

Austin's SUMMER BUCKET LIST



- Get out on the water at **Lady Bird Lake**, which flows through downtown Austin, where you can rent stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and canoes.
- Don't miss the sunset show at the **Bat Bridge**, when more than one million Mexican free-tailed bats pour into the evening sky from beneath the Congress Avenue Bridge.
- Hike along the picturesque **Barton Creek Greenbelt** to reach Gus Fruh, a swimming hole known for its famed Urban Assault limestone rock wall that's a favorite of climbers, as well as the hidden Twin Falls & Sculpture Falls areas.
- Snap a selfie in front of one of **Austin's iconic murals**. The wildly popular I love you so much mural is painted on the wall of Jo's Coffee on South Congress Ave. Hi, How Are You features a bug-eyed bullfrog named Jeremiah near the UT Austin campus. And don't miss the colorful Greetings from Austin postcard in South Austin.
- Pack a picnic to enjoy at **Zilker Park**, a 360-acre oasis in the heart of the city that's home to a variety of recreation opportunities, including leafy trails that lead to outdoor artworks at the UMLAUF Sculpture Garden and Museum.
- Beat the summer heat with a **cool treat**. Try the artisan ice cream in a house-made waffle cone at Lick Honest Ice Creams or sprinkle a scoop of Mexican Vanilla with a creative topping like ginger snaps at Amy's Ice Creams.
- **Sip a cocktail** in the whiskey garden at Still Austin Whiskey Co., located at The Yard, a true grain-to-glass distillery where everything from mashing to barreling/bottling is done in-house.
- Kick back with a cocktail in hand at the see-and-be-seen rooftop pool at **S. Congress Hotel**, located in the trendy S. Congress neighborhood.
- Pack up the kiddos and blankets and head out to the **Zilker Hillside Theatre** to watch the free Zilker Summer Musical, performed under the stars.

- Take a dip in one of Austin's many **spring-fed swimming holes**. Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park maintains a refreshing temperature of 68 degrees year round. Hamilton Pool Preserve is a historic swimming hole with a dramatic 50-foot waterfall that plunges into a canyon.
- Pack a picnic and hike up the stone steps of **Mount Bonnell** for a panoramic view of the Austin area, including Lake Austin. It's a relatively short hike, with an amazing reward at the top.
- **Rent a bicycle** from Barton Springs Bike Rental or Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop and bike the 10-mile Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail that skirts the glittering waters of Lady Bird Lake.
- **Saddle up for a Texas Hill Country horseback ride** around Lonestar Ranch with Texas Trail Rides, where you'll pass by picturesque spring-fed lakes, across Onion Creek and along wooded trails.
- Go for a **hike or bike ride** in the Texas Hill Country at Reimers Ranch Park, a beautiful expanse near Dripping Springs offering opportunities for walking, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, rock climbing and biking.
- **Lake Travis** is Austin's largest lake, making it a favorite boating destination. Explore one of the many parks surrounding Lake Travis, including Pace Bend Park, known for its dramatic backdrop of limestone cliffs.
- Immerse your family in Texas history at the pink granite **Texas State Capitol**, which is open daily, or explore the expansive grounds.
- For an adrenaline rush coupled with an awesome view, **Lake Travis Zipline Adventures** offers five pulse-pounding ziplines (one being the longest in Texas) to whisk you away on an exciting outdoor adventure.
- Post up on the patio overlooking Lake Austin at **Mozart's Coffee Roasters** and listen to live music with a Vietnamese iced coffee in hand as the sun dramatically sets.
- Sip a farmhouse beer in the outdoor beer garden at **Jester King Brewery**, a 165 acre brewery and farm dedicated to spontaneous fermentation with a focus on local materials.

- Motor over to the **Blue Starlite Mini Urban Drive-In** to catch an indie film or cult classic at Austin's popular drive-in movie theater.
- Chill with a hand-shaken margarita or icy cold cerveza on the **patio at Güero's Taco Bar**, or enjoy a bowl of queso and warm, handmade corn tortillas at the restaurant.
- Enjoy a fun Sunday brunch in the expansive backyard at **Stubb's Bar-B-Q**, where you can enjoy live gospel music and authentic Texas barbecue all in one.
- Explore the wildflowers and native plants of Texas in the beautiful gardens at the **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**.



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