



Established in 1832 as part of Stephen F. Austin's "Little Colony," Bastrop is the second oldest incorporated city in Texas. You can see more than 140 homes and sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Old Town Bastrop, the Heart of the Colorado River on the El Camino Trail, is where the present meets the past.

Regional Information

30 minutes from Austin, 90 minutes from Houston and San Antonio. Just 22 miles from the Austin Bergstrom International Airport. Bastrop is the juncture of U.S. Highways 71, 21 & 95.

Education

The Bastrop Independent School District provides a challenging and rewarding educational experience for every child. Additionally, Bastrop has ready access to the cultural and educational opportunities offered in nearby Austin—Texas's State Capitol—as well as the many agricultural, natural and vocational experiences that come from our unique setting along the Colorado River in the piney woods. Our central location puts Bastrop within a short drive of major colleges and universities including the University of Texas (30 minutes), Texas A&M (75 minutes), and Texas State University (45 minutes). Within a few hours' drive are schools in Houston and San Antonio as well.

Recreation

Attractions include two museums and the historic Bastrop Opera House. After a self-guided walking tour of over 140 historic homes and buildings, you can also enjoy a stroll down the Colorado Riverwalk. The historic district offers a delightful selection of shops filled with interesting gifts, crafts, books, clothing, and antiques. Adding to the charm, a variety of restaurants provide visitors with delicious food and a comfortable, friendly atmosphere

Families can participate in youth baseball, basketball, soccer, football, tennis, and other team sports. After-school gymnastics, tae kwon do and art courses are available and much more. Dozens of non-profit civic organizations offer numerous community service opportunities. Musical, comedy and other cultural productions are held throughout the year. First run movies, bowling, a video arcade, a food court and a pool room are available at the Chestnut Square Family Entertainment Center. Bastrop has festivals, parades and other events throughout the year.

Quality of Life

Bastrop residents are part of a close community. Our tremendous growth trends consistently raises the standard of excellence, yet we are small enough to know and care for each other. The many attractions offered in Bastrop foster opportunities for family time and fellowship.

Bastrop is the ideal community for a variety of Central Texas lifestyles. Located for an easy commute to downtown Austin, San Antonio or Houston, we also offer the "small town atmosphere" in which many families choose to live and enjoy their lives.

Four excellent 18-hole golf courses; including the #4 ranked ColoVista and the new Wolfdancer course at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa and much, much more!

Business Overview

Bastrop is projected to be in the top five fastest growing counties in Texas during this decade, with a projected county population of 92,180 in 2010. State tax revenues have risen dramatically and consistently since 1990, and are expected to rise as new businesses move into the area.

Because of its proximity to Austin and its location on the Austin/Houston corridor, Bastrop's population has increased by one-third in the last 5 years alone, and over 4,000 new homes are currently under construction. Many incentives are available to businesses considering the Bastrop area.

Bastrop is a great market for retail. We are experiencing a transformation as our growing population seeks a variety of choices for living, working, and playing. From the one-of-a-kind boutiques downtown to the array of shops around the county, Bastrop's retail and restaurant businesses are responding to consumer demand.



Bastrop Attractions:

Bastrop Opera House

Bastrop's award-winning theatre! Home of the Spring Street Players and the Colorado River Repertory. When you visit the Bastrop Opera House, you are visiting a piece of downtown Bastrop history, and Texas history.

Bastrop merchants P. Otto Elzner and S.D. Green agreed to build the Opera House in 1889 at a reported cost of \$15,000. Twenty-one touring companies played the Bastrop Opera House© during its debut season.

By the late fifties and early sixties, the theater became a center for teenagers, known as the Teen Tower -- scene of dances, parties and related activities. With the threat of a sheriff's sale from unpaid taxes, a non-profit organization, Bastrop Opera House, Inc., was chartered in 1979. The building has been recognized by the National Register of Historic Places and the Texas Historical Commission for its significance in Texas history.

The Bastrop Opera House© YOUTHatre©, a children's theater with past performances of "Annie," "Macbeth: A Kid's Cautionary Tale," and "How to Eat Like a Child: And Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown-Up," continues to delight audiences of all ages. The Bastrop Opera House© offers family entertainment year-round at modest prices.

Bastrop Historical Museum

The Bastrop County Historical Society Museum is located at 702 Main Street and occupies the John Cornelison House built about 1850. The Bastrop County Museum was established in 1952. The Society began the collection and preservation of materials, artifacts, and documents relating to the history of the Little Colony of Stephen F. Austin, Bastrop County and the town of Bastrop. Gathered are many artifacts and records recalling pioneer days in Texas when Bastrop (Mina) was a western frontier colony on the Old San Antonio Road, El Camino Real. Recent projects of the Bastrop County Historical Society are: The Fairview Preservation Project-the Society is the sponsor of this project to enhance and beautify the grounds at Fairview Cemetery; The Kerr Community Center Restoration Project- the Society is a collaborator in the restoration of the Kerr Community Center; and currently is operating the Bastrop Old Town Visitor Center.

Bastrop Fine Arts Guild

An association of artists which was formed for the mutual aid and promotion of artists in this community, and to encourage cultural interest in and appreciation of fine art. Each month, the gallery of the Bastrop Fine Arts Guild honors one of its members as the Featured Artist for the month. This is an opportunity to view a large array of work by an individual artist or a small group of artists. An artist reception is held at the gallery one night during the month.

Bastrop Golf Courses

Beautiful Bastrop is fortunate to be the home of four magnificent 18-hole golf courses. Each course offers challenging and scenic golf experiences. The courses are listed in alphabetical order and include links for further information.

ColoVista Golf Course

ColoVista Country Club is home of one of the finest golf courses in the state, a scenic and challenging 18 hole, par-72 golf course.

Lost Pines Golf Course

Located in the Bastrop State Park, this golf course is operated by the Lost Pines Golf Club. It is one of the finest and most scenic 18 hole courses in Central Texas. The Course is 6152 yards long with Bermuda grass greens.

Pine Forest Golf Course

Pine Forest Golf Club in Tahitian Village is also one of the finest public golf courses in Texas. The unique layout lies along the Colorado River and hills and pines in Tahitian Village. It is a par 72, 18 hole course.

Wolfdancer Golf Course

The Wolfdancer Championship Golf Course is located at the Hyatt

Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa near Bastrop. The course was created by legendary golf course designer Arthur Hills. The 7,205 yard, par 72 Wolfdancer golf course makes the most of the terrain's natural beauty. The course traverses three distinct ecosystems: rolling prairie land, a heavily wooded ridgeline and a river valley dotted with native pecan trees.

Bastrop State Park

is 5,926 total acres; approximately 30 miles southeast of Austin in Bastrop County. It is the site of the famous "Lost Pines," an isolated timbered region of loblolly pine and hardwoods. The park provides opportunities for backpacking, camping, picnicking, canoeing (park rents canoes), swimming (pool), golfing, wildlife viewing, hiking, and interpretive programs. Biking - Whether you are a beginner or an expert rider, you will find what you are looking for on Park Road 1C between Bastrop and Buescher State Parks. Enjoy the 12 mile scenic ride through the Lost Pines of East Central Texas. This roller coaster ride is part of the MS-150 (famed bike race from Houston to Austin.). The scenery is unmatched. Scenic Drives (Field Trips on Wheels) - Get in the car and go for a leisurely drive along Park Road 1C between Bastrop and Buescher State Parks. This scenic 12-mile drive will take you through the beautiful Lost Pines of East Central Texas. Turn down the radio and enjoy the serenity of the forest along this quiet drive. Fishing - Bring your pole and enjoy some good ol' fishing along the banks of Bastrop State Park Lake. If you can't reach them from the bank, you can rent one of the canoes and relax out in the open waters. Golf - A golf course, operated by the Lost Pines Golf Club, is one of the finest and most scenic 18-hole golf courses in Central Texas. The course is 6152 yards long, has Bermuda grass greens, is playable year-round, and has electric and pull carts available for rent.

El Camino Real Paddling Trail

Visit El Camino Real Paddling Trail in Bastrop! This wide, slow-moving six mile trail will take you approximately 1.5 - 4 hours depending on flow and stops for picnics or enjoying the scenery along the way. The put-in for this paddling trail is located at Fisherman's Park at the corner of Farm Street and Willow Street in downtown Bastrop.

River Valley Farmer's Market

1308 Chestnut Street. The City of Bastrop and the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation have built 2 pole barns to house the Farmer's Market, under large shade trees. The River Valley Farmer's Market has been providing fresh vegetables and fruits for more than 15 years in the Bastrop County Area.

Bastrop Annual Homecoming and Rodeo

Bastrop's Homecoming and Rodeo event is held in August. Along with all of the usual festivities--dances, rodeos, a grand parade and class reunions, there is also a chance to come home and visit with friends and family.

Yesterfest

Yesterfest is a community event with hundreds of volunteers that help to put on a wide variety of activities. There are a wide variety of activities depicting the different times of Bastrop's history. Various pioneer groups display the clothing and tools used long ago as well as music and dancing. Some individuals will be wearing authentic cowboy outfits along with their six-shooters, in addition there will be a variety of individuals showing off other style clothing worn during pioneer days. There will be displays showing how things were made for example: fabric, quilts, wooden tools, and many others. There will also be folk music, dancing, exhibits, games, lots of good food and friendly people to make for a great experience.

Annual Patriotic Festival

The Austin Symphonic Band returned for another wonderful performance prior to and during the outstanding fireworks display.

Pine Street Market Days

During Pine Street Market Days, vendors have for sale arts & crafts, jewelry, children's clothes, candles, woodworking, and many other handmade items. You will find all kinds of great gift ideas at Market Days. Come and join the Bastrop Business and Professional Women who sponsor Market Days. Pine Street Market days are scheduled on the second Saturday of the month from April through December.