

Block House Creek Disc Golf Course Review



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REVIEW SUMMARY

HouckDesign is a disc golf course design firm that was asked to review the Block House Creek disc golf course located at 2600 S Block House Drive, Leander, TX 78641.

To achieve the objective of this proposal, designer had to go on site, walk in some accessible areas, take photos, and also examine the property by visiting different points with access.

Based on the findings of the site visit, each fairway has undesirable risk for trail users and some fairways have an undesirable risk for street traffic.

Below is the hole-by-hole assessment by John Houck, HouckDesign.

HOLE #1. Photos below.



The tee is right next to the trail, so that the trail is vulnerable to discs flying and landing there, and backyards 100' away are vulnerable to discs flying there. The trail is in the middle of the fairway, which creates safety risk. The basket is surrounded on 3 sides by trail, and there isn't enough distance to safely land the disc as the trail is too close.

HOLE #2. Photos below.



The tee sign is not visible from the tee box for players. The trail is too close to the tee, so there is not enough landing area. Drives can cross the trail twice and create safety risk. Backyards are also too close, and discs can fly or land there. The basket is too close to the trail, and discs can fly or land on the trail, creating safety concerns for trail users.

HOLE # 3. Photos below.



Trail is vulnerable from the tee as discs can fly over the trail. Sidewalk and street are partially protected but are still vulnerable to flying discs for cars, pedestrians, or bicycles. Again, on the second shot, the sidewalk and street are vulnerable to discs flying over them or landing on them, therefore creating a risk to sidewalk users and street traffic. Basket is about 12' from trail – there isn't enough distance to safety land the disc, as the trail is too close.

HOLE #4. Photos below.



Fairway is parallel to and too close to the trail, sidewalk, and street, making them all are vulnerable to flying discs landing on the trail or flying across it. Creates risk for trail and sidewalk users. Creates risk for street traffic. Basket is within 15' of trail – there isn't enough distance to safety land the disc, as the trail is too close.



HOLE #5. Photos above. This is the first hole with the trail fairly well protected in the tee area. Discs can land in the street and create risk for street traffic. Basket is too close to the trail – discs can still fly over the trail or land on the trail creating risk for trail users.

HOLE #6. Photos below.



Unable to find a tee sign for this hole. If the course map is accurate, the tee is too close to the trail and throws parallel to the trail and the street, creating undesirable risk to trail users and street traffic. Not enough buffer zone. The basket is still too close to the trail, and the next tee sign is too close to the basket.

HOLE #7. Photos below.



This tee is father from the trail than most on the course, but trail users are still vulnerable to the risk of discs flying over or across the trail. The basket is too close to the next tee sign.

Hole #8. Photos below.



The tee pad is parallel to and too close to the trail, and discs can cross or land on the trail, creating risk to trail users. The trail crosses the fairway, which adds even greater risk on the hole to trail users from flying discs. The basket is located too close to the trail on two sides, creating additional risk.

HOLE #9. Photos below.



The tee sign is not visible from the tee box. The drive throws over the trail and parallel to the trail, which is in the fairway. This hole has risk for trail users on each side of the fairway and also near the basket, which is too close to the trail.

Redesign Options:

1. If no additional adjacent area is available, HouckDesign can create a family-friendly, skill development, beginner type course through Micro Disc Golf Courses.
2. If additional land is available, it is possible to redesign this course to a par 3 recreational course which would minimize risks to trails, streets and other users. By relocating all fairways within the same area and sufficient additional area, the new course would serve the community in a more safe and sustainable way. It would also be more fun and more challenging.