## Phil Hardberger Park Land Bridge and Skywalk

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The newly opened 1,000 ft. long Skywalk in Phil Hardberger Park in San Antonio gives you access to views from the treetops as you slowly ascend toward the Robert L. B. Tobin Land Bridge. Enter the Skywalk from the Water Loop Trail on the Blanco Road side of the park and traverse the elevated walkway, which reaches 18 ft. off the ground, to the top of the Land Bridge. Take a break part-way up and rest on the benches to enjoy the view. One side of the Skywalk is a heavily wooded area, where you can see bird and squirrel nests, perhaps an owl, and the other side offers views of the Land Bridge, where recently planted trees, grasses, and flowers will soon fill the hillside.

Park biologists are currently doing a wildlife survey using game cameras to track the animals using the Land Bridge. So far, coyotes, deer, opossums, and armadillos are among the critters observed. Lark Sparrows, Barred Owls, Crested Caracaras, Barn Swallows, Northern Cardinals, and House Finches are some of the bird species seen and heard while visiting the Skywalk and Land Bridge.

Phil Hardberger Park entrances are at 13203 Blanco Road and 8400 NW Military Highway in North Central San Antonio. The distance to the Land Bridge from either parking lot is about half a mile and takes 15 to 20 minutes to walk. ADA mobility devices are allowed on the Skywalk, but bicycles, skateboards, and skates are not. Dogs on leashes are permitted. The Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy website at <a href="https://www.philhardbergerpark.org/">https://www.philhardbergerpark.org/</a> offers a wealth of information to help you plan your visit to the Land Bridge and Skywalk.