

Welcome to Austin!

Knowing the area

- **Lady Bird Lake (Town Lake)** - There are several access points to the 10 mile pedestrian biking and running trails around lake -- easiest access point is on the corner of Cesar Chavez and Congress Ave.
 - **South Congress "SoCo"** - It is a nationally known shopping and cultural district famous for its many eclectic small retailers, restaurants, music and art venues and, more recently, food trucks. Truly the heart of our city.
 - **Rainey Street Historic District:** A neighborhood of "upcycled" 1930's style bungalow homes converted into hip, trendy bars and restaurants that are only one block from Lady Bird Lake, and just 4 blocks from the hotel.
 - **Warehouse District:** Located just a couple of blocks north of the JW, and is filled with creative and attractive restaurants, bars and shops.
- Second St. District:** The neighborhood that surrounds us, and continues just east to the convention center and West past the W hotel. Also called "Willie Nelson Blvd", home to boutique shopping, unique restaurants, and the iconic ACL Moody Theater.



Museums:

- **(UT) Bullock Texas State History Museums**- 1800 N Congress Ave, 512-936-8746, here you will learn the adventurous tale of how Texas came to be;
- **(UT)LBJ Presidential Library**- 2313 Red River St., 512-721-0200, Celebrating the life and times of our 36th President of the United States, and his remarkable achievements not only in the country, but also in the state of TX.
- **(UT)Harry Ransom Center**- 300 W 21st St., 512-471-8944, specializes in the collection of literary and artifacts from the United States and Europe
- **(UT)Blanton Museum of Art**- 200 E. Martin Luther King Blvd., 512-471-7324, is the art museum and research center of UT Austin.
- **Contemporary Austin Art Museum**- 700 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701, 512-453-5312, opened Tuesday - Saturday 11a - 7p, Sunday 12-5p and closed Monday.
- **Mexic-Arte Museum**- 416 N Congress Ave., 512-480-9373, this fine arts museum features traditional and contemporary Mexican, Latino art and culture.
- **George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center**- 1165 Angelina St (512)974-4926 The Carver Museum, Cultural & Genealogy Center is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and exhibition of African American history & family research
- **Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum**- 605 Robert E Lee Rd (512) 445-5582. The Umlauf Sculpture Garden is a museum and outdoor sculpture garden centered on the artistic works of American sculptor Charles Umlauf. (Closed Mondays)
- **Texas Memorial Museum**- 2400 Trinity St (512) 471-1604 The Texas Memorial Museum, which is located on the campus of the University of Texas.

Tours:

- **Austin Visitor Center**- 602 E 4th st Austin, TX. Visitor center to promote Austins one-of-a-kind culture and universal appeal. 512-478-0098
- **Austin Tour Company**- Multiple experience options, including: Group river floats, distillery tasting/tours and brunch boats! Private tours are also available. Austintourcompany.com 512-282-8687
- **Austin Duck Adventures**- one of the best Austin tours with 75 minutes of sightseeing that includes, Historic 6th street, the state capitol, Bob Bullock State History Museum, the Governors Mansion and Lake Austin. 512-477-5274
- **Double Decker Austin Tours**- This is an optional hop on, hop off tour. This tour hits all of Austins top attractions. 512-596-2925
- **Austin Brewery Tours**-Multiple tour options including local Austin Breweries, wineries and distilleries! 512-412-9268

Where to cool off:

Deep Eddy Pool-401 Deep Eddy Ave, Austin, TX 78703

Barton Springs Pool (\$2-\$10 entry fee)-2201 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78746 (Right Downtown!)

Hippie Hollow-7000 Comanche Trail, Austin, TX 78732 (Clothing Optional)

Jacob's Well-1699 Mt Sharp Rd Wimberley, TX 78676 (Reservation Needed)

Hamilton Pool-24300 Hamilton Pool Rd, Dripping Springs, TX 78620 (Reservation Needed)

Krause Springs-404 Krause Spring Rd, Spicewood, TX 78669

Greenbelt-3755-B S Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin, TX 78704

(Multiple Entries, open to the public. Great for picnics and a quick dip)

Lady Bird Lake (Town Lake)

- **Lady Bird Lake Rentals**- Rent paddle boards, kayaks, and electric john boats. The most popular thing to do on the lake! rowingdock.com 512-459-0999
- **Donut Boat Rentals**- Family Friendly, hold up to 10 people. Reservation recommended. 512-480-9267
- **Swan Pedal Boats**- Two and Four person option. Capitalcruises.com 512-480-9264



Places to Check Out

- **Congress Ave Bridge (aka Bat Bridge)**- located just a few blocks from Austin Marriott, everyday at dusk, you can watch ~1.5 million (yes million) Brazilian free-tailed bats take off from under the bridge.
- **Texas State Capitol**- Free to the public, tours are available. 1100 N Congress Ave. 512-463-0063
- **City Hall**- 301 W 2nd St 512-974-2000
- **Zilker Botanical Gardens**- 2220 Barton Springs Rd
- **Zilker Park**- 350-acre park with bike trails, walking trail, kids train ride and kids play area. Great place for picnics and soak up some rays. 2100 Barton Springs Rd.
- **Waterloo Records (Flag store)**- Longtime hot spot for record shopping with in-store performances from local artist. 600 N Lamar Blvd 512-474-2500
- **Toy Joy**- A eclectic store offering a vast selection of toys, novelty items and collectibles. 403 W 2nd St 512-320-0090
- **Austin Murals**- There are almost 100 beautiful murals all across Austin. We definitely recommend snapping a picture by the more well known ones.
 - Greetings from Austin
 - "I love you so much"
 - "You are my butter half"
 - Tau Ceti aka The Rainbow Wall
- **Willie Nelson Statue**- 301 Willie Nelson Blvd
- **Stevie Ray Vaughan Statue**- On Lady Bird Lake Trail
- **Austin Nature & Science Center**-2389 Stratford Dr Austin TX 78746



Shopping:

- **Congress Avenue:** Considered Austins "Main Street", here you will find small locals shops, markets and gift shops.
- **South Congress aka SOCO:** Half a mile south of the lake, is SOCO. Home to many of Austins quickly shops, and the famous Allens Boots.
- **Second St:** The more populated shopping area. Home to about 50 local shops, services and dining establishments.
- **South Lamar:** Here you will find Whole Food Market, Anthropologie, REI, and Book People.
- **Target:** 901 E 5th St

Live Music

The White Horse-500 Comal Street
Elephant Room- 315 Congress Ave
Ginny's Little Longhorn- 5435 Burnet Road
Paramount Theatre-713 Congress Ave
The Carousel Lounge- 1110 E 52nd Street
ACL Live at the Moody Theater
Cedar Street Courtyard- 208 West 4th Street
Mohawk-912 Red River Street
The North Door-502 Brushy Street
Saxon Pub- 1320 S Lamar Blvd
The Hole In the Wall- 2538 Guadalupe Street
Stubb's BBQ -801 Red River Street
Emo's-2015 E Riverside Drive
Maggie Mae's- 323 E 6th Street
Pete's Dueling Piano Bar-421 E 6th St, Austin, TX
The Broken Spoke-3201 S Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704
Coconut Club- 310 Colorado St
Neon Grotto- 318 Colorado St
Emo's- 2015 E Riverside Rd

Local Breweries:

Check online for hours

- Zilker Brewing- 1701 E 6th St
- Hold Out Brewing- 1208 W 4th St
- Blue Owl Brewing- 2400 E Cesar Chavez
- Southern Heights Brewing- 6014 Techni Center Dr.
- Pinthouse Brewing- 2201 E Ben White Blvd
- Central District Brewing-417 Red River St



Food truck hopping for the day?
www.roaminghunger.com/aus will help you find
your favorite truck right by you!

Art:

- **Blanton Museum**-200 E. MLK BlvdThe Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin is one of the foremost university
- museums in the country, and has the largest and most comprehensive collection of art in Central Texas.
The Contemporary Austin Jones Center-700 Congress Avenue,. The Contemporary Austin aspires to be the contemporary art museum for Austin and an essential part of city life. Through its unique combination of urban and outdoor sites, The Contemporary will em-body an eclectic and collaborative spirit.
- **Harry Ransom Center**-21st and Guadalupe Streets. The Harry Ransom Center is an archive, library and museum at the University of Texas , specializing in the collection of literary and cultural artifacts from the United States and Europe for the purpose of advanc-ing the study of the arts and humanities.
- **Art on 5th**- 3005 S. Lamar Blvd. The gallery also showcases original contemporary works that don't fit any genre, from Byron May's incredible 3 dimensional paintings on stainless steel to Paul Stankiewicz's funky take on Austin's iconic landmarks. With a rotating stable of over 40 artists, ART on 5th offers a wide variety of artistic styles to suit any taste.

