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The mission of Friends of the Katy Trail is to support and promote the Katy Trail as a recreational, educational and transportation resource for our community.



# Urban by Nature



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More than a century ago, what we call the Katy Trail was part of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway. The MKT, nicknamed “Katy,” was the first railway into Dallas. Now the old railroad bed is a beautifully maintained, community supported recreational pathway running through the heart of the city.



With both a 12-foot wide concrete path and an eight-foot wide soft surface, this 3.5-mile trail takes walkers, runners, cyclists and skaters through some of Dallas’ most prominent neighborhoods and favorite points of interest.

The Trail starts at an unusual limestone escarpment north of Downtown near American Airlines Center. Then it meanders north through historic neighborhoods and parks, next to workplaces, restaurants and entertainment venues, winding up just south of the SMU campus. The 30-acre linear park connects another 125 acres of adjacent parks, at the same time linking Downtown to popular urban communities and destinations. It’s truly a natural Dallas treasure.





# Explore Your Urban Nature

Want to walk away from the frenetic pace of the city without leaving town? That's easy. Just enter the Katy Trail at one of the many access points. You'll find yourself in a lush, natural habitat, traveling alongside native grasses and plants, among seasonal displays of vibrant color and surrounded by birds and other wildlife.

Deep in the heart of Dallas, the Katy Trail is a beautiful, refreshing contrast to the city's bustling urban landscape. And, because using the Trail helps clear the air by reducing traffic congestion, it allows the city to breathe.



## How Dallas Connects

What do the West End, Victory Park, Reverchon Park, West Village, Uptown, Turtle Creek and Highland Park have in common? They're all connected by the Katy Trail. They're also home to Dallas' key cultural landmarks. Whether you're looking for sports, restaurants, historic sites, the arts or distinctive homes, you'll find them along the Katy Trail. The journey's a destination in itself.



### WHO KEEPS THE TRAIL RUNNING

The City of Dallas owns the land, but it's private donations that make the Trail beautiful. The nonprofit group Friends of the Katy Trail works around the clock year-round to keep the Trail in peak condition. They maintain and landscape the paths, provide lighting, signage, benches and fountains, hire safety patrols and pay all utilities. Without Friends, there would be no Katy Trail. And without donations from members, corporate sponsorships, the annual Katy 5K and other fundraisers, the Trail would go nowhere. It isn't tax dollars, but support from citizens that keeps the Trail on track.

If you want to ensure the Katy Trail stays clean, safe and beautiful, join us. You can support Friends of the Katy Trail through capital contributions, corporate sponsorships and personal memberships.

A city like Dallas needs a natural resource as beautiful as the Katy Trail. The Katy Trail needs you. Join us, and see where it leads.

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