

E. Private Sector

Private Sector Support from the private sector will be imperative in order for this plan and any facilities to be used. Bicycle facilities on roadways, but no place to lock and store bikes at the destinations will effectively render the bike network useless except for recreational purposes. Providing bicycle amenities at shopping malls and movie theaters, for example, should be a major part of the enticement for people to use bikes as an alternate mode of transportation.

VII. Existing and Programmed Bicycle Network

A. On-Road Facilities

As of January 2004, the existing and programmed (i.e., funded) on-road bicycle network consists of approximately 195 miles of bicycle facilities/accommodations representing approximately 70 existing and programmed future projects. These on-road projects consist of two types of bicycle facilities and one safety accommodation:

- Bike Lanes – the safest type of on-road facility with dedicated lane stripings, markings and bike lane signage
- Bike Routes – shared, unmarked roadways generally with wider outside lanes, lower traffic volumes and lower posted speeds. Green bike route signs are posted approximately every 500'. These routes are primarily intended for Class A (experienced) and Class B (adult basic) cyclists.

B. On-Road Accommodations

- Paved Shoulders – a minimum 3' shoulder with a white stripe at outside edge of the vehicle travel lane and yellow bike warning signs for motorists. These are generally found on state and county roads outside the urban area and intended for Class A cyclists.

A listing of existing and funded future on-road bicycle facilities as of January 2004 is shown in Appendix F.

C. Off-Road Facilities

As of January 2004, the region had approximately 10 miles of completed and 23 miles of programmed off-road bicycle paths. The City of San Antonio intends to use its rivers and creekways to create a system of hike and bike trails and linear parks. Mission Trails along the San Antonio River as well as hike and bike projects on Leon Creek to the west and Salado Creek to the east are already programmed and being designed. At this time the following areas are the most currently used off-road facilities:

McAllister Park

McAllister Park is one of the main mountain biking areas in San Antonio. McAllister Park has been a cycling area since the early 1970's. The Park offers primarily a beginner to intermediate riding experience with a variety of terrain. The beginner areas are predominately located near the pavilions, with the intermediate areas on the northern boundaries of the park and on the Airport property.

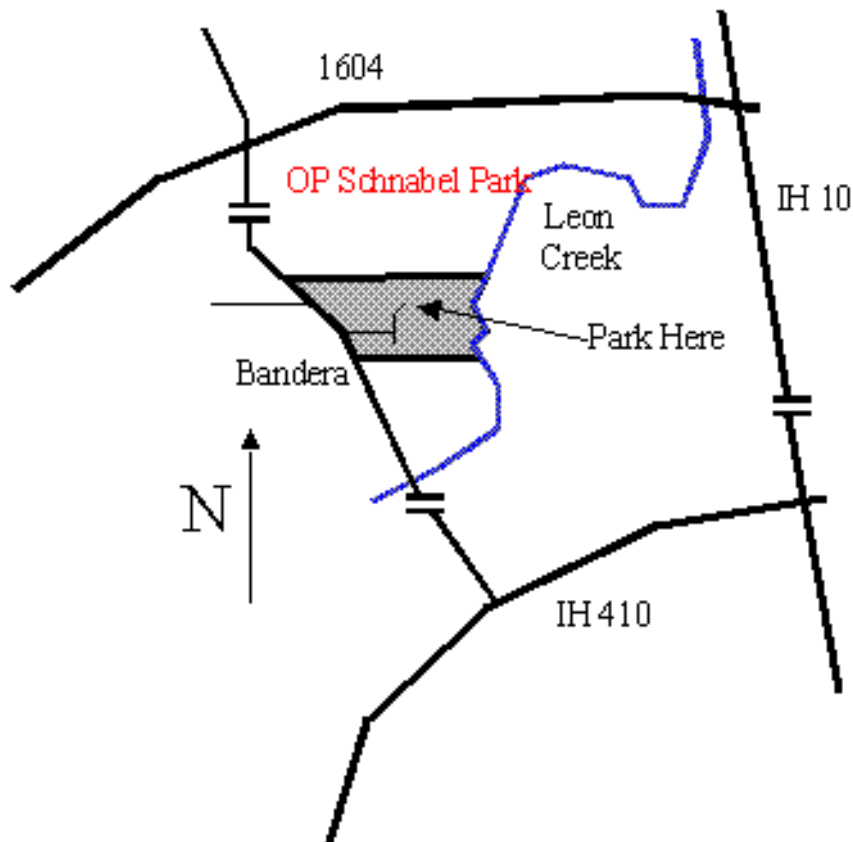
The park entrance is located at 13102 Jones-Maltsberger Road adjacent to the NE Police Substation. When the entrance road T's, go left and proceed to the back of the park to Pavilion #3. McAllister Park is also a favorite jogging/hiking spot in San Antonio, so be prepared to yield the trail.



O.P. Schnabel Park

The majority of the trails are for novice riders, but there are some intermediate trails down in the creek beds. Altogether there are approximately 20 miles of trails within the park. There is a chance of sharing the trails with hikers, so yield the right of way upon encountering one. The Leon Creek Greenway hike and bike project will greatly increase the riding at O.P. Schnabel Park in the future.

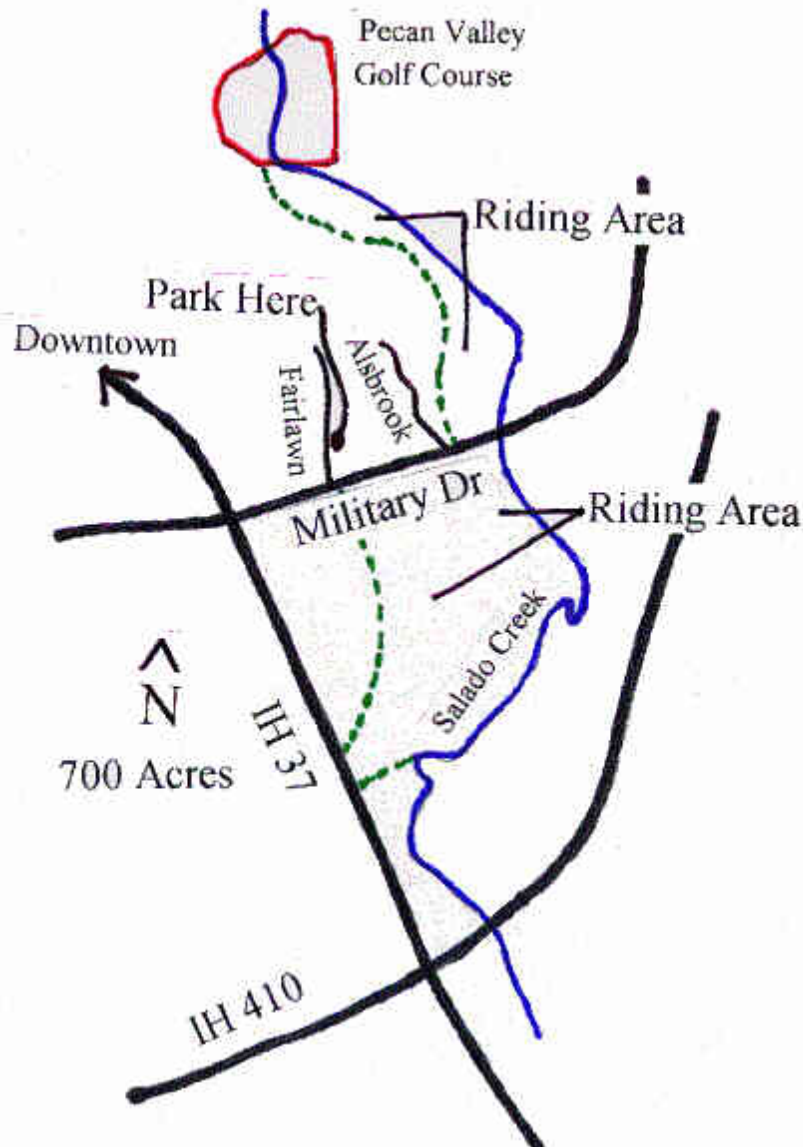
The park entrance is located at 9606 Bandera Rd (SH 16). Turn into the park and when the road T's turn left and park by the pavilion. The trails begin just to the right of the pavilion.



700 Acres

A privately owned tract of land that has been the favorite of off-road motorcyclists for years but also a good riding area for beginning, intermediate, and advanced mountain bikers. A wide range of riding surfaces ranging from packed dirt along Salado Creek to rough, boulder strewn trails lined with desert plants. S.E. Military Drive cuts the area in two and there are four main riding areas. On the north side of Military Drive there are some good warm-up trails running along the creek towards Pecan Valley Golf Course.

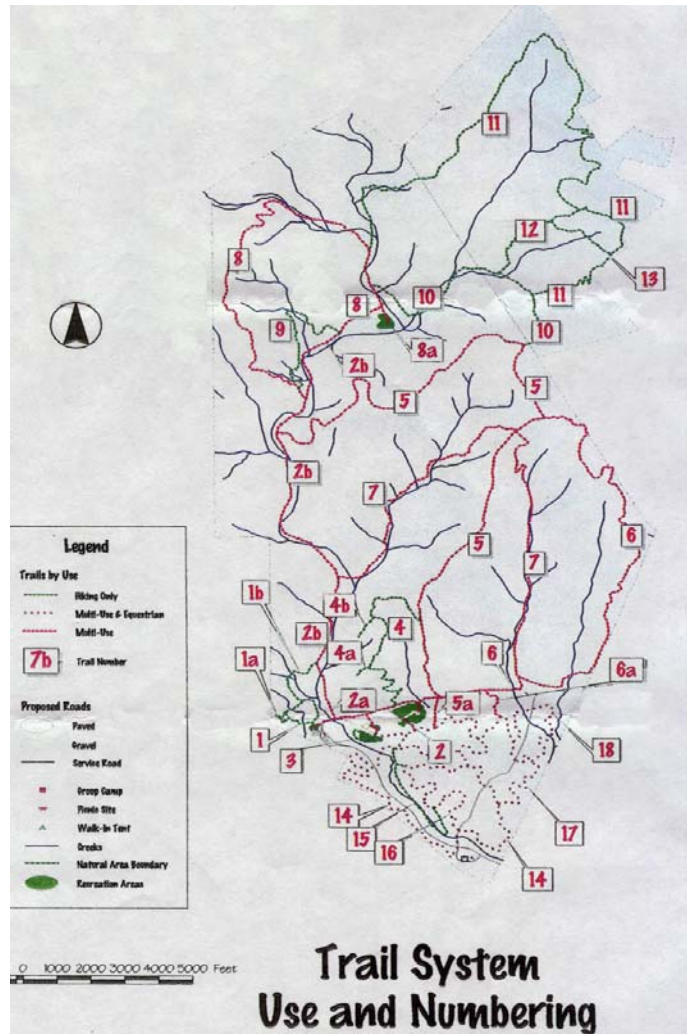
South of Military Drive are three areas - wooded trails along the creek, an open hill area to the west and a flatter plateau area to the south. To go south, you need to follow the trail to the north of Military Drive between Alsbrook and the bridge and follow the trail underneath the bridge. Whether you go north or south you will find an extensive trail system to explore.



Government Canyon State Natural Area

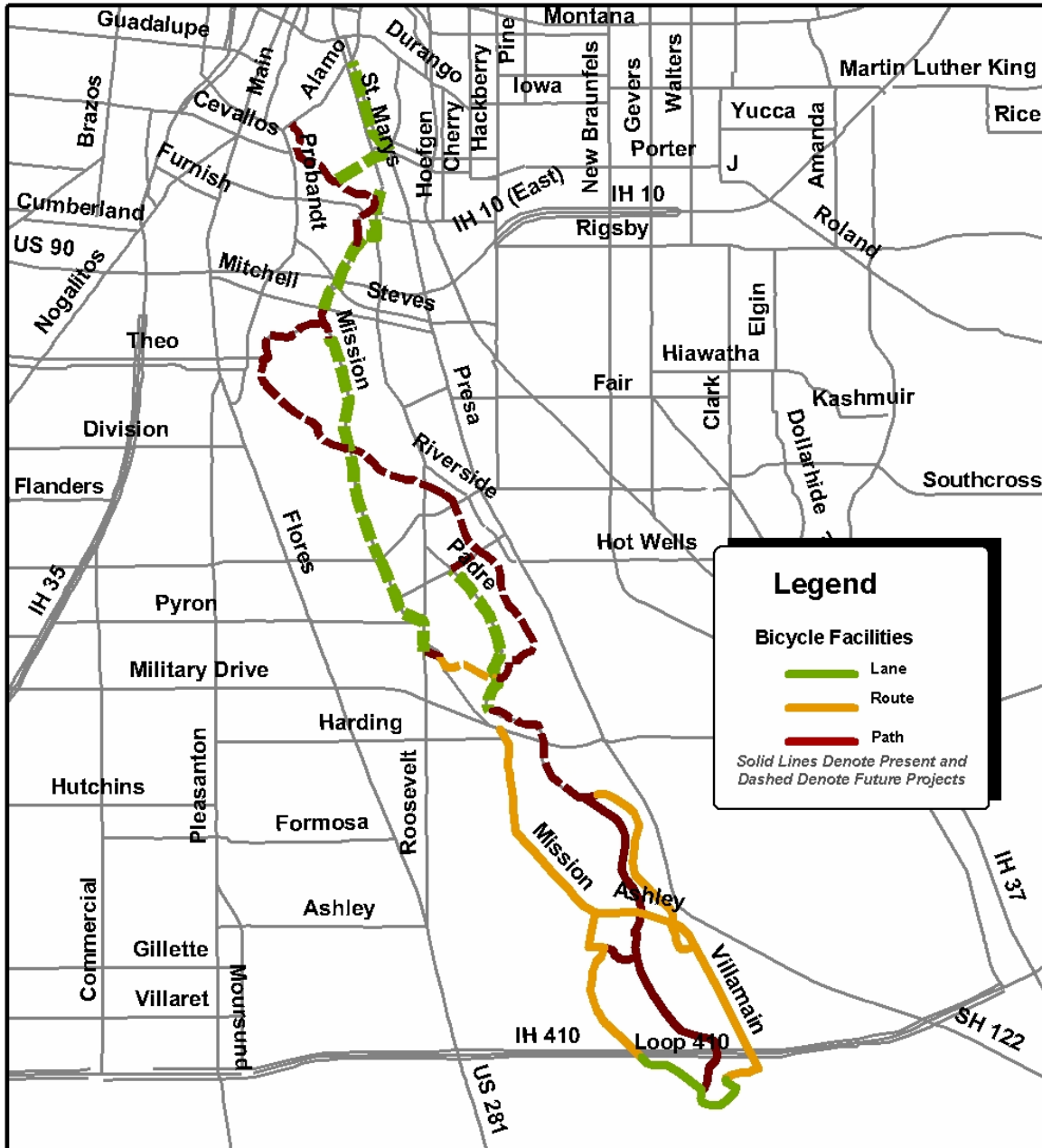
Government Canyon is an approximately 8,201-acre area in Bexar County, just outside San Antonio. The area is currently not accessible to the public, pending development. Projected time of opening is early to mid 2005. Call Government Canyon S.N.A. for the most up to date information.

Directions: From the intersection of Loop 1604 and Culebra Road (also known as FM 471 - back road to Castroville), travel west 3.5 miles to Galm Road. Turn north (right) on Galm and travel 1.6 miles; gate with signs on the left.



Mission Trails

The Mission Trails projects is a 12-mile transportation enhancement project designed to improve accessibility and way-finding among our five historic missions of San Antonio, including, San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo), Concepcion, San Jose, San Juan, and Espada. It includes a network of hike and bike trails as well as a scenic wet route along the San Antonio River that allows for convenient access to the missions.



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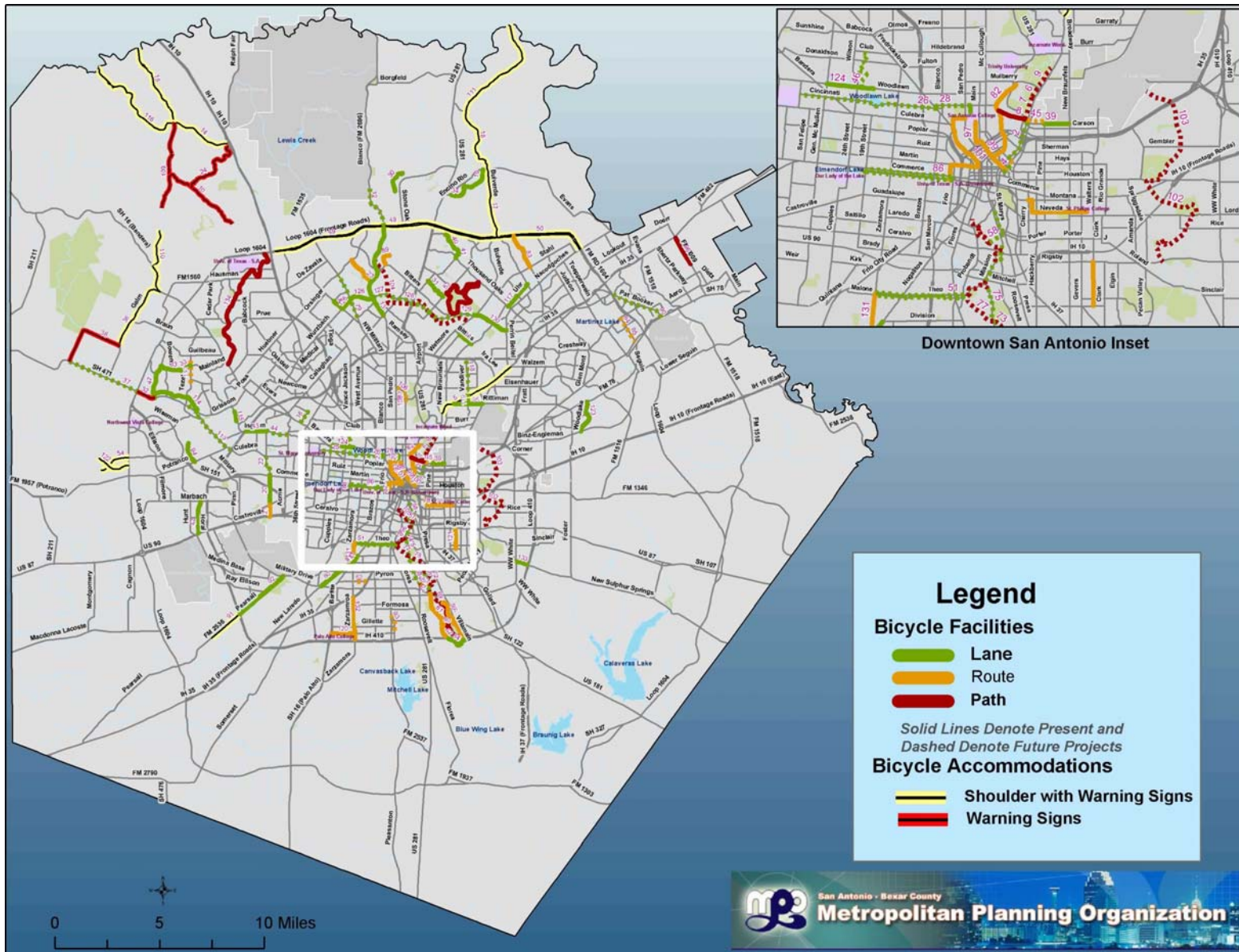


Figure 5. Existing and Funded On and Off-Road Bicycle Facilities