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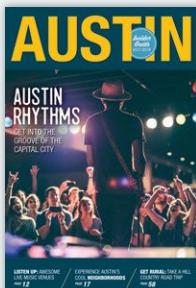
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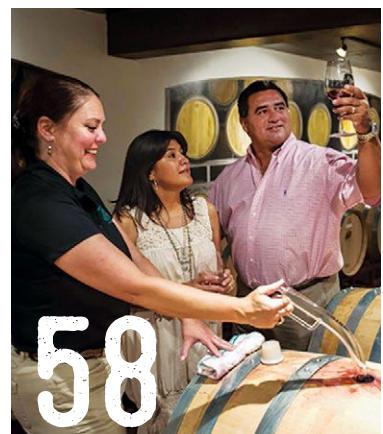
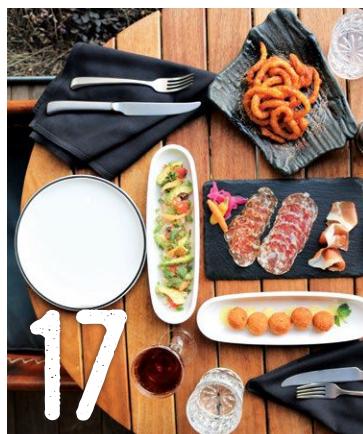
Gary Clark Jr. performs at Antone's

PHOTO BY ROGER HO



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

From music and food festivals to art shows and holiday happenings, Austin is the place to be any time of year.



AROUND TOWN

Get the inside scoop on the best places to dine, shop and dance the night away in Austin's many cool neighborhoods.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

Take a rural road trip and explore 25 spots worth a stop, including wineries, resorts and barbecue joints.

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CAN'T-MISS FOOD TRUCKS & PARKS

Food truck eats are a must when you visit Austin.

Here's a dozen sure to get you hungry.



The Picnic

1 Wake up with a migas breakfast taco at **Veracruz All Natural**, named one of Food Network's Top 5 Tacos in America. veracruztacos.com

2 Long-time staple **EI Primo** dishes up tacos, tortas and burritos. Try the popular pastor (pork) or the lengua (beef tongue). elprimomex.com

3 The Turkish-style wraps at **Kebabalicious** include the savory beef-and-lamb nestled in a pita, sided with hummus or crispy fries. kebabalicious.com

4 At **Luke's Inside Out**, try one of Chef Luke Bibby's creative bites, like the spicy Szechwan fried chicken sandwich. lukesinsideout.com

5 **Paperboy** is a breakfast hot spot with early-morning eats, such as the sweet potato hash with braised pork belly. paperboyaustin.com

6 **The Mighty Cone** serves its foods in a handy paper cone, like the chicken tenders wrapped in a tortilla. mightycone.com

7 **Tommy Want Wingy** is all about the chicken wing lollipops that come in a variety of flavors, including garlic-parmesan. tommywantwingyatx.com

8 At **Mykonos Waffle**, sample the fruit waffle slathered with Nutella, loaded with fresh fruit and topped with whipped cream. mykonoswaffle.com

9 Detroit-style square pizza is the specialty at **Via 313**, owned by two brothers who grew up on the stuff. via313.com

10 The hip **Whisler's** bar pairs its cocktails with Asian food from **Thai-Kun**, including beef panang curry with jasmine rice. thaikun.com/-whislers

11 **The Picnic** food trailer park offers perks like shady pavilions, and food trucks including Hey Cupcake! and Acai Hut. thepicnicaustin.com

12 The **South Austin Trailer Park & Eatery** has banded together food trucks like Torchy's Tacos and dessert-focused Holy Cacao. foodtraileraustin.com



DRINK IN THE CRAFT BEER SCENE

Local fave, **The Austin Beer Garden Brewing Co.**, was voted 2016 Large Brewpub of the Year at the Great American Beer Festival. theabgb.com

Stop in at **Austin Beerworks** and sample one of its core beers right in the brewery. austinbeerworks.com

Sit in the sleek taproom at **Zilker Brewing Co.** and sip a craft beer like the Coffee Milk Stout. zilkerbeer.com

At **St. Elmo Brewing Company**, pair the pale golden Carl with Asian fare from food truck Soursop. stelmobrewing.com

A dramatic stained-glass dome tops the patio at **Lazarus Brewing Company**, where creative brews are enjoyed. lazarusbrewing.com

Head to Texas Hill Country, where **Jester King Brewery** crafts farmhouse ales and spontaneously fermented beers. jesterkingbrewery.com

Blue Owl Brewing is known for its sour-mash beers, like the Spirit Animal sour pale ale. blueowlbrewing.com

Grab a Shamrock Stout and get a bite from the food truck at **Draught House Pub & Brewery**. draughthouse.com

The British-style **Dog & Duck Pub** offers a diverse selection of beers, and pub grub like fish and chips. dogandduckpub.com

Whip In, a taproom/corner store, features loads of craft beers, plus Indian fusion food. whipin.com

Drink one of the craft beers on tap on the picturesque patio at **Waller Creek Pub House**. wallercreekpubhouse.com

Lounge in the creekside beer garden at **Easy Tiger** and wash down a fresh-baked pretzel with a local brew. easytigeraustin.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Austin is a 24-hour town populated by an upstart mix of musicians, tech experts, film pros, athletes and foodies—and our yearly events calendar shows it. For a more comprehensive event list of the variety of things happening in Austin, go to visitaustin.org/events.

JANUARY

FREE WEEK

Various Locations, freeweek.do512.com

The first week of January might be the best time for a music fan to visit Austin. Why? Hundreds of Austin bands participate in this annual event that encompasses multiple venues all over Austin.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FESTIVAL

Huston-Tillotson University, mlkcelebration.com

Join the march from the MLK statue at the University of Texas campus to historic Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy for Austin and the world.

FEBRUARY

AUSTIN MARATHON & HALF MARATHON

Downtown Austin, youaustinmarathon.com

Austin welcomes nearly 20,000 participants from around the world for the Annual Austin Marathon & Half Marathon. This exciting event showcases Austin's scenic urban landscape for both runners and spectators alike.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Various Locations, visitaustin.org

To commemorate Black History Month there will be events, including film screenings and ceremonies throughout the city, celebrating important people and moments in time in African-American history.

CARNAVAL BRASILEIRO

Palmer Events Center, sambaparty.com

This festival will give Austin a taste of Brazil, merging music, dance and culture into one huge party. Austin's Carnaval is one of the biggest celebrations outside of Brazil (because everything is bigger in Texas) and everyone can participate, so bring your best samba and prepare to dance the night away.



MARCH

ART CITY AUSTIN

Palmer Events Center, artallianceaustin.org

Austin's original fine arts festival and national juried art show of 200 locally and nationally recognized artists and galleries is a family-friendly event featuring local food trailers, beer, cocktails and interactive projects for kids of all ages.

AUSTIN URBAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Auditorium Shores, urbanmusicfest.com

More than 15,000 music revelers converge on Lady Bird Lake's Auditorium Shores to enjoy Austin's only music festival focused on R&B, neo-soul and hip-hop music.

CLYDE LITTLEFIELD TEXAS RELAYS

The University of Texas, texassports.com

This premier track and field event brings together the best high school, college and professional athletes from across Texas, the U.S. and the world.

RODEO AUSTIN

Travis County Exposition Center, rodeoaustrin.com

Since its inception in 1938, this local event has grown from a simple stock show featuring 16 animals into one of the state's premier rodeos. Over the course of two weeks, the Rodeo features 10 ProRodeo events, a family-friendly fair, daily concerts and more.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL

Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farms, stpatricksdayaustin.com

This family-friendly St. Patrick's Day fest celebrates all things Irish. Come enjoy authentic Celtic music and dancers, Irish language workshops, the finest Irish imports and plenty of good craic!

SXSW® MUSIC, FILM AND INTERACTIVE CONFERENCES AND FESTIVALS

Various Locations, sxsw.com

Austin Convention Center and more than 50 venues host noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world who converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally recognized event.

ZILKER GARDEN FESTIVAL

Zilker Botanical Garden, zilkergarden.org

For more than 60 years, the annual Zilker Garden Festival has been a one-stop garden shopping destination when spring arrives in Central Texas. A family-friendly event, the garden festival offers something for everyone, including the annual flower show, live music, gardening talks, a kid's corner and food court.

ZILKER PARK KITE FESTIVAL

Zilker Park, abckitefestival.org

The nation's oldest kite festival features hundreds of kites in the air and is free to attend for people of all ages; complete with kite flying contests, food, games and more.

APRIL

AUSTIN FOOD + WINE FESTIVAL

Auditorium Shores,

austinfoodandwinefestival.com

Join top chef talent, sommeliers and winemakers from across the nation and Austin's own acclaimed gourmet scene for an indulgent, three-day epicurean adventure unlike any other, topped off with live musical performances.

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AUSTIN REGGAE FEST

Auditorium Shores,

austinreggaefest.com

A fundraiser for the Capital Area Food Bank, Reggae Fest features three days of reggae, world and dub talent, along with more than 50 vendors selling food, and arts and crafts.

EYORE'S ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

Please Park, eeyores.org

Live music, beer, food, acrobats and costume contests surround this annual gathering of Austin's most eclectic locals. Eeyore's Birthday serves as a fundraiser to benefit many local Austin nonprofits.

EUPHORIA FEST

Carson Creek Ranch, euphoriafest.com

Live music, camping, yoga and a variety of mindful workshops come together at this immersive four-day festival. Musical styles bridge the gaps between hip-hop, electronic, ambient, tribal and experimental.

FUSEBOX FESTIVAL

Various locations, fuseboxfestival.com

A festival of adventurous artists and projects from around the world working in a variety of different art forms taking place in various locations around the city.

LEVITATION FEST

Carson Creek Ranch,

levitation-austin.com

Mark your calendars: Levitation Fest will return to Carson Creek Ranch in 2018. Enjoy a weekend full of live music, psychedelic light shows, on-site camping and more.

Louisiana Swamp Thing AND CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

The Austin American Statesman Parking Lot, roadwayevents.com

It's a Cajun festival in Texas. More than 5,000 pounds of crawfish are consumed at this annual event, which also features zydeco, brass band, funk, blues and rock music.

MOONTOWER COMEDY & ODDITY FESTIVAL

Paramount Theatre and Other Locations, austintheatre.org

Moontower Comedy & Oddity Festival, presented by the Paramount Theatre, brings to Austin some of the funniest, wittiest and oddest world-class comics from around the globe. National headliners, up-and-comers and local Austin-based comedians ensure a hilarious night of fun.

MOTOGPTM GRAND PRIX OF THE AMERICAS

Circuit of The Americas™, circuitoftheamericas.com

MotoGPTM, the pinnacle of all motorcycle World Championships, joins the roster of racing events at the Circuit of The Americas™ track with a three-day series at the purpose-built Grand Prix venue. With the addition of this race, the new circuit is the first North American racing venue to host both two- and four-wheeled World Championship events in one year's time.

OLD SETTLER'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dale, Texas, oldsettlersmusicfest.org

Central Texas' signature music event features Grammy-winning Americana, arts and crafts, camping, food and libations. Acoustic jazz, blues and bluegrass are all performed by old-time local faves and award-winning artists from around the world.

MAY

AUSTIN FASHION WEEK

Various Locations, austin.fashionx.co
Austin Fashion Week showcases the work of fashion designers, photographers, hair stylists, makeup artists and models from around the state of Texas with over 100 events, including runway shows, designer meet-and-greets, themed parties and benefits for Austin nonprofits.

CINE LAS AMERICAS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations, cinelasamericas.org
The festival showcases contemporary films and videos from Latin America (North, Central, South America and the Caribbean) and the Iberian Peninsula. Films and videos made by or about Latinos in the U.S. and the rest of the world, as well as films and videos by or about indigenous groups of the Americas, are also invited to participate.

LATINO MUSIC MONTH

Various Locations, austinlatinomusic.com
The many Latino music genres are showcased during performances around town all month long. Other special events throughout the month are presented, as well.

LIFETIME CAPITAL OF TEXAS TRIATHLON

Lady Bird Lake, Downtown Austin, captextrti.com
Lifetime Capital of Texas Triathlon attracts all levels of athletes, from top-ranked professionals to first-time triathletes. The event includes the USA Paratriathlon National Championship, sprint and international distances, First Tri distance, and sprint and international distance relays.

PECAN STREET FESTIVAL (SPRING)

Historic Sixth Street, pecanstreetfestival.org
A free family event, the Pecan Street Festival is the oldest and largest art festival in Central Texas. Musicians, food vendors, artists and crafts people turn Sixth Street—historically called Pecan Street—into a lively street fair where there is something for people of all ages.

WEST AUSTIN STUDIO TOUR

Various Locations, west.bigmedium.org
The West Austin Studio Tour is a free, self-guided tour that celebrates Austin's talented and wildly diverse creative community. The public is invited to discover new artistic talent; see working studios; learn about artists' tools, techniques and inspirations; explore galleries and a variety of exhibitions; and immerse themselves in the arts and local business communities.



JUNE

AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOK FESTIVAL

George Washington Carver Museum, aabookfest.com
This free, annual literary event showcases new works by and about African-Americans. Notable speakers and authors will discuss their works and facilitate conversations.

ATX TELEVISION FESTIVAL

Downtown Austin, atxfestival.com
ATX Festival is the first festival devoted to television's history and future. It functions like a traditional film festival with premieres of new series, current hits and cult favorites. ATX Festival also offers access to the industry's leading professionals, with cast and creator Q&As, and panels focusing on innovation in both production and content delivery.

CENTRAL TEXAS JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

MLK Blvd. and Other Locations, junteenthcentraltxtexas.com
Juneteenth, also known as "Freedom Day" or "Emancipation Day," is the oldest known African-American celebration commemorating the end of slavery. This annual event features a 2K walk/run, parade floats, entertainment and a celebration at Rosewood Park.

KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD FEST & 5K

Long Center for the Performing Arts, keepaustinweirdfest.com
Anything is possible at this decade-old Austin extravaganza! Run, skip or race through the streets of downtown Austin wearing the wackiest costume. Unofficially known as "the slowest 5K you will ever run," this race is designed for amusement and fun.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS BIKER RALLY

Travis County Exposition Center & Downtown Austin, rotally.com
The state's largest motorcycle gathering attracts thousands of bikers for rides, parades and music.

SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

Pan Am Park and Various Locations, solsticeatx.com
This annual music festival celebrates the local Austin music community. The festival is held at Pan Am Park, but unofficial parties are held at various venues around town during the weekend.

JULY

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS AND SYMPHONY

Auditorium Shores, roadwayevents.com
The Austin Symphony hosts an annual concert of patriotic music culminating in a spectacular fireworks display over Lady Bird Lake.

HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL

Hill Country Galleria, hillcountrygalleria.com
A free celebration of Independence in the Hill Country Galleria, featuring fabulous art, live entertainment and a fireworks display.

AUGUST

AUSTIN CHRONICLE HOT SAUCE FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, austinchronicle.com
If you wanna beat the heat this summer then you gotta eat the heat! Join the Austin Chronicle for one of the world's largest hot sauce festivals, with as many as 10,000 spectators each year.



AUSTIN ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, austincicecreamfestival.com

The Annual Austin Ice Cream Festival is fun for the whole family. Games, activities, contests, live entertainment and, of course, ice cream, will keep you cool and happy.

AUSTIN PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE

Fiesta Gardens, austinpride.org

The PRIDE Festival is the largest annual LGBTQ advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas! Dozens of nonprofit organizations and social clubs use the festival as a platform to inform and interact with the thousands of attendees. Each year, countless people find new organizations to join, causes to support, and opportunities to volunteer.

BAT FEST

Congress Avenue Bridge, roadwayevents.com

Celebrate this batty event as the world's largest urban bat colony (1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats, which take up seasonal residence beneath the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge) takes to the skies for its nightly flight. Enjoy live music, children's activities and a costume contest.

CAPITAL CITY BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations, capcitybff.com

CCBFF celebrates African-American filmmakers from across the nation and provides a stage for burgeoning talent. This festival packs in the fun with four days of events, seminars, parties, screenings and more.

SEPTEMBER

AUSTIN GAY AND LESBIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (aGLIFF)

Various Locations, agliff.org

aGLIFF is the oldest and largest gay and lesbian film fest in the Southwest, and it is the largest LGBTQ cultural event in Austin. Experience the festival in September and watch for monthly screenings around town.

AUSTIN MUSEUM DAY

Various Locations, austinmuseums.org
Organized by the Austin Museum Partnership, this special day features free exhibitions and activities at participating Austin-area museums and cultural sites.

AUSTIN OKTOBERFEST

Various Locations, austoberfest.com
Also known as Austoberfest, this fun event features live music, food, a biergarten, kids' activities and more at the Austin Saengerbrude and Scholz Garten.

FANTASTIC FEST

Alamo Drafthouse, fantasticfest.com
Fantastic Fest is the largest genre film festival in the U.S., specializing in horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action and just plain fantastic movies from around the world.

FREE DAY OF YOGA

Various Locations, freedayofyoga.com
All day long, participating studios across the Austin area offer free classes as an opportunity for every age and fitness level.

OUT OF BOUNDS COMEDY FESTIVAL

Various Locations, outofboundscomedy.com
Comedians from around the country show Austinites their comedy chops and throw down in a mini-golf tourney.

PECAN STREET FESTIVAL (FALL)

Sixth Street Austin, pecanstreetfestival.org
A free family event, the Pecan Street Festival is the oldest and largest art festival in Central Texas. Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn Sixth Street—historically called Pecan Street—into a lively street fair where there is something for people of all ages.

TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, texascraftbrewersfestival.org
The Texas Craft Brewers Fest is the largest beer festival for and by Texas brewers. This annual event features the best of Texas craft beer, and displays the thriving beer community across the Lone Star State.

ZILKER RELAYS

Zilker Park, zilkerrelays.com
The Zilker Relays is a 10-mile team race. Each participant runs a 2.5-mile loop from one central festival/transition area. The team concept of the Zilker Relays is not unique, but the combination of a relay, festival home base, drinks and music make this experience a favorite for runners of all calibers and ages.

OCTOBER

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Zilker Park, acfestival.com
One of the country's largest celebrations of live music, this two-weekend, six-day festival brings the magic of the famed public TV series, "Austin City Limits," outside the studio and into Austin's most beloved park. More than 150 musical acts will take over eight stages, along with local food vendors, brewers, artists and pop-up shops.

AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

Paramount Theatre and Various Locations, austinfilmfestival.com
Recognized as one of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event shines the spotlight on top-billed films and indies alike.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, austindiadelosmuertos.com
This cultural celebration features renowned recording artists in the Latin and Texas music industries. The family-friendly festival will also offer local food and beverages, cultural performances, Kids Zone activities and more.

FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX

Circuit of The Americas™, circuitoftheamericas.com
Drivers will be in Austin competing in the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix this fall. Built around a state-of-the-art 3.4-mile circuit track with capacity for 120,000 fans and an elevation change of 133 feet, the facility is designed for any and all classes of racing—from motor power to human power.

IRONMAN 70.3 AUSTIN

Travis County Exposition Center, ironman.com
Race in Texas' capital of cool with one of the only indoor finishes on the Ironman circuit. The swim will begin on Decker Lake, the bike ride will loop through rolling Texas farmlands, and the final run will end indoors at the Travis County Expo Center.

OKTOBERFEST

German Free School, germantexans.org
The German-Texan Heritage Society holds this annual festival featuring live music, food, a biergarten, kids' activities and more at the historic German Free School.

TEXAS FIREWORKS DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION

Kreig Baseball Field, planettexastrafireworks.com
Light up your Halloween night with pyrotechnics at Kreig Softball Fields, presented by Planet K.

TEXAS MONTHLY BBQ FESTIVAL

City Terrace at the Long Center, tmbbq.com
This tasty festival only has four rules: muster as many of Texas' best BBQ joints as possible; have them serve up their specialties, side-by-side; let smoke and sauce fly for five intoxicating hours; and finally, let the people decide who made the best goods.

TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL

St. Edward's University, texasbookfestival.org
The Texas Book Festival has evolved into one of the premier literary events in the country, hosting about 250 authors each year. More than 40,000 book lovers of all ages attend the festival annually, enjoying readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and exhibitors from across the state.

NOVEMBER

AUSTIN CELTIC FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, austincelticfestival.com
This annual festival is also the largest gathering of Celts in Central Texas. The event is home to four stages of Irish, Scottish and Breton music, dance, sports, storytelling, workshops and more.

AUSTIN POWWOW

Travis County Exposition Center, austinpowwow.net
For more than 25 years, the Austin Powwow has featured music, dancing, food, and arts and crafts in celebration of American Indian heritage.

BLUE GENIE ART BAZAAR

6100 Airport Blvd., bluegenieartbazaar.com
The Blue Genie Art Bazaar is a unique holiday art show held in Austin. The bazaar features handmade artwork and gifts from over 200 local and regional artists, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish® Foundation.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CASWELL HOUSE

Caswell House Austin, austjinjuniorforum.org
Christmas at the Caswell House has been an Austin community tradition since 1983. The Austin Junior Forum transforms this historic home into a winter wonderland.

CHUY'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

Congress Avenue, chuyssparade.com
This spirited holiday parade features a procession of giant balloons, marching bands, vintage cars, celebrities and floats to usher in the season of giving.

EAST AUSTIN STUDIO TOUR

Various Locations, east.bigmedium.org
More than 70 Eastside studios open their doors for the public's viewing and purchasing pleasure.

SOUND ON SOUND FEST

Sherwood Forest, soundonsoundfest.com
Austin's newest progressive music festival, Sound on Sound, takes place on Sherwood Forest this November. The festival promises three days of music by local, national and international touring indie rock, hip-hop, punk and dance acts.

TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

Texas State Capitol, texasbookfestival.org
The Texas Book Festival has evolved into one of the premier literary events in the country, hosting about 250 authors each year. More than 40,000 book lovers of all ages attend the festival annually, enjoying readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and exhibitors from across the state.

TURKEY TROT

Long Center, thundercloud.com
ThunderCloud Subs' 5-mile run/1-mile walk is a good way to work up a Thanksgiving appetite.

ZILKER TREE LIGHTING

Zilker Park, austintrailights.org
This Austin tradition is continuing its 50+ year run of light displays, interactive shows and holiday-themed walkthroughs.

DECEMBER

ARMADILLO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Palmer Events Center, armadillobaazar.com
Shades of old Austin are reflected at this market, with eclectic gifts and local entertainment from more than 160 artists and merchants.

AUSTIN ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations, aafilmfest.com

The Austin Asian American Film Festival (AAAFF) promotes Asian and Asian-American cultures and experiences through the media arts, showcasing top-quality cinema and supporting the creative talents of Asian-American artists.

AUSTIN'S NEW YEAR

Auditorium Shores, do512family.com
This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with visual art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers and other festive performances.

CHERRYWOOD ART FAIR

Maplewood Elementary, cherrywoodartfair.org
This neighborhood fundraiser benefits the Eastside arts scene. Enjoy local food artisans, live music, 80+ artists, kids' crafts and a silent auction at this annual event.

GERMAN-TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS MARKET

German Free School, germantexans.org
The German-Texan Heritage Society's annual market offers shoppers handmade, imported crafts, decorations, ornaments and more. Browse the market, visit Sankt Nikolas, listen to traditional German Christmas music, and enjoy a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), gingerbread cookies and other sweet baked treats.

HOLIDAY SING-ALONG & DOWNTOWN STROLL

Texas State Capitol, downtownaustin.com
Join hundreds of carolers in front of the Capitol as the tree is lit before heading down Congress Avenue for live music, shopping, art and much more.

LUMINATIONS AT THE WILDFLOWER CENTER

Wildflower Center Grounds, wildflower.org
Thousands of luminaries and twinkling lights turn the center into a holiday wonderland during Luminations, an Austin holiday tradition.

TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Zilker Park, austintrailights.org
The Austin Trail of Lights is part of the Austin experience, lighting up the season with a celebration of community, memories and fun. With a beautiful array of lights, the tree is lit following a 5k run.

Trail of Lights



NEW & NOTABLE



Domain NORTHSIDE

Get the scoop on the hottest openings in Austin, from restaurants to nightlife and entertainment spots.



Boiler Nine Bar + Grill

RESTAURANT RAVES

Downtown's **Red Ash Italia** is known for its creative take on wood-fired Italian classics, while fans of **L'oca d'Oro** in Mueller clamor for the house-made pastas.

Colorful and airy **Grizzelda's** transports diners to Mexico with its authentic dishes, while **Old Thousand** serves creative Chinese fare and cocktails in a cool vintage space.

Situated in the former Seaholm Power Plant, the industrial-chic **Boiler Nine Bar + Grill** offers ember-roasted fare and cocktails on three levels, including a rooftop and sultry subterranean lounge. It's located in the new **Seaholm** neighborhood, a hidden oasis along Lady Bird Lake that's home to some of the buzziest new restaurants and shops in Austin.

Butter coffees and bone broths top the innovative, healthy menu at **Picnik** in North Austin. The food hall craze hits Austin with **Fareground** at One Eleven Congress Plaza downtown. Look for delectable bites from **Antonelli's Cheese Shop**, **Contigo Fareground** and **Dai Due Taqueria**.

DRINK SPOTS

Inspired by NYC punk venues, **Moloko** is a self-described "dive cocktail bar" located in trendy East Austin. In a swanky lounge with a large dance floor **Sellers Underground** mixes craft cocktails named for 1970s films.

Modeled after Belgium's most revered pubs, **Mort Subite** offers an expansive menu of Trappist beers and Belgian spirits. A culinary brewery, **The Brewer's Table** features beer aged in oak barrels and food prepared on a wood-fired grill.



Fleet Coffee offers small-batch coffee with experimental concoctions like the Cinnamon Toast Crunch-infused milk and espresso. **Stonehouse Coffee + Bar** serves Cuvee Coffee and pastries during the day, and craft beer and wine after dark.

SHOPPING & ENTERTAINMENT

Domain NORTHSIDE is an upscale shopping destination in North Austin with stores that include Nordstrom and local brands, along with the boutique



NLand Surf Park

Archer Hotel Austin and the **Rock Rose** district, which rivals downtown for entertainment and dining options.

Grab your board and head to **NLand** surf park, where you can hit the waves then dine on farm-fresh fare at **Blue Prairie**, overlooking the water.

St. Elmo Public Market, a new mixed-use development set to open in South Austin in early 2018, will house creative workspaces, a live music venue and a hotel.

ARTS & MUSIC

The Contemporary Austin has reopened at the Jones Center on Congress Avenue, with 7,000 more square feet of installation space. Free family art-making workshops are offered each month during Second Saturdays.

Located downstairs from ACL Live, **3TEN** is a 350-seat listening room that presents smaller "house" shows.

The **Texas Biennial** (from the team that hosts **East Austin** and **West Austin Studio Tours**) returns to Austin in fall 2017, with some 250 Texas artists exhibiting contemporary works.

The

LGBTQ Arts Scene



*Curran Nault,
Artistic Director of
OUTsider Fest*

We like to do things differently in Austin, and our LGBTQ scene is no exception. Curran Nault, University of Texas at Austin professor and artistic director of OUTsider Fest, discovered that when he moved here from San Francisco. There's not really a gayborhood vibe. "It's different in that there's a crossover in interests. People flock to what they're excited about regardless of orientation," notes Nault.

He also found a unique kind of creative energy in Austin, buoyed by the relatively low cost of living. "People were doing risky weird stuff because they could afford to. I wanted to tap into that." Armed with an understanding of both the LGBTQ and artistic communities, he and a group of friends

hatched OUTsider Fest as a nexus for art, academia and a celebration of the LGBTQ community.

In the past four years, it seems to have accomplished some lofty goals—breaking down barriers between artist groups, fostering some fantastic collaborations and creating something with permanency.

Wherever you fall on the spectrum, you can follow your artistic dreams in Austin. Find contemporary art at the **Jones Center** and sculpture at **Umlauf Sculpture Garden**. Enjoy performances at **ZACH Theatre** or experimental theaters like **The Vortex**. Spend a day touring the **Blanton Museum of Art**'s exhibits or make a quick stop at the **Austin Art Garage**.

OUTsider Recommends

- OUTsider Fest
(February)
- Fusebox Festival
(April)
- Queer Bomb
(June)
- Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Fest (aGLIFF)
(September)
- Cheer Up Charlies
(all the time)



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Over in the Red River Cultural District, seek out indie bands and emerging artists at the creative **Mohawk**, the warehouse-style **Empire Control Room & Garage** or the LGBTQ favorite, **Cheer Up Charlies**.

Head over to the ever-quirky South Congress to hear everything from rock to traditional country at **The Continental Club**, or jazz, soul and R&B in **The Continental Gallery**. Classic soul and R&B is also the draw at the '50s-era, Japanese GI-themed **C-Boy's Heart & Soul**.

Listen to all kinds of music genres at East Riverside's **Emo's** or East Sixth Street's **Hotel Vegas**. And everyone loves the free weekday happy hour shows at **The Saxon Pub** on South Lamar.



Check out all of Austin's music venues at visitaustin.org/visit/music-scene/venue-guide

BEATS & EATS

Want your live music served up with a side of mouthwatering food? We've got just what you're craving. Dig into fall-off-the-bone ribs while listening to live music during **Stubb's Bar-B-Q**'s gospel brunch every Sunday afternoon.

At **The White Horse** honky-tonk in East Austin, get your fill of country music and "bomb tacos" from the trailer out back.

Or try the fresh tacos and hand-shaken margaritas at **Güero's Taco Bar** on South Congress, where its **Oak Garden** stage hosts Sun Radio's weekly **Texas Radio Live** program.

In South Lamar, get your boot scootin'

on at **Broken Spoke**, where you've gotta try their famous chicken-fried steak.

Or, go for pita pizzas and live tunes at **Spider House Cafe & Ballroom** in Central Austin.

MUST-GO FESTIVALS

It wouldn't be the **Live Music Capital of the World®** without some incredible festivals. Hit up well-known events like **SXSW Conference & Festivals**, **Austin City Limits Music Festival**, **Art City Austin**, **Urban Music Fest**, **Euphoria** and **Old Settler's Music Festival**.

Or try something more low-key, like the free summer concert series **Unplugged at The Grove** or **Blues on the Green**.

Music in the Air



Maggie Lea and Tamara Hoover, Co-Owners of Cheer Up Charlies

The Red River Cultural District has long been one of the top spots to find live music in Austin. "Red River is important to Austin's music scene because you can walk from door to door and find something amazing and discoverable. The venues are the right size and the right cluster to provide for venue-hopping," notes local live music expert and fan Maggie Lea.

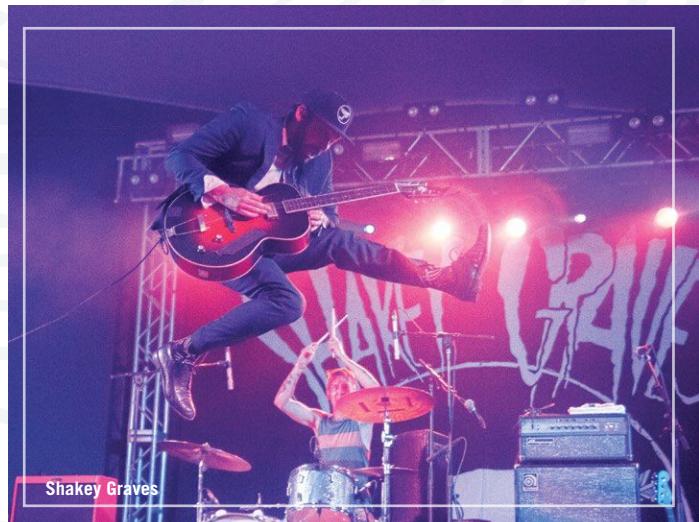
Maggie and Tamara Hoover co-own Cheer Up Charlies, a cocktail bar and live music venue which relocated to Red River in 2014. On a street already packed with excellent live venues (like the Mohawk and Stubb's), they brought a fresh vibe. Their goal was, and is, to create "an everybody space—a playful, comfortable yet outspoken space for live music, local gatherings, LGBTQ events, literary and storytelling events, and weekend dance parties."

Like the rest of Austin, the area isn't immune to development. But that doesn't keep local venues from rocking every night, whether your tastes run from punk to country, rock, goth, funk, EDM or just a good old-fashioned get down. If you're visiting the area, kick off your stay with a local beer at Cheer Up Charlies, and spend a night reveling in the wide diversity of music and people.



5 Local Bands to See Live

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Barton Springs Pool



Lake Travis Zipline Adventures

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Hiking, biking, stand-up paddleboarding, swimming, bat watching (yes, you read that right)—no matter your bliss, you really can choose your own outdoor adventure in Austin.

You don't have to venture far to enjoy nature in Austin, whether you're looking to walk a few minutes to your next adventure or take a short drive to nearby Texas Hill Country.

DOWNTOWN

Get outdoors in the heart of downtown at **Zilker Park**, a 351-acre oasis of lush grass, colorful botanicals, quiet picnic areas, outdoor music concerts and gorgeous waterfront views of Lady Bird Lake. Soak in the sunshine at the park's famous **Barton Springs Pool**, where you can jump into the spring-fed waters or kick back on the grassy hillside.

If you're looking to get active *on* the water, rent a stand-up paddleboard from **SUP ATX** at the Texas Rowing Center to paddle Lady Bird Lake. Or explore downtown's waterfront on a guided kayak tour with **Live Love Paddle**.

Runners and bikers will love the 10-mile **Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail** at Lady Bird Lake, which passes

over shimmering waters and offers panoramic views of Austin's skyline.

Once the sun begins to set, get a good spot on **Congress Avenue Bridge** to watch an incredible phenomenon—1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats fluttering into the night sky from beneath the bridge—which occurs nightly from March to October.

EASY DAY TRIPS

In nearby Dripping Springs, escape to **Hamilton Pool Preserve**, a natural pool and waterfall encircled by a stalactite-studded grotto (reservations required in peak months).

Or take to the skies at **Lake Travis Zip Line Adventures** in Leander, where you'll boat across Lake Travis and then soar above the tree canopy on five zip lines.

At **Colorado Bend State Park** in Bend, bring your mountain bike to kick up dirt on 35 miles of multi-use trails, or rent a kayak to shoot the rapids.



Stand-up paddleboarding



Kayaking on Lady Bird Lake

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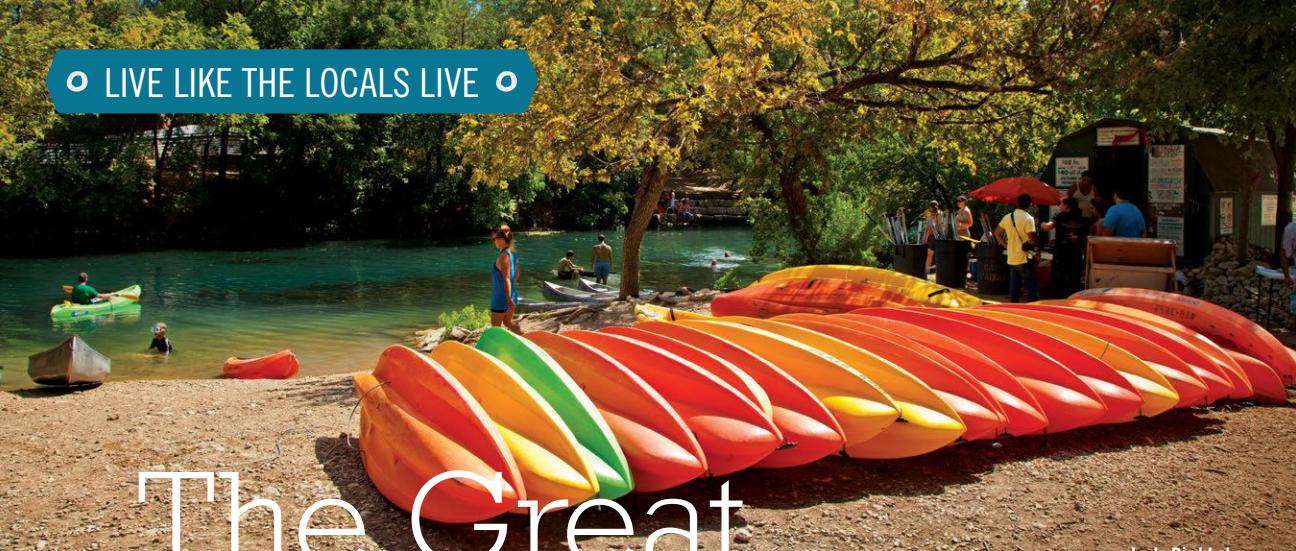
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Lady Bird Lake

The Great OUTDOORS



Barton Creek
Greenbelt

Roy Seiders and his brother and co-founder Ryan grew up in the Hill Country just west of Austin. They always had a passion for the outdoors, and in 2006 they set out to design a cooler that was "built for the wild." In doing so, they tapped into something remarkable. In the last decade, YETI coolers have become the symbol for Austin's serious obsession with the outdoors.

"Yeti is all about the enjoyment and passion of outdoor pursuits. Given the vibrant community here, Austin was a natural fit when it came time to put down roots and build a business," Roy espouses. "Austinites are incredibly fortunate in that we

have easy and affordable access to some outstanding outdoor venues, many of which are smack-dab in the middle of our city. And our weather allows people access virtually year-round. It is a huge contributor to the high quality of life in this town."

If you're new to town or just visiting, Roy suggests swimming at **Barton Springs** or **Deep Eddy Pool**, jogging the hike-and-bike trail around **Lady Bird Lake** and the **Barton Creek Greenbelt**, climbing **Mt. Bonnell** for the views, and of course, stopping in at the YETI flagship store (located at South Congress and Barton Springs Road) after watching the **Congress Avenue Bridge** bats for a frosty beverage.



Congress Avenue Bridge



Deep Eddy Pool

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Find an additional map at the end of the magazine or visit us online to view and download free maps at visitaustin.org/maps

GETTING TO AUSTIN

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- ABIA offers nonstop service from 65+ domestic destinations
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- Live music greets travelers upon arrival
- Downtown Austin is 7.5 miles from the airport via SuperShuttle van service for about \$16; Capital Metro Airport Flyer for \$1.75; taxi for about \$30; as well as various rideshare options

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- Daily routes
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- Austin is tapped into the latest tech-based transit
- Visit visitaustin.org/visit-plan-your-trip/transportation for taxis and rideshare options

MetroRail

- MetroRail connects the city of Leander to downtown Austin
- Service six days a week; until midnight on Friday and Saturday
- 9 stations on the 32-mile line
- Fares cost between \$1.75-\$3.50 per trip

- The Downtown station sits on the north end of the Convention Center at Fourth Street between Neches and Trinity – capmetro.org

Rent a Bike

- Several bike shops offer hourly and day rentals
- Download maps and routes from bicycleaustininfo.com
- Austin B-cycle provides more than 40 bike-share stations throughout downtown 24 hours a day – austin.bcycle.com

Pedicab

- A few different Austin companies operate pedicabs
- All drivers are licensed by the City of Austin Ground Transportation Department
- Rates vary—be sure to ask your driver about the price per rider or per trip

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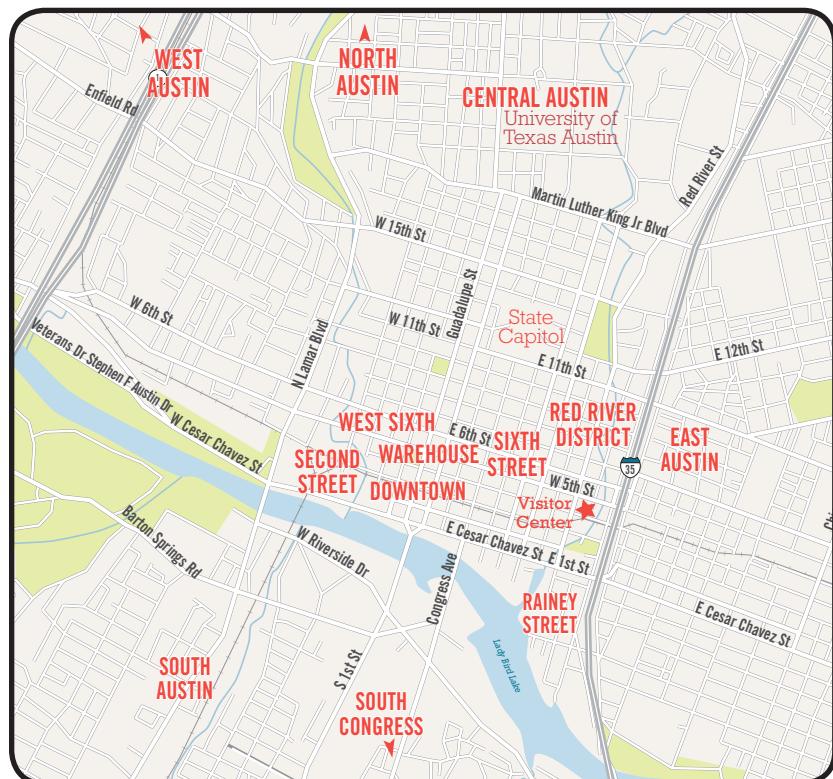
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KEY

Look for these icons to help shape your Austin visit



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SOUTH CONGRESS HOTEL: This beautifully designed hotel boasts gorgeous rooms, two boutiques, tenoverten nail salon and five spots to eat and drink, including the acclaimed Otoko. southcongresshotel.com



THE CONTINENTAL CLUB/THE CONTINENTAL

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HOME SLICE PIZZA: Enormous thin-crust pies with creative toppings and a wait. Skip the line and head next door for slices-to-go. homeslicepizza.com

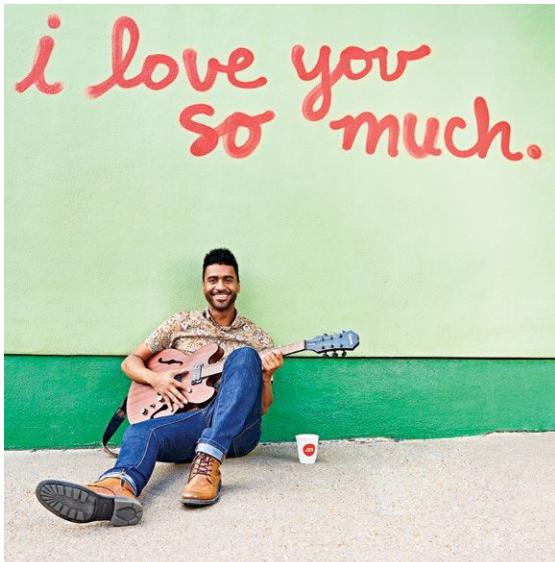


HOPDOODY: Bite into their big-as-life burgers and wash it down with a boozy shake. hopdoddy.com



Light Up the Night

Join the big block party on the **FIRST THURSDAY** (firstthursdayaustin.com) of the month on SoCo. Artisan markets and stores are open until 10 p.m., restaurants are buzzing and live music pours out of every door. On Wednesdays and weekends, head to **GUERO'S OAK GARDEN** for live Americana and blues (guerostacobar.com).



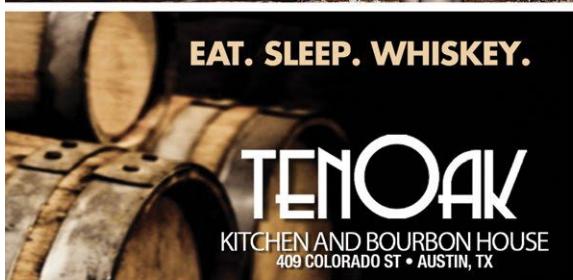
JO'S COFFEE & I LOVE YOU SO MUCH MURAL: Snag an Iced Turbo and a selfie in front of the "I love you so much" painted wall. joscoffee.com



LUCY IN DISGUISE: Live your Halloween dreams at this costume shop with everything from Lady Gaga to Ghostbusters. lucyindisguise.com



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wildflower.org



ROADHOUSE RELICS AND GREETINGS MURAL: This vintage-style neon gallery and home of the "Greetings from Austin" mural is a two-for-one tourist stop.
roadhouserelics.com



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peterpanminigolf.com



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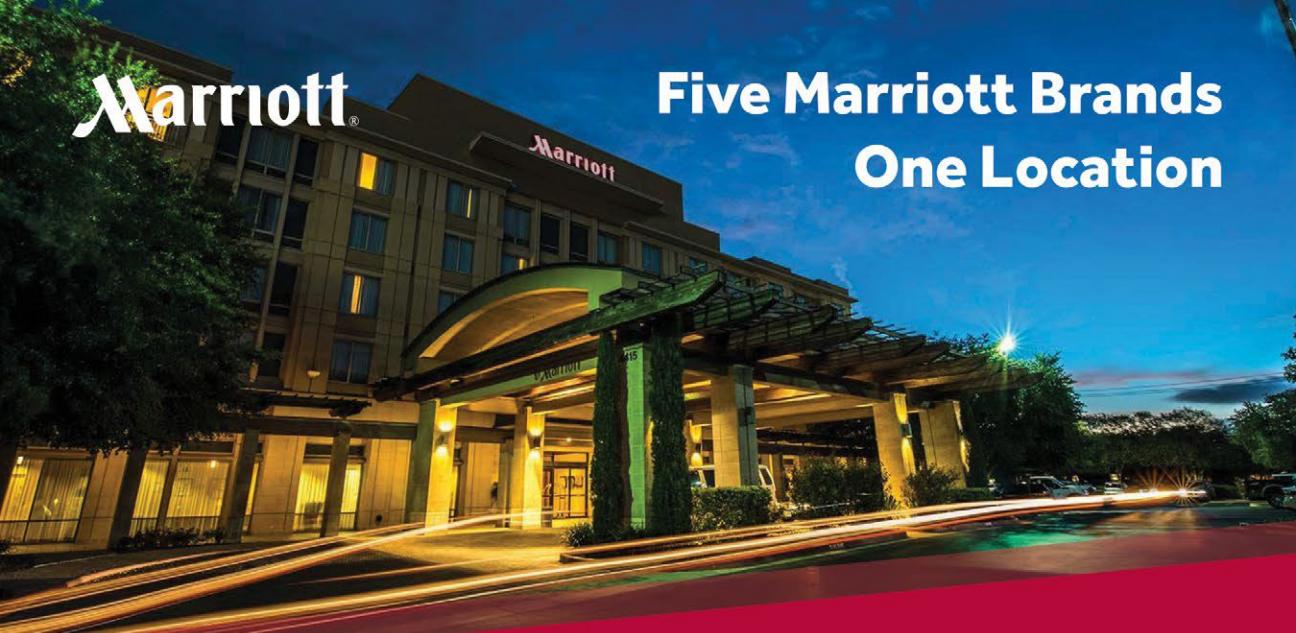


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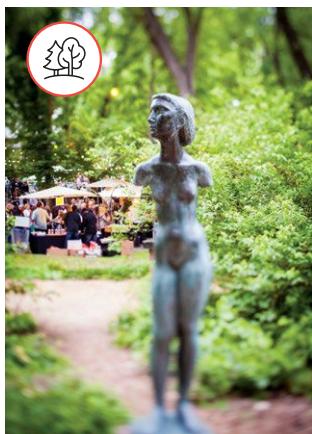


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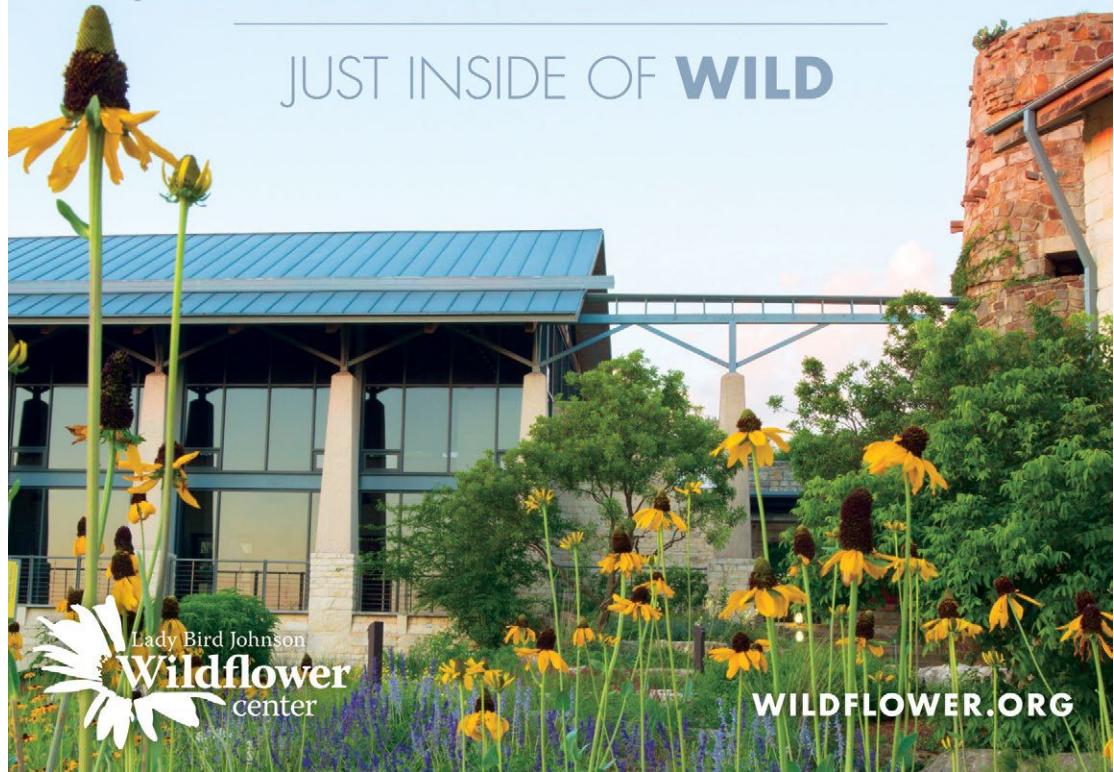
SoLa After Dark

On South Lamar, enjoy the big sounds of Motown at **THE HIGHBALL** (thehighball.com) with Matchmaker on Mondays, take a two-step lesson at **BROKEN SPOKE** (brokenspokeaustintx.net) on Tuesdays, and settle down for some sweet tunes at **SAXON PUB** any evening (thesaxonpub.com).



JUST OUTSIDE OF DOWNTOWN

JUST INSIDE OF WILD



EAST AUSTIN



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LAUNDERETTE: Enjoy this bright, sunny spot for brunches and delightful date nights. launderetteaustin.com

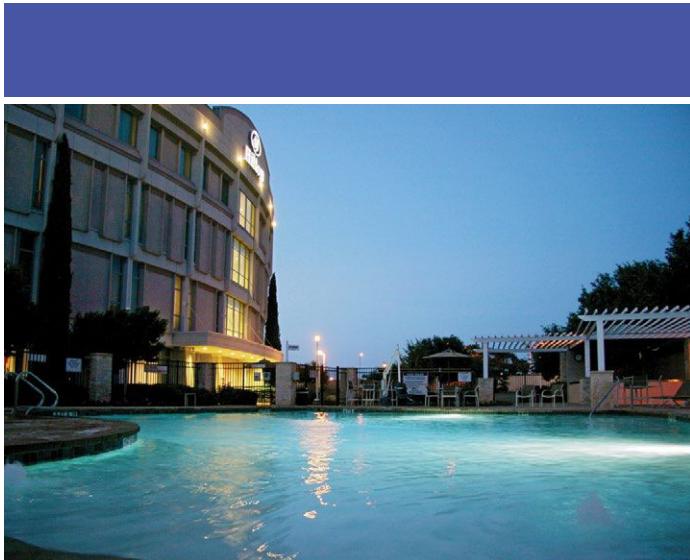


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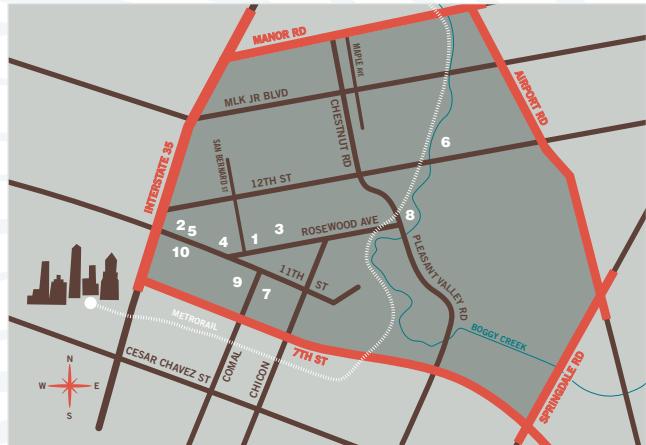


**Nefertitti Jackmon,
Executive Director of Six Square**

Six Square has emerged as Austin's African-American Cultural District, the first of its kind in Texas, and Nefertitti Jackmon is the face of this trailblazing effort. As executive director, she works to foster community partnerships, to spotlight cultural contributions, and to create a space that's as much a nod to the past as it is a building block for the future.

"We're building on the strong foundation that Six Square has already established in the East Austin community," Nefertitti explains. "Through the promotion of cultural events, educational initiatives and re-animation of significant spaces, our goal is to preserve and celebrate the rich heritage that has evolved in Central East Austin."

Locals and visitors can engage with Six Square's work. Book a walking tour through Central East Austin, which includes stops at historically important Downs Field, the Texas State Cemetery and Victory Grill. Watch the calendar for curated art and musical exploration events that highlight African-American artists. Definitely take the time to explore the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural & Genealogy Center. The museum offers gallery exhibits, programs, classes, theater productions and an extensive genealogy center.



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| 01 | Six Square office | 06 | Downs Mabson Field |
| 02 | Dedrick-Hamilton House | 07 | Huston-Tillotson University |
| 03 | Carver Museum | 08 | MYEC |
| 04 | Victory Grill | 09 | Texas State Cemetery |
| 05 | Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce office + African American Heritage Facility | 10 | Texas Music Museum |



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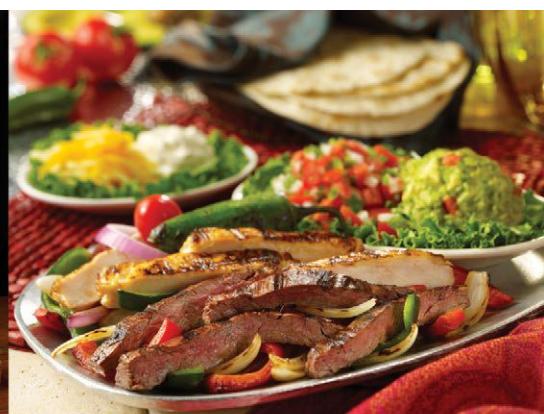


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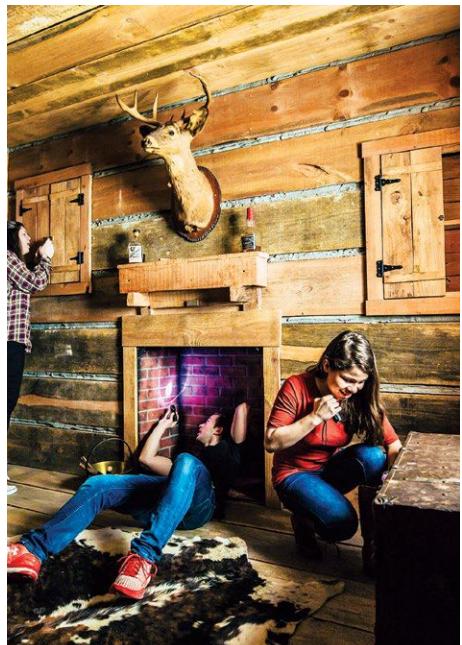
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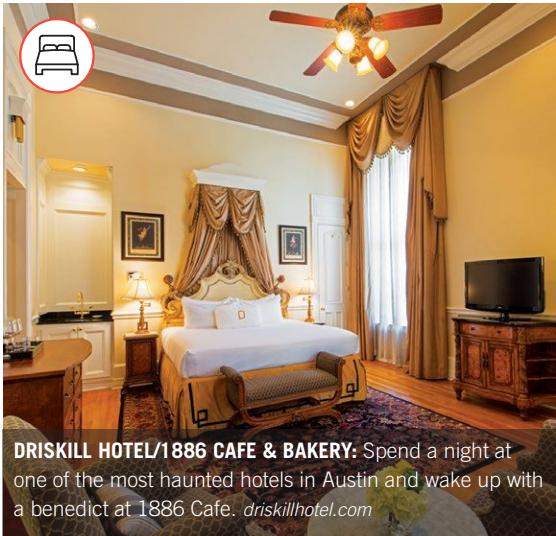
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Lakana Sopajan Trubiana and her husband Justin, owners of Dee Dee Northern Thai Street Food, have experienced the change first-hand. "There's always something new just

around the corner that you've never had before. The food truck scene lets people dream and experiment. Austin is lucky in that way," she observes.

Lakana is from northern Thailand, where she helped her family plant vegetables and prepare food. She now serves that style of food—Isaan—at her food truck on Cesar Chavez. "We couldn't think of a better place to start this business," Lakana says. "It reminds us a little bit of street food markets that can be found all across Thailand."

As for her culinary exploration, Lakana finds herself pairing

la Barbecue's super-moist brisket with Dee Dee's own green papaya salad, a Texas twist on a traditional Thai dish. She and husband Justin also stop by **Paperboy** on East 11th Street, or finish up their long days with Pastor or Barbacoa street tacos at **Las Trancas**.



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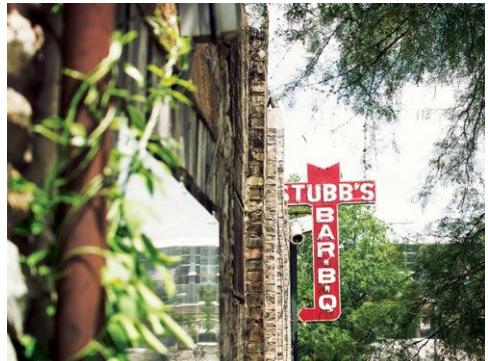
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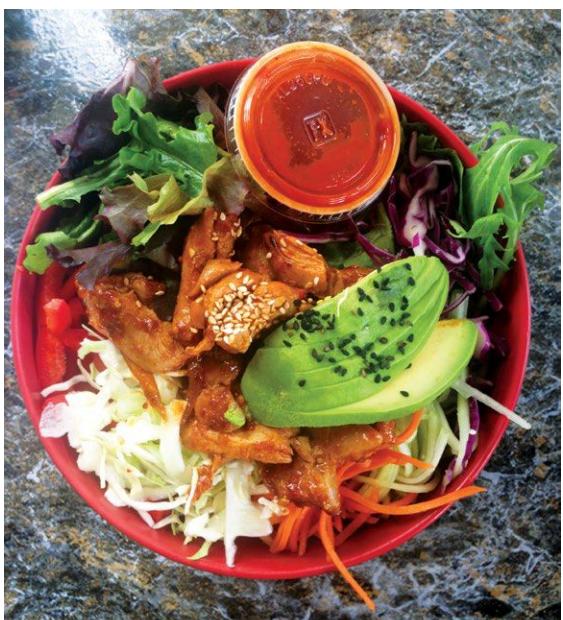
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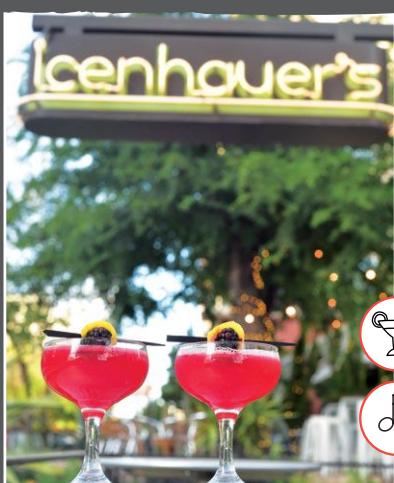


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Sunday Funday

Sunday Funday is more of a religion on Rainey Street. Start with a French bistro brunch at **L'ESTELLE** (lestellehouse.com), stop in at any of the bars for mimosa specials, and make your way to **ICENHAUER'S** (icenhauers.com) to dance at Super Soul Sundays with the Love & Happiness band.





EMMER & RYE: Voted one of the best new restaurants by *Bon Appétit*, their approach to small plates will have you swooning.
emmerandrye.com



LITTLE LUCY'S MINI DONUTS: Savor fresh, hot mini donuts with your choice of flavored sugar in adorable pink bags.
littlelucyscafe.com



HALF STEP: Home to a Clinebell ice machine, this cocktail bar will please even the haughtiest cocktail snob. halfstepbar.com



EL NARANJO: Eschew Tex-Mex for interior Mexican specialties like ceviche and mole.
elnaranjorestaurant.com



CRAFT PRIDE AND VIA 313: Kick up your boots at this rustic bar with 50+ Texas beers on draft and Detroit-style pizza. craftprideaustin.com, via313.com



EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER (MACC): Learn about the cultural arts of Mexican-Americans and other Latino cultures via the gallery, exhibits and special events. austintexas.gov/esbmacc



CLIVE BAR & BAR ILLEGAL: This handsome bar serves a mean martini, while the secret bar in the back specializes in mezcal.
clivebar.com



BLACKHEART: Dial it down with their retro vibe and dual patios, or hit them up on a night when their stages are hot and rockin'.
blackheartbar.com

WEST AUSTIN

→ Take a break and make it a lake day. Gorgeous views, elegant resorts, waterfront dining and drinking, and sunset gazing all make for a tranquil day.

» AROUND TOWN «



MOZART'S: Wake up with a cup of java on the waterfront patio.
mozartscoffee.com



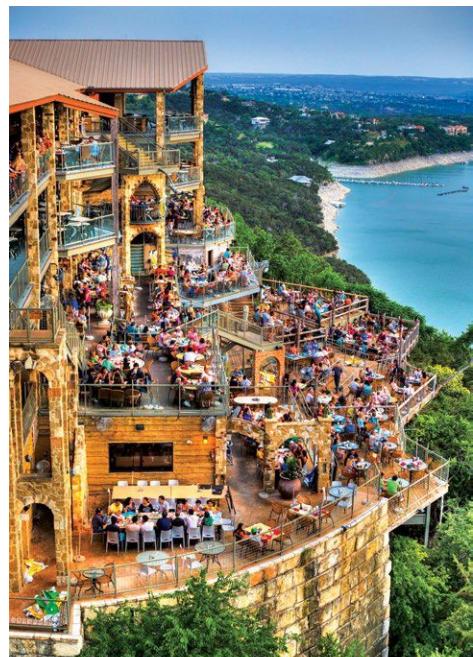
BEE CAVE SCULPTURE PARK: This 7-acre natural setting showcases a combination of permanent and rotating sculptures. sculpturesofbeecave.org



RED BUD ISLE: Take the trail or kayak down to this haven for happy off-leash dogs. austinparks.org/parks/red-bud-isle



LAKE AUSTIN: Take advantage of our sunshine and rent a boat or take a cruise on beautiful Lake Austin.



OASIS, TEXAS: Gorgeous views of the water and a multitude of local businesses makes this the perfect spot to shop, eat or enjoy a craft beer as the sun sets. oasis-austin.com



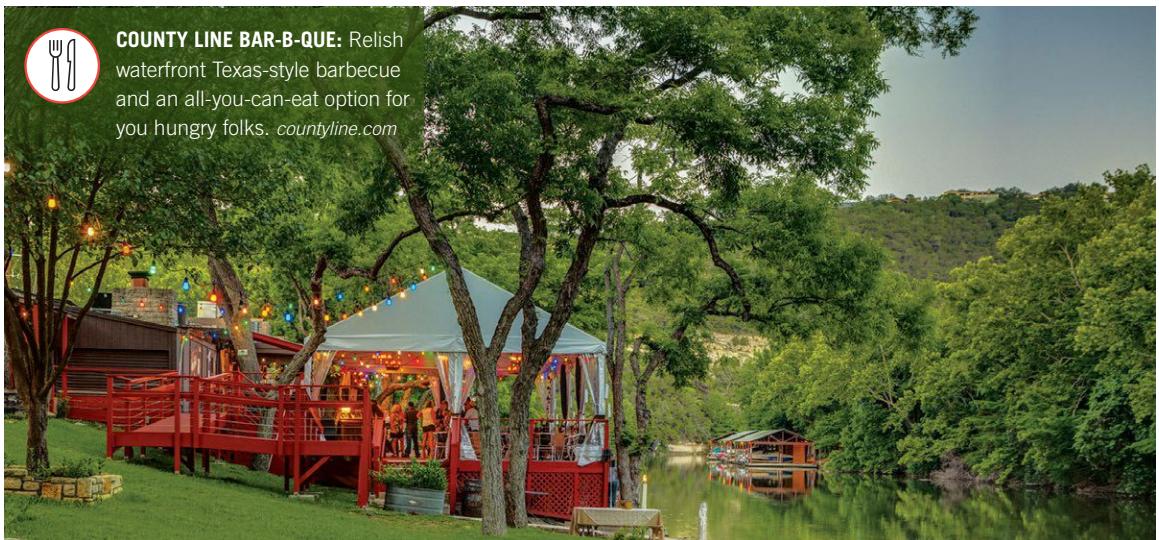
Ravishing Resorts

Enjoy luxury spa treatments, lovely accommodations and a variety of family-friendly activities at **LAKE AUSTIN SPA RESORT** (lakeaustin.com), **OMNI BARTON CREEK RESORT & SPA** (omnihotels.com/hotels/austin-barton-creek), **TRAVAASA** (travaasa.com/austin), **HORSESHOE BAY RESORT** (hsbresort.com), **HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES** near Bastrop (lostpinies.regency.hyatt.com), and **LAKEWAY RESORT AND SPA** (lakewayresortandspa.com).

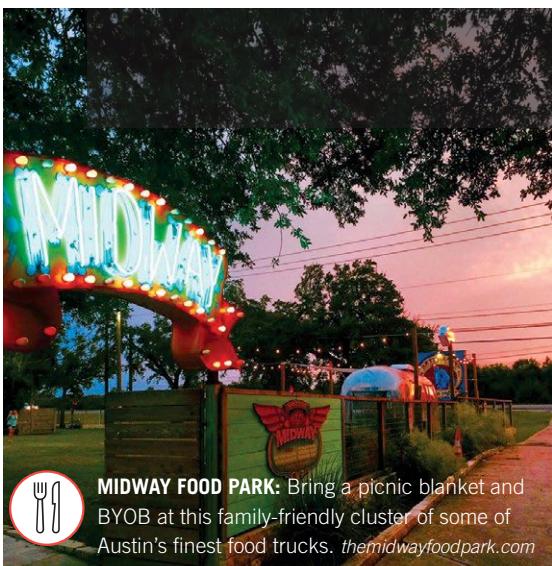




COUNTY LINE BAR-B-QUE: Relish waterfront Texas-style barbecue and an all-you-can-eat option for you hungry folks. countyline.com



Z'TEJAS: Dig into funky and fun Mexican food with Austin flair. Don't skip the margaritas! ztejas.com



MIDWAY FOOD PARK: Bring a picnic blanket and BYOB at this family-friendly cluster of some of Austin's finest food trucks. themidwayfoodpark.com



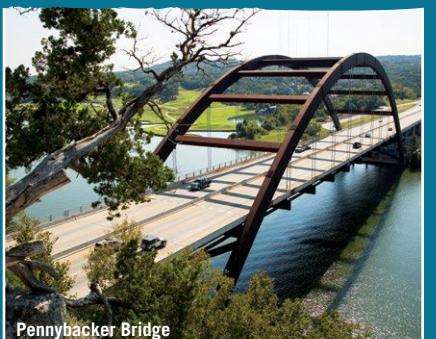
THE GROVE & LOLA SAVANNAH:

Relax with a glass of wine on the tree-shaded patio or pop next door for a quick coffee. grovewinebar.com



Insta This

Austin is pretty as a picture, and you'll likely want to take a few. Head to **PENNYBACKER BRIDGE** out on 360 to get a perfect sunset snap, hike **MT. BONNELL**'s gentle slope for a bird's-eye view of the lake (austinparks.org/parks/mount-bonnell), or drop in at **MAYFIELD PARK** for photos of their famous peacocks (mayfieldpark.org).



Pennybacker Bridge

SAFFRON: Find Indian and Nepalese fusion dishes at this BYOB strip mall surprise. saffronaustin.com

NORTH AUSTIN

→ Just north of downtown you'll find a bevy of multicultural restaurants, kid-friendly activities, natural hiking trails and high-end shopping.

» AROUND TOWN «



PINBALLZ: This spot is heaven for old-school gamers, with over 150 pinball machines and video games. pinballzarcade.com



CULINARY DROPOUT: Take a seat at this gastropub with a rebellious attitude, serving fried chicken and whiskey with a side of live music. culinarydropout.com



TOPGOLF: It's fun for the whole family, whether you're a first-time putter or a pro. topgolf.com



ARBORETUM: Enjoy a day of upmarket shopping at spots like Pottery Barn, Sephora and Ann Taylor, before some tapas at Baretto or a drink on the overlook at the Knotty Deck & Bar. thearboretum.com

Destination: Domain NORTHSIDE

For a nearly perfect day, might we suggest spending some time in **DOMAIN NORTHSIDE** (domainnorthandside.com)? Start with a coffee at **APANAS**, a class at **COREPOWER YOGA**, lunch at **THAI KUN**, a little shopping at **GOLDEN BONES** and **FRYE**, dinner at **FLOWER CHILD**, and a boozy candy bag from **SUGARFINA**. If you're making a night of it, explore **ROCK ROSE**'s hoppin' nightlife with a pint at **JACK & GINGER'S**, a rooftop beverage at **77 DEGREES** or a glass of wine at **ST. GENEVIEVE**. Then settle into a luxurious room at the **ARCHER HOTEL AUSTIN** (archerhotel.com/Austin) or one of the other unique hotels in the area.





IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING: This spot will blow your hair back with its high-flying antics. iflyworld.com



ST. EDWARDS PARK: This semi-hidden series of trails is part of Austin's extensive greenbelt. Expect trails, swimming holes and lots of pups. austinparks.org/parks/st-edwards-park



RAMEN TATSU-YA: One of America's best ramen spots, slurp up traditional noodle dishes in an intimate environment. ramen-tatsuya.com



NEW FORTUNE CHINESE: Discover delightful dim sum every day of the week in this Chinese restaurant that also specializes in seafood. newfortuneseafood.com



GARBO'S: Indulge in Maine lobster rolls and champagne in adorable coastal-inspired surrounds. garboslobsteratx.com



DART BOWL: Play a game at this fun bowling alley with character and darn good enchiladas. dartbowl.com



NXNW: One of Austin's first breweries, you'll find beer made on-site and hearty American dishes. nxnwbrew.com





The Salt Lick BBQ



Hamilton Pool Preserve

Texas Hill Country
Olive Company

25 SPOTS

From wildflower-draped hillsides to historic relics from the Old West, the Texas Hill Country offers a peek into simpler times and the state's storied past. Today, you'll even find a few newcomers calling the countryside home, such as boutique wineries, craft breweries and farm-to-table restaurants.

1 Take a tour of the gorgeous orchards at **Texas Hill Country Olive Company**, and then sample their premium olive oils and inventive balsamic vinegar flavors (think wild cherry, vanilla fig and white lemon). *Dripping Springs*

2 Cool off in the jade-green waters of **Hamilton Pool Preserve**, where a grotto and a 50-foot waterfall give this swimming hole an exotic vibe. Requires a reservation. *Dripping Springs*

3 Grab a picnic table beneath the old oak trees and dig into a piled-high plate of brisket, pork ribs, sausage and more at **The Salt Lick BBQ**, a cash-only BYOB barbecue joint. *Driftwood*

4 Set up your campsite, and get ready to clap your hands and move your feet at the annual **Old Settler's Music Festival** (April), where roots and Americana music fills the air. *Dale*



Old Settler's Music Festival



Luckenbach Texas General Store



Hill Country Food Truck Festival

WORTH A STOP ON A HILL COUNTRY ROAD TRIP

5 Get an insider's look at the "Texas White House"—and the birthplace, home and final resting place of the 36th President of the United States—at the **Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park**. *Johnson City*

6 Pick out a souvenir at the legendary **Luckenbach Texas General Store** (housed in an 1800s trading post), or catch a country western concert any night of the week at **Luckenbach Dance Hall**. *Fredericksburg*

7 Spend the night in a country-style cabin at **The Back Forty of Fredericksburg**, a bed-and-breakfast ranch with a relaxing European-style spa and picturesque pasture views. *Fredericksburg*

8 Bring your appetite to the annual **Hill Country Food Truck Festival** (June), where you can fill up on regional specialties, Texas Hill Country wines and local craft beers while listening to live music. *Fredericksburg*

9 Tee off at the resort-like **Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course**, an 18-hole, par 71 public golf course boasting firm, fast greens and challenging water and sand bunker features. *Fredericksburg*

10 Crunch on some of the best darn pickles around at **Carousel Antiques & Fickle Pickles**, where you can enjoy the weird (and wonderful!) combination of antique shopping and pickle sampling. *Boerne*





11 Live in luxury at **Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort**, where you can spend your days on the golf course, reclining by the pool or getting pampered at the spa. *Boerne*

12 Auto enthusiasts will be swooning at the pristine automobiles (we're talking 1930s roadsters, 1950s convertibles—even a 1901 Curved Dash Olds) at **Dick's Classic Garage and Car Museum**. *San Marcos*

13 Watch artisans in action as they handcraft delicate pieces of colorful vases, sculptures and glassware at **Wimberley Glassworks**, and then browse the gallery to take a piece home. *San Marcos*

14 Zoom down a super-fast waterslide or kick back in an ultra-chill endless river; at **Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort**; the choice is up to you. *New Braunfels*

15 Let your kids' imaginations run wild at **McKenna Children's Museum**, where interactive exhibits mean they can play in a pretend hospital, campground, outer space and more. *New Braunfels*



Tapatio Springs Hill Country Resort

16 Grab a beer and boot scoot along the wooden floors of Texas' oldest dance hall, **Gruene Hall**, where music legends and up-and-comers have been performing since 1878. *Gruene*

17 At **Wimberley Zipline Adventures**, soar above Texas Hill Country as you zoom over canyons and creeks on a course consisting of 10 separate zip lines for about a mile of aerial adventures. *Wimberley*



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Jacob's Well

18 Fancy yourself a bit of a daredevil? Test your courage, and take the plunge into the cold, dark waters of **Jacob's Well**, a spring-fed swimming hole with underwater caves. *Wimberley*

19 Tour the magnificent red brick **Caldwell County Jail Museum** to step back in time and see where outlaws were held. Then, walk by the 1894 **Caldwell County Courthouse** in the town square for another breathtaking example of historic architecture. *Lockhart*

20 Order a plate laden with classic Southern sides and juicy, oak-smoked meats, from charred brisket to sauce-mopped spare ribs, at **The Original Black's Barbecue**—family-owned since 1932. *Lockhart*

21 Get a taste of homemade pie at **Royers Pie Haven**, where decadent sweets like sugary pecan pie and tart key lime chess pie are served from the cutest little clapboard bakery. *Round Top*

Sip Your Way Through HILL COUNTRY

Try these 9 wineries, breweries and distilleries along the route.

1 Sample wine paired with a three-course menu at **Flat Creek Estate Winery's** restaurant.

2 Visit the tasting room in a century-old farmhouse at **William Chris Vineyards**.

3 On your way to **Becker Vineyards**, take in views of the estate's lavender fields and peach orchards.

4 Bring your pup (and a picnic!) to the pet-friendly **Spicewood Vineyards**.

5 Kick back with live music and a pint of craft beer at **Pecan Street Brewing**.

6 Take a free brewery tour and sample some beers at **Twisted X Brewing Co.**

7 Sip award-winning vodkas at **Deep Eddy Vodka Distillery & Tasting Room**.

8 Go behind the scenes at **Revolution Spirits Distilling Co.** to see how their gins and liqueurs are made.

9 Savor a Scottish-style single malt Texas whiskey handcrafted at **Swift Single Malt**.

22 Go treasure hunting in the Big Red Barn to unearth rare finds like fine glass, period furniture, vintage silver and classic Americana, at **The Original Round Top Antiques Fair**. *Round Top*

23 Explore massive caverns dripping with stalactites and passageways with awe-inspiring rock formations at **Inner Space Cavern**, one of Texas' best-preserved caves. *Georgetown*

24 Castle-like towers, twisty slides, climbing structures and play features for all ages make the **Creative Playscape** at **San Gabriel Park** a fun stop for little ones. *Georgetown*



25 Pick your own fruit right from the fields at **Sweet Berry Farm**, where sun-ripened strawberries, luscious peaches and burst-in-your-mouth blackberries beckon. *Marble Falls*



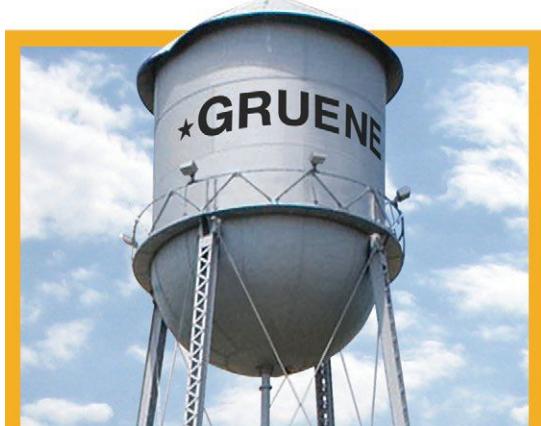
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AUSTIN: THE CITY OF THE VIOLET

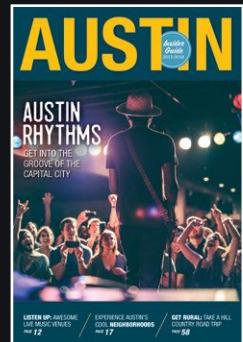
Low Down Violet Crown, a 17-song compilation CD from ALL ATX and Visit Austin, brings together a collection of unique tracks

from some of our city's most beloved musicians that span the entire blues-rock catalog from the 1950s. *Low Down* provides a glimpse

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Neill-Cochran House Museum

Historic AUSTIN



French Legation Museum



Texas State Capitol

Austin's history is the story of Texas itself. Delve into these storied roots with a visit to some of the town's many museums and historic sites that let you experience Austin's fascinating past.

Get an insider's look at the history and culture of Texas at the **Bullock Museum**, which features fun interactive exhibits and an IMAX Theatre.

Make a stop at the **Texas Capitol Visitors Center**, housed in the 1857 General Land Office Building, and sign up for a free tour of the **Texas State Capitol**.

Spend the afternoon at the **University of Texas at Austin**, home to impressive museums that include the **Blanton Museum of Art**, the natural history-focused **Texas Memorial Museum**, and the **LBJ Presidential Library**, with inspiring exhibits on President Lyndon B. Johnson and his beloved wife, Lady Bird.

Celebrate African-American heritage at the **George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center** through exhibits, programs and theatrical productions.

Join a guided tour of the Creole-style **French Legation Museum**, downtown Austin's oldest wooden building, which is surrounded by a lush park.



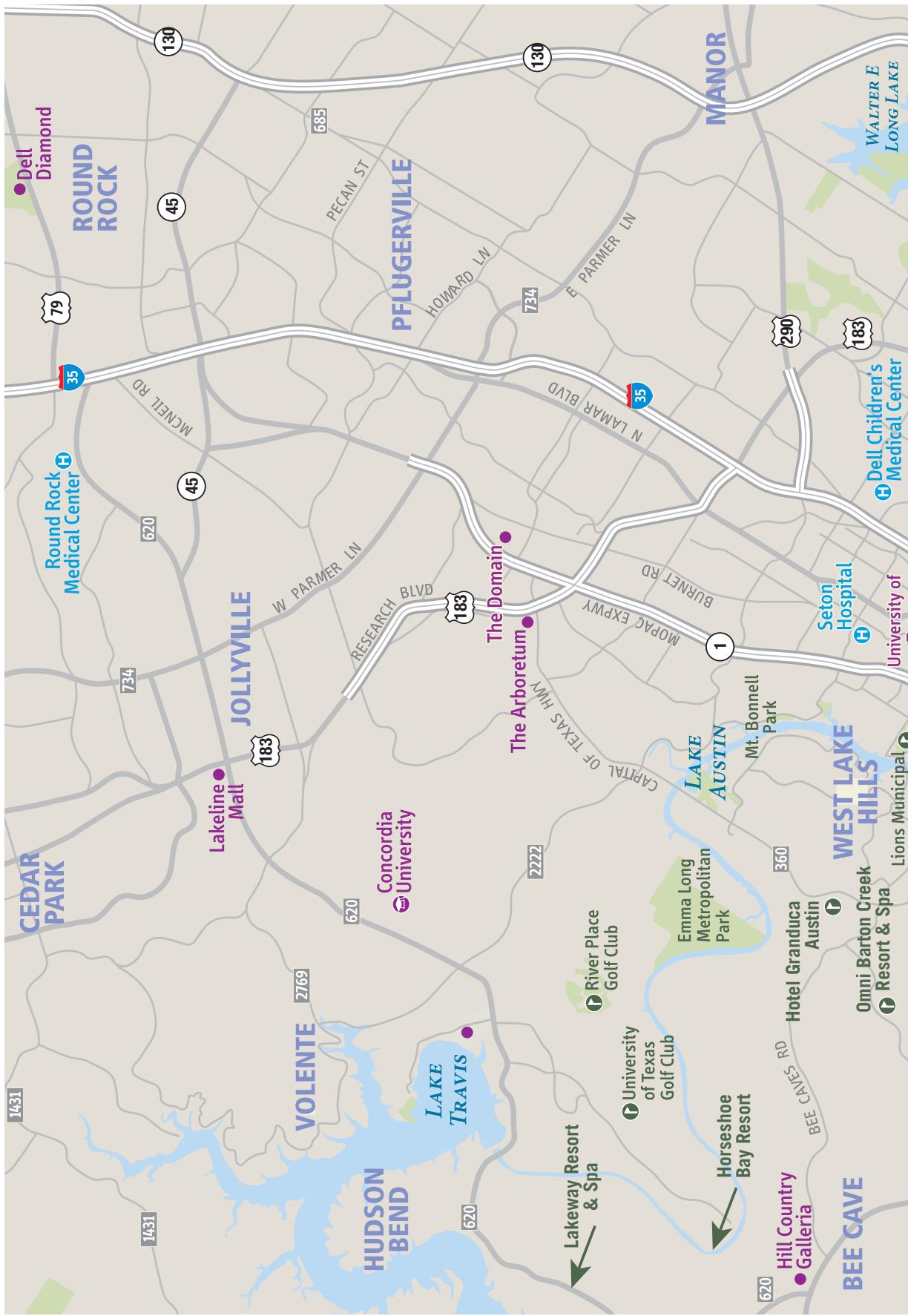
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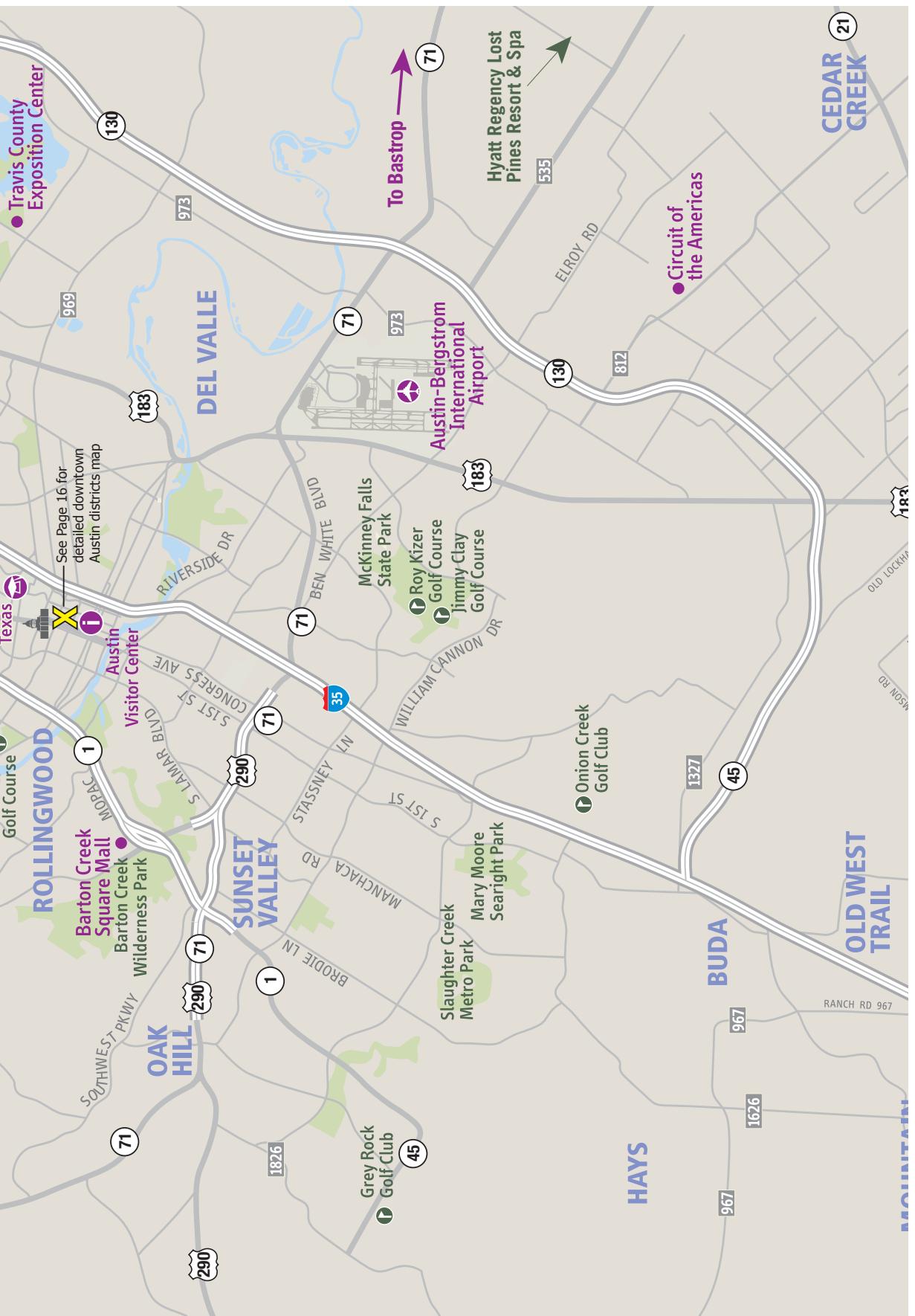
Experience the everyday lives of some of Austin's earliest residents at the antebellum **Neill-Cochran House Museum**, built in 1855.

Tour the trio of free **Brush Square Museums**, including the stone home of Susanna Dickinson (the only Anglo adult survivor of the Battle of the Alamo); the Victorian-style residence of writer O. Henry; and the Austin Fire Museum, housed in the still-active Fire Station #1.

See the final resting place of many Texas notables (including politicians and high-profile citizens) at the **Texas State Cemetery**, founded in 1851.

Stroll along **Congress Avenue**, built as a ceremonial boulevard in 1839. Some of the notable buildings here include the **Old Bakery & Emporium** (now housing an art gallery), the century-old **Paramount Theatre** (a performance venue and movie theater), the ornate **Walter Tips Building**, the **Scarborough Building** (Austin's original office tower) and the **Littlefield Building** (one of Austin's first skyscrapers).





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