

Dripping Springs Texas



The "dripping springs" which served as the catalyst for the name of the city, is located in the heart of Dripping Springs. Visitors from all over the globe come to enjoy the history of our city, shop in well-known establishments and enjoy world famous barbecue.

Spend the day in Dripping Springs touring area vineyards, sampling locally produced salsas and jellies or traveling just down the road to hike, swim or enjoy the scenery at Hamilton Pool, Pedernales Falls State Park and West Cave Preserve. And after a wonderful day in Dripping Springs, come relax and enjoy the hill country ambiance of one of our charming Bed and Breakfasts!

Dripping Springs, Texas offers the perfect blend of hill country beauty, heritage, and good old-fashioned hospitality. So stop by and enjoy the nice people, wonderful shops and good eats.

Regional Information

Dripping Springs is located approximately 26 miles west of downtown Austin at the intersection of Highway 290 and Ranch Road 12.

Education

The Dripping Springs Independent School District is located in the northwest portion of Hays County (approximately 19 miles west of downtown Austin) and offers a comprehensive curriculum based on a goal of student achievement. The curriculum addresses the needs of students from early childhood through twelfth grade. It is designed to promote student excellence and is structured to guarantee student success. Currently, the District operates four campuses along with a central administrative office, a special education cooperative, and separate transportation and support service facilities. The District maintains an average teacher/pupil ratio of 21.16 for all grades. Outstanding academic and extracurricular activities are available to all students.

Recreation

The Dripping Springs area is rich in wonderful attractions. Set at the threshold of the Texas Hill Country, Dripping Springs has an altitude of 550 feet (MSL), and is only minutes from Austin and Johnson City. The landscape is characterized by steppe prairies with sweeping views of rolling hills, and towering Live Oak woodlands.

Founders Park boasts the community swimming pool and sports fields, as well as play and picnic areas. Recent cooperation between the school district, city, and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. has produced an outstanding sports complex with baseball, softball, and soccer fields, as well as a playscape for young children and additional facilities for families. In addition, Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association was established over 20 years ago to provide a safe, healthy, and positive environment for the youth of our community.

Quality of Life

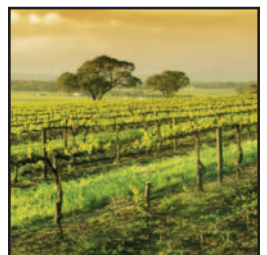
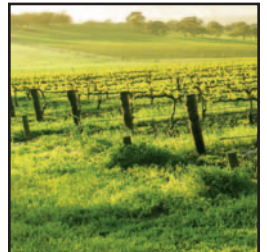
Dripping Springs is the "Gateway to the Texas Hill Country." Rolling hills, beautiful rock bottom creeks, abundant wildlife and majestic views make up this Hill Country town with a population of about 1,500 folks.

Dripping Springs offers you a true blend of hill country living with all the benefits of a cosmopolitan city at your doorstep. An emerging bedroom community to Austin, Dripping Springs is home to numerous artists, skilled craftsmen, organic produce and exotic animal farms. Still largely agricultural, Dripping Springs is a fast growing community that is attractive because of its top rated schools, small town atmosphere and close proximity to both Austin and San Antonio. Dripping Springs remains a close knit community where you can create a lifestyle that promotes personal, professional and spiritual growth.

Business Overview

The Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce is working to ensure that there is a favorable business climate for entrepreneur's and that visitors to the area feel at home as they visit Dripping Springs. Our priorities are business retention and expansion, pursuing diversity in our economic base, continuous building of a skilled and dedicated workforce, and developing partnerships with business leaders throughout the area in an encompassing approach to economic development.

For businesses looking to relocate, the Dripping Springs Chamber offers a vast array of demographics and information on our area. For visitors, the Dripping Springs Chamber Visitor's Center provides informative maps, brochures and literature that guide you toward getting the most out of your visit to Dripping Springs, Texas.



Dripping Springs Attractions:

VISITOR'S CENTER

The Dripping Springs Visitor's Center and Chamber of Commerce is currently housed in what was Dripping Springs first school. In 1881, the Dripping Springs Military Academy was established. It then became a Baptist Academy and in 1921, the school was opened to the public and served Dripping Springs students for many years. The initials of many local residents can still be found, carved into the stone and wood of this fine old structure.

THE SPRINGS

Located near the west end of Mercer Street (Loop 64), the springs are delineated by a granite marker donated by the DS Lions Club. The springs were a gathering place for the Tonkawa Indians, as well as the source of water for the original settlers.

DR. POUND PIONEER FARMSTEAD HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Located in Founder's Park. The log room of the Pound House is the oldest existing building in Dripping Springs. It was built in 1854 and renovated in 2002-2003. It is now open for free public tours on select days (see website for dates). www.drpoundpioneerfarmstead.com

LE RAGGE RUGGS/COWGIRLS & LACE

Dripping Springs is the home to LeRagge Ruggs and Cowgirls and Lace. Opened in 1994, Le Ragge Ruggs has grown into a major home decoration center and draws customers from across Texas. Cowgirls and Lace offers furniture, home accessories, clothing, jewelry and gifts. [LINK: www.cowgirlsandlace.com](http://www.cowgirlsandlace.com)

THE SALT LICK BARBECUE RESTAURANT

is world renowned for its barbecue, cole slaw and cobbler. If you are visiting Dripping Springs, it is well worth the short drive to Driftwood to sample their fair. Don't miss it! [LINK: www.saltlickbbq.net](http://www.saltlickbbq.net)

NEW CANAAN FARMS

New Canaan Farms has spent the last 16 years honing their skills to produce a complete line of jams, sauces, salsas, dips, and mixes, available for purchase individually or in gift assortments. Their motto: "Unique recipes, created by talented people using the best ingredients, will create products that will be loved all around the world." Come and discover why! [LINK: www.newcanaanfarms.com](http://www.newcanaanfarms.com)

HAMILTON POOL

located just 10 miles from Dripping Springs is a natural deep water pool that is part of the Travis County Park System. Open daily from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, the park offers swimming, hiking, biking and picnic facilities. **Please call before planning swimming activities to insure the quality of the water. [LINK: www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks)

WESTCAVE PRESERVE

A limestone-walled canyon with many rare and endangered plants can be seen at the preserve. Located on Hamilton Pool Road, just 15 miles northwest. [LINK: www.westcave.org](http://www.westcave.org)

PEDERNALES STATE PARK

About 15 miles west of Dripping Springs is the 5211.7 acres of

Pedernales State Park. This park land was acquired from private owners in 1970 and was opened to the public in 1971. It is located along the banks of scenic Pedernales River. Activities include camping; picnicking; hiking; river swimming; tubing; wading; mountain biking; fishing; bird watching; and horseback riding (Customers must bring their own horses and no overnight equestrian camping is allowed.) River recreation is in a limited area. [LINK: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/pedernal/pedernal.htm](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/pedernal/pedernal.htm)

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park

tells the story of our 36th President beginning with his ancestors until his final resting place on his beloved LBJ Ranch. This entire "circle of life" gives the visitor a unique perspective into one of America's most noteworthy citizens by providing the most complete picture of an American president.

Founders Day Festival

is full of activities for the entire family! Come see the Grand Parade, The Mighty Thomas Carnival, arts & crafts, Cook-Off Club competitions, and enjoy Live Music, fabulous food, beverages and beer. The Dripping Springs Annual Founders Day Event is held annually to commemorate and celebrate the founding of our community, in 1850, by the Moss, Wallace, and Pound families, to promote cooperation and volunteerism in the community, generate community spirit and recreation, and enhance the economic welfare of the community.

State Parks – Pedernales Falls, Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, McKinney Falls, Lyndon B. Johnson Historical Park, Blanco State Park, Admiral Nimitz Museum

OTHER PLACES TO VISIT

20 – 30 Minutes

Austin (State Capitol, Bob Bullock State History Museum, Lady Bird Johnson's Wildflower Research Center, Barton Springs Pool, L.B.J. Presidential Library), Wimberley, Johnson City (Lyndon B. Johnson Historical Park) and Blanco (Blanco State Park)

45 - 60 Minutes

San Marcos (Aquarena Springs, Wonder World Park (www.wonderworldpark.com), San Marcos Outlet Mall), Fredericksberg (Admiral Nimitz Museum), New Braunfels (Natural Bridge Caverns, Guadalupe & Comal Rivers, Schlitterbahn Water Park) and Inner Space Caverns in Georgetown