

Millican Conservancy - BVMBA General Info and FAQ - 8/14/20

The BVMBA Trail Committee and Board of Directors have been working on negotiations with Millican Reserve regarding the new payments/costs that will be starting in September 2020. This document is to provide some information to our members about those changes coming to MR as well as give overall cost breakdowns for Club, Lake Bryan, and Millican Reserve. It also gives information about how to lower those costs.

1. What is the Millican Conservancy TrailPass?

TrailPass is the right of access to use the Millican Reserve trails for personal recreation for associated clubs only, including trail running, mountain biking, or horseback riding. It is analogous to the Lake Bryan gate fee/season pass.

2. How much does TrailPass cost?

TrailPass is \$10/month/individual or \$100/year/individual for members of BVMBA or the Lone Star Trail Runners. Family membership rates for BVMBA/Lone Star members are TBD. The \$100/year/individual can only be purchased in February when we have our annual renewal drive. If not purchased at this time, the price will be \$10/month/individual.

Conservancy membership is \$30/month/individual or \$50/month/family for the general public.

3. Is there a day use fee option?

The Millican Conservancy has indicated that the day use fee would be \$10/day/individual, which is equivalent to the charge for one month for our club members. Because of this, there is no separate designation for "single day" vs. "single month" access, and any BVMBA individual who pays \$10 for trail access would have access for that entire month.

The general public would be the same as above but \$30 instead.

4. Is TrailPass required for all trail use?

Participation in supervised NICA training sessions is exempted from the TrailPass requirement.

Other potential exemptions (such as participation in race events) are TBD.

Visitors *accompanied by a TrailPass holder* may ride one time without their own TrailPass.

BVMBA members will be allowed to ride for free once a week with the club social ride.

5. How do I demonstrate that I have valid TrailPass access?

The Millican Conservancy uses your name and license plate number to identify you as a TrailPass holder. We do not know the details of how validation of access privileges will be implemented.

6. I am a minor. How do I register for and use TrailPass?

Minors under the age of 18 may obtain TrailPass access free if a legal guardian has paid for TrailPass (and the minor is identified on the guardian's TrailPass application). Minors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult (not necessarily a legal guardian) on the trails at Millican Reserve.

Example 1: a 15-year-old may ride with a legal guardian at Millican. The guardian would pay \$10/month (or \$100/year) for both to ride at Millican. As an alternative, the 16-year-old may ride with any other adult who has TrailPass access.

Example 2: an 18-year-old may ride alone at Millican. The 18-year-old would pay \$10/month (or \$100/year) to ride at Millican. If both the 18-year-old and an additional adult in the family wish to ride at Millican, this falls under the heading of family membership (cost TBD).

7. How do I pay for my TrailPass?

As of now, we have only been given the information that this will be paid for on their website which is still under construction but should be ready to go by September. We were told that the membership will be quite customizable. You can pay monthly or set up an auto draft. You will be able to pause the subscription, cancel, or only pay for the months you want to pay for. We do not have details about this, but when they come out, we will share them with you.

8. So how much do I have to pay in total to join the club, Lake Bryan, and Millican Reserve and what are my options?

Without going into the details about pro-rated memberships for new members, our BVMBA club renewal membership fee is \$30 + 9 hours of Club Service/Trail Maintenance (this is the way the membership is set up in our by-laws with the assumption that every member will contribute 9 hours of club service/trail maintenance). Of course, the membership is \$75 with 0 club service/trail maintenance hours. Every hour that you put into club service/Trail Maintenance takes \$5 off your BVMBA membership with 15 hours making your **membership free**.

BVMBA members get yearly Lake Bryan Passes for \$50/year and that includes anyone in the car with you. You can also just pay for a day pass at \$5/day

Millican Reserve will be different depending on which months you choose to ride and whether you choose a yearly pass or not. If you don't choose to renew in February and still pay for all 12 months, it will be \$120/year/person. It will be \$100/year if you renew in February.

Here are some of the possibilities for costs:

1. (\$30 BVMBA Membership + 9 hours of Club Service/Trail Maintenance) + (\$50 Lake Bryan Pass) + (\$100 Yearly MR Pass) = **\$180** for all three passes for an individual.
2. (\$75 BVMBA Membership + 0 hours of Club Service/Trail Maintenance) + (\$50 Lake Bryan Pass) + (\$100 Yearly MR Pass) = **\$225** for all three passes for an individual.
3. (\$30 BVMBA Membership + 9 hours of Club Service/Trail Maintenance) + (\$50 Lake Bryan Pass) + (\$120 12-Month MR Pass) = **\$200** for all three passes for an individual.
4. (\$75 BVMBA Membership + 0 hours of Trail Maintenance) + (\$50 Lake Bryan Pass) + (\$120 12-Month MR Pass) = **\$245** for all three passes for an individual.

9. How can I reduce the cost of these memberships even further?

Lake Bryan gives our club up to 10 free yearly passes to hand out to the members who put in the most amount of club service/Trail Maintenance hours, sometimes as a prize for TT, or any other possibility the board deems fit.

Millican Reserve will be giving BVMBA 20-25 Free yearly memberships to those who serve on the board as well as those top trail maintenance performers. BVMBA may also give some of these out to those who also serve on one of our committees as MR wants us to grow our entire leadership within the club and reward those who volunteer their time.

BVMBA has always tracked which hours go to which trail system and we will now be tracking those hours for each individual on each trail system as well. This means if you prefer to ride one place over the other, you can put all of your club service/TM hours into either MR or LB and possibly (more than likely will since the bar is SO LOW) get a free pass.

So, if we go through the same exercise above but factor in top trail maintenance performer into LB and MR then we get this:

$(\$0 \text{ BVMBA} + 15 \text{ trail maintenance hours}) + (\text{free LB pass for top TM}) + (\text{free MR pass for top TM}) = \0

We can also explore having a position on the board:

$(\$0 \text{ BVMBA}) + (\text{free LB pass for top TM}) + (\text{free MR pass}) = \0

10. How much would it cost if I chose not to be a member of BVMBA?

We would hate to see you go; however, we do want to let our members know how much it would cost if you chose not to continue as a member of BVMBA:

1. $(\$75 \text{ Lake Bryan annual pass}) + (\$30/\text{month}/\text{ind. @ 12 months for Millican reserve}) = \435
2. $(\$75 \text{ Lake Bryan annual pass}) + (\$50/\text{month}/\text{fam. @ 12 months for Millican reserve}) = \675

On top of this, you would also lose your BVMBA discounts at the [participating] local bike shops.

At BVMBA, we support volunteers for coming out and performing club service, trail maintenance, and/or volunteering for a leadership role on the board/committee with various incentives that can drastically lower your overall cost to riding our local trails. We have been working hard to get the cost of riding a mountain bike on our local trails down as much as we can for our club members, and we hope the comparison shows just that.

If you have any further questions, please send an email to: bv-mba@googlegroups.com

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