

TRAIL WORK RESUMES

Thanks to funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, we are now on the verge of completing the Bosque Trail, the Park's hard-surfaced loop trail. In March, the Friends of the Rio Bosque and personnel from the City of El Paso's Parks and Recreation Department installed the sub-base for the

final surface section of the trail. The project is now in sight!

NATURE NOTES

Merlins were among the more noteworthy residents

Park. The first session on March 26 proved very productive, with pitfall traps yielding a diverse mix of arthropods and live traps capturing 8 mice of 2 species.

For the next 7 months, monitoring will take place on the 4th Saturday each month. The April session will start at 9 a.m. In May, the start time shifts to 8 a.m. Want to help? Please contact Maria Trunk with the Friends (545-5214, mtandck@elp.rr.com) or Joel Reyes with EA (747-5501, joereyes@utep.edu). ✂

THE RIO BOSQUE WEBSITE

If you've visited the Rio Bosque website recently, you know it seems to be frozen in time – November 19, 2004, to be exact. The Park's information-technology staff has not had access to it since that date. UTEP is currently standardizing websites campus wide, and Rio Bosque's dedicated website-design team is working day and night to build a new

site. An initial version is now up and running. Check it out at this easy-to-remember URL:

<http://www.18875.com>

This is the site you'll want to visit for the latest information about tours, workdays, meetings, current water conditions, recent bird sightings, or any breaking news about the Park. For things that are not time-sensitive, such as the online version of our biological management plan, education lesson plans or past newsletters, visit the old site:

<http://www.18875.com>

Please bear with us as we adjust to this change in our cyberworld. ✂

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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