

# Trinity River National Water Trail Task Force

April 10, 2024



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# Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome & Meeting Purpose
2. State of the Trail
3. What's Next for the Water Trail
4. Carrollton's Park Amenity Fund
5. Lake Ray Hubbard Paddling Loop Update
6. Master Plan Update
7. Roundtable
8. Upcoming Events & Opportunities



# Welcome & Meeting Purpose

Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition



Rivers are a natural environment and constantly changing. Please check the local river gauges for current flow conditions. If you have questions, corrections, or updates to this map, email Teresa at [teresa@trinitycoalition.org](mailto:teresa@trinitycoalition.org).



KEY	
	Launch Site
	Trinity River
	Park
	Airport



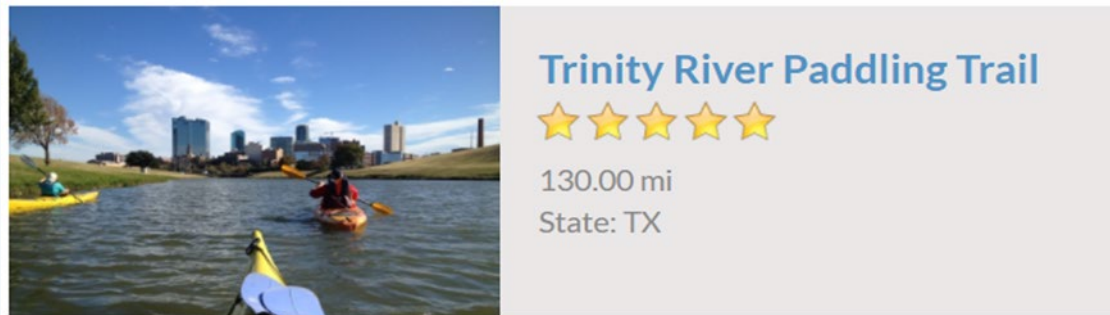
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# State of the Trail

*Dale Harris & Teresa Patterson, Trinity Coalition*

# Trinity River National Water Trail

- One of 35 in the nation
- [www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm)
- Select “Find Your National Water Trail”
- Select “Trinity River Paddling Trail”



# Trinity River National Water Trail

- 130 miles with 21 official launch sites
- Traverses 9 municipalities including Dallas and Fort Worth and as far north as Lewisville
- All but two sections are 4-6 miles in length, one section is 12 miles and one is 24 miles





# Trinity River National Water Trail

New launch sites (in various stages of planning) will shorten some of the longer distances:

- Beltline Road in Grand Prairie
- Viridian Development in Arlington
- Trinity View Park in Irving - internal construction plan review in May
- Riverside Park in Fort Worth - included in TRWD Master Plan
- Gateway Park (1<sup>st</sup> St) - included in TRWD Master Plan



# Trail Status

Currently 20 out of 21 launch sites are open

- Loop 12 closed - flood damage and safety concerns
- River Legacy is showing deteriorating
- Trash boom stretching across the river at I-35 and Elm Fork



*Night paddle at Panther Island, Fort Worth*

# Special Events

## River Cleanups:

- April 13 - TCC Students
- April 25 - Match Group Corporate River Cleanup
- May 11 - Cottonwood Creek Cleanup with KGPB
- May 18 - Freese and Nichols
- June 15 - Mountain Creek Lake Cleanup with KGPB



# Special Events

Other:

- April 20 - Earth Day Celebration in Grand Prairie
- May - Paddle Party Demo Day at Panther Island Beach



# Trail Usage

- This quarter the trail has been usable for the most part Jan 1 to Apr 4
- River flow >3,000 CFS twice, but only for a few days
- Downed tree between Hebron and McInnish Park washed downstream



*Fort Worth Nature Center – Teresa showing a customer how to get into their kayak*

# User-Friendly Water Trail Information

- ▶ Trinity Coalition Web Site: <https://trinitycoalition.org/>
- ▶ Water Trail Information: <https://trinitycoalition.org/paddling-trail>
- ▶ Interactive Map: <https://trinitycoalition.org/launch-sites-map>
- ▶ Water Levels: <https://trinitycoalition.org/water-levels>



Trail Information



Launch Sites Map



Water Levels

# User-Friendly Water Trail Information

- Trinity Coalition Facebook Page / trail information and status  
<https://www.facebook.com/trinityrivercoalition>
- Trinity River Paddling Trail Association FB Group Page / 1,900+  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/638530459657010>
- Trinity Coalition Meetup Page / 4,000 paddlers





# TRINITY COALITION



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Water  
District





PADDLESPO RTS

at

**Panther Island**

# Panther Island

## The heart of the Trinity in Fort Worth



# Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> Season on the River



# Cowtown Great American Cleanup



# An Ichthyofaunal Survey of the Trinity River in Downtown Fort Worth

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2. Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, TX

## INTRODUCTION



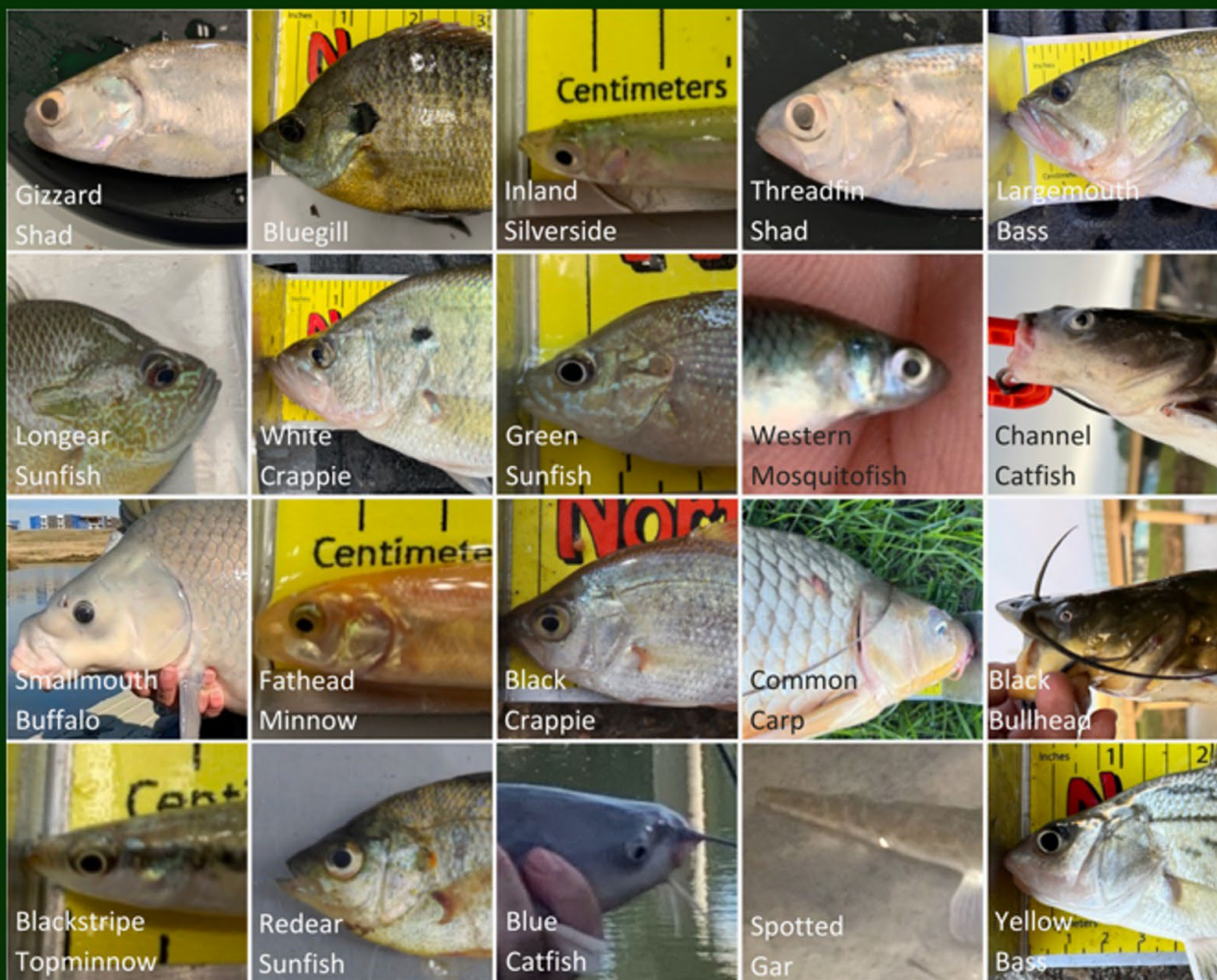
- The Texas Academy of Biomedical Sciences is an Early College High School within Tarrant County College at the Trinity River Campus
- Confluence of the West Fork and Clear Fork of the Trinity River adjacent to campus
- Panther Island Pavilion – recreational area
- Students fish after school and on field trips



## METHODS

- Students fishing with rod and reel
- One-meter hoop traps
- Seine/dip/cast nets
- Length and weights recorded
- Select species marked for population analysis

# 20 Species Downtown Fort Worth



## RESULTS

Species	N	Mean length (cm)	Mean weight (g)
Gizzard Shad	72	10.24	11.63
Bluegill	51	8.96	24.25
Inland Silverside	36	7.21	2.18
Largemouth Bass	19	17.50	212.11

## DISCUSSION

- Fish diversity higher than expected
- Shad are prominent forage species
- Authentic research experience for secondary students



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We thank the Texas Academy of Biomedical Sciences, Tarrant County College, Tarrant Regional Water District and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



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WHERE I LIVE

## Where I Work: Her office is the banks of Fort Worth's Trinity River

By the FWR staff | Apr 16, 2024 5:12 pm



Teresa Patterson, the parks trail manager for the Trinity Coalition, helps Watauga Creek Collegiate High School Green Club members out of a canoe during a river cleanup on March 20, 2023. (Cristian Argueta/Staff | Fort Worth Report)



By Teresa Patterson

I have the best office view in all of Fort Worth, and I don't even have a corner office. My office is on the river. To be precise, my office for most of the year is either in my kayak guiding people on the river or in my trailer on the edge of the river.

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# What's Next for the Water Trail

*Steve Smith, Trinity Coalition*

# Trinity River Nature-Recreation Area

*The largest collection of nature-experiences of any urban area in the world*





## **Geography:**

The Upper Trinity River, located downstream from Lake Worth and Lewisville Lake and ending in southern Dallas County

## **Nature-experiences:**

- National Water Trail - 21 canoe/kayak launch sites, with 130 miles of river
- Hike/Bike Trailheads - 36 trail sections each linked between public parks with total trail distance of over 100 miles
- Mountain Bike Trails - 10 mountain bike networks containing 113 mountain bike trails
- Nature Centers - 14 nature centers with 100 miles of hiking trails covering approximately 10,000 acres of nature
- Golf Trail - 21 public golf courses that touch the Trinity River

## **Access:**

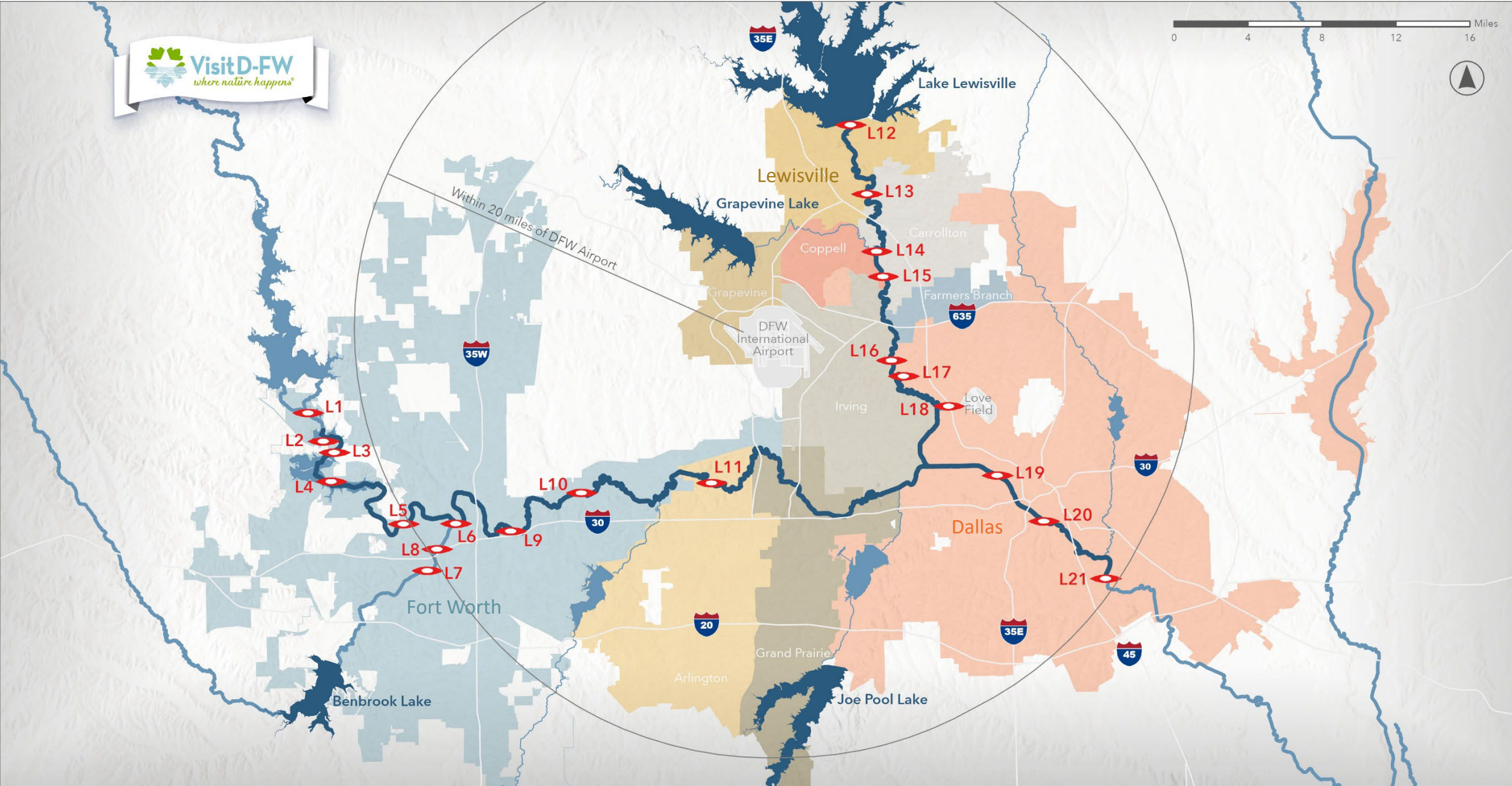
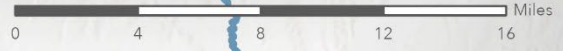
1,800 flights per day

- DFW International Airport
- Love Field

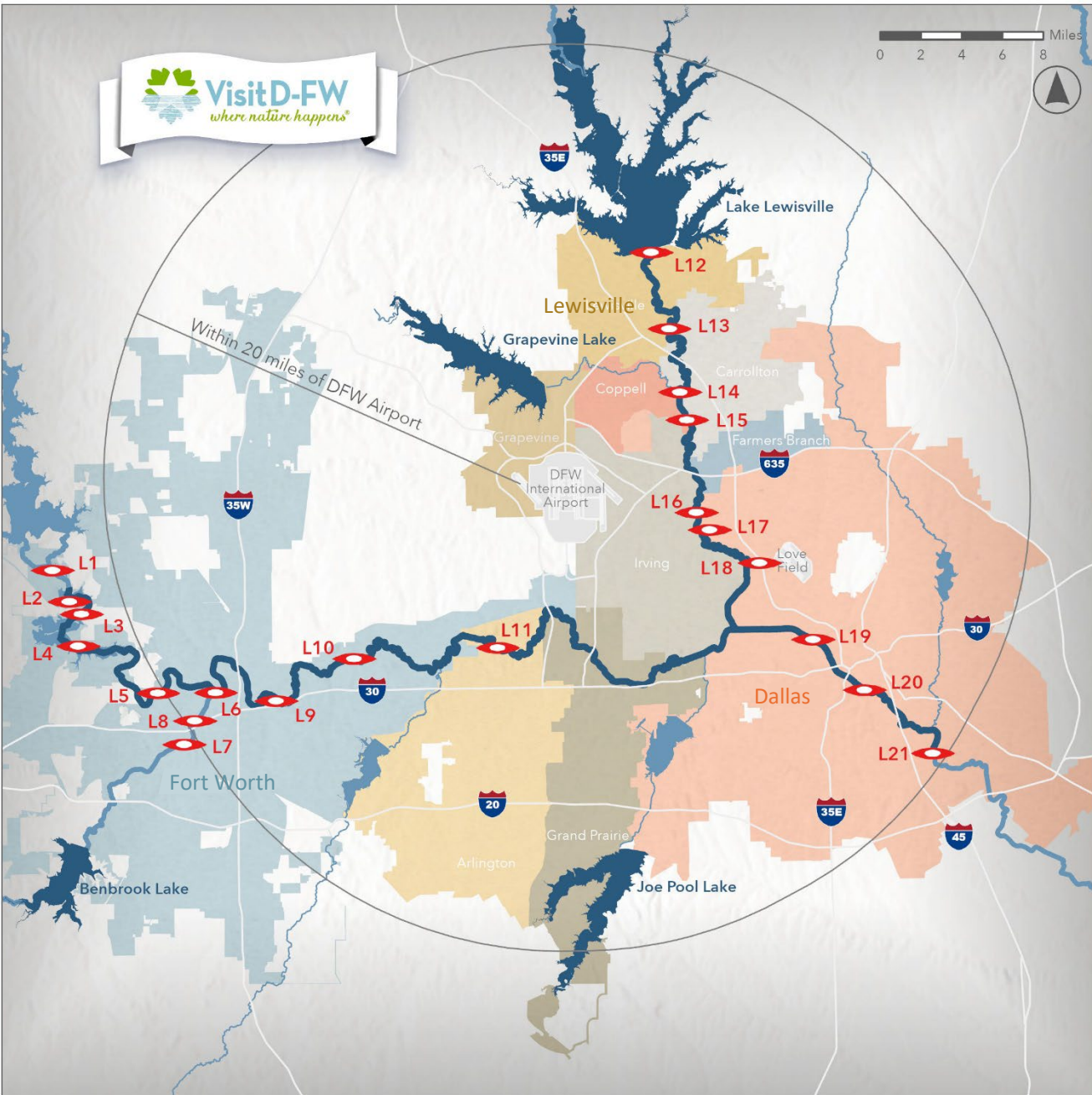
# TRAIL MAPS

# TRINITY RIVER NATIONAL WATER TRAIL

- Launch Site
- River
- National Water Trail
- Lake
- Road
- Tributary
- USACE lake



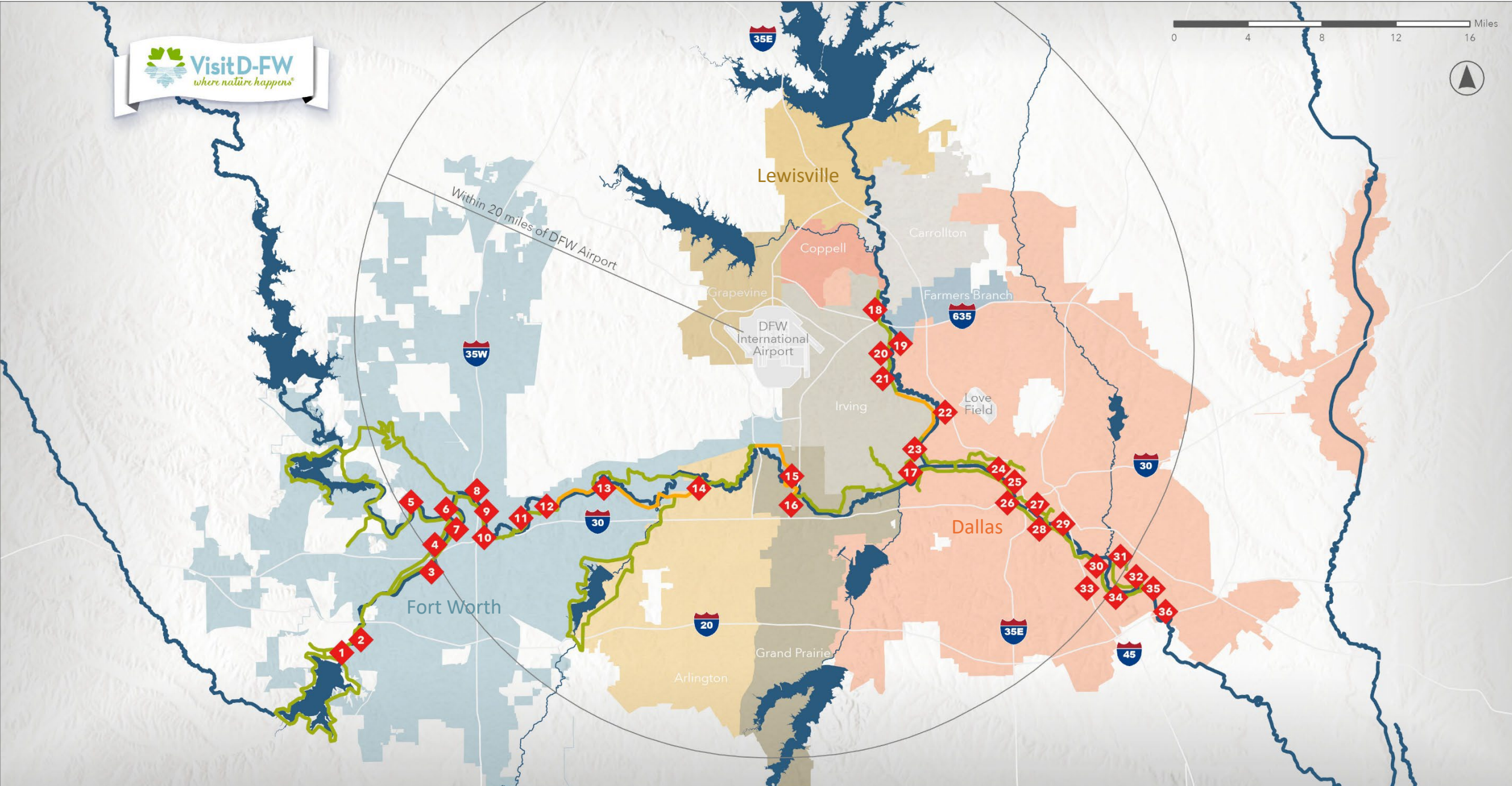
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Number	Name	Location	Type	Restroom	Length (mi.)	Obstacles
L1	Ft. Worth Nature Ctr.	Ft. Worth	Floating dock	Yes	2.7	No
L2	Ft. Worth Nature Ctr.	Ft. Worth	Gravel bar	Yes	1.7	No
L3	Casino Beach	Ft. Worth	Boat ramp	Yes	3.5	No
L4	Arrow Park South	Ft. Worth	Boat ramp	Yes	8	5 dams
L5	White Settlement Rd.	Ft. Worth	Rock steps	No	4.5	No
L6	Panther Island	Ft. Worth	Sandy beach	Yes	7	4 dams
L7	Rogers Rd.	Ft. Worth	Grassy bank	No	1.5	2 dams
L8	Trinity Park	Ft. Worth	Sloping sidewalk	No	1.8	2 dams
L9	Beach St.	Ft. Worth	Sloping sidewalk	No	6.7	1 dam
L10	Handley-Ederville	Ft. Worth	Rock steps	No	14	No
L11	River Legacy Pk.	Arlington	Concrete platform	Yes	24	Debris
L12	LLELA	Lewisville	Grassy/pebble slope	No	6	Big log
L13	Hebron Pkwy.	Lewisville	ADA platform	No	5	No
L14	Mcinnish Pk.	Carrollton	Concrete platform	No	1.6	Dam/pipe
L15	Dimension Tract	Carrollton	Stone steps	No	6.4	No
L16	Birds Fort Pk.	Irving	Concrete ramp	Yes	2	Dam
L17	California Crossing	Dallas	Concrete ramp	No	5.5	No
L18	Frasier Dam Rec. Ar.	Dallas	Gravel bank	No	8.3	Large dam
L19	Trammell Crow Pk.	Dallas	Boat ramp	No	3.7	No
L20	Moore Pk.	Dallas	Dirt ramp	No	6	Utility pipe
L21	Loop 12	Dallas	Boat ramp	No	End	Debris on ramp

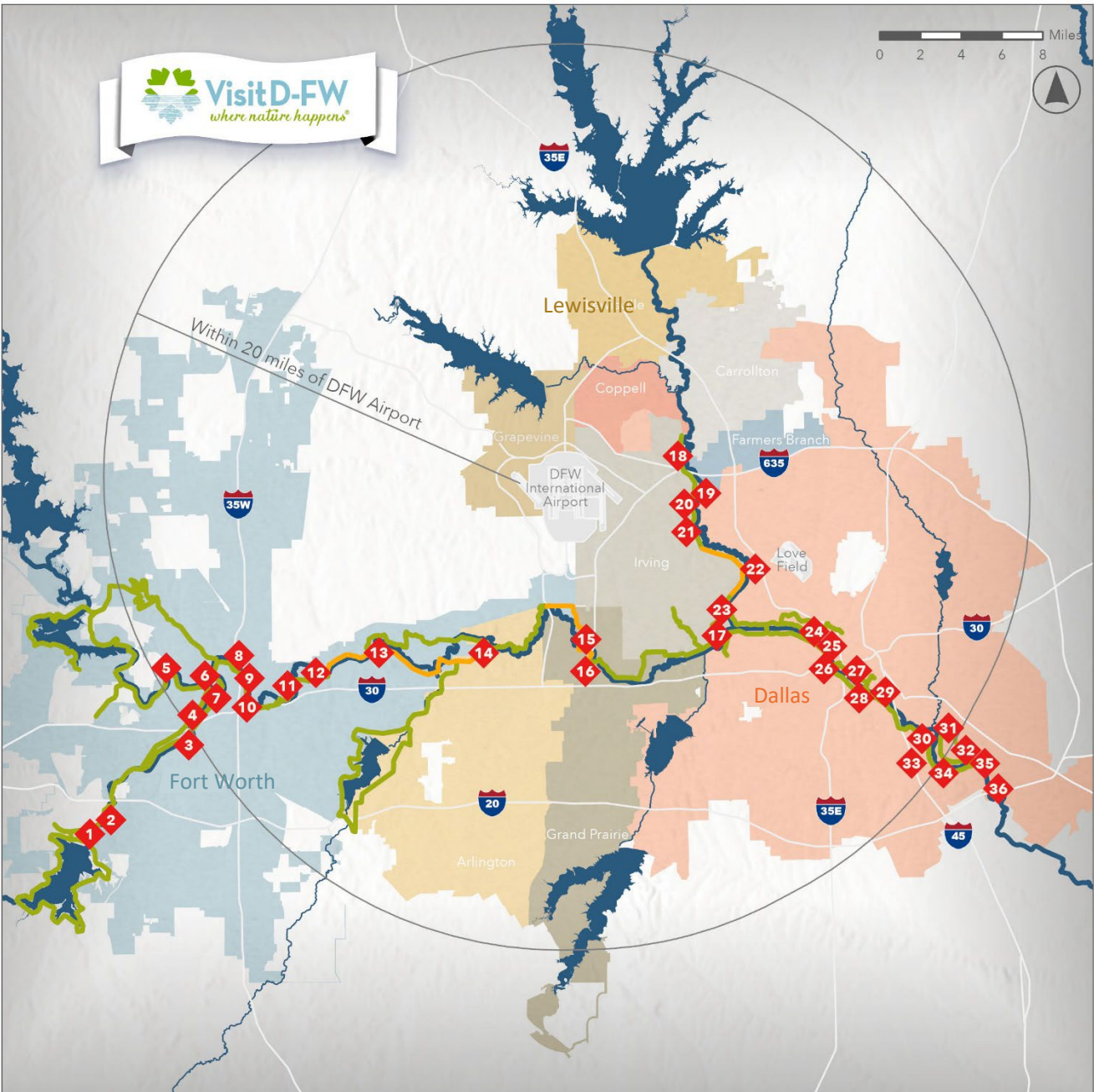
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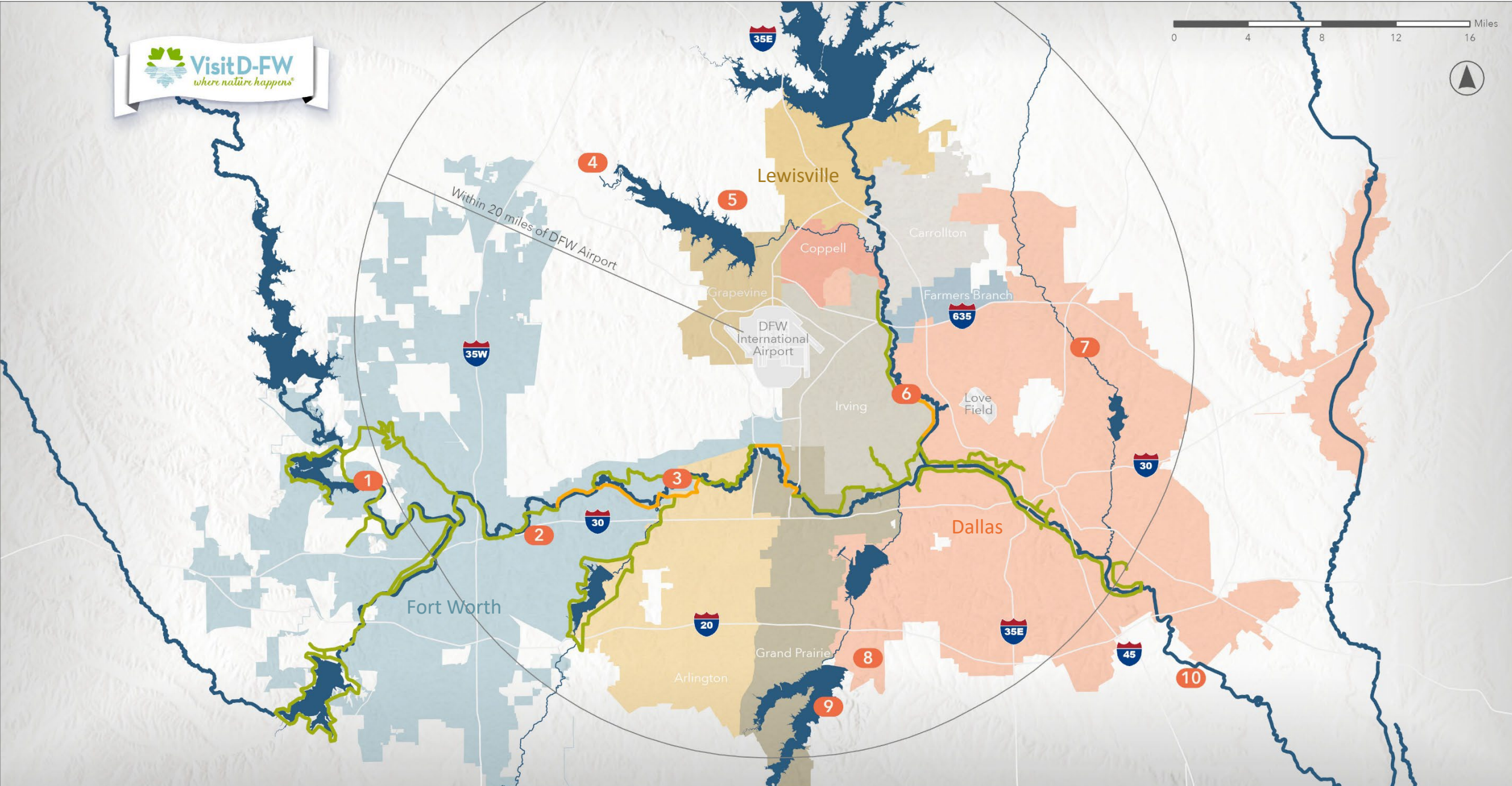
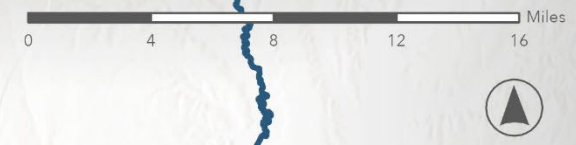
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No.	Park Name	Location	Size (ac.)	Restroom	Picnic	Playground	Trail Name	River Branch
P1	Pecan Valley	Fort Worth	25	Yes	No	No	Trinity Trail	Clear Fork
P2	Oakmont	Fort Worth	127	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	Clear Fork
P3	Forest	Fort Worth	121	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	Clear Fork
P4	Trinity	Fort Worth	252	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	Clear Fork
PS	Rockwood	Fort Worth	25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P6	Heritage	Fort Worth	112	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P7	Ripley Arnold	Fort Worth	20	Yes	Yes	No	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P8	Riverside	Fort Worth	50	Yes	No	No	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P9	Greenway	Fort Worth	13	No	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P10	Harmon Field	Fort Worth	98	No	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P11	Gateway	Fort Worth	791	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P12	Quanah Parker	Fort Worth	25	Yes	No	No	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P13	Mallard Cove	Fort Worth	104	No	Yes	Yes	Trinity Trail	West Fork
P14	River Legacy	Arlington	1031	Yes	Yes	Yes	River Legacy	West Fork
P15	Mike Lewis	Grand Prairie	200	Yes	Yes	Yes	Lonestar	West Fork
P16	C.P. Waggoner	Grand Prairie	62	Yes	Yes	Yes	Lonestar	West Fork
P17	Mtn. Creek	Irving	63	Yes	Yes	Yes	Campion	West Fork
P18	Sam Houston	Irving	50	Yes	No	No	Sam Houston	Elm Fork
P19	Spring Trail	Irving	50	Yes	No	No	Spring Trail	Elm Fork
P20	Bird's Fort	Irving	58	Yes	Yes	No	Bird's Fort	Elm Fork
P21	California Crossing	Dallas	390	No	No	No	Bird's Fort	Elm Fork
P22	Frasier Dam Rec.	Dallas	150	Yes	No	No	Frasier Dam	Elm Fork
P23	Trinity View	Irving	125	Yes	Yes	Yes	Campion	Elm Fork
P24	Trammell Crow	Dallas	100	No	No	No	Trin. Skyline	Main Stem
P25	Ron Kirk Bridge	Dallas	25	Yes	Yes	No	Trin. Skyline	Main Stem
P26	Trinity Overlook	Dallas	50	No	No	No	Trin. Skyline	Main Stem
P27	Eloise Lundy Rec.	Dallas	10	Yes	No	No	Trin. Skyline	Main Stem
P28	Moore	Dallas	25	No	Yes	Yes	Trin. Skyline	Main Stem
P29	Cedar Crest	Dallas	5	No	No	No	Joppa Lakes	Main Stem
P30	South Central	Dallas	3	No	Yes	Yes	Joppa Lakes	Main Stem
P31	Elam Pond	Dallas	40	No	No	No	AT&T	Main Stem
P32	AT&T Trail	Dallas	1	No	No	No	AT&T	Main Stem
P33	Old Sleepy Hollow	Dallas	500	No	No	No	Joppa Lakes	Main Stem
P34	Joppa Preserve	Dallas	318	No	Yes	No	Trinity Forest	Main Stem
P35	McCommas Bluff	Dallas	111	No	No	No	Trinity Forest	Main Stem
P36	GTF Gateway	Dallas	250	Yes	Yes	No	Trinity Forest	Main Stem

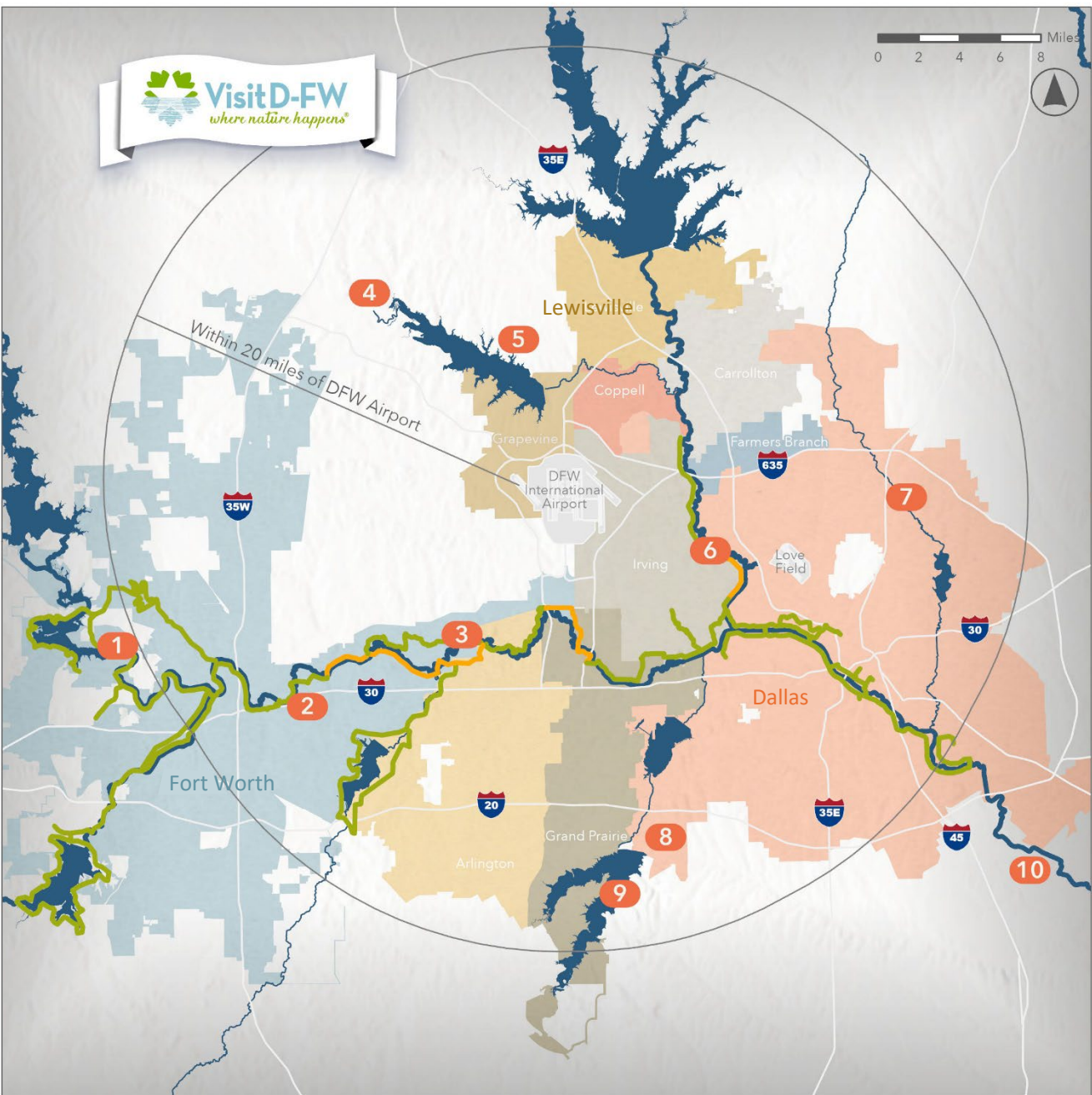
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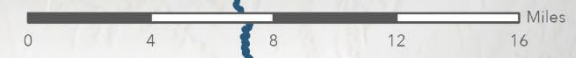


Number	Park Name	Location	Trails	Vertical (ft.)	Distance (mi.)	Number of trails by difficulty		
						Easy	Moderate	Hard
MB1	Marion Sansom	Fort Worth	25	191	13	9	12	4
MB2	Gateway	Fort Worth	10	139	21	6	4	0
MB3	River Legacy	Arlington	13	33	13	8	2	3
MB4	Knob Hills	Flower Mound	7	52	13	0	7	0
MB5	Northshore	Flower Mound	10	67	20	0	9	1
MB6	L.B. Houston	Dallas	8	36	8	10	1	0
MB7	Harry Moss	Dallas	8	32	6	5	3	0
MB8	Big Cedar	Dallas	16	144	9	5	10	1
MB9	Cedar Hill State Park	Cedar Hill	3	106	11	0	3	0
MB10	Goat Island	Hutchins	13	21	9	13	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>113</b>		<b>123</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>9</b>



# TRINITY RIVER GOLF TRAIL

-  Golf course
-  River
-  Lake
-  Road
-  Tributary



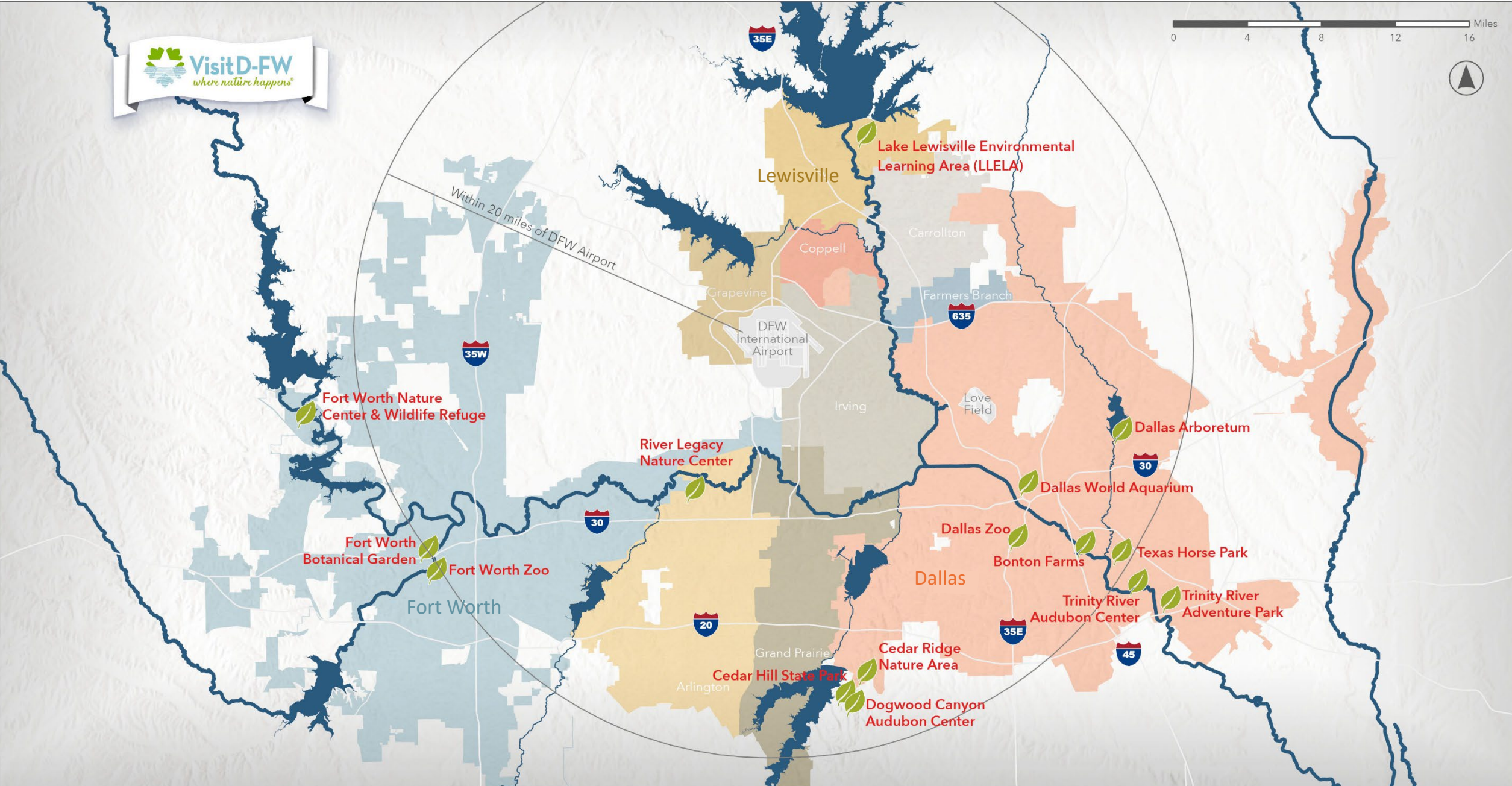
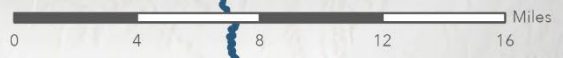
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Golf Course Name	Location	Length (yards)	Green Fees (MW/WE)	USGA Rating/ Slope	Golfday Rating	River/ Tributary
<b><u>Clear Fork Golf Courses</u></b>						
Pecan Valley – River	Fort Worth	6,600	\$24 / \$33	72.4 / 127	78.8	Clear Fork
Pecan Valley - Hills	Fort Worth	6,450	\$19 / \$26	71.3 / 125	78.8	Clear Fork
<b><u>West Fork Golf Courses</u></b>						
Rockwood Park	Fort Worth	7,053	\$33 / 49	73.7 / 120	81.3	West Fork
Lake Arlington	Arlington	6,687	\$25 / \$31	72.0 / 118	79.2	Village Crk
Waterchase	Fort Worth	7,159	\$60 / \$76	74.7 / 135	N.A.	West Fork
Bear Creek – West	Dallas	6,690	\$50 / \$69	73.6 / 139	86.7	Bear Crk
Bear Creek – East	Dallas	6,670	\$50 / \$69	73.7 / 140	86.7	Bear Crk
Riverside	Grand Prairie	6,957	\$47 / \$60	74.1 / 131	89.5	West Fork
Irving Golf Club	Irving	6,632	\$43 / \$53	71.8 / 127	84.9	West Fork
<b><u>Elm Fork Golf Courses</u></b>						
Lake Park	Lewisville	6,135	\$35 / \$39	69.0 / 110	70.5	Elm Fork
Coyote Ridge	Carrollton	7,003	\$89 / \$103	74.5 / 143	79.2	Elm Fork
Indian Creek – Lakes	Carrollton	7,000	\$65 / \$76	74.0 / 132	90.2	Elm Fork
Indian Creek – Creek	Carrollton	7,235	\$65 / \$76	75.5 / 141	90.2	Elm Fork
Riverchase	Coppell	6,593	\$39 / \$59	72.4 / 131	72.5	Elm Fork
Grapevine Golf Club	Grapevine	7,000	\$37 / \$47	74.3 / 136	89.6	Denton Crk
Cowboys Golf Club	Grapevine	7,017	\$209 / \$249	74.7 / 140	84.6	Denton Crk
Luna Vista (incl. cart)	Dallas	6,847	\$48 / \$53	72.5 / 128	80.7	Elm Fork
Prairie Lakes	Grand Prairie	6,485	\$20 / \$30	71.9 / 124	87.9	Mountain Crk
<b><u>Main Stem Golf Courses</u></b>						
Tenison – Highlands	Dallas	7,076	\$41 / \$47	74.8 / 134	79.2	White Rock Crk
Tenison – Glen	Dallas	6,607	\$16 / \$16	71.9 / 122	79.2	White Rock Crk
Keeton	Dallas	6,758	\$20 / \$25	72.7 / 127	76.5	White Rock Crk

# TRINITY RIVER NATURE CENTERS

-  Nature center
-  River
-  Lake
-  Road
-  Tributary



Within 20 miles of DFW Airport

Fort Worth Nature Center & Wildlife Refuge

Fort Worth Botanical Garden  
Fort Worth Zoo

River Legacy Nature Center

Cedar Hill State Park  
Cedar Ridge Nature Area  
Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center

Lake Lewisville Environmental Learning Area (LLELA)

Lewisville

Coppell

Grapevine

DFW International Airport

Irving

Carrollton

Farmers Branch

Love Field

Dallas

Dallas Zoo

Bonton Farms

Dallas World Aquarium

Trinity River Audubon Center

Dallas Arboretum

Texas Horse Park

Trinity River Adventure Park



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Name	Location	Type	Size (ac)	Hike (miles)	Fee	Gift Shop
Cedar Hill State Park	Cedar Hill	State Park	1,200	28	Yes	Yes
Cedar Ridge Nature Area	Dallas	Nature Park	600	8	No	No
Dallas Arboretum	Dallas	Flower Garden	N.A.	N.A.	Yes	Yes
Dallas World Aquarium	Dallas	Aquarium	N.A.	N.A.	Yes	Yes
Dallas Zoo	Dallas	Zoo	N.A.	N.A.	Yes	Yes
Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center	Cedar Hill	Nature Park	200	3	No	Yes
Fort Worth Nature Center & Wildlife Refuge	Fort Worth	Nature Park	3,621	20	Yes	Yes
Fort Worth Botanic Garden	Fort Worth	Flower Garden	N.A.	N.A.	Yes	Yes
Fort Worth Zoo	Fort Worth	Zoo	N.A.	N.A.	Yes	Yes
Lewisville Lake Environ. Learning Area (LLELA)	Lewisville	Nature Park	2,600	7	Yes	Yes
River Legacy Nature Center	Arlington	Nature Park	1,300	18	Yes	Yes
Trinity River Audubon Center	Dallas	Nature Park	120	3	Yes	Yes
Trinity Forest Adventure Park	Dallas	Ziplines	38	N.A.	Yes	Yes
Texas Horse Park	Dallas	Horse Park	300	2	Yes	Yes

# Carrollton's Parks Amenity Fund

*Kim Bybee, City of Carrollton*

# Parks & Recreation Report Card Process

*April 10, 2024*

*Where Connections Happen*



# Report Card Process

How to prioritize projects and rate facilities?

## **Evaluate**

- Identify the necessary steps for effectively evaluating Parks & Recreation facilities

## **Define**

- Define criteria that will contribute to an overall grade/score for different types of amenities

## **Apply**

- Apply these tools to actual facilities and see results in action

# Report Card Process

- Create Categories & Facility Listing
- Define Criteria for Each Category
- Create Forms
- Form Committees
- Site Visits
- Compile the Data
- Prioritize Projects
- Enjoy Your Results!



# Our Categories (2014)

- Athletic Fields
- Aquatic Facilities
- Concession/Restroom Buildings
- Courts (Outdoor basketball/tennis)
- Parking Lots
- Pavilions
- Playgrounds
- Trails

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- Trails
- Rec Centers
- Tennis Center
- Nature Preserve
- Bridges/Piers



# Our Criteria

<input type="checkbox"/> Age	20%
<input type="checkbox"/> Appearance	10%
<input type="checkbox"/> Functionality	20%
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety	30%
<input type="checkbox"/> Structural	20%

## Example:

### Safety

- Is there visible signage?
- Is the surface free of trip hazards or holes?
- Is the structure intact and free of deterioration or rust?
- Is there evidence of inappropriate activity in the park?
- Do you feel safe?

# Forms



Playground: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYGROUNDS

Criteria	Score 1 (low) to 10 (high)	Comments
Cleanliness Is the play area free from litter, debris and weeds? Is there graffiti present in the playground area?	_____	_____ _____ _____
Safety Is the surface material safe and intact? Is the structure at least 80% free from deterioration such as rust, rot, or splinters?	_____	_____ _____ _____
Structural If there are painted structures, is the painted surface free from peeling or chipped paint? Is the structure secure and intact?	_____	_____ _____ _____
Appearance Is the area attractive and inviting to use? Would you enjoy visiting this park or recommending it to others?	_____	_____ _____ _____
Functionality Is the play equipment functional? Are there missing pieces of equipment? Is this equipment attractive to children and provide a variety of activities? Is the area fun?	_____	_____ _____ _____

Features/items to consider at playground:

- Surface       Swings       Slides  
 Drinking Fountains       Edging

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Compile the Data

**Playground Report Card**

Playground	Year Built	Years	Age 20%	Safety 30%	Structural 20%	Appearance 10%	Functionality 20%	Total	Grade
Branch Hollow Park	2008	13	6	9	9	8	9	83	B+
Cedar Elm Park	2008	13	6	9	9	8	9	83	B+
Clifford Hall Park	2002	19	4	10	7	9	8	77	B-
Crosby Rec Center	2018	3	10	9	9	10	10	95	A
Del Santer Park	2015	6	8	9	9	10	10	91	A
Francis Perry Park	2016	5	10	10	10	10	10	100	A+
Greenbelt Area 3	2005	16	4	8	8	9	9	75	C+
Greenbelt Area 4	2009	12	6	9	9	10	10	87	A-
Harold Bessire Park	2020	1	10	10	10	10	10	100	A+
Harvest Run Park	1998	23	2	6	6	7	8	57	D-
Indian Creek Ranch	1999	22	2	7	6	6	7	57	D-
Jimmy Porter Park	2016	5	10	9	10	10	8	93	A
Josey Ranch Complex	2021	1	10	10	10	10	10	100	A+
Josey Ranch Softball	2016	5	10	10	10	10	10	100	A+
Keller Springs Park	2005	16	4	8	9	9	7	73	C+
Martha Pointer Park	2001	20	2	7	7	8	8	63	D+
Mary Heads Carter	2014	7	8	9	10	10	8	89	A
McInnish Fields 12-15	2009	12	6	8	10	9	9	83	B+
Oak Creek Park	2007	14	6	8	8	8	8	76	B-

# Apply Grades

**A+ 97.5 – 100**

**A 89 – 97**

**A- 86 – 88.5**

**B+ 82.5 – 85.5**

**B 79 – 82**

**B- 76 – 78.5**

**C+ 72.5 – 75.5**

**C 69 – 72**

**C- 66 – 68.5**

**D+ 62.5 – 65.5**

**D 59 – 62**

**D- 56 – 58.5**

**F <55**





# Prioritize Projects

Report Card Projects				
Project	Location	Description	Grade	Estimated Cost
<b>Courts</b>				
	Jimmy Porter	Basketball Court - Resurface	D	\$ 4,175
	Keller Springs	Basketball Court - Resurface	D-	\$ 6,000
	Rhoton Park	Tennis Court - Resurface	F	\$ 6,000
	Thomas Park	Resurface (1 multi-purpose)	F	\$ 16,000
	Thomas Park	Replace Fence	F	\$ 7,000
	Mill Valley	Tennis Court - Resurface	D-	\$ 6,000
<b>Athletic Fields</b>				
	Jimmy Porter #1 - 2	Metal Dugout Covers	F	\$ 4,600
	Jimmy Porter #1 - 2	Replace Fence	F	\$ 24,000
	Josey Ranch #1-4	Replace Backstops	D+	\$ 3,000
	Josey Ranch #1-4	Replace Fence	D+	\$ 28,500
	Josey Ranch #1-4	Metal Dugout Covers	D+	\$ 12,500
	Josey Ranch #6	Metal Dugout Covers	D+	\$ 3,500
	McInnish #16	Install Fence	D-	\$ 23,675
<b>Playgrounds</b>				
	Rosemeade Rec Center	Replace Playground	F	\$ 45,000
	Del Santer	Replace Playground	D+	\$ 60,000

Aquatic Facility	Grade
Rosemeade Pool	A
Oak Hills Splash Park	A-
Thomas Splash Park	C

Athletic Fields	Grade
Jimmy Porter #1	C
Jimmy Porter #2	C
Josey Ranch #1	B-
Josey Ranch #2	B-
Josey Ranch #3	B-
Josey Ranch #4	B-
Josey Ranch #5	C+
Josey Ranch #6	B+
McInnish #1	B-
McInnish #2	B-
McInnish #3	B-
McInnish #4	B-
McInnish #5	B-
McInnish #6	C+
McInnish #7	B-
McInnish #8	C
McInnish #9	B-
McInnish #10	B+
McInnish #11	B
McInnish #12	B+
McInnish #13	B+
McInnish #14	B+
McInnish #15	B+
McInnish #16	C+
McInnish A	A
McInnish B	B+
McInnish C	B+
McInnish D	B+
McInnish E	A-
RE Good #1	C+
RE Good #2	B
RE Good #3	B
RE Good #4	B-
RE Good #5	B-
Rosemeade Practice	A
Thomas #1	A
Thomas #2	A
Thomas #3	C

Concessions / Restrooms	Grade
A.W. Perry Homestead	A+
Jimmy Porter	A-
Josey East	C
Josey West	A+
Martha Pointer	A+
Mary Heads Carter	D+
McInnish Soccer	B
McInnish #1-4	A-
McInnish #5	D+
McInnish #6-9	C
McInnish #12-15	C
Oak Hills Splash Park	A+
RE Good	C
Thomas #1-2	A-
Thomas Splash Park	A-
Rosemeade Pool	A+

Courts	Grade
Area 2 Sand Volleyball	C
Branch Hollow Park Tennis	F
Croft Basketball	A
Croft Tennis	D
Francis Perry Park Tennis	B-
Harold Bessire Park Basketball	C
Harvest Run Park Basketball	C+
Jimmy Porter Park Basketball	C+
Keller Springs Park Basketball	B-
Martha Pointer Tennis	D-
Martha Pointer Basketball	A
Mill Valley Tennis	C+
Mill Valley Basketball	C-
Oak Creek Park Basketball	A
Oak Hills Park Basketball	C
Oak Hills Park Sand Volleyball	D+
Rhoton Park Basketball	B+
Rhoton Park Pickleball	A
Rhoton Park Soccer	A-
Senior Center Basketball	B
Thomas Park Soccer	C-
Thomas Park Tennis	C-
Timbercreek Park Basketball	C
Ward Steenson Park Basketball	C+
Woodlake Tennis Courts	C

Parking Lots	Grade
Branch Hollow	B-
Clifford Hall Park	B-
Crosby Rec Center	D-
Elm Fork	C-
Greenbelt Area 4	C
Harvest Run Park	C-
Indian Creek Golf Club	D-
Indian Creek Ranch Park	B
Jimmy Porter	C
Josey Ranch Complex	C-
Keller Spring Park	B
Martha Pointer	D+
Mary Heads Carter	C-
McInnish #1-5	F
McInnish #6-9	D
McInnish #10	B
McInnish #11	B+
McInnish #12-15	C
McInnish A-E	B
Oak Creek Tennis Center	B
Oak Hills	A-
Perry Museum	C-
RE Good	D
Rhoton Park	B
Rosemeade Pool	D
Rosemeade Park	B-
Rosemeade Rec Center	D-
Senior Center	B
Thomas #1-2	B+
Thomas #3	D+
Thomas Splash Park	D
Ward Steenson	B-

Pavilions	Grade
A.W. Perry Homestead	A+
Branch Hollow Park	B-
Cedar Elm Park	B
Clifford Hall Park	B-
Greenbelt Area 2	F
Harold Bessire Park	B-
Harvest Run Park	C
Indian Creek Ranch Park	D+
Jimmy Porter Park	C
Mary Heads Carter	F
McInnish Soccer Complex	A
Oak Creek Park	B
Oak Hills Park	C+
Oakwood Springs Park	B-
Raiford	A-
RE Good Complex	B-
Rhoton Park	A
Timbercreek Park	B-
Ward Steenson Park	B

Bridges / Piers	Grade
Area 2 Bridge	C+
Blue Trail Bridge (M.75)	A
Blue Trail Bridge (M1.5)	A
Blue Trail Bridge (M2.75)	A
Blue Trail Bridge (M3.0)	A
Blue Trail Bridge (M4.25)	C
Creekview Bridge	C
Hutton Branch Bridge	A
Indian Creek Ranch Pier	D+
Jimmy Porter Field Bridge	D+
Jimmy Porter Trail Bridge	B
Josey Ranch Lake Pier	A+
Josey Ranch Pond Pier	A+
Keller Springs Park Bridge	B-
Ken Good Bridge	D+
Mary Heads Carter Park Bridge	B
Orange Trail Bridge (M.75)	C+
Orange Trail Bridge (M1.25)	C+
Purple Trail Bridge (M1.0)	C-
Purple Trail Bridge (M1.25)	C
Rosemeade Park Bridge	B-
Thomas Bridge (North)	C+
Thomas Bridge (South)	B+
Timbercreek Park Bridge	B

Playgrounds	Grade
Branch Hollow Park	B+
Cedar Elm Park	B+
Clifford Hall Park	B-
Crosby Rec Center	A
Del Santer Park	A
Francis Perry Park	A+
Greenbelt Area 3	C+
Greenbelt Area 4	A-
Harold Bessire Park	A+
Harvest Run Park	D-
Indian Creek Ranch	D-
Jimmy Porter Park	A
Josey Ranch Complex	A+
Josey Ranch Softball	A+
Keller Springs Park	C+
Martha Pointer Park	D+
Mary Heads Carter	A
McInnish Fields 12-15	B+
Oak Creek Park	B-
Oak Hills Park	D+
Oakwood Springs	C+
Raiford	B
R.E. Good	A+
Rhoton Park	A+
Rosemeade Park	B
Rosemeade Rec	B-
Timbercreek Park	C+
Ward Steenson	B-
W.J. Thomas Park	A+

Trails	Grade
Blue Trail	A
Green Trail	A
Orange Trail	B-
Purple Trail	A-
Cedar Elm Park Loop	B-
Clifford Hall Park Loop	B-
Eisenhower Trail	B
Gravelly Park Loop	C-
Harold Bessire Park Loop	C
Harvest Run Loop	C
Indian Creek Ranch Loop	B-
Josey Ranch Path	C
Martha Pointer Park	B-
Mary Heads Carter Loop	C-
Oak Creek Park Loop	B+
Oak Hills Park Loop	B-
Oakwood Springs Loop	B-
Rhoton Loop	C+
Rosemeade Pool Path	C+
Senior Center Pond	B
Standridge Memorial Loop	D
Timbercreek Park Loop	B-
Ward Steenson Park Loop	B+
Woodlake Tennis Path	B

Crosby Rec Center	Grade
Exterior	C
Entry/Hallways	B
Gym	C+
Santa Fe	B-
Cotton Belt	B+
Trinity	B
Elm Fork	B
Pioneer	A-
Broadway	B+
Locker Rooms	B-
Restroom	B+

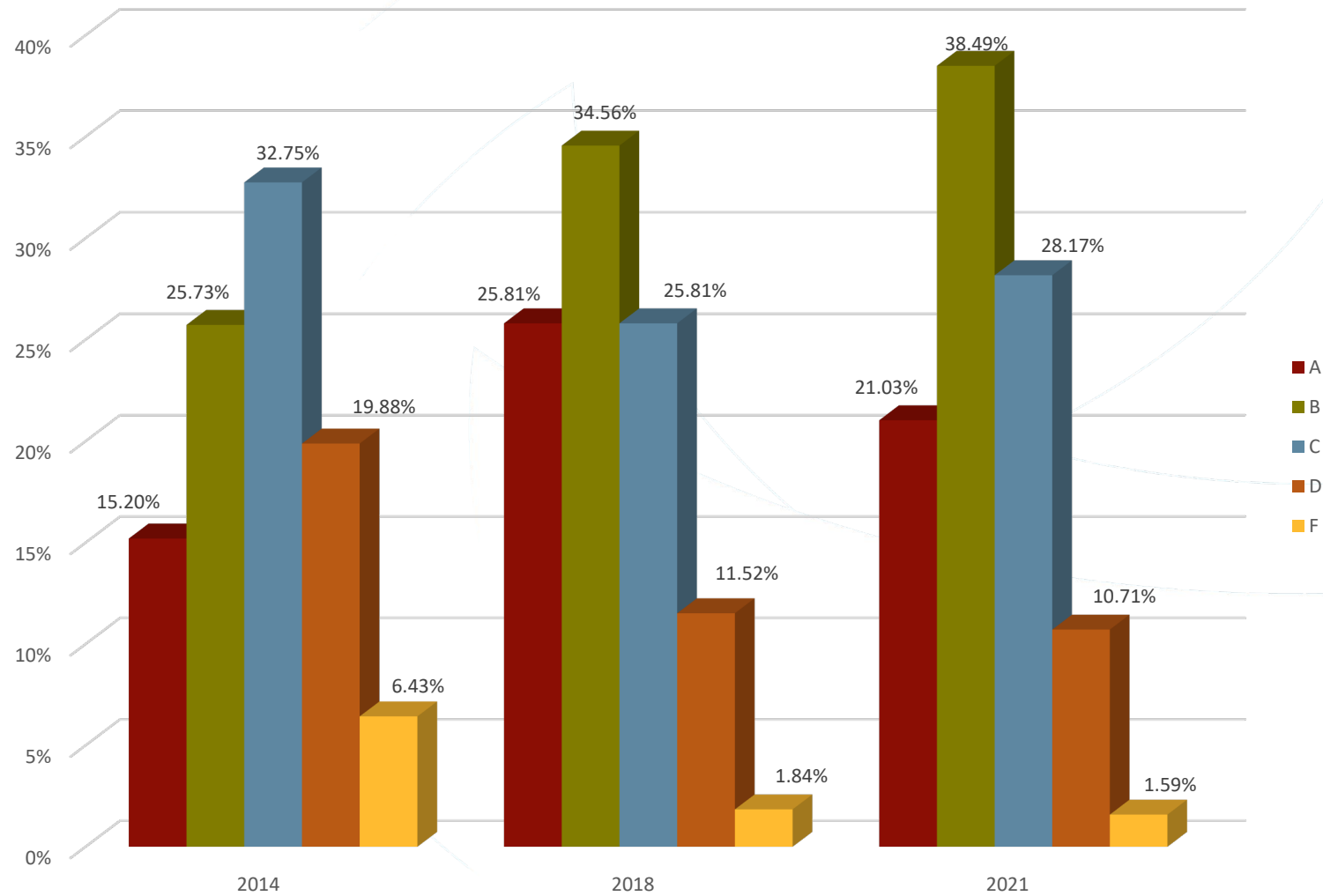
Elm Fork Nature Center	Grade
Exterior	D-
Interior	D-
Restroom	C-

Oak Creek Tennis Ctr	Grade
Exterior	C-
Common Area	D+
Staff Offices	C
Courts	B

Rosemeade Rec Center	Grade
Exterior	D+
Entry/Hallways	C
Front Gym	C-
Back Gym	C
Racquetball	C-
Dance Room	B-
Spin Room	C+
Weight Room	B
Cardio Room	A-
Room A	B-
Room B/C	C
Room D	C
Front Locker Room	C
Hall Restroom	C+
Back Locker Room	B

Senior Center	Grade
Exterior	B-
Entry/Hallways	B
Fitness Room	A
Common Area	B
Lone Star	B-
Tumbleweed	C+
Round-up	A-
Texas Room/Kitchen	A
Restroom	C

# Historical Data



# Del Santer (Before)



# Del Santer (After)



A+

# Rhoton Courts (Before)

C.



# Rhoton Courts (After)



# Josey Ranch (Before)





# Josey Ranch (After)



# Woodlake (Before)



# Woodlake (After)



# RE Good (Before)



# RE Good (After)





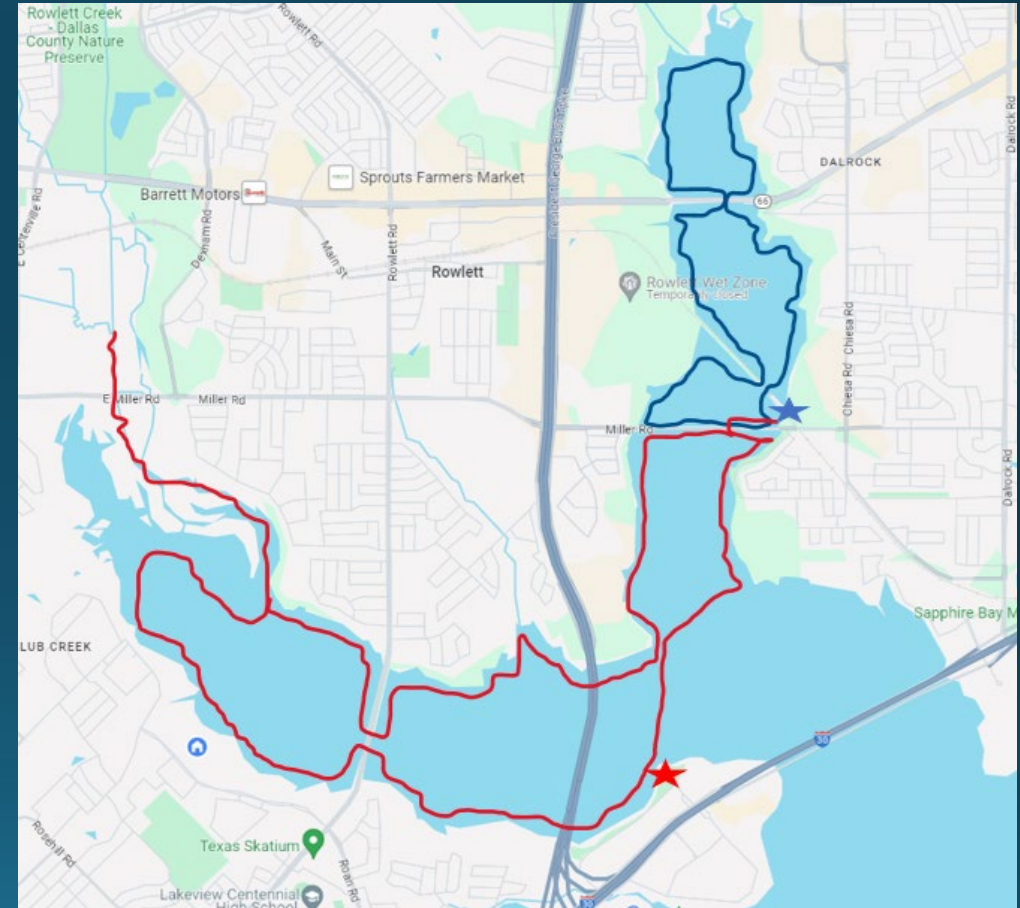
# **Lake Ray Hubbard Paddling Loop Update**

*Dave Holl, Local Kayaker & Kayak Store Owner*

# Lake Ray Hubbard Paddling Loop

- Established Steering Committee
- Applied to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to extend existing Paddle Point Creek Paddling Trail south to I-30
- Identified grant and funding opportunities

[Paddle Point Creek Paddling Trail Video](#)



Blue: Existing TPWD Paddling Trail  
Red: Proposed Trail



# Lake Ray Hubbard Paddling Loop

- Working with lake front cities to establish TPWD Paddling Trails around the lake
- Creating Facebook page
- Renaturing Paddle Point Park, TPWD recommended:
  - Establish no mow zone within 3' of water's edge
  - Plant water grasses next to the shoreline



Credit: [www.rayhubbard.com](http://www.rayhubbard.com)

# Lake Ray Hubbard Paddling Loop

- Volunteer opportunities available
- April 16: Team River Runner Safety Standdown at Kayak Crossing Outpost
- Contact Dave Holl at [dave@kayakinstruct.com](mailto:dave@kayakinstruct.com)



Credit: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

# **Trinity River National Water Trail Master Plan Update**

*Jai-W Hayes-Jackson & Erin Blackman,  
NCTCOG*

# Trinity River National Water Trail Master Plan

*Embracing the Legacy of the River*

**April 10, 2024**

# Master Plan

- ▶ Identify long-range actions that advance:
  - ▶ Tourism
  - ▶ Recreation
  - ▶ Economic Development
- ▶ Provide resources to help communities maintain and develop the Water Trail



# Stakeholder Meetings

- ▶ NCTCOG met with 12 stakeholders (i.e., cities, counties, nonprofits)
- ▶ Sought feedback on:
  - ▶ Goals for the Trinity River Corridor
  - ▶ Points of interest to highlight
  - ▶ Challenges and opportunities (e.g., design standards, maintenance, signage, safety, etc.)

Trinity River Paddling Trail  
Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area



Current location:  
LLELA  
Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area  
DD: 33.067109° - 96.964697°

Next Take-out:  
Hebron Parkway Rd  
~6 miles /  
~ 2.5 hrs  
DD: 33.012600° - 96.950689°

This section has Cell coverage. In case of emergency call 911. River section LLELA to Huffines Park at Hebron Parkway, Lewisville

River conditions: this section of the river starts out with shallow fast moving current. Downstream the river widens and slows. **Hazards:** please watch for fallen trees that can go completely across the river.  
<http://www.playlewisville.com/>



For more information: <https://trinitycoalition.org/>

# Vison and Mission Statements

**Vision:** *The Trinity River National Water Trail seeks to elevate the value of the Trinity River through community access to the river.*

**Mission:** *This will be achieved by ensuring access is safe and equitable, protecting natural resources, promoting economic and cultural assets, and integrating land trail connections and trail expansion. This Trinity River National Water Trail Master Plan will identify long-range actions to advance these ideas, and to help communities maintain and develop the Water Trail and identify resources.*

# Goals for the Trail



## Develop new entry sites to shorten distances between sites

- Strategically identify, plan, and implement additional access points and launch sites along the Trinity River to reduce distances between sites on the Water Trail.



## Promote the use of the trail and educate all users

- Increase awareness, utilization, and understanding of the Water Trail. National water trails represent scenic and recreational waterways with cultural, historical, and natural significance to its area.



## Make the trail more accessible to all

- Ensure that the Water Trail becomes inclusive and welcoming to individuals of diverse abilities and backgrounds.



# Goals for the Trail



## Maintain condition and safety of the existing and future launch sites

- Ensure an overall well maintained and safe network of launch sites by providing recommendations that preserve future and existing infrastructure, keep users safe, and minimize environmental impact.



## Promote stewardship along the Trinity River

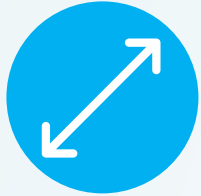
- Cultivate a sense of responsibility, care, and active engagement among communities and individuals towards the environmental health and overall quality of the Trinity River.



## Connect the trail to the existing land trails

- Creating a seamless and integrated recreational network that enhances accessibility and promotes a holistic outdoor experience.

# Goals for the Trail



## **Extend the Water Trail further south.**

- ▶ Expand the reach of the existing Water Trail to the Gulf Coast.



## **Promote the economic benefits of the Water Trail.**

- ▶ Showcase the positive economic impacts that the Water Trail system can bring to local communities, businesses, and the broader region.



## **Highlight the cultural and historical context of the Water Trail.**

- ▶ Enrich the Water Trail experience by bringing attention to the rich heritage and historical significance embedded along its route.

# Develop new entry sites to shorten distances between sites

## Recommendations

- **Identify Locations:** Identify areas where new entry sites can be established.

Consider factors such as existing trail segments, user accessibility, and natural features.

- **Plan and Design Future Launch Points:**

Collaborate with local communities to plan and design new launch sites. Ensure that these sites strategically reduce distances between existing trail segments.

## Action Items

- ❑ Complete priority gaps along the trail.
- ❑ Identify common priority projects to leverage maximum joint investments.



# Promote the use of the National Water Trail and educate all users

## Recommendations

- ▶ **Community Outreach and Events:** Organize community events, workshops, and guided tours to introduce people to the water trail. Collaborate with local schools, outdoor clubs, and environmental organizations to raise awareness about the benefits of water trails.
- ▶ **Online and Social Media Campaigns:** Leverage social media platforms and websites to share water trail stories, photos, and user experiences. Create engaging content that highlights the beauty of water trails, safety tips, and responsible use.

## Action Items

- Establish regularly scheduled trail focus meetings for additional stakeholder input (tourism and visitors' bureaus, recreation groups, health organizations, etc.).
- Increase sharing of information to improve communication with stakeholders (newsletters, blogs, websites, etc.).

# Make the trail more accessible to all

## Recommendations

- ▶ **Evaluate Existing Barriers:** Identify any physical, language, or financial barriers. Consider factors such as trail surfaces, signage, access points, and amenities.
- ▶ **Implement Universal Design Principles:** Apply universal design principles to create an inclusive experience for all users.

**Accessible Signage and Information:** Install clear and well-designed signage at trailheads, access points, and key locations. Include information in multiple formats to accommodate different needs.

- ▶ **Collaborate with Stakeholders:** Engage with communities of all genders, ethnicities, cultures, ages, income, and abilities to gather insights on existing challenges.



Poor Design: Steep slope, rugged terrain



Good Design: Wide, sturdy staircase



Example of a launch that is too high!

# Make the trail more accessible to all

## Action Items

- ❑ Identify ADA accessible launch sites on the trail.
- ❑ Ensure best practice design standards meet accessibility standards, including gentle slopes, firm surfaces, and minimal obstacles.
- ❑ Involve individuals with disabilities or advocacy groups in the planning and design process to gather insights and feedback for improving accessibility.
- ❑ Conduct outreach and educational programs to raise awareness about trail accessibility, inclusivity, and proper etiquette when sharing the trail with diverse users.



# Maintain condition and safety of the trail and existing and future launch sites

## Recommendations

- ▶ **Regular Inspections and Maintenance:** Establish a routine inspection schedule for all launch sites. Inspect docks, ramps, and access points for signs of wear, damage, or hazards
- ▶ **Education and User Guidelines:** Develop clear guidelines for users regarding safe practices at launch sites. Educate boaters, kayakers, and paddlers on proper launching techniques. Promote responsible behavior, such as cleaning up after use and respecting other users.

## Action Items

- Identify and document best management practices for trail construction and maintenance.
- Enhance tools to electronically collect and report trail conditions on Trinity Coalition's website.
- Maintain cohesive signage throughout the trail and clearly mark hazard areas.

# Promote stewardship along the Trinity River

## Recommendations

- ▶ **River Cleanup Campaigns:** Mobilize volunteers and community groups to participate in regular river cleanup drives. Remove litter, debris, and invasive species from the riverbanks and water to maintain a clean and healthy environment.
- ▶ **Water Quality Monitoring:** Regularly test water samples for pollutants, nutrient levels, and other indicators of river health. Share findings with the public to foster a sense of responsibility.

## Action Items

- Develop and implement volunteer programs to increase volunteer engagement in water trails.
- Work with local organizations, schools, businesses, and government bodies to collectively promote stewardship.
- Distribute information that educates visitors about the ecosystem, conservation practices, and the importance of responsible behavior including guidelines for proper trail use.



# Connect the Trinity River National Water Trail to the existing land trails

## Recommendations

- ▶ **Trail Connectivity:** Integrate the Water Trail with existing land-based trails. Identify points where the Water Trail can intersect with established hiking, biking, or equestrian trails. Create seamless transitions between water and land routes to enhance user experience.
- ▶ **Highlight Areas of Interest:** Showcase community points of interest that elevate the recreational experience of the water trail.

## Action Items

- Create a recreational map that includes the water trail, land trails, bike paths, and points of interest.
- Create guidelines for signage that show the relation of the water trail to existing land trails.

# Extend the National Water Trail further south

## Recommendations

- ▶ **Strategic Trail Planning:** Conduct a thorough assessment of the existing trail network. Identify potential routes and evaluate their feasibility for extending the Water Trail southward. Collaborate with local stakeholders, landowners, and agencies to secure necessary permissions and rights-of-way.
- ▶ **Community Engagement:** Engage local communities and raise awareness about the extended Water Trail. Host public meetings, workshops, and educational events to involve residents in the planning process. Encourage community stewardship and pride in the expanded trail system.

# Extend the National Water Trail further south

## Action Items

- ❑ Collaborate with Trinity River Corridor Councils of Governments
  - Heart of Texas Council of Governments
  - Houston-Galveston Area Council
  - Brazos Valley Council of Governments).
- ❑ Expand The National Water Trail to additional NCTCOG communities



# Promote the economic benefits of the trail

## Recommendations

- ▶ **Tourism Marketing Campaigns:** Develop targeted marketing campaigns that highlight the Water Trail's unique features. Collaborate with visitor bureaus to promote the Water Trail as a must-visit destination.
- ▶ **Economic Impact Studies:** Conduct studies to quantify the economic impact of the Water Trail. Assess spending by trail users to use as data to advocate for investments in trail development.
- ▶ **Trailside Businesses and Services:** Promote establish businesses near the Water Trail.

## Action Items

- Complete additional studies on the economic impact and value of the Water Trail.
- Collaborate with Tourism Bureaus to promote ecotourism and recreational activities.
- Promote local businesses and services that cater to recreational activities.
- Identify potential vendors.

# Highlight the cultural and historical context of the trail

## Recommendations

- ▶ **Collaborate with Local Historians and Community Leaders:** Engage historians, scholars, and community leaders. Collect oral histories, photographs, and personal accounts related to the river. Host community events, workshops, and storytelling sessions.
- ▶ **Incorporate the legacy of the River into the Water Trail:** Establish a cohesive theme that ties the river's history to the trail. Tagline: *"Embracing the Legacy of the River."*

## Action Items

- Work with indigenous populations to capture the cultural context of the trail.
- Collaborate with schools and universities to capture the historic context of the trail.
- Consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Cultural Resources Report.

# Next Steps: Challenges and Opportunities

1. Safety Markings and Communication Plans
2. Design Best Practices
3. Maintenance Plans
4. Signage
5. Political Buy-in and Support
6. User Promotion and Education
7. Economic Development and Tourism
8. Funding

# Master Plan Timeline



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# Task Force Roundtable

*All Members*

*(please raise your hand and unmute yourself)*

# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

## *NCTCOG Staff*

# Upcoming Events & Opportunities

- NCTCOG Events & Opportunities: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/Events>
  - [Urban Forestry Stakeholder Workshop 1](#), May 14, 10 a.m.
  - [Urban Forestry Stakeholder Workshop 2](#), June 5, 10 a.m.
- Trinity Coalition Events & Opportunities: <https://trinitycoalition.org/events>

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<https://nctcog.org/envir/committees/trinity-river-national-water-trail-task-force>