

100 Things To Do In Austin, Texas

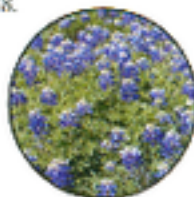
54. Have a chuckle at one of the many comedy clubs in town.
55. Explore the national Wildflower Research Center, Lady Bird Johnson's lifelong dream and her gift to America.
56. Taste some quality beer at one of Austin's many brewpubs, all within walking distance of each other.
57. Enjoy a breathtaking performance of Ballet Austin. Info: 476-9051.
58. Take the updated guided walking tour of the Capitol Grounds. Info: 478-0098.
59. See Texas Army & Guard airplanes, helicopters, tanks & cannons at Camp Mabry, and Military Forces Museum. Info: 406-6967.
60. Visit Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Museum. Info: 482-5136.
61. Follow the path of famous Texans on the Walk of Stars. Info: 478-0098.
62. Walk through the prehistory era as you lol on the Dinosaur Tracks in Zilker Park. Info: 478-6875.
63. Explore a rich heritage in Austin's nine National Registered Historical Districts.
64. View some of the state's most important documents and collections at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library. Info: 463-5455.
65. Visit the Old General Land Office Building, Texas' oldest standing state building. Info: 305-8400.
66. Tour the Gracious Governor's Mansion, the residence of every Texas governor since 1856. Info: 463-5518.
67. Satisfy your sweet tooth at the Old Bakery and Emporium, where Austin seniors' citizens sell home-baked goods and crafts. Info: 477-5961.
68. Behold the Paramount Theatre, one of the nation's most beautifully detailed and lavish historic performing arts theatres. Info: 472-3411.
69. Feel imperial as you take the walking tour of the grand Driskill Hotel, where Texas elite have stayed for more than a century. Info: 474-5911.
70. Awe'd by architecture- feast your eyes on the famous gothic arched doorway and Rose Window at St. Mary's Cathedral. Info: 476-6882.
71. See the historic Miller Opera House building, now the home of the Austin Club. Constructed of Texas limestone, with pressed metal cornices. Info: 477-9496.
72. Get lost in the Austin History Center's 1,000,000 items of local history. Info: 499-7480.
73. Visit the studio and works of art by the state's first eminent sculptor at the castle-like Elisabet Ney Museum. Info: 477-4171.
74. Refresh yourself with a stein-full of brew from Scholz Garten-Texas' oldest German Bier garden. Info: 474-1550.
75. Open your imagination with tails of ghost stories and family histories at the Neil Cochran House, a Greek Revival Limestone museum. Info: 478-2335.
76. Step back in time at Jourdan Bachman Pioneer Farm, a living history farm recreating pioneer life of Texas. Info: 837-1215.
77. Only in Austin does a tree get cans of soup and get well cards - once called North America's most perfect tree specimen, the 600 year old Treaty Oak gained world-wide attention when it was poisoned in 1989. Info: 478-0098.
78. Joke: Who's buried in Austin's tomb? The Texas State Cemetery is the resting place of Stephen F. Austin, John Connally and other Tex heroes. Info: 463-0605.
79. Venture to the Veloway, a 3.1 mile paved loop that invites bikes and roller blades. 288-6086
80. Get some old-time religion at the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, Austin's oldest African American church. Info: 478-2857.
81. Lose yourself in the variety of changing exhibits of American art at Laguna Gloria Art Museum on the shores of Lake Austin. Info: 458-8191.
82. Two-step across one of our legendary country western dance halls such as The Broken Spoke, The Tumbler Yard, and Dance Across Texas.
83. Explore the wonderful shops and restaurants in the West End. Info: 478-0098.
84. Cheer for your favorite steed at Manor Downs. Info: 272-5581.
85. Choose from 740 plays performed in Austin's 50 area theatres. Info: 320-7168.
86. Observe sports professionals in the making at a University of Texas collegiate sporting event. Info: 471-3333 or 471-7693.
87. Cycle or in line skate on the Veloway, which winds through 3.1 miles of scenic Hill Country savannah. Info: 480-9821.
88. Hike, bike, picnic, fish or swim in an outdoor paradise, McKinney Falls State Park. Info: 245-1463.
89. Experience nature in the 227 acres of the Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve. Info: 327-7622.
90. Grab your binoculars - the Austin/Hill Country area is on the migration path of countless birds species and is the nesting are of many more, including several endangered species. Info: 526-8751.
91. Celebrate Austin's Latin-American musical heritage at one of the Tejano, conjunto, tropical or band venues.
92. Take a self-guided walking tour of the historic Hyde Park residential area.
93. Pay your respects to a beloved Austin Music legend at the Stevie Ray Vaughn statue on Auditorium Shores. Info: 478-0098.
94. View the collection of Republic era artifacts on display at the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museum. Info: 339-1997.
95. Explore geology, ecology and beauty from Westcave Preserve. Info: (202) 825-3442.
96. Tour Celis Brewery, where beer is brewed the same way in Belgium brewers have made it for centuries. Info: 835-0884.
97. Take in a performance of the Austin Lyric Opera. Info: 472-5927.
98. Groove on the tunes of Austin's favorite jazz clubs like the Elephant Room, Cedar Street, Jazz on 6th, St. Top of the Mar.
99. Find out why Austin is the Home of the Blues at Antone's Night Club, which launched the careers of Stevie Ray Vaughn, Eric Johnson, Charlie Sexton and more. Info: 476-5314.
100. Tap your feet to acoustic fiddling music and get down home Southern cooking on Wednesdays at Threadgill's. Info: 451-5100.



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1. Watch the largest urban Mexican Freetail bat colony in N. America fly from under Congress Ave. bridge at sunset. 416-5700 ext.3636
2. Tour the restored historical and architecturally unique State Capitol. Info: 463-0063.
3. By day enjoy the history of 6th. Street and by night experience the live music that makes Austin the Live Music Capitol of the World.
4. Swim in Barton Spring Pool, a local favorite swimming hole. Always open and always 68 deg.F. Info: 478-0098.
5. Spend the day along the shore of Lake Travis, enjoying the water sports, restaurants and picnic areas. Info: 261-3188.
6. Ascend all 99 steps to the top of Mt. Bonnell, one of Austin's finest vantage points. 478-10198.
7. Explore the Historical heritage in Austin's twelve National Register Districts. 478-0098.
8. While away the time in Zilker Park's 351 acres. Info: 499-6700.
9. Entertain the kids at the interactive Austin Children's Museum. 472-2494.
10. Tour the sights and history of the University of Texas at Austin.
11. Stroll along Guadalupe St. locally known as The Drag. 478-10198.
12. See the city light up at night with a horse and carriage ride around downtown. Info: 478-0098.
13. Visit the Huntington Art Museum-home of the Man-James Michener Collection, a rare extensive collection of 20th Century Art. Info: 471-7324.
14. Take a walk back through time at the Texas Memorial Museum/Native Americans artifacts, rare Texas gems, minerals and fossils and the Lady Liberty. 471-1604.
15. Take in a concert or cultural event or cheer the home team at the Frank Erwin Center. Info: 477-6060.
16. Visit the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection of over 650,000 books, periodicals, maps and pamphlets. Info: 495-4520.
17. Explore the recreational offering around Town Lake, a piece of paradise in the middle of town. 499-6700.
18. Tour the French Legation, Austin's oldest building, built in 1841 Info: 472-5022.
19. Climb the University Of Texas clock tower for the best view of downtown, recently re-opened after 25 years. Info: 475-6633.
20. Play Frisbee Golf on one of three courses, Zilker Park, Bartholomew Park, Peace Park. Info: 477-7273.
21. Explore the Eco-Detective Trail, hands on activities, mammals, reptiles and birds at the Austin Nature and Science Center. Info: 327-8181.
22. Explore the Austin Area Botanical Garden Center and view a one-room schoolhouse, follow the butterfly trail. Info: 477-8572.
23. Discover the Moonlight Towers located through Austin.
24. Stroll with the peacocks and visit the beautiful ponds at Mayfield Park. Info: 499-6700.
25. Swim laps or just watch the kids play in the spring fed pool at Deep Eddy. Info: 472-8546.
26. Visit one of the area award-winning wineries.
27. Shop till you drop at one of Austin's many malls or specialty stores or boutiques.
28. Wander the trails through Unlaur Sculpture Gardens of 130 works by Charles Unlaur. Info: 445-5582.
29. Visit the numerous art galleries and view the works of gifted artists.
30. Ride glass bottom boats and see exhibits of endangered species at the Azgurena Center in San Marcos. (800) 999-2767.
31. Tour the George Washington Carver Museum, Texas' first neighborhood museum promoting African American heritage. Info: 472-4809.
32. Walk, jog or bike along some of the 101 miles of hike and bike trails along Town Lake. Info: 499-6700.
33. Take your sweetheart canoeing, sculling or paddle boating on Town Lake. Info: 499-6700.
34. Play golf on one of Austin's many first class private or public courses. Info: 478-0098.
35. Kid size miniature train, playscape, or swim year round in Barton Creek at Zilker Park. Info: 499-6700.
36. Eat a meal at one of the many restaurants along Town Lake.
37. Picnic or camp at one of the Lower Colorado River Authority Parks. Info: 473-4083.
38. Bicycle on scenic Loop 360. Info: 478-10198.
39. Spend the day on Lake Travis with your favorite water sport.
40. Take a guided walking tour of Congress Ave, which is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Info: 478-10198.
41. Take sailboat lessons at Windy Point on Lake Travis. Info: 345-2897.
42. Spend the day swimming, picnicking or mountain biking at Lake Austin's Emma Long Metropolitan Park. Info: 346-1831.
43. Enter one of the many 5K and 10K runs held through the year.
44. Play Tennis at one of the many public courts. Info: 477-7273.
45. Take a nature hike or a dip at geologically unique Hamilton Pool. Info: 264-2740.
46. There's great fishing on any of the Highland Lakes, a legacy of Lyndon Bains Johnson.
47. Go horseback riding at one of the many area riding stables.
48. Learn how one affluent family of 100 years ago took care of their own, on a walking tour of the historic Brennon Black. Info: 478-0098.
49. Explore the 7-mile long Barton Creek Greenbelt Preserve on foot or bike and appreciate the many species of wild plants and birds. Info: 499-6700.
50. Enjoy the Breathtaking view from Pennybacker Bridge on Loop 360 over Lake Austin.
51. Join the hundreds standing in line for a chance to see a taping of Austin City Limits. Info: 471-1811 ext.310.
52. Appreciate the finer things in life with a performance of the Austin Symphony. Info: 475-6064.
53. Enjoy the Live Music Capitol World, seven nights a week at one of the many local venues.



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