

What to Do in Austin

Adults:

1. **Live music:** It's no secret that Austin is the live music capital of the world. Check out some of the recommended spots:

Threadgill's: 2 locations: Threadgill's North at 6416 North Lamar, and Threadgill's South (World Headquarters) at 301 West Riverside Dr.

Guero's Taco Bar: 1412 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX

Stubb's: 801 Red River, Austin, TX

Broken Spoke: 3201 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX

Continental Club: 1315 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX

Elephant Room: 315 Congress Ave, Austin, TX

Saxon Pub: 1320 S. Lamar, Austin, TX

2. **Nightlife:** Sixth Street is one of the most iconic streets in Austin. It's the epicenter of what made Austin the "Live Music Capital of the World." We refer to the section of Sixth Street that stretches from Congress Avenue to I-35 as Dirty Sixth. Here are some of the diamonds in the rough of Dirty Sixth:

The Driskill Hotel & Bar, Driskill Hotel Austin: 604 Brazos St. Austin, TX

Buffalo Billiards: 201 E. 6th St., Austin, TX

The Parish: 214 E. 6th St., Austin, TX

Midnight Cowboy: 313 E. 6th St., Austin, TX

Alamo Drafthouse Ritz: 320 E. 6th St., Austin, TX

Maggie Mae's: 323 E. 6th St., Austin, TX

Iron Cactus: 606 Trinity St., Austin, TX

Pete's Dueling Piano Bar: 421 E. 6th St., Austin, TX

Chez Nous: 510 Neches St., Austin, TX

Casino El Camino Bar & Grill: 517 E. 6th St., Austin, TX

Esther's Follies 525 E. 6th St., Austin, TX

The Velveeta Room: 521 E. 6th St, Austin, TX

Easy Tiger: 709 E. 6th St, Austin, TX

3. **Street Art and Murals:** You've almost certainly seen photos of Austin's most famous murals—"Greetings from Austin" and "i love you so much" to name a couple—and those are practically obligatory souvenir photo ops. But don't stop there! One of many beautiful things about Austin is that art can be found nearly everywhere you look. Our city is blanketed in street art of both the commissioned and the illicit varieties. Keep your eyes peeled as you explore and you'll find photo-op worthy spots as unique as you are. To get the most bang for your buck (it's free!).

4. **Austin Eats Food Tours:** Weekly public tours include: East Austin Happy Hour- Fridays 4pm; Brunch,Bbq & Brewery-Saturdays 10:15am; Best Of Austin Food Truck-Saturdays 10am; Pub & Grub-Saturdays 11am; South Congress-Sundays 9:30am;. 4511 Avenue F, Austin, TX; www.austineatsfoodtours.com.

Check out www.austintexas.org/visit/things-to-do/tours, for a list of other tours available in Austin, including Brewery Tours, Ghost Tours, Music Heritage Tours, and more!

5. **SOCO (South Congress):** the hippest, hottest, most diverse street in Austin Texas. SOCO is a half mile stretch of Congress Street with a variety of things to do. With hotels, shopping, entertainment, the coolest restaurants and food trailers, and live music, you won't be disappointed! See what SOCO has to offer by checking out www.doingthestreets.com/southcongress.
6. **Harry Ransom Center:** One of the world's finest cultural archives houses a rare Gutenberg Bible, 30 million literary manuscripts, the Watergate papers, the world's first photograph and "Gone with the Wind" collection. 300 W. 21st St., Austin, TX 78713

Family:

7. **Bats!** The bats at the Congress Avenue Bridge are currently emerging between 8:15pm and 9:00pm nightly. For information on viewing times and parking, visit: www.batcon.org/our-work/regions/usa-canada/protect-mega-populations/cab-intro/cab-emergence-times.
8. **Mt. Bonnell – Mayfield Park – Laguna Gloria:** This trifecta of outdoor fun is an unbeatable way to spend a sunny morning. Start with an early climb of the 100 stairs to the top of Mt. Bonnell. Just a few minutes' drive down the mountain you'll find the entrance to Mayfield Park, a peaceful garden and nature preserve inhabited by dozens of peacocks. Right next door sits Laguna Gloria, the lush grounds are open for the public to enjoy. Parking located at: 800 Mt. Bonnell Rd., Austin, TX 78731
9. **Cathedral of Junk:** Don't miss local yardist Vince Hannemann's backyard ode to discarded treasures. Imagine a multi-story outdoor I Spy museum of times gone past. It's like that, only weirder. You must call to arrange a visit. 4422 Lareina Drive, Austin, TX
10. **The Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake:** This 1.3-mile ADA-friendly boardwalk skirts the edge of Lady Bird Lake, the scenic path offers amazing views of the city, the lake, and the wildlife. Located at Sandra Muraida Way and W. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, TX 78701
11. **Texas Capitol + Downtown walking tour:** Visitor Center located at 112 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, parking garage located at 1201 San Jacinto Blvd. Parking is free for the first 2 hours, \$1.00 for each half hour thereafter; maximum daily charge is \$12.00.
12. **Zilker Park:** This 350-acre wonderland will keep your brood busy for days. Zilker Botanical Garden, Barton Springs Pool's, Zilker Zephyr, playground, UMLAUF Sculpture Garden. 2100 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78746
13. **Austin Aquarium:** 13530 N. Hwy 183 #101, Austin, TX, 78750
14. **Austin Zoo:** Located on the southwest edge of Austin, off Highway 290 West and Circle Drive
15. **Pioneer Farms:** Six themed historic areas open for self-guided walking tours, in each area you can step back in time and experience Texas history first-hand. 10621 Pioneer Farms Drive, Austin,
16. **The Thinkery:** an evolution of the Austin Children's Museum, 1830 Simond Ave, Austin, TX 78723.

17. **Austin Nature & Science Center:** hands-on educational exhibits and recreational activities, kids can even dig for dinosaur bones! 301 Nature Center Drive, Austin, TX 78746
18. **Boggy Creek Farm:** urban farm located two miles from downtown offering hyper fresh produce, eggs, dairy, meat & canned goods. 3414 Lyons Rd., Austin, TX 78702
19. **The Bullock Texas State History Museum:** 1800 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701
20. **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center:** 4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin, TX 78739
21. **Austin Rock Gym:** indoor rock climbing. 4401 Freidrich Lane, Suite 300, Austin, TX 78744
22. **Dinosaur Park:** a unique outdoor museum setting with realistic life-size dinosaur replicas. located just outside of Austin at 893 Union Chapel Road, Cedar Creek, TX 78612
23. **Jumpoline Park:** indoor arena is filled with gigantic slides, bounce houses, obstacle courses and more! 13801 N Burnet Rd. #200, Austin, TX 78727
24. **Millennium Youth Entertainment Complex:** a host of attractions, including a movie theater, bowling alley, indoor roller-skating rink, food court and arcade. 1156 Hargrave St, Austin, TX 78702

Also, here is a link to the Austin Insider Guide (the pdf is too big to attach with the other files), on the Austin visitor's center site...its very busy, but has a lot of places in it: [http://digital.milespartnership.com/publication/?i=345083#{"issue_id":345083,"page":0}](http://digital.milespartnership.com/publication/?i=345083#{)