



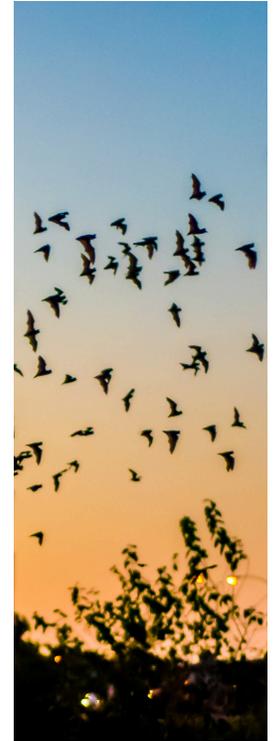
AUSTIN ENTERTAINMENT

and things to do



Cheap & Free Things to Do in Austin, TX

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1. Go on a historic tour
2. Rent a bike
3. Visit Zilker Park
4. Play a round of disc golf
5. Explore the Texas Hill Country
6. Hear live music outdoors
7. See the Cathedral of Junk
8. Visit the Umlauf Sculpture Garden
9. Tour Austin City Limits Live
10. Catch a classic flick
11. Sample food trucks at the picnic
12. Hike Mount Bonnell
13. Explore the greenbelt
14. Discover the Tejano Walking Trail
15. See the Neill-Cochran House museum
16. See Austin's famous bats
17. Watch a movie at the drive-in
18. Go dancing at the Broken Spoke
19. Swim in a spring-fed pool
20. Take the kids to Mueller Lake Park
21. Sip a pint on a patio
22. Shop South Congress
23. Dive into Deep Eddy Pool
24. Explore the Whole Foods flagship
25. Happy hour at the Little Longhorn
26. Go on a mural tour
27. See a live show at Güero's
28. Enjoy an outdoor performance
29. Search for vintage treasures in North Loop
30. Visit Mexic-Arte museum
31. Paddle Lady Bird Lake
32. Explore St. Edward's Park
33. Get a burger to go at Sandy's
34. Shop an iconic record store
35. Dine at a convenience store
36. Plan a picnic at Auditorium Shores
37. See the peacocks at Mayfield Park
38. Tour the Governor's Mansion
39. Experience a FREE music fest
40. Enjoy a free symphony
41. Shop local at a farmers market
42. Try tacos from a food truck
43. Visit the Bullock
44. Take the kids to The Thinkery
45. Opt for an upscale happy hour
46. Drink at a dive
47. Watch an art house flick
48. Bike the hike-and-bike trail
49. Visit Austin's cultural campus
50. Listen to live gospel music at brunch



AUSTIN FC Q2 STADIUM



“We wanted a stadium inspired by Austin, with Austin textures, Austin tastes and Austin sounds,” says Andy Loughnane, Austin FC president. “We wanted a stadium unique to Austin that wouldn’t fit in Los Angeles, Cincinnati or Nashville, but is perfect in Austin.”

To get there, Austin FC partnered with architecture firm Gensler for a fan-centric design of the \$260 million privately financed stadium meant to welcome year-round activity and large-scale soccer events and concerts.

Making Fans Comfortable

The first hurdle was handling the hot Austin summers. The indoor-outdoor experience is incredibly important in Austin,” Emmett says. “People love the outdoors, the natural landscape of hike and bike trails. We want this to be a comfortable, relaxed environment that provides natural landscape in and around the venue for a community asset year-round.”

The stadium orientation allows prevailing winds and breezes to rush in from the south. Fully closing the bowl stifles airflow, so Q2 opens the corners to naturally cool the environment, something Emmett says is great for fans, players and grass growth. The roof canopy is the second largest in the MLS and was designed to “put as much shade as possible on the seats for as much of the day as possible.” About 6,000 of the 20,500 seats in areas most perceptible to sunlight feature a mesh fabric seat to reduce heat buildup and drop the temperature of the seat between 30 and 40 degrees.

Diversity in Seating Types, Social Spaces

The west sideline features 27 traditional suites. The venue includes three main clubs, two on the west side and one on the east, aiming to build diversity in product, location, experience, look and feel and food and beverage options.

The building also has loge boxes and social spaces, such as an upper terrace on the west side that mimics a patio backyard experience with lounge furniture and high-top tables. Whether a hard-core fan staying locked into their seat or the casual fan looking to experience soccer in a social setting, the design caters to both.

Food and Fan Amenities

We have deliberately chosen to align with brands and flavor profiles that offer

a blend of Austin. Along with traditional stadium fare seen across more than half a dozen 521 Food Co.-branded offerings and Austin restaurants, Austin FC will feature rotational opportunities for local up-and-coming restaurateurs to profile products through dedicated stands via the Austin Table partnership with Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts.

The Players

The players will experience a tech-first perspective too with an immersive locker room, a design driven around lighting and building excitement. “It is arguably the most welcoming and functionally stunning locker room in the league,” Loughnane says. “It is a beautiful design.”

The players may also enjoy the “seashore paspalum” grass grown for Austin FC in Scottsdale, Arizona, the same pitch type planned for Qatar’s 2022 World Cup. The relatively new grass type for soccer is designed to handle Texas summers and is also installed at the team’s training center.

Already, Austin FC has sold out of its 15,500 season tickets—75% of the venue—and the 20,500 capacity keeps demand high for the only professional big-league team in the city. The design does allow for the addition of 1,500 seats to the north end.



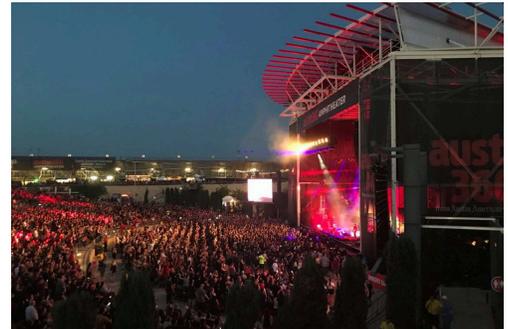
THE MOODY CENTER



BUILT FOR MUSIC. DESIGNED FOR AUSTIN.

Moody Center is a \$375M, 15,000+ seat premier venue featuring over 150 nights a year of unique entertainment. Moody Center features the best and biggest names in the music industry while hosting The University of Texas Women's and Men's basketball games, family shows and other sporting and local events. Designed specifically for concerts, this modern arena provides state-of-the-art amenities and top-tier hospitality for artists and fans. Moody Center is the first of its kind in the industry with an unrivaled partnership between Oak View Group, Live Nation/C3 Presents, The University of Texas at Austin and Minister of Culture, Matthew McConaughey. Moody Center is named in honor of a \$130M grant given to the University of Texas from Moody Foundation which has supported museums, libraries, universities and hospitals throughout Texas for over 75 years.

GERMANIA AMPHITHEATER



AUSTIN'S LARGEST OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER.

The Germania Insurance Amphitheater is Austin's destination to see the brightest stars in a world-class, open-air amphitheater. The venue, which is situated within Circuit of The Americas' 1,300-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. Located in the circuit's infield, the amphitheater has hosted some of the biggest names in music including Foo Fighters, Kendrick Lamar, Jimmy Buffett, Imagine Dragons, Willie Nelson, Janet Jackson, Dave Matthews Band, KISS, Nine Inch Nails, Kanye West, ODESZA, Mumford & Sons, Van Halen, Florence + The Machine, Maroon 5, Blake Shelton, and more. Austin, Texas is revered by artists and their fans as the "Live Music Capital of the World," and Germania Insurance Amphitheater is building on that fine tradition.



ABOUT

Circuit of The Americas is the premier destination for world-class motorsports and entertainment in the United States. Set on 1,500 acres in the rolling hills just outside downtown Austin, Circuit of The Americas has hosted the biggest names in racing, action sports, and music since 2012. Drive, soar, ride and race at its heart is a 3.41-mile racetrack that was designed to challenge the world's most exacting competitors while providing a thrilling spectacle for audiences.

THE CIRCUIT

Circuit of The Americas is more than a race track – it's the only purpose-built facility in the United States designed to host the premier motorsports championships in the world, including Formula 1, MotoGP, NASCAR and more. With a blend of sweeping, fast sections and tight, technical corners, Circuit of The Americas has challenged the world's greatest drivers and riders. The 20-turn, counterclockwise circuit takes advantage of the naturally undulating landscape, including an intimidating 133-foot hill at Turn 1 that must be seen in person to be believed. It has hosted ESPN's X Games, MotoGP, the FIA World Rallycross and IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and more.

Why go?

There's a reason Austin is often regarded as America's coolest city, with great food and a vibrant nightlife, all united under the banner of the city's unofficial slogan: 'Keep Austin Weird'. Then when racing starts, you'll be in attendance at one of the great modern race tracks. With the Americans' attitude to partying, you won't want to miss out!

Where is the best place to watch?

You're spoiled for choice. If you sit in the main grandstand on the start-finish straight you'll get – in true US style – the benefit of an in-seat food and drinks service, while those in the stand at Turn 1 enjoy a view all the way to downtown Austin. But if you want to see the racing action up close, find a way into the the Stadium Section stands at Turns 15/16.

VISIT AUSTIN'S LARGEST OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER

At Germania Insurance Amphitheater, we've got stars on our stage and above them. Located in The Circuit's infield, the 14,000+ seat amphitheater has hosted some of the biggest names in music including Foo Fighters, Kendrick Lamar, Jimmy Buffett, Imagine Dragons, Willie Nelson, Janet Jackson, Dave Matthews Band, KISS, Nine Inch Nails, Kanye West, ODESZA, Mumford & Sons, Van Halen, Florence + The Machine, Maroon 5, Blake Shelton, and more.

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MUSIC FESTIVALS IN AUSTIN



Armadillo Christmas Bazaar

The Armadillo Christmas Bazaar makes holiday shopping fun with nearly 200 artists and makers, live music daily, interactive activities, local food and two full bars.

armadillobazaar.com

Austin Area Jazz Festival

A celebration of music, culture, diversity and the arts. Enjoy entertainment from top-tier local and national jazz musicians.

austinareajazzfestival.com

Austin Celtic Festival

The largest gathering of Celts in Central Texas. The event is home to four stages of Irish, Scottish and Breton music, dance, sports, storytelling, workshops and more.

austincelticfestival.com

Austin City Limits Music Festival

ACL Festival is a two-weekend event that brings together more than 130 acts from all over the world to play rock, indie, country, folk, electronic and more on eight stages.

aclfestival.com

Austin's New Year

This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates diversity and creativity with 4 stages, 22 bands, art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers and a grand fireworks finale.

austintexas.gov

Austin Reggae Festival

This annual festival features a weekend of live reggae in scenic downtown Austin.

austinreggaefest.com

Austin PRIDE

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austinpride.org

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Blues on the Green

Pack a blanket and make your way to Zilker Park for this summertime tradition. Held monthly from May to August, Austin's largest free concert series welcomes performances by top local bands.

acl-radio.com

Camp Nowhere

A summertime celebration of electronic music that takes place at COTA's Germania Amphitheater.

campnowheretexas.com

Carnaval Brasileiro

Flamboyant costumes, Brazilian samba music and the uninhibited, spirited atmosphere make Austin's Carnaval one of the biggest such festivals outside of Brazil.

sambaparty.com

Chingona Fest Texas

An annual conference and music festival which aims to inspire and empower Latinas through music, film, art, community and philanthropy.

chingonafesttx.com

Eastside Kings Festival

A celebration for the great living musicians who have given us some of the best years of music. The festival brings together great blues, gospel and jazz acts every year for two amazing evenings.

eastsidekingsfest.com

Fourth of July Fireworks & Symphony

The Austin Symphony hosts an annual concert of patriotic music, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display over Lady Bird Lake.

austinsymphony.org

Free Week

The first week of January might be the best time for a music fan to visit Austin. Why? Hundreds of Austin bands participate in this annual event that encompasses multiple venues throughout the Red River Cultural District.

freeweek.do512.com

The Front Fest

Produced by Future Front ATX, The Front Fest is an annual music, art, film, comedy and education festival based in Austin, Texas for people who like a good show.

thefrontfest.com

Fusebox Festival

Fusebox is a hybrid arts festival that champions adventurous works of art in theater, dance, film, music, literature, visual and culinary arts.

fuseboxfestival.com

HONK!TX

Honk!TX Is a weekend event full of street and brass bands from around the country bringing free, family-friendly fun to public spaces around Austin. This a chance to get outdoors and experience the many genres of brass.

honktx.org

Hot Luck Festival

Live Food & Music festival honors the soul, sweat and DIY diversity of the food and music world. Come hungry, thirsty, and bring your dancin' boots.

hotluckfest.com

HeartCountry Festival

Austin showcases some of the biggest names in country music, hosting the iHeartCountry Festival. Past performers include Tim McGraw, Florida Georgia Line, Little Big Town and more!

iheart.com/iheartcountry-festival



Hot Summer Nights

Every summer, venues throughout the Red River Cultural District host four days of free live music, alongside local food and vendors.

facebook.com/redriverculturaldistrict

LEVITATION

Formerly Psych Fest, this independent festival has grown from a small word-of-mouth event to an internationally acclaimed, full weekend event that attracts attendees from all over the world.

levitation-austin.com

Luck Reunion

Hosted on the grounds of Willie Nelson's private ranch, Luck Reunion is an annual gathering, an "anti-festival" that attracts and celebrates outlaw musicians, artisans and chefs, who follow their dreams without compromise.

luckreunion.com

No Idea Festival

No Idea Festival brings together musicians from around the world to collaborate in the fields of free improvisation, noise, installation, composition and sonic interventions.

noideafestival.com

Oblivion Access Music Festival

An annual festival for underground music that is held at multiple venues in downtown Austin.

facebook.com/oblivionaccessfest

Old Settler's Music Festival

Americana, roots rock, blues and bluegrass are performed at this signature Central Texas music festival. Arts & crafts, camping, food and local libations complete this down-home event.

oldsettlersmusicfest.org

Outlaw Music Festival Tour

Willie Nelson is heading back on the road for the Outlaw Music Festival Tour, with his family and friends. Performances include Chris Stapleton, Sturgill Simpson, The Avett Brothers, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Lucinda Williams, Ryan Bingham, Margo Price, Yola and more.

blackbirdpresents.com

Outside the City Limits Festival

Vista Brewing's laid-back, outdoor music fest is back! Spend the day at the Driftwood brewery for a relaxing day in the Hill Country filled with live music, farm-fresh food, craft beer and Texas wine & cider. Held on Vista Brewing's beautiful, tree-filled 21-acre ranch, the 4th annual OCL Music Fest is hosting an outstanding lineup of local musicians playing all day on two stages.

vistabrewingtx.com

OUTsider Fest

OUTsider Fest celebrates the bold originality and creative nonconformity of the LGBTQ+ communities through the presentation of provocative, overlooked and out-of-the-box film, dance, theater, performance art, music, writing and visual art.

outsiderfest.org

Pecan Street Festival

Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn Historic Sixth Street, originally named Pecan Street, into a lively, bi-annual street fair.

pecanstreetfestival.org

Picnik Électronik Austin

The Montreal electronic music event comes to the United States for the first time with Picnik Électronik Austin. The festival focuses on house and minimal techno genres, but all forms of electronic music are showcased.

facebook.com/PiknicElectronikAustin

Republic of Texas Biker Rally

The state's largest motorcycle gathering attracts thousands of bikers for rides, live music and a parade down Congress Avenue.

republicoftexasmotorcyclerrally.com

Saturnalia Festival

Inspired by the ancient Roman festival of the same name SATURNALIA Music Festival aims to bring you joy and pleasure for days on end with Music, Food, Vendors, Visuals, Dancers, Art, Parades, Poetry and all kinds of entertainment from around the world.

facebook.com/SaturnaliaMusicFestival

Rodeo Austin

Go cowboy as PCRA competitors hit the arena. Headline entertainers perform concerts nightly.

rodeoaustin.com

Seismic Dance Event

A boutique music festival curated specifically for house, techno and underground music enthusiasts. Seismic is the only house and techno music festival of the Southern US with an intimate size and a reputation for its impeccable crowd culture and thick vibes.

seismicdanceevent.com

SXSW

Noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally-recognized event.

sxsw.com

Urban Cultural Festival

A family-centric festival for R&B, jazz, funk and reggae music lovers, where national and local entertainment take center stage.

facebook.com/urbanmusicfest

UTOPIAfest Down in the Oaks

A weekend of camping and live music featuring 35+ bands. Festival-goers will enjoy a curated culinary experience, a wine grove, a Texas craft beer garden, workshops, art installations and a kid zone for the little ones.

utopiafest.com

Viva La Vida Festival & Parade

Viva La Vida is Austin's largest and longest-running Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) festival, featuring a Grand Procession, art activities and demos, traditional foods, live music and performances throughout the day.

mexic-artemuseumevents.org

Willie Nelson's 4th of July Picnic

This day-long event features a star-studded lineup, headlined by Nelson himself, and a patriotic fireworks display.

thecircuit.com

Live Music Venues



ACL Live at the Moody Theater – 310 Willie Nelson Blvd, Austin, TX 78701

Antone's – 305 E 5th St, Austin, TX 78701

Cactus Cafe – 2247 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX 78712

Cedar Street Courtyard – 208 W 4th St, Ste C, Austin, TX 78701

Cheer Up Charlies – 900 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701

Elephant Room – Swift Building, 315 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701

Elysium – 705 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701

Empire Control Room & Garage – 606 E 7th St, Austin, TX 78701

Flamingo Cantina – 515 East 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

Friends Bar – 208 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

The Long Center for Performing Arts – 701 W Riverside Dr, Austin, TX 78704

Stateside at the Paramount – 719 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701

Mala Vida – 708 E. 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

Mohawk – 912 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701

Parker Jazz Club – 117 W 4th Street, Ste 107B, Austin, TX 78701

Moody Amphitheater – Waterloo Park – 500 E 12th St, Austin, TX 78701

Parish – 214 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

Pete's Dueling Piano Bar – 421 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

San Jac Saloon – 300 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

Schlotz Garten – 1607 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, Texas 78701

Speakeasy – 412 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701

Stubb's – 801 Red River, Austin, TX 78701

Summit – 120 W 5th St, Austin, TX 78701

Swan Dive – 615 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701

Tellers Austin – 607 Trinity St, Austin, TX 78701

The Belmont – 305 W 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

The Green Jay – 711 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701

The Venue – 516 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

THE 25 BEST FREE THINGS TO DO IN AUSTIN



IN-STORE SHOWS AT WATERLOO RECORDS

Throughout the year, touring artists host one-off, abbreviated in-store performances at this beloved record shop. These are first come-first-served, typically on weekday afternoons and often include free beer for the 21+ crowd.

CONGRESS BRIDGE BATS

Watching 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats—the world’s largest urban bat population—swarm out from under Austin’s Anne W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge is pretty dang impressive. Line up along the bridge’s eastern side on any summertime evening as the bats fly out over the lake en masse right around dusk.

THURSDAYS AT THE BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

As one of the “foremost university art museums in the country” with incredible permanent and temporary collections, the Blanton is the spot for museum aficionados.

FARMERS' MARKETS

There’s at least one open within the city limits every day of the week.

FREE SWIM AT BARTON SPRINGS POOL

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.

MAYFIELD PARK, CAMP MABRY

Witness a plethora of the brightly colored peacocks strolling casually among people out in the open. That’s the norm at West Austin’s Mayfield Park and Preserve, where you can picnic or explore the gardens for free while witnessing the full mating and life cycles of this fascinating, totally nonaggressive avian family.

BARTON CREEK GREENBELT

Boasting hiking, climbing and natural swimming holes ideal for any age, the Barton Creek Greenbelt has it all within its 7.25-mile expanse, conveniently nestled just south of downtown Austin.

DANCING AT BARBARELLA

You know it’s been (or going to be) a wild night when you end up at Barbarella. Conveniently located among countless bars, clubs and music venues in the Red River District, Barbs hosts different themed dance parties almost any night of the week.

HARRY RANSOM CENTER, THE DRAG

UT’s Harry Ransom Center strives to encourage diversity, creativity and an understanding of the humanities—all of which has been headily achieved since opening in 1957. Visitors come to this free museum for the 36 million literary manuscripts, one million rare books, five million photographs and more than 100,000 artistic works.

BACKYARD STORY NIGHT

Looking for live entertainment that isn’t music-related? Backyard Story Night, held at various venues across town, is just the (free) ticket. Bring a blanket and snacks and enjoy the company of other humans telling personal stories (revolving around a specific theme during each event).



ZILKER PARK

You can enjoy the lush grass of the athletic fields (perfect for playing or picnicking), the challenge of biking/walking trails, the whimsy of the expansive playground and kids' train, plus countless other activities.

FIRST SUNDAYS AT THE BULLOCK TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM, ARTS DISTRICT

Austinites are proud people, but Texans as a larger group are even prouder. Case-in-point: the Bob Bullock Texas State Museum, where three floors of the Lone Star State's history—the Story of Texas.

DANCING LESSONS AT THE WHITE HORSE

So you've visited the White Horse and witnessed the regulars sweep each other off their feet to some of the finest honky-tonk jams in town. Still too nervous to join in? Easy solution: show up early (7pm-8pm) on Fridays and Saturdays for free Texas two-step lessons. You'll be boot-scootin' with the best of 'em in no time!

TEXAS STATE CAPITOL

Explore one of the city's most impressive feats of architecture and get a thorough Texas history lesson from one of the knowledgeable guides—all at no charge! There are free walkthroughs every day, and make sure to check the website for special tours.

BLUES ON THE GREEN

Blues on the Green is Austin's favorite summer tradition! Be a part of the annual FREE concert series and join ACL Radio at Zilker Park to catch performances from your favorite artists. Grab your blankets, sunscreen and friends and we'll see you there!

ELISABET NEY MUSEUM, TRIANGLE STATE

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

SOUND & CINEMA

You've been to an outdoor movie screening but have you ever heard of a live band opening up for the outdoor movie? Held over four alternating Wednesdays each summer on the lawn of the Long Center, which features the splendid backdrop of the city skyline.

PECAN STREET FESTIVAL

You've got two chances to enjoy this annual Austin festival, located in downtown's Sixth Street Historic District. Each weekend brings together hundreds of local and national artisans sporting creations made of any medium imaginable, including metal, wood, glass, stone and recycled materials. And it wouldn't be true to ATX culture if there wasn't food and live music.

EAST AND WEST

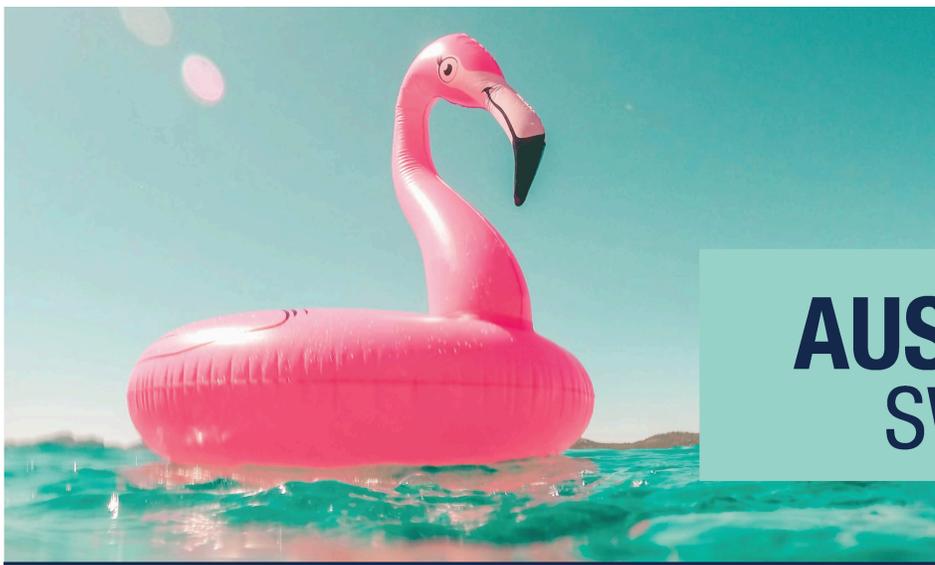
Four weekends, hundreds of locations, countless artists—that's exactly what you'll find at the annual West Austin Studio Tour and East Austin Studio Tour. Anyone is welcome to take self-guided tours (bikes recommended!) through home and pro studios, galleries, temporary exhibitions, one-off events and other programs.

SUNDAYS AT THE MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM, DOWNTOWN

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

FREE WEEK

Free Week has come to act as a welcome wagon to the new year in Austin, a celebration of music held across the city with dozens of killer acts playing for free. Generally held the first week of January, the seven-day fest sees Austinites bopping from one music venue to the next.



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. (512) 660-9111.

25 Things To Do In Austin, Texas



1. Texas State Capitol

The Texas State Capitol is the oldest surviving state office structure and a great place to learn about Texas history and the Texas Legislature.

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. Austin Tour Company Trip To Deep Eddy Distillery

Enjoy luxury round trip transportation from the JW Marriott in downtown Austin to the amazing Deep Eddy Vodka Distillery & Tasting Room in Dripping Springs. Mingle with old friends and meet new ones on the BYOB ride to the venue. Once on-site a DEV insider will take you on a behind the scenes tour of the distillery floor where you'll hear all about the history of this rapidly growing brand and learn how they make their delicious vodkas. Once you're done with the tour you'll get to grab a complimentary cocktail of your choice and get to take the souvenir glass home with you.

4. Rocket Electrics

Rocket Electrics gives you a one-of-a-kind way to explore the city. These are not your regular ol' bikes. They're electric powered so when you need some extra oomph, no peddling necessary. You can rent them to explore on your own or take a tour.

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. ATXCursions River Tubing

Cruise down the river on a tube while you enjoy drinks and make friends! One of the area's favorite summer outdoor activities. BYOB. River tubing with ATXCursions is the most convenient way to float: transportation to and from downtown Austin, book online, tubes included, coolers and ice included. Just bring drinks, sunscreen, and your awesome self.

7. Zilker Park

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

8. Austin Eats Food Tour

Both locals and visitors enjoy this behind-the-scenes look at some of Austin's best restaurants. One of my favorite tours is the Eastside option. It takes you to several awesome food trailers, some great brick and mortar restaurants, and a brewery!

9. 6TH Street

The most famous, well known street in Austin. 6th street (formerly known as Pecan Street) serves as Austin's heart of entertainment and nightlife scene. The old historical buildings are now used as bars, music venues, cafes, art galleries, etc. If you want to experience Austin's crazy nightlife, 6th street is the place to go.

10. Lake Austin

You can't come to Austin and not spend some time on the lake, especially on those hot summer days.

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 Spicewood 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 from ATXCursions

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. Kayaking/Canoeing/Rowing at Lady Bird Lake

Hanging out on Lady Bird Lake is one of the most relaxing (and Austin) things you can do. You can go out during the day or go for an evening cruise. Many take their kayaks and paddle boards to watch the bats fly. You can bring your own or if you are looking to rent try EpicSUP or The Rowing Dock.

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.

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.

19. Austin Farmers Market

The Austin Farmers' Market is a local non-profit organization that encourages individuals to make healthy food choices and to support local farmers.

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. South Congress

Eclectic, hip, fashionable, and funky all combined. Surrounded by numerous restaurants, shops and music venues.

22. 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.

23. Eat Good Food

Austin has some of the best restaurants that cater 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. 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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THE OASIS

6550 Comanche Trail
Austin, TX 78732
(512) 266-2442
www.oasis-austin.com

PERLA'S SEAFOOD & OYSTER BAR

1400 S Congress Ave., Ste B-100
Austin, TX 78704
(512) 291-7300/perlasaustin.com

JESTER KING BREWERY

13187 Fitzhugh Rd., Austin, TX 78736
(512) 537-5100
jesterkingbrewery.com

THE ABGB

1305 W. Oltorf, Austin, TX 78704
(512) 298-2242/theabgb.com

LAZARUS BREWING COMPANY

1902 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78702
(512) 394-7620
www.lazarusbrewing.com

CENTRAL MACHINE WORKS

4824 E Cesar Chavez Street
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 220-2340
www.cmwbrewery.com

HULA HUT

3825 Lake Austin Blvd
Austin, TX 78703
(512) 476-4852/www.hulahut.com

MATT'S EL RANCHO

2613 S. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704
(512) 462-9333/mattselrancho.com

FRESA'S SOUTH FIRST

1703 South First, Austin, TX 78704
(512) 992-2946
www.fresaschicken.com

SOUR DUCK MARKET

1814 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 394-5776
www.sourduckmarket.com

BAR PEACHED

1315 W. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703
(512) 992-0666/barpeached.com

JUSTINE'S BRASSERIE

4710 E. 5th St, Austin, TX 78702
(512) 385-2900
www.justines1937.com

DRAUGHT HOUSE PUB & BREWERY

4112 Medical Pkwy, Austin, TX 78756
(512) 452-6258
www.draughthouse.com

HOTEL VEGAS / VOLSTEAD LOUNGE

1500 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78702
(512) 524-1584
texashotelvegas.com

SCHOLZ GARTEN

1607 San Jacinto Blvd
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 474-1958
www.scholzgarten.net

LICHA'S CANTINA

1306 E. 6th Street
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 480-5960
www.lichascantina.com

BETTER HALF COFFEE & COCKTAILS

406 Walsh Street, Austin, TX 78703
(512) 645-0786
www.betterhalfbar.com

HOLD OUT BREWING

1208 W. 4th Street, Austin, TX 78703
(512) 305-3540/holdoutbrewing.com

JOSEPHINE HOUSE

1601 Waterston, Austin, TX 78703
(512) 477-5584
josephineofaustin.com

RADIO COFFEE & BEER

4204 Manchaca Road
Austin, TX 78704
(512) 217-1160
radiocoffeeandbeer.com

KALIMOTXO

607 W. 3rd Street, Suite 105
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 333-0737/kalimotxoatx.com

LAUNDERETTE

2115 Holly Street, Austin, TX 78702
(512) 382-1599
launderetteaustin.com

COSMIC COFFEE + BEER GARDEN

121 Pickle Road, Austin, TX 78704
(512) 481-0694
www.cosmiccoffeebeer.com

YARD BAR

6700 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78757
(512) 900-3773/www.yardbar.com

KINDA TROPICAL

3501 E. 7th Street, Austin, TX 78702
(512) 373-8430/kindatropical.com

LENOIR

1807 S. 1st Street, Austin, TX 78704
(512) 215-9778
www.lenoirrestaurant.com

CHERRYWOOD COFFEEHOUSE

1400 E. 38th 1/2 Street
Austin, TX 78722
(512) 538-1991
cherrywoodcoffeehouse.com

LOU'S

1900 E. Cesar Chavez Street
Austin, TX 78702
(512) 660-5171/lousaustin.com

JUNE'S ALL DAY

1722 S Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78704
(512) 416-1722/junesallday.com

OLIVE & JUNE

3411 Glenview Ave,
Austin, TX 78703
(512) 467-9898
oliveandjune-austin.com

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1504 E. 6th St., Austin, TX 78702
(512) 906-0053/www.lolo.wine

YELLOW JACKET SOCIAL CLUB

1700 E. 5th St., Austin, TX 78702
(512) 480-9572
www.yellowjacketsocialclub.com

THE LITTLE DARLIN'

6507 Circle S. Rd.
Austin, TX 78745
512-814-0999
www.thelittledarlin.com

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2115 S Lamar Blvd
Austin, TX 78704
512-916-4858
www.loro eats.com



AUSTIN SPORTS TEAMS

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

AUSTIN BOLD FC

Circuit of The Americas

Tickets: austinboldfc.com

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

AUSTIN BLACKS RUGBY

Tickets: austinrugby.com

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

AUSTIN ELITE RUGBY

Dell Diamond

Tickets: austineliterugby.com

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

AUSTIN FC

Q2 Stadium

Tickets: www.austinfc.com

Austin FC is an American professional soccer club based in Austin, Texas. The club competes in Major League Soccer as a member of the Western Conference. Founded in 2018, the club began play in the 2021 season. Austin FC is the first top-division major professional sports team in the Austin area. Matthew McConaughey is a minority owner and Minister of Culture.

AUSTIN HUNS

Huns Field

Tickets: austinhunsrugby.com

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

AUSTIN SOL

Tickets: austin-sol.com

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



AUSTIN VALKYRIES WOMEN'S RUGBY

Huns Field

Tickets: www.austinvalkyries.com

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

CENTRAL TEXAS WOLFPACK

Kelly Reeves Stadium

Tickets: ctxwolfpack.org

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

ROUND ROCK EXPRESS

Dell Diamond

Tickets: 512-255-2255 or roundrockexpress.com

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

TEXAS ROLLER DERBY

Palmer Events Center

Tickets: txrd.com

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

TEXAS ROLLER GIRLS

Austin Convention Center

Tickets: texasrollergirls.org

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

TEXAS STARS

Cedar Park Center

Tickets: 512-GOSTARS or texasstarshockey.com

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

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LONGHORNS

UT Austin Campus

Tickets: texassports.com

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

25 BEST THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS IN AUSTIN

THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN

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

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

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

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Golf Courses in Austin

1. Falconhead Golf Club

15201 Falcon Head Blvd, Austin, TX 78738-6515

2. Lions Municipal Public Golf Course

2901 Enfield Road, Austin, TX 78703

3. Fazio Canyons Golf Course

8212 Barton Club Dr, Austin, TX 78735-1406

4. Barton Creek - Palmer Lakeside

8212 Barton Creek Drive, Austin, TX 78735-1406

5. Fazio Foothills Golf Course

8212 Barton Club Dr, Austin, TX 78735-1406

6. Harvey Penick Golf Campus

5501 Ed Bluestein Blvd, Austin, TX 78723-5600

7. Butler Pitch and Putt Golf Course

201 Lee Barton Dr, Austin, TX 78704-1023

8. Roy Kizer Golf Course

5400 Jimmy Clay Dr, Austin, TX 78744

9. River Place Country Club

4207 River Place Blvd, Austin, TX 78730-3507

10. Onion Creek Club

2510 Onion Creek Parkway, Austin, TX 78747-1612

11. Barton Creek Crenshaw Cliffside Golf Course

8212 Barton Club Dr, Austin, TX 78735-1406

12. Austin Country Club

4408 Long Champ Drive, Austin, TX 78746

13. Bluebonnet Hill Golf Club

9100 Decker Ln, Austin, TX 78724-1716

14. Avery Ranch Golf Club

9100 Decker Ln, Austin, TX 78724-1716

15. Morris Williams Golf Course

4305 Manor Rd, Austin, TX 78723-5901

16. Lost Creek Country Club

2612 Lost Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78746

17. Riverside Golf Course

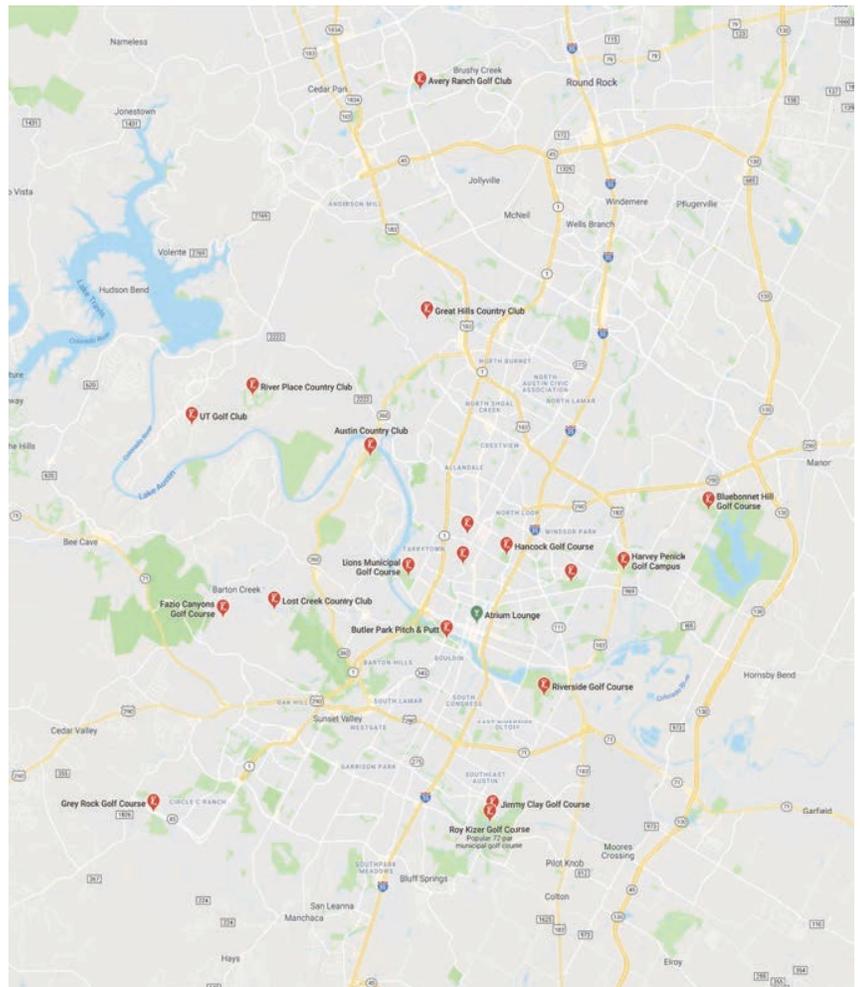
1020 Grove Blvd, Building F, on the North side of the ACC campus, Austin, TX 78741-3366

18. Jimmy Clay Golf Course

5400 Jimmy Clay Dr, Austin, TX 78744-4600

19. The Golf Club at Circle C

7401 State Highway 45, Austin, TX 78739-1901



Shopping Ideas

Below you'll find a list of unique and fun shopping destinations in Austin, TX that appeal equally to locals aiming for something special and visitors looking to pick up some souvenirs.

1. Keep Austin Weird & Visit South Congress Avenue

The epicenter of the "Keep Austin Weird" movement, South Congress Avenue remains a top visitor attraction albeit more and more upscale as the years go by. It's a great place to do some unique shopping, catch a great restaurant, even see live music. What started as a haven for retro clothing, oddities and unique local shops, has grown to host some of the biggest names in goods and apparel. The avenue is lined with funky, unique to Austin stores and restaurants with an Austin friendly feel.



2. Go Full Yuppie at the Domain in North Austin

Quite the opposite of South Congress, but very impressive with total shopping emersion, the Domain in North Austin features the most exclusive brands in the city. The Domain is a five star shopping center that features 700,000 square feet of luxury fashion, high-end restaurants, and unique activities. Home to some of the most renowned upscale stores, this is Austin's premiere stop for designer shopping. As you roam shop to shop, enjoy exceptional amenities such as parks and playgrounds, beautiful landscaping, and convenient free parking. When you enter The Domain you will step into an entire community all of its own.

3. Drift Through the Highrises in the 2nd Street District

At Austin's 2nd Street District you can find more than 50 specialty stores, restaurants, and service providers most of which are locally owned. You'll appreciate the convenient location in the center of the city and all there is to do. Sit outside and enjoy drinks or frozen yogurt while you take in the great weather Texas has to offer, indulge in specialty cupcakes after a day in the spa or inventive BBQ before you hit the shops. You'll find that at Austin's 2nd Street District you'll find just about everything you heart desire, its where Texas warmth meets Austin Cool in downtown Austin.

4. Seek the Unusual at Uncommon Objects

Off Hwy 71 in South Austin, Uncommon Objects is home to an eclectic mix of art, furniture, antiques, taxidermy, and decorations that lives up to its name and is fun just browsing. Cool displays of quirky oddities inspire hours of browsing at this SoCo destination, a conglomeration of vintage and antiques dealers offering tons of treasures, from midcentury furniture to taxidermy, mysterious gadgets to fantastic jewelry - indeed, it's part hoarder's paradise, part museum; the staff is friendly, and while prices can get expensive, with so much fascinating loot, no one leaves empty-handed.

5. Support Artisans at 10 Thousand Villages

Dedicated to handmade goods from Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa, 10 Thousand Villages aims to sell goods with a story behind them. They're also focused on helping artisans earn money from their skills. You can find all sorts of clothing, jewelry, furniture, unique pieces there.

6. Show Your Fandom with Clothing from Austin Rocks

Also dedicated to the music scene in Austin, the Austin Rocks boutique features mostly clothing aimed at the music industry and it's fans with styles you may see on Dee Snyder from Twisted Sister to some things targeting a more modern hipster.

7. Boost your Allure at the Kendra Scott Flagship Store

One of the most celebrated jewelry designers in the US, Kendra Scott got her start in Austin, TX. Stop in to visit her Flagship Store on South Congress Avenue for a look at some of her amazing jewelry. The building itself is from the 1800s, but remodeled to give it a modern look while also preserving some of the original style.

8. Shop Outside of the Box at Prima Dora on South Congress

Since 1999, Prima Dora on South Congress has been one of the top places to find the most unique & quirky gifts Austin has to offer! From the usual shirts and stickers, to books on Austin's history, art work, cards, and snarky homegoods, this is your one stop shop.

Pickleball

in Austin & the Surrounding Areas



Austin Parks and Recreation Department Multiple Locations

The city has 11 sites of public pickleball courts which are free to use for anyone with paddles. No reservation required. South Austin, Hancock and Northwest Recreation Centers even have indoor courts for those unbearably hot days.

Austin Tennis Center

7800 Johnny Morris Road

Austin's largest public center has eight lighted pickleball courts with permanent nets. If you really want to hone your skills, join the pickleball league or take a lesson with Coach Calvin Keeney.

Bouldin Acres

2027 South Lamar Blvd.

Rent one of the two pickleball courts in half-hour increments for \$10 to \$20. Court rental comes with two balls. You can rent paddles for \$2.50 each. Courts must be reserved in advance.

Dreamland Dripping Springs

2770 Hwy 290, Dripping Springs

Private event space with mini golf, a splash pad, sculptures scattered throughout, disc golf, and 16 dedicated pickleball courts open to the public. Open walk-in play is available Thursday through Sunday mornings for a nominal fee, or reserve a court for your group. Rentals are available for \$3 each.

The Fieldhouse at the Crossover

1717 Scottsdale Drive, Cedar Park

The Crossover in Cedar Park has plenty of activities—live music, volleyball, cornhole, and two pickleball courts available to rent by the hour. On Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. to close, the Fieldhouse's courts become 21 and up. Pickleball paddles and balls not included.

Little Zilker Neighborhood Park

2016 Bluebonnet Lane

The public park has two first-come, first-served outdoor courts that are shared with the tennis courts, but you will need to bring your own net. Stop for an afternoon of pickleball and utilize the nearby tables for a picnic.

The Pitch

13000 Harris Ridge Blvd.

Located next to Parmer Field, the Pitch has two courts available for free reservations and one court open to the public. Two balls are provided, and paddles are available for rent for \$2.50 per pair. The Pitch also has four restaurants and two bars to choose from after you work up an appetite.

Shalom Austin

7300 Hart Lane

You don't have to be a member to take a pickleball class at Shalom Austin's Hurt Family Tennis Center. They have 4 lit outdoor pickleball courts, classes and clinics for all levels. Non-members will pay a separate fee when they register.

Sage Hill Inn & Spa

4444 FM150 West, Kyle

88-acre spa retreat with 4 private lighted pickleball courts. Whether you're already hooked on the sport, or want to find out why it is the fastest growing sport on earth, come out for a camp, clinic, lesson, open play or dink & drink to get some pickle time in with your favorite friends.

5 Soul Wine Co and Frontyard Brewing

4514 Bob Wire Road, Spicewood

Step inside the modern winery where they serve up wine by the glass or bottle. The shared courtyard with Frontyard Brewing creates the perfect atmosphere for family gatherings or happy hour with friends. From Pickleball courts (6) for the active crowd, a playground area for the kids, and plenty of patio space to lounge there is a little something for everyone!

www.austintitle.com



