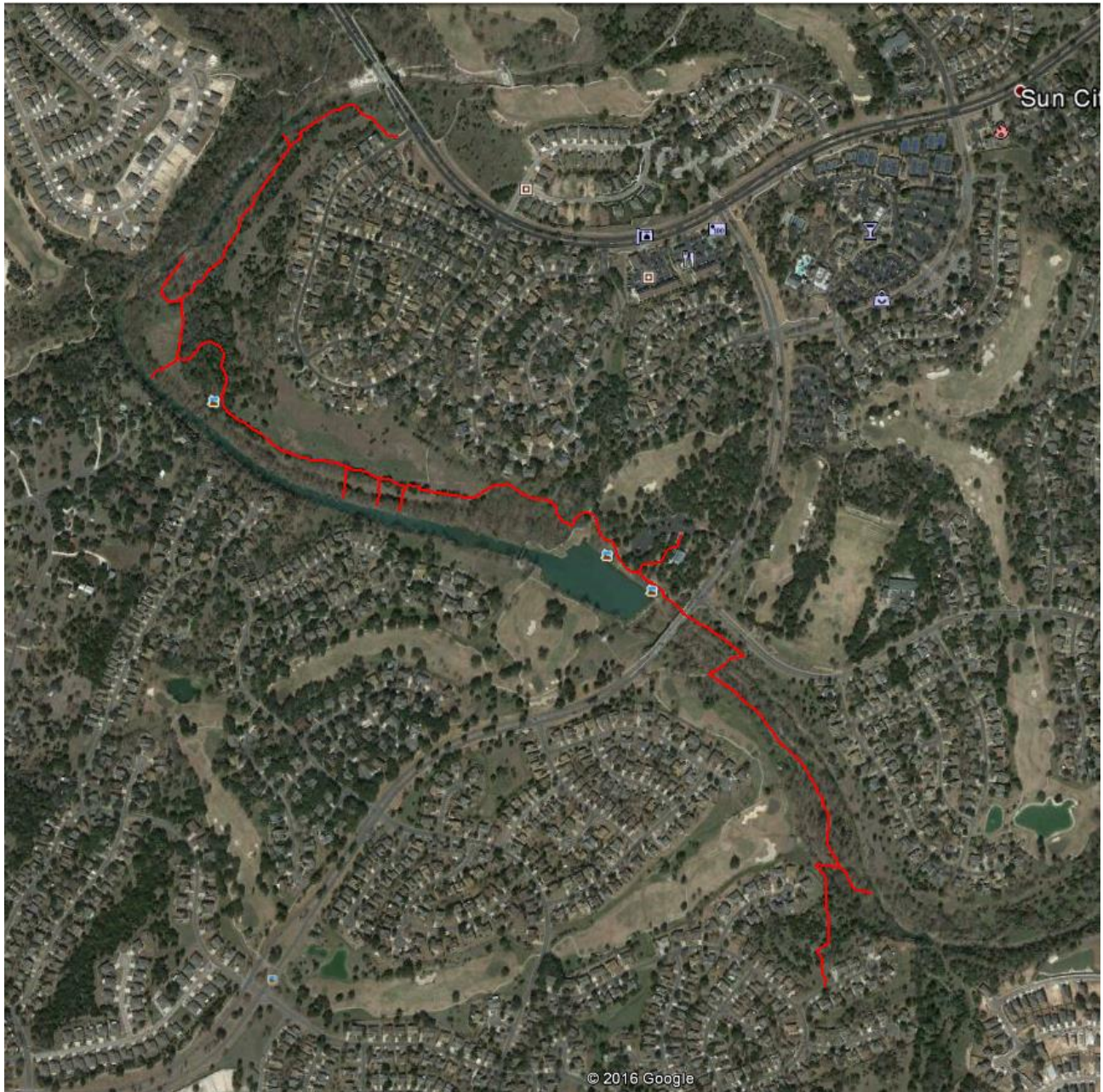
SUGGESTED ROUTES

FROM LEGACY HILLS PAVILION

Route A: Berry Creek and Blue Heron Trails

From Legacy Hills Pavilion, along Berry Creek Trail (including Lily Pad, Grapevine, Sycamore, The Bluffs, Horseshoe/Treeborn Cactus and Cowan Creek Spurs) to trail's end at Great Frontier Dr.; then back to LHP area and continuing under Del Webb Blvd. and across golf cart path over Berry Creek; then along Blue Heron Trail to trail's end at Goldenrod Way (including spur to Berry Creek); then back to LHP:

4.4 miles



Route B: Berry Creek and Getaway Trails

From Legacy Hills Pavilion, along Berry Creek Trail (including Barndance Cove, Lily Pad, Grapevine, Sycamore, The Bluffs, Horseshoe/Treeborn Cactus and Cowan Creek Spurs), to trail's end at Great Frontier Dr.; then across bridge on Sun City Blvd. to Dove Hollow; then left and downhill on Berry Creek Cart Path (out-and-back); then return to Dove Hollow intersection at Sun City Blvd; then right on Sun City Blvd to Rodeo Way; then right on Rodeo Way to entrance to Getaway Trail; then along spur to Verbena Dr. (out-and-back); then along Getaway Trail to Berry Creek main trail; then left to LHP:

4.1 miles

4.2 miles: add a stop at *City Market* (out-and-back)

4.5 miles: add a stop at White Wing Complex (out-and-back)

4.5 miles: add a detour under Del Webb Blvd. to golf cart crossing at Berry Creek (out-and-back)



Route C: Berry Creek Trail to Berry Creek Park

From Legacy Hills Pavilion, along Berry Creek Trail (including Lily Pad, Grapevine, Sycamore, The Bluffs, Horseshoe/Treeborn Cactus and Cowan Creek Spurs) to trail's end at Great Frontier Dr; then across bridge on Sun City Blvd. to Dove Hollow; then left and downhill on Berry Creek Cart Path (out-and-back); then return to Dove Hollow intersection at Sun City Blvd; then left on Sun City Blvd. to Berry Creek Park and around loop; then return to LHP via Berry Creek Trail:

7.9 miles

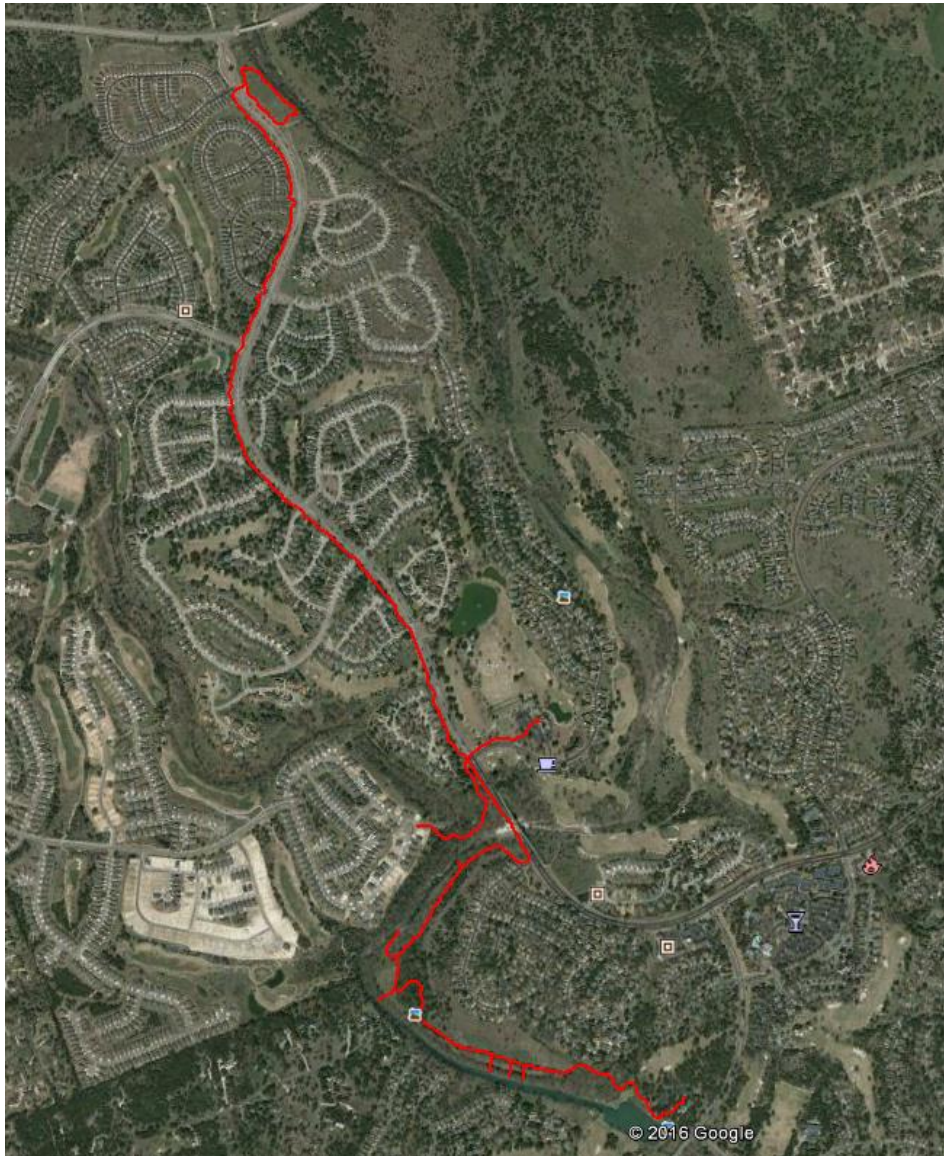
7.5 miles: eliminate spurs off Berry Creek Trail

7.2 miles: eliminate Berry Creek Cart Path

6.8 miles: eliminate both spurs off Berry Creek and Berry Creek Cart Path

4.0 miles: Legacy Hills Pavilion to end of Berry Creek Cart Path at Davis Mountain Circle (out-and-back)

Note: a detour to White Wing Complex increases the distance by 0.4 mile (out-and-back)

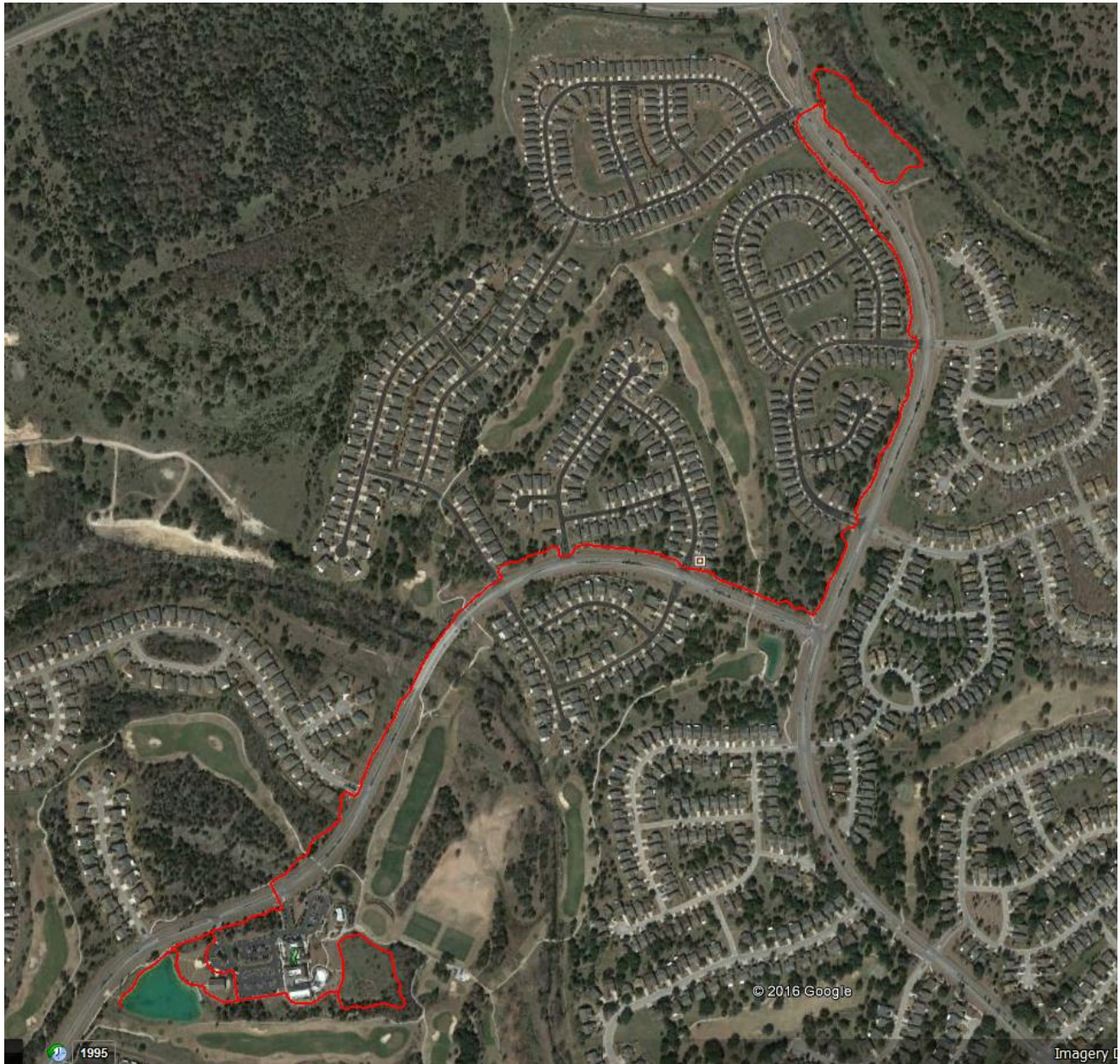


FROM COWAN CREEK PAVILION

Route E: CC Amenity Center to Berry Creek Park

From Cowan Creek Pavilion, to and around CC Amenity Center nature loop; then back to CCP and along fishing pond path to end; then along Cool Springs Dr. to Sun City Blvd.; then left on Sun City Blvd. to Berry Creek Park and around loop; then return to CCP:

4.3 miles

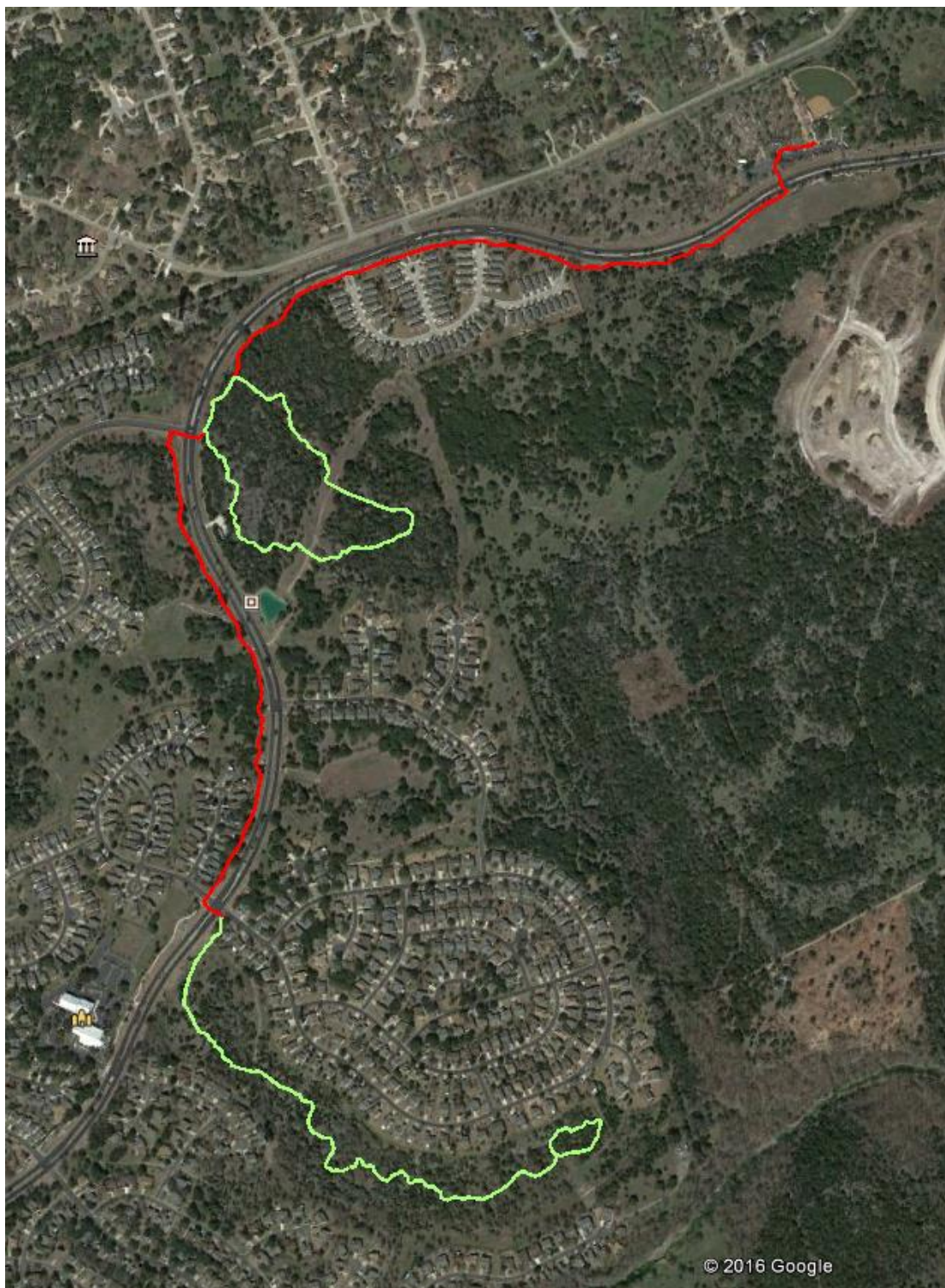


FROM SUN CITY PARK

Route F: Mockingbird and Quarter Moon Trails

From Sun City Park, along Sun City Blvd. to Mockingbird Trail and around loop; then along Sun City Blvd. to Quarter Moon Trail (out-and-back); then return along Sun City Blvd. to Sun City Park:

5.1 miles



FROM LONE STAR DRIVE

Route G – Tranquility, Summit Circle, Bonita Loop and Bur Oak Trails

From Tranquility Trail trailhead on Lone Star Drive, across concrete bridge at Berry Creek; then along both Summit Circle and Bonita Loop; then along Bur Oak Trail (out-and-back); return to Tranquility Trailhead on Lone Star Drive:

4.0 miles



FROM WHITE WING COMPLEX

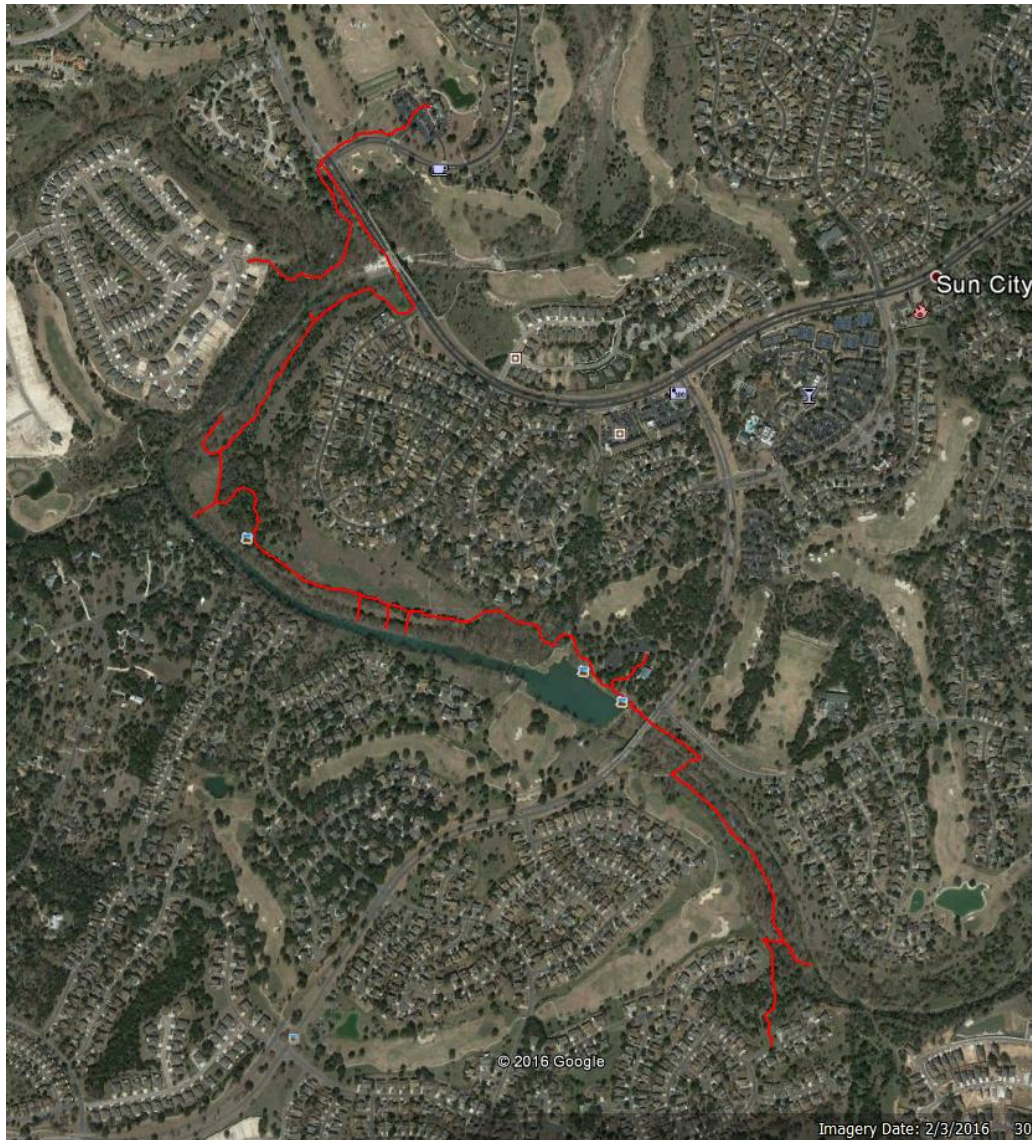
Route H: Berry Creek and Blue Heron Trails

From White Wing Complex, along Dove Hollow to Sun City Blvd; then across street and downhill on Berry Creek Cart Path (out-and-back); then return to Dove Hollow intersection at Sun City Blvd; then right on Sun City Blvd to Great Frontier Dr. trailhead; then along Berry Creek Trail (including Lily Pad, Grapevine, Sycamore, The Bluffs, Horseshoe/Treeborn Cactus and Cowan Creek Spurs) to Legacy Hills Pavilion; then under Del Webb Blvd. and over concrete golf cart crossing at Berry Creek; then along Blue Heron Trail to trail's end at Goldenrod Way (including spur to Berry Creek); then back to LHP; then return to White Wing Complex along Berry Creek Trail.

6.0 miles

5.3 miles: eliminate Berry Creek Cart Path

4.9 miles: eliminate spurs along Berry Creek Trail



Route I: HIDDEN RAVINE NATURAL AREA

Enjoy over four miles of nature trails within 100 secluded acres. Trails range from Easy/Moderate to Difficult. Use this color-coded Trail Map for reference. Note that trails are reserved for Sun City residents and guests.

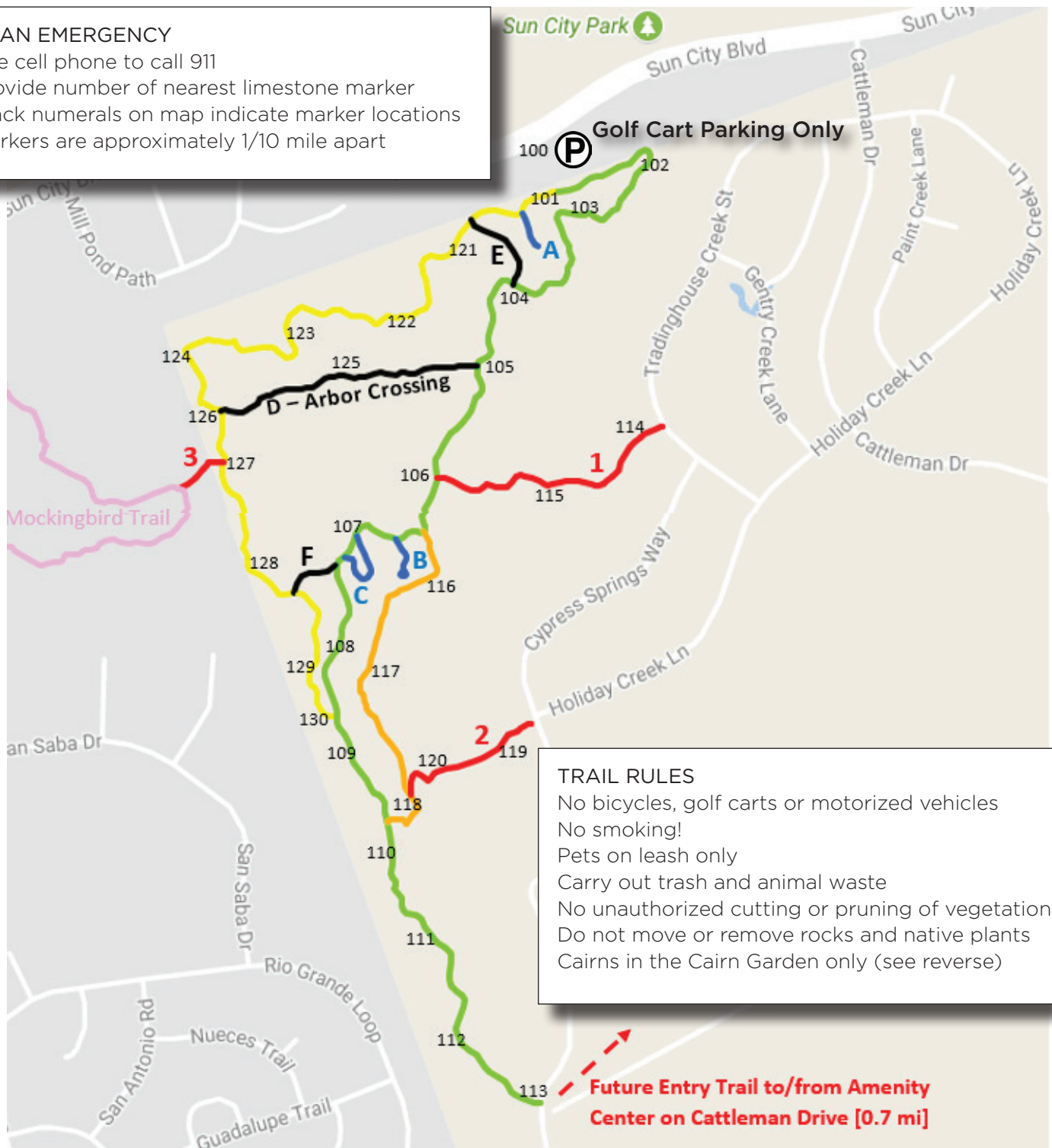
Remember you are sharing habitat with birds, insects, snakes, deer and other creatures of the wild. Carry a cell phone and ample drinking water. Tread at your own risk.

REPORT TRAIL CONDITIONS

Report conditions affecting the safety and beauty of the Hidden Ravine Natural Area by referencing the nearest numbered marker and sending a message/photograph to: capandg@sctexas.org

IN AN EMERGENCY

Use cell phone to call 911
Provide number of nearest limestone marker
Black numerals on map indicate marker locations
Markers are approximately 1/10 mile apart



TRAIL RULES

No bicycles, golf carts or motorized vehicles
No smoking!
Pets on leash only
Carry out trash and animal waste
No unauthorized cutting or pruning of vegetation
Do not move or remove rocks and native plants
Cairns in the Cairn Garden only (see reverse)

NATURE TRAILS

Main Trails: Woodland Trail [1.1 mi]; Meadow Trail [0.8 mi]

Entry Trails: Tradinghouse (1) [0.22 mi]; Cypress Springs (2) [0.13 mi]; Mockingbird Trail (3) [230 ft]

Scenic Trails: The Grove (A) [150 ft]; Cascade View Spur (B) [140 ft]; Ravine View Loop (C) [340 ft]

Rugged Trail: East Ravine Primitive Trail [0.31 mi]

Connector Trails: Arbor Crossing (D) [0.22 mi]; Crossover (E) [400 ft]; Crossover (F) [240 ft]

HIDDEN RAVINE NATURAL AREA TRAIL ROUTES

To reach the Hidden Ravine Natural Area (HRNA) trailhead entrance: (1) either park in the designated golf cart parking lot on Sun City Blvd. at the south end of the retention pond, near marker 100; or (2) park at Sun City park, then carefully cross Sun City Blvd. and walk south along the sidewalk to the golf cart lot. (*Note: There is no crosswalk from Sun City Park across Sun City Blvd. If you choose to cross the roadway you do so at your own risk.)



Choose between two main arterial trails (Woodland Trail or Meadow Trail) which run north to south through the natural area. Customize your route to include such highlights as the Cascade View Spur, the

Ravine View Loop and The Grove. Use two short connector paths or the shaded Arbor Crossing to access and move between the eastern and western sections of the HRNA. Include the East Ravine Primitive Trail if you enjoy rugged, rocky terrain. Consider a detour onto the Mockingbird Trail via its entry trail or explore the Tradinghouse Creek and Cypress Springs Way entry trails that lead to adjacent neighborhoods.



Scenic locations in the HRNA can be experienced on an easy two-mile route that includes a stop at The Grove, an amble along Arbor Crossing and overlooks on the Cascade View Spur and Ravine View Loop. A moderate four-mile route includes all trails in the HRNA except for the rugged East Ravine Primitive Trail, while a more rigorous five-mile route incorporates the primitive trail. A detour to adjacent Mockingbird Trail increases any of these route distances by 0.8 mile.



Hidden Ravine Cascade

Special Features of Hidden Ravine Natural Area

CAIRN GARDEN

Visit the Cairn Garden near Marker #115 on the Tradinghouse entry trail to stack your own rock creation or to view the collection of unique cairns built by fellow Sun City residents.

NATIVE WILDFLOWER BED

During warm weather months, stop by Marker #101 to admire a selection of Texas plants which occur naturally within the Sun City trail system.

REST AREAS

Stop to rest at hand-crafted benches located on Cascade View Spur and Ravine View Loop as well as near Markers #101, #106, #110, #124, #125 and #127. Plan a picnic at shaded rustic tables nestled in The Grove.

Refer to the trail map on the reverse page to estimate distances and plan your route.

