



Go where the water is good.

Fifty-one places to swim, float, wade and cool off - from Austin's cold springs to the Frio's wide green bends.

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PLACES	FLOAT CORRIDORS	REGIONS



THE FLOAT ISSUE

Three rivers. Three rhythms.

Choose the short clear loop, the classic tube chute or the long scenic drift. Always confirm flows, rules and shuttle logistics before you launch.

01 San Marcos

45-60 min

Clear, spring-fed and beginner-friendly.

02 Comal

1.5-2 hr

The dependable short float and Tube Chute.

03 Guadalupe

2-6+ hr

Longer routes that change with dam releases.

START WITH THE WATER.

Cold spring or warm lake? Easy family bank or rocky trail? The guide is organized by the experience you want, then by region. Each listing carries access reality, water character and a clickable official source.

The complete water index

All 51 researched places - not a sample list. Official links remain clickable in the PDF.

Austin springs, creeks and Lake Austin

Cold municipal springs, rainfall-dependent creeks and established lake access.

01 OPEN / YEAR-ROUND Barton Springs Pool AUSTIN The essential Austin swim SPRING POOL PAID IN SEASON Official details	02 OPEN / CLOSED TUESDAYS Deep Eddy Pool AUSTIN Historic lap-and-lounge pool SPRING POOL SEASONAL FEE Official details
03 UNGUARDED Barking Springs AUSTIN Social shallows below Barton CREEK EDGE FREE Official details	04 FLOW DEPENDENT Campbell's Hole / The Flats AUSTIN Easy Greenbelt water BARTON CREEK FREE / HIKE-IN Official details
05 FLOW DEPENDENT Gus Fruh AUSTIN A deeper limestone pool BARTON CREEK FREE / HIKE-IN Official details	06 OFTEN REDUCED OR DRY Twin Falls AUSTIN Short waterfall walk BARTON CREEK FREE / HIKE-IN Official details
07 CHECK ALGAE + FLOW Sculpture Falls AUSTIN The Greenbelt classic BARTON CREEK FREE / HIKE-IN Official details	08 CONDITIONAL Hill of Life Dam Pool AUSTIN Upper-Greenbelt quiet BARTON CREEK FREE / HIKE-IN Official details

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CONDITIONS PERMITTING

McKinney Falls State Park

AUSTIN

Two limestone falls

ONION CREEK
STATE PARK PASS

[Official details](#)

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OPEN WATER / UNGUARDED

Commons Ford Ranch

AUSTIN

Lawn, dock and lake swim

LAKE AUSTIN
FREE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / RESERVE WEEKENDS

Emma Long Park

AUSTIN

Beach-entry family day

LAKE AUSTIN
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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WADE ONLY WHEN CLEAN

Bull Creek District Park

AUSTIN

Shallow creek play

BULL CREEK
FREE

[Official details](#)

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FLOW DEPENDENT

St. Edward's Park

AUSTIN

Pools and small falls

BULL CREEK
FREE / HIKE-IN

[Official details](#)

Lake Travis

Legal public swim access on a full but changeable reservoir.

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OPEN WATER / UNGUARDED

Bob Wentz Park

LAKE TRAVIS

A classic open-water cove

LAKE TRAVIS
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN WATER / UNGUARDED

Mansfield Dam Park

LAKE TRAVIS

Swim, scuba and views

LAKE TRAVIS
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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USE SWIM-ONLY COVES

Pace Bend Park

LAKE TRAVIS

Best all-day lake park

LAKE TRAVIS
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / CHECK ALGAE

Arkansas Bend Park

LAKE TRAVIS

Quieter north-shore water

LAKE TRAVIS
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN WATER / UNGUARDED

Cypress Creek Park

LAKE TRAVIS

Small public lake access

LAKE TRAVIS
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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ROCKY / STEEP ACCESS

Tom Hughes Park

LAKE TRAVIS

For capable lake swimmers

LAKE TRAVIS
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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ADULTS ONLY

Hippie Hollow Park

LAKE TRAVIS

Clothing-optional shore

LAKE TRAVIS
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

Spicewood, Dripping Springs and the Pedernales

Spring pools, limestone beaches and a river where flash floods demand respect.

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OPEN / PRIVATE

Krause Springs

SPICEWOOD

The lush retreat

SPRING POOLS
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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VERY LIMITED SWIM AREA

Hamilton Pool Preserve

DRIPPING SPRINGS

Iconic limestone geology

GROTTO POOL
RESERVATION + FEE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / STEEP WALK

Milton Reimers Ranch

DRIPPING SPRINGS

Natural river beach

PEDERNALES RIVER
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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DOWNSTREAM ONLY

Pedernales Falls Swim Area

JOHNSON CITY

Swim + dramatic landscape

PEDERNALES RIVER
STATE PARK PASS

[Official details](#)

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CONFIRM DAY ACCESS

Camp Ben McCulloch

DRIFTWOOD

Old-school creek day

ONION CREEK
PRIVATE

[Official details](#)

Wimberley and the Blanco River

Cypress shade, reservation swimming and flow-dependent river access.

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OPEN / RESERVATION

Blue Hole Regional Park

WIMBERLEY

The storybook setting

CYPRESS CREEK
HALF-DAY PASS

[Official details](#)

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VERIFY SAME-DAY HOURS

Cypress Falls Swimming Hole

WIMBERLEY

Tubes and creek shade

CYPRESS CREEK
PAID PRIVATE

[Official details](#)

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SWIMMING PROHIBITED

Jacob's Well Natural Area

WIMBERLEY

Do not list as a swim

SPRING HEADWATER
HIKING ONLY

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / BRING DRINKING WATER

Blanco State Park

BLANCO

Easy family river day

BLANCO RIVER
STATE PARK PASS

[Official details](#)

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FLOW DEPENDENT

Five Mile Dam Park

KYLE / SAN MARCOS

Low-dam river access

BLANCO RIVER
FREE

[Official details](#)

The San Marcos River

One clear spring-fed corridor with several distinct public entries.

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OPEN / SWIM AT OWN RISK

Sewell Park

SAN MARCOS

Clear upper-river swim

SAN MARCOS RIVER
FREE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / SEVERAL ENTRIES

City Park

SAN MARCOS

Short-float launch

SAN MARCOS RIVER
FREE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / PEAK FEE DATES

Rio Vista Park

SAN MARCOS

Swim and three rapids

SAN MARCOS RIVER
MOSTLY FREE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / UNGUARDED

Ramon Lucio + Stokes Parks

SAN MARCOS

Quieter downstream soak

SAN MARCOS RIVER
FREE

[Official details](#)

Spring Branch, Canyon Lake and New Braunfels

Upper-Guadalupe access, lake beaches, pools and the region's best-known floats.

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ACCESS CURRENTLY LIMITED

Guadalupe River State Park

SPRING BRANCH

Cypress-lined river

GUADALUPE RIVER
STATE PARK PASS

[Official details](#)

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20 PARKING SPACES

Nichol's Landing

SPRING BRANCH

Primitive calm-water access

UPPER GUADALUPE
SEASONAL FEE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN IN SEASON

Comal Park

CANYON LAKE

1,500-foot family beach

CANYON LAKE
PAID DAY USE

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OPEN IN SEASON

Canyon Swim Beach

CANYON LAKE

North-shore designated beach

CANYON LAKE
PAID DAY USE

[Official details](#)

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CAMPERS ONLY

Potters Creek Swim Beach

CANYON LAKE

A designated camping beach

CANYON LAKE
GUEST-ONLY

[Official details](#)

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OPEN IN SEASON

Landa Park Springfed Pool

NEW BRAUNFELS

Historic family complex

COMAL SPRINGS
PAID POOL ENTRY

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / FLOW DEPENDENT

Comal River + Tube Chute

NEW BRAUNFELS

The dependable short float

COMAL RIVER
SEASONAL WRISTBAND

[Official details](#)

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USE A PERMITTED OUTFITTER

Guadalupe River

NEW BRAUNFELS

Longer social float

GUADALUPE RIVER
TRIP FEE VARIES

[Official details](#)

Boerne, San Antonio, Bandera and Medina County

Municipal pools, reservoirs and quieter Medina River options.

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OPEN WATER

Boerne City Lake Park

BOERNE

Swim and paddle close to town

RESERVOIR
NONRESIDENT FEE

[Official details](#)

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SEASONAL / CLOSED TUESDAYS

San Pedro Springs Pool

SAN ANTONIO

A historic city swim

MUNICIPAL POOL
FREE

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / MONITORED

Bandera City Park

BANDERA

In-town swimming and wading

MEDINA RIVER
SUMMER ENTRY FEE

[Official details](#)

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DROUGHT-ADAPTED HOLE

Paradise Canyon

RIO MEDINA

Quiet private canyon day

MEDINA RIVER
RESERVATION + FEE

[Official details](#)

Extended Hill Country

Five exceptional day-trip destinations farther north and west.

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OPEN / OWN RISK

Devil's Waterhole

BURNET

Rock-lined dependable water

INKS LAKE
STATE PARK PASS

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / TRAIL ACCESS

Spicewood Springs

BEND

Wild spring-pool hike

SPRING CREEK POOLS
STATE PARK PASS

[Official details](#)

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CHECK FLOOD-DEBRIS ALERT

South Llano River State Park

JUNCTION

Gentle swim and tube

SOUTH LLANO RIVER
STATE PARK PASS

[Official details](#)

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OPEN / RESERVE AHEAD

Garner State Park

CONCAN

The grand river tradition

FRIO RIVER
STATE PARK PASS

[Official details](#)

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FRESH CHECK ESSENTIAL

Kerrville River Parks

KERRVILLE

Multiple city access points

GUADALUPE RIVER
VARIES BY PARK

[Official details](#)

Keep this with the towels.



Hill Country water changes by the hour. A perfect pool can close after rain, disappear in drought or hide flood debris below the surface.

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- 01 Check the official status link
 - 02 Reserve before the drive
 - 03 Never cross private land
 - 04 Skip cliff jumping
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SAVE WATER. LEAVE NO TRACE.