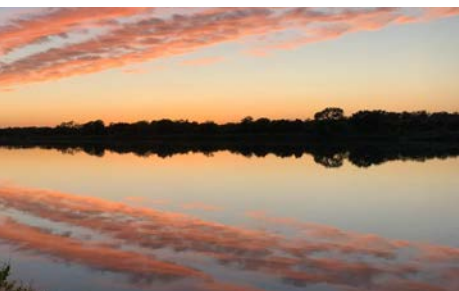
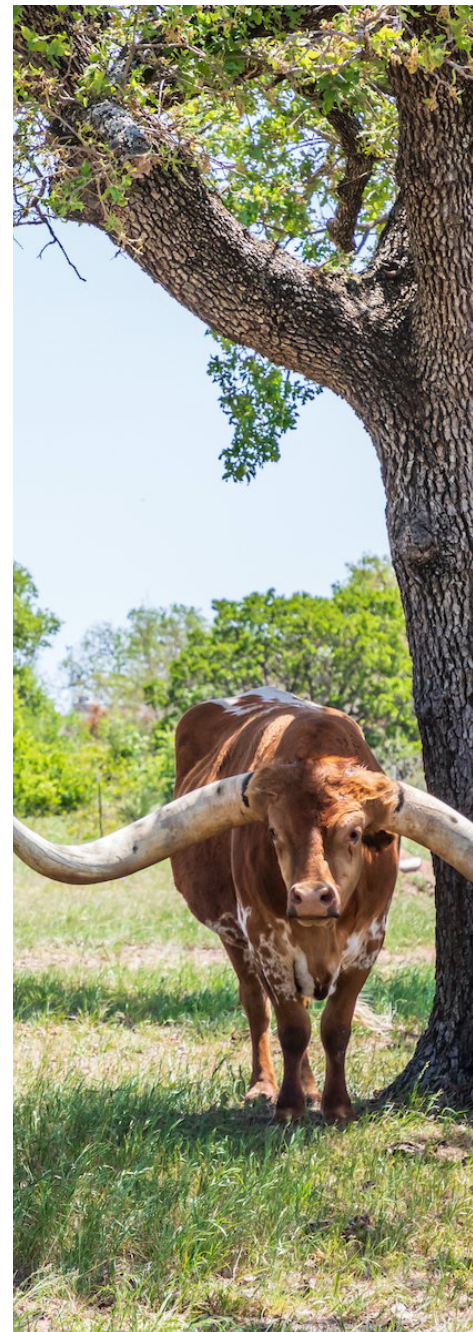


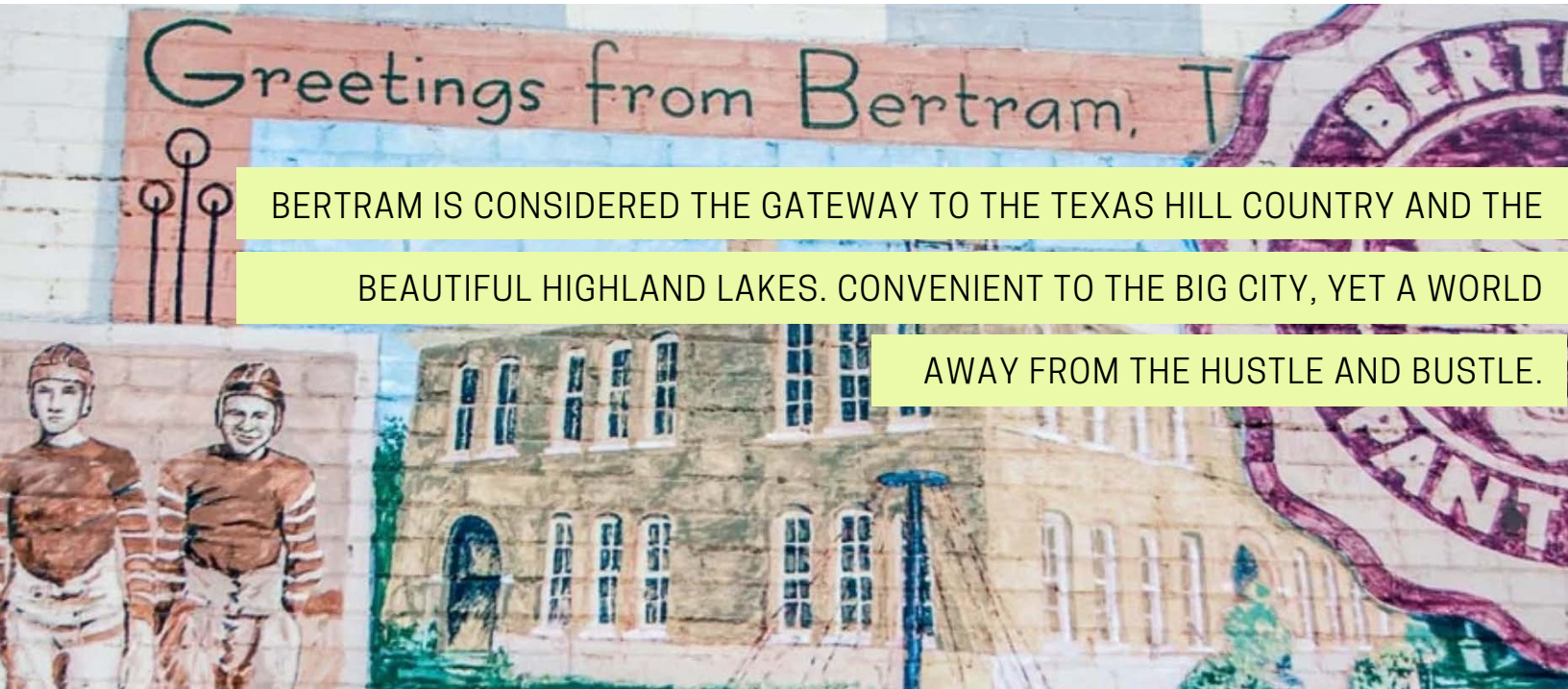


# THINGS TO DO BURNET AND LLANO COUNTIES





# Bertrum



BERTRAM IS CONSIDERED THE GATEWAY TO THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY AND THE

BEAUTIFUL HIGHLAND LAKES. CONVENIENT TO THE BIG CITY, YET A WORLD

AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE.

**Welcome to the City of Bertram, Texas. The City of Bertram is a beautiful Hill County community full of friendly people. Bertram has a little of something for everyone and growing fast. Bertram offers parks, tennis courts, and walking paths. We are also home to a variety of events throughout the year including the Oatmeal Festival and Fourth of July firework showcase.**

Bertram is an agricultural based community with a rich history. It was founded in 1882 by Rudolph Bertram, a principal stockholder in the Austin and Northwestern Railroad. Bertram grew rapidly and became an important trade and shipping center for wool, sheep, cotton, hides and cattle. Although the town began to decline after the war, Bertram remained a solid community. Bertram's many historic buildings afford a charming look into the past, and its friendly people make the visitors and newcomers feel at home. Burnet has many pleasant surprises served up by some of the friendliest folks you will find in one small quiet hill country city.

## **BURNET CISD**

Located in the heart of the Hill Country, Burnet CISD encompasses over 700 square miles and serves 3,200 students at six campuses. Burnet CISD has a rich history of excellence in academics and extracurricular activities and is committed to CRAFTING the FUTURE with students. We want a student's experience in Burnet CISD to be a launching point for the rest of his or her college and career experiences.

## **COLLEGES**

Numerous community colleges within driving distance of Bertram.

- Central Texas College: [www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu)
- Texas Tech: [www.ttu.edu](http://www.ttu.edu)
- Southwestern College: [www.southwestern.edu](http://www.southwestern.edu)
- Austin Community College: [www.austinctt.edu](http://www.austinctt.edu)

## **RECREATION**

The city is well-known for its annual Oatmeal Festival every Labor Day weekend. The festival started as a way to rebuild the nearby community, Oatmeal. Over the years the Oatmeal festival has evolved into one of the wildest small-town festivals across the World. One of the fun things about the festival is that all of the activities start three or thirty-three minutes past the hour because the festival is sponsored by Three Minutes Brand Oats. The festival is a great way to see Bertram residents' pride and to literally feel oatmeal raining.

Several community events in Burnet are the Easter Egg Hunt, Burnet County Livestock Show, and Santa's Workshop.

**Bertram City Pool, tennis courts and playground:** located adjacent to the Roadside Park at the west end of town – the park, courts and playground are free to all, and the park is an excellent picnic destination.

**Johnnie Mae Wheeler Park:** in the heart of downtown Bertram under the water tower – a beautifully maintained park with a lovely gazebo, just perfect for weddings, an Easter egg hunt or a noon lunch break. During December the park is brilliantly decorated and is the 'jewel' of downtown.

**Bertram Elementary Pavilion, walking track, volleyball courts and soccer field:** our elementary school is dear to Bertram, and the school endeavors to accommodate the needs of our citizens and our children. The walking track is a quarter mile, and it winds around the volleyball court, next to a playscape and the soccer field. It is a perfect place for family recreation. The pavilion features a basketball court.

**Fishing:** Bertram is within 30 minutes of the 7 Highland Lakes. Visit [www.lakesandhills.com](http://www.lakesandhills.com) for fishing information.

# Burnet

BURNET IS A PICTURESQUE CITY LOCATED IN THE HEART

OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY NEAR THE HIGHLAND LAKES



## Community of Burnet

Nestled at the edge of the spectacular Texas Hill Country about 50 miles northwest of Austin, amidst the beautiful Highland Lakes, is the historic community of Burnet. Established first as a fort on the Texas frontier in the mid-1800s, Burnet has maintained its pioneer roots and rural charm while adapting to the modern age. We welcome you to one of the friendliest towns in central Texas.

Burnet's Historic town square offers visitors a unique shopping and dining experience. Gift, antique, and collectible shops surround the square. There are several cafes and full-service restaurants on or within easy walking distance of the square. Hotels/motels, resorts, bed and breakfasts, cabins & cottages, and Burnet's proximity to so many sights make it the ideal hub for travels into our region. So no matter what your interests you will find something to please you in Burnet!

The City of Burnet, the county seat of Burnet County, is a hub of industry, commerce, and trade in the Highland Lakes area. Its modern schools, hospital, airport, and retail centers provide all the essentials for today's society, while the scenic countryside and inviting parklands present a myriad of opportunities for those who want to get away from it all.

Throughout the year, the City of Burnet offers a vast array of events and activities for all ages. From Bluebonnet Festival to the winter wonderland of Bethlehem Village and Christmas on the Square to the summer frontier shoot-outs and vintage steam train tours, Burnet is alive with sights and sounds that make it one of the Hill Country's most popular destination spots in the state of Texas.

**In 1981, the Texas State Legislature office designated Burnet the "Bluebonnet Capital of Texas."** A couple of years later, community leaders created the Bluebonnet Festival. Taking place the second weekend in April at the peak of bluebonnet season, this three-day festival draws crowds topping 30,000 each year.

## Best Places to See Bluebonnets in Burnet, TX

Haley Nelson Park (US Hwy 29 West)  
Burnet Municipal Airport (US Hwy 281 South)  
Wallace Riddell Park (US Hwy 29 East)

## Attractions and Recreation

Burnet offers a variety of outdoor activities and sightseeing opportunities. Climb aboard the historic Austin Steam Train for a leisurely trip through the Hill Country, embark upon the Vanishing Texas River Cruise to capture scenic views of Lake Buchanan and the Colorado River, or visit one of the area's outdoor parks such as Reveille Peak Ranch, Spider Mountain Bike Park, or Inks Lake State Park. Golfing enthusiasts will enjoy Delaware Springs Golf Course, some of the Hill Country's best golf.

Get a taste of Burnet's Historic Downtown Square has to offer. Immerse yourself in our town's vibrant heritage on a walking tour through historic downtown, and savor a meal at one of the area's many cafés or restaurants. Fine spirits, boutiques, unique antique finds and a warm cup of coffee abound. Feed your creative side at one of Burnet's art galleries, or take a trip back in time at one of our museums.

Local residents often refer to Burnet, TX as the hidden gem of the Hill Country. To help you select the perfect activities for your group, we've created a list of some of the attractions that make Burnet special.

## 15 Fun Things to Do in Burnet

### 1. Longhorn Cavern State Park

Longhorn Cavern State Park features Longhorn Cavern, a Texas Hill Country wonder created over thousands of years by the dissolving and cutting action of water on the limestone bedrock of the area. The park is open daily except Christmas. The 85-minute tour covers 1.25 miles of underground caverns. There are also picnic areas, short hiking trails, a gift shop, and a deli lunch counter. For more adventurous spelunkers, ask about the Wild Cave Tours!

### 2. Vanishing Texas River Cruise

Enjoy the premier ecological cruise of Texas. Departing from Lake Buchanan in the Central Texas Hill Country, the cruise provides spectacular views of Lake Buchanan, the Colorado River, native Texas wildlife, waterfalls, world-class bird watching, and wintering bald eagles.

### 3. Spider Mountain Bike Park

Located on the banks of Lake Buchanan, Spider Mountain is home to Texas' first and only lift-serve mountain bike park and only lift-served, year-round mountain park in the U.S. Spider Mountain Bike Park offers a variety of trails for all abilities. Bike and equipment rentals are available on a first come, first serve basis. Those who prefer hiking will soon have the option to ride to the top of the mountain and hike down a path reserved for pedestrians. Once you've had your fill of gravity-fueled thrills, sample our lake resort amenities where you'll find lodging, camping, SUP and boat rentals at our private marina and more.

### 4. Austin Steam Trail Association – The Hill Country Flyer

The popular Hill Country Flyer runs on Saturdays from January – May and again in September and October. The train departs from the Cedar Park depot and travels to Burnet for a two-hour layover.

### 5. The Burnet Gunfighters

The Burnet Gunfighters present their popular gunfight before the train leaves Burnet for the return trip to Cedar Park.

### 6. Delaware Spring Golf Course

Delaware Springs Golf Course is one of 12 golf courses in the Burnet area. The course is an 18-hole championship public golf course and offers a pro shop, driving range, putting green, snack bar, and dining room. Its 17th hole is named one of the "1001 Golf Holes you Must Play Before You Die" by golf writer Jeff Barr. The course was also named one of Golf Digest's "Best Places to Play."

### 7. Inks Lake State Park

Inks Lake State Park features 1201 acres of recreational facilities adjacent to the Colorado River. Located in the High Lakes chain (7 lakes) surrounded by granite hills, it makes a great day trip or weekend getaway. The water level of Inks Lake is usually maintained at a constant level allowing for year-round swimming, boating, scuba diving, and fishing. Paddle boats, canoes, and kayaks can be rented at the park store. On land, you can camp, backpack, geocache, play volleyball, picnic, or enjoy 9 miles of hiking trails.

### 8. Canyon of the Eagles Nature Park

The 940-acre nature park features a stargazing observatory, beaches, camping, 14-mile hiking trail, a labyrinth, and a marina with canoes, kayaks, and sailboats. RV sites and cabins are available. Be sure to visit the on-site restaurant with its tasty food and spectacular views. Afterwards, enjoy roasting marshmallows in the S'mores fire pit.

### 9. Fort Croghan Museum & Grounds

See pioneer log cabins built in the 1800's furnished authentically with items used during that era. Visit the working blacksmith shop, a one room schoolhouse, an original stagecoach stop, syrup mill, and a rock house built in the 1850's by a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto. Also visit the two original buildings constructed by the U.S. Army when this site, Fort Croghan, was an active frontier fort (1849-1853). The museum is loaded with artifacts dating from Native American Indian era to the 1900's recording the history of Burnet County and Texas.

### 10. Hill Country Motorheads Museum

With over 200 motorcycles in the collection, the museum regularly showcases more than 70 bikes of many brands from around the world. Interesting facts/ background information is shared for each motorcycle displayed. The museum additionally showcases an assortment of vintage posters and photos making it a nostalgic display of history. Those wanting to stay a bit longer can enjoy the man cave which includes a pool table, sofa, and TV.

### 11. Highland Lakes Squadron Commemorative Air Force Museum

The museum houses historical artifacts as well as a "working" aircraft hanger where WWII era aircraft are brought back to life. Specific exhibits include the front turret from a B-24 bomber, a cutaway radial engine of the type used in the AT-6/SNJ, a WWII machine for making dog tags, a WWII instrument flying trainer, and an air-to-missile. The B-24 turret is accessible, especially for younger visitors.

### 12. Reveille Peak Ranch

The ranch is a 1,300-acre outdoor event, education, and adventure center in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. Whether you're looking for some of the best mountain bike/ running trails in Texas, camping, or water sports, Reveille Peak Ranch provides an experience like no other.

### 13. Downtown Shopping & Eating

Visit Burnet's Historic Business District with broad sidewalks that invite visitors to stroll the District. Immerse yourself in the town's vibrant heritage on a walking tour including numerous historical buildings housing modern businesses. The District, bound by Polk, Pierce, Jackson, and Water Streets, is home to four buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, and numerous places designated by the City of Burnet as historical properties. Shop at the local boutiques and sample the local cuisine at various food/ beverage establishments.

### 14. Burnet Farmers Market & Crafts Market

Saturday mornings from 9am – 1pm from May 1-Nov 20 on the Courthouse Square. Organized by the Highland Lakes Master Gardeners, the market shares information on gardening as well as an opportunity to purchase farm fresh foods and handcrafted items.

### 15. Local Wineries

There are multiple award winning wineries within a short drive. Wedding Oak Winery, located on the Burnet Square, is housed in a beautifully restored historic building. Torr Na Lochs Vineyard & Winery sits high above the Colorado River Valley, overlooking Inks and Buchanan Lakes. Down in Hoover's Valley, enjoy a view of the surrounding hills while visiting Perissos Vineyards' 16 acres of estate vines. Want to tour multiple wineries? More than just a van that takes you to wineries, Wine on 29 offers an elevated, curated, wine tour experience with a focus on wineries along 29.



# Granite Shoals

GRANITE SHOALS IS NESTLED ON THE NORTH SHORE OF LAKE LBJ



**Granite Shoals is nestled on the North shore of Lake LBJ about halfway between Kingsland and Marble Falls on Highway 1431. It is also on the other side of the Colorado river from Sunrise Beach Village. It is about an hour drive northwest of Austin and 85 minutes north of San Antonio. Granite Shoals is a popular destination for lake enthusiasts because it is home to 19 city parks on Lake LBJ. The lake access to Lake LBJ is one of the nicest features of the area. Lake LBJ is a normally constant level lake and is popular for boating, waterskiing, jet skiing, swimming and fishing.**

**The Highland Lakes**, which are the largest chain of lakes in Texas, are heaven to outdoorsman. The Highland Lakes includes Inks, Marble Falls, Travis, LBJ, and Buchanan. These lakes contain vast variety of fish including catfish, bass, bream, and crappie. Not only are the Highland lakes excellent for fishing, but also for water recreation. All these activities can be enjoyed with a little music, which is a fundamental piece of life for the Texas Hill Country area. Music can be appreciated at Highland Lakes numerous live venues.

Because of the mild climate, golf courses around the Granite Shoals area are open year round which has allowed them to be known as the best Texas Hill Country. Texans are also taking advantage of the great climate, producing several award-winning wines. Hunting for White-tailed deer, feral hogs, and wild turkey is best during the Fall and Winter Seasons.

**Marble Falls ISD** is a progressive, growing school district located in the heart of the Highland Lakes region of the beautiful Texas Hill Country. In addition to lakes, fishing, boating, waterskiing, and golfing, you'll find modern school facilities equipped with the latest technology designed to encourage engaged learning and facilitate leading-edge instruction. You'll also discover top athletic and extracurricular facilities and equipment.

The District encompasses a very large land area (268 square miles) and serves the students, parents and communities of Marble Falls, Meadowlakes, Granite Shoals, Highland Haven, Cottonwood, Fairland, Smithwick, Horseshoe Bay South and Spicewood. Although large in size, the Marble Falls ISD area offers residents a home-town atmosphere with plenty of terrific dining and shopping alternatives. MFISD is classified as a 5-A district and has a growing enrollment exceeding 4,000 students. The District has four elementary schools, all of which offer pre-kindergarten through 5th grades: Colt Elementary; Marble Falls Elementary; Highland Lakes Elementary; and Spicewood Elementary. The District has three secondary campuses: Marble Falls Middle School (grades 6-8); Falls Career High School (a non-traditional alternative high school); and Marble Falls High School grades 9-12).



# Kingsland



KINGSLAND IS A HIDDEN GEM IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY. LOCATED ON THE BANKS OF LAKE LBJ BETWEEN THE LLANO AND COLORADO RIVERS

**Kingsland is one of the Texas escapes that is all about lake life! Here you can enjoy all that the Highland Lakes area of Central Texas has to offer.**

Kingsland started with a few businesses and a cotton gin in the 1880s. With a population of just over 7,000, Kingsland, Texas meets the definition of a small Texas town. Don't let the population or size of Kingsland deter you from visiting. Kingsland, Texas, is big on charm, full of friendly people, and has a fabulous lake and several fun restaurants to enjoy. The location in the Hill Country was then "put on the map" in 1892 when the Austin and Northwestern Railroad connected to Llano through Kingsland, Texas. The railroad brought about a population increase that turned Kingsland into the tourism destination it is today. Now, that sounds like a great small town to us!

While visiting Kingsland, TX, you can enjoy boating or fishing on the beautiful Lake LBJ, exploring some of the histories of Llano County, visiting the many businesses around town, or just kicking back in a local café or restaurant while getting to know the locals!

It's easy to see why tourism is growing so quickly in Kingsland, TX. It is such a great place that you might find yourself staying put where the rivers flow and the bluebonnets grow in Central Texas!

## Things To Do In Kingsland...

• **Go Boating on Lake LBJ In Kingsland** - The convenient location on Lake LBJ, combined with the fact that it is a constant-level lake, draws visitors not only from Austin but from all over Texas. To get an authentic feel for Kingsland, you can take a boat ride on Lake LBJ, the Colorado River, and the Llano River.

Be sure to stop in at Buddies. Conveniently located in town, Buddies is like a marina/gas station combo. They have everything you need for a day on the water, including fishing supplies, sunscreen, and snacks. In addition to all of this, you can also grab some Krispy Krunchy Chicken during your visit. When you are ready to launch your boat, you can head to Kingsland Community Park and use their new public boat launch!

• **Play a Round of Golf** - The beautiful Texas Hill Country is the perfect place to tee off for a round of golf, and Kingsland, Texas, offers visitors two courses to choose from:

Legends on Lake LBJ is located in a beautiful lake-side community. Guest at Legends can enjoy playing on a course designed by Tom Kite, Roy Bechtol, and Randy Russell. Another great thing about Legends is that you can also stay on the property, thanks to The Legends Villas. These villas have everything you need to enjoy a peaceful retreat in Kingsland, Texas.

Golfers will also want to consider Lighthouse Country Club during their visit to Kingsland, TX. Nestled away in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, Lighthouse Country Club features an 18-hole course on the shores of Lake LBJ. A highlight of this course in Kingsland, Texas, is the view of Packsaddle Mountain, a Texas state landmark commemorating the last major Native American battle in the area.

## • Do Some Texas Fishing

One of the most popular things to do in Kingsland, is to spend the day fishing. Kingslands access to Lake LBJ, the Llano River, and the Colorado River means that visitors have several bodies of water to choose from. Anglers love casting under the many boat docks located on this Texas lake.



- **Check Out The Fun Murals In Kingsland**

You will find the perfect mural on the side of the Kingsland, Chamber of Commerce office. Here you will find a 'lake life' mural highlighting Lake LBJ and the Kingsland community that artist Crystal Nobles created. Another impressive mural in Kingsland, TX, is the map mural located at Prosperity Bank. This mural maps the Highland Lakes of the Texas Hill Country out of small tiles. There is also a great mural at Boat Town Burger Bar that is a tribute to the "Hill Country Riviera" (aka Lake LBJ and the Llano River).

- **Try Wake Surfing**

If you haven't tried wake surfing, then you are missing out! Kingsland, TX is the perfect place to give this one a go. Hanging on the lake is fun, but there is nothing like cruising on a wave behind the boat.

- **Do Some Stand Up Paddle Boarding**

Another fun lake activity to enjoy during your trip to Kingsland, is stand-up paddle boarding. Find a site on the lake that is out of the way of the main body of water. The lack of waves in these areas will help give you the confidence to stand up and enjoy being on the board. If you don't have a board of your own, you can check at the local marina and boat rentals to see about renting one.

- **Grand Central Cafe Restaurant**

Movie buffs flock to Grand Central Cafe in Kingsland! The Cafe is housed in the original place where the 1970s movie *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* was filmed! Visitors can tour the house turned restaurant to see the original staircase and the infamous door from which Leatherface emerged. Of course, you will also find memorabilia, including signed photographs from the actors, throughout the site. During your visit, grab a meal and a cocktail in this piece of Texas history.

- **Town Burger Bar**

This Kingsland hot spot serves up delicious pub-style food accompanied by yummy craft cocktails, all with a view of Lake LBJ! Locals and visitors flock to Boat Town on the weekends to enjoy the lively atmosphere accompanied by live music under the Texas stars. They also host events throughout the year.

- **Patio 2900**

You will find Patio 2900, located right next to Boat Town Burger Bar. While both boast great lake views, Patio 2900 serves delicious pizza instead of burgers and pub food. After ordering head outside to enjoy their fabulous location on Lake LBJ.

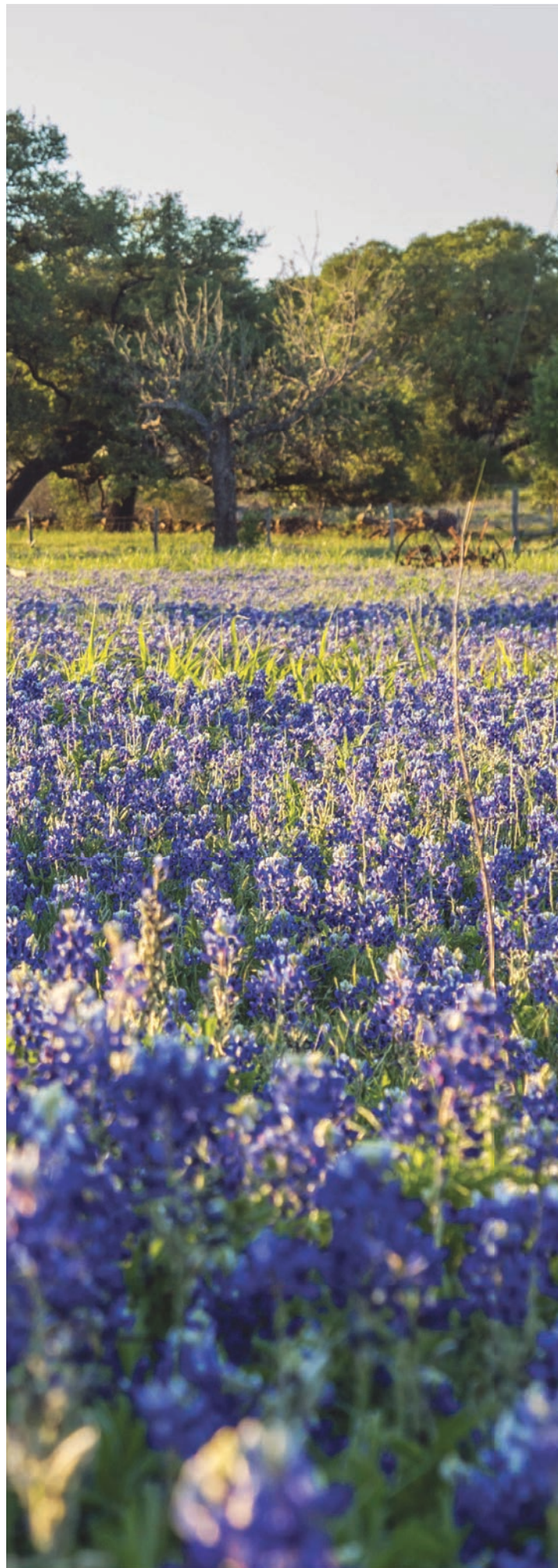
- **The Place Downtown**

Right in the heart of Kingsland, visitors will find The Place Downtown. What started as a little coffee/breakfast shop for their church quickly became a thriving business. The Place Downtown also serves as a church.

- **Lazy Heron Coffee Shop**

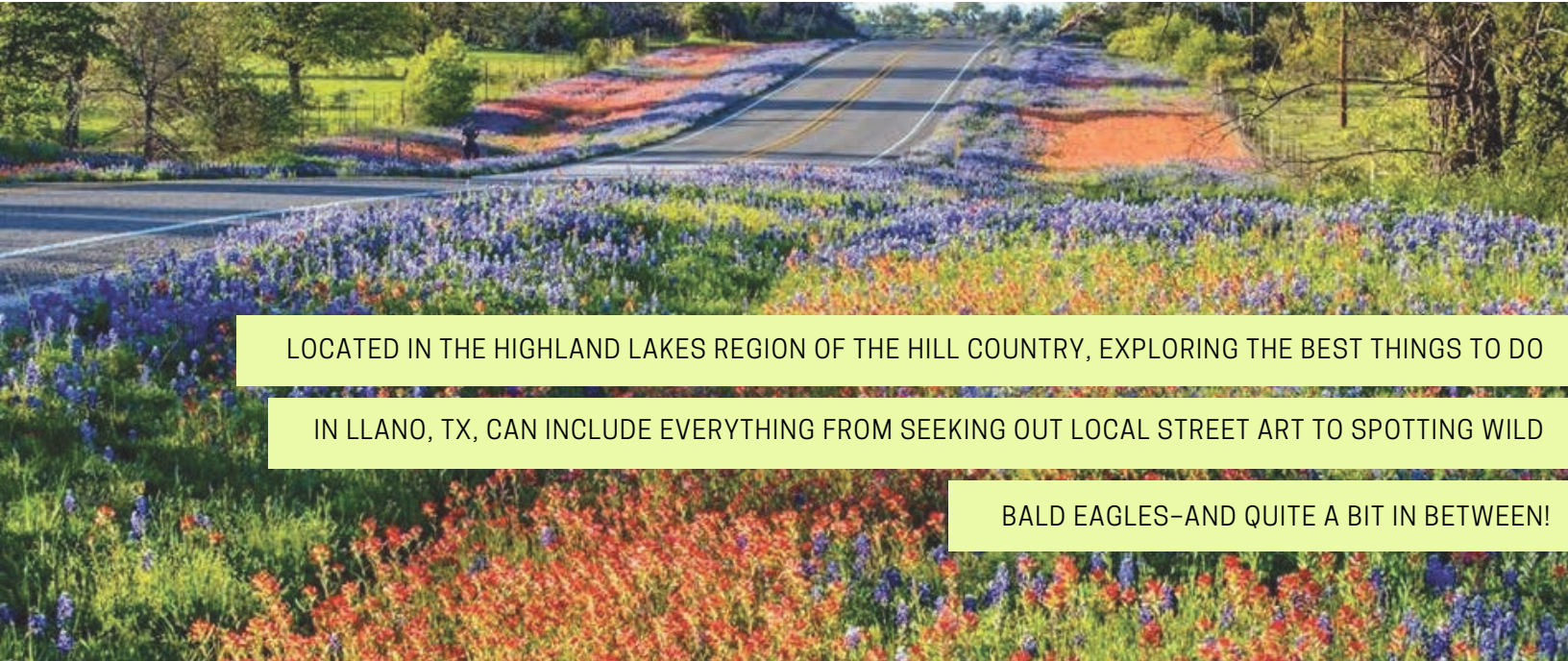
You cannot visit Kingsland, Texas, without going to Lazy Heron Coffee Shop. This fun Highland Lakes coffee shop serves delicious coffee in a laid-back, cozy atmosphere.

<https://www.thattexascouple.com/kingsland-texas/>





# Llano



LOCATED IN THE HIGHLAND LAKES REGION OF THE HILL COUNTRY, EXPLORING THE BEST THINGS TO DO

IN LLANO, TX, CAN INCLUDE EVERYTHING FROM SEEKING OUT LOCAL STREET ART TO SPOTTING WILD

BALD EAGLES—AND QUITE A BIT IN BETWEEN!

**An hour west of Austin the asphalt turns to lush hills and sparkling waters. Llano is located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country only 72 miles northwest of Austin and 90 miles northwest of San Antonio. Once here, there is more to make you stop than the 4 traffic lights!**

You will enjoy the relaxed pace of a welcoming small town community and the serenity the beautiful landscape brings. Whether living in town, on the river, or out in the country, Llano's cadence will lure you to take pleasure in the unique simplicity of the Hill Country life.

With one-fourth of the population residing in the city & three-fourths in the county, Llano caters to very diverse living standards. Llano is a prime place to distance yourself from the city, raise a family, start a business, work some land, own a second home, or just retire.

## **Fun Things to Do in Llano, Texas**

### ***Sample some of the best barbecue in Texas.***

Llano is, unsurprisingly, home to some truly fantastic barbecue—and in the case of Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que, it just may be the best in Texas! Just ask its many fans and long lines—in a near-impossible competition, Cooper's tends to rank near the top. However, its neighbor across the street, Inman's Kitchen Bar-B-Q, should not be overlooked.

### ***Stroll across the Roy B. Inks Bridge.***

Sometimes called simply the Inks Bridge or even the Llano Bridge, this 1935 bridge spans the Llano River and is the only bridge in town. You can easily walk across it, and it makes for excellent views of the river below.

### ***Check out Llano's historic Red Top Jail.***

Dating to 1895, Llano's Red Top Jail has—what else—a distinctive red roof, and a well-preserved interior (which only makes sense: it was a functioning jail until 1982).

### ***Seek out Shakedown Street.***

Part public art project and part local hangout, Shakedown Street is a collection of colorful murals and decor situated behind Charlie's Furniture in Llano. Located in the heart of town, it's easy to access Shakedown Street, but you may miss it unless you're specifically seeking it out. As an art project that clearly delights in its own whimsy.

### ***Pay a visit to the Llano Historical Museum.***

Housed in the former Bruhl's Drugstore (you can still see the original soda fountain inside when you visit), the Llano Historical Museum explores the history of Llano County. The small museum is open from Wednesday to Saturday, Don't miss the Pioneer Garden out back!

### ***Follow the Llano Trail of Deer.***

Uniquely painted deer statues are scattered throughout town, and they make excellent photo spots in Llano.



### **Drive Highway 71 during bluebonnet season.**

Highway 71 near Llano is home to some of the prettiest bluebonnet patches in Texas from roughly late March to mid-April each year. Be sure to add this scenic drive to your list of fun things to do in Llano, TX!

### **Admire one of the most beautiful courthouses in Texas.**

On any list of the most gorgeous Texas courthouses, you're virtually guaranteed to find the Llano Courthouse. Built in 1893, the courthouse and its distinctive clocktower are well worth checking out while visiting Llano.

### **Stop by the Dabbs Railroad Hotel.**

Built in 1907, this hotel overlooking the Llano River is one of the last remaining railroad hotels of its kind. Situated near the train station, in the early 20th century the Dabbs Railroad Hotel catered to visitors passing through Llano.

Though it features beautiful views and plenty of Texas history, the Dabbs Railroad Hotel is arguably best known for its two most (in)famous guests: Bonnie and Clyde.

### **Seek out bald eagles.**

Each winter, bald eagles call an area near Llano, Texas home. Without a doubt, this is one of the most unique things to do in Llano. November to March is generally the best time to spot the eagles, but their arrival date changes by the year.

### **Grab a drink at the Fuel Coffee House.**

Housed in a historic grocery store mere steps from the main square, Fuel Coffee House doesn't just serve up some of the best coffee in Llano—it also provides a busy and beautiful non-profit community space.

Live music is common here, as are community meals, and of course plenty of casual studying and hanging out.

Be sure to add the charming Fuel Coffee House to your list of things to see in Llano!

### **Check out the LanTex Theater.**

Dating to 1927, the LanTex Theater's red-and-white marquee is bound to catch your eye when wandering the main square. Showing first-run movies 3 times a week, and, once a month, the Llano County Opry, the theater is a delightful piece of both Llano's past and present.

### **Stroll along the Llano River.**

Running through the center of town, it's impossible to miss the beautiful Llano River when visiting—and no trip to Llano is complete without a stroll alongside it!

Badu Park and Robinson City Park are both great places to visit and enjoy the river, but Badu Park is closer to the center of town.

### **Stop by Baby Head Cemetery for an interesting piece of local history.**

This small cemetery dating to the 19th century lies a short drive outside of Llano, and it is the last remaining link to a town that no longer stands here: where was there was a town called Baby Head, now there is only this cemetery.

### **Head over to Enchanted Rock State Natural Area.**

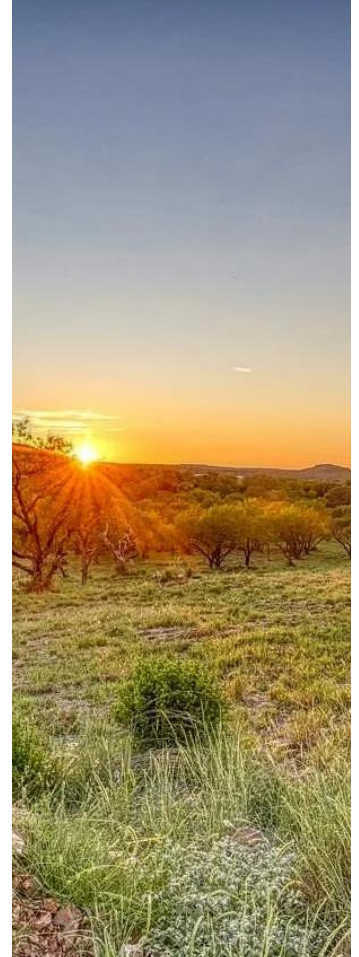
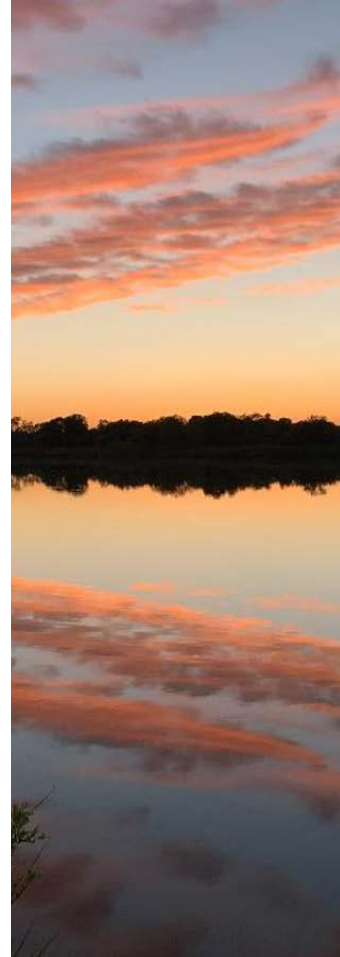
The fascinating and ever-popular Enchanted Rock lies only 25 minutes south of Llano! We recommend planning ahead: the park often fills to capacity, so booking reservations in advance is highly encouraged.

### **The Llano River Golf & RV Resort.**

This a challenging 18 hole course. Its natural beauty and wildlife, along the picturesque Llano River which provides a beautiful backdrop to your golf outing. The pro shop has a complete line of golf equipment and apparel.

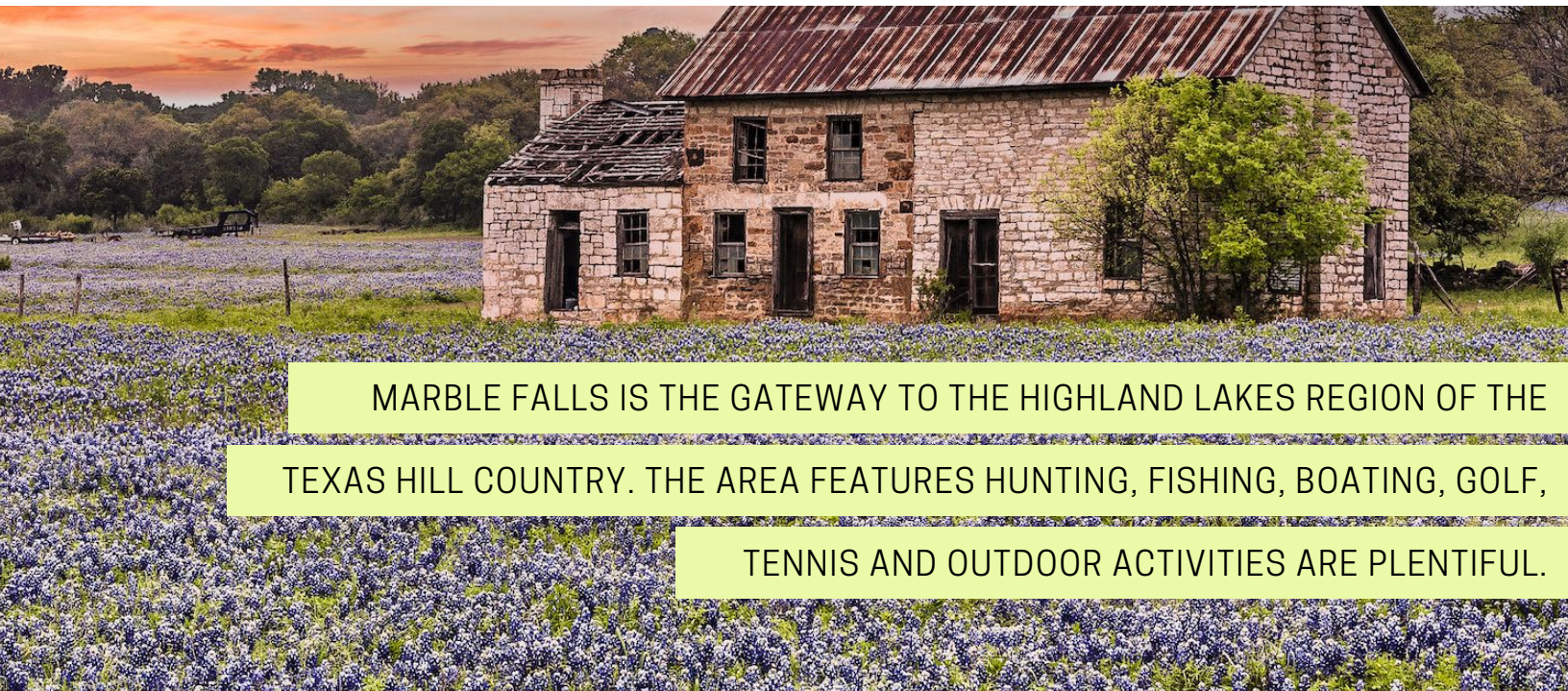
### **Inks Lake State Park.**

The beautiful Inks Lake State Park is also only 25 minutes from Llano, this time due east. It's a popular place to combine with the best things to do in Llano, and for good reason: the lake is the perfect place to either hike or cool off in the water.





# Marble Falls



MARBLE FALLS IS THE GATEWAY TO THE HIGHLAND LAKES REGION OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY. THE AREA FEATURES HUNTING, FISHING, BOATING, GOLF, TENNIS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ARE PLENTIFUL.

Find Your Place in Marble Falls - located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country - is a convergence of business, industry, adventure, and small-town charm. Whether you're looking for a multi-million dollar lakefront home, a ranchette, a golf course home in a pecan orchard, or an antique Victorian in the original township, there's no place like Marble Falls when it comes to putting down roots.

### Marble Falls Is the Hill Country's Playground

Marble Falls is the gateway to the Highland Lakes region of the Texas Hill Country. The area features hunting, fishing, boating, golf, tennis and outdoor activities are plentiful. Working families and retirees enjoy these outdoor activities year round.

Marble Falls takes great pride in providing beautiful, clean parks for citizens and visitors alike. Whether it's boating, swimming, tennis, disc golf or skateboarding, you can find it at one of the City Parks. With 6,200 sq ft overlooking Lake Marble Falls, the Pavilion in Lakeside Park is the perfect place for a family wedding.

### VINEYARDS AND WINERIES

Enjoy native Texan wines while taking in the scenic Hill Country landscape. Several area wineries offer distinctive wines and tasting tours including Fall Creek Vineyards, Perissos Vineyards, Spicewood Vineyards, Flat Creek Vineyards and many others.

### GOLF

Marble Falls, Horseshoe Bay and the Texas Hill Country offer amazing golf amenities and scenery on tracts that range from quite playable to extremely demanding. From Horseshoe Bay Resort's renowned Applerock, Ramrock and Slickrock courses to the brand-new Nicklaus course at Summit Rock, from Hidden Falls Country Club to Escondido and many more, the Highland Lakes area is a golfing mecca.

Despite our proximity to large urban centers like Austin (60 minutes away) and San Antonio (75 minutes away), Marble Falls is no bedroom community. It is a regional economic hub for the Highland Lakes area, with a trade area of 112,500 people who generate more than \$3 million every day in gross sales.

More than 447,000 people live within a 30-mile radius of Marble Falls, including a workforce of over 163,800. The Marble Falls economy is a vibrant one with an unemployment rate of 2.8%. The Marble Falls EDC is committed to workforce initiatives, working with area employers and community stakeholders to ensure a talent pipeline to meet employers' needs.

### Marble Falls Schools

There are several independent school districts in the Marble Falls area. The largest is Marble Falls ISD, with over 4,000 students in grades K-12. There are also several private and parochial schools in the area offering pre-school through high school. Over 85% of the area's population are high school graduates, and over 24% of the region's adult population hold a bachelor's degree or higher.

### Higher Education

Central Texas College (CTC) and Texas Tech University at Highland Lakes (TTU) host a collaborative college campus in Marble Falls and Burnet leading to bachelor's and master's degrees in selected fields. CTC offers basic first-and second-year community college coursework, and TTU offers third- and fourth-year coursework leading to a bachelor's degree at the Marble Falls campus. TTU also offers graduate programs, primarily in educational disciplines. TTU-Highland Lakes in Marble Falls is part of the Texas Hill Country University Consortium that offers degrees through several universities at facilities in selected Hill Country Communities.



## **NOT MARBLE, BUT GRANITE**

When Visitors come to Marble Falls, they obviously assume the lakeside town sits on marble rock deposits, but they are actually known for their granite. Granite Mountain, located west of town on FM 1431, was created more than 4.5 billion years ago forming nature's hardest stone and at the time of its discovery, was 866 feet tall. On July 29, 1885, the town donated its granite to erect the now Texas State Capitol located in Austin, Texas in exchange for a railroad system and labor to mine the rock. 15,700 carloads of granite were transported to the site in Austin and at the time of its completion in 1888, the Texas State Capitol was said to be the seventh largest building in the world. It is the largest capitol state building in the United States today, and only second in size to the National Capitol in Washington D.C.

This granite from Granite Mountain has also been used in the construction of the Coca-Cola Building in Atlanta, Wyndham Hotel in Dallas, the Galveston Sewawell, and the Crocker Building in San Francisco.

**With Austin's eclectic vibe just down the road, and with a nod to cowboy influences from the west, Marble Falls exists at an artistic crossroads. Below are some of the venues and events that provide a rich array of culture and entertainment.**

## **BELÓVED GALLERY**

After Belóved Gallery's co-founders acquired Akiane Kramarik's world-renowned painting, Prince of Peace, they were compelled to create a space to both protect and exhibit the artwork for guests and amplify Akiane's message of unwavering faith, unconditional love, and eternal life to the world. Beloved Gallery exists to unearth untold stories of extraordinary artists and provide a venue where their art can be experienced. Visit [www.belovedgallery.org](http://www.belovedgallery.org) to learn more.

## **HIGHLAND LAKES CREATIVE ARTS**

"The Arts" is a nonprofit organization whose vision is to promote the arts by fostering collaboration between communities, creative professionals, businesses and schools. "The Arts" organizes events and performances readily available to the public, including Sculpture on Main in the fall and Paint the Town in the spring. [www.hlcart.com](http://www.hlcart.com)

## **SCULPTURE ON MAIN**

Sculpture on Main is a public art program of outdoor three-dimensional artwork placed in highly visible and accessible places in Marble Falls. The purpose is to promote Marble Falls as a fine art destination by bringing gallery and museum art outdoors for everyone to enjoy. The program hopes to encourage tourism and art education by bringing people to the downtown area. This sculpture event was the first of its kind in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. Large outdoor sculptures were placed in the Historic Main Street area of Marble Falls. Sculptures from several countries are on loan and are displayed in landscaped areas along Main Street. <https://www.hlcart.com/sculpture-on-main/>

## **THE FALLS ON THE COLORADO MUSEUM**

The Falls on the Colorado Museum was created in 1999 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with a mission to preserve our history, to further our heritage, to protect artifacts, and to provide an ongoing history of Marble Falls and the surrounding communities. The Museum's annual Founder's Day Celebration is held at the Lakeside Pavilion the second Saturday of July. [www.fallsmuseum.org](http://www.fallsmuseum.org)

## **HARMONY SCHOOL OF CREATIVE ARTS**

Centrally located in Marble Falls, the Harmony School of Creative Arts provides a variety of artistic enrichment experiences for the community, including music lessons (piano, guitar, strings, woodwinds, percussion and voice), dance classes (classic ballet, jazz, tap and ballroom), Kindermusik\* for the little ones, musical theater and ballet productions, and string orchestra concerts. [www.harmonyarts.org](http://www.harmonyarts.org)

## **THE HIGHLAND ARTS GUILD**

The Highland Arts Guild is a non-profit organization made up of 80 members using their talents to increase interest in arts and crafts by offering demonstrations and workshops to the public, conducting art classes for area children, contributing scholarships to help art students at the college level, and maintaining their Gallery. [www.highlandartsguild.org](http://www.highlandartsguild.org)

## **HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY THEATRE**

Nationally recognized, this award-winning community theatre has an active year-round season for adults which includes musicals, comedies, and dramas. There are classes for both adults and children in acting, directing, and technical theatre. With over 650 patrons and 300 volunteers a year, the Hill Country Community Theatre has been a cultural icon for the area for over two decades. [www.thehcct.org](http://www.thehcct.org)

## **MARBLE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Marble Falls Public Library serves the population of Burnet County and the Highland Lakes area. Check out the selections of books in print, audio books, music CDs, DVDs and videos, reference and research materials, microfilm reader, high speed Internet computers as well as hot spots for laptop users, programs for children and adults and much more. [www.marblefallslibrary.org](http://www.marblefallslibrary.org)

## **POGUE STUDIO AND FOUNDRY**

To maintain quality, Dan Pogue started his own foundry operation. His wife Marti, his son Doug, and several other employees currently assist him. Dan, Marti and Doug all sculpt and cast sculpture of their own. All are expert in mold making, casting and foundry work. The foundry has grown and become so successful they had to expand in 1999. [www.danpoguesculpture.com](http://www.danpoguesculpture.com)

## **MARTA STAFFORD FINE ART**

A prestigious fine art collection in a welcoming Texas Hill Country gallery! The collection includes traditional fine art, sculpture and contemporary works housed in a historic pink granite old bank building. Works of art and artists from Marta Stafford Fine Art are acclaimed and collected far and wide. [www.martastaffordfineart.com](http://www.martastaffordfineart.com)

## **MUSEO BENINI**

Museo Benini was established in 2015 to showcase the evolution of Benini's paintings and three-dimensional works since the 1960's. The project includes 6500 sq.ft. galleries, a fine arts library and a sculpture trail featuring the Beninis' collection of sculpture by international artists. Open by appointment. [www.museobenini.com](http://www.museobenini.com)





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