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Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, (512) 530-2242, (800) 514-6667;
austintexas.gov/airport/

DOUBLE NAMES

Many of the roads in Austin have two names!

- MoPac Expressway / Loop 1 (most locals just call it "MoPac")
- Capital of Texas Hwy / Loop 360
- Highway 71 / Ben White Blvd
- Research Boulevard / 183
- RR 2244 / Bee Cave Road
- RR 2222 / Koenig Lane
- Enfield Road / 15th Street

- Martin Luther King Blvd or MLK / 19th Street
- Windsor / 24th Street
- Cesar Chavez / 1st Street
- Dean Keaton Street / 26th Street
- Sixth Street / Old Pecan Street
- Guadalupe Street / "The Drag"
- Duval Street is central and north
- Lady Bird Lake is often referred to as Town Lake by locals

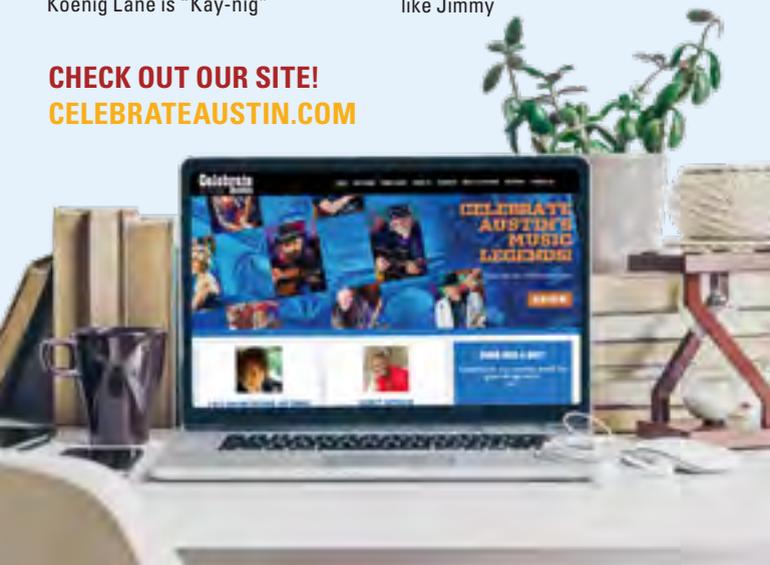
HOW LOCALS PRONOUNCE IT

Burnet Road is "Burn-it"
Manchaca Road is "Man-shack"
Koenig Lane is "Kay-nig"

Guadalupe Street is "Gwad-a-loop"
Lavaca Street is "Le-VAK-ka"
San Jacinto pronounce the "J" like Jimmy

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The Carillon – In the **AT&T Hotel and Conference Center**, 1900 University Ave., (512) 404-3655, thecarillonrestaurant.com

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Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 9–17 **SXSW** An extraordinary combination of music, independent films and new technology. Various locations. sxsw.com
- 16–30 **Rodeo Austin** Where Weird Meets Western. Travis County Expo Center. rodeoaustin.com
- 29–30 **Austin Urban Music Festival** R&B, neo-soul, and hip hop music. Auditorium Shores. urbanmusicfest.com
- 31 **ABC Kite Fest** Come fly a kite at the nation's oldest kite festival! Zilker Park. abckitefest.org

APRIL

- 11–14 **Old Settler's Music Festival** Acoustic jazz, blues, bluegrass, and camping. Tilmon, TX. oldsettlersmusicfest.org
- 12–13 **Austin Lonestar Round Up** Vintage cars, live music. Travis County Expo Center. lonestaroundup.com
- 12–14 **Art City Austin** Austin's original fine arts festival, now in its 68th year. Republic Square. artallianceaustin.org
- 12–14 **MotoGP Grand Prix of the Americas** Circuit of the Americas. circuitoftheamericas.com/motogp
- 13 **Lonestar Crawfish Festival featuring Pat Green** Stubb's Bar-B-Q. lonestarcrawfishfestival.org
- 17–21 **Fusebox Festival** Theater, dance, film, music, lit, visual & culinary arts. Various locations. fuseboxfestival.com
- 19–21 **Balloons over Horseshoe Bay Resort** Balloon rides, live music. Horseshoe Bay Resort. balloonoverhsbresort.com
- 19–21 **Austin Reggae Fest** Fundraiser for Capital Area Food Bank. Auditorium Shores. austinreggaefest.com
- 20 **Weird Homes Tour** Meet the homeowners who help "Keep Austin Weird." Around Austin. weirdhomestour.com

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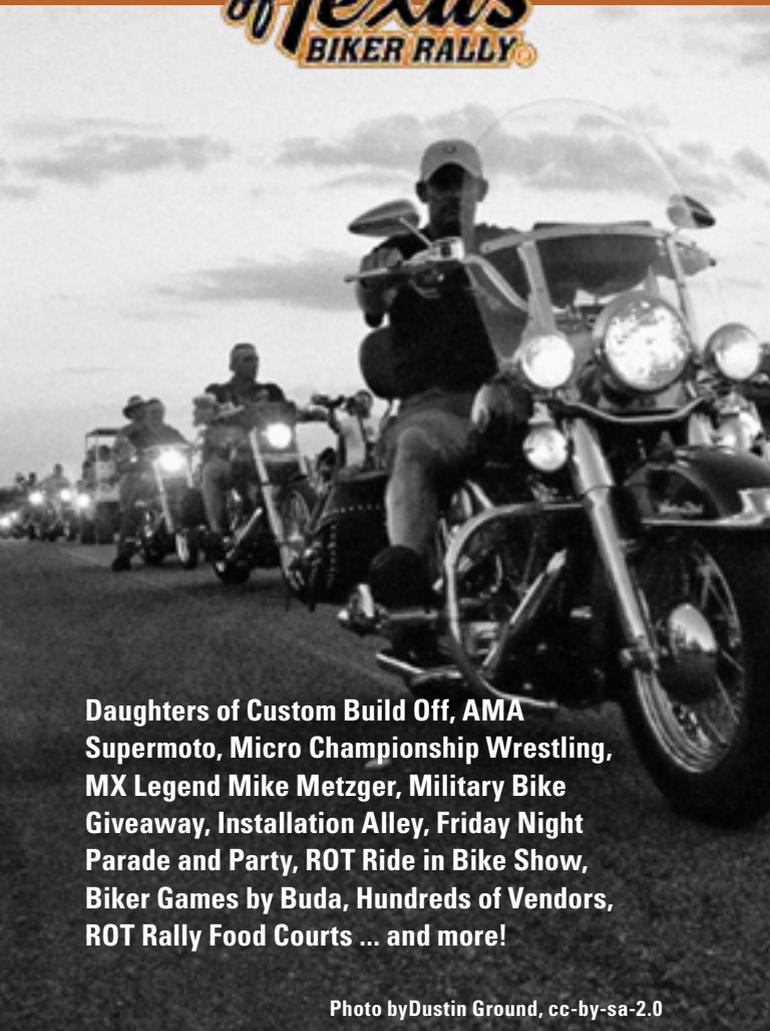
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24–27 **Moontower Comedy & Oddity Fest** Paramount Theatre and other locations. austintheatre.org/moontower-comedy

26–28 **Austin Food + Wine Festival** Auditorium Shores and Republic Square Park. austinfoodandwinefestival.com

APRIL

27 **Eeyore's Birthday Party** Quirky outdoor party benefiting local non-profits. Pease Park. eeyores.org

27–28 **Dragon Boat Festival** Who will row fastest on 40-foot-long boats to Lady Bird Lake? Festival Beach. atxdragonboat.com

MAY

1–5 **Cine Las Americas International Film Festival** Contemporary films from Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula. Various locations. cinelasamericas.org

4–5 **Spring Pecan Street Festival** East 6th Street. pecanstreetfestival.org

4–5 **Maifest** Celebrate German heritage. Austin Saengerrunde & Scholz Garten. saengerrunde.org/maifest

11–12 **Austin Pet Expo** Williamson Expo Center. austinpexpo.com

11–12 & 18–19 **West Austin Studio Tour** Free, self-guided tour celebrating Austin's creative community. Across West Austin. west.bigmedium.org

JUNE

6–19 **ATX Television Festival** Screen new series and cult favorites. Various locations. atxfestival.com

12 **Blues on the Green** Free blues concert. Zilker Park. Rain Date June 19. acl-radio.com/blues

13–16 **Republic of Texas Biker Rally** Motorcycle gathering for rides, parades and music. Travis County Expo Center & 6th Street. rotrally.com

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22 **African American Book Festival** Showcases new works by/about African Americans. Carver Museum & Library. aabookfest.com

23 **Fun Stop 5K & Fest** Includes costumes, ninja obstacle course, foam party. In front of Long Center. funstop5k.com

TBA **Austin Ice Cream Festival** Games, activities, contests, live entertainment for the whole family. Fiesta Gardens. icecreamfestival.com

JULY

4 **Fourth of July Fireworks and Symphony** Vic Mathias Shores. austinsymphony.org

Willie Nelson 4th of July Picnic Star-studded music lineup featuring Nelson, fireworks. Circuit of the Americas. thecircuit.com

July 12–
Aug 19 **Zilker Summer Musical** Free performances of Disney's "The Little Mermaid." Zilker Hillside Theater. zilker.org

20–21 **Body Mind Spirit Expo** Palmer Events Center. bmse.net

27–28 **Classic Game Fest** Free play, tournaments, live music, cosplay, and more pixellated fun. Retro game convention. Palmer Events Center. classicgamefest.com

AUGUST

2–4 **ArmadilloCon 41** Convention for sci fi/fantasy readers & writers. Omni SouthPark. armadillocon.org

10 **Austin PRIDE Parade & Festival** Fiesta Gardens and Downtown Austin. austinpride.org

24–26 **Bat Fest** Featuring Dharma Kings band. Congress Avenue Bridge. roadwayevents.com/event/bat-fest

24–26 **Austin Fall Home & Garden Show** Convention Center. austinhomelandgardenshow.com

TBD **Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival** Battle for hot sauce glory across a tasty variety of categories. Fiesta Gardens. austinchronicle.com/hot-sauce

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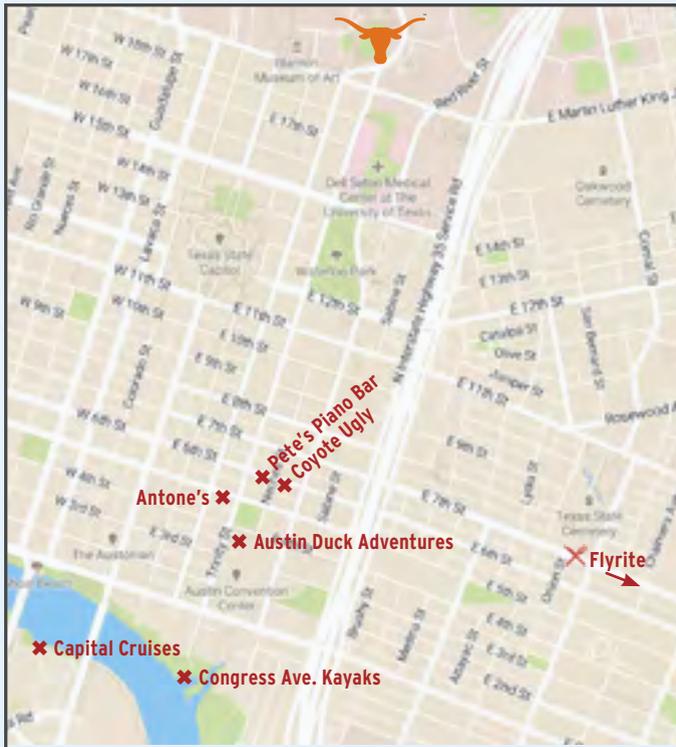
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Barton Springs Pool Situated within Zilker Park, this is a must-visit place in the summer to cool off. The water is 68° all year round. (There is a FREE section and a separate paid section.) austintexas.gov/department/barton-springs-pool

Commemorative Air Force, Centex Wing Aviation museum with planes, WWII hangar, library, and WWII artifacts. Don't miss the Veteran's Day Big Band Swing Dinner Dance on the Saturday closest to Veteran's Day. centraltexaswing.org

Congress Avenue Bats Congress Ave. Bridge is home to the largest urban bat colony in North America. See the bats emerge from under the bridge, covering the sky around sunset, at no cost. batcon.org/congress

The Contemporary Austin Cutting-edge art by emerging and mid-career TX artists. Film screenings, tours, talks throughout the year. Tues–Sat, 11 am–7 pm; Sun 12–5 pm. thecontemporaryaustin.org

Downtown Austin Downtown boasts an endless list of restaurants, bars, music, museums, and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. Downtown Austin is hippie meets modern. austintexas.org/things-to-do/entertainment-districts/downtown

Lady Bird Hike and Bike Trail Best place in downtown Austin for running, walking, and biking. 10.1 miles of trail around Lady Bird Lake. zilkerpark.org/zilker-park-amenities/lady_bird_lake

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Garden and conservation center for Texas native plants. Daily 9 am–5 pm; open Tues till 8 pm starting March 13. wildflower.org

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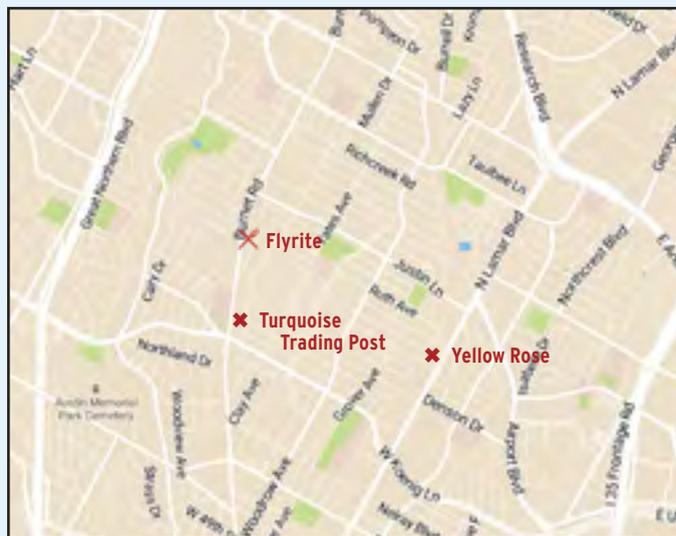
Mount Bonnell The highest point in Austin at 775 feet, this is a popular tourist destination to view the city of Austin, Lake Austin, and surrounding hills. austintexas.gov/departments/mount-bonnell

Mayfield Park Peaceful preserve with walking trails and beautiful wildlife. Daily 5 am–10 pm. Free admission. mayfieldpark.org

South Congress Eclectic, hip, fashionable, and funky all combined on one cool street. Numerous restaurants, shops, and music venues. do512.com/p/south-congress

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North Austin



SXSW March 8-17

SXSW Marketplace March 15
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gaming
March 15-17

music
March 11-17

interactive
March 8-12

film
March 8-16

comedy
March 8-16

Things to Do – Spring & Summer

Texas Memorial Museum Dinosaurs and fossils, Texas wildlife, evolution, gems, minerals, and the largest flying animal ever found, the Texas Pterosaur. Tues–Sat, 9 am–5 pm. tmm.utexas.edu

Texas Military Forces Museum – Camp Mabry Military museum dedicated to Texas armed forces past & present. Tues–Sun, 10 am–4 pm. texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org

Texas State Capitol Free tours daily. Learn about the building and TX history and legislature. tspb.state.tx.us/plan/tours/tours.html

University of Texas Campus Free tours daily – see the campus, stadium, or UT tower. utexas.edu/visitor-resources

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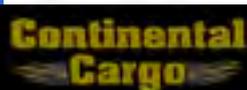
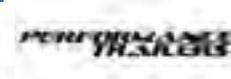
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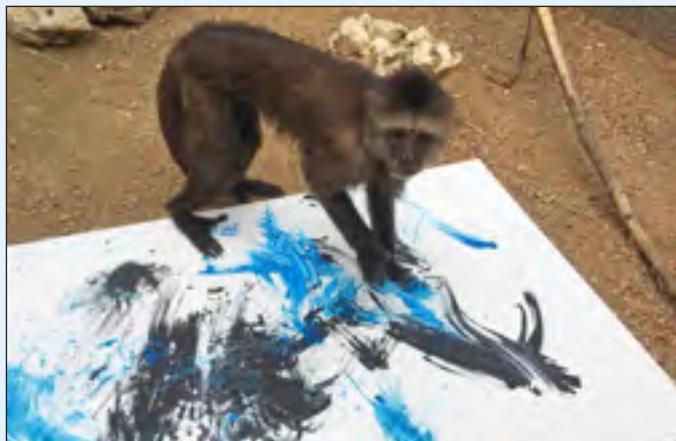
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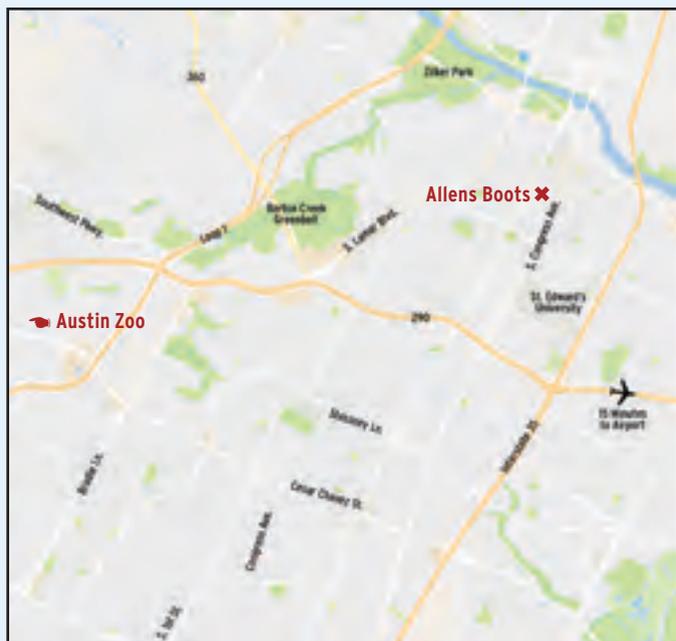
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