

# **The Willow creek Trail**

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This is the sequel to my original article. Written back in 2003. And like the first version. This is primarily a picture album. Showing some of the smaller inhabitants of willow creek.

The willow creek trail is a bike/hiking trail. That runs from the intersection of westwinds drive and Mormon trek blvrd. West to the H-518 bypass. And follows a small creek. That runs along the length of the trail. There are two very shallow ponds. At the east end of the trail.

About the photos. They were all taken with either an Olympus c3040z or c4000z digital camera. (The former. c3040z being my preferred camera.) Using close up lenses when necessary. Along with an A-1 skylight filter. (Used to warm up the colors a little. And to protect the lens on my valuable cameras.) Plus occasionally a polarizer. I usually use built in flash. (Which has been covered with several layers of scotch brand magic tape. To soften the lighting.) Which allows me to use fast shutter speeds with the camera hand held. It also is how I produce the dark backgrounds. You see in many of the photos. (Which is often farther enhanced in post processing in paint shop pro.)

The photos are then edited in paint shop pro. Sharpened and resized etc.



And inchworm inching along the edge of a leaf



A damselfly on the seed head of a grass



A solitary bee checks out the flowers on a tree that recently bloomed.



A fly



Mug shot of another bee



Another solitary bee



Bumble bee



Formica ants milking aphids



More Formica ants milking an aphid



A tiny weevil caught crossing the paved trail



A small flower found growing at the edge of a mowed lawn



A tree in bloom. A brisk wind has stripped many of the petals.  
The tree was one of several along Mormon trek.



Bloom from the same type of tree. But of a different color!  
I have found both red and white blossoms on a single tree!



Cluster of yellow blooms. This plant is growing all over the shore of the pond  
along willow creek trail.



A lonely pair of blue blooms. Each smaller than a fingernail. And about the only blue flower I found anywhere along the shore of the pond!



A dandelion