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- 1 Stay up late to watch—and splash in—the colorful light show at Liz Carpenter Fountain in Butler Park.
- 2 Capture beautiful shots of the city skyline from the Boardwalk Trail on Ladybird Lake.
- 3 Visit the peacocks and peahens that call Mayfield Park home.
- 4 Escape into nature with an easy hike along the Barton Creek Greenbelt to Twin Falls.
- 5 Play Giant Chess in Wooldridge Square Park.
- 6 Post in front of the "Greetings from Austin" postcard mural (S. 1st & Annie).
- 7 Watch an estimated 1,500,000 Mexican free-tailed bats emerge from underneath the Congress Avenue Bridge.
- 8 Tour the Governor's Mansion.
- 9 Attend storytime at BookPeople, and let littles crawl through the tunnel that runs under the "What happens in storytime stays in storytime" arena.
- 10 Photograph the ever-changing graffiti art at HOPE outdoor gallery.
- 11 Tour the current exhibit at the Harry Ransom Center on the UT campus; be sure to see the Center's copy of The Gutenberg Bible while there.
- 12 Enjoy free live music on the patio of Central Market North, while kids tear through the nearby playground.
- 13 Let your four-legged friend explore Red Bud Isle.
- 14 Check out a local farmer's market.
- 15 Attend one of Austin's free festivals.
- 16 Swim in one of Austin's 27 free pools.
- 17 Dig for dino bones at the Austin Nature & Science Center.
- 18 Tour the Capitol and be sure to stop by the fun Capitol Visitors Center too.
- 19 Explore Austin's Art in Public Places.
- 20 Visit the Blanton Museum of Art for free every Thursday.
- 21 Splash in the Barton Springs Spillway (or swim in Barton Springs Pool, which is free at certain times.)
- 22 Visit the Austin Fire Museum.
- 23 Take a tour of Amy's Ice Creams' production facility.
- 24 Try your hand at Disc Golf.
- 25 Go to a Star Party on the UT campus.
- 26 Enjoy a free show under the stars at Zilker Hillside Theater.
- 27 Explore works of art in the Mexican American Cultural Center's Community Gallery.
- 28 Attend storytime at the French Legation Museum, the oldest house in Austin.
- 29 Get soaked in one of the city's 12 free splash pads.
- 30 Visit the chickens at Boggy Creek Farm.
- 31 Enter a man-made cave to learn about aquatic life in the Splash! Exhibit in Zilker Park.
- 32 Embark on an impromptu mural scavenger hunt.
- 33 Enjoy free youth programs at Austin Public Library branches all over the city.
- 34 Take a free student-led tour of Landmarks, public art on the UT campus.

- 35 Learn The Story of Texas at the Bullock State History Museum, which is free the first Sunday of every month.
- 36 Dig your toes into a sandy Secret Beach and enjoy the playground in Roy G. Guerrero Park.
- 37 Visit the Arboretum Cows.
- 38 Boogie to Bluegrass on a Monday night at Radio, Coffee & Beer.
- 39 See the annual art exhibit in The People's Gallery at City Hall.
- 40 Stop by the Austin Visitors Center and pick up brochures for self-guided Austin walking tours.
- 41 Hunt for tadpoles in Walnut Creek.
- 42 Walk among the sculptures at UMLAUF Sculpture Garden & Museum, which is free on Family Days, the first Sunday of the month.
- 43 Take the love of your life to the "You're My Better Half" mural.
- 44 Enjoy a free in-store show at Waterloo Records.
- 45 Visit the studio of 19th century sculptor Elisabet Ney.
- 46 Have a picnic with sweeping views atop Mount Bonnell.
- 47 Learn about African American history and culture at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center.
- 48 See tanks, planes, and a piece of the Berlin Wall at the Texas Military Forces Museum in Camp Mabry.
- 49 Pretend to picnic in Italy at Laguna Gloria, which is free on Tuesdays.
- 50 Go fishing in Mills Pond.



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