

Dripping Springs  
Texas



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*Welcome to the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, the "Gateway to the Hill Country".*

*Dripping Springs lies in the beautiful Texas Hill Country about 25 miles west of Austin, the state capital. This beautiful Hill Country town offers majestic views, abundant wildlife, rolling hills, and rock bottom creeks.*

*Dripping Springs, Texas offers the perfect blend of hill country beauty, heritage, and good old-fashioned hospitality.*

### **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 curriculum is designed to promote student excellence and is structured to guarantee student success. Currently, the District operates five 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 15.9 for all grades. Outstanding academic and extracurricular activities are available to all students. Students routinely participate and excel in U.I.L. competition. The Texas Education Agency has rated the District Recognized in the Accountability Rating System for the 2009-2010 school year. The schools are the center of the community, and parents and other community members actively support the schools through PTO/PTA and volunteer programs. Parents and the public are kept well-informed of educational activities through two local newspapers, a variety of parent organizations and school board activities.

The Katherine Anne Porter School offers a high school curriculum designed to foster an appreciation for learning, nurture individual interests, and enhance community responsibilities. In small classes, using an integrated and practical approach, students are encouraged to become lifelong learners while earning an accredited high school diploma. The free charter school is founded on the belief held by the renowned Texas writer, Katherine Anne Porter, that "knowledge is a great art and great thought is a good in itself, not to be missed for anything."

Austin Community College, Concordia Lutheran College, St. Edward's University, Texas State University and the University of Texas at Austin. There are also numerous career colleges and technical schools located in the central Texas area.

### **Recreation**

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.

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.

Located just 10 miles from Dripping Springs is a natural deep water Hamilton pool that is part of the Travis County Park System. Open daily, the park offers swimming, hiking, biking and picnic facilities.

### **Quality of Life**

The Hill Country beckons to you - and the gateway to that beautiful scenery begins in the small, slow-paced and welcoming city of Dripping Springs. Stop, take a deep breath and stay around to enjoy the nice people, wonderful shops and good eats.

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 and the City of Dripping Springs have partnered together to provide the starting point for businesses and site location professionals looking for economic, business and community data in the Greater Dripping Springs area. 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.