



# Welcome to Austin!

What is there to do around Austin? Everything!



## 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 Museums: 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;

**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.

**Harry Ransom Center**, 300 W 21<sup>st</sup> St., 512-471-8944, specializes in the collection of literary and artifacts from the United States and Europe

**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.

**Texas Memorial Museum:** 2400 Trinity St (512) 471-1604 The Texas Memorial Museum, which is located on the campus of the University of Texas named in honor of the 1936 Texas Centennial.

## Tours!

**Austin Visitor's Center:** 602 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 512-478-0098, is here to promote Austin's one-of-a-kind culture and universal appeal.

**Austin Tour Company:** Tour the Deep Eddy Vodka Distillery! How it's made have a cocktail and enjoy your day!

**Austin Overtures 90 minute tours:** 512-659-9478;

**Double Decker Austin Tours** 512-596-2925.

**Austin Duck Adventure** Austin Duck Adventures is Austin's best tour with 75 minutes of sightseeing that includes Historic Sixth Street, the State Capitol Building, Bob Bullock State History Museum, the Governor's Mansion, and Lake Austin.

**Austin Detours-** Austin's hand crafted experience. Austin Detours will create an amazing and personal tour from around town, food and drinks, history, the hill country, and much much more!

**Segway:** A fun and fabulous professional tour guide will take you galavanting around the city filling your noggins with the Capital City's history, stories, and local. They swoop all the way from Lady Bird Lake up to the magnificent Capitol itself, where you will get the chance to go inside and explore!

## A bit too hot outside? Go for a swim!

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

**Barton Springs Pool**-2201 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78746

**Hippie Hollow**-7000 Comanche Trail, Austin, TX 78732

**Jacob's Well**-1699 Mt Sharp Rd Wimberley, TX 78676

**Hamilton Pool**-24300 Hamilton Pool Rd, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

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

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



## Places to see!

**Ginny's Little Longhorn Saloon** 5434 Burnet Rd This classic honky-tonk draws crowds with cold beer, live music & famous bingo games on Sundays.

**Congress Avenue Bridge (Bat Bridge):** Located just two blocks south of the **JW**, which features a colony of 1.5 million bats that fly out around dusk.

**Cathedral of Junk**- 4422 Lareina Drive "...captures the absolute essence of the Austinite Motto of "Keep Austin Weird..."

**City Hall:** 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St. 512-974-2000, this is a unique landmark that not only is the gateway to Austin City government but has cool local art inside.

**Austin State Capitol:** 1100 N Congress Ave, 512-463-0063 - Tours available

**ACL at Moody Theater on Willie Nelson Blvd.:** 310 Willie Nelson Blvd., 512-225-7999, hosts diverse performers, from Belle & Sebastian to ZZ Top!

**Stevie Ray Vaughn Statue at Auditorium Shores:** located on beautiful Lady Bird Lake Trail

**Whole Foods (Flag store):** 525 N Lamar Blvd, 512-542-2200, this flagship is filled with 80,000 square feet of delicious foods, beverages and services that you'll want to write home about.

**Waterloo Records:** 600 N. Lamar Blvd. 512-474-2500, is a longtime hot spot with in-store performances, local artists compilations and concert ticket sales.

**Book People:** 603 N Lamar Blvd. 512-472-5050, if you're in the Whole Foods/Waterloo Records area and feel the urge to read, Book People is your place! They are locally owned with regular readings plus coffee bar and quirky gift items for sale.

**Toy Joy:** 403 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St. 512-320-0090, is a quirky, colorful store offering a vast selection of unique toys, novelty items and collectibles.

**The Governor's Mansion:** Built in 1856, this beautiful home is the most historic house in Texas and is the oldest executive home west of the Mississippi River.

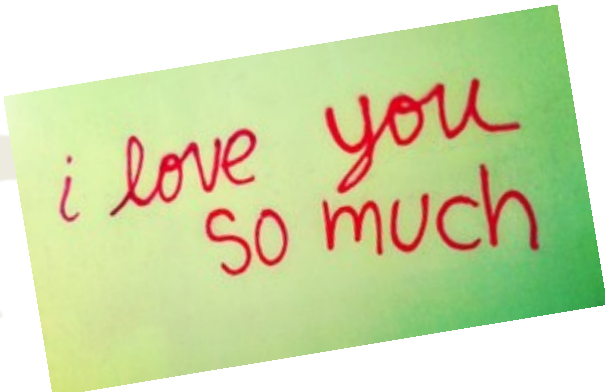
**Esther's Follies:** This kitschy comedy club has been a downtown staple since 1977, and for good reason. The ever-changing shows are full of musical-comedy theater, with parodies, satire, magic tricks, and improv comedy.

**Angelina Eberly Statue:** The Local innkeeper that preserved Austin as the capital city.

**Willie Nelson Statue:** Country Music legend and fitting icon for our weird city.

**Zilker Botanical Garden** -2220 Barton Springs Rd, The Zilker Botanical Garden is a botanical garden of varied topography located on the south bank of the Colorado River

**Austin History Center:** 810 Guadalupe St (512) 974-7480. The Austin History Center is the local history collection of the Austin Public Library and the city's historical archive



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## Where can I go shopping?

**Congress Avenue:** Referred to as The Main Street of Texas, Congress Avenue is the heart of downtown Austin. Between the Capitol and Lady Bird Lake you'll find numerous shops, restaurants, museums and theaters, all along one of downtown's three National Register Historic Districts.

**South Congress:** Just one half mile south of the river lies the heart of South Congress, or SOCO. Home to many of Austin's uniquely quirky, funky and hip stores, it is also the home of the Continental Club, a locally revered live music venue, as well as much of Austin's food trailer culture.

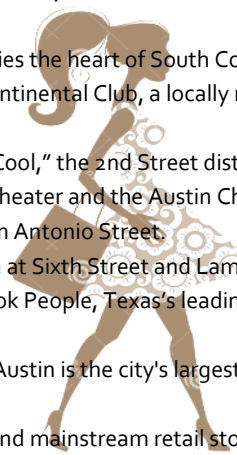
**Second Street:** "Where Texas Warmth Meets Austin Cool," the 2nd Street district is home to 50 specialty shops, services and dining establishments. Austin City Limits Live at the Moody Theater and the Austin Children's Museum anchor this downtown district, which spans Second Street between Congress Avenue and San Antonio Street.

**West End:** Located on the western edge of downtown at Sixth Street and Lamar Boulevard, this retail district's key landmarks include Whole Foods Market, Anthropologie, REI and Book People, Texas's leading independent bookstore. This is a great area to get goodies for yourself, your home and tonight's dinner.

**Barton Creek Mall:** This mall overlooking downtown Austin is the city's largest, so if your time's limited, it's a good bet for finding most everything you need.

**The Domain Mall:** The Domain features 100 upscale and mainstream retail stores and restaurants, almost half of which are exclusive within the market.

**San Marco's Outlet Mall:** Although not in the city limits of Austin, many visitors to the city will make the 20 minute drive to the Outlet Malls. The outlet malls are two discrete outlet malls, the Prime Outlets and Tanger Factory Outlet Center.



## Where can I hear 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 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**The Continental Club**-1313 Congress Ave

**ACL Live at the Moody Theater**

**Cedar Street Courtyard**- 208 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street

**Brass House**-115 San Jacinto Blvd

**Mohawk**-912 Red River Street

**Beerland**-711 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street

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

**The Broken Spoke**-3201 S Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704



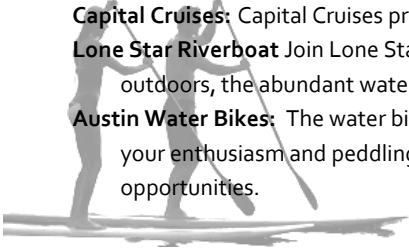
# What is there is to do on Lady Bird Lake?

**Austin Sailboat Rentals:** In addition to their awesome sailboats, you can also rent by the hour or the day – single bikes, tandem bicycles, kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards (SUPS), rowboats, and the latest addition to our fleet, Go-Float Electric Boats.

**Capital Cruises:** Capital Cruises provides a unique glimpse of Lady Bird Lake with a public sightseeing cruise.

**Lone Star Riverboat** Join Lone Star Riverboat aboard one of their all environmentally-friendly vessels. Experience the exhilaration of the outdoors, the abundant waterfowl, our ever changing city skyline and the natural beauty that is Austin.

**Austin Water Bikes:** The water bikes are eco-friendly and very easy to use. They are a blend of a kayak and a bicycle powered only by your enthusiasm and peddling muscles! Our water bikes can cruise up to 7 miles an hour and offer a unique experience and photo opportunities.



## Unleash your creativity with Art!

**Blanton Museum**-200 E. MLK Blvd The 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 embody 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 at Austin, specializing in the collection of literary and cultural artifacts from the United States and Europe for the purpose of advancing the study of the arts and humanities.

**Mexic-Arte Museum**-419 Congress Ave. The Mission of the organization is to enrich and educate the community through the presentation and promotion of traditional and contemporary Mexican, Latino, and Latino art and culture.

**Pump Project**-702 Shady Lane. East Austin art space that provides working studios and gallery facilities to emerging and established artists. At Pump Project artists come together to work, experiment and exhibit, actively enriching the community through new ideas, innovative projects and the creative spirit.

**Woman & Their Work**-1710 Lavaca Street. Nonprofit visual & performing arts gallery with rotating exhibits of contemporary work by women.

**Art on 5<sup>th</sup>**- 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.

**Art.Science.Gallery**- 916 Springdale Rd., Bldg. 2, #102 at Canopy's are the nation's first art gallery to feature exclusively science-related artworks. They encourage people of all ages to explore contemporary art and science in a fun and relaxed environment.

**Artworks**- 1214 West 6th Street. Art showroom offering high-quality paintings, sculptures, glassware, antiques & framing services.

**Austin Art Garage**- 2200 S. Lamar Blvd (Behind Strut). Lively shop selling a variety of work handcrafted by local artists such as paintings & drawings.

**Big Medium**- 5305 Bolm Road #12. Big Medium is an Austin-based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting visual arts and artists in Texas.

**Capital Fine Art**-1214 West 6th Street. Capital Fine Art specializes in prominent contemporary artists and important estate pieces. Including: Texas hill country, Western, Impressionist, Still life, Sculpture and Ulla Darni Reverse painted Chandeliers, Lantern, and Night Lights.

**David Gallery**- 837 West 12th Street. It serves as a home to many of the best local and regional painters, printmakers, sculptors and ceramicists

**Flatbed Press and Gallery**-2830 East MLK Blvd. Flatbed Press is a publishing workshop which collaborates with artists to produce limited editions of original etchings, lithographs, woodcuts and monoprints.

**Gallery Shoal Creek**-2832 E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Suite 3. The gallery originally focused on the work of G. Harvey Jones and other western artists.

**Gray DUCK Gallery**-2213 E. Cesar Chavez. Monthly shows highlight artist's work from a broad range of experience, both locally and nationally. Our refurbished 100-year old house is a hybrid of new and old, clean lines and comfortable wood.

**Russell Collection Fine Art**-1137 West 6th St.

**Stephen Clark Gallery**-1101 W. 6th Street. The gallery specializes in fine art photographs with an emphasis on contemporary work, with access to national and international vintage work as well.

**Wally Workman Gallery**-1202 W. 6th Street. Commercial gallery in a historic home displaying paintings by contemporary artists.

**Yard Dog**-1510 S. Congress Ave. Gallery with a quirky vibe showcasing contemporary American folk art available for purchase.

**HOPE Outdoor Gallery**-1012 Baylor St. This project was developed to provide muralists, graffiti artists and community groups the opportunity to display large scale art pieces driven by inspirational, positive and educational messaging. In addition, the project activates and beautifies a dynamic yet underutilized space with a great view of Austin!

## What are some good places to eat?

### Feeling some good ole fashion BBQ?

La Barbecue -900 E. Cesar Chavez St.  
Freedmen's-2402 San Gabriel St.  
Stiles Switch BBQ&Brew. 6610 N. Lamar Blvd  
Franklin Barbecue- 900 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
John Mueller Meat Co.- 2500 E. Sixth St  
Micklethwait Craft Meats. -1309 Rosewood Ave.  
Valentina's Tex-Mex BBQ. -600 W. Sixth St.  
Kerlin BBQ.- 1700 E. Cesar Chavez St.  
Blue Ox BBQ & Pancake Cabin. - 1505 Town Creek Drive Buzz Mill  
Iron Works BBQ. -100 Red River St

### Maybe some Austin local favorites?

Casino El Camino Bar & Grill- 517 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin Java- 301 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & 1608 Barton Spring Road  
Jo's Café- 242 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & 1300 South Congress Ave  
Swift Attic's- 315 Congress Ave  
Elizabeth Street Café- 1501 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Counter Café-626 N Lamar Blvd  
Polvos Mexican Restaurant-2004 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Black Star Co-op Pub & Brewery- 7020 Easy Wind Drive  
Justine's Brasserie- 4710 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mother's Café & Garden-4215 Duval Street  
Lucy's Fried Chicken-2218 College Ave  
Ramen Tatsu-ya -8557 Research Blvd  
Bouldin Creek Café-1900 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Banger's Sausage House & Beer Garden-81 Rainey Street  
Eastside Café- 2113 Manor Road  
Bess Bistro-500 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Frank's Hotdogs-407 Colorado Street  
Searsucker-415 Colorado Street  
Parkside- 301E 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Peche-208 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Annie's Café & Bar- 319 Congress Ave  
Barley Swine- 2024 S. Lamar Blvd  
Eden East- 755 Springdale Road  
Casa De Luz- 1701 Toomey Road  
And much much more!



## Food truck hopping for the day?

Can't find your food truck? [www.roaminghunger.com/aus](http://www.roaminghunger.com/aus) will help you find your favorite truck right by you!

Shhnaltz  
Chilantro  
Cow Bells  
Slab BBQ  
Rosarito  
Nutter Buster  
Torchy's Tacos  
Regar Ravioli  
Crepes up  
Via 313  
Kebabalicious  
Kababeque  
Candy Cart  
Turf N Surf Po'Boy  
East Side King  
Little Lucy's Mini Donuts  
Veracruz All Natural  
The Peached Tortilla  
Hey! You Gonna Eat or What?  
Gourdough's



## Tex- Mex on your mind?

Magnolia Café- 1920 S Congress Ave  
Chuy's- 1728 Barton Springs Rd  
Fonda San Miguel-2330 W North Loop Blvd  
El Chile Café- 1816 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Polvos- 2004 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Fat Cactus- 1318 S Congress Ave  
Guero's Taco Bar- 1412 S Congress Ave  
Cantina Laredo- 201 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Iron Cactus- 606 Trinity Street  
Benji's Cantina- 716 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manuel's- 310 Congress Ave  
La Condesa- 400 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Penlons Tex-Mex- 802 Red River Street