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# Events & Things To Do in Williamson, Lee & Bastrop County



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## Water Parks and Natural Swimming Holes

### Blue Hole, Georgetown

A bend in the San Gabriel river, just minutes from the heart of Georgetown, is this perfect spot to spend the day. The rocky cliffs overlooking the deep blue water are the perfect backdrop for lounging in a raft and enjoying the peaceful surroundings. Check out Georgetown Parks and Rec for more information on hours and amenities.

### Berry Springs Park and Preserve

Berry Springs Park and Preserve, located on the outskirts of Georgetown and situated along Berry Creek, is home to a century old heritage pecan grove. These beautiful and magnificent trees provide relaxing shade to park goers, where one can hike, bike, fish, picnic, and camp. The park also features rentable covered picnic pavilions, which serve as great gathering places for family reunions, company picnics and other get-togethers. A large playground is available for the kids to enjoy.

### Brushy Creek Regional Trail

The parks that lie along the trail provide many different amenities accessible to walkers, joggers and bikers. Together, the parks offer splash pads, swimming areas, climbing rocks, fishing docks, canoeing and kayaking, restrooms and multiple picnic and pavilion areas. The trail links residential communities, businesses and retail centers, while ultimately promoting conservation and stewardship of open space, greenbelts, wetlands and other natural area.

### Rock'N River Water Park

Something Big Just Got Bigger! Come see the NEW expanded Rock'N River Water Park! The Rock'N River expansion is complete and the park is now more than double in size with exciting new attractions for the entire family!

### Kalahari Resort and Convention Center

What makes Kalahari Resorts & Conventions the world's coolest indoor waterpark? It's more than just the sheer size. It's the dedication to re-creating thrilling experiences the whole family will love. Splash, swirl and twirl through the Tanzanian Twister or surf the perfect wave at our FlowRider®. Slow it down a bit and float down the Lazy River, or try the Swim-Up Bar. Take the little adventure-seekers to Crocodile Cove and Tiko's Watering Hole. If you're looking for the ultimate splash, take a ride on the water coaster. Waterpark admission is included for every registered overnight guest, and we also offer day rentals of cabanas and bungalows around the parks. All this, and much more, makes for a wet and wild adventure that your family will never forget.

### Typhoon Texas

Typhoon Texas Austin is a family-friendly water park located in Pflugerville, Texas. If you are making a trip to Austin, come check us out. There is no better way to beat the Texas summer heat than to cool off in the pool. Slide down one of 30 different water slides, lounge in the lazy river, and grab a bite while spending quality time with friends and family. We offer one-day admission tickets as well as season passes. Enjoy live entertainment from Tidal Wave Bay during our Summer Concert Series. There is always something exciting happening at Typhoon Texas.

## Round Rock

### Micki Krebsbach Swimming Pool

301 Deep Wood Dr, Round Rock, TX 78681  
Phone: (512) 218-7090

### Lake Creek Pool

800 Deerfoot Dr, Round Rock, TX 78664  
Phone: (512) 218-7030

### Creekside Pool

4300 Brushy Creek Road, Round Rock, TX 78681  
Phone: (512) 255-7871

### Rock'N River Water Park

3300 E Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78664  
Phone: (512) 218-5540

### Clay Madsen Recreation Center

1600 Gattis School Rd, Round Rock, TX 78664  
Phone: (512) 218-3220

### CHASCO Family YMCA

1801 N Interstate Hwy 35, Round Rock, TX 78664  
Phone: (512) 615-5511

### Kalahari Resort and Convention Center

Address: 3001 Kalahari Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665  
Phone: (512) 651-1000

## Pflugerville

### Gilleland Creek Pool and Park

700 N Railroad Ave, Pflugerville, TX 78660  
Phone: (512) 990-6350

### Scott Mentzer Pool

901 Old Austin Hutto Rd., Pflugerville, TX 78660  
Phone: (512) 990-6350

## Cedar Park

### Veterans Memorial Pool

2525 W New Hope Dr, Cedar Park, TX 78613  
Phone: (512) 331-2300

### Elizabeth Milburn Pool

1901 Sun Chase Blvd, Cedar Park, TX 78613  
Phone: (512) 401-5530

### Buttercup Creek Pool

411 Twin Oaks Tr., Cedar Park, TX 78613  
Phone: (512) 401-5531

### Twin Lakes Family YMCA

204 E Little Elm Trail, Cedar Park, TX 78613  
Phone: (512) 250-9622

## Burnet

### YMCA of the Highland Lakes

1601 S. Water Street, Burnet, TX 78611  
Phone: (512) 756-6180

## Leander

### Robin Bledsoe Pool

601 S Bagdad Rd, Leander, TX 78641  
Phone: (512) 528-9909

## Georgetown

### Williams Drive Pool

3201 Williams Dr, Georgetown, TX 78628  
Phone: (512) 930-3529

### River Ridge Pool

414 South Ridge Circle, Georgetown, TX 78628  
Phone: (512) 930-3533

### Village Pool

370 Village Commons Blvd, Georgetown, TX 78633  
Phone: (512) 931-2758

### Georgetown Recreation Center

1003 N Austin Ave, Georgetown, TX 78626  
Phone: (512) 930-3596

### Georgetown Family YMCA

3010 Williams Dr. Suite 210, Georgetown, TX 78628  
Phone: (512) 615-5599

## Hutto

### Hutto Family YMCA

200 Alliance Blvd., Hutto, TX 78634  
Phone: (512) 846-2360

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# CITY OF GEORGETOWN TEXAS ANNUAL DOWNTOWN EVENTS



Information sourced from <https://georgetownchamber.org/>

It seems like there's always something happening downtown, from a quaint musical performance outside Georgetown Winery to a major festival spanning the entire Square and surrounding streets. Here's a look at the events that take place throughout the year:



**Second Saturday Market Days and Concerts** Visit the Square on the second Saturday of the month from March to November and you'll find an outdoor marketplace of jewelry, art, and clothing, delicious food and drinks, and antiques and collectables. Guests also enjoy live music and a kids' area, making the whole day a fun, family-friendly event!



**The Georgetown Swirl** One of the newer yet most exciting happenings in town, the Swirl brings downtown businesses and patrons together for shopping, dining, and musical entertainment around the Square. Don't forget to bid in the Swirl Wine Auction, which benefits the Main Street Facade and Sign Grant Program and the Williamson Museum.



**Georgetown Quilt and Stitchery Show** Local business HandCrafts Unlimited presents this affair, featuring a silent auction, vendors, raffle quilt, scissor sharpening, challenge block, and tea room.



**Southwestern Arts Festival** Held at nearby Southwestern University, this event is fun for all with free kids' activities, musical performances by university and GISD students, Zumba and yoga lessons, art displays, fabulous food, and a charity raffle.



**Red Poppy Festival** One of Georgetown's most beloved annual events, Red Poppy Festival kicks off with a street dance followed by a weekend of live music, student performances, artisan booths, an eclectic and amazing food court, a classic car show, and the hometown parade. You won't want to miss this one!



**Festival of the Arts** Organized by top local musicians and arts leaders, this event takes place at venues all over downtown and brings in world-reknoned musical talents to delight all who attend.



**Art in the Square** The cooler days of fall bring out the art in downtown Georgetown. More than 150 artists gather on the Square to display and sell their creations, turning the streets and sidewalks into a buzzing outdoor gallery.



**Chisholm Trail Days** Georgetown was once a stop on the Chisholm Trail, a route for cattle drives back in the 19th Century. Nowadays, we like to celebrate this history with an authentic longhorn cattle drive, Western music, a children's corral, traditional Texas barbecue, and lots more cowboy fun in San Gabriel Park.



**Ghost Tours on the Square** When the summer heat is dead and gone, the Square comes alive with visions of something darker! Costumed-guides lead tours through Georgetown's oldest buildings, recounting history through local voices of the past.

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**Gallery Georgetown** For those of an artistic nature, this evening of art appreciation is a feast for the senses. Local galleries and restaurants come together to display fine works of art and present fine local wine and cuisine, all while live music fills the Square. Several Off-Square galleries participate as well, giving attendees a look at art displays around town.



**Lighting of the Square** It's the official start to the holiday season in Georgetown; the Lighting of the Square kicks off the festivities with traditional carolers, hot chocolate, and cookies and a mass countdown to switching on thousands of lights on rooftops and the courthouse. The annual event is a favorite for locals and visitors alike.



**Christmas Stroll** The first weekend in December, the Square is transformed into a hotspot for the holidays with a festive marketplace, Bethlehem village, activities just for kids, and a parade with local flair. Downtown businesses are decorated to the nines and the streets are alive with merriment. It's a truly magical time in Georgetown!



**Candlelight Services** Making the most of holiday peace and joy, the candlelight services at Southwestern University are a seasonal tradition for many. Held at the Lois Perkins chapel, the event incorporates a timely message with traditional carols and the beautiful music of the University Chorale.



**Holiday Home Tour in Historic Georgetown** If you've ever wondered what it's like to live in one of the many amazing old homes in the downtown area, this is the event for you! Held the second weekend in December, the Home Tour features five local historic properties decorated in their holiday finest. It's a peek into both the past and present!





# GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

## THINGS TO DO

-  1. **Enjoy a park.** San Gabriel Park is graced with 200 year-old oak trees that offer shady spots for family picnics. The 180-acre park also provides space for concerts and festivals, as well as fields for soccer and baseball. The Skate Board Park and McMaster Athletic Complex, which consists of four softball fields, are also nearby. Rivery Park includes a playground, BBQ pits and a pond. There is also a shaded 18-hole Disc Golf Course that winds along San Gabriel River and features both flat areas as well as hills. The Bark Park is a public, off-leash dog park is located in a beautiful pecan grove at 151 Holly Street. The dog park is situated on approximately 6 acres featuring separate areas for small dogs and large dogs.
-  2. **Enjoy the hike and bike trail.** A hike and bike trail goes through San Gabriel Park, including a 1.6 mile loop in the park and nearly 9 miles of hike and bike trails along the North and South San Gabriel Rivers.
-  3. **Enjoy the Water at Blue Hole or Lake Georgetown.** Blue Hole is a scenic lagoon bordered by limestone bluffs along the South Fork of the San Gabriel River. The entrance to Blue Hole Park is at W. Second and Rock Streets. The park features picnic and wading areas.

Lake Georgetown is a 1200 acre lake that offers boating, skiing, fishing, four separate camping areas, a wildlife preserve and 16 miles of hiking trails. Cedar Breaks Park and Jim Hogg Park have boat ramps and camping facilities with RV hook-ups and restrooms with showers. Russell Park has both a camping and swimming area, a boat ramp and restrooms with showers.
-  4. **Go bowling at Mel's Lone Star Lanes.** Enjoy 40 bowling lanes, lots of arcade games, party rooms and a sports bar & grill.
-  5. **Go exploring at Inner Space Cavern.** Hidden for 10,000 years, Inner Space Cavern is one of the best preserved caves in Texas and one of the few places where remains of prehistoric animals were unearthed.
-  6. **See a play.** The Palace Theatre opened in 1926 to play silent movies. It closed in 1989 and re-opened in 1990 as a non-profit community theatre showing musicals and other plays. Also, the Theatre Department at Southwestern University produces four main stage productions, including musical theatre production. In addition, students produce their own performance projects throughout the academic year.
-  7. **See a movie at City Lights Theatres.** Friendly service, comfortable stadium seating, and in theatre dining are just a few of the things the owners take pride in providing movie patrons.
-  8. **Go shopping.** Wolf Ranch Town Center is an open-air community center with over 80 retail stores and restaurants. What makes Wolf Ranch unique is its interpretive nature trail, ponds, and scenic areas. Downtown Georgetown is also home to numerous shops and restaurants. Also, 125 shops are located at the Round Rock Premium Outlets, located near the Georgetown/ Round Rock border.



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9. **Tour the historic courthouse and visit The Williamson Museum.** The Museum offers free and exciting hands-on educational programs to the public through innovative exhibits, tours of the county courthouse and outreach.



10. **Get a little play time in at the Creative Playscape.** The Playscape is open and welcoming children of all ages and abilities to come out and get a little fresh air and play time in.



11. **Visit a Winery while on the Georgetown Square.** Taste award-winning wines made in Georgetown at Georgetown Winery. They offer daily wine tastings, wine by the glass, bottles to take home, cigars, and a large selection of wine gifts. Grape Creek Vineyard offers an exclusive wine club member lounge upstairs with views of the square. There is also a large outdoor patio with seating and mister system for hot summer days. For those interested willing to make the roughly 30-minute drive outside of town, The Vineyard at Florence is a gorgeous place to enjoy a glass of wine.



12. **Enjoy a game of golf.** There are three public golf courses in Sun City as well as private golf courses at Berry Creek Country Club, Cimarron Hills and Georgetown Country Club.



13. **Take in beautiful art pieces at the Georgetown Art Center.** Take a stroll through the gallery that showcases innovative exhibits and includes four juried competitions. Then head on over to the inspirational studio space that hosts programs and classes for people of all ages! While you're downtown, be sure to look for art sculptures. The sculptures change periodically so be sure to check back!



14. **Take part in First Fridays on the Square.** Every first Friday of the month, the city of Georgetown comes out to play! The shops on the square stay open later and there is enough live music to fill the air for the entire evening.



15. **Enjoy Market Days.** On the second Saturday from March through November, vendors setup on the downtown Square. From jewelry to soap, there is something for everyone. The event includes food trucks and live music.

# HUTTO, TEXAS

## THINGS TO DO



1. **Join the Famed Hippo Tour.** When visiting Hutto, you'll see a lot of hippopotamus figures and statues scattered across the city. There are almost 4,000 hippo figures and statues throughout Hutto. You can explore and enjoy these figures by taking the city's Hippo Tour packages. One of the most prominent hippos is Henrietta the Hippo, found along East Street in Downtown Hutto. Henrietta the Hippo is a massive structure that's a great photo opportunity for children. Of course, you can go on your little treasure hunt, explore the city, and see all the adorable and quirky hippo statues.



2. **Try Fishing at Hutto Lake Park.** Hutto Lake Park is an expansive body of water that offers several relaxing outdoor activities fit for family and friends. Spanning almost 40 acres, Hutto Lake Park is a hotbed for bass, making it an excellent spot for sport-fishing or a fresh lunch. There's a dedicated pier area for anglers, but it's also a great spot to take in the breeze and enjoy the sunsets. Aside from the lake, Hutto Lake Park has several amenities that make it viable for picnics.



3. **Explore the Historic Old Town Hutto.** One of the best places to witness the historical side of Hutto is its Historic Old Town Hutto, bounded by Park Street, Orgain Street, Church Street, and the Co-Op Site. The most exciting part about Historic Old Town Hutto is its sprawling ancestral homes that are now restored and used as commercial establishments. Architecture buffs will love the Late Victorian Italianate-style buildings here. They were prominent during the 1890s, with aesthetics featuring bricks, wood, and stained glass.



4. **Shop for Souvenirs and Assorted Candies at Hutto General Store.** If you're looking for a souvenir stop, Hutto General Store is probably the best in the city. It might even challenge other specialty stores in Austin. The beloved Hutto General Store has various fantastic items ranging from bags to candles and other household items and decor. However, one of their specialties here is their flavorful and exciting candies. Neatly sorted and arranged, their candy corner will excite anyone with a sweet tooth.



5. **Go for a Scenic Jog at Creekside Park.** Creekside Park is one of the bigger parks with lush vegetation and beautiful scenery in Hutto. Creekside Park has many flowers, shrubs, and wildlife located along Orchard Way. The paved walking trails at Creekside Park make it a great destination to go cycling and enjoy the scenery.



6. **Go Golfing at Golf Club at Star Ranch.** Despite its small population, Hutto is home to Golf Club at Star Ranch, an excellent golf course. Golf Club at Star Ranch is highly rated for its excellent service and lush greens that make for an enjoyable round of golf. The golf course is also one of the best in the Austin area, thanks to its dedication to maintaining its facilities. They have a driving range, a pro shop, and a restaurant if you want to practice your swing.

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-  **7. Enjoy Recreational Activities at Fritz Park.** Fritz Park is another family-friendly and busy park in Hutto. The park is top-rated compared to others because of its proximity to Downtown Hutto and its numerous facilities inside. With several baseball fields and basketball courts, Fritz Park is a great place to play. They also have pavilions and significant picnic areas if you want to take it easy. Overall, the atmosphere here is communal and lively.
-  **8. Catch a Game of Football at Hutto Memorial Stadium.** Hutto Memorial Stadium offers comfortable seating with great views of the football games. There are also many bathrooms and parking facilities so you won't have any trouble going there even during big events. Plenty of concessionaires are available at Hutto Memorial Stadium. It's also strategically located close to Hutto's restaurants and other commercial districts. If the Hutto Hippos are playing during your visit, check out Hutto Memorial Stadium for a fun afternoon.
-  **9. Bring Home a Pie from the Texan Cafe and Pie Shop.** If you want a delicious souvenir, Texan Cafe and Pie Shop is perhaps the most popular local business in Hutto. As a quaint little cafe with a historic facade, Texan Cafe and Pie Shop offers delectable pies that are perfect souvenirs. Their restaurant is also popular among the locals, serving various home-cooked meals. Still, their pie selection is the star of this cafe, with well over 30 variants to choose from! Texan Cafe and Pie Shop is a rockstar establishment among locals. Give their pies and food a try by visiting them along East Street.
-  **10. Take Your Pooch to Brushy Creek Dog Park.** Without much human intervention, the park remains naturally beautiful thanks to its greenery and clean creek. Likewise, your dog can take a nice dip amidst the Texan heat. Besides the creekside, Brushy Creek Dog Park has a clean open area where several dog obstacles should excite your pooch. Many locals go here, so it's an excellent opportunity to let your pets socialize with other dogs. Brushy Creek Dog Park is a haven for dogs, with lots of shade, great amenities, and a safe and clean creek.
-  **11. Enjoy Live Music.** Despite its tranquility, the city hosts an annual music festival called KOKEFEST. KOKEFEST is a lively event where several bands and performers play in Hutto. Enjoy a fantastic night with friends and family. During August, KOKEFEST enjoys sponsorships from several local and Texan businesses, giving you plenty of options regarding food and drinks. Overall, it's one of the most anticipated festivals in Hutto and even neighboring Austin. If music festivals, good food, and fun times are your thing, plan your trip around the summer for a chance to attend KOKE FEST.
-  **12. Grab a Nice Meal.** The Downtown Hall of Fame Restaurant is an attraction in Hutto, famed for its live music like a mini-concert. Of course, the Downtown Hall of Fame Restaurant isn't just a place to listen to music. They serve stellar food and drinks here, and the overall ambiance fits the place's aesthetic. If you want some added fun with your friends, they also have a pool table and a karaoke service.
-  **13. Go Swimming at Hutto Town Square Pool.** If you want to cool down, Hutto Town Square Pool is excellent! There's also a lovely little playground nearby if you have kids.

# ROUND ROCK, TEXAS

## THINGS TO DO



1. **Stay and Cool Off at Kalahari Resorts and Conventions.** While Kalahari Resorts & Conventions may have been voted as the “World’s Coolest Indoor Waterparks!”, they’re more than just America’s largest indoor waterparks - they’re also authentically-African themed resorts, state-of-the-art convention centers, world-class dining, luxurious spas, diverse shopping experiences, and state-of-the-art thrill rides at Tom Foolerys Adventure Park. Tom Foolerys is Kalahari’s 80,000-square-foot adventure park filled with arcade games, a climbing wall, a rope course, zip-lining, laser tag, and more! You are sure to find your idea of fun at this unique indoor theme park.



2. **Catch a game (or even a foul ball) at Dell Diamond!** Catch a Round Rock Express game, the AAA affiliate to the Texas Rangers, or any other amateur sporting event, concert, or craft show at Dell Diamond. The facility features numerous amenities for fan comfort & enjoyment and is designed for amazing close-up views of the action - in fact, you can feel like you’re in the game from seats directly behind home plate!



3. **Discover Downtown Round Rock.** Charming, welcoming, and family-friendly. The small, thriving atmosphere of Downtown Round Rock is one you don’t want to pass. Grab your family or friends and discover the laid-back historical district. Plus, reservations aren’t required and parking is never a problem for your downtown excursions!



4. **Enjoy some family fun at Old Settlers Park.** Round Rock’s Old Settlers Park is the city’s crown jewel. As a well-known sports destination in the youth and amateur sports leagues, the park’s 645 acres provide ample space for all of your recreational pursuits. Play some baseball, soccer, softball, football, and more, and then kick back at a family barbecue with a game of horseshoes at one of the two pavilions. Kids can also play on the playground or cast a line in the lake nearby.



5. **Indulge in traditions at Round Rock Donuts.** In Round Rock, breakfast starts early - usually, around 4 am - and goes big. That’s when locals and visitors start lining up to enjoy a true Texas tradition: Round Rock Donuts. Since 1926, people from all over the country have been stopping by to give our famous yellow (or are they orange?) donuts a try. Stop in for a visit and taste a piece of Texas history!



6. **Tee up for a golf game.** Our two pristine golf courses, Forest Creek Golf Course and Teravista Golf Club offer beautiful scenery and are sure to make for a great, relaxing day!



7. **Adventure through Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World.** Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World is a destination. As a museum, art gallery, antique store, and aquarium, the Shops offer education and entertainment for all audiences. Not to mention the huge selection of outdoor gear and apparel. The 120,000 square foot Round Rock Bass Pro Shop is located at the northeast corner of IH-35 and University Drive south of Westinghouse.

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-  **8. Shop 'til you drop at the Round Rock Premium Outlets and IKEA.** Have a little extra room in your suitcase or closet to fill with shopping treasures from your trip? You won't be disappointed when you visit Round Rock! Start your shopping day off by strolling through the Round Rock Premium outlets. This beautiful open-air mall boasts 125 designer and name-brand outlet stores so you are sure to leave with a purchase you love. You can also grab some lunch at the outlets before you head out to your next spot. If you are looking for some home furnishings, make sure to stop by IKEA. In this iconic furniture store, you'll be surrounded by Swedish-named home decor items and furniture that will brighten up your space!
-  **9. Hit a home run at Home Run Dugout.** Home Run Dugout gives everyone an opportunity to be a baseball star. Located near the center field at Dell Diamond, this innovative batting cage experience is safe and fun for all skill levels. Practice your swing as the soft-toss pitching machine pops up the ball and sets you up for the perfect hit. See the speed and angle of your swing digitally projected on the big screen and do your victory dance! With a full bar & grill, and a view of Dell Diamond, you and your crew will be hitting home runs all night.
-  **10. Check out THE Round Rock at Brushy Creek Crossing** - Take a journey back in time with us. In 1851, a small community was formed on the banks of Brushy Creek, near a large round rock located in the middle of the creek. This round rock marked a convenient low-water crossing for wagons, horses, and cattle. Located near Chisholm Trail Street, Brushy Creek holds a piece of Round Rock's rock-solid history.
-  **11. Check out Rock'n River Family Aquatic Center.** Rock'n River Family Aquatic Center is a 150,000-square-foot water park inside Old Settlers Park. What makes this waterpark among the best picks for cool attractions in Round Rock is its activities, like a winding lazy river, crazy water slides, and shallow pool playgrounds. Climb up the park's rock wall and jump from its 12-foot platform straight to the cool waters of the pool. It's definitely the place to be when you want to cool down and spend time with the whole family.
-  **12. Bats in Round Rock.** Bats in Round Rock is a tourist attraction in the city that features Mexican free-tailed bats. Seeing bats fly out to catch insects is fast becoming a city attraction and is definitely among the unique things to see in Round Rock. It's not every day you get to see a whole swarm of bats flying around, after all. Park somewhere near the McNeil Overpass Bridge and go here a little before dusk. It's prime time to see the bats emerge from under the bridge.

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13. **Check out Memorial Park.** Memorial Park is a 14.11-acre central community park known for its expansive grounds and creek. If you're looking to relax, breathing in the fresh air as you stroll along this park is among the simple, cheap activities to do near you. There are benches under oak trees for you to rest on and ducks on the creek to feed. Add a little history activity to your trip by looking for the different historic features in the park, including a commemorative WWII torpedo.



14. **Chisholm Trail Crossing Park.** The Chisholm Trail Crossing Park is a 1.51-acre city park with a 1-mile walking trail. This beautiful park near downtown is the place to be if you're looking for a quick getaway from the busy town proper. It has some of the most beautiful sights to see this weekend, including a boardwalk that passes through a canopy of trees and a small waterfall. Follow the short walking trail around the park to discover all the statues and informative plaques along the path.



15. **Kawaii's.** Kawaii's is a shaved ice shop that is locally popular for its soft, fluffy servings. A great way to cool down is to eat flavored shaved ice, and Round Rock's locals love recommending this shop for their many, many flavors. You can even eat it any time of the day, and getting shaved ice here is even among the favorite things to do in Round Rock at night. Get some of the local favorites like Maui-Wowie and Jamaican Me Crazy to really understand why this shaved ice shop is super popular.



16. **Centennial Plaza.** Centennial Plaza is a downtown plaza near Baca Center and McConnico Building. If you're just looking for somewhere to lounge at and rest for a while during your sightseeing trip, this plaza is the place to go. You can sit on the lawn, walk around the grounds, or wait for the bats to emerge from the observation deck. If you're lucky, you might even see a special light show or concert while you're here. Go on a slow-paced stroll around the plaza. It's one of the romantic things to do in Round Rock for couples because of its clean and beautiful views.



17. **Downtown Round Rock.** Downtown Round Rock is a walkable district of the city known for its shops and dining options. The best way to check out all the downtown spots to visit is to walk around the district. This is the place to be if you're after trendy restaurants and shopping choices. You might even hear free live music during your stroll. Go out downtown in the evening with your friends. There are many pubs, lounges, and bars to enjoy the night away.



18. **Play For All Park.** Play For All Park is a 51,000-square-foot accessible playground for kids with different needs. This one-of-a-kind playground has tons of activities that can develop different skills in your kids. Some attractions include a speedway for scooters and bikes, a train pod, a treehouse, a zip line, and more. Make a stop in this park and let your kids run wild. Playing in this expansive playground is one of the top things to do in Round Rock with kids.

# ELGIN, TEXAS

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



-  **Meyer's Elgin Smokehouse** - Known as 'Cuetopia, Texas, Meyer's has been rolling out world-class BBQ since 1949. A four-generation family-owned business, the Meyer family has been perfecting their family's secret sausage recipe, as well as mouthwatering brisket, ribs, and chicken for hungry Texans for almost seven decades. Stopping here first or last, this Elgin hot spot is too good to pass!
-  **The Elgin Depot Museum** - Upon arriving at the historic Union Depot, discover an extensive archive collection, providing a detailed look at the communication equipment since the town's founding. The museum features permanent and rotating exhibits as well as an extensive collection of historic photographs from the area. The museum gift shop sells books and souvenirs, like local postcards, depot logo patches and hats, as well as Elgin made afghans. (All proceeds go to the upkeep of the museum.)
-  **Elgin Antique Mall** - The Elgin Antique Mall provides over 8,000 square feet of year-round treasure shopping- collectibles, glassware, oak furniture, toys, advertising, and knives - plus more! Open daily from 10AM to 5PM. (Closed on major holidays.)
-  **Liberty Tree Tavern** - If you're looking for a refreshing beverage and some live music in a building that was once a funeral home, then the Liberty Tree Tavern is for you. Rumor has it there's a ghost or two keeping the taps cold! Give them a call at (512) 285-5555 to find out which talented singer-songwriter is performing. No kitchen, but full bar and free peanuts.
-  **Down Home Ranch** - Down Home Ranch is a 410-acre working farm, empowering people's lives through residential, educational, social, and vocational programs such as residency, ranch camp, or respite opportunities.
-  **Hogeye Festival** - If you're fortunate enough to visit Elgin toward the end of October, you're in for a "Sooooie" treat! The streets are closed down for an annual cook-off, arts and crafts, a Road Hog Car Show, live music, a carnival, talent show, a kids parade, and SO much more!
-  **Thomas Memorial Park** - Are you in the mood to get outside and burn off some of those easy-earned BBQ calories? The Thomas Memorial Park would treat you right. It's a 12-acre park, featuring several ball fields, picnic tables, a nine-hole disc golf course, volleyball court, a playground, and trail systems.
-  **White Fences Equestrian Center** - Located just outside the Elgin city limits, and just 15 minutes from Austin, you'll find the White Fences Equestrian Center. They offer lessons, boarding, training, and shows, as well as guided trail rides. The trail rides take you through miles of rolling hill country and forest trails. Suitable for all experience levels.
-  **Sip, Shop & Stroll** - Every second Thursday of the month from 5pm to 8pm, local retailers invite folks to sip, shop and stroll their way through downtown Elgin. You'll find live music, beer and wine tastings, store specials and more with extended store hours and specials throughout town. Hope to see you there!

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## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



-  **The Old Coupland Inn and Dancehall** - Eat. Drink. Dance. If you're staying in Elgin, you don't want to miss The Old Coupland Inn & Dancehall located just 10 minutes from downtown Elgin. Built in 1904, the building began as the Coupland Drug Company in 1911. It's changed hands from doctors, to newspapers, and now, to a tavern. The building now has a restaurant, dancehall with live music, and rooms to book in their unique 1800s wild west brothel-style Bed and Breakfast. Order up some delicious chicken fried steak and experience the dancehall with live music Fridays and Saturdays (and, sometimes Sundays!)
-  **Elgin Recreation Center** - This facility is an outstanding accomplishment for the community of Elgin. Our Recreation Center is not only a great place to come and play basketball or take a fitness class, but it is also an Emergency Shelter and Rental Facility.
-  **Sip Shop & Stroll** - The second Thursday of each month. Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in Historic Downtown Elgin. You will find diverse merchandise, eclectic decor, artwork by local artists and live music in many of the venues.
-  **Sidewalk Sale Saturday** - Elgin charming downtown is lined with many locally owned stores offering everything from one of a kind antiques, home decor, jewelry, apparel, health and wellness supplement and more. Support local businesses by shopping during this annual community sidewalk sale.
-  **Art Studio Tour** - The Elgin Art Studio Tour invites you to meet local artists in their studios and learn more about their art, techniques, and inspiration. Studios and downtown businesses featuring local artists are open for two days in downtown Elgin and the surrounding area. Find unique and diverse gifts for both yourself, family and friends. The studio tour is free and fun for the whole family! Sunday includes an ice cream stroll to sweeten up the tour!
-  **Hogeye Festival** - The festival is held the fourth Saturday of October in Historic Downtown Elgin and features food, kids activities, handmade arts and crafts, live music on 3 stages and plenty of pig puns to go around. Events include Lindsey Kay Wing Children's Pet Parade, Road Hog Car Show, Gordon Swenson Memorial BBQ Pork-Off, Carnival, Cow Patty Bingo, and last but not least, the Hogalicious Dessert Contest!
-  **Western Days** - Held the fourth week in June in Elgin Memorial Park, the festival week begins with the Tiny Tot and Miss Western Days Pageants on Tuesday, Carnival on Thursday and Tennis Court Dance on Friday night. Saturday includes a Grand Parade down Main Street and the Festival in the Park.
-  **Juneteenth Festival** - President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation into law on January 1, 1863. Texans did not receive word of this proclamation until June 19, 1865. Elgin celebrates the occasion the 2nd weekend in June with a parade, dance and festival. The events take place in Historic Downtown Elgin in Veterans' Memorial Park.
-  **Music in the Park** - Join us for our annual, free, live-music series, Music in the Park! Every Friday in April, The Friends of Elgin Parks will host a different band in Historic Downtown Elgin's Veterans Memorial Park. Be sure to bring your friends and family, beverages, snacks, blanket or lawn chair to enjoy this event to its fullest.
-  **Movies in the Park** - The Parks and Recreation Department presents this series of movies on select Thursdays from May to June in Elgin Memorial Park. Movies in the Park features family friendly movies and crafts for an evening in the park where guests are encouraged to bring their blanket or lawn chair to fully enjoy the evening. Concessions will be available.

# SMITHVILLE, TEXAS

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Smithville offers a wide variety of local attractions and amenities with convenient access to the Colorado River and Buescher State Park. Our downtown historic district contains many eclectic shops and eateries for residents and visitors alike. Smithville was the first Film Friendly Community designated by the Texas Film Commission. Nearly 70 film productions have been made in our community since 2008. Movie locations from Hope Floats, The Tree of Life, and Bernie can be seen on self-guided tours. Smithville boasts an airport, a recreation center, multiple city parks, and some of the friendliest people on the planet.

-  **Richard D. Latham Cultural District** - Sitting on the banks of the beautiful Colorado River, Smithville received this prestigious designation because, within the one mile radius that encompasses its city limits, Smithville boasts a great number of important works of art and culture as well as many significant historical sites. The town has 10 stages and venues for theatrical productions and live music. Art is an initiative of "the possibility of public art, both indoor and outdoor, such as murals, sculptures and other art mediums, grace the town. There are three art galleries in town, plus a bronze foundry, and an artist's haven at the Mary Nichols Art Center. There are two museums in town, one with the history of the town and one to celebrate the town's rail history.
-  **Mary Nichols Arts Center** - This wonderful historic building at 301 Burleson has come back to life and is open once again for art classes and workshops. The Art Gallery is open to the public Friday/Sunday 1-4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special exhibits and receptions are held. The Art Center features local artists and encourages creativity in children. The center is home to the Lost Pines Artisans Alliance and hosts a variety of shows throughout the year.
-  **Theater - Playhouse Smithville** - This community black-box theater performs 10 plays/musicals a year of all genres with community actors and singers. Known for its audience participation and original scripts by John Daniels Jr. though well-known productions are also performed, the theater regularly brings in audiences around the state.
-  **Smithville Heritage House & Museum** - Containing artifacts and photos from Smithville's early days, the Smithville Heritage Museum is itself a piece of history. Built in 1908, the Victorian structure was donated to the Smithville Heritage Society. The second story contains exhibits that are furnished with memorabilia that reflect early life in the community.
-  **Museum - Railroad Museum & Depot** - Smithville was once a major passenger hub on the Missouri-Kansas-Texas (M-K-T) railroad until the mid 1950s and was the location of a major turnaround for the rail lines where trains could be rotated to a different rail line and train cars were repaired. Filled with items from the grand railroad past of Smithville, the museum also has replicas of the first railroad depot in Smithville. There are items from the MKT days and Union Pacific.
-  **Veterans Memorial Park Splash Pad** - Enjoy the Memorial to veterans as a "place to pay tribute; a place to pray for peace." The beautiful fenced park includes historical plaques of Bastrop County veterans from all wars, a splash pad, bathrooms, a detailed statue of an angel and a cherub, created by sculptor Bill McGlaun which watches over the fallen.
-  **Railroad Park** - Located along NW 1st Street, the James H. Long Railroad Park includes the gazebo at the end of Main, and further west it enjoys playscapes, swings, tree-shaded picnic tables, and a couple of train cars from the past. Public restrooms are available on the west side of the park.

# SMITHVILLE, TEXAS

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



**Vernon Richards Riverbend Park** - The park has a walking trail, fishing pier, barbecue pits and picnic tables near the river. In the fenced in “Chuckwagon Square”, there is a covered stage and dance floor, and acres of old oaks for shade with picnic tables underneath; an ideal place for parties, reunions and special events.



**Doggy Bark Park** - While the city of Smithville has a leash law even in their public parks, our new Doggie Bark Park officially opened on May 1st with a ceremony and some waggin' tail fun. This is a place where man's best friend can roam at will and socialize with other dogs their size from sunup to sundown.



**On the River** - Visible from the north end of Main Street, the Colorado River cuts across Smithville proper and can be used for river fun. Boating, rafting and canoeing are popular pastimes, and swimming and fishing are allowed.



**Skating & Boarding** - The **Power Plaza Skate Park** is a concrete dream come true for those who skate board, skate or bike, and the Friends of the Skate Park, who spent several years to raise funds to build the outdoor park. With those funds and a community development grant from LCRA, the park was built at First Street behind the Smithville Recreation Center.



**Bicycling** - A popular destination for bikers is the park roads of Buescher and Bastrop State Parks. Connected by the winding, hilly 12-mile Park Road 1C, both parks offer loops, lots of pine trees for shade and a peaceful ride. Cost is the entrance fee of \$4 per person. The Buescher State Park entrance is one mile north of Hwy 71 on FM 153. Those who prefer more of a challenge look to Rocky Hill Ranch, three miles north of Smithville on FM 153. There are more than 30 miles of world class mountain biking trails on more than 1,000 acres. They also have internationally acclaimed races in biking, motorcycling, extreme and more.



**Smithville Indoor Recreation Center** - The pride of Smithville, the Smithville Recreation Center, Hwy 95 and First St., was built with funds from grants, donations and the city, and is managed through the Smithville Parks and Recreation Department (PARC). The building has a large gym with basketball courts for Little Dribblers basketball games and Little Bumpers volleyball, a weight room, and a racquetball court round out the activities. Activities change throughout the year.



**Stroll the Streets of Downtown Smithville** - No list of what to do in Smithville could leave off spending time in its charming downtown! Featuring all the Texas small town essentials-antique shops, coffee shops, cafes, boutiques, restaurants, and historic buildings-Smithville's downtown is downright idyllic.



**Smitty the Gingerbread Man** - Smithville is also home to Smitty, who was once the largest Gingerbread Man in the World at over 20 ft. tall and requiring over 72 dozen eggs! While the actual cookie is no longer around, Smitty stands proud and tall in his honor at the end of Main Street. He's often dressed for the seasonal holiday and weather.



**Golfing** - Smithville is in the middle of six golf courses within 25 miles - four 18 hole courses and 3 nine hole courses. The famous **ColoVista Golf Course** winds through the surrounding residential community amid majestic vistas, providing golfers with challenging terrain, subtle turns and treacherous optical illusions. The first nine holes are situated in the valley and gradually ascend to higher ground. The signature par-3, No. 15, features a 100-foot elevation change from tee to green, requiring golfers to be mindful of club selection. The view of the Colorado River from the raised tee box is jaw-dropping and starts a string of stunning finishing holes rivaling all others in Texas.

**Pine Forest Golf Club** is an 18-hole course lying along the Colorado River in Tahitian Village. Several tees are overlooked by the cliffs of the Colorado. Approximately 12 miles west of Smithville, take Tahitian down to Riverside Drive. For more information, call (512) 303-6777 or visit [www.pineforestgolfclub.com](http://www.pineforestgolfclub.com).

**Wolfdancer Golf Club**, an 18 hole course about 25 miles west of Smithville, is owned and operated by the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort. There is also a 13-acre driving range. For more information, call (512) 308-4770.

The nine hole golf courses are at **Frish Auf Country Club** in LaGrange to the east, **Giddings Country Club** in Giddings to the north and the **Flatonia Golf Course in Flatonia** to the south.

# MANOR, TEXAS

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Manor Texas is a pastoral city that was mostly farmland but it has become increasingly popular over the years. Located on Highway 290 about 12 miles northeast of Austin in northeastern Travis County, Manor is up and coming with young families and professionals. With so much to offer, Manor still retains plenty of open space and a friendly atmosphere.



### J. Lorraine Ghost Town

Just a short drive from Austin, J. Lorraine Ghost Town is a re-created version of a destroyed 1800's western town that once stood just a few miles away from this site in Manor. Rebuilt with scrap wood from the original town, it now serves as an occasional movie set, a wedding rental venue, a bar and restaurant, and a place to simply explore.



Relax and enjoy a cold drink and watch your young 'ins as they play on 4.5 acres of wide open space. Explore and discover the many unusual buildings including locking each other up in the jail, playing out-of-tune songs and watching a movie on the two story outdoor movie screen etc. They also have a very casual and affordable restaurant with "the best hamburgers in town", and a variety of sandwiches, chips, and ice cream. They also serve beer and wine.



### Crowe's Nest Farm

A Special Place for Children. Crowe's Nest Farm is a working farm and rescue wildlife sanctuary and is open to the public. They host over 40,000 Central Texas school children a year. Located in Manor, Texas, just 8 miles east of Austin, you can see over 250 domestic farm animals and native non-releasable Texas wildlife. The Farm includes educational exhibits geared for youth and their families. There will be the usual farm fun, including the hayride, cow milking demo, Faeriewood, gardens and tons of critters!



**Manor ISD Sporting Events** are scattered around town at the different schools.



### ShadowGlen Golf Club

Located just 15 minutes northeast of downtown Austin, ShadowGlen Golf Course is considered by locals to be one of the area's hidden gems. At 7,174 yards from the back tees, it is a long, tough course that will test even the most seasoned players. Some consider it to be the most difficult public golf course in Texas. The layout has a links design that is mostly flat but there are a few hilly spots that can cause some trouble, especially the holes that were designed with steep drops. The narrow fairways require accuracy and the well manicured greens play fast and are often bordered by strategically placed bunkers or contoured mounding. There are also water hazards coming into play throughout, including the wandering creek that cuts across the golf course.



**East Metropolitan Park** - 18701 Blake Manor Rd., Manor, TX 78653.

Activities and Amenities:

- 18-hole disc golf course
- Climbing boulder
- Covered basketball court
- Extra large shelter\*
- 2 Fishing ponds
- 2 Multi-use fields\*
- Paved multi-use trail
- Pavilion and Picnic areas
- 4 Playgrounds
- 2 Practice fields
- 2 Sand volleyball courts
- 4 Soccer fields\*
- 3 Senior baseball fields\*
- Swimming pool and wading pool area
- 4 Youth baseball fields\*

# DOWNTOWN BASTROP



**Even today the lovely Texas town of Bastrop retains its historic charm: charming brick storefronts line the streets, artisans and artists display their handcrafted wares, and local chefs crisp chicken-fried-steak and catfish to perfection.**

**Visit Downtown Bastrop for a taste of down home Texas—past and present.**

The city is named for Philip Hendrik Nering Bögel, aka the infamous Baron de Bastrop, who helped Stephen F. Austin establish the first American colonies in Texas. In fact, Austin wrote the Baron was like a father to him. Stories of the Runaway Scrape and the Battle of the Alamo include Bastrop. Sam Houston knew Bastrop well. With history dating to 1832, Bastrop offers beautiful vintage homes along tree-canopied streets in Bastrop's historic district where there are more than 130 sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Together these homes reflect a wide variety of architectural styles and represent life in Bastrop during the 1800s to the mid-1900s.

Begin your tour at the Museum & Visitor Center of the Bastrop County Historical Society at 904 Main Street.

Perfectly positioned along the banks of the Colorado River, cozy downtown Bastrop offers something for everyone. You can window-shop in any number of Bastrop's boutiques and shops before pausing for some much-needed comfort food. Marvel at stunning art in one of the city's many art galleries before admiring the city's 19th century architecture. Whatever your fancy, you'll be met with Bastrop's famous Texas hospitality wherever you go.

Make your first stop in downtown Bastrop the Bastrop County Museum and Visitor Center. Located in an old fire and police station from the 1930s, the museum offers opportunities to learn about one of the most historic towns in Texas. Here you can observe all kinds of artifacts and exhibits that tell the story of Bastrop's beginnings, participate in a scavenger hunt designed for youngsters of all ages, and get detailed information about all that Bastrop has to offer.

Besides having one of the most historic and quaint downtowns in the state, Bastrop also boasts a culinary scene sure to please even the most devout foodies. In and around Bastrop you can golf, hike, fish, kayak, zip line or ride a horse! You'll find miles of walking and birding trails both at the lake and adjacent to the river. For the younger ones along for the trip, we have a corn maze, a zoo and a dinosaur park. You'll find lots of lodging choices too!

# BASTROP, TEXAS

## THINGS TO DO



### 1. Experience Downtown Bastrop, TX

Even today, our small Texas town retains its historic charm: brick storefronts line the streets, local artistry can be found around every corner and downtown diners prepare the coziest of comfort foods. Visit downtown Bastrop and experience engaging history, charming shops, eateries and more. From the things you'll find to the many people you will meet and the many stories you will learn, we promise an authentic experience like no other. One that will leave you feeling welcome - welcomed to it all.

### 2. Explore the Visitor's Center Museum or Lost Pines Art Center

Make your first stop in town the Bastrop County Museum and Visitors Center. Located in an old fire and police station from the 1930s this museum offers opportunities to learn about one of the most historic towns in Texas. Here you can observe all kinds of exhibits and displays that tell the story of Bastrop's beginnings. Lost Pines Art Center may well be one of Bastrop's best-kept secrets. Enter this two-story, 12,000 square foot beautiful glass and metal building (FREE of charge, open 7 days a week) and peruse beautifully handcrafted artwork. The art center features member galleries, working studios, a gift gallery, wine and coffee shop and more.

### 3. Tour at Deep in the Heart Art Foundry

Schedule a tour at one of the leading fine art foundries in the country. Deep in the Heart Art Foundry offers clients a full spectrum of art services from concept to installation and perpetual maintenance. Visitors to the foundry can take a tour and gain a unique insight into the inner workings of bronze casting. (Tours are by appointment only, get in touch) Be on the lookout for their night-pour events, a one-of-a-kind experience.

### 4. Vacay at Hyatt Regency Lost Pines

Survive the leisurely lifestyle with a staycation at this resort. You could stay here for weeks and never run out of things to do. Nothing brings families together like getting away from it all. This resort specializes in providing families with the opportunity to create endless memories and experiences. Of course, with the luxurious Spa Django, challenging Wolfdancer Golf Club and seven different eateries, you'll be far from roughing it.

### 5. Catch a Local Show at the Opera House

The Bastrop Opera House proudly presents live theater rivaling many large town operations. Their vast schedule of performances includes dinner theater, musicals, plays, tributes and are the perfect experience for families. Check out their calendar of events to peruse award-winning shows.

### 6. Go Zip Lining at Zip Lost Pines

Feel the wind in your hair as you soar through the treetops at Zip Lost Pines. Zip Lost Pines is a zip line tour that is open to the public year-round! Featuring Texas's only 6 side-by-side ziplines and 3 suspension bridges, soar above the lost pines, across steep canyons and over the mighty "Texas" Colorado River.

# BASTROP, TEXAS THINGS TO DO



## 7. Take a Hike at Bastrop State Park

Bastrop State Park boasts seven miles of trails. Explore the growing forest on foot, look for new generations of loblolly pines and witness the resilience of our beautiful nature. Take a virtual tour with their interactive map. You can also stay overnight and enjoy a mini vacay at one of their campsites or cabins. We may not have snow and sleds, but we do have cardboard and pine needles. Try your hand at pine needle sledding, - it does not disappoint!

## 8. Community Gardens

This cool community co-op has partnered with local businesses to provide quality local products and services to the people of Bastrop. Come out and experience this indoor/outdoor market place. They've got a pretty cool aquaponics system, plant nursery, lots of events that are fun for the whole family.

## 9. Explore Bastrop Sugar Shack

Take a trip down memory lane with a visit to the Sugar Shack. These vintage candy shops allow patrons a chance to shop for the candies they enjoyed as a child. Satisfy any sweet tooth with old-fashioned candies, pops, desserts, fudge, floats, Blue Bell Ice Cream, and so much more. Enjoy tons of colorful gifts and candies at this one-of-a-kind store.

## 10. Catch a Family Friendly Movie

See a show at the local movie theater in town. Film Alley is an 8-screen movie theater that features first runs, 16 lanes of bowling, indoor mini golf, and arcade, great food, and a full-service bar.

## 11. Dinosaur Park

While most museums have dinosaur skeletons, our realistic life-size dinosaur exhibits show skin and color variations to give a better understanding as to how they looked when they were alive. These static statues range in size from the 2-foot long Compsognathus to the 123-foot Diplodocus, the longest dinosaur that ever lived. As you walk through a tree-lined nature trail the dinosaurs sit back from the trail, situated among plants, trees and rocks, making it easy to imagine real dinosaurs in a natural environment. The Dinosaur Park is an educational and fun place, where everyone can learn about the majestic animals that ruled our earth for over 150 million years.

## 12. Evolution Park

Evolution Park has become a must-see destination for people all over Bastrop area. Whether you're planning a day trip with your family, a party or coming with friends, we give visitors of all ages the chance to enjoy themselves in a fun-filled environment.

## 13. Hero Water Park

Hero Water Sports is Texas' very first inflatable water park, a place fit for people of all ages where anyone can be a hero. In our water park, taking your family, your coworkers, and your friends out for a water-fueled, unforgettable adventure is a heroic act, and all you have to do is drive out to Lake Bastrop to make it a reality. You'll have fun in clear, clean lake water free of chlorine, in a park with a low carbon footprint and minimal environmental impact on the lake, making your day of adventure an eco-friendly one.

# BASTROP, TEXAS

# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



-  **Find the "Lost Pines"** Bastrop is home to the famous loblolly pine trees, or "Lost Pines." These trees are unique to the Texas Lost Pines Forest and are thought to have originated during the Ice Age! Explore this piece of natural history at Bastrop State Park. The park covers nearly 6,000 total acres, so you can make a whole camping trip come to life. Go canoeing, swimming, golfing, wildlife viewing, or hiking, and camp at one of the park's various campsites or historic cabins.
-  **Hike and Learn** Explore the rolling box canyons, wildflower meadows, lazy river bends and diverse wildlife at McKinney Roughs. Check it out by foot, horseback or take a guided raft or kayak trip. The park also hosts interpretive hikes guided by naturalists, native animal presentations and other community programs.
-  **R&R on the River** Let your worries drift away as you glide with the flow of the slow-moving El Camino Real Paddling Trail! Go fishing for Guadalupe bass and flathead catfish, or simply enjoy the wildlife along the river. Keep your eyes open to spot Great Blue Herons, Red-shouldered Hawks, or kingfishers perched between the pecan and elm trees. As the river moves downstream, the banks steepen and become very scenic with high sandstone bluffs and cliffs.
-  **Golf** Bastrop's stunning natural environment creates a perfect backdrop for a round of golf. With a range of unique golf courses like Hyatt's award-winning Wolf dancer golf course (designed by Arthur Hills), ColoVista Golf Club and Pine Forest Golf Club, you're in for a one-of-a-kind golfing experience in Bastrop.
-  **Spirited Adventure** For a more daring adventure, let Rising Phoenix Adventure Tours and Events or Bastrop River Company set you up with a complete and memorable water-sports or biking experience. Or embrace your inner child at Hero Water Sports, an inflatable water park on Lake Bastrop. If you prefer to explore the outdoors from above, try zip lining at Zip Lost Pines or rock climbing at McKinney Roughs. Bastrop is also home to unique events like outdoor survival skills classes and challenge courses, so keep an eye on our events calendar.
-  **Quick Break** When in Bastrop, you don't have to go far to catch a break in a beautiful outdoor setting. As you're exploring the adorable shops and galleries of downtown Bastrop, make a quick jaunt over to Fisherman's Park to stroll along the river, rent a canoe or kayak, or take the family to the kiddie splash pad and playground. When you're done, you can quickly pop back to town without missing a beat.
-  **Hero Water Park** Hero Water Sports is Texas' very first inflatable water park, a place fit for people of all ages. Taking your family, your coworkers, and your friends out for a water-fueled, unforgettable adventure is a heroic act, and all you have to do is drive out to Lake Bastrop to make it a reality. You'll have fun in clear, clean lake water free of chlorine, in a park with a low carbon footprint and minimal environmental impact on the lake, making your day of adventure an eco-friendly one.

# BASTROP, TEXAS

# LIVE MUSIC SCENE



The musical history of Texas is as wide and deep as the majestic Colorado River itself. And just like the town of Bastrop, the banjo-pickin' bluegrass, and heart-wrenching country and folk will leave you feeling restored and transported. No matter what time of year you visit you will easily find live music in Bastrop. Songwriters serenaded by firelight at cozy restaurants and bars along the Colorado River and big bands and country singers make for festive foot-stomping events around town.

Even in a quaint Texas town, you can find inspiring live music and theater performances. By staging musicals and plays featuring talented singers and actors from the community, the renowned (and restored!) Bastrop Opera House offers family entertainment at modest prices. Built in 1889, this theater, now on the National Register of Historic Places, is a mainstay of art and culture in Bastrop. Performances take place year-round, so no matter when you visit, taking in a show at the Bastrop Opera House is a wonderful way to meet the artists that make Bastrop a creative community. Tuck into a delicious dinner at Maxine's or Paw Paw's before walking over in time for the opening act.

Another great venue is Gracie's, with "casual family dining" and an expansive porch for completely unpretentious al fresco dining. Enjoy the cozy atmosphere of this down-home restaurant with country fare and downtown Bastrop flair. Fill your senses with great music every Friday and Saturday night and lunchtime performances on the weekends.

Want live music within earshot of the rushing waters of the Colorado? Find a spot on the riverfront deck at Neighbor's Kitchen & Yard. There you can take in some live music while feasting on quality, scratch-made food, and craft cocktails. The historic building and the eclectic style make you feel right at home. Live music on the patio makes this a fun and festive place to spend an evening under the Texas stars.

For avid golfers and music lovers, you can work on your golf swing and listen to great music with a special stop at Back 9 Bar, Bastrop's lively driving range meets venue. Food trucks and drink specials keep the atmosphere light and fun where you can catch great local acts playing a variety of music styles.

And no matter when you find yourself in town, something's always cooking at the monthly music series at The Farm Street Opry. Get ready for the "Best Burgers in Bastrop County", great Texas music, and all the dancing you can handle at this monthly music series.

# GIDDINGS, TEXAS

## ANNUAL EVENTS



Even though it's crossed by two major interstates, you'll be pleasantly surprised to discover the charming, rural qualities of Giddings. Hometown Hospitality is a goal with the locals, as they are always delighted to welcome visitors to their quaint stores and attractions. There's history to be found in the museums, lots of information at the Visitor's Center and over 30 restaurants to choose from for a snack in between. Giddings can also be considered a Gateway to Rural Texas as it is located about 30 minutes from over 20 other small towns, making it a perfect central location.



### **St. Patrick's Day Casino Night - MARCH around St. Patrick's Day**

Main, 289 Main St, Giddings

Join us for an Irish good time looking for a pot of gold at the St. Patricks Day Casino Night. Catered meal, lots of games and fun, fun, fun! Games include; Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Texas Hold'em, Let it Ride, Three Card Poker and Authentic Las Vegas Slot Machines.



### **Rodeo Giddings - Third Weekend in APRIL, Friday-Saturday**

Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena - 2495 West Hwy 290, Giddings, TX

Join us in Giddings at the LCSP Rodeo Arena for Rodeo Events including bare back, steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping, ladies barrel racing, bull riding, saddle bronc, ladies breakaway and mutton bustin'. \$20 entry fee. Limited entries. Calf Scramble - every night. 9 years and younger.



### **Lee County Fair & Charcoal Challenge BBQ - Third weekend in MAY, Thursday-Saturday**

Lee County Fairgrounds on Hwy 290 - Giddings Firemen's Park, 2495 Highway 290 West Giddings, TX 78942

There's so much to do at the Lee County Fair! Activities include live music, shopping, local art & food contests, carnival and antique carousel open for the kids. Friday is Senior Citizens Day and Saturday includes an Armed Forces Day Ceremony and Parade. At the Charcoal Challenge BBQ Cookoff, teams from all over Central Texas compete with a variety of foods, drinks and BBQ.



### **Grimes Street Music Fest - JULY**

198 North Montgomery Avenue, Giddings, TX 78942

Enjoy live music and a street dance under the stars at Veterans Park in Giddings. Music is featuring Texas Unlimited Band. So bring your blankets, lawn chairs and snacks and settle back for some great tunes. The event is open to the public. While at Veterans Park, also see the Honor Vet Memorial dedicated to the Veterans of Lee County and honoring all the branches of the military. There are also three cool tanks on display at the Honor Park.



### **Fury on the Third Bullriding and Firemens Fourth of July Celebration - JULY**

2495 West Hwy 290, Giddings, TX 78942

The Lee County Sheriff's Posse and Giddings Volunteer Fire Department team up for a big 4th of July Celebration weekend. It starts with the Third Championship Bull Riding hosted by the Lee County Sheriffs Posse at their arena. Festivities continue with a lazy day in the park, and BBQ cooked up by the GVFD at their Firemans Feast, then enjoy a spectacular fireworks show in the park that evening at dark.

# GIDDINGS, TEXAS

## ANNUAL EVENTS



### **Sip & Shop: Christmas in July - JULY**

1031 Co Rd 223, Giddings, TX 78942

Get a jump on that Christmas shopping at the Sip & Shop Christmas in July Arts & Crafts show in Giddings. Crafters of all kinds will be setting up at The Silos in Giddings to display their wares. It's never too early for the holiday spirits, so have a cold beverage and enjoy browsing the beautifully crafted items to the soft sounds of seasonal tunes.



### **Texas Wendish Festival - SEPTEMBER**

Museum Complex and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Serbin (Giddings), TX

Wendish Fest kicks off with a church service at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 8:30 am. There is a Bible class and then a German service at 10:30. People usually begin to arrive at the picnic grounds around 10:00am when the exhibits and demonstrators open their booths. The museum is open from 10:00 to 3:00. A meal (Wendish noodles, sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, pickles, fresh bread, peaches, and beets) is served starting at noon. At 12:45, there will be a live auction of the winning cakes from the coffee cake competition, benefiting the scholarship program.



### **Black Bridge Fest & Mini Marathon - First Saturday in OCTOBER**

Dime Box, TX - (10K, 5K & 2 mile run, 2 mile walk) featuring a BBQ cook off, parade, craft booths, classic cars, quilt display, live music and street dance, rodeo, parade, game & food booths. Dance at the SPJST hall.



### **Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival - NOVEMBER**

The Giddings Public Library, 276 N. Orange Street, Giddings TX

The authors we invite to participate in our Festival have written books on children's stories, the art of quilting, archaeology, poetry, Texas cookbooks, bird watching, fiction, history, historical fiction, mystery, romance, music, Texas Gardening, and anything related to Texas. We have a day-long festival at the Library & Cultural Center where authors sell their books and take questions. Some authors read or talk to groups of students that come in to the library.



### **Sip & Shop Christmas Market - NOVEMBER - Every year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving**

1031 CR 223, Giddings, TX 78942

The annual Sip & Shop Christmas Market Arts and Crafts Fair will be at The Silos on 7. Arts and Crafts of every kind just in time for Christmas include handmade jewelry, candles, soap & bath products, clothing, handicrafts and woodworking. There will be a Santa's Workshop for the kids and carriage rides to enjoy, as well as a visit from Santa. The Bar is open with Mimosas, wine and beer available.



### **Christmas at Tejas - DECEMBER**

Camp Tejas, 1038 Private Road 2191, Giddings, TX 78942

Come for just the evening, stay overnight or book the whole venue for a custom experience. Enjoy a variety of family activities including Bounce Houses, Zip Lines, Fireworks, and much more. Join us for this wonderful Christmas tradition you don't want to miss. The Christmas season is a chance to spend family time together as you celebrate Jesus' birth. At Christmas at Tejas you can eat, zip line, swing, craft and many more activities.