

DOG PARKS IN AUSTIN, TX



Red Bud Isle

- 5am - 10pm, 7 days a week
- 13 acres of off-leash fun
- Surrounding lake and river waters
- 3401 Redbud Trail, Austin, TX 78746



Onion Creek District Park

- 106 acres of off-leash fun
- 5am - 10pm, 7 days a week
- Shady hiking trails
- 7001 Onion Creek Dr, Austin, TX 78744



Auditorium Shores Off-Leash Area

- 3 water access areas for a cooling dip in the lake
- 5 am - 10pm, 7 days a week
- Nice city views
- 920 W Riverside Dr, Austin, TX 78701



Harris Ridge Dog Park

- Fenced-in dog park
- 7am - 9pm, 7 days a week
- Separate areas for large and small dogs
- 14401 Harris Ridge Blvd, Pflugerville, TX



Shoal Creek Greenbelt

- Location near the University of Texas
- 5am - 10pm, 7 days a week
- Trails with beautiful views
- 2631 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78705



Ziker Metropolitan Park

- If your pup is leashed, they can join activities in the park, including the train
- 5am - 10pm, 7 days a week
- Surrounding lake and river waters
- 2100 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704



Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park

- 200 acres of off-leash fun
- 5am - 10pm, 7 days a week
- Lots of shade and picnic tables
- 12138 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78753



Norwood Estate Dog Park

- Separate areas for large and small dogs
- 5am - 10pm, 7 days a week
- 3401 Redbud Trail, Austin, TX 78746



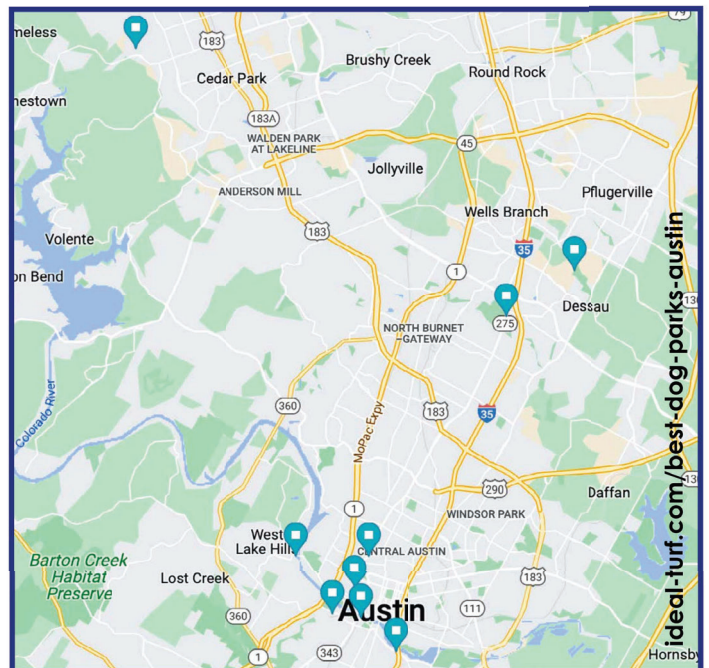
Cedar Bark Park

- Fenced-in dog park
- Sunrise - 10pm, 6 days a week; closed Tuesday 7am - 4pm for maintenance
- 2525 West New Hope Dr, Cedar Park, TX 78613



West Austin Park

- Pool, picnic tables and courts
- 8am - 8pm, 7 days a week
- 1317 W 10th St, Austin, TX 78703



Austin acts as a gateway to the famous Texas Hill Country, where you can discover German beer, Texas wines, barbecue, and exceptional golf courses. The scenic, rolling hills, dotted with lakes, limestone cliffs, caverns, natural springs, and clusters of cypress and oak trees offer breathtaking views and challenging golf layouts. Coupled with the state's rich golfing heritage, highlighted by legends like Ben Hogan, Harvey Penick, Kathy Whitworth, and Byron Nelson, the remarkable historical backdrop will undoubtedly enrich your experience.



FAZIO CANYONS GOLF COURSE Just a short hop from the hotel, this well-manicured course takes you for a rollicking tour of Texas Hill Country: twists, turns, blind shots, elevated tees, waterfalls, lakes, and putts that break up hill. Short Springs Branch, a limestone-bed creek that winds through the course, adds to the scenic punch.



HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES Spread out across pristine land along the Colorado River east of Austin, Hyatt Regency Lost Pines, is the best course you can play in the Austin area that doesn't require a hotel stay. Variety is the name of the game here, with a gorgeous mix of terrain from a links feel with prairie grasses (when it's high, these native grasses provide plenty of the challenge) and deep piney woods to riverside holes.



GREY ROCK GOLF CLUB Grey Rock is hands-down the best daily-fee in Austin, and that's because it was a semi-private club before the city took it over. The Jay Morrish design has served as the host course for the U.S. Open qualifier and the Texas Women's Amateur Championship. Plus its location just 20 minutes south of downtown makes for a convenient round.



PALMER LAKESIDE a different look and feel from its three sister courses at Barton Creek, and that's to do with its impressive hilltop setting overlooking Lake Travis, 25 miles west of the resort (the hotel provides a shuttle but drive yourself so you can stop at Opie's Barbecue on the way back). There are lake views from the first tee and several from the back nine, which is a step up in challenge from the front; the par-3 Nos. 11 and 14 are real showstoppers



ONION CREEK CLUB This private course has a lot of history. Built in 1974 by Austin native Jimmie Connolly and Jimmy Demaret, the first three-time winner of the Masters, Onion Creek is known as the birthplace of the Senior Tour. In the mid-90's, Austin native and two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw and his design partner Bill Coore created an additional nine, for 27 plush holes. It's a relatively short course but tight, with mature trees, and challenging.



APPLE ROCK AT HORSESHOE BAY RESORT A Robert Trent Jones, Sr. design, the action unfolds along the banks of Lake LBJ. (Horseshoe Bay has three RTJ, Sr. courses—the only club in the continental U.S. to claim this distinction). The starting tees are perched atop a hill and the views are stunning. Memorable back-to-back par 5s on the back nine take you from the highest to the lowest points of the golf course.



TERAVISTA GOLF CLUB There's a reason Teravista is a favorite on the central Texas golf circuit. This semi-private course is fun for all skill levels, with five sets of tees. The rolling hills provide a picturesque base for the views that can span for miles. You can count on the conditions being good and the staff welcoming. Because Teravista sits on a hill and is exposed to the elements, winds can be a major factor in play throughout the course.

THINGS TO DO IN AUSTIN, TX

**GREETINGS FROM AUSTIN MURAL**

Address: 1720 S 1st St, Austin, TX 78704

**LADY BIRD LAKE**

Address: 1820 S Lakeshore Blvd, Austin, TX 78741

**MUSEUM OF THE WEIRD**

Address: 412 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

**ZILKER PARK**

Address: 2201 Lou Neff Rd, Austin, TX 78746

**BLAZER TAG ADVENTURE CENTER**

Address: 1701 W Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78704

**TERRY BLACK'S BARBECUE**

Address: 1003 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704

**AUSTIN NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER**

Address: 2389 Stratford Dr, Austin, TX 78746

**CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS**

Address: 9201 Circuit of the Americas Blvd, Austin, TX 78617

**TOY JOY**

Address: 403 W 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701

**TEXAS STATE CAPITOL**

Address: 1100 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701

**CONGRESS AVENUE BRIDGE**

Address: Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704

**LAKE TRAVIS ZIPLINE ADVENTURES**

Address: 14529 Pochontas Trail, Volente, TX 78641

**SIXTH STREET**

Address: 115 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

**PINBALLZ ARCADE**

Address: 8940 Research Blvd, Austin, TX 78758

**TEXAS MEMORIAL MUSEUM**

Address: 2400 Trinity St, Austin, TX 78705

**AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Address: 710 W Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78701

**EMMA LONG METROPOLITAN PARK**

Address: 1600 City Park Rd, Austin, TX 78730

**HATCHET ALLEY**

Address: 443 A Bastrop Hwy, Austin, TX 78741

**TEXAS GOVERNOR'S MANSION**

Address: 1010 Colorado St, Austin, TX 78701

**TYPHOON TEXAS**

Address: 18500 TX-130 Service Rd, Pflugerville, TX 78660

**FIREHOUSE HOSTEL AND LOUNGE**

Address: Rainey Street, Austin, TX 78701

**ELISABET NEY MUSEUM**

Address: 304 E 44th St, Austin, TX 78751

**GUS'S WORLD FAMOUS FRIED CHICKEN**

Address: 117 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78701

**ZIKER BOTANICAL GARDEN**

Address: 2220 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78746

**DEEP EDDY POOL**

Address: 401 Deep Eddy Ave, Austin, TX 78703

**CATHEDRAL OF JUNK**

Address: 4422-4424 Lareina Dr, Austin, TX 78745

AUSTIN'S DOG FRIENDLY GUIDE



DOG-FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS



Caroline | 621 Congress Ave
Bring your dog to this open-air space restaurant and coffeehouse. Feel like you're in the backyard, but right in the central/downtown of Austin.



Celis Brewery | 10001 Metric Blvd
Not much room to hang out outside, but on a cold or rainy day, this can be the perfect place to bring your dog.



Tyson's Tacos | 4905 Airport Blvd
The taco stand is open 24 hours, so if you're looking for a dog-friendly restaurant open late, head over here!



Kerby Lane Cafe | Various Locations
Everyone's go-to place for breakfast, lunch, dinner or late night snacks. The Central Southwest and Round Rock locations have dog-friendly patios.



TLC Austin | 1100 S Lamar Blvd
A dog-friendly outdoor space with arcade games and televisions. Seafood, sandwiches, and a raw bar plus Southern comfort fare.



Billy's on Burnet | 2105 Hancock Dr
An expansive outdoor patio with heaters in the winter so you can bring your dog year-round.

DOG-FRIENDLY BARS



Batch Brewery | 3220 Manor Road
Beer and kolaches! This dog-friendly brewery has a sizeable outdoor area out back with plenty of tables and shade.



Yard Bar | 6700 Burnet Road
This bar is a combination dog park/restaurant/bar where Bark Rangers are on guard to help your dogs. A dog entry fee of \$9 is required.



The ABCB | 1305 West Öltorf
Bring your dog to this open-air space restaurant and coffeehouse. Feel like you're in the backyard, but right in the central/downtown of Austin.



Billy's on Burnet | 2105 Hancock Drive
The menu features veggie alternatives to almost all of their classic burgers and hot dogs, each of which has a unique take on the ordinary.



Cheer Up Charlies | 900 Red River St
A beautiful parachute patio with live shows and movie nights! Cheer Up Charlies has kombucha on tap and food trailers in the back.



Scholz Garten | 1607 San Jacinto Blvd
Get to enjoy beers and German-style food with your dog in the oldest bar in Texas.

BEST PICNIC SPOTS IN AUSTIN



ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK

Address: 2207 Lou Neff Road
Austin, TX 78746



LAGUNA GLORIA

Address: 3809 W 35th Street
Austin, TX 78703



MUELLER LAKE PARK

Address: 450 Mueller Blvd
Austin, TX 78723



THE TEXAS STATE CAPITOL

Address: 1100 Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701



SAND BEACH PARK

Address: 111 Sandra Muralda Way
Austin, TX 78703



LADY BIRD JOHNSON CENTER

Address: 4801 La Crosse Avenue
Austin, TX 78739



EMMA LONG METROPOLITAN PARK

Address: 1600 City Park Road
Austin, TX 78730



MCKINNEY FALLS STATE PARK

Address: 5805 McKinney Falls Pwky
Austin, TX 78744



PEASE DISTRICT PARK

Address: 1100 Kingsbury St
Austin, TX 78703



JESSICA HOLLIS PARK

Address: 14100 Low Water Crossing Rd
Austin, TX 78732

PICNIC CHECKLIST

- Picnic basket
- Cooler
- Picnic blanket (preferably waterproof on the bottom)
- Portable picnic table
- Plates
- Utensils
- Napkins
- Cups
- Drinks (including lots of water)
- Bottle opener
- Cutting Knife
- Mustard, Mayo, Ketchup, etc. (if needed)
- Paper towels (and maybe wet wipes)
- Trash bags
- Sunscreen
- Hats
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight (if you plan to be out after sunset)
- Bluetooth Speaker
- Sport or activity equipment (Frisbees, balls, water guns, etc.)

BEST SWIM SPOTS IN AUSTIN



Bartoon Springs Pool

Entry Fee: \$5 for residents and \$9 for non-residents

Reservations: Not needed

The park consists of 358 acres of lush surroundings where biking, hiking and getting on the water reign king. The spring-fed pool is the park's crown jewel, featuring water temps that are consistently between 68-70 degrees all year long. The water level ranges from 0 to 18 feet, making it ideal for beginner bathers and more advanced swimmers.

Wimberley Blue Hole

Entry Fee: \$12 for 13 years and older | \$6 for 4-12 years old

Reservations: bluehole.checkfront.com/reserve/

This natural swimming hole features crystal clear waters and is surrounded by towering Cypress trees. Kids and adults can enjoy rope swings, grassy picnic areas, and playscapes here. You'll also find sand volleyball courts, a theater, and picnic areas. Swimming is only allowed on weekends in May and September and every day from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Hamilton Pool Preserve

Entry Fee: \$12 per vehicle | \$8 per person 13 years and older

Reservations: secure.emybill.com/parks/reservation/base/TravisHamilton/publicSite/main.faces

Hamilton features a steep hiking trail and a 50-foot waterfall cascading into the jade-green waters below. It's a fantastic swimming spot for a hot summer day or a chilly winter dip.

Jacob's Well

Entry Fee: \$9 adults 13 and older | \$5 kids 5-12 years old

Reservations: jwna.checkfront.com/reserve/

An artesian spring located in Hays County. Public swimming is allowed in the watering hole from May through September by reservation only. Reservations are for a two-hour time block for swimming due to the large number of visitors the well receives.

Krause Springs

Entry Fee: \$8 for 12 years and older | \$5 for 4-11 years | free for children under 4

Reservations: Not needed

This camping area features 32 natural springs, many of which feed the artificial and natural pools on-site. Don't miss the famous rope swing, and be sure to pack a towel and picnic if you plan on spending the day here.

Deep Eddy Pool

Entry Fee: \$3 for residents | \$8 for non-residents

Reservations: Not needed

The oldest swimming pool in Texas and is an artificial swimming hole. The pool gets its water from the Colorado River, and you can feel free to bring a floatie to lounge on. The pool is surrounded by grassy areas and trees where you can lay out in the sun or shade. There is also no food or pets allowed.

Hippie Hollow

Entry Fee: \$8 per person (must be 18 or older) | \$3 for seniors 62 and older

Reservations: Not needed

Hippie Hollow is the only public park in Texas that is clothing optional. This natural area features a rocky shoreline and 109 acres along Lake Travis. It's a great spot to tan and enjoy warm days. Bring a paddleboard or kayak to get out on the lake or pack a towel to lounge on the shore.

McKinney Falls State Park

Entry Fee: \$6 for adults, children under 13 are free

Reservations: texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com

McKinney Falls State Park is just 13 miles from downtown Austin. You'll find dozens of outdoor activities at this state park, from biking and geocaching to hiking and swimming. Here, you can swim in the mellow waters of Upper Falls or the faster flows at Lower Falls.

THE ULTIMATE NEW TEXAN

WELCOME GUIDE



Welcome to Texas, Y'all!

Howdy - and welcome to the Lone Star State! Whether you're here for work, family, or just chasing some sunshine, you're stepping into a place with big skies, bold flavors, and even bigger personality.

Texas is more than just a state—it's a way of life. From bustling cities and small-town charm to BBQ joints and live music, there's something here for everyone. People are friendly (yes, we will wave at strangers), and we take pride in doing things our own way - with a little extra flair.

You'll soon be saying "y'all," eating breakfast tacos like it's a food group, and realizing that yes, cowboy boots can be business casual.

This guide is here to help you hit the ground running - with places to go, food to try, local tips, and a few laughs along the way. We're glad you're here. Now let's get you settled, Texas-style.



PLACES TO VISIT

CITIES TO EXPLORE



Austin – Live music capital of the world, with a quirky, artsy vibe



San Antonio – Visit the historic Alamo, River Walk, and Missions



Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) – Modern urban centers with classic Texas culture



Houston – Space Center Houston and an incredible international food scene

HILL COUNTRY



Fredericksburg – German roots, scenic vineyards, and peach orchards



Enchanted Rock – Pink granite dome with panoramic views

COASTAL ESCAPES



South Padre Island – Gorgeous beaches, dolphin watching, and water sports



Galveston – Victorian architecture, Moody Gardens, and beachside fun



TYPES OF FOOD TO TRY

TEXAS MUST HAVES

BBQ JOINTS

Franklin Barbecue (Austin) – Legendary brisket; get in line early!

Terry Black's Barbecue (Austin) – Great BBQ and an extensive selection of sides and desserts.

Pecan Lodge (Dallas) – Massive portions, deep smoke flavor.

Snow's BBQ (Lexington) – Named best BBQ in Texas more than once.

TEX-MEX & MORE

Matt's El Rancho (Austin) – A Tex-Mex institution.

Ninfa's (Houston) – Home of the original fajitas.

Mi Tierra Café (San Antonio) – Open 24/7, colorful and authentic.

UPSCALE & UNIQUE

Uchi (Austin, Houston, Dallas) – Modern Japanese with Texas flair.

The French Room (Dallas) – Iconic fine dining.

Brennan's (Houston) – Texas Creole at its best.

Texas BBQ – Franklin's, Snow's, or Killen's are top picks. Order your brisket moist for max flavor.

Tex-Mex – Think queso, enchiladas, and breakfast tacos.

Chicken-Fried Steak – A Southern classic Smothered in cream gravy, of course.

Kolaches – Czech pastry filled with fruit or meat, popular in Central Texas. Order one with sausage and jalapeño!

Chili – The official state dish - No beans allowed. Ever.

Chicken-Fried Steak – Smothered in cream gravy, of course.

Gulf Seafood – Fresh oysters, shrimp, and redfish from the Gulf Coast.

Dr. Pepper from Dublin, TX – The OG, made with real cane sugar. Try a "Dr Pepper Float" (Dr. Pepper + Blue Bell Ice Cream).

Whataburger – Order a Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit or a Patty Melt after midnight. Customize your Whataburger like a pro (Hint: add jalapeños).

Blue Bell Ice Cream – The pride of Texas, especially the Homemade Vanilla.

TEXAS-ONLY EXPERIENCES



Visit the Fort Worth Stockyards or the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.



Float the river – Bring your own tube (and a cooler of drinks).



Go to an HEB – You'll never look at grocery stores the same again & get some HEB butter tortillas while you're there!



Attend a “Friday Night Lights” football game – It’s practically a state religion.



Go Two-Stepping at a Honky Tonk – Try Billy Bob's or Gruene Hall.



If you dance with a local, you earn extra Texan points.



Wear cowboy boots to a fancy event – It’s business casual in Texas.



Wave at strangers on a back road – It’s the Texas way.



SHOP LOCAL

BUC-EES

Part gas station, part theme park. Where else can you buy brisket, a cast-iron skillet, fudge, and beaver merch at 2 AM? Do NOT skip the restrooms - they're cleaner than your dentist's office.

HEB

Texans will fight for this grocery chain like it's a beloved family member. If someone says they shop at other stores, back away slowly. Then convert them.

LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

Come for the organic honey, stay because you got roped into a conversation about heirloom tomatoes and now you're oddly invested.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

It's like Mars, but with coyotes and more dramatic sunsets. Bring extra water, a map, and someone with better directional skills than you.

PALO DURO CANYON

The "Grand Canyon of Texas" in the Panhandle. Great for hiking, photos, and impressing your out-of-state friends.

CADDO LAKE

A mysterious, Spanish moss-draped bayou for canoeing and fishing. Paddle through cypress trees and pretend you're in a ghost story. Bonus points if you spot a gator (and live to tell the tale).



TIPS FOR NEWCOMERS

HYDRATION = SURVIVAL

Texas summers are hotter than a jalapeño's armpit. If you're not carrying a water bottle like it's your emotional support item, you're doing it wrong.

YOUR CAR IS YOUR BEST FRIEND

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You'll drive to your neighbor's house. Across the street. For queso. Get comfy in your car - it's your second home now.

AIR CONDITIONING IS SACRED

You may find yourself emotionally attached to your thermostat. That's normal. Just don't touch someone else's unless you're ready for a full-blown feud.

SMALL TALK IS A SPORT

The cashier asking "How's your day?" actually wants to know. Responding with your life story? Acceptable. Bonus points for ending with "Y'all take care now!"

HOW TEXAN ARE YOU?

0-5 Years	Tenderfoot Texan: You've got a long way to go, partner.
6-10 Years	Rodeo Rookie: You're starting to get the hang of it.
11-15 Years	Lone Star Local: People might mistake you for a real Texan.
16+ Years	True Texan: Get yourself a truck and start saying 'y'all.'

Now you're one of us!

And just like that - you're officially a Texan, or at least honorary status until you've survived your first 100° day and declared a favorite BBQ spot in a heated debate.

Whether you're here for a good time or a long time, we hope this guide has helped you feel more at home in this big, bold, and wonderfully weird state. Texas has a lot to offer—and now, so do you.

So go out there and explore, eat too much, talk to strangers, and soak it all in. From bluebonnets to brisket, there's something here with your name on it.

And remember:

When in doubt, say “y'all.”

Sweet tea is always the safer bet.

And yes, everything really is BIGGER in Texas.

Welcome home, friend.

You're gonna love it here.

