

Family Friendly

With so many great activities for kids, it's easy to see why the Live Music Capital of the World® might be the capital of family fun, too. From museums and outdoor activities, below are just a few highlights.

Austin Nature and Science Center

2389 Stratford Dr.

512-974-3888

Located inside Austin's famed Zilker Park, the ANSC is a beautiful and exciting outdoor park for children and families. Kids can see live wildlife, dig for fossils at the Dino Pit and discover hidden gems of the landscape at the Naturalist Workshop. The ANSC offers multiple programs for adults as well, such as rock climbing, caving and night canoeing. The park is free and open until 5 p.m. daily.

Zilker Park/Barton Springs Pool

2201 Barton Springs Rd.

512-974-6700

Austin's 361-acre park is home to picnic facilities, a disc golf course, a large playground for children, the Zilker Zephyr train (great for kids/families) and Barton Springs Pool, an urban oasis where swimmers plunge into 68-degree, spring-fed waters. Parking: \$3. Free picnic facilities and playground.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

4801 La Crosse Ave.

512-232-0100

Founded in 1982, the center commemorates Lady Bird Johnson's

contributions to the Hill Country environment and landscape, as well as introduces locals and visitors alike to native plants and flowers. Throughout the year, the center also welcomes families and gardening enthusiasts for events and educational sessions. Admission is \$15 for adults and free for children 4 years and under.

LBJ Presidential Library

2313 Red River St.

512-721-0200

Situated on a 30-acre site on The University of Texas campus, the library houses 45 million pages of historical documents, photos and recordings from America's 36th President, Lyndon B. Johnson's political career.

Texas State Capitol

1100 Congress Ave.

512-463-4630

This sunset red edifice is the largest of America's 50 statehouses and stands 14 feet taller than the U.S. Capitol. Parking garage is located at 1201 San Jacinto Blvd. Free guided tours depart every 15 minutes from the south lobby.



ICONIC MUSIC VENUES

With more than 250 Austin establishments showcasing live music, it's hard to know where to turn. Check out a few iconic venues found below.

Austin City Limits Live at The Moody Theater (ACL Live)

310 W. Willie Nelson Blvd.

512-404-1300

Austin City Limits Live at The Moody Theater is a state-of-the-art, 2,700+ person capacity live music venue that also serves as the new home of the KLRU-TV produced PBS program "Austin City Limits," the longest running music series in American television history. The Moody Theater is one of two dedicated live music venues in the country built to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rated standards of sustainability.

Antone's Nightclub

305 E. 5th St.

512-814-0361

Since first opening on Sixth Street in 1975, this club has hosted the likes of B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Eric Clapton and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Now the legendary club has moved to the corner of Fifth and Lavaca streets, but it remains the home of the blues in Austin.

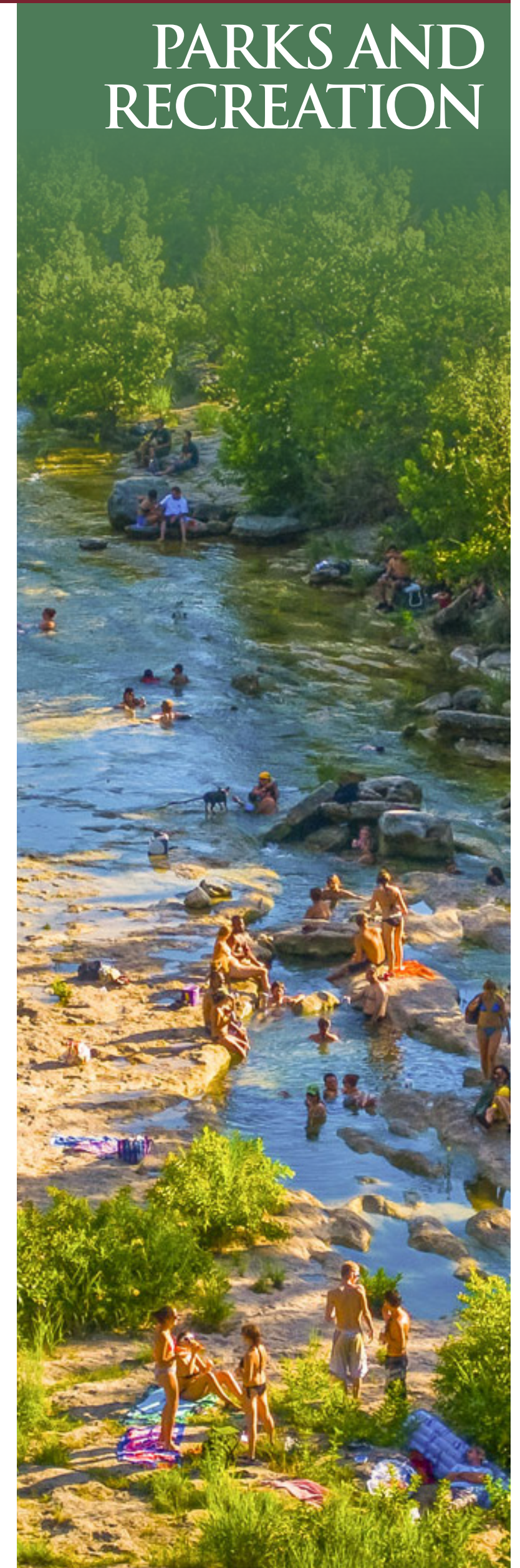
The Continental Club

1315 S. Congress Ave.

512-441-2444

This is one of the city's favorite historic venues since 1957. After a short stint as a burlesque club, the Continental Club

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became a favorite performance spot of such legends as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Joe Ely, Kinky Friedman and WC Clark. Upstairs, the Continental Gallery features mellow music and jazz.

Emo's Austin

2015 E. Riverside Dr.
210-780-3608

Alternative, underground, punk and indie bands have been calling this intimate venue home since 1990. With one stage inside and one in the outdoor beer garden, there's a chance to see two shows simultaneously. The walls are covered with murals, and the stool Johnny Cash perched on during his performance here is mounted on the ceiling.

The Mohawk

912 Red River St.
512-666-0877

Great indoor/outdoor venue with a large patio overlooking the main stage. This is the new hub of the Red River District; the lineup includes indie rock, electronica, metal, punk and hip hop music.

The Saxon Pub

1320 S. Lamar Blvd.
512-448-2552

This is one of the coolest venues in town. It has a "dive" atmosphere, but offers great blues, rock and country acts.

Stubb's BBQ

801 Red River St.
512-480-8341

Stubb's combines two of Austin's best features: live music and barbecue. Sit down for a tasty dinner, and then stick around for a local band on the indoor stage or a touring band outdoors. The Sunday Gospel Brunch is also popular.

SPORTS & OUTDOORS

There's a reason Austin is often ranked one of the fittest cities in the country. From cycling to stand-up paddle boarding, water-biking to leisurely canoe-paddling, Austin offers an abundance of outdoor activities and sports.

Take a look at a few select locations below, and learn more about what our Sports Commission has to offer here.

Barton Creek Greenbelt

3755-B Capital of Texas Hwy.
512-974-6700

Barton Creek Greenbelt is an urban oasis. Its trails provide opportunity for biking, running, rock climbing, swimming and hiking.

Austin Golf Trail

11612 Bee Caves Rd., Bldg. 1, Ste. 230
512-421-2692

Texas' capital city is one of the country's premier golf destinations, and the Austin Golf Trail provides full-service concierge support in booking golf rounds at dozens of local courses, as well as

booking hotel accommodations and other Austin-centric activities. The one-stop golf-shop program allows golfers to book exclusive golf packages or design their own.

Barton Springs Bike Rental

1707 Barton Springs Rd.
512-480-0200

Barton Springs Bike Rental offers bike tours around Austin, including the Austin in a Nut Shell tour, The Peace Love & Zilker tour and the Let it Ride! Austin Electric Bike Tour.

Congress Avenue Bridge Bats

100 S. Congress Ave.

Seasonal (April through October)

Austin is home to North America's largest urban bat colony; between 750,000 and 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats. These nocturnal wonders emerge from under the Congress Avenue Bridge in search of insects. People watch from the top of the bridge, boats on Lady Bird Lake and local restaurants and hotels as the mammals roll out at dusk and shadow the Austin sky. This free event has become one of the most spectacular and unusual tourist attractions.



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Congress Avenue Kayaks

74 Trinity St.
512-809-8916

This location caters to first-timer kayakers. Let the pros show you how! Congress Avenue Kayaks offers easy to paddle, kayaks and stand up paddle boards for rent by the hour or by the half-day on Lady Bird Lake, next to the Congress Avenue Bridge.

Lady Bird Lake/Canoe and Paddle Board Rentals

Rowing Dock, 2418 Stratford Dr.
512-459-0999

Kayak, canoe or paddle board on the clear, calm waters of Lady Bird Lake, and catch a great view of the skyline.

Lady Bird Lake Hike & Bike Trail/Stevie Ray Vaughan Memorial

Downtown, from MoPac Expressway to Pleasant Valley Road

At the south end of the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge, find access to the Hike & Bike Trail, which winds around Lady Bird Lake for 10 miles in the heart of downtown. It's great for a morning walk and is usually packed with locals, visitors and celebrities alike. The Stevie Ray Vaughan memorial is on the south bank of the lake, just west of the South First Street Bridge.

PARKS/CENTRAL

Hancock Recreation Center
811 E. 41st St.

Lady Bird Lake — Lamar Beach Metro Park
1200 W. César Chávez St.

Pease District Park
1100 Kingsbury St.

Shoal Creek Greenbelt
2600 N. Lamar Blvd.

Lady Bird Lake — Waller Beach Metro Park
30 E. Ave.

PARKS/WEST

Big Walnut Creek Nature Preserve
9221 E. U.S. Hwy. 290

Commons Ford Ranch Metropolitan Park
614 N. Commons Ford Rd.

Emma Long Metropolitan Park
1600 City Park Rd.

Hielscher Tract Greenbelt
6801 La Crosse Ave.

Lions Municipal Golf Course
2901 Enfield Rd.

Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve
3505 W. 35th St.

Vireo Nature Preserve
1403 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.

PARKS/SOUTH

Auditorium Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park
900 W. Riverside Dr.

Barton Creek Greenbelt
3755 S. Capital of Texas Hwy.

Bauerle Ranch Metropolitan Park (Slaughter Creek Greenbelt)
2715 Lynnbrook Dr.

Blowing Sink Preserve
3705 Deer Ln.

Blunn Creek Nature Preserve
1200 St. Edwards Dr.

Butler Metro Park
1000 Barton Springs Rd.

Lady Bird Lake — Butler Shores
200 S. Lamar Blvd.

Circle C Ranch Metropolitan Park on Slaughter Creek
6301 W. Slaughter Ln.

Deer Park at Maple Run Preserve
4929 Davis Ln.

Dick Nichols District Park
8011 Beckett Rd.

Dittmar District Park
1009 W. Dittmar Rd.

Gaines Park at Barton Creek Greenbelt
3918 S. Mopac Expy.

Garrison District Park
6001 Menchaca Rd.

George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center
5801 Ainez Dr.

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**Goat Cave Karst
Nature Preserve**
3900 Deer Ln.

Latta Branch Greenbelt
7910 Beckett Rd.

Mabel Davis District Park
3427 Parker Ln.

**Mary Moore Searight
Metropolitan Park**
907 W. Slaughter Ln.

Onion Creek Greenbelt
7002 Onion Creek Dr.

**Onion Creek
Metropolitan Park**
8652 Nuckols Crossing Rd.

Onion Creek Soccer Complex
5600 E. William Cannon St.

**Onion Creek Wildlife
Sanctuary Nature Preserve**
4435 E. SH 71

**Stephenson Nature Preserve
and Outdoor Education Center**
7501 Longview Rd.

**Williamson Creek
Central Greenbelt**
5120 S. 1st St.

**Williamson Creek
East Greenbelt**
4618 E. William Cannon Dr.

**Williamson Creek
West Greenbelt**
6310 Brush Country Rd.

Zilker Metropolitan Park
2100 Baton Springs Rd.

Zilker Nature Preserve
301 Nature Center Dr.

PARKS/EAST

Bartholomew District Park
5201 Berkman Dr.

Boggy Creek Greenbelt
1114 Nile St.

Colony District Park
7201 Colony Loop Dr.

**Colorado River
Wildlife Sanctuary**
5827 Levander Loop

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