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Coletto Creek Park Opens First Bike Trail in Victoria Area

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SEGUIN - In July, the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Coletto Creek Park, located between Victoria and Goliad off Highway 59, had a 'quiet' opening for the first two mile loop of a new narrow track mountain bike trail. This is the first narrow track trail opened in this region.

According to GBRA chief ranger Wilfred Korth, mountain bikers in the Victoria area had to travel to San Antonio, Houston, or Austin to find trails to ride. Now they will have one at their back door. Future plans are to develop a total of seven miles of trail

The trail is being designed, constructed and maintained by a group of dedicated mountain bikers from Victoria led by Willi Carville and Gary Tomas. This group of volunteers approached GBRA in 2005 about the possibility of developing a mountain bike trail within the Coletto Creek Park, so that they would have closer access to trails.

Using the relatively flat terrain of this south Texas region, these trails are being designed with technical components to challenge even the most skilled of mountain bikers, yet offer routes suitable for the beginner.

The first two mile loop, named "Copperhead Run", takes riders down narrow lanes through dense live oak motts with many sharp turns, over large oaks downed by Hurricane Claudette, and along the Coletto Creek Reservoir shoreline. As riders zip down the trail, they may discover whitetail deer or other small sized wildlife. The average rating for this trail is "More Difficult."

This narrow track mountain bike trail is a welcome addition to the many outdoor recreation opportunities the GBRA Coletto Creek Park and Reservoir has been offering local residents since 1981. The Park offers multi-use campsites, camping cabins, a developed picnic area, group use pavilions, sand volleyball courts, playgrounds, hiking trail, and a lighted fishing pier.

Because the Park offers the only public access to the 3,100 acre Coletto Creek Reservoir, visitors can fish, swim, water ski, boat, kayak, and view a wide range of Texas wildlife and migratory birds.

For additional information visit the park's website at www.colettocreekpark.com or call 361/575-6366.

