

# 100 things to do

## IN AUSTIN

1. Watch the largest urban Mexican Freetail bat colony in N. America fly from under Congress Ave. bridge at sunset. Info: 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°F. Info: 478-0098
5. Spend the day along the shore of Lake Travis, enjoying the water sports, restaurants and picnic areas. Info: 263-3188
6. Ascend all 99 steps to the top of Mt. Bonnell, one of Austin's finest vantage points. Info: 478-0098
7. Explore the Historical heritage in Austin's twelve National Register Districts. Info: 478-0098.
8. Whittle away the time in Zilker Park's 351-acres. Info: 499-6700
9. Entertain the kids at the interactive Austin Children's Museum. Info: 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. Info: 478-0098
14. Take a walk back through time at the Texas Memorial Museum w/Native Americans artifacts, rare Texas gems, minerals and fossils and the Lady Liberty. Info: 471-1604
15. Take in a concert or cultural event or cheer the home team at the Frank Erwin Center. Info: 477-6060

### Visit one of the areas award-winning wineries 16



12. **Play golf on one of Austin's many first-class private or public courses.**  
**INFO: 478-0098**
17. Explore the recreational offering around Town Lake, a piece of paradise in the middle of town. Info: 499-6700
18. Tour the French Legations, Austin's oldest building, build in 1841 Info: 472-5102
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: 327-8180
22. Explore the Austin Area Botanical Garden Center and view a one-room schoolhouse, follow the butterfly trail. Info: 477-8672
23. Discover the Moonlight Towers located through Austin.
24. Strut 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 feed pool at Deep Eddy. Info: 472-8546



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26. Visit the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection of over 630,000 books, periodicals, maps and pamphlets. Info: 495-4520
27. Shop till you drop at one of Austin's many malls or specialty stores or boutiques.



## 28 Spend the day on Lake Travis with your favorite water sport.

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 Aquarena Center in San Marcos. Info: (800) 999-9767
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 10.1 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. See the city light up at night with a horse and carriage ride around downtown. Info 478-0098
35. Kid size miniature train, playscape, or swim year round in Barton Creek at Zilker Park. Info: 499-6710
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: 478-0098



## 39 Appreciate the finer things in life with a performance of the Austin Symphony.

**INFO: 476-6064**

40. Take a guided walking tour of Congress Ave, which is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. Info: 478-0998
41. Take sailboat lessons at Windy Point on Lake Travis. Info: 345-3897
42. Spend the day swimming, picnicking or mountain biking at Lake Austin's Emma Long Metropolitan Park. Info: 346-1831

43. Enter one or 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. Enjoy the Breathtaking view from Pennybacker Bridge on Loop 360 over Lake Austin.
48. Learn how one affluent family of 100 years ago took care of their own, on a walking tour of the historic Bremond Block. 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 Go horseback riding at one of the many area riding stables.



51. Join the hundreds standing in line for a chance to see a taping of Austin City Limits. Info: 471-4811 ext.310
52. Wander the trails through Umlauf Sculpture Gardens of 130 works by Charles Umlauf. Info: 445-5582
53. Enjoy the Live Music Capitol World seven nights a week at one of the many local venues.
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 follow 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

**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.**



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**INFO: 926-8751**

68. Behold the Paramount Theatre, one of the nation's most beautifully detailed and lavish historic performing arts theatres. Info: 472-5411
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. Awed by architecture- feast your eyes on the famous gothic arched doorway and Rose Window at St. Mary's Cathedral. Info: 476-6182
71. See the historic Millet 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 1,000,00 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: 474-1950

**Step back in time at Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farm, a living history farm recreating pioneer life of Texas.**

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**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 Texas heroes. Info: 463-0605
79. Visit the Bob Bullock State History Museum. Info: 936-8746
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 Lumber Yard, and Dance Across Texas.

**Venture South of the river on Congress for some of the funkier shops and unique eateries in town.**

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84. Cheer for your favorite steed at Manor Downs. Info: 272-5581
85. Choose from 240 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. Hike, bike, picnic, fish or swim in an outdoor paradise, McKinney Falls State Park. Info: 243-1463.

88. Experience nature in the 227 acres of the Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve. Info: 327-7622

**Celebrate Austin's  
Latin-American musical  
heritage at one of the  
Tejano, conjunto, tropical  
or band venues.**



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90. Satisfy your sweet tooth at the Old Bakery and Emporium, where Austin seniors' citizens sell home-baked goods and crafts. Info: 477-5961

91. Cycle or in-line skate on the Veloway, which winds through 3.1 miles of scenic Hill Country savannah. Info: 480-9821

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: (210) 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 Marc.

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 Saxton and more. Info: 474-5314

100. Tap your feet to acoustic fiddling music and get down-home Southern cooking on Wednesdays at Threadgill's. Info: 451-5400