



AUSTIN ENTERTAINMENT and things to do



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WHAT IS CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS AND AUSTIN360 AMPHITHEATER?

Circuit of The Americas is the first purpose-built Grand Prix racing facility in the United States. It was designed and built for entertainment, business and all forms of racing. The Circuit is home to the FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX™, MotoGP™, Lone Star Le Mans™, and ESPN's X Games. Circuit of The Americas features top-of-the-line garage and pit spaces and a variety of permanent structures designed for meetings, seminars, hospitality, and entertainment.

Its centerpiece is a 3.4-mile racetrack that has quickly become a favorite among the drivers and teams who visit the Circuit every year. The most striking element of the track is Turn One, which features a 133-foot climb into a blind left turn. Some of the Circuit's 19 other turns are inspired by classic racing circuits around the globe. Every aspect of the track is state of the art, from team and spectator facilities to safety structures and the track surface itself.

At the heart of the Circuit, you'll find the Circuit's signature 251-foot observation tower and the beautiful open-air Austin360 Amphitheater, PollStar's 2013 "Best New Major Concert Venue" and a 2014 "Best Major Outdoor Concert Venue" nominee. Circuit of The Americas has partnered with Live Nation to schedule and produce shows starring major, nationally touring artists.

HOW DO I GET TO CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS AND WHAT IS THE ADDRESS?

The Circuit's address is 9201 Circuit of the Americas Boulevard, Austin, TX 78617. During events, Circuit of The Americas Box Office is located in the Grand Plaza, near Lot B and Turn 15. Directions and maps can be found at <http://www.circuitoftheamericas.com/maps>.

Circuit of The Americas and Austin360 Amphitheater are more than just a home for unique and exhilarating experiences. They have also become a major economic driver in Central Texas.

Since its announcement in 2010, Circuit of The Americas has had a cumulative economic impact of \$5 billion on the Austin metropolitan area. More than 1 million people from all over the world and from all 50 states attend COTA events each year.

Circuit of The Americas' economic impact by the numbers:

\$5 billion: COTA's cumulative economic impact on the Austin metro area.

\$423 million: Direct visitor spending injected into Austin-area businesses during COTA events.

\$306 million: Annual payroll for Austin-area workers attributable to COTA's annual activities and operations.

\$53.2 million: State tax surplus created by tax revenue generated by COTA events

\$810 million: Economic impact attributed directly to COTA operations.

\$3.1 billion: Economic impact for all other major sporting events, including F1, MotoGP, X Games, and more.

\$36 million: Economic impact of concerts and events at Austin360 Amphitheater.

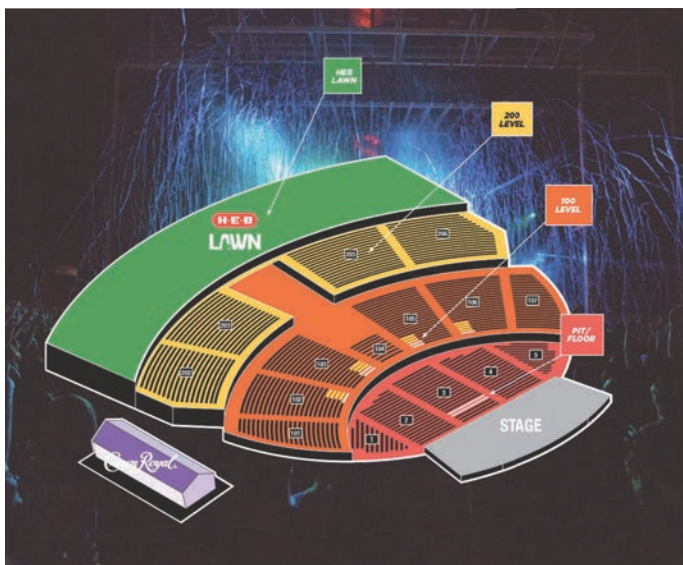
\$14 million: Economic impact of track rentals and other miscellaneous events.

46,100: Jobs supported by COTA's annual activities and operations.



Austin360 Amphitheater

Austin360 Amphitheater, winner of Pollstar's "Best New Major Concert Venue" award for 2013, is Austin's premier destination to see the brightest stars in a world-class, open-air amphitheater. The venue, which is situated within Circuit of The Americas' 1,500-acre sports and entertainment complex, has room for up to 14,000 guests, offers reserved seating for 6,700, and features a spacious lawn perfect for enjoying unforgettable performances under the stars with family and friends. The amphitheater also boasts the largest permanent stage in Central Texas and has hosted some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry, including: Jimmy Buffett, Dave Matthews Band, KISS, Nine Inch Nails, Kanye West, Kenny Chesney, Zac Brown Band, Mumford & Sons, Maroon 5, Blake Shelton, Miranda Lambert, Pitbull, Train, One Republic, Drake, and Lil' Wayne.



Austin, Texas, is revered by artists and their fans as the "Live Music Capital of the World," and Austin360 Amphitheater is building on that fine tradition by bringing incredible entertainment events to the Central Texas region. In addition to intimate concerts, the amphitheater and the Grand Plaza grounds that surround it are designed to host multi-day music festivals, comedians, speakers, private rentals and sporting events.

25 BEST THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS IN AUSTIN

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN

Austin might have an international reputation for first-class events and a hoppin' music scene—think SXSW or the Austin City Limits Music Festival—but it's also an excellent city for families. Mild weather year-round, a plethora of outdoor activities, and a thriving arts community mean that you can always find something to do.

As you might expect from a growing metropolitan area, Austin boasts top-notch parks, zoos, and the always-necessary children's museum. But dig a little deeper, and you'll find more unique attractions: The younger crowd will have a blast checking out one of the country's best toy museums, learning about the difference between stalagmites and stalactites in an underground cavern, and watching 1.5 million bats fly from a downtown bridge.

1. Inner Space Cavern
2. Playland Skate Center
3. Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farms
4. Pinballz Arcade
5. Chaparral Ice
6. North Austin Rock Gym
7. Mount Bonnell
8. Laguna Gloria and Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve
9. Thinkery
10. Patterson Park
11. Texas Memorial Museum
12. Pease District Park
13. Bullock Texas State History Museum
14. Texas Capitol
15. Austin Nature & Science Center
16. BookPeople Storytime
17. Zilker Metropolitan Park
18. Austin Central Library
19. Austin Bouldering Project
20. Austin Zoo & Animal Sanctuary
21. Peter Pan Mini-Golf
22. The Long Center for the Performing Arts
23. Austin Toy Museum
24. Cathedral of Junk
25. Dinosaur Park



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Golf Courses in Austin

1. Falconhead Golf Club

15201 Falcon Head Blvd, Austin, TX 78738-6515

2. Lions Municipal Public Golf Course

2901 Enfield Road, Austin, TX 78703

3. Fazio Canyons Golf Course

8212 Barton Club Dr, Austin, TX 78735-1406

4. Barton Creek - Palmer Lakeside

8212 Barton Creek Drive, Austin, TX 78735-1406

5. Fazio Foothills Golf Course

8212 Barton Club Dr, Austin, TX 78735-1406

6. Harvey Penick Golf Campus

5501 Ed Bluestein Blvd, Austin, TX 78723-5600

7. Butler Pitch and Putt Golf Course

201 Lee Barton Dr, Austin, TX 78704-1023

8. Roy Kizer Golf Course

5400 Jimmy Clay Dr, Austin, TX 78744

9. River Place Country Club

4207 River Place Blvd, Austin, TX 78730-3507

10. Onion Creek Club

2510 Onion Creek Parkway, Austin, TX 78747-1612

11. Barton Creek - Crenshaw Cliffside Golf Course

8212 Barton Club Dr, Austin, TX 78735-1406

12. Austin Country Club

4408 Long Champ Drive, Austin, TX 78746

13. Bluebonnet Hill Golf Club

9100 Decker Ln, Austin, TX 78724-1716

14. Avery Ranch Golf Club

9100 Decker Ln, Austin, TX 78724-1716

15. Morris Williams Golf Course

4305 Manor Rd, Austin, TX 78723-5901

16. Lost Creek Country Club

2612 Lost Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78746

17. Riverside Golf Course

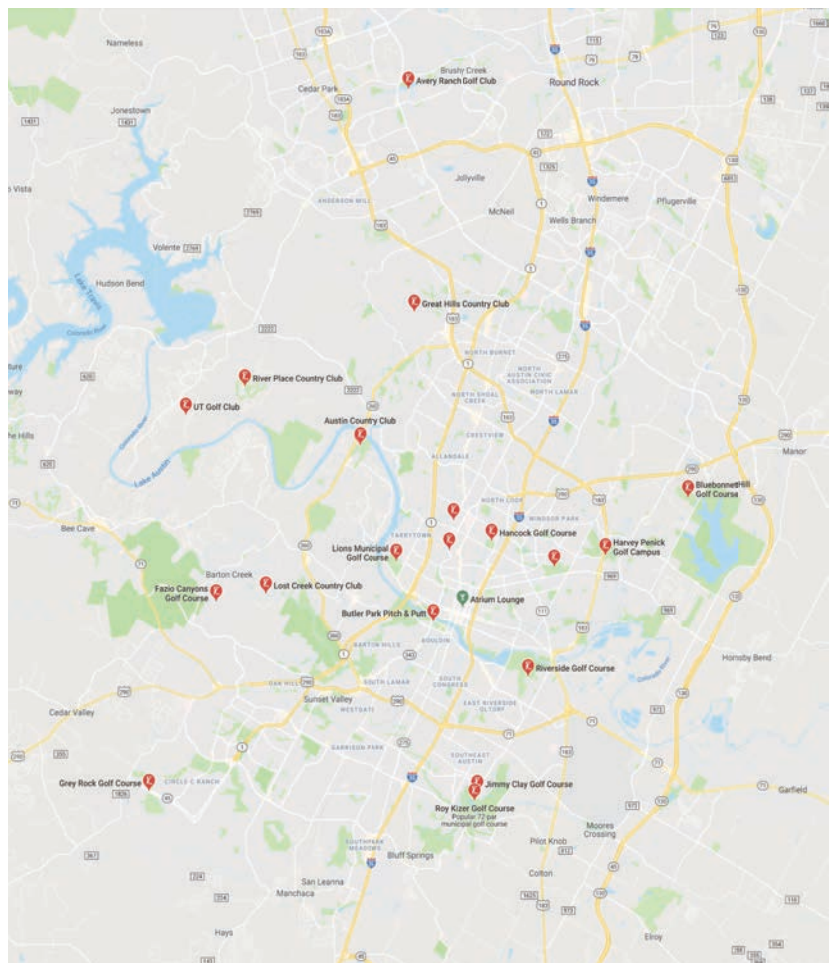
1020 Grove Blvd, Building F, on the North side of the ACC campus, Austin, TX 78741-3366

18. Jimmy Clay Golf Course

5400 Jimmy Clay Dr, Austin, TX 78744-4600

19. The Golf Club at Circle C

7401 State Highway 45, Austin, TX 78739-1901



Golf Highlights

<https://www.golfdigest.com/gallery/where-to-play-golf-in-austin#9>



Austin is a gateway city to the storied Texas Hill Country—home to German beer, Texas wines, barbecue and some excellent golf courses. The rolling hills, dotted with lakes, limestone cliffs and caverns, natural springs and stands of cypress and oak, make for dramatic and challenging layouts. Add to that the state's golf pedigree—Ben Hogan, Harvey Penick, Kathy Whitworth and Byron Nelson all hail from here—and you've got a historical backdrop as well.

FAZIO CANYONS GOLF COURSE

Although the Fazio Foothills course, which is steps from the Omni Barton Creek Resort's back door, is closed for renovation until 2018—and the hotel is about to undergo a much-needed facelift—a stayover at Barton Creek to play a round on Fazio Canyons is still worth it. Just a short hop from the hotel, this well-manicured course takes you for a rollicking tour of Texas Hill Country: twists, turns, blind shots, elevated tees, waterfalls, lakes, and putts that break up hill. Short Springs Branch, a limestone-bed creek that winds through the course, adds to the scenic punch.

PALMER LAKESIDE

Palmer Lakeside has a different look and feel from its three sister courses at Barton Creek, and that's to do with its impressive hilltop setting overlooking Lake Travis, 25 miles west of the resort (the hotel provides a shuttle but drive yourself so you can stop at Opie's Barbecue on the way back). There are lake views from the first tee and several from the back nine, which is a step up in challenge from the front; the par-3 Nos. 11 and 14 are real showstoppers. Although the course is just 6,400 yards from the tips, it feels a lot longer.

APPLE ROCK AT HORSESHOE BAY RESORT

With the star attraction, Ram Rock, undergoing renovations, Apple Rock is the go-to course at Horseshoe Bay Resort. A Robert Trent Jones, Sr. design, the action unfolds along the banks of Lake LBJ. (Horseshoe Bay has three RTJ, Sr. courses—the only club in the continental U.S. to claim this distinction). The starting tees are perched atop a hill and the views are stunning. Memorable back-to-back par 5s on the back nine take you from the highest to the lowest points of the golf course. The resort's third course, Slick Rock, is a fun layout and boasts an Instagram-worthy hole where players riding a cart have to traverse the 35-yard waterfall. hsbresort.com

HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES

Spread out across pristine land along the Colorado River east of Austin, Hyatt Regency Lost Pines, is the best course you can play in the Austin area that doesn't require a hotel stay. Variety is the name of the game here, with a gorgeous mix of terrain from a links feel with prairie grasses (when it's high, these native grasses provide plenty of the challenge) and deep piney woods to riverside holes. The expansive course, designed by Arthur Hills, with no houses in sight, has one of the best practice facilities in the state and a Harvey Penick Golf Academy to boot. lostpines.hyatt.com

ONION CREEK CLUB

This private course has a lot of history. Built in 1974 by Austin native Jimmie Connolly and Jimmy Demaret, the first three-time winner of the Masters, Onion Creek is known as the birthplace of the Senior Tour. In the mid-90's, Austin native and two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw and his design partner Bill Coore created an additional nine, for 27 plush holes. It's a relatively short course but tight, with mature trees, and challenging. Always in top shape, Onion Creek is a host a qualifying site for the men's U.S. Open. Custom golf tour operator Texas Golf Trails can provide access to this and other private courses in the area. onioncreekclub.com

GREY ROCK GOLF CLUB

Grey Rock is hands-down the best daily-fee in Austin, and that's because it was a semi-private club before the city took it over. The Jay Morrish design has served as the host course for the U.S. Open qualifier and the Texas Women's Amateur Championship. Plus its location just 20 minutes south of downtown makes for a convenient round. With generous fairways framed by stately oaks and a fairly wide open layout, it's a great value. Plan to stick around for a libation and house-made BBQ in the Biergarten on the outdoor patio of the beautiful limestone clubhouse. greyrockgolfandtennis.com

TERAVISTA GOLF CLUB

There's a reason Teravista is a favorite on the central Texas golf circuit. This semi-private course is fun for all skill levels, with five sets of tees. The rolling hills provide a picturesque base for the views that can span for miles. You can count on the conditions being good and the staff welcoming. Because Teravista sits on a hill and is exposed to the elements, winds can be a major factor in play throughout the course. Some complain about the slow play so get out early and beat the crowds and the heat. falconheadaustin.com

THE 25 BEST FREE THINGS TO DO IN AUSTIN

By David Brendan Hall and Time Out editors

In-store Shows at Waterloo Records

There are shows happening at music venues across the city every night of the year, but paying a cover (or hefty ticket price) is par for the course. Not at Waterloo Records: Throughout the year, touring artists host one-off, abbreviated in-store performances at this beloved record shop. These are first-come-first-served, typically on weekday afternoons and often include free beer for the 21+ crowd. Skip out of work early and you'll be rewarded with an intimate performance from bands about to hit it big. Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/Jim Porter



Barton Creek Greenbelt

Boasting hiking, climbing and natural swimming holes ideal for any age, the Barton Creek Greenbelt has it all within its 7.25-mile expanse, conveniently nestled just south of downtown Austin. A quick online search will reveal plenty of access points to this locally loved oasis. Don't forget your sunscreen and a cooler (no glass or alcohol) Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/Patrick Lewis



Congress Bridge Bats

Watching 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats—the world's largest urban bat population—swarm out from under Austin's Anne W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge is pretty dang impressive, but you don't need to sign up to one of the many available boat tours to enjoy the sight. Instead, do as the Romans (er, Austinites) do and line up along the bridge's eastern side on any summertime evening—the grandeur is impossible to miss from this vantage point as the bats fly out over the lake en masse right around dusk.



Thursdays at the Blanton Museum of Art at University of Texas

As one of the "foremost university art museums in the country" with incredible permanent and temporary collections, the Blanton is the spot for museum aficionados. There's something for every type of art lover here: dazzling interactive installations; a plethora of European, Latin American and American/Contemporary paintings; Ellsworth Kelly's new "Austin" structure; and plenty more. On Thursdays, the entrance fee (normally \$9) is waived, and on third Thursdays the museum hours are extended to 9pm.



Farmers' Markets

You might eventually spend a few bucks on something at one of Austin's many farmers markets, but browsing and enjoying a few samples won't cost you a thing (try some local honey—it's good for your allergies!). Saturday and Sunday are the busiest days (we recommend Springdale Farm and the Texas Farmers Market at Mueller for those, respectively), but rest assured, there's at least one open within the city limits every day of the week. Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/Roger Mommaerts



Free Swim at Barton Springs Pool

Normally, access to this one-of-a-kind spring-fed public pool costs \$3 for adults, but you can avoid the fee by opting for a night swim from 9 to 10pm. Caution, though: There are no lifeguards on duty during free hours, so swim at your own risk. Also unguarded, but a fantastic free alternative: the spillway area adjacent to the pool's southwest (deep) end. It's a superb shallow swimming area, but beware of slippery rocks! Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/Wally Gobetz

Mayfield Park, Camp Mabry

Did you know that the correct term for a family of peacocks is peafowl? The term isn't colloquially common—but neither is witnessing a plethora of the brightly colored birds strolling casually among people out in the open. That's the norm at West Austin's Mayfield Park and Preserve, where you can picnic or explore the gardens for free while witnessing the full mating and life cycles of this fascinating, totally nonaggressive avian family, whose original descendants were introduced in 1935.



Dancing at Barbarella

You know it's been (or going to be) a wild night when you end up at Barbarella. Conveniently located among countless bars, clubs and music venues in the Red River District, Barbs hosts different themed dance parties—no cover before midnight—almost any night of the week. Tuesdays' Tuesgayz is a good launch point or, if you're craving a specific music genre, try Jimmy Eat Wednesday (emo/pop-punk) or Footloose Friday ('80s). Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/Kevin Christopher Burke

Tuesdays at the Contemporary Austin - Congress Ave District

Both of the Contemporary Austin's locations—The Jones Center downtown and the 14-acre Laguna Gloria site just a bit further northwest—waive their admission on Tuesdays. Take advantage of both: At the former, you'll find rotating exhibitions like Rodney McMillian's *Against a Civic Death* and the permanent installation *With Liberty and Justice for All (A Work in Progress)* by Jim Hodges. The latter houses an art school, the installation-ready Gatehouse Gallery and the recently expanded Betty and Marcus Sculpture Park, which has featured pieces by John Grade, Charles Long, Paul McCarthy, Jim Lambie and Monika Sosnowska, among others.

Harry Ransom Center, The Drag

UT's Harry Ransom Center strives to encourage diversity, creativity and an understanding of the humanities—all of which has been headily achieved since opening in 1957. Visitors come to this free museum for the 36 million literary manuscripts, one million rare books, five million photographs and more than 100,000 artistic works. Permanent exhibitions include the Gutenberg Bible (one of five complete copies in the U.S!) and the First Photograph (developed on a pewter plate by Joseph Nicéphore Niepce in mid-19th-century France). In other words, this is one Austin museum you don't want to miss.

Backyard Story Night

Looking for live entertainment that isn't music-related? Backyard Story Night, held at various venues across town, is just the (free) ticket. Bring a blanket and snacks and enjoy the company of other humans telling personal stories (revolving around a specific theme during each event). Or, better yet, take the stage and tell your own tale! Photograph: Courtesy Backyard Story Night

Zilker Park

No, not everything at South Austin's Zilker Park is free—sadly, there aren't many ways to avoid the \$250+ three-day ticket price for the annual Austin City Limits Music Festival. But any day there isn't a private event, you can enjoy the lush grass of the athletic fields (perfect for playing or picnicking), the challenge of biking/walking trails, the whimsy of the expansive playground and kids' train, plus countless other activities. Our top rec for special events: the annual free Kite Festival, held every first Sunday of March.

First Sundays at the Bullock Texas State History Museum, Arts District

Austinites are proud people, but Texans as a larger group are even prouder. Case-in-point: the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, where three floors of the Lone Star State's history—the Story of Texas, as they call it—come to life with continually updated artifacts ranging in scope from the 17th-century French shipwreck *La Belle* and the Civil War and surrounding eras to the Golden Age of NASA's mission control operations out of Houston. Come by on the first Sunday of the month from noon to 5pm, when you'll be

Dancing Lessons at the White Horse

So you've visited the White Horse and witnessed the regulars sweep each other off their feet to some of the finest honky-tonk jams in town. Still too nervous to join in? Easy solution: show up early (7pm-8pm) on Fridays and Saturdays for free Texas two-step lessons. Once you've mastered the two-step, come by on Wednesdays for free Cajun dance lessons, or Thursday for swing dancing. You'll be boot-scootin' with the best of 'em in no time! Photograph: Courtesy Creative Commons/Flickr/Lars Plougmann

Texas State Capitol

Explore one of the city's most impressive feats of architecture and get a thorough Texas history lesson from one of the knowledgeable guides—all at no charge! There are free walkthroughs every day, and make sure to check the website for special tours: Women in Texas History, Heroes of the Texas Revolution, African American Trailblazing Texans Tour (February), Rest in Peace (October), Honoring Texas Veterans Tour (November), the Holiday Tour (December) and Early Texas Artists in the Capitol (available upon request).

Blues on the Green and Unplugged at the Grove

Summer in ATX is primetime for free live music in part thanks to local radio



station KGSR. Once a month, from May through August, everybody can enjoy the massive Blues on the Green shows, which welcomes innumerable picnickers to Zilker Park for public shows from the likes of Jimmie Vaughan, Hayes Carll and Sweet Spirit. From April through September, check out free gigs every Thursday at South Austin's Shady Grove restaurant during KGSR's Unplugged at the Grove. Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/Steve

HOPE Outdoor Gallery, West End

HOPE Outdoor Gallery, also known as Castle Hill for the fortress-like structure perched at the top, will soon be relocating to its new location near Carson Creek Ranch—meaning you'd better satisfy your inner artist's itch before the site gets demolished. Show up with paints, brushes and/or spray cans and paint to your heart's desire, or simply take a walk through and watch countless talented muralists render large-scale pieces. On a clear day or during a striking sunset, a quick climb to the top will reveal one of the best panoramic views of the city skyline.

Elisabet Ney Museum, Triangle State

Completely free and open to the public, the Elisabet Ney Museum is the former studio and portrait collection of namesake Elisabet Ney, a 19th century German sculptor who moved to Austin in 1882. Her sculptures span from the 1850s to her death in 1907, and are supplemented by the work of contemporary artists in both the building and on the museum's stunning grounds.

Sound & Cinema

You've been to an outdoor movie screening but have you ever heard of a live band opening up for the outdoor movie? Enter Sound & Cinema, a free event—produced by local entities Do512, Alamo Drafthouse and the Texas Lottery—held over four alternating Wednesdays each summer on the lawn of the Long Center, which features the splendid backdrop of the city skyline. Eat your heart out, drive-ins. Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/Do512



Pecan Street Festival

You've got two chances—May 5 and 6, and September 22 and 23—to enjoy this annual Austin festival, located in downtown's Sixth Street Historic District. Each weekend brings together hundreds of local and national artisans sporting creations made of any medium imaginable, including metal, wood, glass, stone and recycled materials. And it wouldn't be true to ATX culture if there wasn't food and live music—about 50 artists perform across three stages, and there are 30 food vendors on hand to keep you nourished. Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/Todd Dwyer

EAST and WEST

Four weekends, hundreds of locations, countless artists—that's exactly what you'll find at the annual West Austin Studio Tour and East Austin Studio Tour. Anyone is welcome to take self-guided tours (bikes recommended!) through home and pro studios, galleries, temporary exhibitions, one-off events and other programs—all of which truly reveal the breadth and impact of Austin's artistic community. Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/David Ingram



Sundays at the Mexic-Arte Museum, Downtown

There's so much to learn about our city's connection to Mexican, Latino and Latin American art and culture, both historical and contemporary. The best place to start: downtown's Mexic-Arte museum, where celebrating that deep-seated link—through photography, painting, sculpture and every artistic medium imaginable, depending on the artist and era—is the goal. Come by on Sundays, when the museum is completely free.



Free Week

Free Week has come to act as a welcome wagon to the new year in Austin, a celebration of music held across the city with dozens of killer acts playing for free (last year saw Riverboat Gamblers, Whiskey Shivers, Peeland-Z, Lost Coast, Otis the Destroyer, Fort Never and more all make an appearance). Generally held the first week of January, the seven-day fest sees Austinites bopping from one music venue to the next while catching their favorite ATX bands and discovering new ones. While covers are always free, you'd be wise to still bring cash—tipping your bartender is always in fashion.

Yoga at Cherrywood Coffeehouse, Upper Boggy Creek

Head to Central Austin's Cherrywood Coffee House every Monday through Friday for free yoga. No mat? No problem! From 8 to 9am, just show up and get ready to release some stress while toning your muscles during free community sessions. Photograph: Courtesy CC/Flickr/allisonallison



SHOPPING DISTRICTS

Whether you're a luxury label lover or a vintage treasure hunter, Austin has just the place for you to shop 'til you drop. Spend some time at our sprawling shopping malls, charming retail districts and special shopping events. You won't come home empty handed.

South Congress

Vintage shops, used bookstores and unique gift shops abound in this eclectic, funky stretch studded with casual eateries, cafes and bars. While you're here, marvel at the costumes at Lucy in Disguise with Diamonds, shop Mexican folk art and jewelry at Tesoros Trading Company and pick up a pair of cowboy boots at Allens Boots. Guys won't want to miss the trendy styles at hot spots like Revival Cycles, Co-Star and Service Menswear.

South First Street

This local favorite is just a few blocks west of South Congress and is home to a wealth of locally owned shops and eateries. Spend your afternoon strolling from shop to shop, then grab lunch or happy hour from one of the many restaurants or food truck parks. Don't miss the vintage finds at Bloomers and Frocks, locally made works at Art for the People Gallery and small batch goods at Jack & Lola. Refuel at Seventh Flag Coffee, brunch the day away at Elizabeth Street Cafe, go vegan at Bouldin Creek Cafe or enjoy the wine garden and at critically acclaimed Lenoir.

2nd Street District

This upscale shopping area features high-end boutiques and emerging local designers. Pick up an outlandishly unique button-up shirt at Bonobos, try on handcrafted jewelry at Eliza Page, try fresh and sophisticated olive oils at Con Olio's tasting bar, and shop fashion-forward women's clothing and accessories at the likes of United Apparel Liquidators, Esperos SOHO and Modcloth (their only brick-and-mortar store!). While you're here, stop by La Condesa for flavorful tacos and tequila cocktails.

North Loop

Weird and wonderful is the name of the game at this little enclave, where vintage stores, used bookstores and dive bars beckon. Stop by cult classics Revival Vintage, Ermine Vintage, Blue Velvet and Room Service Vintage. Need more vintage recos? Explore the full guide at VintageAroundTownGuide.com!

East Austin

Artisan wares, design-focused home goods and independent labels dot the stretch of East Cesar Chavez Street in East Austin. Pick up small-batch body products and minimalist jewelry at EA/ST Co., buy handmade Western boots at Tecovas, find your next fixie at Cycleast and shop artisanal ceramics and vintage purses before ordering a Stumptown coffee at Friends + Neighbors cafe and shop.



Shopping Malls

The Domain & Domain NORTHSIDE

In North Austin, stroll the tree-lined walkways at The Domain, an outdoor shopping mall where luxury brands, big-name department stores and staple shops beckon. Whether you're looking to splurge big at the likes of Tiffany & Co. and Louis Vuitton, pick up a new outfit at Anthropologie or Madewell, or spend hours browsing the racks at Macy's or Neiman Marcus, this is the spot.

Meanwhile, just on the other side of Domain Drive, discover indie clothing brands and trendsetting home decor shops at Domain NORTHSIDE. Shop eco-friendly jewelry at Alex and Ani, find fair trade clothing at Raven + Lily, and fill your closet with bohemian fashions at Free People. Fellas will find their stride at stores like STAG, Weathered Coalition or Filson. Homebodies will love shopping furnishings and decor at CB2 and Restoration Hardware. Bonus: this retail district is also home to a vibrant dining and nightlife scene along Rock Rose, so you can sip specialty cocktails at St. Genevieve, munch on creative tacos at Velvet Taco or play arcade games while downing sake bombs at Kung Fu Saloon Rock Rose.

Barton Creek Square

South of Downtown Austin, Barton Creek Square Mall is the perfect spot to shop with families. Take kids and teens to the 14-screen movie theater and then power-shop more than 170 stores at this indoor mall, from department stores such as Nordstrom and Dillard's to clothing shops such as GAP, J. Crew, Banana Republic and Ann Taylor. Every Saturday, you also can pick up farm-fresh foods and just-baked treats at the Barton Creek Farmers Market.

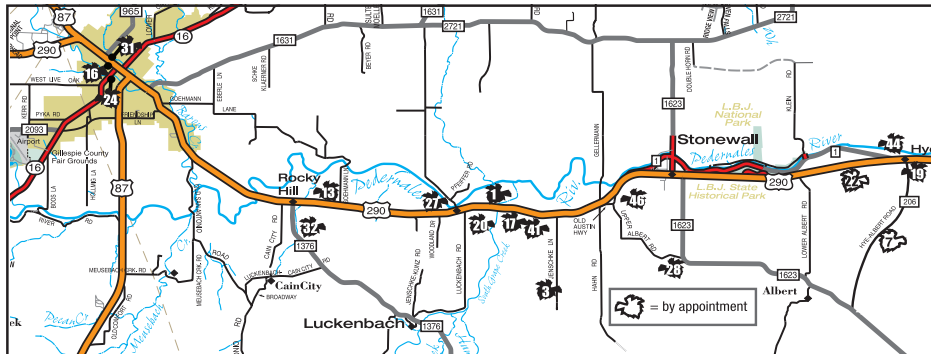
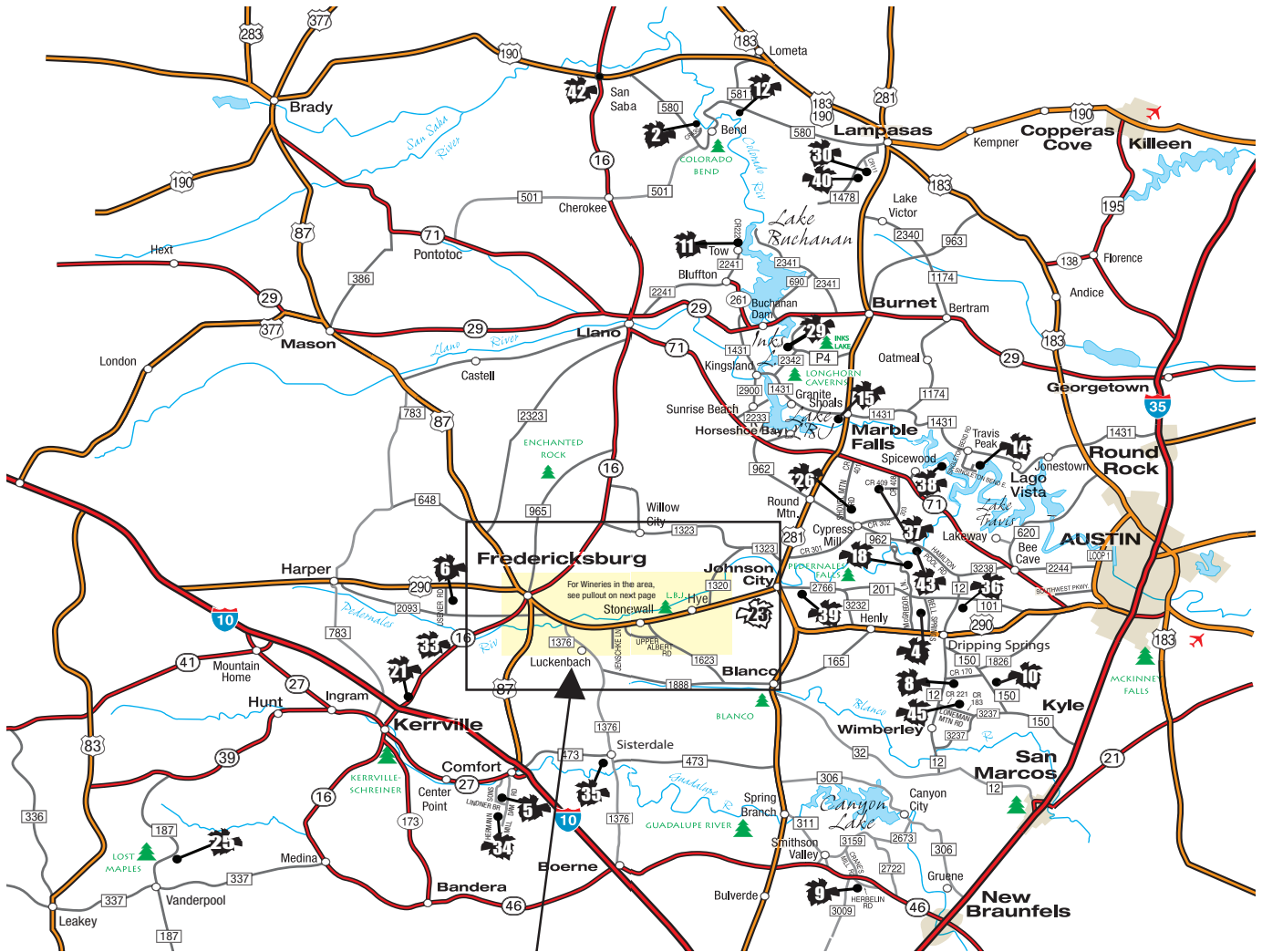
The Arboretum at Great Hills

The Arboretum features a collection of big box stores and even bigger brand names. Buy the perfect piece for your home at Pottery Barn or Z Gallerie, pick up the next bestseller at Barnes & Noble, and then shop for yourself at Orvis or Chico's. Manuel's and the new Honest Mary's are nearby, so make sure to refuel after a day of shopping.

Holiday Shopping Events

During the holiday season, it gets even easier to find the perfect gift. Shop handmade items and one-of-a-kind artwork at the Cherrywood Art Fair, Armadillo Christmas Bazaar and Blue Genie Art Bazaar.

Hill Country Wineries



4.0 Cellars

10354 E. US HWY 290 • Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Mon-Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5

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2 Winery located 3 miles west of Bend on Hwy 580 between Lampasas and San Saba. Tempranillo, Viognier, Syrah, Sangiovese. Mediterranean style wines made exclusively with Texas grapes. Gift shop, gourmet items, veranda for picnics or a leisurely glass of wine. Complimentary tasting at our antique bar.

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3 Featured in Wine Spectator, Food & Wine, Bon Appetit, starred on The Fine Living Channel, and served at The White House, these hand crafted, award-winning Bordeaux, Burgundian, and Rhone-styled wines are enjoyed with fine cuisine or casual fare. Wine Club, Library Tasting, Lavender Fest, Events, Tastings, Tours, Picnic Area, Reception Hall, Verandah & outdoor Pavilion await. Last tasting, 30 min. before closing.

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Daily: 11 am - 6 pm

512-643-7398 • www.BellSpringsWinery.com

4 Just 25 minutes from Austin, in the heart of Dripping Springs off Hwy 290. The Pruitt family offer you skillfully crafted wines that explore traditions beyond the mainstream. Both dry and sweet wines available by the bottle and glass. Enjoy views of the vineyard, appetizers, and live music from local artists. Wedding and event space available. Also visit Sidecar, our Downtown Dripping Springs tasting room and piano bar, open 7 nights a week. Tell your friends - we don't make much.

Bending Branch Winery

142 Lindner Branch Trail • Comfort, TX 78013

Thur 11-5, Fri & Sat 11-6, Sun 12-5

(830) 995-2948 • www.bendingbranchwinery.com

5 We are passionate about sustainability in viticulture and winemaking. We grow 16 interesting varieties, including our signature red wine, Tannat, and our signature white, Picpoul Blanc. Bending Branch Winery's first organically grown Estate Tannat CM wine was awarded the honor of Top Texas Wine at the 2014 Houston Livestock and Radio International Wine Competition. Its second vintage, 2012 Estate Tannat CM, was awarded a Gold Medal at the 2015 TEXSOM International Wine Awards and Best of Show by presenting sponsor Texas Monthly.

Chisholm Trail Winery

2367 Usener Rd. • Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Open 7 days a week Noon-6pm

(830) 990-2675 • www.chisholmtrailwinery.com

6 Nine miles West of Fredericksburg on Hwy 290 West, 2.4 miles south on Usener Road. Come experience our unique, laid-back, country atmosphere while enjoying a glass or tasting of our premium Texas wines in a saloon style tasting room. Our restaurant, The Oval Oven at Chisholm Trail Winery, featuring wood-fired gourmet pizza, is open Fri, Sat and Sunday noon to until the fresh dough runs out.

Compass Rose Cellars

1197 Hye Albert Rd • Hye, TX 78635

Mon-Wed by appt, Th 12-5pm, Fri-Sun 10-9pm

(830) 868-7799 • www.CompassRoseCellars.com

7 We started off as a far off dream that turned into reality. Our tasting room is located on 35 gorgeous acres with a spectacular view of the Hill Country. We invite you to come out and be part of our journey as we grow and expand.

Driftwood Estate Winery

4001 Elder Hill Rd (CR 170) • Driftwood, TX 78619

Open Daily 11-7 (during daylight saving time) 11-6 (non-dst)

(512) 858-9667 • www.DriftwoodWine.com

8 Awarded "Top Texas Wine" in 2015 for our Longhorn Red. Featured in Wine Spectator's 10 Best Wine Travel Destinations 2014, our small boutique winery is located 25 minutes from Austin. 6 miles S of Hwy 290 on RR 12 between Dripping Springs & Wimberley. Award winning, Mediterranean style wines. Wine club, tastings, gift shop, picnic area, pavilion and spectacular hilltop view overlooking our 18 acre vineyard. Visit our website for special events and information.

Dry Comal Creek Vineyards

1741 Herbelin Rd. • New Braunfels, TX 78132

Daily 12-5

(830) 885-4121 • www.drycomalcreek.com

9 Pioneers in Black Spanish vineyards and winemaking, we make Texas Style Wines™ which emphasizes wines that are fruit forward, have notable aromas, delectable mouth feel, and smoothness from beginning to end. As a small boutique wine producer with a 'cult' following, the proof of our award-winning wines is simply what's in the glass. Our venue is spectacular & unique for private tastings, weddings, rehearsal dinners & corporate grape stomps!

Duchman Family Winery

13308 FM 150 West • Driftwood, TX 78619

Mon 12-6, Tues-Sun 11-8

(512) 858-1470 • www.duchmanwines.com

10 100% Texas Grapes. 100% Texas Wines. That is the philosophy behind Duchman Family Winery. We work with the top growers in the state, select the varietals best suited for Texas, and adhere to exacting standards in the winery in order to produce world class wines from our home in Driftwood, Texas. Our nationally recognized facility includes a tasting room, spacious event center, and vineyard views for your special occasion.

Fall Creek Vineyards

1820 CR 222 • Tow, TX 78672

Feb-Nov M-Sat 11-5, Sun 12-4; Dec-Jan Sun-Fri 12-4, Sat 11-5

(325) 379-5361 • www.fcv.com

11 Fall Creek Vineyards, established in 1975 by Susan & Ed Auler, known as the "First Family of Texas wine", pioneers of the industry who created the "Texas Hill Country" wine region. Premium wines, taste the difference! Featured in Wine Spectator, WSJ, Bon Appetite, Presidential Inaugurations & Today Show. Open daily: tours/tastings; Special events monthly.

Fiesta Winery

18727 West FM 580 • Lometa, Texas 76853

Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5

(325) 628-3433 • www.fiestawinery.com

12 Fiesta Winery is nestled in the heart of the Texas Hill Country at Bend, Texas. We have been blessed with our family ranch of six generations. While enjoying wine at Fiesta Winery you will see a few "touches" of the homestead throughout, from a display of family cowboy boots to an old outhouse that has been saved & moved indoors. We take pride & enjoy the opportunity to bring you superior wine, full of love from our family.

Fiesta Winery 290

6260 US Hwy 290 East, Fredericksburg, Tx 78624

Open 7 days a week - Live Music every Sat on patio

(830) 997-4466 • www.FiestaWinery.com/Fredericksburg

13 Located in the historic Rocky Hill Complex, just 6 miles east of Fredericksburg. The tasting room is a spacious, relaxing atmosphere that makes for a perfect getaway. Our friendly staff will make you feel right at home. Come enjoy our award winning wines. We have several unique and unforgettable sweet wines that will leave you begging for more, as well as a variety of dry wines.

Flat Creek Estate

24912 Singleton Bend East • Marble Falls, TX 78654

Tues-Sun 11-5 (Bistro Dining by Reservation)

(512) 267-6310 • www.FlatCreekEstate.com

14 Visit "One of the Fifty Most Amazing Places to Taste Wine in America" -Food & Wine Magazine. Enjoy an educational wine tasting seated in our Tuscan-style Tasting Room. Call to reserve for a wine-paired lunch at the Bistro or purchase tickets to our evening events. Nestled on the scenic North Shore of Lake Travis, our destination Texas winery features 20 acres of Vineyards, Walking Paths, Pavilion, Tasting Room & Bistro.

Flat Creek Enoteca

112 US HWY 281 • Marble Falls, TX 78654

Tues-Sun 11-9pm

(830) 637-7123 • www.FlatCreekEnoteca.com

15 We invite you to experience the Enoteca, an urban wine bar featuring our wood-fired oven. Taste local Texas Wines from our nearby vineyard, Flat Creek Estate, as well as premium wines from our partnerships with other small producers. Stay to enjoy rustic wood-fired pizza and artisanal cheeses in the company of friends and family. A true "enoteca" experience awaits.

Fredericksburg Winery

247 West Main Street • Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Mon-Thurs 10-5:30, Fri-Sat 10-7:30, Sun 12-5:30

(830) 990-8747 • www.fbgwinery.com

16 Named one of the top three producers in Texas by USA Today. Owned & operated by the Switzer family. We make a complete spectrum of reds & whites - dry to sweet & even one-step further then late harvest desserts. Two-state-further-Port & Sherry! We like creating the unusual in order to show the true value of both the grape variety and the art of winemaking. Come do Wine 101 WHP. Last tasting starts 15 minutes before closing.

Grape Creek Vineyards

10587 East U.S. Hwy 290 • Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Mon-Fri 11-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5

(830) 644-2710 • www.grapecreek.com

17 Tuscany in Texas! On Fredericksburg Wine Road 290, experience our Tuscan tasting rooms, Italian Trattoria with full menu and romantic tree-covered patios overlooking the vineyards. Taste award-winning wine with over 100 medals in the last two years from California to New York! Tour our cellar, vineyards, state-of-the-art winery and our new tour tasting room and art center. Also, visit us at our Main Street Fredericksburg and Downtown Georgetown locations! Taste. Tour. **Belong!**

Hawk's Shadow Winery

7500 McGregor Lane

Sat 12-6 and By Appointment the rest of the week

866.551.9463 • www.HawksShadow.com

18 At Hawk's Shadow, you are greeted by our family and commanding vistas of vineyard and Texas Hill Country. Wine tasting at Hawk's Shadow features relaxed seating where you will enjoy an eclectic mix of dry complex whites, rich European style reds, and very small production wines that offer unique vintage or vineyard specific character. Find a shaded table to relax over a glass, bottle, or picnic with a friend.

Hye Meadow Winery

10257 US Hwy 290 W, Hye, TX 78635

Mon, Wed-Thur 11-5, Fri-Sat 11-6, Sun 12-5

855-HYE-WINE • www.HyeMeadow.com

19 Our family winery lies on 62 oak-shaded acres nestled between Fredericksburg and Johnson City. Relax and taste artistically crafted wines ranging from hearty reds to delicate whites in our tasting room, which blends modern style with scenic Hill Country views. With three decks, a pavilion, and a covered outdoor bar, we invite you to visit for an afternoon picnic, a special dinner event, or a storybook wedding.

Inwood Estates Winery & Bistro

10303 East US Highway 290, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Fri & Sat 11-7, Mon, Wed & Sun 11-6, Bistro Grill Thurs-Sun,

830-997-2304 • www.InwoodWines.com

20 All TEXAS Wines. Winemaker Dan Gatlin now in his 35th year growing grapes in Texas has had 8 vineyards growing 44 varieties, pioneering Spanish Tempranillo and Palomino with extensive emphasis on Old World Bordeaux Blends. Operated by he and wife Rose Mary, expect the Hill Country's most extensive educational experience and then relax in the Bistro serving BBQ Brisket & Ribs. Salads, Sandwiches & Wine Snacks. Please visit us at our other locations in Dallas and at The Vineyard at Florence.

Kerrville Hills Winery
3600 Fredericksburg Rd • Kerrville, TX 78028
Thurs-Mon 11-6
(830) 895-4233 • www.kerrvillehillswinery.com

21 Features award-winning wines in a relaxed fun atmosphere. Built on footprint of Kerrville homestead overlooking Guadalupe River Valley. Tasting room features home's original double-sided fireplace, window to winery activities, & unique rustic warehouse decor. Located 2.3 miles north of I-10 (Exit 508) on Hwy 16 north of Kerrville. Tasting room, gift shop, tours. Check website for live music, food truck & other events.

Kuhlman Cellars
18421 E. US 290, Stonewall, TX. 78671
Fri & Sat 11-6, Sun 12-5
512 920-2675 (CORK) • KuhlmanCellars.com

22 Join us for a personal wine journey with a knowledgeable guide, an intimate view of our working winery and Chef prepared cuisine carefully paired with each wine. Experience our unique pairings by appointment; same day appointments are welcome. Or stop by to enjoy the serene views of our Texas Hill Country vineyard from the comfort of our shaded outdoor seating. Slow down, relax and savor the Wine Life-Vina Vita.

Lewis Wines
3209 Highway 290 West, Johnson City, Tx 78636
Open by appointment only
(512) 663-6468 or (703) 725-7623 • www.LewisWines.com

23 We're a small family-owned winery working alongside our growers to produce world-class wines using 100% Texas grapes. Located 3 miles west of Johnson City on Hwy 290. Open by appointment 7 days a week. We invite you to come share our passion.

Lost Draw Cellars
113 E Park St, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Mon & Tues by appt, Wed 11-6, Thurs & Fri 11-7, Sat 11-6, Sun 1-5
(830) 992-3251 • www.lostdrawcellars.com

24 Lost Draw Cellars is committed to producing quality wines that highlight the unique terroir of the Texas High Plains. We pride ourselves on planting grapes that thrive in the semi-arid climate of the region and strive to continuously improve the growing process in a sustainable way. The founding families of Lost Draw invite you to enjoy the results of our hard work and dedication to true Texas winemaking.

Lost Maples Winery at Polvadeau Vineyards
34986 Ranch Road 187, Vanderpool, TX 78885
Wed-Sun 1-7pm, Mon-Tues by appt. only
(830) 966-5131 • www.lostmapleswinery.com

25 Lost Maples Winery at Polvadeau Vineyards is located in the Sabinal Canyon along the Sabinal River in Bandera County. We are growing the Lenoir Grapes as well as other varieties, and the quality of our grapes and wines are exceeding our expectations. We hope you will honor us by sampling what we believe are some of the best wines the Texas Hill Country has to offer.

McReynolds Winery
706 Shovel Mountain Road • Cypress Mill, TX 78663
Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-6, Mon-Thurs by appt.
(830) 825-3544 • www.mcreynoldswines.com

26 Enjoy a glass of our fine wine on the porch of our rustic log cabin or picnic under our majestic oak trees. We are located between Johnson City and Marble Falls just North of FM 962/Hamilton Pool Rd. 25 miles west of Bee Cave and 6 miles east of Round Mountain. Tasting room, gift shop and picnic facilities available.

Messina Hof Hill Country Winery
9996 US Hwy 290 East • Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Mon-Wed: 11am-6pm; Thurs-Fri: 11-7pm
Sat: 10am-7pm; Sun: 11am-6pm
(830) 990-4653 • www.messinahof.com/hillcountry

27 Messina Hof Hill Country Winery sits on ten acres and features a spacious tasting room that serves over 50 Texas wines, event space and the Manor Haus Bed & Breakfast, which consists of four uniquely themed cottages with scenic Hill Country views. Join the Family.

Pedernales Cellars
2916 Upper Albert Rd. • Stonewall, TX 78671
Mon-Th 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-6
(830) 644-2037 • www.pedernalescellars.com

28 Pedernales Cellars is Texas' premier boutique winery, producing benchmark Tempranillo & Viognier. Family-owned & operated, Pedernales is dedicated to world-class wines, sustainable practices, and Texas Hill Country hospitality. Visitors can tour our underground cellar, then relax with a glass on the tree-covered deck with breathtaking views of the Hill Country. Named a top 10 vineyard by National Geographic in 2014.

Perissos Vineyards and Winery
7214 Park Road 4 W • Burnet, TX 78611
June-Aug: Thurs.-Mon 12-5; Sept-May Fri-Sun 12-5
(512) 820-2950 • www.perissosvineyards.com

29 Welcome to our 16-acre estate vineyard just an hour west of Austin, between Marble Falls and Burnet. Our family is passionate about using only Texas-grown fruit to produce exceptional wines. 100% of our wines are Texas-grown, and most of those wines are estate grown here on our family farm. We invite you to sit amongst the vines and sip our award-winning wines from the Texas terroir. Casual atmosphere. Serious wines.

Pillar Bluff Vineyards
300 Burnet County Rd 111
Lampasas, TX 76550
Fri-Sat 10-5, Sun 12:30-5
(512) 556-4078 • www.PillarBluff.com

30 From Hwy 183/281 take 580 west 8 blocks to Farm Road 1478. Turn left onto 1478 for 4.2 miles. At the Burnet County Line turn left onto County Rd 111. The winery is the first building on the right. We specialize in French varietals.

Pontotoc Vineyard
338 West Main Street • Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Sat 10-5
(512) 658-0023 • www.PontotocVineyard.com

31 Pontotoc Vineyard was established by the Money Family in the Texas Hill Country community of Pontotoc, Texas. Pontotoc means "Land of Hanging Grapes" and the vineyard was planted on a farm founded by the German Emigration Company in 1872. The mission of Pontotoc Vineyard is to make vintage wines from grapes grown in the Texas Hill Country. The Money Family is a fifth generation Texas farming family and takes great pride in bringing the fruit of their labor to your table.

Rancho Ponte Vineyard
315 RR 1376 • Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Mon-Fri 11-5, Sat 11-6, Sun 11-5
(830) 990-8555 • www.ranchoponte.com

32 Rancho Ponte is a boutique, family run winery located 5 miles east of Fredericksburg. We continue a five generation legacy of winemaking that started in northern Italy. Our wines have earned a passionate word of mouth following. Rancho Ponte is known for its beautiful tasting room and friendly atmosphere. We invite you to visit, have a glass of wine, relax on our porch, and enjoy yourself with friends and family.

Santa Maria Cellars
12044 South State Hwy 16 • Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Thurs 12-5pm, Fri-Sat 11-5pm, Sun 12-3pm
(830) 998-5357 • www.santamariacellarswines.com

33 We are located 10 miles from Fredericksburg on Hwy 16 going South towards Kerrville. Come visit our small, cozy tasting room where you will enjoy some great Texas wines with an Argentinian flare. Sit on our patio, enjoy the scenery!

Singing Water Vineyards
316 Mill Dam • Comfort, TX 78013
Mon 11-6, Thurs-Sat 11-6, Sun 12-5
(830) 995-2246 • www.singingwatervineyards.com

34 Nestled in the Texas Hill Country, lies a magical Brigadoon of a destination...Singing Water Vineyards. With charm and simplicity at heart, our original tasting room was painstakingly and lovingly refurbished from a historic Texas Hill Country barn. Here you can come, sit, visit and recharge as you enjoy our award winning wines. After your tasting, we invite you to relax with a glass of wine on one of our many decks or in the "tree house" set high in a grand, old oak.

Sister Creek Vineyards
1142 Sisterdale Road • Sisterdale, TX 78006
Mon-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-6
(830) 324-6704 • www.sistercreekvineyards.com

35 We are now celebrating our 27th year producing international award winning wines. We are located 12 miles north of Boerne on FM 1376, the scenic route to Luckenbach and Fredericksburg in historic Sisterdale, Texas. Cabernet Sauvignon blends, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Muscat Canelli are made in a historic 1885 cotton gin. Tasting room, gifts, wine club and free winery tours.

Solaro Estate Winery & Vineyards
13111 Silver Creek Rd., Dripping Springs, TX 78620
Sun-Thurs 11-5, Fri-Sat 11-6, call to confirm and for extended hours
(832) 660.8642 • www.solaroestate.com

36 Winner of International Tastings top five awards & Texas Winery of the Year 2013/14 NYIWC Solaro Estate Austin expands above Barton Creek with the beauty of vineyards, Thoroughbreds, Angus cattle and spectacular vistas. Solaro Urban Winery Houston in mid-town sets the trend of Estate Vineyard operations with production in the urban Domain. Schedule events at event@solaroestate.com.

Spicewood Vineyards
1419 Burnet CR 409 • Spicewood, TX 78669
Wed-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5
(830) 693-5328 • www.spicewoodvineyards.com

37 Home of award-winning estate handcrafted wines from our 32 acre vineyard on site. Hwy 71 go south 7/10 mile on CR 408, then west 1.5 miles on CR 409. Tempranillo, Sauvignon Blanc and many other favorite varietals. Picnic on our veranda. Winemaker tours and tastings. Special event facilities available. We are the wedding venue choice of discerning Texas Brides.

Stone House Vineyard
24350 Haynie Flat Rd. • Spicewood, TX 78669
Thurs-Sun 12-5 or by appt.
(512) 264-3630 • www.stonehousevineyard.com

38 Beautiful setting on Lake Travis surrounded by vineyards producing award-winning wines, 35 minutes from Austin. The winery is constructed of massive limestone blocks making it functional as well as a building of artistic architectural merit. First Friday specials, monthly wine dinners, every day cheese plates, private events, and wine and food pairing classes.

Texas Hills Vineyard
878 RR 2766 • Johnson City, TX 78636
Mon-Thurs 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5
(830) 868-2321 • www.texashillswineyard.com

39 Héme of "KICK BUTT CAB", "Toro de Tejas" (Tempranillo) and other "WINE & SHARE WITH FRIENDS" 1 mile east of Hwy 290/281 on RR2766 (road to Pedernales Falls State Park). Wines include Pinot Grigio, Sangiovese, Orange Moscato, Tempranillo, Malbec, Barbara and more produced from 100% Texas Grapes. Texas cheeses and sausages available to enjoy with a glass of our wine on the covered patio overlooking the vineyard. Tasting Room & Gift Shop open daily.

Texas Legato Winery
2935 FM Rd 1478 • Lampasas, TX 76550
Thurs-Mon 12-5
(512) 556-9600 • www.texaslegatowinery.net

40 In the historic town of Lampasas at the intersection of 183/281 and 580 go west 8 blocks to Farm Road 1478 (aka Howe Street) turn left (south) go 4.3 miles, winery is on left. Bring a picnic basket and enjoy our smooth Texas wines on the new patio that overlooks the vineyard. Try our estate grown Malbec, Petite Sirah, and Family Reunion.

Torre di Pietra Vineyards

10915 E. US Hwy 290 • Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Mon-Thur 11am-5pm, Fri-Sun 11am-6pm

(830) 644-2829 • www.torredipietra.com

41 Enjoy and relax on weekends to the finest live music on the trail paired with quality Texas wines in the romantic setting of the Texas Hill Country. A large selection of unique gifts and culinary delights await you in the Tasting Room. Our award winning grapes produce award winning wines. Located 10 mi east of FBG on US Hwy 290. Wines include Primitivo, Petite Syrah, Albarino, Tempranillo, Midnight Nymph, Tango and more.

Wedding Oak Winery

316 E Wallace, San Saba, Tx 76877

Sun-Th 11-6, Fri-Sat 10-7

(325) 372-4050 • www.WeddingOakWinery.com

42 Located in downtown San Saba at the intersection of US 190 & State Hwy 16, our beautiful tasting room showcases a restored 1926 building and courtyard. We are deeply committed to Texas viticulture and our wines feature warm weather varietals such as Tempranillo, Viognier, Trebbiano, Sangiovese and Muscat Canelli. Experience exceptional wines and great service in an intimate small town setting. Our Texas Roots Run Deep!

Westcave Cellars Winery

25711 Hamilton Pool Rd • Round Mountain, TX 78663

Mon, Fri & Sat 11-6, Sun 12-6, Tues-Thurs by Appt.

(512) 431-1403 • www.westcavecellars.com

43 Just a short drive from Austin or Dripping Springs, Westcave Cellars is nestled along scenic Hamilton Pool Road. We offer wines crafted from 100% Texas grown grapes. Many of our wines are from estate produced grapes including Cabernet Sauvignon, Tannat, Petite Syrah and Viognier. Enjoy a glass of wine while you relax under our massive oak trees or as you stroll through the vineyard. Don't miss our famous pig roasts or Sunday music events.

William Chris Vineyards

10352 US Highway 290 • Hye, TX 78635

Mon-Wed 10-5, Thurs-Sat 10-6 Reservation required on Saturday. Sun 12-5

(830) 998-7654 • www.WilliamChrisWines.com

44 William Chris Vineyards grows soulful wine from Texas. Reservations are required on Saturday. We are pleased to share a piece of our world.

Wimberley Valley Winery

2825 Lone Man Mountain Rd • Driftwood, TX 78619

Mon-Sun 10-6

(512) 847-2592 • www.WimberleyValleyWine.com

45 Wimberley Valley Winery is conveniently located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country between Austin and San Antonio. We've been producing fine varietals, fruit wines, and seasonal holiday wines since 1983. Come visit our tasting room and cozy up by the fireplace with a glass wine or enjoy a picnic in the shady oak grove. Our winery is also the perfect choice for your next holiday party, business meeting, or wedding.

Woodrose Winery

662 Woodrose Lane • Stonewall, TX 78671

Mon-Sat 11-6, Sun 12-6

(830) 644-2539 • www.woodrosewinery.com

46 Woodrose Winery is located on the So. side of Hwy 290 just west of Stonewall or 14 miles east of Fredericksburg. Turn south off of Hwy 290 onto Woodrose Lane. We invite you to visit us at Woodrose Winery for table top style tastings where we bring the wine to you at your table, inside, or on our beautiful deck.



THE DOG-FRIENDLY GUIDE TO AUSTIN

DOG-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

Opal Divine's Marina

12709 N Mopac

Opal Divine's has been dog-friendly for longer than many other Austin restaurants have even existed. So in addition to having some mac and cheese that's worth writing home about, they also proudly serve our canine brethren. Next time you're in the North Mopac area, stop into Opal Divine's with your furry pal and get to grubbing.



Caroline

621 Congress Ave Suite 201

South Congress urban neighborhood restaurant & coffeehouse Caroline is all about dogs. Their beautiful patio is pet-friendly, as well as their indoor and outdoor areas at Upstairs at Caroline. What's more, both of these spots offer a pet-friendly menu by local company Healthy Pet!



Banger's

79 & 81 Rainey Street | website

Banger's is the place to be if you love a huge selection of beer, great food, and mutts! This Rainey St. sausage house and beer garden have a large outdoor seating area that is picnic table style where you get to bump elbows with fellow patrons. Banger's is so dog-friendly that they host events called Mega Mutt Mondays to support Austin Pets Alive!, you won't want to miss it!



Kerby Lane Cafe

Various Locations | website

Kerby Lane is everyone's go-to place for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or late night snack. The Central, Southwest, and Round Rock locations have dog-friendly patios. The Chilaquiles, Kerbey Queso, and Red Quinoa Salad are must-haves as well as trying their ever revolving pancake flavors.



Cherrywood Coffee House

1400 E. 38th 1/2 Street | website

Cherrywood Coffee House is more than your average coffee house! They are known for their huge sandwiches, delicious coffee, and draft beers. They have a dog-friendly patio that is full of fellow dog lovers. Don't just come here for lunch; they also have an amazing breakfast menu!



Maria's Taco Xpress

2529 S. Lamar | website

Maria's Taco Xpress has a very large covered porch that is dog-friendly. On Sundays, they have Hippy Church with music and dancing! This fantastic taco joint is the place to be for a fun time with good vibes.

Billy's on Burnet

2105 Hancock Drive | website

Billy's features a wide outdoor patio with heaters in the winter so you can bring your dog year-round. The menu features veggie alternatives to almost all of their classic burgers and hot dogs, each of which has a unique take on the ordinary. Inside events, including a trivia night, are hosted outside as well, so you won't miss out on the fun if you bring your pup.



DOG-FRIENDLY BARS

The ABGB

1305 West Oltorf | website

The Austin Beer Garden Brewery is known for their interesting pizza menu, house-brewed beer, and their large dog-friendly patio. It's a great place for large groups or smaller parties. You can sit back relax and listen to the live music outdoors on the long picnic benches. As an added bonus they make dog treats out of used grains from the brewing process!

Dog House Drinkery

3800 County Road 175 | website

The Dog House Drinkery is special because it is a bar in a dog park. The staff are friendly and will watch out for your dogs while they run around their spacious play area, while you relax and drink with fellow dog lovers. The addition of their very own food truck is perfect for a puppy play date with friends. You won't want to miss this innovative bar.

Cheer Up Charlies

900 Red River | website

This dog-friendly vegan bar has live shows and movie nights! Cheer Up Charlies has kombucha on tap and food trailers in the back. With a beautiful parachute patio that you can dine, drink, and dance in why wouldn't you stop by?

Hops and Grain Brewing

507 Calles Street | website

Hops & Grains is not technically bar - but it is a brewery and they have a little bit of everything fun! They have picnic tables outside to bask in the sun and enjoy great beer. They also have a small but delicious burger menu to select from and board games you can borrow to play with friends. You can take a brewery tour, although because they manufacture beer in the facility, dogs are not allowed for the tour. They also sell all natural treats for your dogs called Brew Biscuits that they make themselves.

The Brixton

1412 E. 6th Street | website

The Brixton has cold refreshing cocktails and an amazing jukebox selection. The best part about this bar is that your dog is allowed inside! This 6th street bar welcomes any well-mannered furry friends. Don't miss out on Monday night bingo with free pizza!

Yard Bar

6700 Burnet Road

You and your best friend should be able to hang out on a patio together; that's exactly where Yard Bar comes in. This Burnet road hang out has cold beers, food, and treats for your pup. Dogs are people too, so head on over to Yard Bar and enjoy the day together.

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Top 7 Dog Parks in austin

1. Red Bud Isle

3401 Redbud Trail, Austin, TX 78746

- A 13 acre island designed for dogs
- Surrounding lake and river waters act as a natural fence (and perfect swimming hole).
- Keep an eye on your dog in the water, as there are currents
- Well-maintained by human volunteers
- Short nature trail and woods to explore

2. Onion Creek District Park

7001 Onion Creek Dr, Austin, TX 78744

- Entirely off-leash (except for the kids' playgrounds)
- Shady hiking trails
- Doggy bag stations stocked with poop bags
- Beautiful Onion Creek is perfect for wading and swimming

3. Auditorium Shores Off-Leash Area

Austin, TX 78704

- Beautiful, recently-renovated dog park on the shores of Lady Bird Lake
- Three water access areas for a cooling dip in the lake
- Nice city views
- Partially fenced, so best for dogs who listen well and don't roam far
- Doggy drinking fountains and showers for post-lake cleanup

4. Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park

12138 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78753

- Over 200 acres of woods to explore
- Dirt trails for strolling and hiking
- Creek for swimming and splashing
- Make sure your dog has a strong recall—this park is BIG!

5. Harris Ridge Dog Park

Sebastian Bend, Pflugerville, TX 78660

- Separate areas for large and small dogs
- Rolling hills and boulders for your pup to explore
- Plenty of shade for dogs and humans
- Friendly neighborhood vibe

6. Shoal Creek Greenbelt

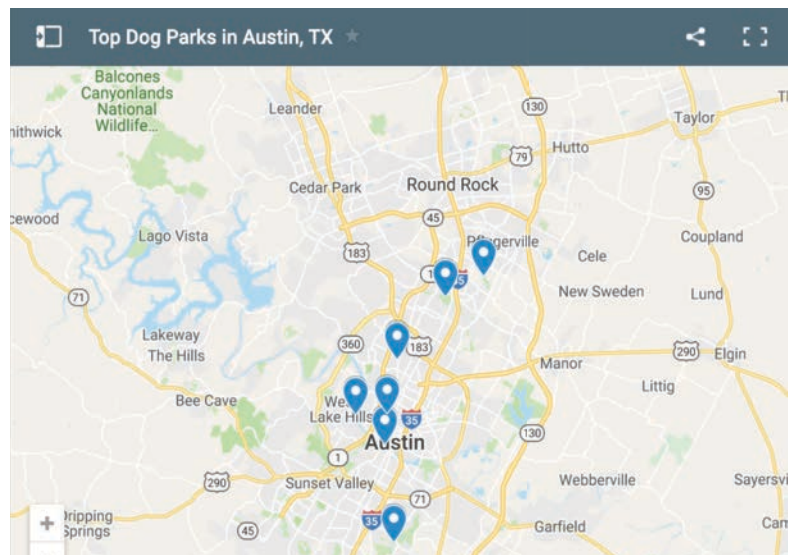
2600 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78705

- Beautiful trail with Austin historical markers and views
- Off-leash dog trail between 24th St. and 29th St. offers over a mile of leash-free walking/running
- Convenient location near the University of Texas
- Great option for runners with dogs—just be sure to leash your dog outside of the official off-leash zone

7. Yard Bar

6700 Burnet Rd, Austin, TX 78757

- Combination bar and dog park for urban dog lovers
- Sip a local brew while your dog plays in a safe, clean park w/a kiddie pool
- "Bark Rangers" help monitor dog play
- Annual, monthly, and multi-visit passes available



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AUSTIN SPORTS TEAMS

Ask any Austinite about their favorite sport and you'll hear about everything from football to roller derby to cycling. It's no secret that this is a sports town. Find out how to experience our world-class sporting events:

AUSTIN BOLD FC

Circuit of The Americas

Tickets: austinboldfc.com

Founded in 2018, Austin Bold FC is an American professional soccer team that competes in the United Soccer League (USL), a Division II sanctioned league in the U.S. Soccer Federation hierarchy. Home matches are played in an intimate 5,000-seat stadium in the heart of Circuit of The Americas, the premier destination for entertainment and motorsports in the United States. The club's inaugural season will kick off in March 2019.

AUSTIN BLACKS RUGBY

Tickets: austinrugby.com

The Austin Blacks Rugby Club was founded in the spring of 1967, the first club in the Southwestern United States. ARC has since gone on to record many other rugby "firsts" in the years following the inaugural match: 1969, hosted the first tournament; 1971, founding member of the Texas Rugby Union; 1978, became the first rugby club in the United States to purchase its own grounds; 1985 built a clubhouse and is still one of only two rugby clubs in the United States with their own clubhouse and grounds. The Austin Blacks play semi-professionally in Divisions 1, 2 and 3.

AUSTIN ELITE RUGBY

Dell Diamond

Tickets: austineliterugby.com

Austin Elite Rugby is a professional rugby union team that was founded in 2017 and competes in Major League Rugby. The team plays a 16-game season and eight of those games are played at Dell Diamond in Round Rock, just north of Austin.

AUSTIN HUNS

Huns Field

Tickets: austinhunsrugby.com

The Huns Rugby Football Club was founded in 1972 as one of the first rugby clubs of its kind in Central Texas. Currently competing on the semi-professional level, the Huns are going pro in 2018 as a part of Major League Rugby. The club plays home games at Huns Field from January to May and are the reigning U.S. Division 1 National Champions.

AUSTIN SOL

Tickets: austin-sol.com

The Austin Sol is a professional ultimate franchise in the American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL). Their goal is to harmoniously blend the spirit of Austin - friendly, musical and uniquely weird with athletic sportsmanship that defines ultimate. The team plays home games at various locations around Austin from April through July.

AUSTIN VALKYRIES WOMEN'S RUGBY

Huns Field

Tickets: www.austinvalkyries.com

The Valkyries have been Austin's premiere women's rugby club since 1991. The team provides a competitive and social environment that allows players to express physicality and personality through sport. As a competitive team, the Valkyries field a very talented and experienced side that consistently earns selection to the National Championship tournaments. The team plays professionally in Division 1 and 2.



CENTRAL TEXAS WOLFPACK

Kelly Reeves Stadium

Tickets: ctxwolfpack.org

The Central Texas Wolfpack is a public safety football team that competes in the NPSFL. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the team aims to raise money for their designated charities and build camaraderie between various agencies in central Texas. Each game day is centered around the idea of holding an event for the community to rally together and support public safety personnel, while these professionals showcase fitness and skills on the field.

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS

Dell Diamond

Tickets: 512-255-2255 or roundrockexpress.com

The Round Rock Express is the AAA minor league affiliate of the Texas Rangers. The team plays a 140-game schedule from April through September in Round Rock, north of Austin.

TEXAS ROLLER DERBY

Palmer Events Center

Tickets: txrd.com

TXRD is an Austin Original Banked Track Roller Derby league that has been wowing crowds since 2001. The five-team league hosts monthly and bi-monthly bouts, January-October, as well as invitational games and scrimmages.

TEXAS ROLLERGIRLS

Austin Convention Center

Tickets: texasrollergirls.org

Austin Texas Rollergirls is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity amateur sports organization dedicated to playing and promoting the sport of Women's Flat Track Derby.

TEXAS STARS

Cedar Park Center

Tickets: 512-GOSTARS or texasstarshockey.com

The Texas Stars Hockey Club is the AHL affiliate to the NHL Dallas Stars. They will play in the brand new, state of the art Cedar Park Center. The puck drops from October through April.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LONGHORNS

UT Austin Campus

Tickets: texasports.com

Join other passionate Longhorn fans to watch UT athletes compete in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, track and field, volleyball, swimming and other sports.

AUSTIN AREA



FARMERS
MARKET

SUNDAY

Austin/Bee Cave:

Farmer George Farmers Market
8300 N. FM 620, Austin, TX 78726
1 p.m.—5 p.m.

Fresh for Less Farmer's Market
St John's Episcopal Church
11201 Parkfield Dr.
Austin, TX 78758
11 a.m.—1 p.m.

HOPE Farmers Market
E. 5th St. and Comal St.
Austin, TX 78702
11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Lone Star Farmers Market
12700 Hill Country Blvd.,
Austin, TX 78738
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller
4550 Mueller Blvd.
Austin, TX 78723
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Buda:

Downtown Buda Farmers' Market
308 S. Main St., Buda, TX 78610
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

MONDAY

Taylor:

Taylor Farmer's Market
N. Main St. & E. 5th St.
Taylor, TX 76574
3—6 p.m. (May–September)

TUESDAY

Austin:

Fresh for Less Farm Stand
Dobie Middle School and Pre-K
1200 E. Rundberg Ln.
Austin, TX 78753
1:30—3:30 p.m.

Fresh for Less Farm Stand
Padron Elementary
2011 W. Rundberg Ln.
Austin, TX 78758
2—4 p.m.

Green Gate Farms and New
Farm Institute Education Center
8310 Canoga Ave., Austin, TX 78724
3—6 p.m.

Georgetown:

Sun City Farmers Market
2 Texas Dr.
Georgetown, TX 78633
9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Pflugerville:

Pflugerville Farmers' Market
901 Old Austin Hutto Rd.,
Pflugerville, TX 78660
May through October, 3—7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Austin:

Boggy Creek Farm Stand
3414 Lyons Rd., Austin, TX 78702
8 a.m.—1 p.m. (Year-round)

Fresh for Less Farmer's Market
Del Valle Middle School
5500 Ross Rd. Austin, TX 78617
4—6 p.m.

Fresh for Less Farmer's Market
Hornsby-Dunlap Elementary
13901 FM 969, Austin, TX 78724
4—6 p.m.

Fresh for Less Farmer's Market
Popham Elementary
7014 Elroy Rd.
Del Valle, TX 78617
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Fresh for Less Farm Stand
Cunningham Elementary
2200 Berkeley Ave., Austin, TX 78745
1:30—3:30 p.m.

Fresh for Less Farm Stand
St. Elmo Road
4320 S. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78745
4—6 p.m.

Springdale Farm
755 Springdale Rd. Austin, TX 78702
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller
4550 Mueller Blvd.
Austin, TX 78723
5 p.m.—8 p.m.

Bastrop:

Bastrop Producer's Market
977 Hwy. 71 W.
Bastrop, TX 78602
11 a.m.—6 p.m.

Dripping Springs:

Dripping Springs Farmers Market
Hwy. 290 & RR 12
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
3—6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Austin:

Boggy Creek Farm Stand
3414 Lyons Rd., Austin, TX 78702
8 a.m.—1 p.m. (Sept. 1–July 31)

Fresh for Less Farmer's Market
Central Health Southeast Health
& Wellness Center
2901 Montopolis Dr.
Austin, TX 78741
10 a.m.—12 p.m.

Fresh for Less Farmer's Market
East Communities YMCA
5315 Ed Bluestein Blvd
Austin, TX 78723
5—7 p.m.

Fresh for Less Farmer's Market
Hart Elementary
8301 Furness Dr., Austin, TX 78753
4—6 p.m.

Bastrop:

Bastrop Producer's Market
977 Hwy. 71 W.
Bastrop, TX 78602
11 a.m.—6 p.m.

Georgetown:

Farmer George Farmers Market
900 N. Austin Ave.
Georgetown, TX 78628
2:30—5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Austin:

Boggy Creek Farm Stand
3414 Lyons Rd.
Austin, TX 78702
8 a.m.—1 p.m. (Sept. 1–July 31)

Green Gate Farms and New
Farm Institute Education Center
8310 Canoga Ave.
Austin, TX 78724
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Bastrop:

Bastrop Producer's Market
977 Hwy. 71 W.
Bastrop, TX 78602
11 a.m.—6 p.m.

Taylor:

Taylor Farmer's Market
N. Main St. & E. 5th St.
Taylor, TX 76574
3—6 p.m. (May–September)

SATURDAY

Austin/Lakeline:

Barton Creek Mall
2901 S Capital of Texas Hwy.
Austin, TX 78746
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Boggy Creek Farm Stand
3414 Lyons Rd., Austin, TX 78702
8 a.m.—1 p.m. (Year-round)

Fresh for Less Farmer's Market
Elroy Community Library
13512 FM 812, Austin, TX 78617
10 a.m.—12 p.m.

North Austin YMCA
1000 W. Rundberg Lane
Austin, TX 78758
9—11:30 a.m.

Fresh for Less Farm Stand
Dove Springs Park
5801 Ainez Dr., Austin, TX 78744
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Texas Farmers' Market Lakeline
11200 Lakeline Mall Dr.
Cedar Park, TX 78613
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Green Gate Farms and New
Farm Institute Education Center
8310 Canoga Ave., Austin, TX 78724
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

SFC Farmers' Market Downtown
422 Guadalupe St., Austin, TX 78701
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

SFC Farmers' Market Sunset Valley
3200 Jones Rd., Austin, TX 78745
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Springdale Farm
755 Springdale Rd., Austin, TX 78702
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Bastrop:

Bastrop 1832 Farmers' Market
1302 Chestnut St., Bastrop, TX 78602
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Bastrop Producer's Market
977 Hwy. 71 W., Bastrop, TX 78602
11 a.m.—6 p.m.

Elgin:

River Valley Farmers' Market
109 Depot St., Elgin, TX 78621
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Georgetown:

Day Star Organic Farmers Market
751 County Road 124
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Wolf Ranch Farmers Market
1015 W University Ave
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Round Rock:

Farmer George Farmers Market
201 University Oaks Blvd.,
Round Rock, TX 78665
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Highland Lakes in Central Texas

Lake Buchanan, Inks Lake, Lake LBJ, Lake Marble Falls, Lake Travis and Lake Austin.

Lake Buchanan - Is the second largest of the Highland Lakes in Central Texas with a length of 30 miles and a width at the widest point of just under 5 miles. Lake Buchanan has a shoreline of 124 miles. When it was built, Buchanan Dam was considered to be the longest multiple-arch dam in the U.S. with a length of just over two miles. The lake is very popular with boaters, fishermen, campers and swimmers. The lake is so large that you will never feel crowded. The annual Lake Buchanan Regatta and Dam Jam is held at Cedar Lodge each April. Dozens of boats participate in the regatta and live music is performed by artists coming to Lake Buchanan from over 1,000 miles to participate in the event. Lake Buchanan is located 60 miles northwest of Austin and 95 miles north of San Antonio. It is about 200 miles south of Dallas and Fort Worth and 200 miles west of Houston.

Inks Lake - Located 55 miles northwest of Austin, Texas on Highway 29, Inks Lake is the next lake down the Colorado River from Lake Buchanan. It starts just a short distance from the base of Buchanan Dam. With a length of 4.2 miles and a width of 3,000 feet, Inks Lake is the shortest of the first four lakes but is also one of the prettiest. The boating and water skiing are fantastic on Inks Lake. The State Park is a 1,200 acre panorama of cedar and oak woodlands and offers swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and BBQing. Inks Lake is well-known for its bass, crappie and catfish. Highland Lakes Public Golf Club is a 9 Hole, Public Course, located on Inks Lake on Park Road 4 a few minutes south of Hwy 29. This course is only about a 15 minute drive from Burnet and 20 minutes from Marble Falls, Texas.

The lake is also well known for it's 7.5 miles of hiking trails.



Lake LBJ - Lake LBJ, named after President Lyndon B. Johnson, starts at Kingsland and goes all of the way to Horseshoe Bay, 45 miles northwest of Austin. Lake LBJ is one of the largest normally at constant level lake in the United States, and is just over 21 miles long with a maximum width of 10,800 feet. Lake LBJ is perfect for sailing, boating, waterskiing, jetskiing, and all water related activities. Tourists are attracted from all over Texas and the U.S. to take advantage of this big beautiful lake.

Lake Marble Falls - Lake Marble Falls is the 4th lake in the Highland Lakes string of lakes on the Colorado River in the Central Texas Hill Country. Lake Marble Falls is a normally constant level lake and is popular for boating, and waterskiing. It is 5.75 miles long and 1,080 feet wide in the widest area. The annual Cigarette Boat Race is hosted on Lake Marble Falls in the town of Marble Falls. Lake Marble Falls is located at the booming town of Marble Falls about 45 miles northwest

of Austin. It can be reached from Austin by driving out Highway 71 and then north on Highway 281, or by going west on Highway 1431 out of Cedar Park on the north edge of Austin.

Lake Travis - Lake Travis has the largest storage capacity of the seven reservoirs known as the Highland Lakes, and stretches 65 miles (105 km) upriver from western Travis County in a highly serpentine course into southern Burnet County to Max Starcke Dam, southwest of the town of Marble Falls. The Pedernales River, a major tributary of the Colorado River, flows into the lake from the southwest in western Travis County. The lake is used for flood control, water supply, electrical power generation and recreation. Because of its volume, the lake serves as the primary flood control reservoir of the Highland Lake chain. The level of the lake can therefore vary dramatically, depending on the amount of rainfall in the Colorado River basin upstream. Despite this, the lake furnishes one of the most desired locations in the region for outdoor recreation, including fishing, boating, swimming, scuba diving, picnicking, camping, and zip lining. Lake Travis is generally considered one of the clearest lakes in Texas. It is a vital water supply for the nearby city of Austin, Texas and the surrounding metropolitan area.

Lake Austin - Lake Austin is the sixth lake down in the chain of Highland Lakes on the Colorado River in Central Texas. The lake starts at the Mansfield Dam and ends at the Tom Miller Dam in the city of Austin. Lake Austin has high cliffs in places along the shore of the lake which provide shelter from the wind for the best in boating activities. The cliffs are dotted with expensive homes overlooking the lake.

Lady Bird Lake - A seventh lake, which is not considered a part of the Highland Lakes chain, is Lady Bird Lake in Austin. Lady Bird Lake (formerly known as Town Lake) is in the city of Austin, Texas. Lady Bird Lake runs between Riverside Drive and 1st Street in the downtown area of Austin. Interstate I-35 goes over Lady Bird Lake as you are driving through Austin. Lady Bird Lake is 6 miles long and from 400 feet to 2,500 feet wide at it widest point and has an average depth of 14 feet. Lady Bird Lake is just downstream from Lake Austin on the Colorado River. Lady Bird Lake is a placid lake and is a constant level lake, ideal for canoeing. Swimming, motorized boats and jet skis are not allowed in Lady Bird Lake. Tourists and local residents enjoy canoeing on Lady Bird Lake. You can take a nice long walk or do a little jogging along the trails beside the lake.

Lake Travis is probably the most visited of the Highland Lakes because of its proximity to Austin. Its location and size make it a popular destination for aquatic sport enthusiasts, including boating, fishing, swimming and even scuba diving. Lake Travis is perfect for those seeking a more active environment and plenty to do, including waterside dining and plenty of activities for adults and kids, as well as easy access to the Austin amenities.

Parasailing

Every human dreams of flying, and parasailing is one of the easiest ways to make those dreams come true. When you are craving a warm breeze and scenic views, head over to Lake Travis for a parasailing adventure with your closest friends or your neighbors from the surrounding community and neighborhoods. More than one company traverses Lake Travis with skilled and experienced parasailing attendants that will send you flying.

Fishing

If angling is your passion, Lake Travis is your paradise. Just minutes away from your Hill Country retreat in our beautiful community is a lake full of largemouth bass, catfish and Guadalupe bass. You can explore the waters yourself or use a local fishing guide to learn the ropes on the Lake Travis waters.

Water Parks

The water parks at Lake Travis are perhaps one of the best kept secrets in the Austin area. Granite Beach Water Park is open every weekend of the summer inside a protected cove. Both adults and children can play on the park's water trampoline, slides and other attractions, and lifeguards are always on duty for safety. Another water park, Shore Club Volente Beach, is a more traditional water park with slides, lagoons and play areas.

Boating, Kayaking and Jet Skiing

Because Lake Travis is one of the largest in Texas, it is no wonder it is such a popular destination for boating, kayaking and jet skiing. Rent your favorite watercraft from a local vendor, or bring your own. For a real treat while you're out on the water, be sure to take a ride under the famous Pennybacker Bridge before heading back.

Zip Lining

For the adventurous at heart, zip lining is the ultimate Lake Travis experience. At Lake Travis Zip Line Adventures, you can soar across five zip lines – one of which is more than 2,000 feet long! You will launch off of a cliff that is 20 stories high, and an experienced tour guide will be there with you every step of the way.

Swimming

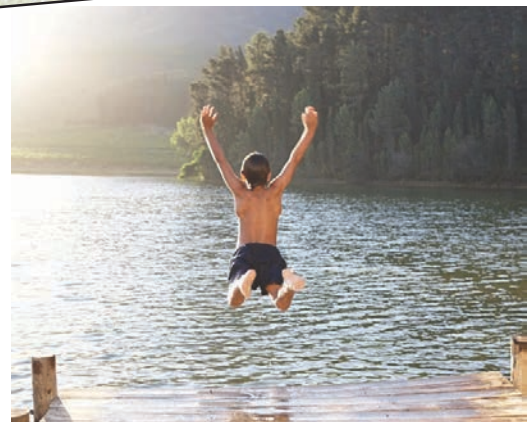
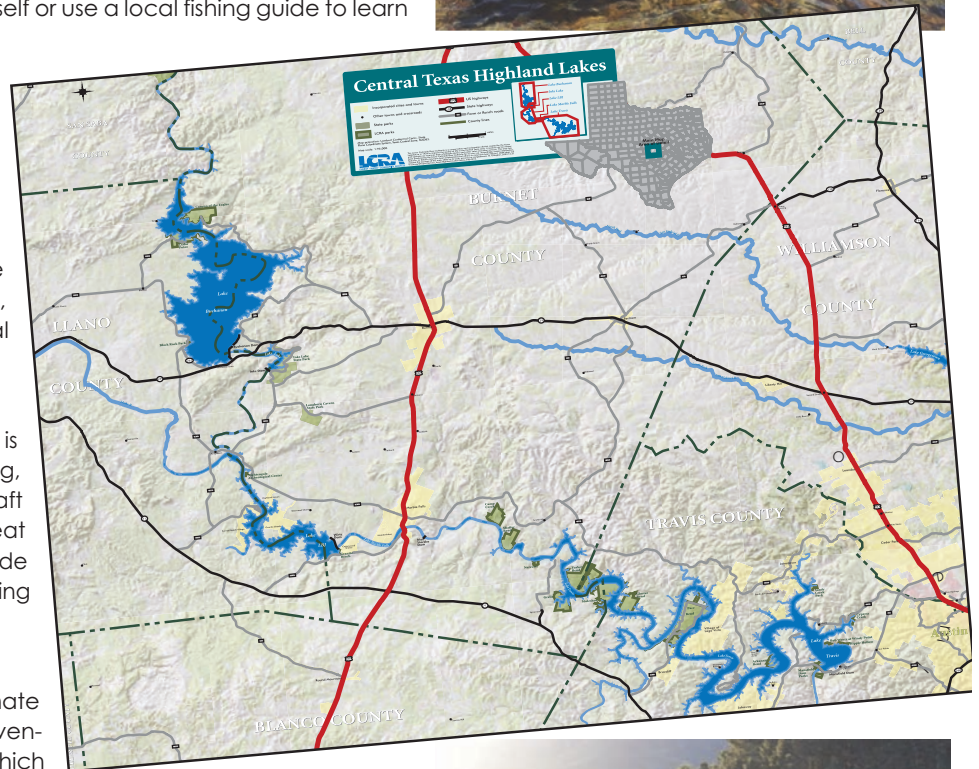
Lake Travis is well known for being one of the clearest lakes in Texas too. In fact, it is a primary water source for the city of Austin, so many consider it to be an ideal spot to take a dip on a hot Texas summer day. Swimming 'holes' are located all around the lake, but some are particularly interesting, such as the clothing-optional Hippie Hollow Park.

Picnicking

As beautiful as your home in Spanish Oaks will be, sometimes you want to get outside and enjoy all that nature has to offer. What better way than taking your family on a picnic to Lake Travis? Dine from the edge of the water in one of the public parks that surround Lake Travis, such as the Mansfield Dam Park. When you are done, be sure to bring your bikes from home to check out some of the trails that run alongside the lake.

Camping

Camping areas are located all over Lake Travis, although you will need a permit to sleep under the stars. Best of all, if you decide that outdoor living isn't right for you, you and your crew are never far from your own bed back at home in our luxury Austin community.



The Complete Guide to Austin Greenbelt Access Points and Trails

BY JESSICA PINO

There are multiple greenbelts in Austin, but the Barton Creek Greenbelt is so beloved that locals commonly refer to it as “the Greenbelt,” as if it were the only one. Located in south-central Austin, the Barton Creek Greenbelt contains 12.68 miles of gorgeous trails, with the main trail spanning about 7 miles. This particular greenbelt is considered one of the top hiking trails in Texas. But this area is not only for hiking. The Barton Creek Greenbelt is filled with mountain biking trails and beautiful limestone bluffs for rock climbing. And when there’s enough water in the creek, there are several swimming holes locals like to enjoy. It’s hard to believe something so beautiful is located minutes from downtown. Unfortunately for newcomers, accessing the Barton Creek Greenbelt can be a little confusing. To help, here is a complete guide to all the public access points for Austin’s natural gem.

Trail Head - 2201 Barton Springs Road

Considered the trailhead of the Barton Creek Greenbelt, this access point is great for beginners and those looking for a low-impact, relaxing hike. There’s ample parking in and around Zilker Park, though it does get busy on weekends and you do have to pay for parking. The beginning of the trail is pretty flat and not too demanding. From here, if you head about 1.2 miles south, you’ll come to the next access point.

Spyglass Access - 1601 Spyglass Dr.

There is usually easy street parking at this access point. If you head north on the trail—or left for those directionally challenged—you’ll arrive at Campbell’s Hole, a popular swimming spot...when there’s water.

If you head south—or to the right—you’ll catch the first of many climbing walls on the Barton Creek Greenbelt, Enclave, and great bouldering areas. If climbing is your thing, continue south and you’ll hit Seismic Wall.

Barton Hills Access - 2010 Homedale Dr.

If you’re wanting to reach Campbell’s Hole from the east side of the creek, you can find an access point at Barton Hills Elementary School. The street parking is located in a residential neighborhood, so please be considerate to those who live in the area. Again, head north to arrive at Campbell’s Hole.

There are additional hiking trails on the east side of the creek (this is where the 12.68 miles come into play). So even if there’s no water, there’s still plenty to explore in this area.



Gus Fruh Access - 2642 Barton Hills Dr.

Gus Fruh access point is also located within a residential neighborhood, so be courteous and don’t block any driveways. There’s another popular swimming hole here, when there’s water. It can get quite deep, unlike Campbell’s Hole. You’ll also find several great limestone climbing walls, such as Urban Assault, as you head south from this access point. Continue south for roughly 1.4 miles and you’ll arrive at the main access point for the Barton Creek Greenbelt.

Loop 360 Access - 3755-B Capital of Texas Hwy

As you pull up—it looks like you’re entering an office complex. Remember, just turn at that light! There’s a designated parking lot with overflow parking in the office park on weekends. You’ll see the distinct Austin Parks and Recreation sign as you pull up—which all public access points have.

This access point is where you start to notice more mountain bikers, since from here the terrain is a lot more "fun." This is also the main access point for the popular climbing wall, Seismic. I've climbed Seismic several times, including once in the dark. It's pretty magical.

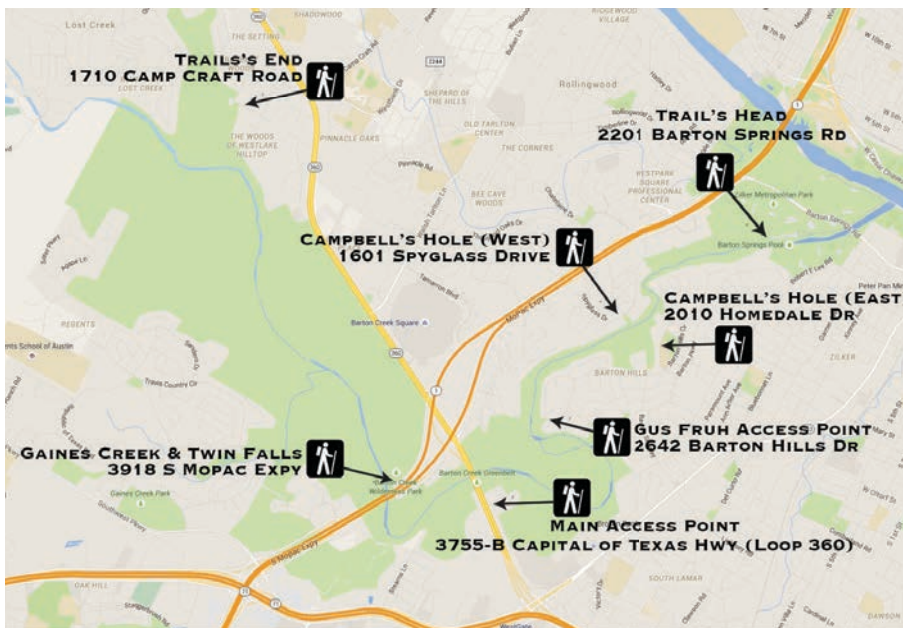
The biggest downfall to this section of the greenbelt is the noise pollution from the highway. So if you're heading to the Barton Creek Greenbelt for meditative time, you may want to start at a different access point.

On your way to the next access point at Mopac, about 1.3 miles away, you'll run into a fork in the trail where the Violet Crown Trail and the Barton Creek Greenbelt trails divide. Continue straight to remain on the Barton Creek Greenbelt trail.

Just past the ramp, you'll find the next Barton Creek Greenbelt access point. Look for parked cars on the right side of the road, and you'll find the entrance near the U-turn. There is no parking lot, which is why it's so tricky. So be extra careful of traffic when walking along the road as you arrive.

Why access the greenbelt from here if it's so tricky? Because from here you can quickly reach another swimming hole, Twin Falls. And even when there isn't water, this area ranks high in my book because of the stunning and beautiful trees.

This access point is great for hikers, trail runners and mountain bikers, since the terrain is a little more diverse. Plus, it becomes less crowded from here to the last access point, which is about 2.8 miles west.



Trails End - 1710 Camp Craft Road

Considered the trails end, this access is my new favorite. Here you will find the famous Hill of Life and Sculpture Falls. Sculpture Falls, you guessed it, is another swimming hole. And the Hill of Life is...well...a challenge! It's about a half-mile downhill hike, or uphill depending on the direction you're going. It's great on a mountain bike and perfect for trail runners who want an extra challenge. I really like that there are additional trails to explore and it's typically less crowded in this area.

Gaines/Twin Falls Access - 3918 S. Mopac Expy

This entrance, in my opinion, is the trickiest. From Capital of Texas Highway, turn as if you're heading south on Mopac. But instead of taking the on-ramp, remain on the frontage road.

Final Tips

Now that you know WHERE you're going, here are a few important things to remember. First and foremost, since you are in a dog city, it's important to note that dogs are welcome on the trail. However, they must be kept on a leash at all times.

There are no restrooms, water fountains or trashcans on the trail itself, so plan ahead.

Bring water with you and dispose of trash (including dog excrement) at the access points.

The Barton Creek Greenbelt has something for every interest and skill level. So pick up a new sport. Take your dog for a walk. Explore. Or just pray for rain, so we can take advantage of all the swimming holes right in our backyard.

Austin's Best Swim Spots



#1 Barton Springs

Within Zilker Park's 358 acres lies one of the crown jewels of Austin - Barton Springs Pool. The pool itself measures three acres in size, and is fed from underground springs with an average temperature of 68-70 degrees, ideal for year-round swimming. Barton Springs attracts a diverse crowd of people and has seen record setting numbers of visitors nearing 800,000 in recent years.

The pool is closed to the public from 9a-7p every Thursday to allow for the vigorous and methodical cleaning methods required to help maintain the pool area for wildlife and guests alike. Depths of the pool range from 0' to 18' with surrounding grassy areas for patrons to lounge upon. Adjacent to the pool bathhouse is Splash!, an educational exhibit where patrons can learn about the history and biology of Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer which feeds it. (512) 867-3080.

#2 Hamilton Pool

The preserve's pool and grotto were formed when the dome of an underground river collapsed due to massive erosion thousands of years ago. There is a 45 foot waterfall creating a great swimming hole. Swimming is allowed only when the water quality meets safe standards. Water quality is monitored regularly. Updated information is posted at the entrance booth and provided on the park's telephone recorder message (512) 264-2740. The parking lot is sized for 75 cars, and when all spaces are taken, cars are held up at the gate until a space opens. Reservations are required to enter Hamilton Pool from May 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. Entrance Fees paid when you arrive at the preserve are \$15 per vehicle, or \$5 per vehicle if vehicle has a senior citizen (62 years) or a disabled vet.

#3 Deep Eddy Pool

Deep Eddy Pool is a historic, man-made swimming pool in Austin. Deep Eddy is the oldest swimming pool in Texas and has a bathhouse built during the Depression-era, by the Works Progress Administration. The pool began as a swimming hole in the Colorado River, became a resort in the 1920s, and is today a popular swimming pool operated by the City of Austin. Deep Eddy Hotline: (512) 974-1189.

#4 San Marcos River

Tube it, snorkel it, or swim it. This spot is worth the 30-minute drive from Austin. Fed by San Marcos Springs, there are several spots that are fun to explore along this river. The San Marcos River bubbles to life from hundreds of springs right in the City's center. Always a refreshing 72 degrees, the river is enjoyed year 'round. Grab a tube and go for a float, rent a kayak or stand-up paddle, snorkel or just bring a picnic and soak up some sun. (512) 393-5930.

#5 Sculpture Falls on Barton Creek

Sculpture Falls is a dog-friendly, secluded swimming hole with clear and cool waters located within city of Austin. Sculpture Falls is a hidden gem that is part of the 7.9 mile long Barton Creek Greenbelt. It's considered an urban oasis and is part of the Edwards Aquifer making the water temperatures in the summer about 70 degrees. It is a perfect way to cool off in the Texas heat! (512) 974-6700.

#6 Stacy Pool

Tucked into the charming Travis Heights neighborhood in South Austin, this pool has been keeping Austinites of all ages cool and entertained since the mid-1930s! The pool is free and open year-round. Big Stacy is heated in the winter by water from an Artesian well located 2000 feet below the surface. Much like Austin, this swim spot is fun, friendly, and diverse, so whether you are looking to swim laps or sunbathe you're sure to have a good time. (512) 445-0304

#7 Krause Springs in Spicewood

Krause Springs is a well-known camping & swimming site located in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas. The 115 acre property is listed on the National Registry of Historical Sites and has been privately owned by the Krause Family for over 50 years. Krause Springs has many natural sites to explore. There are 32 springs on the property, and several feed the manmade pool and the natural pool which flow into Lake Travis. It's a refreshing treat to swim in the Springs during the hot summers of Texas! If camping is in your plans, there is primitive tent camping as well as 24 RV sites with water and electricity available. (830) 693-4181.

#8 Hippie Hollow

Situated on 109 peaceful acres, Hippie Hollow is a clothing optional park securely nestled in the natural beauty of the Hill County of Lake Travis. Located only 20 minutes off Interstate 35, but a world away from the bustle of nearby Austin, a haven for those who wish to escape the rigors of modern life in a safe and comfortable nudist atmosphere. The Park features a steep, rocky shoreline and provides some spectacular views of Lake Travis. This heavily-used park, the only clothing optional public park in Texas, is popular for sunbathing and swimming. Entry to the park is restricted to those people 18 years and older. (512) 854-7275.

#9 Blue Hole in Georgetown

Blue Hole Park is a scenic lagoon bordered by limestone bluffs along the South Fork of the San Gabriel River. The minimal crowds and plentiful space make it a nice respite from the summer heat and the fact that it's located just minutes away from the city center makes it even more remarkable. This city park can be a breathtaking escape. Blue Hole is located five blocks north of the downtown Square along N. Austin Avenue and is open from dawn until dusk.. The park features picnic areas, restrooms, and wading areas. The entrance to Blue Hole Park is at W. Second Street and Rock Street. (512) 930-3595.

#10 Blue Hole in Wimberley

Take a plunge into the clear, cold spring fed waters of Wimberley's famous Blue Hole! When real estate developers wanted to set up shop on the Blue Hole, the folks in Wimberley put their collective foot down and initiated the necessary fundraising and city-bill-writing to make Blue Hole a city park. Blue Hole is the locals' favorite spot to cool off. The park includes approximately 3.5 miles of trails, picnic areas, a community pavilion, playscape, basketball court, sand volleyball court, amphitheater, and the Blue Hole Swimming Area. Blue Hole is one of the best loved natural swimming holes in Texas. The entire park is open to visitors within the regular operating hours, however swimming is only allowed Memorial Day through Labor Day. OPEN DAILY 10am - 6pm. (512) 660-9111.



Kids Eat Free Deals in Austin

Taking the kids out for dinner for FREE is a total win on those nights when you just can't bear the idea of cooking but need to stick to that budget. Plenty of restaurants offer freebies for the kiddos, and below we're sharing our top picks for places kids can eat for free in the Austin area. <http://do512family.com/kids-eat-free-in-austin/>

SUNDAY:

— Mama Fu's Asian House

Kids 12 & under get a free kid's meal per adult meal purchase, all day on Sundays, dine-in only.

— Olive & June

Every Sunday, they serve a rotating selection of seasonal dishes, served in addition to its regular dinner menu. Kids 12 years old and under eat for free from 5 – 9 p.m., with the purchase of an adult fixed price Sunday dinner meal.

— Gusto Italian Kitchen + Wine Bar

During Family Night, 4-10 p.m. on Sundays, kids can select an item off the kids' menu for free, with the purchase of an adult entrée.

— Dickey's Barbecue Pit

Kids 12 & under eat free all day with \$10 purchase.

— Modern Market

Kids 12 & under get one free kid's meal with purchase of adult meal on Sundays & Mondays from 5 p.m. – close.

— Iron Cactus

Kids ages 4 & under eat brunch for free on Sundays (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

— Jim's

Kids eat free Sunday & Monday 5-9 p.m. with the purchase of an adult entree at all 3 locations.

— Steak 'n Shake

Get 1 free kids plate for every \$9 spent on Saturday & Sundays. Dine in only.

MONDAY:

— Cafe Mueller at HEB

Enjoy meal time before or after you do your grocery shopping at this HEB. Kids eat free all day in the Cafe on Mondays with the purchase of an adult meal over \$8.

— Modern Market

Kids 12 & under get one free kid's meal with purchase of adult meal on Sundays & Mondays from 5 p.m. – close.

— Casa Chapala

Kids eat free all day with the purchase of an adult entrée.

— Romano's Macaroni Grill

Kids 12 and under eat free all day on Monday & Tuesday with purchase of adult entrée.

— Jim's

Kids eat free Sunday & Monday 5-9 p.m. with the purchase of an adult entree at all 3 locations.

— Buffalo Wings & Rings

Kids ages 10 & under eat free on Mondays at the

Round Rock location with a \$5 minimum spent.

— Cafe Hornitos

Kids eat free on Mondays with 1 adult entree.

— Zuzu's Handmade Mexican

Choose 2 free items from the kid's menu with each adult platter purchase. Dine in only. Not valid with any other offers. (Excludes the kids' pizza and roast chicken) 5 p.m. to close.

TUESDAY:

— Kerbey Lane

On Tuesdays, kids ages 12 & under eat free all day with the purchase of an adult entrée. Kids love the breakfast-all-day options on the menu. Mmmmm...-pancakes. Take note that Kerbey Lane Cafe has extended the Kids Eat Free program during January & February 2019 to include Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday!

— IKEA

If you're in the Round Rock area and have some shopping to do on a Tuesday, stop by the IKEA cafe where you can get two free kids' meals per adult entrée purchased.

— Pluckers

Kids 10 & under eat free all day at all locations. You can get up to two free kid's meals with the purchase of every adult meal.

— 3 Train Pizza

Kids under 12 get a free kids' slice of cheese pizza with the purchase of any pizza, giant slice, stromboli, salad pocket, or calzone on Tuesdays starting at 5 p.m.

— Romano's Macaroni Grill

Kids 12 and under eat free all day on Monday & Tuesday with purchase of adult entrée.

— Zuzu's Handmade Mexican

Choose 2 free items from the kid's menu with each adult platter purchase. Dine in only. (Excludes the kids' pizza and roast chicken) 5 p.m. to close.

— Central Market Cafe

Kids 10 & under eat free with adult entree after 5 p.m. at the North Lamar location.

WEDNESDAY:

— Slab BBQ

From 4 p.m. – close, all the little homies ages 12 & under eat for free on Wednesday Family Nights.

— GattiTown & GattiLand Round Rock

Free pizza? The kids are totally down with this one. Kids ages 10 and under can get a free buffet with the purchase of an adult buffet at regular price.

— Luby's

Most Luby's locations apply. Double-check with your local Luby's to be 100% sure. Kids 12 and under eat free with the purchase of an adult meal all day on Wednesday and Saturday. Limit one kid's meal per adult meal purchased. Dine-in only.

— Mt. Playmore

Kids eat free with the purchase of an adult meal (one kids meal per adult entrée).

— Zuzu's Handmade Mexican

Choose 2 free items from the kid's menu with each adult platter purchase. Dine in only. Not valid with any other offers. 5 p.m. to close.

— Hop'd Up Pizza

Kids 12 and under get a free kids' cheese pizza with adult purchase.

THURSDAY:

— Zuzu's Handmade Mexican

Choose 2 free items from the kid's menu with each adult platter purchase. Dine in only. Not valid with any other offers. (Excludes the kids' pizza and roast chicken) 5 p.m. to close.

SATURDAY:

— Zen Japanese Food

At the Anderson Lane and Guadalupe locations, kids ages 10 and under eat free all day on the weekend. When you buy any BYOB, Ultimate Bowl or Big Salad, you can get a free Little Budha Bowl for the kids when you dine-in.

— Steak 'n Shake

Get 1 free kids plate for every \$9 spent on Saturday & Sundays. Dine in only.

— Opal Divine's

Kids eat free on Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

EVERYDAY:

— The Salt Lick

At both the Round Rock and Driftwood locations, kids 3 & under eat free with the purchase of an Adult Family Style meal.



Entertainment Districts

Downtown

As hoppin' during the week as it is on the weekends, this bustling area of commerce, cuisine, cocktails and the Capitol is a melting pot of finance and fun, as well as philanthropic conservation. In addition to opportunities for retail therapy, the arts scene is alive and well with galleries and museums at nearly every corner.

2ND Street

Officially spanning the length of 2nd Street between Congress Avenue and San Antonio streets, this area is home to local and national brands, ranging from beauty, body and abode, to restaurants and overnight respites. Don your favorite reusable tote and wear shoes meant for strolling.

Warehouse District

As the name suggests, many of this neighborhood's bars and restaurants are housed in renovated, antique warehouses. The gritty backdrop makes for a vibrant scene that draws a diverse crowd thanks to its range of live entertainment, restaurants, LGBT scene and unique shops.

East Austin

Arguably the fastest growing neighborhood in Austin, the eclectic eastside is where old meets new and fresh eateries and boutiques are popping up like wildflowers. Dig a little deeper and discover rich history and culture everywhere you look.

Rainey Street

Renovated houses turned into bungalow bars reign supreme on this increasingly popular tucked-away street. Day or night, you'll find relaxed bar-goers strolling from bar to food trailer to bar again, often with their dogs in tow looking for a kicked back sip and a bite.

Red River

Do you hear that? That's the sound of live music coming from some of the hottest stages in Austin, all spanning a three-block radius. Nightclub heavy, droves of concert-seekers mill the streets, dipping into watering holes for Lone Star beers while waiting for the lights to dim and shows to begin.

Sixth Street

Sixth Street is distinctly Austin. With its colorful and bustling array of bars, restaurants and entertainment venues, it's a sure bet for experiencing local characters and the vibrancy of the city.

South Congress

This vibrant neighborhood south of Lady Bird Lake is a must-stroll for visitors and a popular hangout for locals. South Congress oozes homespun character and boasts the story of Austin's yesteryear in its boutiques and eateries.

Live music is in our roots

Contributed by John Morthland

First-time visitors might be surprised to find themselves being entertained with live music as they walk through the terminal at Austin's airport after deplaning. But they shouldn't be. Live music, and music in many other forms, is everywhere in Austin. Musicians play in everything from grocery stores (Central Market, Whole Foods) to city council meetings. They play outdoors at the Blues on the Green series and at festivals: Austin City Limits and South by Southwest you've likely heard of, but there's also Pachanga Latino Musical Festival, Urban Music Festival, Fun, Fun, Fun Fest, Chaos in Tejas and many more worth checking out. Mostly, you'll find Austin musicians at clubs, coffeehouses, bars, taquerias, auditoriums and concert halls - and with more than 250 live music venues.





1. Texas State Capitol

The TX State Capitol is the oldest surviving state office structure and a great place to learn about Texas history and the Texas Legislature. Free Tours: *Mon – Fri: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm/Sat: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm/Sun: Noon – 3:30 pm.*

2. Baylor Street Art Wall

This is one of those Austin stops that uniquely captures the essence of Austin. Once slated to be a condo project that ended up not materializing, the concert foundation has become a canvas for local graffiti artists. It is constantly changing, just like the city. While there be sure to climb to the top to get a great view of the city. Location: 11th & Baylor Street.

3 Hill Country Libations Tour

The Hill Country begins just west of Austin and is known for its beautiful rolling landscapes, and more recently, for its world-class breweries and distilleries. Our friends at Austin Tour Company have created a tour by bus that hits several of our favorite venues, and includes complimentary tastings (including pizza!) in the tour's ticket price. Tours depart from Downtown Austin every Saturday at Noon.

4. The Escape Game Austin

We've tried several of the escape/puzzle games that have popped up in Austin over the last few years, but The Escape Game Austin has been our favorite by a landslide. They have multiple experiences to choose from, (and we've loved them all) but "Gold Rush" is our number one recommendation, with "Prison Break" (pictured below) as a close second!

5. Congress Avenue BATS

The Congress Bridge plays home to the largest urban bat colony in North America. About 1.5 million Mexican free tail bats call the Congress Bridge home from Spring to early Fall as they migrate north. Each night around dusk the bats start their evening flight. It normally starts with a single bat leaving the bridge and quickly turns into a steady flow of countless bats in search of food. It's one of those things that is truly unexplainable until you see it first hand.

6. Stand Up Paddleboard, Kayak, or Canoe on Lady Bird Lake

One of the best ways to check out Downtown Austin is from the water. Lady Bird Lake (or Town Lake as some locals call it) runs from the Westside of the city, all the way past Highway 35 into East Austin. The water is calm enough for a peaceful day trip or a sunset paddle. Be sure to bring your beverage of choice and a waterproof camera or ziplock bag for your phone; you're going to want to take pictures! The Rowing Dock is located on the Southern shore of the lake just West of MoPac (Loop 1), and they offer a wide selection of kayaks, canoes, and Stand Up Paddleboards for rental at competitive prices.

7. Zilker Park

Zilker Park is a 351 acre, dog-friendly park situated in the heart of Austin. It serves as a hub for many special events such as ACL, SWSW, The Zilker Kite Festival and many more. The park offers many different types of fun outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, jogging, kayaking, paddle boarding, and kayaking.

8. Haunted Limo Tours

Hop into a classic Cadillac hearse that has been converted into a limousine and tour several of Austin's most haunted locations! This intimate tour seats up to 6 people and highlights some of the oldest, coolest, and

spookiest buildings in Austin. Tours run nightly at 8pm most days of the week and tickets are only \$45 per person.

9. Rainey Street

The most well known party-street in Austin is still 6th Street, but in recent years Rainey Street has given it a run for its money. There are a plethora of older homes that have been turned into bars, and most of them have great outdoor patios. There are also several really great dining options in the neighborhood as well.

10. Hiking Trails

Central Texas is often referred to as the gateway to the Hill Country, and with those hills come beautiful trails, streams, and greenbelts that are absolutely perfect for outdoor adventures.

11. Swimming Holes

Barton Springs Pool

Barton Springs Pool is situated at the grounds of Zilker Park. It is a must-go-to place in the summer to cool off, with a 68 degree temp all year round.

Hamilton Pool Preserve

The closest thing to an oasis you'll likely ever see. This swimming hole sits in a natural grotto carved out of limestone, and is complete with a small beach area and a 50-foot waterfall!

Krause Springs

I almost don't even want to share this with you, as it's one of my favorite places on earth. But hey, welcome to Austin- I suppose you have just as much a right to enjoy this gem as I do. This family-owned property in Spice-wood Springs is what dreams are made of. Natural springs fill a concrete swimming pool on the upper part of the property and the runoff flows via waterfall into the lagoon-like swimming hole down below. You definitely don't feel like you're in Central Texas when you spend a day out here.

12. Brewery Tours

Looking for a departure from the 6th Street bars? Austin is regularly ranked as one of the top cities in the nation for craft brewing. Take a tasting tour of the local microbreweries such as Jester King, Hops & Grain, and Austin Beerworks. Drink yummy craft beer, meet awesome people.

13. Lake Travis Zipline Adventures

Thrill seekers; come one, come all! This thrilling adventure over Lake Travis will get your blood pressure pumping. Even with the lake levels low, the views while ziplining are absolutely incredible and it's a one-of-a-kind experience. Be prepared to reach speeds of 60 mph.

14. Try Trailer Food

There is no escaping the "trailer eatery" craze in Austin. You can find anything from sushi to cupcakes served fresh out of a trailer. Plan a day and try to eat each meal of the day from a different trailer eatery. A few of our favorites include Veracruz All Natural, Hey! You Gonna Eat or What, Burro Cheese, East Side Kings, Patrizi's and la barbecue.

15. Float the San Marcos River

Just 30 minutes south of Austin, the San Marcos river is the ultimate destination for the dog days of summer. Pack up a cooler (no glass), a waterproof bag for the items you don't want to get wet, and our friends at Austin Tour Company will take care of the rest! Floats are available Friday-Sunday all summer long.

16. Cheer On A Texas Sport

It doesn't matter if you went to Texas or not. Come Saturdays in the fall

Austin becomes a city obsessed with football. If you can't score tickets to the game still find a place to tailgate (that's half the fun)! Something about being in the land of Texas football just makes you feel alive.

17. Museums

Austin offers many free museums. Learn about History, Culture, Music, and Art! This is a fun activity for families to experience, explore and enjoy at no cost.

18. Alamo Drafthouse

The Alamo Drafthouse is a well-known movie theater which offers food and drink service inside, while enjoying a movie. This theater also host different types of events and showings of all-time favorite classics first run movies. For a real treat go for a Quote-A-Long or Master Pancake showing.

19. Antonelli's Cheese Class

It doesn't matter if you're true cheese aficionado or a more casual cheese eater; an evening at one of Antonelli's cheese classes is a must. Be prepared for an evening of all things cheese. You'll hear cheese stories, learn some history, and of course sample tons of cheese. You can bring your own beverages for a small corking fee.

20. Listen To Live Music

You can't come to the "Live Music Capital of The World" and not listen to live music, how unAustin of you. The Austin music scene is incomparable to any other, whatever genre of music you are feeling you will surely find it here in Austin any day. Don't know where to start? A few of our favorite venues are Emo's, Stubb's, ACL Live, and Mohawk.

21. Tour Local Breweries

Austin is on the cutting edge of the microbrewery revolution. All the local breweries want to showcase their prized potions, so they offer tours that are open to the public. There's certainly a science to the brewing process and no two companies processes are alike, so every brewery's tour is different.

22. Eat Good Food

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23. Eat Good Food

Austin has some of the best restaurants. With different variety of restaurants that caters to any taste. Best time to explore Austin's restaurant is during Austin Restaurant Week, partake and dine at the finest restaurants throughout the city with a lower priced menu. Some of our current favorites are Perla's, East Side Pies, Qui, Elizabeth Street Cafe, Arro, Justine's, Josephine House, and Ramen Tatsu-Ya.

24. Austin Festivals and Special Events

Austin is home to many fun festivals and special events all year round. There is always something celebrate and there is always something to do or go to. **Festivals and Events:** Keep Austin Weird 5K, Austin Fine Arts Festival, Austin Marathon, Zilker Kite Festival, Austin Film Festival, Trail of Lights, Hot Sauce Festivals and many more.

25. Mount Bonnell

Mount Bonnell is considered the highest point in Austin at 775 feet. It is a popular tourist destination to view the city of Austin, Lake Austin and surrounding hills.