

GOLFING

IN AUSTIN

If you like playing golf, then you'll love Austin, Texas. With a mild climate and a wonderful natural environment it was only to be expected that Austin would become a golfer's town. The first course in the state of Texas was Hancock Golf Course, now a municipal course on 41st street.

Austin's appreciation for the sport of golf was further enriched by the local legend Harvey Penick. Harvey taught here at UT and was a veritable one-man institution at Austin Country Club. He helped to cultivate the talents of two other local golf legends Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite and was said to be giving golf instruction from his bedside in an Austin hospital shortly before his death.

With Penick, Crenshaw and Kite leading the charge, development in Austin has produced some of the most beautiful and challenging courses in the nation. Today, Austin offers dozens of municipal, public, semiprivate and private courses. We begin below with the private courses and country clubs.

Austin Country Club

4408 Long Champ Drive 78746
(512) 328-0090

One of the two oldest country clubs in the state, the charter of this club dates back to 1898. Located in west Austin, the main course borders the beautiful waters of Lake Austin. Designed by Pete Dye, this course is rated as one of the most challenging in Central Texas. The course is 18 holes, 6822 yards and a par 72. The course record is 64 and held by Tom Kite.

Balcones Country Club Balcones Course

8600 Balcones Club Drive 78750
(512) 258-2775

Founded in 1958 the Balcones course is the first of two sister clubs and courses. Walkers love this course with its rolling hills and easily maneuverable placement. This course is 18 holes, 6649 yards and par 70.

Balcones Country Club- Spicewood Course

11210 Spicewood Club Drive 78750
(512) 258-2775/258-0800

Founded in 1976, the Spicewood club and course is the counterpart to the Balcones course. The two courses both have their own pros and clubs, but members share a third common club house between the two. This course is 18 holes, 6706 yards and a par 72. Of the two, the Spicewood is the more challenging with higher elevations and more water hazards.

Barton Creek Country Club - Crenshaw Cliffside

8212 Barton Club Drive, 78735
(512) 329-4000/329-4697

Ben Crenshaw and his partner Bill Coore designed the Cliffside course. Like most of Crenshaw's courses, it is traditional in its form and mirrors the natural landscape of the land. This par 71 course has wide rolling fairways covering 18 holes and 6678 yards.

Barton Creek- Palmer Lakeside Course

8212 Barton Club Drive, 78735
(512) 329-4000/329-4697

Arnold Palmer is considered by most to be the king of golf, and Palmer's Lakeside course is fit for a king. Professional golfers have ranked this course design as one of the top ten in the state. The course sits on the shores of Lake Travis about 25 miles from the main clubhouse. It is a serene and beautiful par 72 course covering 18 holes and 6,956 yards.

Barton Creek-Fazio Foothills Course

8212 Barton Club Drive,
78735
(512) 329-4000/329-4697

The signature showpiece of Barton Creek Resort, the Fazio Foothills Course has been

ranked by Golf Digest as one of the best in America and definitely number 1 in Texas. It is a challenging course with waterfalls, cliff lined fairways, and natural limestone caves. Tom Fazio designed a breathtaking par 72 course stretching 6,956 yards.

Barton Creek-Fazio Canyons Course

8212 Barton Club Drive, 78735
(512) 329-4000/329-4697

The Canyons Course was also designed by Tom Fazio and is the newest course in the Barton Creek family. Canyons has the distinction of being the first course in the nation to be certified by the Audubon Sanctuary System, a testament to Fazio's commitment to the environment. T&L's Golf Magazine has ranked this 7,161 yard, par 72 course as the best in Texas.

Berry Creek Country Club

30500 Berry Creek Drive 78628
(512) 930-4615/869-7018

Nestled in the foothills of the Texas Hill Country, Berry Creek Country Club features a spectacular 18-hole championship golf course designed to challenge players of all skill levels. The 6,648-yard, par-72 layout is dramatically woven through gently rolling hills and valleys and is characterized by undulating fairways, numerous water hazards and beautifully manicured greens. Berry Creek members also enjoy a variety of private club amenities including tennis courts, a swimming pool, fitness center and dining facilities.



Flintrock Falls Country Club

26 Club Estates Parkway, 78738

(512) 263-6090

First Texas courses designed by both Jack Nicklaus and his son, Jack Nicklaus, II. A signature of Nicklaus design, the second shot is emphasized on this 7.016 yard course. Challenging for every level of natural elements lining the course.

Great Hills Country Club

5914 Lost Horizon Drive 78759

(512) 345-6940/345-8134

Founded in 1975, this Northwest Austin course is considered to be a challenging course for a much more affordable price. The course is molded into the natural Hill Country landscape and follows the elevation changes nature had intended. The length of this course measures 18holes, 6,599 yards and it is a par 72.

Horseshoe Bay-Apple Rock Course

Number One Horseshoe Bay Blvd. 78657

(830) 598-2511/(830) 598-7032

Selected as a three time silver medal award winner by Golf Magazine, it is the most breathtaking of the three soon to be four courses at Horseshoe Bay Resort. The course begins at the highest point on the property with panoramic views of the rolling hills and Lake



LBJ in the background. Perhaps the most dramatic holes are the back-to-back par five-10th

and 11th holes which dive from the top of the Caprock down to the blue shores of Lake LBJ.

Horseshoe Bay-Ram Rock Course

Number One Horseshoe Bay Blvd. 78657

(830) 598-2511/598-7032

Arguably the one of the toughest courses in Texas, Robert Trent Jones, Sr. demonstrates all of his design skills in adapting the course to the Hill Country terrain by integrating the area's natural dry creeks into the design of six holes. The layout is characterized by tight fairways, dramatic elevation changes, and slick, undulating greens protected by 62 deep bunkers.

Horseshoe Bay-Slick Rock Golf Course

Number One Horseshoe Bay Blvd. 78657

(830) 598-2511/598-7032

Embodies the Robert Trent Jones, Sr., philosophy of "Hard Par, Easy Bogey." The course is characterized by five sets of tees enabling the course to continually change from day to day. Slick Rock has 71 sand traps, twelve holes with water hazards, and huge, undulating greens that can offer difficult pin placements, but still manages to be user friendly for the amateur, duffer or professional.

Lost Creek Country Club

2612 Lost Creek Blvd.

(512) 892-2032

A challenging course located in west Austin, Lost Creek has rugged greens and fairways with large drops bordering either side. Consistency and control is key when playing this 6,522-yard course.

Onion Creek Club

2510 Onion Creek Pkwy. 78747

(512) 282-2162/280-4574

Located in South Austin, following the path of Onion Creek itself, the course is the building block for a country club style resort development. The course was home to the Legends tournament for 12 years, and is considered to be a classically designed course. It is an 18 hole, par 70 spanning 6,367 yards.

River Place Country Club

4207 River Place Blvd. 78730

(512) 346-6784/346-2525

A development planned back in the 80's, this resort community did not realize its true poten-

tial until the mid 90's. Tom Kite redesigned the course and has made it into one of the more attractive and at times more challenging courses in the area. Located in far Northwest Austin, the course borders the Northern end of Lake Austin.

The Clubs of Lakeway-Live Oak Course

510 Lakeway Drive 78734

(512) 261-7200/261-7210

Located on the shores of Lake Travis, this course was designed and built by Leon Howard in 1965. Unaffected by building restrictions, Howard was able to dredge soil from the bottom of the lake to ease in its creation. The course measures 6,847 yards and is a par 72.

The Clubs of Lakeway-Yaupon Course

100 Clubhouse Drive 78734

(512) 261-7200/261-7210

Designed and built by Leon Howard 12 years after the Live Oak Course, the Yaupon Course spans 6,814 yards and is also a par 72. Like its sister course, the Yaupon has dramatic views of Lake Travis and the rolling hills.

The Hills Country Club

26 Club Estates Pkwy. 78738

(512) 261-7200/261-7210

The Hills course was one of the first designed by Jack Nicklaus in the state of Texas and consistently has been ranked among the top 5 in Texas. The 6,954-yard course follows the path of the flowing creek and offers wonderful views of the surrounding Hill Country.

The University of Texas Golf Club

2200 University Club Dr. 78732

(512) 266-6464

Built in the Texas Hill Country, the 7,154 yard, par 71 championship-caliber course overlooks Lake Austin. Created by Bechtol Russell Golf Design, a superior golf experience for all with a bordering of wildlife preserve, some of the best views of Austin and challenging shots.

Public Golf Courses

Avery Ranch Golf Club

10500 Avery club Drive, 78717
(512)248-2442
Founded: 2005
Fees: \$49/\$65 cart included
Friday: \$59

Blackhawk Golf Club

2714 Kelly Lane 78660
(512) 251-9000/251-3413
Founded: 1990
Fees: \$29/\$39 includes cart

Bluebonnet Hill Golf Club

9100 Decker Lane 78724
(512) 272-4228/272-4406
Founded: 1991
Fees: \$17/\$28

Circle C Ranch Golf Club

7401 Hwy.45 78739
(512) 288-4297/288-7977
Founded: 1992
Fees: \$58/\$73 cart included

ColoVista Country Club

100 Country Club Drive 78602
(512) 303-4045/321-2796
Founded: 1997
Fees: \$55/\$65 cart included

Crystal Falls Golf Course

3400 Crystal Falls Pkwy, 78645
(512) 259-5855
Founded: 1990
Fee: \$27.50/\$37.50 cart included
Friday: \$30

Falconhead Golf Course

15201 Falconhead Blvd., 78734
(512) 402-1558
Founded: 2003
Fees: \$55/\$69 cart included
Friday: \$62

Forest Creek Golf Course

99 Twin Ridge Pkwy. 78664
(512) 388-2874/388-4471
Founded: 1991
Fees: \$39/\$49 cart included

Hancock Golf Course

811 E.41st St. 78751
(512)453-0276/fax n/a
Founded: 1899
Fees: \$8.50/\$9.50 for 9 holes
Fees: 14.00/\$15.50 18 holes

Jimmy Clay Golf Course

5400 Jimmy Clay Drive 78748
(512) 444-0999/447-7334
Founded: 1974
Fees: \$15.50/\$18.00

Kurth-Landrum Golf Course

1201 E. University Dr. 78626863-1333
(512) 863-1333/868-6822
Founded: 1955
Fees: \$4/per 6 holes

Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course

126 W.Main St. 78624
(830) 997-4010/990-4051
Founded: 1969
Fees: \$29.50/\$36.00

Lago Vista Golf Club

4616 Rim Rock Drive 78645
(512) 267-1170/267-3056
Founded: 1968
Fees: \$35/\$40

Legacy Hills Golf Club

301 Del Webb Blvd. 78628
(512) 864-1222/864-3305
Founded: 1996
Fees: \$62.75/\$72.75

Lions Municipal Golf Course

2901 Enfield, 78703
Founded: 1934
Fees: \$16.50/\$30

Lost Pines Golf Club Inc.

P.O. Box 900 78602
(512) 303-1368/303-1368
Founded: 1938
Fees: \$20/\$25

Morris-Williams Golf Course

4305 Manor Road 78723
(512) 926-1298/926-6274
Founded: 1964
Fees: \$15.50/\$18.00

Mustang Creek Golf Club

Gano & Wabash, Taylor TX 76574
(512) 365-1332/fax n/a
Founded: 1930
Fees: \$20/\$25

Pedernales Golf Club

807 Paisley 78669
(512) 264-1489/264-2961
Founded: 1968
Fees: \$14 /\$17.50 or \$17.50-\$22.50 cart included

Pine Forest Golf Club

636 Riverside Drive 78602
(512) 321-1181/321-2721
Founded: 1979
Fees: \$25/\$37 includes cart

Plum Creek Golf Course

750 Hohlers Crossing Road 78640
(512) 262-5555/262-6010
Founded: 1999
Fees: \$40/\$50 cart included

Point Venture Golf Course

442 S. Venture Blvd. 78645
(512) 267-2768/267-2596
Founded: 1972
Fees: \$11/\$15

Roy Kizer Golf Course

5400 Jimmy Clay Drive 78744
(512) 444-0999/447-7334
Founded: 1994
Fees: \$21/\$30

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Everyone living in Austin, young or old is really just a kid inside, or so they say. Proof to that effect can be claimed in the multitude of activities in the Austin area that cater to a child's heart, imagination and sense of adventure.

Educational Adventures

Austin Children's Museum

Dell Discovery Center, 201 Colorado St.
512-472-2494

ACM is a 19,000 square foot playscape brimming with learning opportunities for toddlers to teens. Exhibits include gallery art, hands on displays, technologically interactive work centers and even a tube slide from the third story to the first floor. The museum offers special evenings where the \$5.50 admission is free and there are numerous camps and special programs throughout the year. A visit to the Austin Children's Museum is an absolute must and highly recommended. Admission is \$5.50/adults & children, \$3.50/children 12-23 months and infants under 12 months is free.

Austin Museum of Art at Laguna Gloria

3809 West 35th Street
512-458-8191

Children under 12 are admitted free, and just the grounds alone are worth going to see. The museum offers art classes for children and also sponsors an annual family show where kids are encouraged to create their own special works. In the summer, weekly classes are held for ages 4 – 14.

George Washington Carver Museum

1165 Angelina Street
512-472-4809

The first African American neighborhood museum in the state of Texas, the George Washington Carver Museum has evolved into a center for community involvement and education. The museum hosts the annual "A Smile on my Face workshop" where children from all over Austin are taught the art of photography and are also given an opportunity to learn how

to use a darkroom. Call for admission and scheduled programs.



The Republic of Texas Museum

510 East Anderson Lane
512-339-1997

Dedicated to the years 1836 - 1846 when Texas was a Republic, this museum offers many exhibits specially designed for the minds of children. Run by The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the museum exhibits include Great Grandma's Backyard, where children can touch 19th century tools and household items used by families of the era. There's even a child's museum scavenger hunt that acts as an interactive guide through the museum. Admission is only \$2.00/adults, \$1.50/seniors and \$1.00/children.

Austin Nature and Science Center

301 Nature Center Dr.
512-327-8181

A perfect introduction for children about the wonders of nature surrounding Austin, the Austin Nature and Science Center offers several unique experiences kids will love. Located in the Zilker Park Nature Preserve, the center gives kids the opportunity to learn about dinosaur digs, native plant life, native insects, native wildlife and even lets them get an up close look at over 20 native species of small animals. There isn't any excuse not to visit this fun and educational place because admission is free.

Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farm

11418 Sprinkle Cut Off Road
512-837-1215

You've just entered a time warp when you step onto the grounds of this old family farm just

north of Austin. Originally a 2,000- acre cotton farm, the land is now a living history museum complete with guides in late 19th century clothing, and with period correct farm implements, crops and food. It's a definite hands on experience on Sundays where visitors get to learn how to milk a cow, churn butter, bake bread in a Dutch oven and even blacksmith. Call for family day program schedules and hours of operation. Admission is \$5.00/adults and \$4.00/children.

Inner Space Cavern

I-35, Exit 259, Georgetown
512-863-5545

If you're ever in the area and you have about 75 minutes to kill... then this is an experience you don't want to miss. Found in 1963 by workers building the interstate, this still developing cavern is estimated to be over 100 million years old. At a cool temperature of 72 – 74 degrees all year round, a summer trip into the cavern is a treat for the whole family. You'll see Inner Space Cavern's stalactites, stalagmites, the Lake of the Moon, the Flowing Stone of Time, bones of prehistoric animals embedded in the cavern and more. Call for tour times and admission prices.

T.S. Painter Hall Observatory

UT Campus at 24th and Speedway
512-232-4265

Kids love outer space, and here is where they can get up close and personal with the stars. Open to the public on school semester Saturday nights by the Astronomy Department of the University of Texas, weather permitting Astronomy students will lead families on a star gazing adventure using a 10 inch diameter telescope built in 1932. Admission is free and the evening celestial festivities usually begin at 8:30 PM. Please call to confirm.



Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum

605 Robert E. Lee Road
512-445-5582

Never thought of taking children to a sculptor's showplace...well, why not? Just make sure and get the treasure hunt map upon entry and your child will love finding and learning about Charles Umlauf's wonderful sculptures. They can even touch them, and since its outdoors they are also free to laugh and talk loudly about their excitement without getting shushed. Call for hours of operation and admission prices.

Child Artists

Dougherty Arts Center Summer Programs

1110 Barton Springs Road
512-397-1458

This facility offers age specific programs on a year round basis and in a summer camp form designed to introduce and enhance children's experience with both the visual and the performing arts. Classes are taught on everything from computer animation, drama, movement, music to even claymation and cartooning. Call for scheduling and a list of programs.

Kids Acting

The Acting Studio, 5811-B Burnet Rd.
512-458-5437

Designed for children ages 4 – 18, Kids Acting offers classes and camps in variety show, singing, dancing, improvisational comedy, screen acting and play production. Kids can even learn to write, cast, costume and perform their own play. Kids Acting also performs a full scale musical productions during the year where they cast children of all ages.



Zachary Scott Theatre

1510 Toomey Road
512-476-6378

This well known and well loved Austin institution offers one of the best outlets our young

thesians have to cultivate their talents. Its called the Zachary Scott Performing Arts School. They offer half day, full day and even week long instruction and workshops. For those who prefer being in front of the stage rather than on it, Zachary Scott's two performance troupes put on shows geared for children throughout the year.

The Magic Camp

7306 Scenic Brook Drive
512-288-1596

Abra Cadabra and Presto Chango you now have a magician in the family. Full day camps are offered for children ages 5 – 18, with lessons ranging from introductory to performance level. Local magician Kent Cummins is the founder and operator of this exciting company, which teaches magic tricks, juggling, puppetry and performance.



Outdoor Delights

Barton Springs Pool

2201 Barton Springs Road
512-928-0014

Located in Zilker Park, this natural spring fed swimming pool maintains a cool 68 degree temperature year round. Lifeguards are on hand during regular operating hours, please call for details.

Zilker Park Playscape and Train

2100 Barton Springs Road
512-472-4914/478-8286

Located next to Barton Springs Pool, this section of the 400-acre Zilker Park holds a special place for the smaller kiddies. After playing on the playscape and riding the train, be sure to walk down to the waters edge and feed the ducks.

Austin Zoo

10807 Rawhide Trail
512-288-1490

Just like Austin itself, this zoo is low key and laid back. The Austin Zoo is easy to get around because it is so small. You'll find Bengal Tigers, Emus, Wallabies, Antelope, African Lions, Potbellied Pigs and more.

Butler Pitch and Putt Golf Course

201 Lee Barton Drive
512-477-4430

Complete with short clubs just the perfect size for kids, this is a great course to learn the game of golf. Butler is a short drive nine hole course complete with water hazards, rough and just a hint of frustration.

Peter Pan Mini Golf

1207 Barton Springs Road
512-472-1033

Childhood just isn't complete without your first miniature golf course experience. Children, teens and adults alike can enjoy the two 18 hole courses available at Peter Pan.

Slaughter Creek Metropolitan Park and Veloway

4103 Slaughter Lane
No Phone Available

Located next to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower center, this park boasts a 3 mile smoothly paved veloway for inline skaters and cyclists. There is also a playground and nature trails to explore.

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve

805 N. Loop 360
512-327-7622

Austin's beautiful hill country terrain laid out for you to enjoy in a 227-acre preserve. Open during daylight hours, you can explore this park on your own or take a guided tour.