



Located in the heart of Central Texas, Kyle is a charming community situated between Austin and San Antonio. IH-35 and MoPac Rail Line, sometimes called the "Backbone of America", are major transportation arteries that run through the middle of Kyle.

In the late 1800's, Kyle was a major player in the cotton business. This area was also the "Gateway To Texas Ranch Country". By the late 1990's, Kyle was seeing a large increase in population and commercial development.

Today, Kyle is the second largest town in the fast growing Hays County. This creates unique opportunities and challenges for all the citizens that consider Kyle their home

Regional Information

Eight miles north of San Marcos and 20 miles south of Austin

Education

Located in North central Hays County, the Hays Consolidated Independent School District serves over 209 square miles. Parts of the district extend into southeastern Travis County and into western Caldwell County. The district currently has 17 campuses.

Hays CISD: A Place Where Ideas GrowHays CISD believes in the total development and uniqueness of each student, that each student can reach higher levels when challenged and motivated, that each student can be successful if given appropriate amounts of time and a variety of teaching strategies to match individual student's learning styles, that learning is a lifelong process and that learning occurs best in a safe, supportive environment.

The enrollment throughout this school year has flirted with 13,000 students, an increase of more than 1,000 students from this time last year. The 17 campuses are humming with activity, projects and most of all, learning. Hays CISD provides students with the necessary skills to be successful after graduation and to become responsible, productive, and informed citizens.

Recreation

A gateway to the Hill Country, Kyle is just a few miles away from many natural attractions, shopping and historic landmarks. The City of Kyle currently has approximately 6 acres of developed parks for every 1000 residents of the city. Community Parks include...Gregg-Clarke Community Park, Steeplechase Community Park, Waterleaf Community Park, Numerous neighborhood and pocket parks. Kyle is situated between six of the top ten tourist attractions in Texas, including one of the largest outlet malls in San Marcos just 10 miles south on I-35.

Quality of Life

Kyle is the sixth fastest growing city in the state of Texas and home to Plum Creek, 2006 Master Planned Community of the Year. Historically tied and building our future, Kyle is striving to maintain the small Town Texas charm while positioning itself to be a vital part of the corridor economic development.

When looking for a new home for your family or business, there are several key items to consider. Of course, location is the top priority, but community charm, access to main travel arteries, and various amenities are all important factors. Many people are just beginning to discover the many joys that Kyle has to offer.

Business

With a strategic location close to major highways, airports and rail, Kyle is a great community to live and conduct business. The City of Kyle is the fastest growing city with an annual rate of 125% growth and has formally launched its new Economic Development Strategic Plan. This plan shapes the way the City's economic base will grow for years to come. Soon Kyle will be the premier employment center for the southern tier of the Austin metropolitan area and will serve as a destination for the best in shopping, recreation, and living in Hays County.

The City of Kyle is almost exactly divided in half by Interstate 35 just 20 miles south of Austin. The Union Pacific Rail line runs parallel to I-35 through Kyle as well, making Kyle an ideal location for manufacturing and industrial businesses. State Highway 21, FM 1626, and Highway 150 all run through Kyle at one point or another.



Kyle Events & Attractions:

Katherine Ann Porter House

This is the childhood home of Katherine Ann Porter, one of the most outstanding American women authors. At the age of two, her mother died, and the family came to Kyle to live with her grandmother who they affectionately called "Aunt Kat." At age six, Katherine Ann wrote her first novel. At 71, she wrote her second novel, which earned The Pulitzer Prize and worldwide recognition. She placed the locale of seven of her award-winning short stories in and around Kyle. She died at the age of 90. In 2000, the building was given a face-lift, and the house was made into a museum. It is also leased to Texas State University's creative writing program as a writer-in-residence program. In June of 2002, First Lady Laura Bush dedicated the home as a National Literary Landmark.

Hanging Tree

In the late 1840's, while cowboys from the Kyle ranch were rounding up stray cattle, they discovered a man's body hanging from a limb of a large live oak tree. Not knowing his identity or crime, they lowered the body and buried it beneath the tree in an unmarked grave. This mysterious gravesite was the foundation of Kyle Cemetery, where it can be found today. Information on this tree, now known as the "Hanging Tree," is featured in the book Famous Trees of Texas.

Cemeteries

The Kyle cemetery was used as a community burial ground many years before the founding of the town in 1880. It is currently the oldest burial ground still in use in Hays County. In 1853, Colonel Kyle and his wife, Lucy Bugg Kyle, donated 15 acres surrounding a large oak tree.

Claiborne Kyle Log House

The Claiborne Kyle Log House was built in 1850 by slave labor for Claiborne and Lucy Bugg Kyle and their nine children. Kyle, a former Senator from Mississippi, relocated to Texas after experiencing some financial hardships. When he settled in Texas, with help from his farm workers, he built this log house of alternating courses of cedar logs and rock grouting, square notched at the corners and secured by wooden pegs. The Kyle house is a most unusual type known as the "linear four-pen dog trot" and in fact is the only one of its type left in Texas. It is listed in the Terry Jordan book Texas Log Cabins and a picture and story appears in the book Nineteenth Century Homes. On September 22, 1980, the Blanco River Bluffs, Inc. deeded the Kyle Log House to Hays County. A Claiborne Kyle Log House Commission was appointed to direct the restoration and maintenance of the house. On May 28, 1981, the Claiborne Kyle Log House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A Texas Historical Marker was dedicated in 1982.

Kyle Auction Oak

The Auction Oak is the name given to this beautiful tree by Ann Miller Storm when the author of Famous Trees of Texas asked her about famous trees in Kyle. It was under this tree that the auction of town lots was held in 1880. An official Texas Historical Marker was dedicated in 1975. The Auction Oak is on the East side of four city blocks deeded by the railroad for a school.

Fergus Kyle Tombstone

This is the headstone of Fergus Kyle and his wife. The city was named for Fergus due to the large amount of land donated for a town site in 1880 when the rail route between Austin and San Antonio was laid.

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Natural Attractions of Texas Hill Country

- * **Enchanted Rock – Fredericksburg, TX**
- * **Lost Maples – Vanderpool, Tx**
- * **Longhorn Caverns – Burnet, Texas**
- * **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center – Austin, Tx**
- * **Inner Space Cavern – Georgetown, Tx**
- * **Cascade Caverns – Boerne, Tx**
- * **Natural Bridge Caverns – Natural Bridge Caverns, Tx**
- * **Wonder World – San Marcos, Tx**
- * **Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch – San Antonio, Tx**
- * **Barton Springs – Austin, TX**

New Seton Hospital!

Located just 5 miles south of Austin in Kyle, Texas, Seton Medical Center Hays will be the largest medical facility in Hays County, offering a full range of medical, surgical, diagnostic and maternity services when it opens its doors in late 2009.

Hays County is booming and in need of more convenient, advanced health care services. Hays County and the surrounding area is expected to grow from a present population of about 130,000 to 185,000 in 2010, then climb to 285,000 by 2020. Kyle is currently the fifth fastest growing city in Texas according to the United States Census Bureau.

Medical Center Programs/Services:

- Full-Service Emergency Department
 - Cardiac Care Services including Open-Heart Surgery
 - Digestive Care including Surgical Procedures
 - Women's Services
 - Labor & Delivery
 - OB/GYN
 - Level II Neonatal Nursery
 - Critical Care Services
 - Inpatient Medical Services including Oncology
 - Full Range of Urology Services
 - Surgical Care including Orthopedics
 - Outpatient Therapies
 - Diagnostic & Interventional Services
 - Campus/Facilities
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- Medical Office Building
 - Outpatient Surgery Center
 - 900,000-square-foot Adjacent Retail Development

Physician Opportunities

Building a first-rate medical team, the new medical campus will offer numerous opportunities for both primary care physicians and a variety of specialists. The goal is to attract the most qualified, committed medical professionals and establish mutually beneficial working relationships with affiliated physicians.

Staff Opportunities

Seton Medical Center Hays is currently under construction with completion scheduled for late 2009. They are not yet hiring staff, but as career opportunities become available for Seton Medical Center Hays, they will be posted on the Careers page at <http://www.seton.net/employment/>.