

Austin Area Recreation, Sports, Hike & Bike & Public Pools



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Alamo Title

Austin is the biggest city in the United States without a franchise in major professional sports leagues. This leaves the lights of Friday night high school stadiums, college football and minor-league teams plenty of room to stomp around the town. Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong calls Austin home because of the bicycle friendly Texas Hill Country and numerous outdoor activities.

College Sports

University of Texas.
800-982-2386 www.texassports.com

Texas State University-San Marcos.
512-245-2272, www.txstatebobcats.com

Concordia University.
512-313-4503 www.athletics.concordia.edu

Huston-Tillotson University. 505-3000 www.athletics.htu.edu

Southwestern University.
512-863-1381, www.southwestern.edu/athletics

St. Edward's University.
512-448-8480, www.stedwards.edu/sports

Other Sports

Austin Toros. NBA development team.
512-236-8333, www.austintoros.com.

Round Rock Express. Minor-league baseball.
512-255-2255, www.roundrockexpress.com

Austin Aztex. Premier Development League Soccer.
512-335-8881, www.austinaztex.com

Central Texas Races

In our fitness-centered community, there's a race for everyone. Runners, swimmers and cyclists can look forward to events that test their skill and maximize fun. A few of the races in the area include:

2009 Races

Moonlight Margarita Run. Aug. 6. Shotgun start at sunset, followed by a moonlight party with Tex-Mex food, mariachi music and margaritas at the race finish. 733-3989, www.thetraifoundation.org.

Deep Eddy Mile. Aug. 22. Compete against your age group and gender in 53 laps across the popular outdoor pool. 327-2260, www.americanswimmingassociation.com.

World Championship of Texas 3-on-3 Swimming Tournament. Sept. 6th. three-person team, double-elimination, swimming tournament at the Jewish Community Association of Austin pool, benefiting Swimability, which provides swimming lessons for underprivileged children. 327-2260. www.americanswimmingassociation.com.

Zilker Relays. Sept. 4. Four-person teams race, jog or stroll around the perimeter of Zilker Park, with free dinner and live music afterward. 512-326-1600, www.zilkerrelays.com.

Avia Austin Triathlon. Sept. 7. Swimming, biking and running course winds through downtown Austin, with live music and free food, drink and massages at the end. 472-5646, www.theaustintriathlon.com.

Dude Girl Women's Only Olympic Distance Triathlon. Sept. 20. At Pace Bend Park in Spicewood, the race benefits the Young Survivors Coalition and Texas Parks and Wildlife. 979-732-0109, www.redicoriceevents.com/events/womenonlytri.html.

Silicon Labs Marathon Relay. Sept. 27. A five-person marathon relay in downtown Austin. 499-8025, www.austinmarathonrelay.com.

Lake Travis Relay. Oct. 10. A six-person, 12-mile, open-water swimming relay in Lake Travis. 327-2260, www.americanswimmingassociation.com.

IBM Uptown Classic. Oct. 18. 10K distance challenge benefiting the American Red Cross of Central Texas. 286-9247, www.uptownclassic.com.

Tex Robertson Memorial Highland Lakes Challenge. Oct. 21-25. Only swimming stage race in the world; Five races, five lakes, five days. 327-2260, www.americanswimmingassociation.com.

Livestrong Challenge. Oct. 24-25. Series of cycling, running and walking events benefiting the Lance Armstrong Foundation. 888-424-2553, www.livestrongchallenge.org.

Race for the Cure. Nov. 1. 5K run in downtown Austin benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Austin affiliate. 473-0900, www.komenaustin.org or e-mail race@komenaustin.org.

Quarries Open Water Festival. Nov. 15. Distances of 400 meters, 800 meters and 1 mile, plus a four-person, 1-mile relay. 327-2260, www.americanswimmingassociation.com.

Thundercloud Subs Turkey Trot. Nov. 26. Five-mile Thanksgiving Day race starts at Waterloo Park. 479-8805, www.thundercloud.com.

2010 Races

Polar Bear Swim. Jan. 1. 200-meter and an open-water swimming race across Lake Travis. 327-2260, www.americanswimmingassociation.com.

3M Half Marathon and Relay. Jan. 24. A 13.1-mile urban, mostly downhill road race from Gateway Shopping Center to Waterloo Park. 984-7223, www.3mhalfmarathon.com.

AT&T Austin Marathon and Half Marathon. Feb. 14. A Boston Marathon qualifier that starts in North Austin and wraps up downtown. 476-7223, www.youraustinmarathon.com.

Statesman Capitol 10,000. April 11. The state's largest annual 10K run raises money for charities. 445-3598, www.cap10k.com or e-mail cap10k@statesman.com.

Schlotzsky's 5K Bun Run. Check Web site for date. Fundraiser for Austin's Sunshine Camps. www.bunrun.com.

The Money Box Cap 2K. May 2. Swim race in Lady Bird John-

son Lake benefiting Deep Eddy Pool. 327-2260, www.cap2k.com.

Congress Avenue Mile. Call for date, usually in late May. The world's best milers compete in a mile stretch down Congress Avenue. 472-3254, www.congressavenuemile.com.

King of Jester 5K and Hill Climb Time Trials. Check Web site for date. All events begin up the face of Jester Boulevard, a steep half-mile climb. Run, in-line skate or cycle. 512-289-3965, www.kingofjester.com.

Armadillo Hill Country Classic. Call or e-mail for date, usually in May. Austin Cycling Association's fundraiser to provide bicycle safety education and free helmets for kids. Routes are six to 100 miles long. Starts at Liberty Hill High School. 923-9700, www.austincycling.org or e-mail dillo@austincycling.org.

Danskin Women's Triathlon. Check Web site or call for date. The perfect race for the beginning triathlete. 800-452-9526, www.danskinwomenstri.com/AustinTX.html.

Capital of Texas Triathlon. May 31. Multiple participation levels and a chance to qualify for U.S. Triathlon Association championships. www.captextri.com.

Keep Austin Weird 5K. Call or check Web site for date, usually in late June. Part of the Keep Austin Weird Festival. info@keepaustinweirdfest.com, www.keepaustinweirdfest.com

BP MS 150. Call for date, usually in April. More than 10,000 cyclists unite for a two-day, 180-mile journey from Houston to Austin. Benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. 713-526-8967, www.nationalmssociety.org.

Recreational Centers

Austin's recreation centers offer various ways to spend summer hours, including classes, field trips, youth camps, sports leagues and clubs. During the school year, several centers offer after-school activities, such as cheerleading, boxing, karate, basketball, dance and choir.

For more information on these and other area recreation centers, call the Austin Parks and Recreation Department at 974-6700 or visit www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/rec_centers.htm

Central
Austin, 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd. 476-5662
McBeth, 2401 Columbus Drive. 974-9011

East
A.B. Cantu/Pan American, 2100 E. Third St. 476-9193
Camacho, 34 Robert T. Martinez Jr. St. 391-1863
Metz, 2407 Canterbury St. 478-8716
Montopolis, 1200 Montopolis Drive. 385-5931

North
Hancock, 811 E. 41st St. 453-7765

Northeast
Alamo, 2100 Alamo St. 474-2806
Dottie Jordan, 2803 Loyola Lane. 926-3491
Givens, 3811 E. 12th St. 928-1982
Parque Zaragoza, 2608 Gonzales St. 472-7142

Rosewood, 1182 N. Pleasant Valley Road. 472-6838
Virginia L. Brown, 7500 Blessing Ave. 974-7865

Northwest
Northwest, 2913 Northland Drive. 458-4107
Pickfair, 10904 Pickfair Drive. 401-8119

South
Dittmar, 1009 W. Dittmar Road. 441-4777
South Austin, 1100 Cumberland Road. 444-6601

Southeast
Dove Springs, 5801 Ainez Drive. 447-5875

Outside Austin

Clay Madsen, 1600 Gattis School Road, Round Rock, 512-218-3220, www.roundrocktexas.gov

Georgetown, 1003 N. Austin Ave., 512-930-3596, <http://parks.georgetown.org/recreation/>

Landa Recreation Center, 164 Landa Park Drive, New Braunfels, 830-221-4370, www.nbpard.org

Lockhart Community, 218 E. Market St., 512-398-5507

Pflugerville, 400 Immanuel Road, 251-5082
www.cityofpflugerville.com

San Marcos, 501 E. Hopkins St., 512-393-8280
www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us

Smithville, 106 Royston St., 512-237-3282, ext. 7,
www.ci.smithville.tx.us

Public Pools in Central Texas

Austin

The City of Austin's Aquatic and Safety Division operates 48 public pools. All pools have lifeguards on duty.

Bailey Wading Pool, 1101 W. 33rd St.
Balcones Neighborhood Pool, 12017 Amherst Drive
Bartholomew Municipal Pool, 1800 E. 51st St.

Closed due to structural deficiencies.

Bartholomew Wading Pool, 5200 Berkman Drive
Barton Springs Pool, 2201 Barton Springs Road, 476-9044
Brentwood Neighborhood Pool, 6710 Arroyo Seco St.

Canyon Vista Neighborhood Pool, 8455 Spicewood Springs
Civitan Neighborhood Wading Pool, 513 Vargas Road
Clarksville Wading Pool, 1811 W. 11th St.
Deep Eddy Municipal Pool, 401 Deep Eddy Drive, 472-8546
Dick Nichols Neighborhood Pool, 8011 Beckett Road
Dittmar Neighborhood Pool, 1009 W. Dittmar Road
Dottie Jordan Neighborhood Pool, 2803 Loyola Lane
Dove Springs Neighborhood Pool, 5701 Ainez Drive
Eastwoods Wading Pool, 3001 Harris Park Blvd.
Emma Long Metropolitan Park, 1600 City Park Road
Garrison Municipal Pool, 6001 Manchaca Road
Gillis Neighborhood Pool, 2504 S. Durwood Ave.
Givens Neighborhood Pool, 3811 E. 12th St.
Govalle Neighborhood Pool, 5200 Bolm Road
Kealing Neighborhood Pool, 1500 Rosewood Ave.
Kennemer Neighborhood Pool, 1032 Payton Gin Road
Mabel Davis Municipal Pool, 3427 Parker Lane
Martin Neighborhood Pool, 1626 Festival Beach Road
Metz Neighborhood Pool, 2407 Canterbury St.
Metz Neighborhood Water Playground, 2400 Canterbury St.
Montopolis Neighborhood Pool, 1200 Montopolis Drive
Murchison Neighborhood Pool, 3700 North Hills Drive
Northwest Municipal Pool, 7000 Ardath St.
Odom Wading Pool, 1009 Sahara Ave.
Palm Neighborhood Pool, 201 Interstate 35 N.
Pan American Wading Pool, 2100 E. Third St.
Parque Zaragoza Neighborhood Pool, 741 Pedernales St.
Patterson Neighborhood Pool, 1400 Wilshire Blvd.
Pease Spray Park, 1600 Parkway Drive at Kingsbury St.
Ramsey Neighborhood Pool, 4201 Burnet Road
Reed Neighborhood Pool, 2600 Pecos St.
Ricky Guerrero Wading Pool, 500 Brodie St.
Rosewood Neighborhood Pool, 1182 Pleasant Valley Road
Shipe Neighborhood and Wading Pool, 4400 Avenue G St.
John's Neighborhood Pool, 889 Wilkes Ave.
Stacy Neighborhood, 800 E. Live Oak St.
Stacy Wading Pool, 2000 Alameda Drive
Walnut Creek Municipal Pool, 12138 N. Lamar Blvd.
West Austin Wading Pool, 1317 W. 10th St.
West Enfield Neighborhood Pool, 2000 Enfield Road

Cedar Park

www.ci.cedar-park.tx.us

Elizabeth M. Milburn Pool, 1901 Sunchase Blvd. 401-5530
Buttercup Creek Pool, 411 Twin Oak Trail Drive. 250-9578
Veterans Memorial Pool. 2525 W. New Hope Drive. 331-2300

Dripping Springs

512-858-4725, www.cityofdrippingsprings.com

Founders Memorial Park pool, 480 Founders Park Rd.
512-858-0000

Elgin

www.elgintx.com

Morris Memorial Park Pool, 802 N. Avenue C. 512-281-2477

Georgetown

512-930-3595, www.georgetownparks.org/aquatics

River Ridge Pool, 414 S. Ridge Circle. 512-930-3533
Tennis Center Pool, 400 Serenada Drive. 512-930-3508
Village Pool, 370 Village Commons Blvd. 512-931-2758
Williams Drive Pool, 3201 Williams Drive. 512-930-3533

Kyle

512-262-3939, www.cityofkyle.com/parks/Aquatics.php

Kyle Municipal Swimming Pool, 1100 W. Center St.
512-268-5326

Lockhart

512-398-6452

Lockhart City Pool, 504 E. City Park Road. 512-398-3344

Pflugerville

251-5082, www.cityofpflugerville.com

Gilleland Creek Pool, 700 Railroad Ave. 990-4392
Scott B. Mentzer Pool, 901 Old Austin Hutto Road. 251-1677
Windemere Pool, 16800 Gower St.

Round Rock

512-218-5540, www.roundrocktexas.gov

Clay Madsen Recreation Center, 1600 Gattis School Road.
512-218-3220
Lake Creek Municipal Pool, 800 Deerfoot Drive. 512-218-7030
Micki Krebsbach Pool, 301 Deepwood Drive. 512-218-7090
Rock 'N River Family Aquatic Center, 3300 Palm Valley Blvd.,
Old Settlers Park. 512-671-2737

San Marcos

512-393-8400, www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us

Activity Center Natatorium, 501 E. Hopkins St. 512-393-8280.
Rio Vista Pool, Cheatham Street 512-392-7031.

Taylor

512-352-6257, www.ci.taylor.tx.us

Murphy Park Aquatic Center, 1600 Sycamore St.
512-352-3958

Hike and Bike Trails

