

music

- Buy your wristband early for the **South by Southwest Music, Media, Film and Interactive Conferences and Festivals**.
- Discover new underground, indie, hip-hop and electronic acts at **Fun Fun Fun Fest**.
- Listen to some cool jazz at the **Elephant Room**.
- Spend the weekend at the **Austin City Limits Music Festival**.
- Find out why Austin is dubbed the “**Live Music Capital of the World**” by visiting the city’s more than 200 live music venues.



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- Watch the world’s largest urban colony of **Mexican free-tailed bats** emerge from underneath the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge.
- Tour the **Texas Capitol**, the largest in the United States.
- Dance the night away on **Sixth Street**.
- Choose from a full menu of tasty dinners, drinks and desserts to go along with your favorite movie at the **Alamo Drafthouse Cinema**, consistently named one of the best movie theater chains in the nation.
- Dive into **Barton Springs Pool**, a three-acre spring-fed swimming pool with a year-round temperature of 68°.



REBECCA MARINO '10

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food

- Nosh on authentic New York–style pizza at **Home Slice**, about a mile from campus on hip South Congress Avenue.
- Get your vegetarian fix at **Mother’s Café and Garden**, **Bouldin Creek Coffeehouse** or **Daily Juice Café**.
- Order tacos, crepes, frozen bananas, cake balls and even sushi from the walk-up windows of **food trailers** all over town.
- Make a pit stop at **ThunderCloud Subs**, which has served up delicious sandwiches since 1975.
- Enjoy a treat from **Hey Cupcake!** — brainchild of alumnus Wes Hurt '05.



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shopping



- Shop for local produce, honey, artisan breads, granola, chocolate, fresh flowers and artwork at **farmers’ markets** all over town.
- Browse local stores such as **Waterloo Records and Video**, **BookPeople** or **Mellow Johnny’s Bike Shop** (owned by Lance Armstrong).
- Shop the **outlet malls** in nearby San Marcos or Round Rock.
- Feed your comic book or graphic novel addiction at **Austin Books and Comics**.
- Discover **First Thursday** on South Congress — a monthly event where shops stay open late and offer live music.



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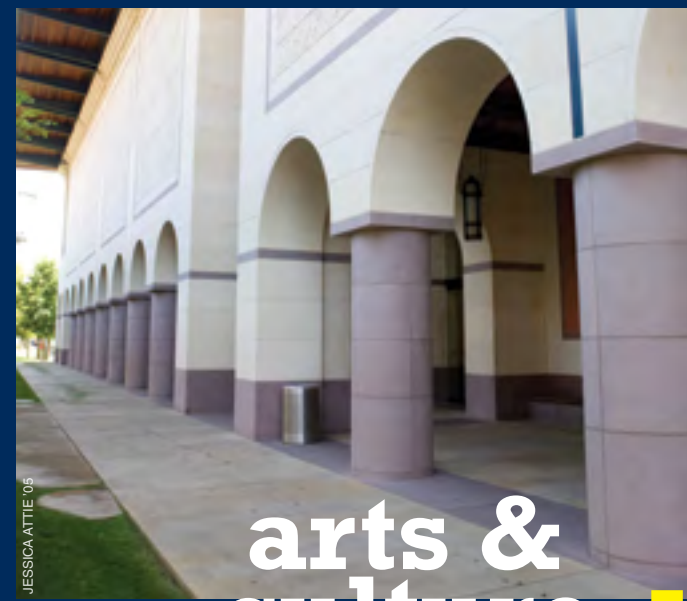


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- Expand your mind and stretch your body at one of Austin’s many **yoga studios**.
- Sign up for the **Statesman Capitol 10,000**, the largest 10K in Texas.
- Take a class at the **Ballet Austin Butler Community School**, where options include ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, hula and modern.
- Hike or bike around **Lady Bird Lake**, or take a stand-up paddling lesson on the water.
- Play a round of disc golf at **Zilker Park**.



fitness



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arts & culture

- Explore the **Austin Museum of Art** or **The Blanton Museum of Art**.
- Discover **FronteraFest**, Austin’s annual fringe theater festival.
- Meet Hollywood’s finest at the **Austin Film Festival and Conference**.
- Meet your favorite authors and learn how they perfect their craft at the **Texas Book Festival**.
- Kick back at a summer production of **Shakespeare in the Park**.

Mount Bonnell

Magnolia Café

Barton Springs



nature

- Picnic at [Mount Bonnell](#) and enjoy the stunning view of Lake Austin.
- On a cloudless night, stargaze at [Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve](#).
- Commune with the rescued animals at the [Austin Zoo](#).
- Swim, mountain bike and camp at [Pace Bend Park](#) on Lake Travis.
- Climb [Enchanted Rock](#), a giant granite dome located just a few hours from Austin.



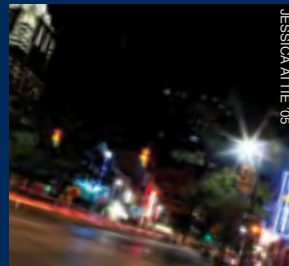
sports

- Cheer for the [Round Rock Express](#), Central Texas' minor-league baseball team.
- Head up north to see the [Texas Stars](#) ice hockey team in Cedar Park.
- Catch the [Austin Toros](#) NBA Development League team in action.
- Support the [Austin Outlaws](#) women's professional football team.
- Take your pick of flat-track or banked-track [roller derby](#) — Austin has teams in both leagues, the Texas Rollergirls and the TXRD Lonestar Rollergirls.



free

- Test your wings and strings at the annual [Zilker Park Kite Festival](#).
- Explore the [Barton Creek Greenbelt](#), a 7.9-mile nature preserve complete with hike-and-bike trails, rock climbing, swimming areas and more.
- Meet new friends at the annual [Eeyore's Birthday Party](#) fundraiser for Austin-area nonprofits.
- Work up a sweat on the [Veloway](#), Southwest Austin's paved pathway exclusively for bicycles and rollerblading.
- Catch one of Austin's musical greats at [Blues on the Green](#), a free outdoor summer music series.



late night



- Grab a bite at [Magnolia Café](#), [Kerbey Lane Café](#) or [24 Diner](#), three of Austin's funky 24-hour diners.
- Catch an improv show at [ColdTowne Theater](#) — then grab a batch of just-baked donuts at [Mrs. Johnson's Bakery](#).
- Enjoy a round of mini-golf at [Peter Pan](#), an Austin staple that stays open until midnight on weekends.
- Sip a [cup of joe](#) at one of Austin's 100+ coffee houses.
- Drive, bike or walk to the [Blue Starlite Drive-In](#) for a cult or classic movie accompanied by s'mores.

First Thursday

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