

WELCOME TO ILC TRAILS:

Trails created by Jack Shoemaker, maps by Ken Zook

USEFUL FOR MANY PURPOSES:

- A place to exercise and take a break from a heavy work load
- Fellowship hiking with others
- For solace and time with God
- See beautiful seasonal flowers, wildlife, and cooling forests
- Optional trail clearing that serves others

GUIDELINES FOR USING THE TRAILS:

- Hike with a partner, especially on lower level trails.
- Familiarize yourself with the center trail map to learn your way around the trails.
- Learn the names of each trail you are on and check posted map signs for locations on the map.
- **DO NOT WALK ON TRAILS WHEN MUDDY AFTER A HEAVY RAIN!** The wet clay ruins your walk, your shoes and the trail for others after clay dries. This includes intersecting DORBA biking trails.
- **POST RAIN HIKING GUIDELINES** (Test before using. If mud sticks, don't use)
 - Day 1: Stick to sidewalks after a good rain. (Emerald Lake, Fox Hollow, and Lions Park are nearby options.)
 - Day 2: The upper trail, MK Trace, has more gravel and drains quickly.
 - Day 3 to 4: Second level trails are normally dry enough for hiking.
 - Day 5 to 6: Third and Lower level trails often take this long to dry.
 - DORBA bicycle trail closings are posted at Big Cedar Wilderness Trail entrance at corner of Saddleridge Drive and Isom Lane, and on website, <https://www.trailforks.com/region/big-cedar-wilderness-trails/>. Use above guidelines. DORBA trails are currently closed Mondays and Sunday mornings.
- A walking stick is useful for stability over roots, stones, and flicking off falling branches, vines, stones, animal droppings and deterring reptiles, etc.
- Dog owners, show respect for others by brushing droppings well off the path.
- Be prepared for occasional Big Cedar DORBA bikers on the Arcade and Beaver Run trails (blue stars).
- Report major tree falls or trail blockage to jack_shoemaker@diu.edu 972-572-0501 or Ken_Zook@sil.org.

Another map is available for the full area around the center, including a PBT trail, a trail to Summit Parc, and Big Cedar DORBA (Dallas Off Road Bicycle Association) trails around Mountain Creek Church (Prayer Mountain) with connections to SIL trails. A jpg can be downloaded from <https://tinyurl.com/SILExtendedTrails2024>. A version for Android with GPS showing your location is available at <https://tinyurl.com/SILExtendedTrailsOrux2024> and instructions for using this are at <https://tinyurl.com/UsingAndroidSILAreaMap>.

Please visit <https://trailtrotters.wordpress.com/> for descriptions of the different trees, flowering plants, and wildlife on the ILC.

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