



Frequently Asked Questions about the Butler Snow Sensory Trail

Is the trail wheelchair accessible? This trail is not ADA compliant. Our NOMAD off-road wheelchair can easily access the trail, and is available for reservation at no cost (see below FAQ for further instruction on renting the NOMAD).

Some folks with manual wheelchairs have been able to reach the trail, whether independently or by being pushed by someone. Individuals using power chairs have been able to access to the trail. However, there is no guarantee that your manual or power wheelchair will be able to access the trail. Some obstacles you may encounter: gravel, a hump with a moderate grade, and roots/sticks/stones. *The trail leading to it may be very muddy if we have had rainfall recently.*

The Butler Snow Trail is made with layers of heavily compacted gravel. Once you reach this trail, progress should be smoother.

What will I encounter on the way to the trail? There is a high possibility of passing dogs, bikes, and hikers/runners. Occasionally vehicles may enter the trail. Depending on the weather, the trail may have puddles or be muddy or dusty. From the Butler Snow Sensory Trail, you may be able to see people zip lining in the distance.

I'm blind, is this trail appropriate for me? The Butler Snow trail does have guide ropes, but the trails leading to/from the BS trail do not. The signage does not yet have Braille. There are several auditory, texture, and scent activities on the trail.

Can children go in the Sensory Trail by themselves? No, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

How long will it take to do the trail? Including travel time to and from the trail, it will take approximately 45 minutes-1 hour.

Can children go off the trail and explore? No, all Park guests must stay on marked trails.

Can you tell me more about the Sensory bags? Check out the sensory bag from the Welcome Station by exchanging your I.D. It is recommended you call 205-913-7899 the day before to ensure there will be one available. Each bag should have one slinky, one squishy soccer ball, one pair of adult sunglasses, one bag of ear buds (let us know when getting low), one bag with three pairs of child sunglasses, one fidget toy, and one yo-yo.

What activity stations are on the trail?

Scavenger Hunt	A pergola with swinging benches
Fun house mirrors	A fairy house
Scent garden	Wind chimes
Different surface textures	Music Wall
Tree faces	Birdhouses with a button you can press to hear native bird calls
Tree ID station	An artifact display case
Tic Tac Toe	A climbing wall
A comfort wall	

How do I rent a NOMAD? Call our reservations line at 205-913-7899 between the hours of 9-4:30. **Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance.**

- You will need to sign a Waiver of Liability. You may bring the completed Waiver with you, or fill out one upon arriving to the Park. Minors, 19 years old and under, must have a parent or guardian signature.
- You will begin your adventure at Red Mountain Park's entrance:
2011 Frankfurt Drive, Birmingham, AL 35211
- Upon arrival, please drive into the Park Vehicle Entrance (gravel access to the right of existing stairway Park entrance) and proceed to the base of the nearest Gray Cell Tower via the Pedestrian Crosswalk.
- Upon your arrival, a Park Info Specialist will bring the Nomad Off-Road Powered Wheelchair to you.
- Due to limited staffing resources, please note: RMP Staff cannot provide physical assistance in transitioning guests between personal vehicles and the NOMAD. Please be sure others are with you who will ensure your comfortable transition to and from the Nomad, both upon your arrival and your departure.
- The Nomad can safely travel on the trails indicated on the attached map; please plan to use these trails only.
- Our Park Info Specialist will provide Nomad usage instructions and information to ensure your Nomad journey is safe and enjoyable.
- While you are enjoying RMP's trails, highly trained Park Rangers are just a phone call away: (205) 266-6000, as are Park Info Specialists: (205)913-7899