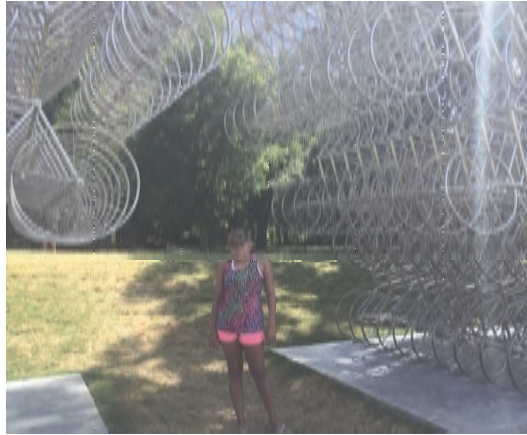


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WHAT IS CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS AND AUSTIN360 AMPHITHEATER?

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™, MotoGPTM, 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.

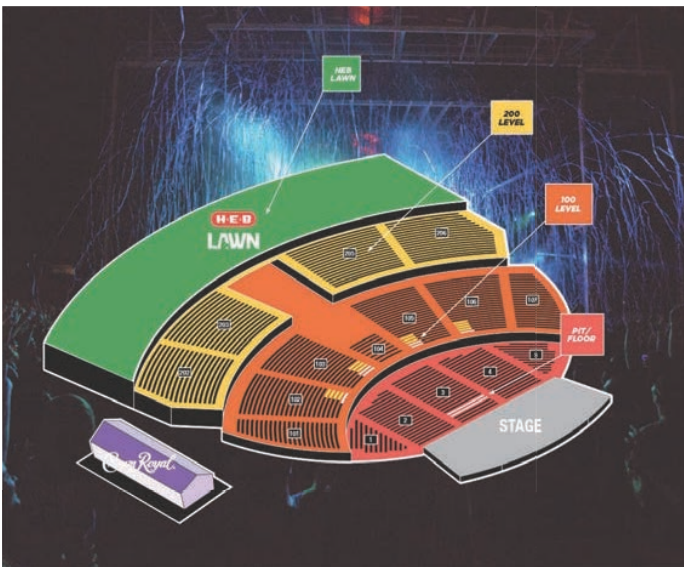
\$14 million: Economic impact of track rentals and other miscellaneous events.

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.

Family Activities

Austin Aquarium

The Aquarium features thousands of species! Including Sharks, Stingrays, Corals, Lorikeets, Toucans, Macaws, Tropical Fish, Rain Forest Area including exotic reptiles and amphibians: Giant Pacific Octopus, and on select days....Mermaids!

The Robinson Family Farm

The Robinson Family Farm is a family owned and operated pumpkin patch in Temple Tx. We are located just east of temple off loop 363. entrance to our farm is free and we have loads of free things to do.

Austin Outlaws

The Austin Outlaws are a women's football team in the Women's Football Alliance. They are based in Austin, Texas. Home games are played at Chaparral Stadium on the campus of Westlake High School.

Barton Hill Farms Fall Festival and Corn Maze

Barton Hill Farms is a small farm and event venue between Bastrop & Austin. We are open Sept. 24th - Nov. 13th on Saturdays and Sundays.

Austin Zoo

The mission of the Austin Zoo & Animal Sanctuary is to assist animals in need through rescue, rehabilitation and education.

Pioneer Farms

Six themed historic areas are open for self-guided walking tours: an 1841 Tonkawa Encampment, an 1853 Walnut Creek Greenbelt, an 1868 German migrant Farm, an 1873 Texian Farm, an 1887 Cotton Planter's Farm and an 1899 Sprinkle Corner rural village. In each area you can step back in time and experience Texas history first-hand.

The Thinkery

The Thinkery is an evolution of the Austin Children's Museum. It's Austin's sparkling new home for "why" and "how." A place where science and families play side by side. Where people connect with ideas by doing, making and experiencing.

Abraka Doodle

Abakadoodle is all about creativity for kids, which since it was founded in 2002, has delivered the very best in visual arts classes for kids, summer art camps, holiday art camps, art parties and art events to more than one-million children in schools, community sites and Abakadoodle art studios for kids around the world!

Austin Nature & Science Center

The ANSC provides hands-on educational exhibits and recreational activities that increase awareness and appreciation of the natural environment. Located on the western edge of Zilker Park, they are dedicated to the exploration of the natural world.

Boggy Creek Farm

East Austin urban farm located two miles from downtown offering hyper fresh produce, eggs, dairy, meat & canned goods. Open Wednesday thru Saturday 8 am to 1 pm.

Schlitterbahn Waterpark

Family-owned and operated, Schlitterbahn Waterparks has been a leader in family water entertainment since 1979.

The Bullock Texas State History Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin, Texas, tells the "Story of Texas" with three floors of interactive exhibits; special effects shows in the Texas Spirit Theater; and Austin's premier IMAX Theatre



Beachside Billy's (Austin Waterpark)

For those looking for adventure, Beachside Billy's and Volente Beach are located on the beautiful shores of Lake Travis. The water park is the perfect place for fun-filled excitement on a hot summer day. The water park features an exclusive beach, volleyball courts, picnic areas, a beautiful sandy beach and the best sunsets on the lake.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

The Center's gardens display the native plants of the Central Texas Hill Country, South and West Texas, while the Plant Conservation Program protects the ecological heritage of Texas by conserving its rare and endangered flora.

Austin Bat Cave

The Austin Bat Cave offers many different avenues for students of all ages to grow as writers. The drop-in after school tutoring hours provide time for help with homework and a more laid-back environment for mentoring. The in-school tutoring focuses on absorbing grammar and increasing fluency through creative writing; students in this program generate and revise their own work as well as acting as their own editorial board to put together an anthology for the year called, "Hand and Wing".

Rock'N River Family Aquatic Center

A 40,481-square-foot park, complete with a lazy river, crazy slides and a water playground, is located within Old Settlers Park. Additional amenities include tunnel showers, water cannon, tipping buckets, floor geysers and zero beach entry play area.

SeaWorld

SeaWorld San Antonio offers roller coasters, rides, shows, tours, attractions and family-friendly activities for thrill seekers and animal lovers.

Austin Rock Gym

Austin Rock Gym is Austin's only dedicated rock climbing company and offers the most comprehensive climbing lessons and services available.

Dinosaur Park

The Dinosaur Park is a unique outdoor museum setting with realistic life-size dinosaur replicas ranging from the 2-foot long Compsognathus to the 85-foot long Brachiosaurus. Walk through a tree-lined nature trail and imagine real dinosaurs in a natural environment. Other activities include a fossil-dig, playground, picnic area, and a Dinosaur Store stocked with a variety of gifts sure to please any dinosaur fan.

Jumpoline Park

Jumpoline Park offers Family Fun Packages, Party Packages and Teen Nights. Our private indoor arena is filled with gigantic slides, bounce houses, obstacle courses and much more! We are a family fun center so parents can also jump with the kiddos, we have different sections to accommodate small children, different activities, and older kids.



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

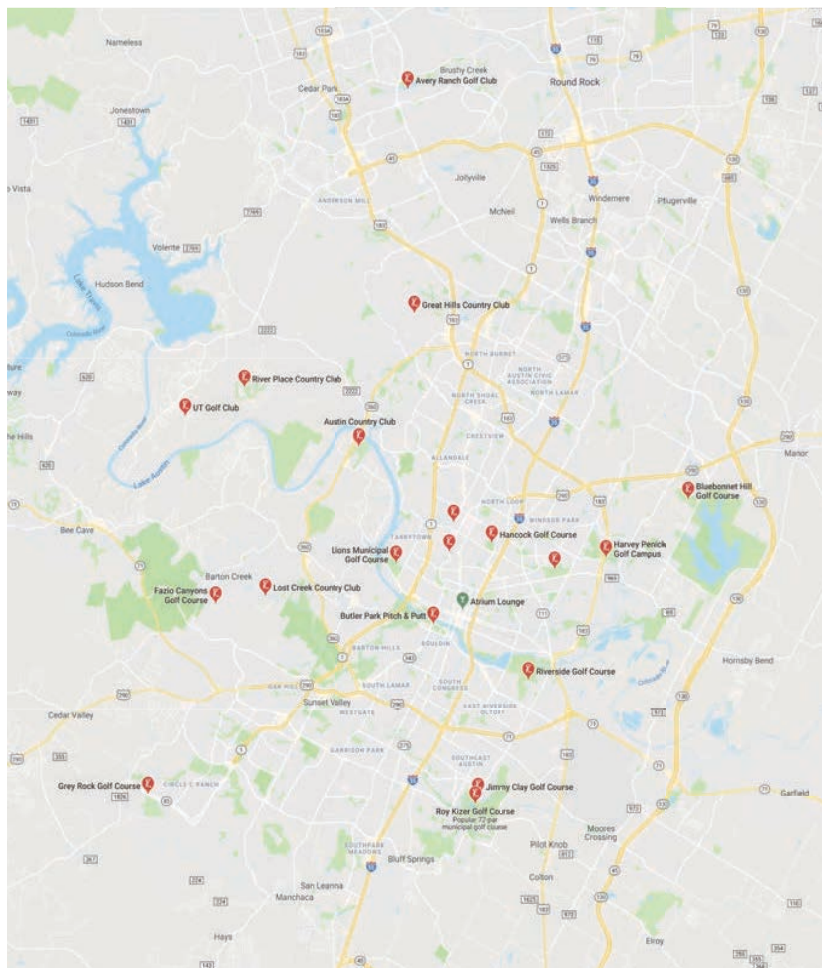
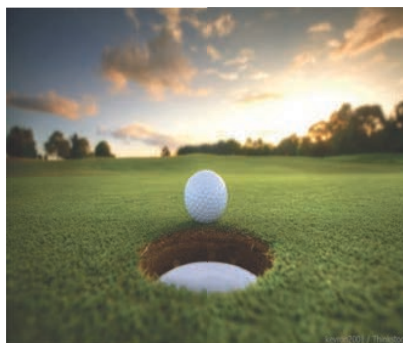
1020 Grove Blvd, Building F, on the North side of the ACC campus, Austin, TX 78741-3366

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



Best of 2017: Top 25 Golf Courses in Texas



Texas is a state with a rich golf history, and its capital city of Austin is no exception. Located in the heart of the Texas Triangle and on the cusp of the Texas Hill Country, golfers of all walks of life (and wallet size) will find a suitable course. Legendary instructor Harvey Penick, author of the "Little Red Book," helped shape the city's game in the early 20th century, and his reputation grew nationally thanks in part to two of his major-winning pupils, Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite. West of Austin, there are prestigious private clubs such as Penick's Austin Country Club, University of Texas Golf Club and the Crenshaw-designed Austin Golf Club, but visiting golfers should start at Omni Barton Creek, a sprawling private club that doubles as a luxury golf resort, home to two Tom Fazio designs, plus a Crenshaw and Arnold Palmer course, too. Just east of town, Wolfdancer Golf Club at Hyatt Lost Pines shows off 300-plus acres of prime, central Texas countryside along the Lower Colorado River. And while the PGA Tour passes up Austin for its larger neighboring cities, the Champions Tour got its start back in the 1970s at venerable Onion Creek Country Club, founded by three-time Masters Champion Jimmy Demaret. While Austin may be better known nationally as a music mecca thanks to Austin City Limits and SXSW, take note that country legend Willie Nelson owns his own casual nine-holer west of the city, the Pedernales Golf Club Cut-n-Putt.

25. Vaaler Creek Golf Club

Blanco

24. Butterfield Trail Golf Club

El Paso

23. Pine Dunes Golf Club & Resort

Frankston

22. Max A. Mandel Golf Course

Laredo

21. Tierra Verde Golf Club

Arlington

20. The Quarry Golf Course

San Antonio

19. The Resort Course at La Cantera Hill Country Resort

San Antonio

18. The Golf Club At Star Ranch

Hutto

17. Hyatt Hill Country Golf Club

San Antonio

16. Crenshaw Cliffside at Omni Barton Creek Resort

Austin

15. River Place Country Club

Austin

14. Tapatio Springs Country Club & Resort

Boerne

13. Delaware Springs Golf Course

Burnet

12. Apache Links at Squaw Valley Golf Club

Glen Rose

11. Wilderness Golf Course

Lake Jackson

10. Black Jack's Crossing at Lajitas

Lajitas

9. Links At Land's End

Yantis

8. Moody Gardens Golf Course

Galveston

7. Old American Golf Club

The Colony

6. Fazio Canyons at Omni Barton Creek Resort

Austin

5. TPC San Antonio - AT&T Oaks Course

San Antonio

4. Cowboys Golf Club

Grapevine

3. Wolfdancer Golf Club at Hyatt Regency Lost Pines

Lost Pines

2. The Rawls Golf Course

Lubbock

1. The Palmer Course at La Cantera Hill Country Resort

San Antonio

Top 10 Things To Do In Austin, Texas With Kids

POSTED BY: EMILY D

Looking for kid-friendly things to do around town? We've got you covered. Check out our top 10 things to in Austin, Texas with kids! Whether you're a native, a newbie, or a tourist, Austin is jam-packed with activities your whole family can enjoy together. Indoors, outdoors, artsy, educational, or just plain weird, we've got you covered. Here's our go-to list of the ten most Austin-tastic things to see and do with kids in our city.

Bats! Austin proudly hosts the largest urban bat colony in North America. Approximately 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats call the Congress Avenue Bridge their summer home. Hundreds of people gather nightly to see and hear the bats' emergence into the sky, where they will gobble literal tons of insects before returning to the roost. Viewing times vary depending on weather and other factors, so we suggest you check BCI's website before heading out.

Street Art and Murals: You've almost certainly seen photos of Austin's most famous murals—"Greetings from Austin" and "i love you so much" to name a couple—and those are practically obligatory souvenir photo ops. But don't stop there! One of many beautiful things about Austin is that art can be found nearly everywhere you look. Our city is blanketed in street art of both the commissioned and the illicit varieties. Keep your eyes peeled as you explore and you'll find photo-op worthy spots as unique as you are.

Mt. Bonnell – Mayfield Park – Laguna Gloria: This trifecta of outdoor fun is an unbeatable way to spend a sunny morning. Start with an early climb of the 100 stairs to the top of Mt. Bonnell. At 775 feet, the highest point in Austin offers a spectacular panoramic view of the city. Just a few minutes' drive down the mountain you'll find the entrance to Mayfield Park, a peaceful garden and nature preserve inhabited by dozens of peacocks. Right next door sits Laguna Gloria, the former estate of philanthropist Clara Driscoll. Now part of The Contemporary Austin, the lush grounds are open for the public to enjoy.

Cathedral of Junk: Looking to take a walk on Austin's weird side? Don't miss local yardist Vince Hannemann's backyard ode to discarded treasures. Imagine a multi-story outdoor I Spy museum of times gone past. It's like that, only weirder. You must call to arrange a visit and be sure to bring along a \$10 donation for your group.

The Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake: This 1.3-mile ADA-friendly boardwalk skirts the edge of Lady Bird Lake, connecting to the 10-mile Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail. The scenic path offers amazing views of the city, the lake, and the wildlife. Sunsets here are hard to beat.

Texas Capitol + Downtown walking tour: You don't have to be interested in history or politics to appreciate a visit to the Capitol. Whether you take a free guided tour of the building or wander on your own, you'd be remiss not to spend some time in the rotunda. The ceiling is breathtaking and the "whispering gallery" acoustics are a blast to play around with. The building, clad in distinctive pink granite, sits on 22 acres of grassy lawn with several hills ripe for rolling kiddos. The Capitol Visitor Center is worth your time, too. Several downtown guided walking tours begin at the Capitol. If you prefer to go the self-guided route, the Historic Austin Tours app (for iPhone or iPad) can point the way.

Zilker Park: This 350-acre wonderland will keep your brood busy for days. Zilker Botanical Garden displays an impressive array of plants, ponds, waterfalls, and an assortment of pioneer buildings. Kids can dig for dinosaur bones and explore hands-on nature exhibits at the Austin Nature & Science Center. Cool off with a dip in Barton Springs Pool's 70-degree spring-fed water before hopping on the Zilker Zephyr for a 20-minute ride through the park. Relish a rest in the shade while the little ones go wild on the playground before

Zilker Hillside Theater. Need help navigating? You can find a handy map of Zilker Park [here](#).

Thinkery: Designed for families to play and learn together, the Thinkery succeeds in being fun for kids and grownups alike. The STEM-based exhibits encourage creative problem solving through hands-on projects and tons of activities. It's likely that the kids will end up wet, so a spare set of clothes may come in handy. Or just let them dry off at one of Austin's coolest playgrounds, right across the street.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center: Don't let the name fool you—this special place is so much more than wildflowers. Gardens, trails, wildlife, and award-winning architecture all in a gorgeous setting.

Live music: It's no secret that Austin is the live music capital of the world. Just because you've got kids in tow doesn't mean you have to miss out on that experience. These venues offer shows the whole family can enjoy together. Check the calendars for kids' and all-ages shows: Central Market North, Central Market Westgate, Threadgill's, Guero's Taco Bar, Hill's Cafe, Cherrywood Coffeehouse, Stubb's, Nutty Brown Cafe, Broken Spoke, The Belmont, and Radio Coffee & Beer.



Looking for a **farmers market** in Central Texas?

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<http://www.edibleaustin.com/index.php/farmersmarket/>

SUNDAY

Austin/Bee Cave:

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

Lone Star Farmers Market
12611 Shops Pkwy #100,
Bee Cave, TX 78738
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Austin:

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

Georgetown:

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

Pflugerville:

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

WEDNESDAY

Austin:

Boggy Creek Farm Stand
3414 Lyons Rd., Austin
8 a.m.—1 p.m.

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

Bastrop:

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

THURSDAY

Austin:

Boggy Creek Farm Stand
3414 Lyons Rd., Austin
8 a.m.—1 p.m. (Nov-July); not
open Thursdays Aug-Oct

Bastrop:

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

Georgetown:

Georgetown Farmers Market
1525 W. University Ave.,
Georgetown
2:30—5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Austin:

Boggy Creek Farm Stand
3414 Lyons Rd., Austin
8 a.m.—1 p.m. (Nov-July);
Not open Fridays Aug-Oct

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

Bastrop:

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

SATURDAY

Austin/Lakeline:

Barton Creek Farmers Market at
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
8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Texas Farmers' Market at
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
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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

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

Springdale Farm
755 Springdale Rd.
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Bastrop:

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

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

Round Rock Farmers Market
201 University Oaks Blvd.,
Round Rock
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

1. Arboretum at Great Hills 10000 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78759**ARBORETUM**

Arboretum at Great Hills is surely one of the most scenic shopping malls in Austin. This popular Austin shopping center includes Pottery Barn, Gap, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, the Cheesecake Factory and many more. The complex boasts fountains, a picnic area and signature Austin marble, cow sculptures, making this Austin open-air shopping center absolutely perfect for a lovely family outing or a relaxing day of people watching.

2. Austin Farmers Market 4th St. and Guadalupe, Republic Square Park**DOWNTOWN**

The downtown Austin Farmer's Market is the perfect place to spend a leisurely Saturday. Sponsored by the Austin Sustainable Foods Center, the Austin Farmers' Market offers patrons fresh organic fruits and vegetables, choice meats, a variety of cheeses, delicious baked goods and various arts and crafts. A common locale for festivals, events and community outreach programs, the Austin Farmers' Market is ideal.

3. Barton Creek Square Mall 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin, TX 78746**WEST AUSTIN**

With over 180 stores, fast-food and sit-down restaurants and a convenient location just seven minutes from downtown, Barton Creek Square Mall is sure to have something for every member of the family. Stores include Dillards, Nordstrom, Macy's, Apple, Sephora and Coach, to name just a few. With quality retailers like these, shopping in Austin has never been easier (or more fun!) than at Barton Creek Square Mall in North Austin.

4. Lakeline Mall 11200 Lakeline Mall Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613**CEDAR PARK**

This stylish Austin shopping center is certain to keep your credit cards busy, thanks to its 150-plus stores. Located in Cedar Park, Lakeline Mall is especially convenient for folks looking for shopping in northwest Austin, and boasts anchors like Macy's, JCPenney, Sears, and Dillard's. Other top-notch stores at this Austin shopping mall include Victoria's Secret, T.J. Maxx, Old Navy and American Eagle Outfitters. With a nine-screen theater, plenty of dining options and close proximity to nearby Austin shopping districts, Lakeline Mall is a haven for devoted Austin shoppers.

5. Renaissance Market W. 23rd and Guadalupe St., Austin, TX 78705**THE DRAG**

The Austin Renaissance Market is one of the best shopping districts in Austin. Situated near the University of Texas, this downtown Austin market has a clientele of college students, tourists and locals that's as varied as its goods. With unique finds from jewelry and original art to leather goods and home-made arts and crafts, the Renaissance Market and its more than 90 vendors provide a unique and culturally enlightening experience.

6. Congress**CONGRESS**

Referred to as The Main Street of Texas, Congress Avenue is the heart of downtown Austin. Between the Capitol and Lady Bird Lake you'll find numerous shops, restaurants, museums and theaters, all along one of downtown's three National Register Historic Districts.

7. SoCo, or South Congress Avenue S. Congress Ave, Austin, TX**SOUTH CONGRESS**

Made newly trendy with an influx of hip boutiques, galleries and restaurants, South Congress Avenue is one of the best shopping districts in Austin. Once populated by more alternative, retro spots, "SoCo" is now drawing attention with chic independent establishments, celebrity traffic and fabulous downtown Austin shopping retailers. With a mix of bohemian shops and newly gentrified venues, Austin's SoCo shopping district offers kitsch and culture.

8. Sunset Valley Farmers Market 200 Jones Rd, Austin, TX 78745**SOUTH AUSTIN**

Sunset Valley Farmers' Market in South Austin boasts a hard-to-beat reputation. Voted one of the top five farmers' markets in the country by Eating Well magazine, Sunset Valley Austin farmers' market features a plethora of fresh produce, cheeses, breads and tasty home-made creations. Open year round, this Austin shopping center also features flowers, plants, clothing, crafts, jewelry and more. Add live music and special holiday celebrations to the mix and you'll agree that the Sunset Valley Farmers Market in South Austin is one of the top Austin shopping destinations.

9. West Sixth Street W. 6th St, Austin, TX**WEST 6TH STREET**

For downtown Austin shopping, nightlife and entertainment there's no better area than West Sixth Street. The western portion of this Austin, Texas shopping locale features art, antiques, specialty items and boutiques. What's more, the Austin shops on West Sixth Street are interspersed with enticing restaurants and outdoor cafes. Crowds are diverse in this Austin shopping district, so enjoy the people-watching as much as the shopping!

10. East Sixth Street E. 6th St, Austin, TX**EAST 6TH STREET**

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11. Round Rock Premium Outlets 4401 N. IH-35, Round Rock, TX 78664**ROUND ROCK**

Seasoned Austin shoppers find the promise of bargains intoxicating; as a result, they flock to these Austin outlets just north of town to score great deals on quality designer goods. With more than 125 high-end stores including Calvin Klein, Burberry, BCBG Max Azria, Cole Haan, Coach, Swarovski and Calphalon, Round Rock Premium Outlets in Austin is easily a top Austin outlet mall.

12. The Domain Burnett/Duval Exit of Loop 1, Austin, TX**NORTH WEST AUSTIN**

Austin's second downtown. That's what many are calling The Domain and its 304-acre, thoughtfully planned community that's setting new standards in urban development. Located in the heart of Austin's northwest corridor. Thanks to incomparable cuisine, diverse local artists, and eclectic shopping, Austin is known as one of the most unique destinations in the country. The Domain is bringing the best of Austin to one single, urban location.

13. Wolf Ranch 1015 W. University Avenue, Suite 601, Georgetown, TX 78628**GEORGETOWN**

Wolf Ranch Town Center is designed to give customers a unique shopping experience. This open-air community center is home to 11 anchor stores, over 40 specialty retail stores and restaurants currently, with more to come! What makes Wolf Ranch truly special is that it has an interpretive nature trail, ponds, and scenic areas that reinforce the natural Central Texas elements of wind, water and shade.

14. North Lamar**NORTH LAMAR**

Just west of downtown in the vicinity of where Fifth and Sixth streets cross Lamar Boulevard, you have a high concentration of one-of-a-kind shops extending for 1 or 2 blocks in any direction. The shops continue, scattered along both sides of Lamar northward up to 12th street. You'll find music, books, clothing, food all the necessities. It's a mixture of chic, quirky, folksy, and artsy. Also located here is Whole Foods' flagship store.

15. The Drag**UT & GUADALUPE**

Bordering the university on Guadalupe Street is a stretch of stores selling mostly hip apparel to students: boutiques, beads, books, and an open-air area where hippies sell jewelry, tie-dyed shirts, and such, which for some reason has always had the name Renaissance Market.

16. Gateway U.S. 183 and Capital of Texas Highway (Loop 360)**183 & 360**

Gateway Market includes Whole Foods Market, Crate & Barrel, Ulta, Davids Bridal, Aaron Brothers, Nordstrom Rac and the Container Store.

17. Mueller Austin North Interstate 35 & 51st, Austin, TX**35 & 51 St**

Shops such as Old Navy, Best Buy and Bed Bath & Beyond, and restaurants including Chipotle, Papa John's and Jamba Juice.

18. Austin Market District 6th St and Lamar, Austin, TX**5th St & LAMAR**

Whole Foods Market anchors the retail area along 6th Street and Lamar Boulevard. It is joined on the northside by Anthropologie, REI, the homegrown BookPeople and the shops at Fifth Street and Lamar Boulevard, including Waterloo Records, By George, Zanzibar and Chico's.

19. Tanger Outlet Center 4015 S. Interstate 35 in San Marcos**SAN MARCOS**

More than 100 stores including Banana Republic Factory, Talbots, Kenneth Cole, Coldwater Creek, Calvin Klein, Maidenform, Timberland, Childrens Place, Old Navy Outlet and lots more.

20. Arbor Walk Southeast Corner of MoPac Blvd and Braker Lane, Austin, TX**LOOP 1 & BRAKER**

Anchored by Home Depot, Marshalls and DSW, this development also houses eateries including Mimi's Café, Mighty Fine Burgers and Potbelly's.

Austin's Best Shopping Centers & Districts



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. One of the city's most prized attractions, 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.

Spyglass has been my very favorite access point for several years, mainly because this is where I discovered Taco Deli. I know this article isn't about tacos, but if you are using this access point you must stop and try this local favorite. Grab a couple of breakfast tacos and be on your way to explore.

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. I should probably mention that climbers give their routes funny names.

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.

From here, travel about 1.2 miles to the next access point.

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.

Loop 360 Access

3755-B Capital of Texas Hwy (Loop 360)

When I first moved to Austin, I heard people talking about “the Greenbelt.” With piqued interest, I did a trusty Google search. Loop 360 is the only access point Google references. Even so, I’ll be honest: I had a strangely hard time finding this entrance because—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.

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. And I secretly like the Hill of Life.

Gaines/Twin Falls Access

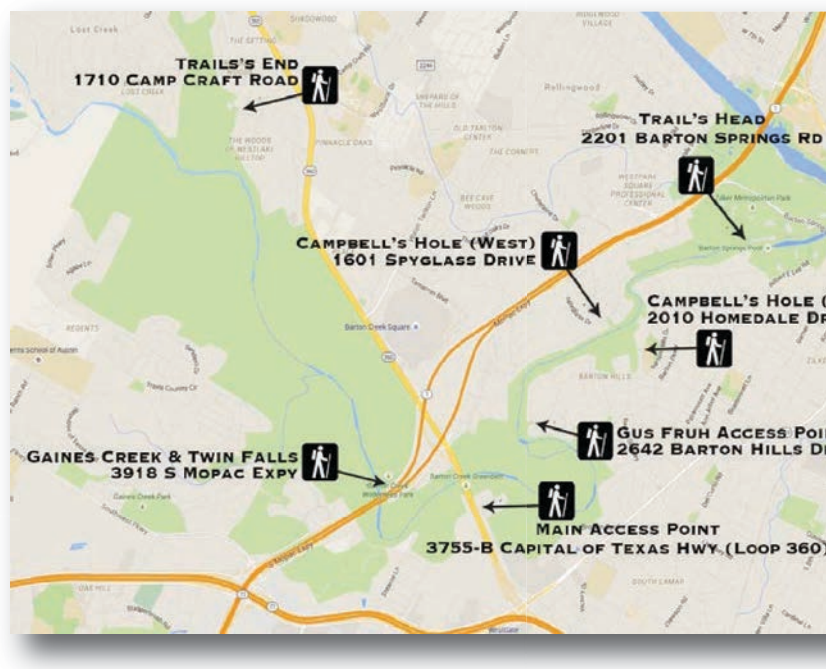
3918 S. Mopac Expy

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. 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.



Final Tips

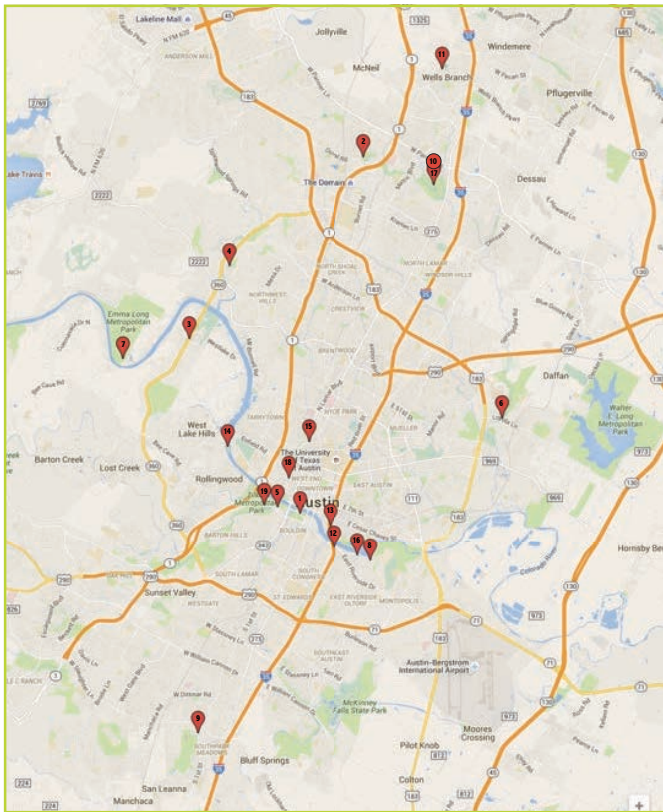
Now that you know WHERE you’re going, here are a few important things to remember. First and foremost, since you are in a dog city, it’s important to note that dogs are welcome on the trail. However, they must be kept on a leash at all times.

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.

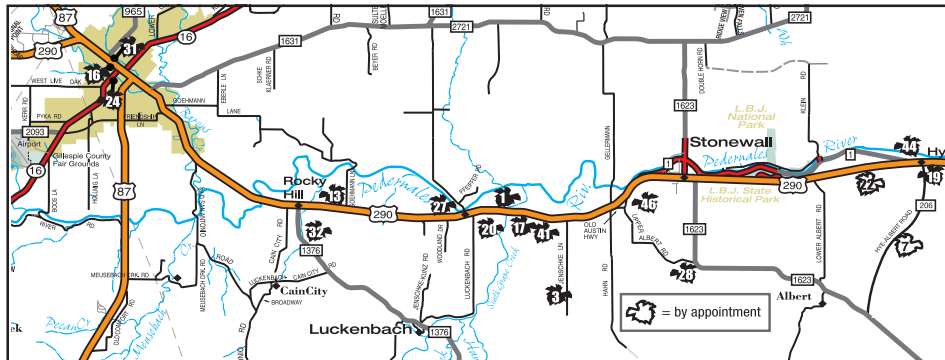
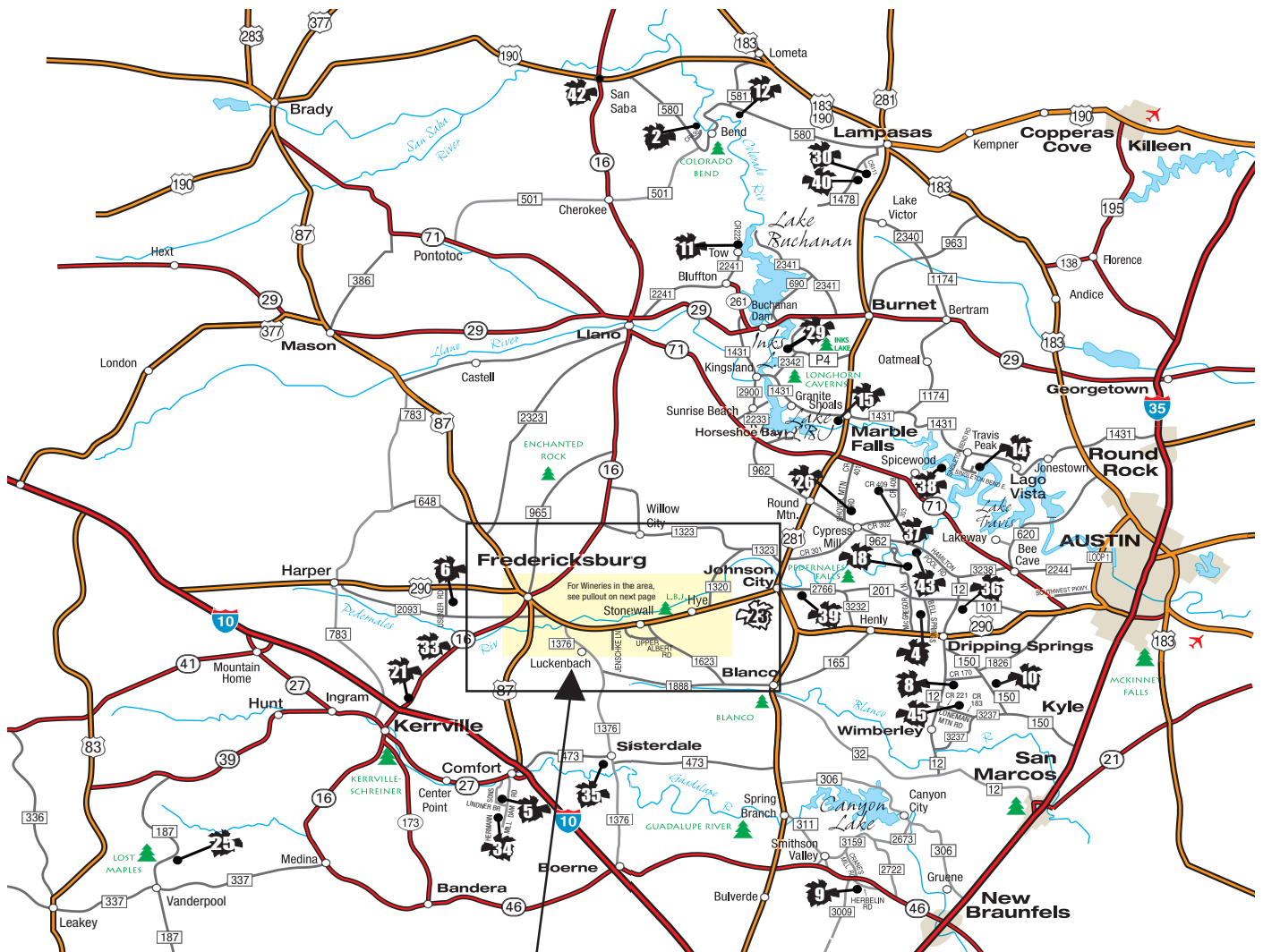
The Barton Creek Greenbelt has something for every interest and skill level. So pick up a new sport. Take your dog for a walk. Explore. Or just pray for rain, so we can take advantage of all the swimming holes right in our backyard.

Austin Dog Parks



- 1.) **Auditorium Shores - 800 W Riverside Dr., Austin, TX 78704**
Pets love to run and play off-leash at this park, a great place for a game of fetch or Frisbee. Be careful as the area is not fenced and there is a busy road nearby.
- 2.) **Balcones District Park - 12017 Amherst Dr., Austin, TX, US 78727**
This neighborhood park is a great place for a hike along the wooded trails past a beautiful waterfall. Leashed pets are welcome.
- 3.) **Barton Creek Greenbelt Preserve - 3755B Capital of Texas Hwy., Austin, TX, US 78746**
Your leashed pet is welcome to join you to explore this lovely space with hiking trails near the water.
- 4.) **Bull Creek District Park - 6701 Lakewood Dr., Austin, TX, US 78731**
Bull Creek District Park offers an off-leash area for dogs to enjoy. Leashed dogs are also welcome to join their humans throughout the larger park outside the off-leash area.
- 5.) **Butler Park - Toomey Rd and Sterzing St., Austin**
Leashed pets are welcome to join you on the walking trails of this lovely Austin public park.
- 6.) **Davis White - 5909 Crystalbrook Dr., Austin, TX 78724**
This lovely public park includes a designated leash-free area where your pet is welcome to run and play off-leash. Throughout the rest of the park, dogs must be leashed.
- 7.) **Emma Long Metropolitan Park - 1600 City Park Rd., Austin, TX 78701**
Your pet will love to explore the beautiful trail with gorgeous views of Lake Austin in this park. Pets must be leashed in all areas of the park.
- 8.) **Lady Bird Lake
S. Lakeshore Blvd. and S. Pleasant Valley Rd. Austin**
Lady Bird Lake is a very pet- and people-friendly destination. The downtown area of the trails are beautiful and go on for miles. Fido will love to run along Lady Bird Lake and chase the small paddle boats that float by.
- 9.) **Mary Moore Searight - 9600 S First St., Austin, TX 78748**
Leashed pets are welcome throughout this lovely Austin park. For pets craving some off-leash playtime, a dog park is located within the Mary Moore Searight Metro Park and can be accessed on 1st St.
- 10.) **Metropolitan Park At Walnut Creek - 1101 Walnut Creek Park Rd., Austin, TX 78741**
Metropolitan Park at Walnut Creek offers a one-acre dog park with separate areas for small and large dogs as well as nearby parking and restrooms. Leashed dogs are welcome throughout the rest of the park, too.
- 11.) **Mills Pond - 15099 Mallard Green Ln., Austin, TX, US 78728**
Leashed pets are welcome to join you as you relax at this Austin public park.
- 12.) **Norwood Estates Dog Park
I-35 Frontage Rd & E Riverside Dr., Austin, TX, US 78744**
Norwood Estate, part of the Town Lake Trail, is known for its off-leash dog area. The dog park offers a double gate, separate area for small dogs, and a large, shaded main area for dogs of all sizes.
- 13.) **Pease Park - 1100 Kingsbury St., Austin, TX, US 78704**
Leashed dogs are welcome to join their humans on an exploration of this local park.
- 14.) **Red Bud Isle - 3401 Redbud Trail, Austin, TX 78703**
Surrounded by water on three sides, this peninsula provides a great place for pooches to socialize, swim, frolic and wear themselves down.
- 15.) **Shoal Creek - 2700 North Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78705**
Let your pet get a bit of off-leash exercise in the designated area between 24th and 29th streets at this Austin green space located at the north end of Pease Park.
- 16.) **Town Lake Metropolitan Park - 1928 S Lakeshore Blvd., Austin, TX, US 78741**
Leashed dogs welcome here on 10 miles of hiking trails along the bank of the Colorado River. Great views of the lake and Austin skyline!
- 17.) **Walnut Creek Park - 12138 N Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX, US 78758**
Let your pet get some much-needed off-leash exercise at this Austin park, which includes a creek where they can splash and play.
- 18.) **West Austin Dog Park - 1317 W 10th St., Austin, TX, US 78703**
There's a great social scene at this fenced, off-leash dog park, for both pets and their owners.
- 19.) **Zilker Park - 2100 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704**
Your leashed pet is welcome to join you as you enjoy this lovely Austin park. They can even ride the park's small train with you during quiet hours!

Hill Country Wineries



4.0 Cellars

10354 E. US HWY 290 • Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Mon-Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5
(830) 997-7470 • www.fourpointwine.com

4.0 Cellars is a collaboration between three Texas wineries - Brennan Vineyards, Lost Oak Winery and McPherson Cellars in one fourth unique location. Our tasting room and wine club provide the perfect backdrop for showcasing our winemaking techniques, passions, and products. Come enjoy Texas hospitality while celebrating 'The Texas Wine Experience'™.

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677 CR 40 • Bend, TX 76824
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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.

Becker Vineyards

464 Becker Farms Rd • Stonewall, TX 78671
Mon-Thu 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-6
(830) 644-2681 • www.beckervineyards.com

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.

Bell Springs Winery

3700 Bell Springs Rd • Dripping Springs, TX 78620
Daily: 11 am - 6 pm
512-643-7398 • www.BellSpringsWinery.com

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

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 Rodeo 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

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

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

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.

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1741 Herbelin Rd. • New Braunfels, TX 78132
Daily 12-5
(830) 885-4121 • www.drycomalcreek.com

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

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

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

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.

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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

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Tues-Sun 11-5 (Bistro Dining by Reservation)
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(830) 637-7123 • www.FlatCreekEnoteca.com

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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

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 late harvest desserts. Two-steps 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

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!*

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7500 McGregor Lane
Sat 12-6 and By Appointment the rest of the week
866.551.9463 • www.HawksShadow.com

At Hawk's Shadow, you are greeted by our family and commanding vistas of vine yard 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

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

All TEXAS Wines. Winemaker Dan Gattin 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.

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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.mc Reynoldswines.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.santamariacellarwines.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 Home of “KICK BUTT CAB”, “Toro de Tejas” (Tempranillo) and other fine “Wines to 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.



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.

Sports and Activities

Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. One of the top track and field events in the U.S., the Texas Relays are held in early April at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas. The Relays, founded in 1925, attract about 5,000 of the best athletes in Texas (and elsewhere) on the high-school, collegiate, and professional levels. Tickets can be purchased about a month prior to the competition. 512/471-3333. www.texasboxoffice.com for tickets.,

Red Eye Regatta. Every January 1st since 1976, the Austin Yacht Club starts the year off with this popular sailboat race on Lake Travis (about a half-hour from downtown Austin). 512/266-1336. www.austinyachtclub.net.

Republic of Texas Biker Rally. Every June, tens of thousands of bikers invade Austin for three days of partying, camping, talking shop, and browsing vendors' wares. Based at the Travis County Expo Center just east of the city, the event includes a huge Friday-evening motorcycle parade from the Expo Center to Congress Avenue with much of Austin looking on, and much partying ensuing (both during and afterward) among bikers and spectators alike on 6th Street. There are also free concerts by local musicians Thursday through Saturday at the Expo Center rally grounds. On its more than 300 acres, the Expo Center provides special lots for RV and tent camping. Other bikers also stay in off-site RV lots and, of course, in hotels. On-site facilities include hot and cold showers, food service, a first-aid station, and a FedEx/UPS drop site. 512/252-9768. www.rotrally.com.

Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo. Did you come to Texas to see some real cowboy stuff? Austin puts on its hat and boots at this very popular perennial affair. The event, held at the Travis County Expo Center, typically runs from the last day of February through the first half of March. It includes an indoor rodeo, a livestock and horse show, various Texas-style cook-offs, and a carnival. Entertainment ranges from name acts like Willie Nelson, George Jones, and Styx to more than 40 local bands. Proceeds go toward scholarships and youth-education programs. 512/919-3000 for information; 512/477-6060 for tickets. www.staroftexas.org.

Bicycling

As you might expect, Lance Armstrong's home base is a great bicycling town. The scenic back roads offer gently rolling hills and tempting diversions—from tucked-away waterfalls to country antiques emporia to barbecue joints. Loop 360 provides a grueling workout, while the hike-and-bike trail around Lady Bird Lake is more leisurely. And the Lance Armstrong Bikeway, which at this writing was expected to open in spring 2008, runs east-to-west on a dedicated route through downtown. The path uses a combination of off-street concrete trails, on-street striped bike lanes, and on-street signed bike routes.

Natural Areas & Parks

Austin has more than 200 parks within the city limits. Amenities in the parks range from playgrounds, swimming pools, and skate parks (the city's first was established at Maybel Davis District Park in south Austin) to artwork and historic sites, such as Umlauf Sculpture Garden at Zilker Park and Treaty Oak Square in northwest Austin.

Spelunking

Inner Space Cavern. This Mesozoic-era karst cavern 24 miles north of Austin was discovered in 1963 and opened to the public three years later. Visitors access the entrance via cable car and can choose from two trails, one that is .75 miles and another that's 1.2 miles. Tours vary in length (and price) from just a little over an hour to nearly four hours. The temperature is a year-round 72°. Kids get discounted admission; the three- to four-hour tour is for ages 13 and older only. On Saturdays, reservations are required and groups can be no larger than four. Sometimes there are \$1 coupons on the website. 4200 S. I-35, Georgetown, TX, 78626. 512/931-2283. www.innerspace.com. \$15-\$100 depending on tour. Mid-May-early Sept., daily 9-6; early Sept.-mid-May, Mon.-Fri. 9-4, Sat.-Sun. 10-5.



Swimming

When those summer days get hotter than a potter's furnace, dip into Zilker Park's 300-yard-long, spring-fed swimming pool, a favorite with locals. The clear springs produce from 12 million to 90 million gallons in any 24-hour period, the water always a rather cool 66° to 70°. The oldest swimming pool in Texas (1916), this former natural swimming hole near the Colorado River was the centerpiece of an early-20th-century resort and was purchased and restored by the Works Progress Administration in the mid-'30s. In recent years, the Friends of Deep Eddy, a volunteer community group, led a successful effort to fully restore the long-closed 1936 bathhouse, which reopened in June 2007.

Downtown

Austin Nature and Science Center. Adjacent to the Zilker Botanical Gardens, this complex has an 80-acre preserve trail, interactive exhibits in the Discovery Lab that teach about the ecology of the Austin area, and animal exhibits focusing on subjects such as bees and birds of prey. 301 Nature Center Dr., Austin, TX. 512/327-8180. www.ci.austin.tx.us/ansc. Suggested donation of \$2 per adult and \$1 per child. Mon.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 12-5.

West Austin/Zilker Park

Zilker Park. The former site of temporary Franciscan missions in 1730 and a former American Indian gathering place is now Austin's everyday backyard park. The 351-acre site along the shores of Lady Bird Lake includes Barton Springs Pool, numerous gardens, a meditation trail, and a Swedish log cabin dating from the 1840s. In March, the park hosts a kite festival (2008 saw the 80th edition). During spring months, concerts are held in the park's Beverly S. Sheffield Zilker Hillside Theater, a natural outdoor amphitheater beneath a grove of century-old pecan trees; in July and August, musicals and plays take over. Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum, at the park's southern end, displays 130 or more works by sculptor and former UT art professor Charles Umlauf. Art workshops for both kids and adults are occasionally offered. 2201 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX. 512/974-6700 (Parks Dept.); 512/477-5335 (theater); 512/445-5582 (museum). www.ci.austin.tx.us/zilker. Free (main park), parking \$3 per vehicle; \$3.50 (museum). Daily, dawn to dusk (park); Wed.-Fri. 10-4:30, Sat.-Sun. 1-4:30 (museum). Canoe rentals. Canoe rentals are available for the hour or day. www.zilkerboats.com.

West Lake

Barton Creek Greenbelt. This park follows the contour of Barton Creek and the canyon it created west along a 7.9 mile-long area from Zilker Park to west of Loop 360. It has a trail for hiking and biking, plus swimming holes when the creek is full (very rain-dependent, it's usually in spring and fall). Access points: Zilker Park, Loop 360, Twin Falls, and Scottish Woods Trail Falls (near the intersection of MoPac and Loop 360), and Scottish Woods Trail (at the trail's northern border off Loop 360), Austin, TX. 512/499-6700 or 512/472-1267. www.austin-parks.org/our-parks.html?parkid=206. Free. 5am-10pm.

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve. Stunning contrasting views of the Hill Country and the Austin skyline make it worth the trip to this area near the 360 Bridge. You can wander along 227 acres of walking trails (there are 10 different ones); guided tours are offered on weekends. The cool folks at Wild Basin offer numerous outdoor-oriented classes, nighttime stargazing sessions, even concerts by well-known touring musicians. 805 N. Capitol of Texas Hwy., Austin, TX. 512/327-7622. www.wildbasin.org. \$3 suggested donation, \$4 guided hikes (weekends and by reservation only). Daily, dawn to dusk (park); daily 9-4 (office), Tues.-Sun. 9-4 (gift shop).

South Austin

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. This 43-acre complex, founded in 1982 by Lady Bird Johnson and actress Helen Hayes, has extensive plantings of native Texas wildflowers that bloom year-round (although spring is an especially attractive time). The grounds include a visitor center, nature trail, observation tower, elaborate stone terraces, and flower-filled meadows. 4801 LaCrosse Ave., Austin, TX. 512/292-4100. www.wildflower.org. \$7. Tues.-Sun. 9-5:30.

Adrenaline junkies

We've rounded up the most extreme things to do in Austin, activities guaranteed to satisfy for your need for speed and excitement.

Skydiving

Nothing says pure exhilaration like jumping out of a plane. Skydiving Austin Texas and Skydiving Over Austin offer tandem packages for your first jump. You can also hit up the Texas Skydiving Center for in-depth, one-day skydiving classes.

Hang gliding

Explore the skies — and learn how to hang glide — at Fly Texas. You'll start with practice runs off a hill, then upgrade to more advanced flights. There's also a tandem package available.

Ziplining

Zoom along a zipline through the trees of Spicewood at Cypress Valley Canopy Tours. The treetop tour offers multiple ziplines and skybridges and ends with a rappel down from the platform.

Flyboarding

Fly Lake Austin lets you take off and "fly" around Lake Austin in a water-powered jet pack. There are two different contraptions to try: a Flyboard, which is strapped to your feet Marty McFly-style, and the Jetovator, a scooter-like apparatus.



Wakeboarding

Texas Ski Ranch in New Braunfels is a great place to wakeboard behind a boat or on the cable course. Bonus: Texas Ski Ranch also has a seasonal snow park where you can snowboard on an outdoor turf course.

Rock climbing

Austin is surrounded by stunning places to rock climb. Rock-About offers a "101: Basic Climbing Skills" course, which includes safety instructions and climbs at places like Enchanted Rock, the Barton Creek Greenbelt and Reimer's Ranch. You can also try Austin Rock Gym for an indoor climb.

Go-kart racing

These tracks allow you to race on an extreme outdoor course with professional instruction so you can drive like a champ. NASCAR fans, check out Central Texas Speedway; Formula One lovers should give Driveway Austin a spin.

Paintballing

Get tactical with your close friends (or enemies) at Austin Paintball and Xtreme Paintball. No equipment? No problem. These pros will hook you up with a gun, mask and round of paintballs.

Spectator Sports

Next to UT football, Austin's most popular spectator sport may be the Round Rock Express baseball team, a AAA affiliate of the Houston Astros. The Express (owned by a group led by Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan) began in 2000 as a AA team, and moved up to AAA in 2005. It plays 72 home games from April through September at the Dell Diamond, an extremely pleasant place to pass a few hours, no matter who's winning. The open-air stadium seats about 8,600 with room for more in an outfield grass berm area. No ticket costs more than \$12 (as of 2008), and it's hard to find a bad seat in this very fan-friendly (and family-friendly) ballpark.

Formerly the Columbus (Georgia) Riverdragons, the Toros, a team in the NBA's Development League, or "D-League," was re-branded when it moved to Austin in 2005. Affiliated with (and owned by) the San Antonio Spurs, the Toros play home games November through April at the Austin Convention Center.

This arena football expansion team began play in 2004, and moved down from the AFL to af2 (the Arena Football League's developmental league) beginning in the 2008 season. The team plays from April to July. Home games are at UT's Frank Erwin Center.

Golf

This resort is associated with four private courses, including two of the top-ranked courses in Texas, Fazio Foothills and Fazio Canyons. Unfortunately, you either have to be a member or a hotel guest to play here. Greens fees vary widely by season, day of the week, and time of day, but for resort guests the Fazio Canyons and Fazio Foothills courses run from \$80 (twilight) to \$250 per person, including a forecaddie (but not gratuity). The Crenshaw Cliffside course runs from \$60 to \$180 (forecaddie not required) and the Palmer Lakeside course from \$45 to \$155 (forecaddie not required). Various golf packages are also available throughout the year; check website for details.

The likes of Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, and Ben Hogan are among those who have played at this affordable 6,001-yard, par-71 public course in West Austin. It was originally built by the Lions Club in 1928 and taken over by the city six years later. It is open daily, dawn to dusk. Greens fees run \$7–\$20. Cart fees are \$22.

South Austin

The Veloway. This 3.1-mile paved asphalt loop winding through Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park is reserved exclusively for bicyclists and rollerbladers. Riders always travel in a one-way clockwise direction. It's off the beaten path in far southwest Austin, not far from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. No facilities except for a water fountain that sometimes doesn't work. 4103 Slaughter Lane, Austin, TX. 512/974-6700. www.veloway.com.

Boating

From March through October, this downtown-based company offers nightly bat-watching cruises from an electric paddlewheel boat, along with sightseeing, dinner, and lunch cruises on Lady Bird Lake. Cruise prices vary, but start at \$8 for adults. Charters are available. The company also rents canoes, pedal boats, and kayaks beginning at \$10 an hour, and Duffy electric launches (seating up to 10) beginning at \$45 an hour.

This double-decker paddlewheel riverboat sails every evening for hour-long bat-watching cruises March through October, and every weekend for 1½-hour sightseeing cruises. Tours are \$8 or \$9.

West Austin

On Lake Travis, Daybreak rents pontoons, ski boats, and waverunners, plus a party boat. Hourly prices begin at \$55 for pontoons, \$75 for ski boats, and \$135 for a party boat (including captain). Ask about discounts for longer rentals.

Lakeway Marina. Adjacent to the Lakeway Resort and Spa, this marina on Lake Travis rents ski boats, pontoon boats, and waverunners. Hourly rates begin at \$75 for pontoon boats and waverunners and \$80 for ski boats; ask about discounts for longer rentals. Also available are fishing guides, beginning at \$225 for two people for four hours. The marina is open daily. 103A Lakeway Dr., Austin, TX, 78734. 512/261-7511. www.lwmarina.biz.



Northeast Austin

Named for a legendary local golf instructor, Harvey Penick opened in 2005 in northeast Austin as a "First Tee" course for the specific purpose of teaching golf to young people (though golfers of all ages and abilities can play). The 112-acre, 9-hole, par-30, PGA Tour-designed course is next door to the East Communities YMCA. Lessons are offered. There's also a driving range and short course. Greens fees are \$12 for 9 holes, \$18 for 18 holes. Youth pay less. Cart fees are \$8.75 for 9 holes, and \$13.50 for 18 holes.

North Austin

Mount Bonnell. Rising to a height of 785 feet, Mount Bonnell offers the best views of Austin. Stop by during the day for a glimpse of the sweeping panorama of rolling hills, the Colorado River and the 360 Bridge, and the downtown skyline in the distance. It's an easy climb up from a parking area near the road (more of a diversion than a serious hike); you'll find students, lovers, families, picnickers and just plain old tourists here. Mount Bonnell Rd., off E. 35th St., Austin, TX. 817/265-7721 or 800/433-5374. Free. Daily, dawn to dusk.

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 its 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

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

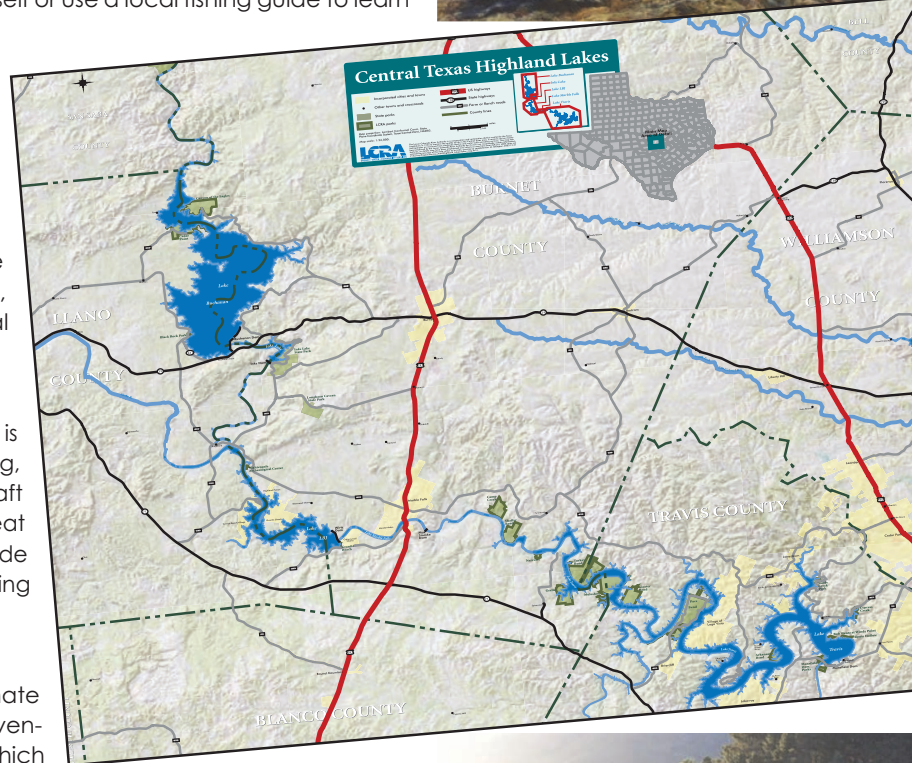
Lake Travis is well known for being one of the clearest lakes in Texas too. In fact, it is a primary water source for the city of Austin, so many consider it to be an ideal spot to take a dip on a hot Texas summer day. Swimming 'holes' are located all around the lake, but some are particularly interesting,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



10 Ways to Spend Your Time as an Empty Nester



While some parents happily greet their empty nest with open arms, others might have a harder time adjusting. Regardless of how you feel, you'll likely find yourself with more free time than you've had over the past 20 or so years, so what should you do with it?

- Take dance lessons. Learn how to tango, salsa, line dance or ballroom dance. You'll have fun, get great exercise and be able to surprise everyone with your moves at the next party.
- Focus on Your Health. With more time to spend on you, start an exercise and healthy-eating regime. Enlist a friend or relative to join you to keep each other on track.
- Take up a sport. Perhaps you've always wanted to try water polo, ice hockey, fencing or kickboxing. Maybe you want to get reacquainted with a sport you grew up playing. Now is the perfect time to tap into your athletic side. Adult rec leagues are becoming really popular.
- Learn a new language. Brush up on the foreign language skills you might already have or learn an entirely new one. Then think about actually using your new Italian vocabulary someplace fabulous like Rome!
- Get musical. Resurrect your piano prowess or take up a new musical instrument. Take some jazz classes or join a rock band. There are lots of adult ed programs and music schools that help organize students into ensembles, or you can recruit friends into your own garage band.
- Adopt a pet. If you long to parent another soul on a daily basis, taking care of a puppy is almost like having a newborn in the house.
- Go back to school. Finally get that master's degree or take some art history or film appreciation classes at a local community college or through adult ed.
- Become a cinephile. Explore a new film genre or start a film discussion group - so much less homework than a book club! Use Netflix to host your own in-house film fest or volunteer at a local film festival.
- Get a Job or Start a Business. To rejoin the workforce, reach out to former colleagues; contact a temporary agency that specializes in your line of work; network in person and through social media with friends, neighbors and parents or craft your own business plan.
- Find a hobby. After years of driving your kids to and from sports practices, music and art lessons, why not pick up a hobby yourself. Does squash, guitar or painting lessons sound good to you?
- Date your spouse. Now that the kids are on their own, get back in touch with your partner. Go on dates, learn about each other and remember what life was like before the kids came along.
- Get outdoors. Go camping, take up hiking or volunteer at a nearby nature preserve.
- Volunteer. You've probably spent hundreds of hours helping out at your child's school over the years. Now devote your time to any of the great causes in your community: the local library, civic group, historical society, museum or arts organization.
- Travel. Now that you don't have to vacation strictly in the summer, you can take advantage of off-season airfare and hotel rates.

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.





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.

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. The little ones can use those chopsticks to work on hand-eye coordination as they enjoy a variety of tasty Asian dishes.

— 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.

— Jim's

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

— Steak 'n Shake

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

— Molcas

Kids eat free on Sunday & Thursday with an adult purchase.

Monday:

— Cafe Mueller at HEB Tuesday

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.

— **Blue Corn Harvest Grill (Cedar Park)** – Kids eat free all day on Monday, with the purchase of an adult meal.

— 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.

— Frisco

Kids eat free after 5 p.m. with purchase of adult meal every Monday and Wednesday night.

— Mellow Mushroom

Kids eat free from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. at this Round Rock location. Dine In Only. Not available with any other offers.

— 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 entrée at all 3 locations.

— Buffalo Wild Wings

Kids eat free on Mondays at the Round Rock location.

— Cafe Hornitos

Kids eat free on Mondays with 1 adult entrée.

— Zuzu's Handmade Mexican

Choose 2 free items from the kid's menu with each adult platter purchase Mondays through Thursdays from 5 p.m.-close.

Tuesday:

— Kerbey Lane

On Tuesdays, kids eat free all day with the purchase of an adult entrée. Kids love the breakfast-all-day options on the menu. Mmmmm...pancakes.

— **Central Market** – North Lamar location: Kids eat free on Tuesdays from 5 to 8 pm, with the purchase of an adult entrée.

— 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 and 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.

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.

— **Central Market** Westgate location: kids eat free on Wednesdays from 5 to 9 pm, with the purchase of an adult entrée.

— 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. Excludes breakfast and all-you-can-eat.

— **Sazon** – Kids 12 and under can enjoy a free kids' meal all day Wednesday, with the purchase of an adult entrée.

— Mt. Playmore

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

— **Big Daddy's Burgers & Bar** – Kids eat free on Wednesday from 5 to 8 pm, with the purchase of an adult entrée.

Thursday:

— Molcas

Kids eat free on Sunday & Thursday with an adult purchase.

— Noble Sandwich Co.

Every Thursday, kids ages 12 and under eat free at all locations with the purchase of an adult meal (dine-in only). Includes an item off the kids menu and a fountain drink.

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.

Please check website below periodically as these items change frequently.

<http://do512family.com/kids-eat-free-in-austin/>



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 it's 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.

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