



View from the Tower Ranch end of park

Spear Grass

Mid-August is not the time to go wandering in the grasslands of Black Mountain. Take it from me! This grass will hook into your socks and shoes and like a fish hook it takes time to remove. I spent an hour picking spear grass out of my socks and shoes after a walk in the grasslands of Black Mountain. It's like several needles pushing into your feet and I found myself constantly stopping to remove a few that made walking painful. The person best prepared for the walk was Glen

who had on gaiters which did not seem to pick up the nasty little barbs. It goes without saying that dogs with their furry bodies are perfect carriers of these grasses and can embed into the dog's body. After plucking out the barbs from my shoes and socks, I noticed a number of little black seeds all ready to embed into new soil to spread their ruthless offspring wherever they can get a foot hold. Be warned!



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