

TRAIL RESTROOM

Location: Austin, TX
Size: 70 sq ft

The Trail Restroom was conceived as a sculpture in a park, a dynamic object along the active trails. The structure consists of forty-nine 3/4" thick vertical Corten steel plates. The panels are arranged along a spine that coils at one end to form the restroom walls. The plates are staggered in plan to control views and to allow for the penetration of light and fresh air. Both the door and roof were fabricated from 3/4" thick steel plates as well.

The restroom is handicapped accessible and includes a drinking fountain and shower outside in addition to a commode, urinal, sink and bench inside. The building requires minimal maintenance: the plumbing fixtures are made from heavy-duty stainless steel, there is no need for artificial light or mechanical ventilation inside, and the Corten steel panels will weather naturally over time.



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