

## Richardson nature portals and plano dog park named favorites of 2020 by north texas construction firm

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Ratliff Hardscape, a North Texas construction firm, has named Richardson's Spring Creek nature portals and the Bob Woodruff Dog Park in Plano as two of the company's 12 favorite projects of 2020.

The announcement was made over the several days during the firm's "12 Days of Ratliff Faves" on Twitter.



Richardson's Spring Creek Nature Area features entry portals, designed by artist Brad Goldberg in collaboration with DCBA Landscape Architecture. The portals feature massive blocks of textured, Kenoran Sage granite, cut out with leaf-shaped openings. Each portal is shaded by tall trees, a leaf-shaped sculpture imprinted with a quote about nature and leaf-shaped seat pods.

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