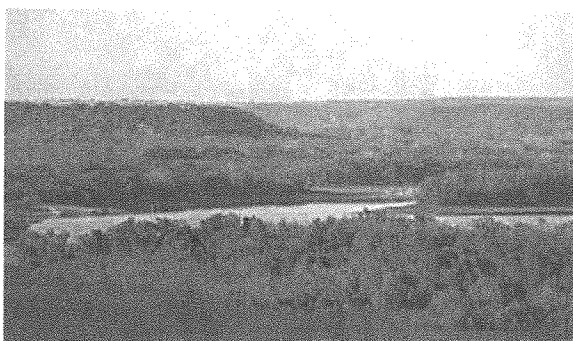




**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Hopewell Trail



(View from Powelldale Mountain)

Made possible by a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and volunteers from the Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association (TETRA) have created a multi-use trail on the western shoreline of Whitney Lake. The trail provides hikers, equestrian riders, and mountain bicycle riders approximately 12.5 scenic miles of trail between Kimball Bend Park and Lakeside Village. Trail users are guided through dense oak and juniper woodlands, expansive pastures of native Texas grasses, and sandy shorelines of beautiful Whitney Lake in Central Texas.

Development of the trail and trailhead access points is scheduled to continue through 2004, including the completion of facilities at Kimball Bend Park and Lakeside Village.

Equestrian Riding

Horses are welcome on the Hopewell trail. Riders should be prepared for rocky trail surfaces, low hanging limbs, and creek crossings. Water is available at trailhead areas at the Plowman Park access. Please keep all equestrian gates closed, as loose cattle are grazing along the trail. For the safety and security of your horse and the comfort of other campers, horses are not permitted outside the equestrian camping areas or riding areas.



(Equestrian Gate)



Hiking/Walking/Trail Running

Hike to the top of Powelldale Mountain for a beautiful view of the lake, or a glimpse of an endangered Golden Cheek Warbler. Because the trail has only three main access points along its 12.5-mile length, hikers should plan their trips accordingly and be prepared for few amenities along the trail. Shorter trail loops are in the design process and should be open to the public in 2004. Poison Ivy and Sumac are common along trail shoulders. Watch for snakes.



Mountain Bike Riding

The southern half of the trail is flat to gently rolling: great for beginners and folks looking for

an easy to moderate ride. More challenging riding can be found along the Brazos River, where densely tree-lined trails follow steep shorelines. Bike riders should be prepared for shallow creek crossings and loose rocks on the trail. Also be on the lookout for trail hazards such as sharp rocks and low-hanging limbs.



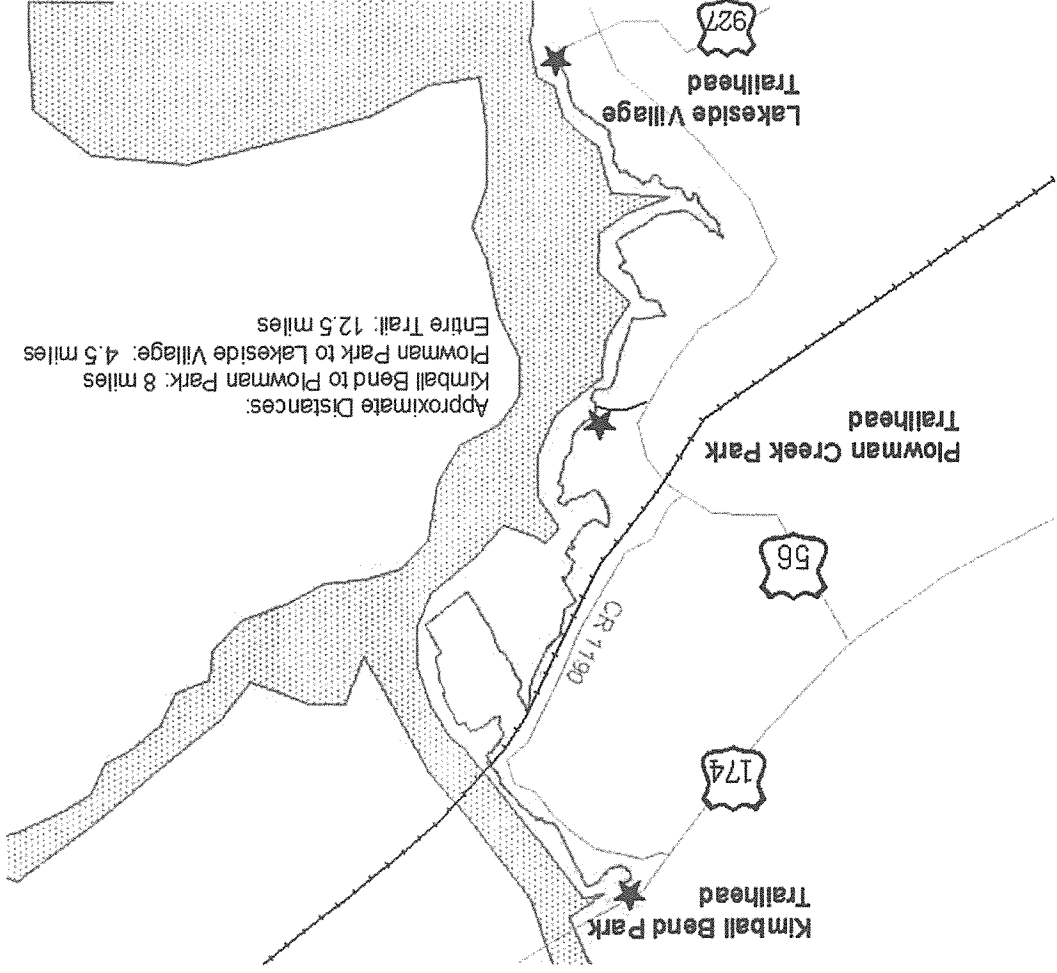
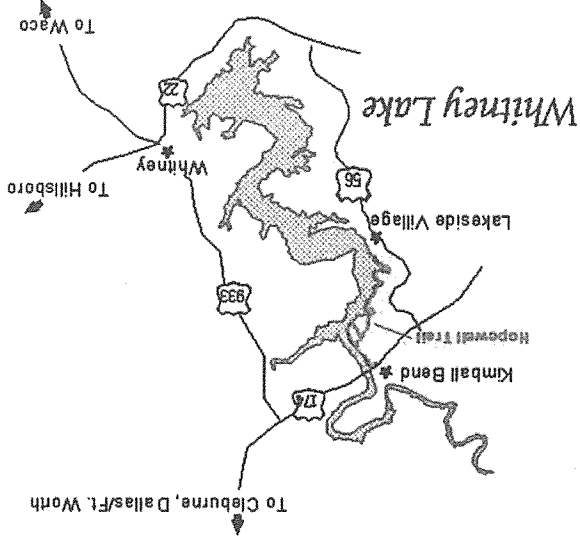
Wildlife Watching

Hopewell Trail passes through a variety of habitats, providing trail users the opportunity to see many species of birds and animals. Deer, raccoon, fox, birds of prey, turkey, songbirds, and waterfowl are just some of the animals that inhabit the area.



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- General Information**
- ❖ Trail Hours: 6:00am to 10:00pm, year round (unless closed due to unsafe trail conditions or scheduled trail work).
 - ❖ Day use fees apply.
 - ❖ Please, no camping on the trail.
 - ❖ Equestrian camping is available at Plowman Creek Park, on a first-come, first-served basis (equestrian campsites not reservable).
 - ❖ For campsite reservations, call 1- 877-444-6777. Or, visit the NRRS homepage at www.ReserveUSA.com.
 - ❖ Hunting is permitted in areas adjacent to the trail. Trail users should consider wearing bright colors, especially during hunting seasons.
 - ❖ Drinking water, restroom facilities, vehicle parking and camping areas are available at Plowman Creek Park.
 - ❖ Please keep all equestrian gates closed.
 - ❖ Dogs must be on a leash at all times.
 - ❖ Bring plenty of drinking water



- Help Keep The Trail Beautiful**
- ♦ Carry or pack out your trash
 - ♦ No fires
 - ♦ No motorized vehicles.
 - ♦ Stay on the trail.
 - ♦ Please do not disturb wildflowers or harass wildlife.