

Ever Wonder What Keeps Austin Weird?

Fun Facts about the Town We Love



Austin celebrates Eeyore's birthday.

Austin has celebrated the birthday of the fictional character from Winnie the Pooh since 1963. Eeyore's Birthday Party usually happens on the last Saturday of April. Attendees arrive in colorful costumes and are entertained by live music and very large drum circles.

Austin has the largest urban bat colony in North America.

During the spring and summer, about 1.5 million Mexican free tailed bats migrate to Austin & emerge from under the Congress Avenue Bridge every night.

There were tons of movies filmed in Austin

Everyone knows that Boyhood was filmed in Austin. But did you know that What's Eating Gilbert Grape? was filmed in Texas's capital, too? Other movies that were filmed in Austin are Dazed and Confused, Office Space, Ms. Congeniality, Kill Bill Volume 1, and Spy Kids.

Austin is one of the sunniest cities in America.

Austin gets an average of 300 days of sunshine a year!

Zilker Park Spans 358 Acres.

and hosts a wide range of events like Austin City Limits, the Zilker Park Kite Festival, and the Trail of Lights.

If there is one food that describes Austin, it's breakfast tacos.

Breakfast tacos keep this city together. If you go to Austin without eating a breakfast taco, did you really even go to Austin?

The highest point in Austin is Mount Bonnell at 785 feet.

Not very high, but for Texas that is quite a hike. Mount Bonnell is quite the tourist attraction as well. From the top you will find breathtaking views of beautiful Lake Austin.

This city is known as the live music capital of the world.

With more than 100 live music venues this city is considered the live music capital of the world. Another fun and interesting fact is that it is also home to the famous City Limits Music festival which features 130 bands in over 3 days.

The Texas State Capitol building

is the second largest capitol building. The only bigger capitol building is the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Austin is the only city in the world that still operates Moonlight towers.

Austin has ordinances in place to protect all 17 standing towers from being taken down.

Home to one of the largest college Universities in the nation!

The University of Texas at Austin has the fifth-largest single campus enrollment in the nation. The current enrollment is over 50,000 students. Another fun and interesting fact is the amount of famous UT Alumni including: First Lady Laura Bush, daughter Jenna Bush, Walter Cronkite, Matthew McConaughey, Renee Zellweger, Farrah Fawcett, and Roger Clemens.

The natives of Austin have a special name for themselves!

Well you don't necessarily have to be a native but you do have to live here, love it, and take it in as a way of life; those who do are called Austinites!

Austin has the only nude beach in all of Texas

Texas has no laws that stop women from going topless in public. However, no other city in the state has a place designated for nudity. Hippie Hollow is a clothing-optional beach located on Lake Travis.

Austin has tons of museums, including one dedicated to 'junk.'

The Cathedral of Junk is a favorite of residents and tourists. It's located in the backyard of a small house on the south side of Austin. It's made up of what you might consider junk, from ladders to bicycle parts to clocks. The best part about this museum is that there is something new to see during each visit.