Things to See and Do on Campus and in Austin

Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art
Located on MLK at Congress
The largest university art museum in the country and the leading art museum serving the city of Austin and Central Texas. The Blanton’s permanent collection spans the history of Western civilization with approximately 17,000 works of art from Europe, the U.S., and Latin America, and the Museum presents a wide range of special exhibitions and educational programs to the University and surrounding region.

Open to the public; closed on major holidays.
Monday: Closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm
Thursday: 10 am – 5 pm (Free admission)
Friday: 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday: 1– 5 pm

LBJ Library & Museum
Located on campus near DKR-Texas Memorial Stadium
One of ten presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. Includes permanent historical and cultural displays about LBJ, the 60s and the Vietnam War. A replica of the Oval Office, one of LBJ’s presidential limousines and Lady Bird’s personal office are all open to public viewing.

Open 9 am - 5 pm daily (except Christmas)

Harry Ransom Center
Corner of 21st St. and Guadalupe
One of the world’s finest cultural archives, the Ransom Center is the permanent home of a rare Gutenberg Bible and the first photograph ever taken (in 1454).

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday and Sunday: noon - 5 pm
Closed Monday

Texas Exes Alumni Center
Across 21st St from San Jacinto Dorm
Visit the Texas Exes Alumni Center to see the original copy of “The Eyes of Texas” and take a look at the world’s largest pair of Longhorn horns.

Open until 5 pm daily

Trophy Room at Moncrief-Neuhaus
Just south of Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium
See the National Championship trophies for football, the Heismans, and many other awards that mark Texas’ place in football history.

16-Inch Telescope at RLM
Every Wednesday night while UT is in session, the astronomy department sponsors free public star parties on the top roof of Robert Lee Moore Hall, which is located at the southeast corner of Dean Keeton (formerly 26th street) and Speedway. Once you reach RLM, take the elevators to the 17th floor and then follow the signs to the telescope.

Campus Treasures // The following campus attractions are open to the public.

Austin Attractions

Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum / IMAX Theater
1800 North Congress Avenue at the intersection with MLK Blvd.
Highly interactive and visual museum dedicated to the spirit and history of the Lone Star State. Three floors of exhibits. Two theaters. One block south of campus.

Prices: $5.50 (exhibits only) to $13.50 (exhibits and movies), Open daily 9 am - 6 pm (Sunday: Noon - 6 pm)

IMAX Theatre – Feature films include: TEXAS: The Big Picture; Hurricane on the Bayou; Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs; Sharks 3D; and Wild Safari 3D: A South African Adventure. Times vary.

Capitol Visitors Center
Corner of Brazos and 11th
Located in the southeast corner of the capitol grounds in the old General Land Office Building. Educates visitors about the history of Texas, the Capitol building and the General Land Office. Visit the O. Henry Room to learn about William Sydney Porter (O. Henry)—one of the General Land Office’s most famous draftsmen.

Open daily: 9 am - 5 pm
Guided tours available; times vary.

Congress Ave. Bats
The Congress Avenue Bridge in downtown Austin is the spring and summer home to some 750,000 bats with up to 1.5 million bats at the peak of the bat-watching season. It’s the largest urban bat colony in North America. They fly every night at sunset! Call the Bat Hotline at 416-5700 ext. 3636 for times. Park at the Austin American-Statesman Building on the south side of Town Lake next to Congress Ave.
Entertainment / Live Music

Cactus Café
Located in southwest corner of TX Union on the corner of 24th & Guadalupe
One of Austin’s greatest acoustic music traditions since 1979. Tues June 12: 22nd Annual Underground Kerrville Revue Hosted by Ky Hote and Owl. Hours: Mon - Thurs 11 am - Midnight
Phone: 512-475-6515

6th Street / Warehouse District
6th Street - The heart of Austin’s live music scene; popular bars and restaurants are found on the seven blocks between Congress and I-35.
Warehouse District - The upscale cousin of 6th St.; most venues are found between 5th and 3rd Streets and Congress and Guadalupe.

Broken Spoke
A true Texas Honky Tonk; Texas’s most definitive dance hall featuring live country music.
Tuesday - Sunday nights
3201 South Lamar, 512-442-6189

Hole in the Wall
Decades old Austin institution; pool tables, pinball, and shuffleboard along with live music.
2538 Guadalupe, 512-477-4747
All shows no cover.
Sunday, June 10: 9 pm Rebecca's Ragtime Revue; 10 pm Service Industry; 11 pm Rex Moroux

Stubb’s BBQ
Legendary music venue and tasty BBQ.
801 Red River, 512-480-8341
Fri - Sat: 11 am - 11 pm
Sun: 11 am - 9 pm
Closed Monday

Paramount Theatre:
Summer Classic Film Series
Austin’s oldest surviving theatre built in 1915. Paramount presents comedy, drama, music, dance, and films to more than 200,000 Central Texans each year.
713 Congress Avenue, 512-472-5470

Restaurants

Oasis
Located 450 ft. above Lake Travis, offers a beautiful view of the sunset and the Hill Country.
6550 Comanche Trail, 512-266-2442

Hula Hut
A mix of Mexican and Polynesian cuisine, located on the banks of Lake Austin.
3825 Lake Austin Blvd, 512-476-4852

São Paulo’s
Campus area restaurant with a unique blend of Brazilian meets Tex-Mex Cuisine.
2809 San Jacinto, 512-473-9988 (cross street E 26½ St.)

Hyde Park Bar and Grill
High quality food at a very moderate price, known for their French fries and rotating art work featuring local talent.
4206 Duval St., 512-458-3168

East Side Café
Vegetables, herbs and flowers organically grown on their property and harvested for use in the café.
2113 Manor Rd , 512-476-5858

El Chile
Brightly painted bungalow featuring Mexican food with an interior vibe.
1809 Manor Rd, 512-457-9900

Trudy’s Restaurant and Bar
An Austin tradition since 1977, Trudy’s Texas Star is a wildly popular Tex-Mex restaurant among students and locals.
409 W 30th Street, 512-477-2935

Players
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The Drag / Renaissance Market
Between 21st and 25th Streets on Guadalupe on the UT campus, considered a hip shopping enclave of clothing, bookstores, souvenirs, gift shops, and a great “good eats” zone. Explore clothing shops featuring funky to high-fashion items, bohemian jewelry and handmade crafts.

Burnet Road
Known for having the best thrift stores; also a good place to find eclectic home décor and furniture shops!

Outdoor Activities

Barton Springs Pool
Crown Jewel of Austin, 3 acre pool fed from underground springs, average temperature is 68 degrees year round.
2101 Barton Springs Road (located in Zilker Park), 512-476-9044

Town Lake Rowing Dock
2418 Stratford Dr.
512-459-0999
Single Kayak $10 / hr
Double Kayak $15 / hr

Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail
10.1 miles of trail, beautiful gravel pathway circles Town Lake.
Most popular parking spot is the lot by Austin High School (1715 W. Cesar Chavez), under the bridge that carries MoPac (Loop 1) over Town Lake.

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