# Things to Do in Austin

## January

Austin Home and Garden Show - <http://showtechnology.com>

Chinatown New Year - <http://chinatownaustin.com>

Free Admission to Wildflower Center this month - <http://wildflower.org>

Gorilla Run (5K in gorilla costumes!) - <http://austingorillarun.com>

Polar Bear Swim (brrr!) at Barton Springs - <http://www.sosalliance.org/community/newsletter/current-newsletter/317-plunge-into-new-year-with-the-polar-bear-splash>

## February

Austin Jugglefest – <http://juggling.place.org/jugglefest>

Austin Ridge Bible Church Women’s Retreat - <http://austinridge.org/ministry/women/year>

Carnaval Brasileiro – <http://sambaparty.com>

Mardi Gras Downtown - <http://www.yapclub.com/austin/mardi-gras.aspx>

Taste of Austin - <http://tasteofaustin.org/>

## March

Austin Urban Music Festival - [http://austinurbanmusicfestival.com/#](http://austinurbanmusicfestival.com/)

Explore UT – <http://utexas.edu/events/exploreut>

Heart of Texas RockFest - <http://texasrockfest.com/>

Rodeo Austin (and Cowboy Breakfast) – <http://rodeoaustin.com>

South by Southwest – <http://sxsw.com>

Texas Independence Day Parade - <http://celebratetexas.org/>

Zilker Garden Festival – <http://zilkergarden.org>

Zilker Kite Festival - <http://www.zilkerkitefestival.com/>

## April

Austin Art Yards Tour – <http://austinartyards.com>

Austin Reggae Festival – <http://austinreggaefest.com>

Capitol 10K – <http://statesman.com/cap10k>

Eeyore’s Birthday Party - <http://eeyores.org/>

Mighty Texas Dog Walk - <http://www.servicedogs.org/news/calendar.html>

## May

Adult Spelling Bee – <http://austinchronicle.com/spellingbee>

Gardens on Tour – <http://wildflower.org>

Pecan Street Festival (Spring) – <http://oldpecanstreetfestival.com>

## June

Keep Austin Weird Fest - <http://keepaustinweird5k.com/>

Zilker Pops Concerts – <http://austincivicorchestra.org>

## July

Austin Symphony July 4th Concert and Fireworks – <http://austinsymphony.org>

Go Texan Restaurant Round-Up – <http://www.gotexanrestaurantroundup.com/>

Music Under the Star – (every Friday in July) – <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/special/muts_2012.html>

Nature Nights at the Wildflower Center (only $1) – <http://wildflower.org>

Zilker Summer Musical – <http://zilker.org>

## August

Austin Pet Expo - <http://www.servicedogs.org/news/calendar.html>

Batfest – <http://roadwayevents.com>

Hot Sauce Festival – <http://austinchronicle.com/hotsauce>

Lake Travis Hot Air Balloon Flyover – <http://centraltexasballooning.com>

## September

Austin Museum Day (all free, all day) – <http://www.austinmuseums.org/museumday/>

LEGO KidsFest Texas - <http://www.legokidsfest.com/austin/index.html>

Pecan Street Festival (Autumn) – <http://oldpecanstreetfestival.com>

Texas Monthly BBQ Festival - <http://www.texasmonthly.com/bbqfestival/>

Oatmeal Festival (Labor Day weekend) - <http://www.bertramtx.com/oatmeal-festival.html>

Hill Country Galleria Saturday Night Concert Series (Sep/Oct) - <http://www.hillcountrygalleria.com/go/Poolb.cfm?MallID=962&FPURLID=2129979528>

## October

Austin City Limits Music Festival – <http://aclfestival.com>

Austin Homes Tour – <http://aiaaustin.org>

Cocktails in the Park – <http://www.cocktailsinthepark.org/>

Fredericksburg Oktoberfest – <http://oktoberfestinfbg.com>

Gypsy Picnic Trailer Food Festival – <http://gypsypicnic.com>

Texas Book Festival – <http://texasbookfestival.org>

## November

A Christmas Affair– <http://www.jlaustin.org/?nd=2011aca>

ARBC Women’s Ministry “Stepping Out” Event - <http://austinridge.org/ministry/women/year>

Austin Celtic Festival – <http://austincelticfestival.com>

Chuy’s Christmas Parade - <http://www.chuysparade.com/>

East Austin Studio Tour - <http://www.eastaustinstudiotour.com/>

Operation Turkey (volunteers drive Thanksgiving dinners to homeless) – <http://operationturkey.com>

## December

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar - <http://www.armadillobazaar.com/>

Austin Symphony Christmas Sing-Along – <http://www.austinsymphony.org/events/christmas-sing-along/>

Austin Trail of Lights - <http://www.statesman.com/news/local/austins-trail-of-lights-returning-after-2-year-2463399.html> and <http://www.austintrailoflights.org/>

Blue Genie Art Bazaar – <http://bluegenieartbazaar.com>

Cherrywood Art Fair – <http://cherrywoodartfair.org>

Christmas on 37th Street – <http://texaslesstraveled.com/37thstreet.htm>

Holiday Sing-Along and Downtwon Stroll – <http://downtownaustinholidays.com>

Luminations at the Wildflower Center – <http://wildflower.org>

Zilker Tree Lighting - <http://cityofaustin.org/tol>

Capitol Tree Lighting

Junior League Christmas Affair

Santa’s Ranch

## All Summer

Barton Springs Pool (Mar – Sep) - <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/barton-springs-pool>

Bat watching at Congress Ave. Bridge (Apr – Oct) – <http://www.batcon.org/index.php/get-involved/visit-a-bat-location/congress-avenue-bridge.html>

Bat watching boat rides - <http://www.capitalcruises.com/bat-watching/> or <http://www.lonestarriverboat.com/>

Bike Rental by Zilker Park – <http://bartonspringsbikerental.com>

Blues on the Green (Wednesdays, May – Aug)- <http://www.kgsr.com/bluesonthegreen/>

Concerts in the Park (every Sunday evening, June- August) – <http://www.austinsymphony.org/events/austin-symphony-hartman-foundation-concerts-in-the-park/>

East End Fourth Fridays (May-Aug) - <http://www.diversearts.org/EEFF>

Paddle Boat Rental on Lady Bird Lake – <http://rowingdock.com>

Yoga in the Park and Movies in the Park - <http://austinparks.org/>

Swimming at Barton Springs - <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/barton-springs-pool>

Lake Travis Boat Rental - <http://www.rowingdock.com/>

## All Year Long

Austin City Limits Tapings – <http://acl-live.com>

Austin Duck Tours - <http://austinducks.com>

Austin Nature and Science Center - <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/austin-nature-science-center>

Austin Steam Train (kid-oriented adventures through TX Hill County) – <http://austinsteamtrain.org>

Austin Zoo and Animal Sanctuary – <http://austinzoo.org>

Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum - <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/the_museum/about.html>

Broken Spoke Historic Dance Hall – <http://brokenspokeaustintx.com>

Deep Eddy, a spring fed pool - <http://www.deepeddy.org/>

Duck Tours - <http://austinducks.com/>

Hamilton Pool (preserve, swimming hole and waterfall) - <https://parks.traviscountytx.gov/find-a-park/hamilton-pool>

LBJ Library and Museum – <http://lbjlibrary.org>

Leash-free dog parks and areas for the pooch to play - <http://www.dogplaces.com/parks.htm>

Long Center for the Performing Arts - <http://www.thelongcenter.org>

McKinney Falls State Park - <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/mckinney-falls>

Palmer Events Center - <http://www.palmereventscenter.com>

SoCo – 1st Thursdays all year - <http://www.firstthursday.info/>

Texas Capitol Building and Grounds – <http://www.tspb.state.tx.us/SPB/Plan/Tours.htm>

Texas Music Museum - <http://texasmusicmuseum.org>

The Veloway – 3+ mile paved loop for bikers and in-line skaters – <http://www.veloway.com/>

Tour downtown on a Segway - <http://www.segcity.com/austin/>

Tours of the UT Tower – <http://utexas.edu/tower>

Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum – <http://umlaufsculpture.org>

UT Informal Classes - <http://informalclasses.org>

Umlaf Sculpture Garden - <http://umlaufsculpture.org>

Zach Theatre - <http://zachtheatre.org>

Zilker Botanical Garden - <http://www.zilkergarden.org>

## Resources

Events - <http://downtownaustin.com/events>

List of Parks in Travis County - <https://parks.traviscountytx.gov/find-a-park/a-z-listing>

Today in Austin - <http://www.todayinaustin.com/>

Texas Less Traveled - <http://texaslesstraveled.com/>

Big Weekend Calendar - <http://austin.bigweekendcalendars.com/>

ARBC Women’s Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/arbcwomen>

ARBC Women's Ministry blog - <http://embraceaustin.com/>

The Austin Chronicle (hard copy at shops all over town) - <http://www.austinchronicle.com/calendar/>

What Austin Does - <http://www.austin360.com/>

Now Playing Austin - <http://www.nowplayingaustin.com/>

365 Things to do in Austin - <http://365thingsaustin.com/>

Christmas Guide - <http://austinchristmasguide.com/>