



SWIMMING HOLES

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Summer's here, and with it the urge to hit the water! Here in Texas, you'll find plenty of opportunities to cool off in the pool, lakes, rivers and ocean. Whether you want to relax in a spring-fed pool, frolick in the waves of the gulf coast, or drift lazily down the Guadalupe River, you'll be sure to find your swimming fix!

And why stop at swimming? There are plenty of opportunities for other aquatic activities! Take a boat out on Lake Travis, rent a kayak on one of the Texas Highland Lakes, or spend a day at Schlitterbahn, which was voted the number 1 waterpark in the world!

You'll find plenty of ways to get wet in Texas!





CENTRAL TEXAS

Barton Creek | Austin

Barton Creek is part of the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone and the most beautiful urban natural area in the U.S. Access points to the creek are at Zilker Park, Loop 360 east of Loop 1, Barton Skyway at Spyglass, Gus Fruth Park on Barton Hills Drive, Camp Craft Road at the end of Westbank Drive, and Loop 1 south of Loop 360. Greenbelt and parks are alcohol-free areas.

Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park | Austin | austintexas.gov

This gorgeous swimming hole is one of the top 10 tourist attractions in Austin. The spring-fed water is a consistent 68 degrees year-round. Showers, restrooms, a snack bar, playground, picnic tables, and canoe rental are available. Fees apply.

Blanco State Park | Austin | tpwd.state.tx.us

Blanco State Park is 104.6 acres located along the Blanco River in Blanco County. The land was deeded by private owners in 1933 before the park was opened in 1934. Activities include camping, swimming, picnicking, hiking, nature study, boating (electric motors only), and fishing. Tube, canoe and kayak rentals are available at the park. The park is at the corner of U.S. 281 and the Blanco River, four blocks south of the town square on the right. Entrance Fees.

Bull Creek District Park | Austin | austinparks.org

Bull Creek Foundation has 32 square miles of ecologically unique terrain to tend and protect. Bull Creek watershed includes limestone seeps, springs, and waterways; scenic cliffs and waterfalls; interesting archaeological and cultural features and more. An alcohol-free park. Access to the creek is from a hike and bike trail that follows much of its winding course. The park is between FM2222 and Spicewood Springs Road along Loop 360, and the main entrance is off FM2222 at the end of Lakewood Drive.

Camp Ben McCulloch Park | Austin | campbenmcculloch.com

Purchased by the United Confederate Veterans in 1904 as a reunion campground, the camp is located 22 miles from Austin near Driftwood. Take TX290 south to FM1826. It's a beautiful, shaded park, and camping is allowed in unmarked sites along Onion Creek. The Salt Lick Barbecue is across the road from the park entrance.

Campbell's Hole | Austin

About a mile upstream from Barton Springs Pool on Barton Creek Greenbelt. Also accessible from Spyglass Road. It's a wonderful location with a deep pool that has water most of the year and small rapids upstream when the creek is running.

Emma Long Metropolitan Park | Austin | austinparks.org

Emma Long Metropolitan Park is located 6.2 miles off FM 2222 on City Park Road. The park is on the shores of Lake Austin, and consists of a total of 1150 acres. It's a great place, but crowded every weekend during swimming season. The park features camping, restrooms, cold showers, a playground, hike and bike trails, and boat ramp. Three miles of winding shoreline make it a popular place for fast boats. Fees apply.

Fritz Hughes Park | Austin | parks.traviscountytexas.gov

Just below Mansfield Dam, take Low Water Crossing Road off FM 620 and go left at the "Y" in the road on Fritz Hughes Park Road. Fritz Hughes has a playground and nice picnic area, but not a great swimming area. If you go straight at the "Y" you get to the old low water crossing where the water is usually running pretty swift, and is more popular with fishermen than swimmers. Sunrise to civil twilight (dark). Travis County Park.

Gus Fruth Park | Austin | austinparks.org

One of the best parks and swimming holes on the Barton Creek Greenbelt, it has white water around big boulders and deep pools. It's accessible by a rough, steep climb from Barton Hills Drive or a long walk on the greenbelt hike and bike path.

Lake Austin | Austin

Constant level lake with colder than usual water. The 1,830-acre Lower Colorado River Authority lake flows 20 miles up the Colorado River from Austin and Tom Miller Dam.

Mary Quinlan Park | Austin | parks.traviscountytexas.gov

Take FM620 to Quinlan Park Rd. This small, moderately visited park offers 5.8 acres of rolling hills with 200 feet of shoreline access, including the only public boat ramp for several miles. Day use.

McKinney Falls State Park | Austin | tpwd.state.tx.us

The park has camping, hiking trails, and summer cabins for rent. From Ben White Blvd (TX71) go east of IH-35 take Burleson Road south to McKinney Falls Parkway. Fees apply.

Milton Reimers Ranch Park | Austin | parks.traviscountytexas.gov

Eleven miles from TX71 at 23610 Hamilton Pool Rd. and a mile before you get to Hamilton Pool Preserve. Closed Mon. & Tues., open Wed.-Sun., 7am-dark. Beautiful private park with shallow rapids and deep pools, favored by fishermen. Fees apply.

Pedernales Falls State Park | Austin | www.tpwd.state.tx.us

About 30 miles south of Austin off TX290. Pedernales contains white water over a gradual slope and deep, slow-moving pools at the bottom of the "falls." Access to the river from the parking lot is a rugged, steep climb. The park offers camping, showers, restrooms, hook-ups, and hiking trails. 830/868-7304. Fees apply.

Percy Pennybacker Bridge | Austin

(Loop 360 Bridge or Bull Creek Park) Located just under the Percy Pennybacker Bridge, there is a three-acre grassy area where picnicking is allowed. The boat ramp and park are for day use only, and rest rooms are available.

Selma Hughes Park | Austin | parks.traviscountytexas.gov

Take FM620 to Quinlan Park Road below Mansfield Dam. Selma Hughes Park has restrooms and picnic tables. It's a small park, but scenic, with a nice, sandy lake bottom and plenty of shade trees. Day use only. Open sunrise to civil twilight (dark).



Lake Marble Falls

Lake Marble Falls is a reservoir on the Colorado River in the Texas Hill Country in the United States. Popular for fishing and boating.

Max Starke Dam | Lake Marble Falls

Just below the dam are flat rocks and a steady flow of water popular with fishermen, but not a bad swimming hole. Watch out for a sudden increase of release from the dam. Very steep climb down to the water. No facilities. Follow the signs to the dam off of US281 south of town.

Inks Lake State Park | Inks Lake | tpwd.state.tx.us

"Devil's Hole," at the northeast corner of the lake where a creek empties into it, is one of the most scenic swimming holes in the state. The creek cascades over stair step levels to the lake where it empties into a small canyon walled in by pink granite cliffs. Don't overlook the other coves on the lake with more gentle, sloping, granite banks. West of Burnet off TX29, the park has shelters, camping, showers, restrooms, boat rental, a grocery store (seasonal), a boat ramp, and fishing piers. 512/389-8900. Fees apply.

Robinson Park | Llano | llanotx.com

Llano's city park is on the riverbank with lots of shade and swimming spots. A low dam crosses the river, making for a great play area. The park also has fishing, a playground, a golf course, restrooms, showers, a swimming pool, and 100 RV spots. Take the road on the north side of the courthouse west to the park.

Rock-A-Way Park | Inks Lake

21 RV sites on tranquil Inks Lake. All waterfront sites have 30/50 amp. Laundry facilities, bathroom/showers. Rental facility for family reunions or special events available onsite also. It has a dock and boat ramp. A large cliff shades the campground from the afternoon sun and it is possible to tie up a boat at the bank. Next door to Catfish Barge. Fees apply.

The Llano Slab | Llano

"The Slab" has plenty of sand for sunbathing, picnics, games, etc. The water is shallow and perfect for wading — a great place to bring the children. The lazy Llano River drifts over large outcroppings of granite which creates pools of inviting, cool water during the warm summer months. Near the bridge, currents begin to pick up speed to flow through narrow row siphons. It's located on FM 3404 that runs from Kingsland west to Hwy. 71

Cedar Breaks Park | Lake Georgetown

Cedar Breaks Park sits on the south side of Georgetown Lake. A boat ramp is provided for guests. Cedar Breaks Park has 59 reservable campsites, and convenient amenities. Two picnic shelters are also available, allowing for large parties, cookouts and family trips.

Jim Hogg Park | Lake Georgetown

Jim Hogg Park sits on the north side of Georgetown Lake in the Hill Country of Texas, about 25 miles north of Austin. Visitors enjoy camping, fishing, boating, picnicking, and all nature has to share. Jim Hogg Park offers 148 campsites with water and 30amp/20 amp electrical hookups. The entrance is off FM2338 west of Georgetown.

Russell Park | Georgetown | swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/

Russell Park has the best beach of the three parks on the Corps of Engineers' lake, west of Georgetown. Day use only. It has restrooms, showers, a boat ramp, and drinking water. No pets in beach area. Fees apply. From FM2338, take FM3405 and then County Road 262 to park.

Friendship Park | Lake Granger

On the northeast end of the lake. From Granger and TX95, take FM971 east. The small day use park has picnic tables and a swimming beach.

Wilson H. Fox Park | Lake Granger

On the south side of the lake. From Centerville and TX95, take FM1331 east. Fox allows camping and has fishing docks, a picnic area, and a swimming beach.

Cottonwood Resource Area | Lake LBJ

At Wirtz Dam, this is mainly a boat ramp and observation area. It is the only public boat ramp on the southeast side of lake. From US281 at the south end of the bridge over Lake Marble Falls, take FM2147 to Wirtz Dam Road. LCRA.

Lake Travis

The most popular of the Highland Lakes that stair-step up the Colorado River from Austin. Formed by Mansfield Dam, it winds through steep, scenic hills for 65 miles with 270 miles of shoreline. More than a mile long with 24 floodgates, the dam is one of the largest masonry structures in the world. The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has eight primitive recreation areas on the upper end of Lake Travis. Four of the primitive parks require daily permits per day per vehicle and can be purchased at the honor boxes at the park entrance. Annual passes may be purchased at the LCRA, 3701 Lake Austin Blvd., or through the mail.

Westlake Beach | Austin | westlakebeach.com

This privately owned park has a shaded picnic area, marina, concession stand, diving platform, playground, showers, and beach and water volleyball. Great place for family reunions or birthday parties. Day use only. Fee. 2509 Westlake Dr. 512/327-9004.

Twin Falls | Austin

Two small waterfalls empty into a small pool. Accessible from the entrance off the access road of Loop 1 just south of Loop 360.

Hamilton Pool Preserve | Austin

Acquired by Travis County in 1985, the site has been a popular spring-fed swimming hole since the early 1900s. The property was once owned by the brother of the 10th governor of Texas. The pool is in a box canyon fed by a 45-foot waterfall with a sandy beach and giant boulders. A nature trail follows Hamilton Creek about a mile to the Pedernales River. Open 9am-6pm every day, no one admitted after 5:30pm (hiking trails are open year-round); admission is limited to 100 people. Water quality is carefully monitored. From TX71 West turn left at Hamilton Pool Rd. (FM3238) and go 13 miles to the park. No glass, fishing, cooking, or pets are allowed in the park. It is best to call ahead before making the trip, 512/264-2740. Fees apply.

Bastrop State Park | Bastrop | tpwd.state.tx.us

From Austin take TX71 east to Bastrop and TX21 to park entrance east of town. Nestled among the "lost pines" of Texas, the park has a swimming pool, hiking trails, camping, and a golf course, and is a great place to camp or rent a cabin. The ponds in Bastrop and Buescher state parks are not open for swimming. Fees apply.

North Shore Park | Bastrop | lcra.org

North Shore Park Lake Bastrop is great for campers, anglers and nature lovers. A boat ramp with a boat dock and fishing pier provide fishing and access for water-based recreation. There are also picnic areas that include tables, grills, a sand volleyball court, tetherball courts and a play area. Rest rooms and showers are available for park visitors. The North Cove Group Area provides a partially shaded site for groups of up to 50, with a large grill, picnic tables, and a large serving table. During the peak seasons of spring and fall, and for all holidays, facilities book out early. Fee.

South Shore Park | Bastrop | lcra.org

There is a nice beach in the day use area with a playground, boat ramp, volleyball court, and hiking trail. Camping sites are semi-secluded, many on the water's edge. Take TX71 east to Bastrop and Loop 150 to TX21; the park is a mile past the state park. LCRA. Fees apply.

Marble Falls City Parks | Lake Marble Falls | ci.marble-falls.tx.us

The city operates three parks next to each other on the north shore of the lake west of US281. Lake Side Park has a swimming pool and picnic tables, but a steep bank into the water. Johnson Park has a playground, ball fields, an amphitheater, a horseshoe pitching club, and a picnic area with swimming near the boat ramp. Swimming is allowed in the creek next to the boat ramp.



**OWN THE
WAVES**

[Arkansas Bend Park | Lago Vista | parks.traviscountytx.gov](#)

One of the most isolated and untouched parks in Travis County, this peaceful 323-acre park lies on the north shore of Lake Travis near the community of Lago Vista and combines many of the best qualities of other Lake Travis parks. The park's two miles of shoreline offer opportunities for hiking, fishing, camping, picnicking and lake access via an excellent boat ramp. Several inviting, shaded picnic and camping areas are situated along a bluff above a gently sloping, rocky waterfront. Fees apply

[Bob Wentz Park at Windy Point | Lake Travis | parks.traviscountytx.gov](#)

Located in the basin area of Lake Travis in the scenic Hill Country of central Texas, Bob Wentz Park is a favorite location for water sports. The park's facilities and close proximity to Austin make it attractive for picnicking, swimming, windsurfing, sailing, and scuba diving. The shoreline areas (including a sandy peninsula known as "The Point") are heavily used, while an adjacent 150-acre tract is maintained as a natural area. The park includes two sand volleyball courts, a shoreline walking path, a boat ramp, and a pavilion available for rent.

[Camp Chautauqua | Lake Travis](#)

A former recreation area for Air Force personnel at Bergstrom. The entrance to Pace Bend Park is now leased to nonprofit groups by the county as a campground. Recreation facilities include a boat ramp, fishing pier, and meeting shelters. Swimming is available from the rocky shore. Fees apply. 512/264-1752.

[Camp Creek Primitive Area | Lake Travis](#)

This park is 600 acres off of FM1431 at the end of County Road 343 on the north side of the lake. It covers a small area, but has good swimming spots. It also has a creek running through the campground. The park features a hiking trail, boat ramp, tables, grills, and restrooms.

[Cypress Creek Park | Lake Travis | parks.traviscountytx.gov](#)

Located on Lake Travis in the scenic Hill Country of central Texas. This small, easy-to-reach park is a favorite spot for boating, picnicking, and fishing. The main body of the park has a gently sloping waterfront. The boat ramp and cove provide easy access to the popular basin area of Lake Travis and other Travis County Parks on Lake Travis. Fees apply.

[Dink Pearson Park | Lago Vista | parks.traviscountytx.gov](#)

3011 Lohmans Ford Road off of FM1431 in Lago Vista. The park has picnic tables, a boat ramp, and restrooms. Last few miles of winding road to park offers panoramic view of the lake. Sunrise to civil twilight (dark). Travis County Park.

[Shore Club Volente Beach | Lake Travis | shoreclubtx.com](#)

The perfect getaway for children and adults alike on a hot summer day. They have pools for children and an adult only pool with a swim up tiki bar. SCVB also has their own sandy beachfront and 3 volleyball courts (2 lighted, 1 not). Although SCVB offers an upscale casual restaurant specializing in hand-cut steaks, fresh seafood and a beach bar & grill with the best burgers on the lake, picnics are permitted. (No alcohol, no glass & no uncooked food are permitted). Park Fees.

[San Marcos River](#)

The San Marcos River, selected by river guides as one of the most beautiful rivers in the state, originates in San Marcos at Aquarena Springs and joins the Blanco River east of town. Tubing on the river in town is often crowded, but exciting. Out of town, a canoe is recommended because of the distance between access points, which are limited to two public sites and where the Farm-to-Market roads cross the river. The narrow river channel is often obstructed with small dams and old mills.

[Cheatham Street Dam | San Marcos](#)

The opposite bank from the dam in Rio Vista Park. There is an unloading zone at the curb; park across the street or in Rio Vista Park. This is a great place to watch the Texas Water Safari canoes go over the dam, or to shoot it yourself in a tube. From I-35 take Hopkins to a left (south) on Cheatham, and follow to the river. Day use only.

[The Falls | San Marcos](#)

Swimming is permitted in the small park below Joe's Crab Shack, but parking can be a real problem. At Aquarena Springs Drive and Sessom Drive. Day use only.

[Five Mile Dam | Blanco River](#)

North of San Marcos on the Blanco River. Take the Yarrington Road exit from I-35 just south of Kyle. Follow access road to the "Y" in the road and take a right at (FM2779). The park is at the first left. Boating is available above the dam. Show only your best friends this spot. Day use only. Hays County Park.available. Park Fees.

[McAllister Park | San Marcos](#)

Site of an old Girl Scout Camp. West of I-35 and off C.M. Allen Parkway. McAllister has a nice wooded area with the river winding through it, picnic areas, and muddy banks. Park behind the ballfields at I-35 and C.M. Allen, in the parking lot across from the Cheatham Street Dam or under I-35 from the access road. Day use only.

[Leisure Resort on the San Marcos River | San Marcos | leisureresort.net](#)

A private camp southeast of San Marcos off of I-35 on TX80 in the village of Fentress. On the San Marcos River in an old pecan grove, the campground has fishing, RV hook-ups, camping, a playground, restrooms, showers, and a small store that stocks essentials. It also has a meeting room with a kitchen and group pavilion. Reservations recommended during the summer months. Fees apply. 512/213-0112

[Rio Vista Park | San Marcos | toursanmarcos.com](#)

Rio Vista Park is a great place to put your kayak in and paddle upstream or just swim in the deep watering hole. It's not uncommon to see recreationist surfing the rapids, sunbathers along the river banks and families barbecuing. The amenities include Restrooms, Tennis Courts, 1/2 Basketball Court, Picnic Tables, BBQ Grills, Benches, a Pavilion, City Swimming Pool, Hike/Bike Trails and Trash Cans. Day use only.

[San Marcos City Park | San Marcos](#)

Take the Aquarena Springs Drive exit from I-35 west to the light at the left turn before Strahan Coliseum, take a right before the railroad tracks, and then follow the signs behind the coliseum. Great place to start a tube trip on the San Marcos River. Has tube rental and shuttle service. Day use only.

[Sewell Park | San Marcos | campusrecreation.txstate.edu](#)

Sewell Park is one of the most inviting and relaxing spaces on the Texas State Campus. The spring fed crystal clear San Marcos River runs through the park and remains 72 degrees year round. You can relax outdoors while taking advantage of two sand volleyball courts, open spaces for frisbee, an outdoor basketball court, and and grills and picnic tables great for cookouts. The park also offers ample open space for Frisbee, sunbathing, and picnicking. You'll also find the Outdoor Center here, nestled under the trees. Sewell Park is available for reservation by Texas State University organizations only.

[Shady Grove Campgrounds & Spencer's Canoe Livery | San Marcos | spencercanoes.net](#)

Take I-35 to TX80, then east to a right on to FM1979 at Martindale. Amenities include riverfront camping, canoe and tube rental, showers, restrooms, and store. Also the sponsors of the annual Texas Water Safari canoe race. Fees apply.

[Blue Hole Park | San Gabriel River | parks.georgetown.org](#)

Not to be confused with Blue Hole near Wimberley. The north bank of the river is a sheer cliff; the south bank is a new park with picnic tables and port-a-potties. The city has really spruced up this scenic area, changing it from a makeshift hangout to a first-rate community park. The one-way road through the park offers a peek at the conditions and a small unloading zone. Parking is at the lot at Third and Rock Streets. No camping and no glass beverage bottles larger than a quart are allowed in the park. The small dam makes a great waterfall. From the courthouse, take Austin Avenue (US81) north, turn left on Third St., just before the South San Gabriel River bridge, and take a right on Rock Street.

[Jacobs Well | Wimberley | jacobswellspring.org](#)

Jacob's Well is one of the most significant natural geologic treasures in the Texas Hill Country. It is one of the longest underwater caves in Texas and an artesian spring. Jacob's Well has been integral to the cultural and historical character of the Wimberley Valley. The location has been a beloved swimming hole for generations.

[Little Arkansas | Blanco River](#)

A beautiful stretch of the Blanco River, the name refers to its "backwoods" setting. Little Arkansas is isolated by steep hills, canyon bluffs, and guarded by vertical canyon walls. From FM3237 east of Wimberley take Flight Acres Road (CR173) several miles through residential areas. Turn onto CR174 and cross the Blanco River and follow it several miles (even after it turns into a dirt road), crossing the river three times to the campground. Fees apply.

[Old Hwy. 12 Bridge | Wimberley](#)

A favorite of locals, it's the old bridge over the Blanco River, east of Wimberley on the first left past the river. Now closed to vehicular traffic, parking is at a premium in the area on weekends. Beware of private property.

[Blue Hole | Wimberley | blueholeregionalpark.com](#)

Blue Hole is one of the best loved natural swimming holes in Texas. Located in Wimberley, it is surrounded by 126 acres of natural forests and native grass fields that have so far escaped the developers' touch. Because of its popularity and costs, the owners now charge a "membership" fee, plus an admission fee for day use and overnight camping. Northeast of Wimberley off FM3237 past the church and cemetery.



Canyon Lake | swf-wc.usace.army.mil/canyon/

This 8,240-acre Corps of Engineers-maintained lake northwest of New Braunfels offers seven parks on the lake. Parks on the lake are generally well-maintained and offer showers, water, restrooms, picnicking, a marina, camping, hook-ups, boat ramps, and other amenities furnished by local concessionaires.

Canyon Park | Canyon Lake | wildtexas.com

There is a swimming beach at the entrance open 9am-7pm during summer months. The park also has camping, a marina, restaurant, boat ramp, and a dump station. Fees apply.

Jacob's Creek Park | Canyon Lake

This day use park is open 7am to 9pm. The park has a large swimming beach and good water access from the rest of the park, restrooms, a boat ramp, tables, and a sailing area. There is another swimming area near the boat ramp at the end of Old Hancock Road, the first right off the park road from FM306. Fees apply.

North Park | Canyon Lake

Located at the north end of the dam. Campers only, no day use facilities. The swimming off of the banks is not bad. No pets allowed on the beaches. Fees apply.

Potter's Creek Park | Canyon Lake | wildtexas.com

This is a small swimming beach on a small peninsula with covered picnic tables. The park also has camping and a boat ramp. Potter's Creek Store is at the park entrance off of FM306 at Canyon Lake (the town). This is one of the nicest parks on the lake. Fees apply.

Comal Park | Canyon Lake | wildtexas.com

This very nice day use park has a beach, boat ramps, a playground, and restrooms. No pets in the beach area. Three miles off FM2673 at Startzville. Fees apply

Cranes Mill Park | Canyon Lake

This is a primitive camping park at the end of FM2673 with an adjacent marina and fishing pier, and good swimming spots from the low bank. Fees apply

Guadalupe River State Park | Guadalupe River | tpwd.state.tx.us

Opened in 1983, the 4,232-acre park was purchased for canoeists after a legislative delegation's cars were towed from a low water crossing while they were canoeing the upper Guadalupe River. With just over a mile of river frontage, the park is not only a great place to swim, canoe, and tube, but is also uncommonly beautiful even for this scenic area of the Hill Country. Off TX46, 37 miles west of New Braunfels, the park has three camping areas, trails, and a day use area with great swimming. The park includes the Honey Creek Natural Area which is open only for guided tours on Saturdays at 9am. For camping reservations, call 830/438-2656.

Overlook Park | Canyon Lake | wildtexas.com

Off the South Access Road from Sattler at the south end of the dam; there is a great view of the dam. Access to the water is by rough trails, but a nice swimming area is at the end of the dam. There is a walking path across the top of the dam. Day use only.

Comal River | New Braunfels

The Comal River is completely contained within the city limits and is on record as the 2nd shortest river in the world.

Cypress Bend Park | New Braunfels

On the Guadalupe River at the end of Peace Avenue, a few blocks off Common Street across from the fair grounds and behind the cemetery. This is a nice, shaded park with picnicking, swimming areas, and playgrounds. Day use only.

Hinman Island | New Braunfels

Hinman Island Park is located on Hinman Island Drive, between Landa Park and Prince Solms Park. A beautiful, tree-shaded place to enjoy the Comal River! Perfect for scuba, snorkeling, swimming, tubing and fishing! Facilities include a playground, restrooms, picnic tables and easy river access.

Landa Falls | New Braunfels | landafalls.com

Landa Falls is New Braunfels premier Comal River access area, offering the longest float on the Comal River. They have everything from tube rentals to ample picnic facilities, all nestled in a beautiful river front setting. Fees apply

Prince Solms Park | New Braunfels

This is the city's main swimming spot, named for the town's founding father, is a popular destination for people looking to take a water ride on the Comal River, as this park features the City Tube Chute. Also on the grounds are picnic areas, tube rental facilities, showers and other recreational areas.

River Road | Guadalupe River

This 20-mile stretch of scenic, winding country road following the Guadalupe River is probably the most popular tubing and canoeing area in the state. There are ample free places to launch tubes, canoes, or just swim, but parking is at a premium and beware of private property. Concessionaires along the river will rent or sell almost anything. From I-35, take Loop 337 (TX46) west to the second stoplight after you cross the Guadalupe River and follow the road around to the river.

Schlitterbahn | New Braunfels | schlitterbahn.net

Voted the Number #1 Park in the World. This water amusement park is fed by the Comal River with two areas and includes tube chutes, hot tubs, refreshments, and swimming pools. Bring picnic baskets and ice chests; No glass containers or alcohol.

Medina Lake | San Antonio | edwardsaquifer.net

Medina Lake is a popular retreat for fishing, boating, picnicking and water sports. Facilities include a boat ramp, swimming area and restrooms. There are a number of private guest cabins, guest ranches and private campgrounds in the vicinity of the lake. Take State Highway 16 east to Pipe Creek and then F.M. 1283 south. Public access to the lake is available from Bandera County Park on the north side of the lake at the end of Park Road 37 in Plum Creek Cove.



San Antonio Springs | San Antonio | edwardsaquifer.net

Historically the state's 6th largest spring, San Antonio Springs emerge on the campus of Incarnate Word College in downtown San Antonio and flow through Brackenridge Park.

San Pedro Springs | San Antonio | edwardsaquifer.net

San Pedro Park, also known as San Pedro Springs Park, the oldest park in Texas, is in San Antonio between San Pedro Avenue and Harp Street, facing the San Antonio College campus. Today the park comprises forty-six acres of land.

Woodlawn Lake Park | San Antonio | sanantonio.gov

Woodlawn Lake Park is a beautiful 62-acre facility located just north of downtown and west of Interstate 10 on Cincinnati Street. The lake is available for fishing and non-motorized boating. Rentals at the park include the party house, pavilion, gym and softball field.

Lake Dunlap

Located on the northwest border of Guadalupe County near New Braunfels, within an hour's drive of both Austin and San Antonio. This 410-acre lake has a storage capacity of 5,900 acre-feet. Maximum depth near the dam is 40 feet. Free public access boat ramp under IH-35 in New Braunfels. Boating, water skiing, jet skiing and fishing.

Lake McQueeney | Seguin

Located in Guadalupe County approximately two miles west of Seguin. The pond area is 400 acres with a storage capacity of 5,050 acre-feet. The lake's prominent feature is Treasure Island, a residential area reached by a connecting bridge. Boating, water skiing, jet skiing and fishing. Lake McQueeney is home to the "Ski-Bees" ski club and is used heavily year-round by water skiers. No public access.

Lake Placid

Located in Guadalupe County between Lake McQueeney and Meadow Lake. The pond area is 248 acres with a storage capacity of 2,624 acre-feet. Most of the lake is shallow with maximum depths of 30-35 feet near the dam. A public boat ramp is located at Exit 605 off IH-10 on the Seguin side of the river. Boating, water skiing, jet skiing and fishing.

Wave Pool | Seguin | seguintexas.gov

The city operates three parks next to each other on the north shore of the lake west of US281. Lake Side Park has a swimming pool and picnic tables, but a steep bank into the water. Johnson Park has a playground, ball fields, an amphitheater, a horseshoe pitching club, and a picnic area with swimming near the boat ramp. Falls Creek Park is mainly a picnic park, but swimming is allowed in the creek next to the boat ramp.



THE GULF COAST

Corpus Christi | visitcorpuschristitx.org

You'll find much more than swimming and sunbathing on the shores of Corpus Christi. The shores vary and each beach has its own unique appeal: for some, the gentle waves creating a tranquil atmosphere, and for others, an offshore wind lends the beach appeal to surfers and wakeboarders. Some beaches even have jetties and piers to appeal to those interested in fishing!

Galveston | galveston.com

Go to the beaches, Stewart and Apfel, along Seawall Boulevard, for lots of company. For smaller crowds, head to the beaches south of town on FM3005 or take a ferry ride across the bay. There are also beaches and camping at Galveston Island State Park.

Matagorda Island | matagordaisland.com

Want a primitive and secluded beach experience? The only way to get to this island is by ferry from Pt. O'Connor. Administered by the state parks department, the island has no electricity, concessions, telephone, or drinking water.

Port Aransas | portaransas.org

At the northern tip of Mustang Island, there are 18 miles of beaches going south toward Padre Island. To avoid the crowds, try the undeveloped beaches across the harbor channel on St. Jo's Island. Catch the Jetty Boat ferries at Woody's Sports Center.

Rockport | cityofrockport.com

There is a shallow beach area in downtown. Rockport has better prices on hotels and food than most resort towns, but not as much to do. Don't let it fool you because it is more popular as a bird watching area than a swimmer spot; there's still fun to be found here.

Schlitterbahn | Galveston & South Padre Island | schlitterbahn.net

Galveston: Experience daring slides, endless rivers, kid-friendly play pools and a giant surfing wave. Your family will be thrilled!

South Padre Island: Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark on beautiful South Padre Island is the tropical destination for family fun! This park has interconnecting water rides and slides, a huge 5-story tall Sandcastle, thrilling uphill water coasters, a man-made surfing wave, and direct access to the Gulf of Mexico!

South Padre Island | sopadre.com

Life is a beach. What used to be a little resort town has become a huge resort town with high-rise hotels lining the beach. Still, it has 34 miles of some of the best beaches in the state.

Surfside Beach | surfsidetx.org

This tiny seaside community and its neighbor across the bay inlet, Quintana, used to be the resort destinations of the Gulf Coast. Now they're nearly forgotten seaports that retain the charm of less-crowded beaches. Check out the beaches and cottages on Follets Island or San Luis Pass County Park along FM3005 (the Blue Water Highway) toward Galveston.



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