



# AUSTIN DESTINATION GUIDE

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## Beverages

**Alta's Café** 74 Trinity Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 499-0470 | altascafe.com

Fun coffee shop located on the lake, just a short walk from downtown. They also have breakfast tacos, sandwiches, smoothies, and desserts. You can sit outside and enjoy the view of the lake.

**Blue Owl Brewing** 2400 E. Cesar Chavez #300, Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 593-1262 | blueowlbrewing.com

This brewery specializes in sour-mashed beers in a variety of styles & flavors that have a nice, clean finish. These sours have wide appeal and it's a great place to experiment.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Easy Tiger** 709 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 614-4972 | easytigeraustin.com

Spacious patio on the banks of Waller Creek downtown. Features over 40 craft beers & fine whiskeys and a bakery. Specializes in fresh pretzels, artisan sausages, charcuterie boards, and sandwiches with homemade buns.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Hops & Grain Brewing** 507 Calles #101, Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 914-2467 | hopsandgrain.com

An acclaimed local brewery, now expanding to San Marcos as well. The tap room offers a variety of styles and always has interesting small experimental batches to taste onsite.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Lazarus Brewing** 1902 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 394-7620 | lazarusbrewing.com

This place has all of the core essentials: a variety of beers (on tap/in bomber bottles to-go), a very nice taco selection, and it's a gourmet coffee shop. All can be enjoyed inside or out on the patio.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Still Austin Whiskey Co.** 440 E. St. Elmo Road, Austin, TX 78745  
(512) 276-2700 | stillaustin.com

Austin's own whiskey distillery. You can tour, do taste testing, or just enjoy their handcrafted spirits sitting outside in their thoughtful space. I'm not a big whiskey drinker but I was blown away by their cocktails and now I'm a convert. I highly recommend their whiskey lemonades. Very friendly and knowledgeable staff.

- *Lindsay Marsh, TDHCA Performance Specialist, HOME and Homelessness Programs*

**Texas Reds and Whites Tasting** 407 Red River Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(737) 703-5540 | texasredsandwhites.com

Texas Hill Country wine production has exploded over the past two and a half decades. Texas Reds and Whites Tasting Room offers wines from across the state for your enjoyment. The inside looks like an embellishment of Texas and the Tasting Room will let you try different flavors from across the state.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst*

**Zilker Brewing** 1701 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 765-4946 | zilkerbeer.com

Popular local brewery with a variety of options, sizable patio with picnic table seating, and the Hot Mess food truck (hotmessatx.com).

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

## Entertainment

**Antone's** 305 E. 5th Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 814-0361 | ntonesnightclub.com

The venerable Austin favorite music venue & world-famous blues club (so much history!) has occupied various addresses over the years but the quality of bands has never wavered from upper-echelon. Now featuring a variety of genres from touring and local acts in the heart of downtown Austin.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Broken Spoke** 3201 S. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704  
(512) 442-6189 | brokenspokeaustintx.net

A Texas dance hall featuring live music & boot-scootin', and has served beer and chicken-fried steak since 1964.

- *Jill McFarren, Communications and Marketing Advisor*

**Continental Club** 1315 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704  
(512) 441-2444 | continentalclub.com

The Continental Club is a slice of the old Austin music scene.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Esther's Follies** 525 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 320-0553 | esthersfollies.com

Witty political satire, comedy sketches, Vegas-style magic, and hilarious musical numbers.

- *Jill McFarren, Communications and Marketing Advisor*

**Live music** Multiple, Austin, TX 78701

It's cliché I know, but this conference is happening during the second week of Austin City Limits (ACL). If you aren't able to come early and enjoy the festival, don't worry, check out some of the local venues like Stubb's, Antone's, Emo's, The Elephant Room, or The Continental Club to support some of the local musicians.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst*

**Paramount & Stateside Theatres** 713 Congress & 719 Congress, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 472-5470 | austintheatre.org

These historic and adjacent venues host many fantastic events, plays, concerts, films, comedy, speeches, etc. Check the calendar!

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Rainey Street** Rainey Street, Austin, TX 78701

There are so many entertainment districts in Austin it's hard to remember which one is in vogue with the locals now. Rainey Street definitely still is. Whether its trendy bars like Geraldine's at the Hotel Van Zandt or Container Bar, local favorites like the Lustre Pearl Rainey, or entertaining you inner beer nerd at Banger's or Craft Pride, this place has it all and then some.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst*

**Saxon Pub** 1320 S. Lamar, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 448-2552 | [thesaxonpub.com](http://thesaxonpub.com)

Classic Austin joint hosting the best of local bands and Americana-style touring shows. If they play here, they are good.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**The Parish** 214 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78701

[theparishaustin.com](http://theparishaustin.com)

Austin is the live music capital, but where do you go? This open floor plan, standing venue has THE best sound in the city and a nicely elevated stage. Every genre of band plays here, but I often get a ticket for a band I don't know because I know it'll be good.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

## Exercise

**Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail (The Hike and Bike Trail)**

Around the Lake, Austin, TX 78701

[www.austintexas.gov/department/ann-and-roy-butler-hike-and-bike-trail](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/ann-and-roy-butler-hike-and-bike-trail)

Get a little exercise if the weather is cooperating. The Hike and Bike trail runs on both sides of the lake/river from West Austin to East Austin.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst*

**Lady Bird Lake (Formerly Town Lake)** Austin, TX 78701

Go paddle boarding or kayaking at the "Rowing Dock" or "Texas Rowing Center" on the lake if you're looking for some exercise or want to enjoy some more summer activities before winter sets in. I personally recommend going towards the dam and away from downtown if you want a less crowded experience.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst*

**Lady Bird Lake and Zilker Metropolitan Park** Austin, TX 78701

[zilkerpark.org](http://zilkerpark.org)

Lady Bird Lake is a river-like reservoir on the Colorado River and Zilker Metropolitan Park is considered "Austin's most-loved park."

**Rogue Running** 410 Pressler Street, Austin, TX 78703

(512) 373-8704 | [roguerunning.com](http://roguerunning.com)

Do you enjoy running, but hate doing it by yourself? Are you training for a big race, but NCSHA might be cramping your training regimen? Check out Rogue Running. Whether your training for a 5k a marathon or an ultra, they have the classes going on just about nightly. Just call ahead to see if the trainer can accommodate your needs.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst*

## Fun Stuff To Do

**Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum** 1800 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 936-8746 | thestoryoftexas.com

Are you a history buff? Do you like seeing IMAX movies? Or are you just curious about why Texans want to talk about Texas so much? Check out the state history museum of Texas and learn about everything from the European colonization of Texas to the modern day.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst*

**South Congress Bridge Bats** 100 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701  
batsinaustin.com

Watching the Congress Avenue bridge bat colony take off at twilight is breathtaking. Mexican free-tailed bats emerge and shoot out for their nightly feeding and aerial show every evening between 7 and 8 p.m. If you need liquid fortitude for a bat encounter, I recommend the bar at the Four Seasons. Their restaurant is also pretty fine. It's all kind of pricey but if done in moderation is worthwhile for the view and the people watching!

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Texas State Capitol** 1100 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 305-8400 | tspb.texas.gov

The Texas State Capitol, completed in 1888 in Downtown Austin, contains the offices and chambers of the Texas Legislature and the Office of the Governor.

**Texas State Cemetary** 909 Navasota Street, Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 463-0605 | tspb.texas.gov

Founded in 1851, the Texas State Cemetery is the final resting place of Texas' most notable sons and daughters, including Stephen F. Austin and Barbara Jordan.

**The 'Drag'**, Austin, TX 78701

If you want to get a taste of the "40 Acres" and, perhaps, pick up some nice Texas Longhorns swag, The "Drag" is for you. It's a strip of stores and eateries across from UT on Guadalupe Street between Martin Luther King, Jr., and 29<sup>th</sup> streets. You'll be here on a game weekend (Texas hosts the Baylor Bears), so the people watching and action on the drag will be primo!

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

## Good Eats: BBQ

**Blacks BBQ** 3110 Guadalupe Street, Austin, TX 78705  
(512) 524-0801 | blacksbbq.comaustin

Acclaimed barbecue family offers brisket, ribs, sides, and craft beers in a relaxed, wood-decked space.

- *Jill McFarren, Communications and Marketing Advisor*

**Chi'Lantro BBQ** 1414 Shore District Drive #102, Austin, TX 78741  
(512) 382-9653 | chilantrobbq.com

The original Korean BBQ inspired food truck.

**Cooper's BBQ**

604 W Young Street, Llano, TX 78643  
(325) 247-5713 | coopersbbqllano.com

The BBQ and the "fine dining" (picnic tables stocked w/paper towels) experience is totally worth the 1.5 hr drive through the Hill Country. You pick your meats from the outside grills before you enter the no-frills restaurant, where you pick your sides, e.g. cole slaw, mac salad, beans, etc. Yummmmm... If you're in immediate need of a BBQ fix, visit their downtown location at 217 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701

- *Jill McFarren, Communications and Marketing Advisor*

**Franklin BBQ** 900 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 653-1187 | franklinbarbecue.com

Long lines form early for brisket, pulled pork & other smoked meats at this lunch-only spot.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**La BBQ** 2027 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 605-9696 | labarbecue.com

Hopping BBQ stand in an Aztec Food Trailer Park for brisket, pulled pork, and sausages at picnic tables.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Micklethwait Craft Meats BBQ** 1309 Rosewood Avenue, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 791-5961 | craftmeatsaustin.com

You've heard of Franklin, but the line is too long. You're in luck! Go 1/2 mile further east on 11th (veer on Rosewood) to this amazing trailer with all the BBQ staples, including a daily variety of sausages and Flintstones-sized beef ribs. Go for lunch (sold out by dinner).

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Salt Lick** 18300 FM 1826, Driftwood, TX 78619

(512) 858-4959 | saltlickbbq.com

Lots of fun at this original location! BYOB and cash - this place is dry and does not accept credit cards.

It's worth the 30 minute drive from downtown Austin to either the Driftwood or the Round Rock location at 3350 E. Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665 (512) 386-1044.

- *Jill McFarren, Communications and Marketing Advisor*

**Valentina's Tex Mex BBQ (Trailer)** 11500 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX 78745

(512) 221-4248 | valentinastexmexbbq.com

You won't be disappointed (unless you get there after they have sold out of what you wanted).

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

## Good Eats: Burgers

**Casino El Camino** 517 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78701

(512) 469-9330 | casinoelcamino.net

Are you going to have to go on a diet after this weekend? Then I recommend eating a burger or a bloody Mary that you will remember.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst*

**Dan's Hamburgers** 4308 Manchaca Road, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 443-6131 | dans-hamburgers.com

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Dirty Martin's Hamburgers (Dirty's)** 2808 Guadalupe Street, Austin, TX 78705

(512) 477-3173 | www.dirtymartins.com

Renowned for their burgers.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Hopdoddy Burger Bar** 1400 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 243-7505 | www.hopdoddy.com

You want a burger (or chicken, turkey sandwich, or veggie burger)? Do yourself a favor and stop by this Austin standout that is rapidly expanding across the state. Get some green chile queso fries, an adult milkshake, or craft beer while you're at it.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Hut's Hamburgers** 807 W. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703

(512) 472-0693 | huts.hutsfrankandangies.com

"An Austin Tradition Since 1939" Hut's Hamburgers is a 50's style burger joint serving a variety of grass fed Texas beef burgers named after music legends, perfectly breaded thick cut onion rings, crispy fries, and many other diner favorites. The "All American Buddy Holly Burger" is a classic and one of my favorites (with a side of the Half Fries & Half Rings). Important note for those who are die-hard Diet Coke drinkers like me - this place only has Diet Pepsi and Diet Dr. Pepper. Good excuse to add that Old Fashioned Milk Shake to your order. Veggie/Vegan options available.

- *Cathy Gutierrez, Director, Texas Homeownership*

## Good Eats: Cajun

**Sawyer & Co** 4827 E. Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 531-9033 | sawyerand.co

Diner/Cajun/Exquisite blend.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

## Good Eats: Eclectic

**Kerbey Lane** 3003 S. Lamar, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 445-4451 | kerbeylanecafe.com

My pick for breakfast - especially their gingerbread pancakes. Yummm! Check their website for other Austin locations.

- *Jill McFarren, Communications and Marketing Advisor*

**Magnolia Café** 1920 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 445-0000 | magnoliacafeaustin.com

Renowned for pancakes and omelets.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

## Good Eats: French

**Justine's Brasserie** 4710 E. 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 385-2900 | justines1937.com

Dinner & late-night. French-oriented menu. If Lady Gaga is in town, you might see her dining here again.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

## Good Eats: Healthy

**Blue Dahlia** 1111 E. 11th Street, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 542-9542 | bluedahliabistro.com

Healthy option close to downtown serving up salads and open faced sandwiches.

**Jacoby's** 3235 E. Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 366-5808 | jacobysaustin.com

Farm-to-table deliciousness (from their own ranch) and beautiful outdoor area.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**True Food Kitchen** 222 West Avenue, Austin, TX 78701

(512) 777-2430 | truefoodkitchen.com/austin

Great food and beverages next to the historic Seaholm Power Plant. When you are finished eating you can take a stroll around Lady Bird Lake.

## Good Eats: Indian

**Clay Pit** 1601 Guadalupe Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 322-5131 | ClayPit.com

A modern and excellent riff on Indian.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**G'Raj Mahal** 73 Rainey Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 480-2255 | grajmahalaustin.com

Offbeat paradise serving Western Indian cuisine.

## Good Eats: Italian

**Brick Oven Restaurant** 1209 Red River Street, Austin, TX 7870  
(512) 477-7006 | BrickOvenAustin.com

Who doesn't love them some good Italian food? You'll find plenty of that here as the pasta dishes are reliable and delicious and the actual wood-burning brick oven always produces winning slices of 'za. My pasta dish of choice is the Chicken Rigatoni. Yum!

- *Michael Lyttle, Chief of External Affairs*

**Vespaio** 1610 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704  
(512) 441-6100 | austinvespaio.com

Excellent high end Italian. Definitely special occasion pricing and its trattoria next door, Enoteca, is excellent.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

## Good Eats: Mexican

**Angie's** 1307 E. 7th Street, Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 476-5413

Her carnitas tacos on corn tortilla that are somewhere in between soft and crispy and are in between flat and puffy are a national treasure.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Chuy's** 1728 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704  
(512) 474-4452 | chuys.com

Quintessential Austin Tex-Mex at the original location next to Zilker Park. Now they are everywhere but this is where they started baby and you can still order the classic stuffed sopapilla if you are bold enough to ask. It's not on their mainstream menu but it is made to order your own way just like a local would.

- *Tom Gouris, Deputy ED*

More solid Tex-Mex, especially fine green sauce

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Cisco's** 1511 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78702  
(512) 478-2420 | ciscosAustin.com

Can you say BREAKFAST!?

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Curra's on Oltorf** 614 E Oltorf Street, Austin, TX 78704  
(512) 444-0012 | currasgrill.com

Intriguing mole.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*



**El Patio** 2938 Guadalupe Street, Austin, TX 78705

(512) 476-5955 | elpatioaustin.com

The epicenter of old school greasy Tex-Mex enchiladas. Last time we were there they would make available on request their staple saltines and butter in lieu of or in addition to chips and salsa.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Fonda San Miguel** 2330 W. North Loop, Austin, TX 78756

(512) 459-4121 | fondasanmiguel.com

Sophisticated takes on traditional Mexican cuisine served in a colorful, hacienda-style space.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Grizzelda's** 105 Tillery Street, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 366-5908 | grizzeldas.com

New Mexican food eastside standout in a burgeoning fine food hub.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Güero's Taco Bar** 1412 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 447-7688 | gueros.com

Güero's is a well known Mexican food spot. Especially good tortilla soup.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Las Palomas** 3201 Bee Caves Road #122, Austin, TX 78746

(512) 327-9889 | laspalomasrestaurant.com

Fine interior food plus great seafood.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Maudie's Too** 1212 S. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 440-8088 | maudies.com

Solid Tex-Mex.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Polvos** 2004 S. 1st Street, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 441-5446 | polvosAustin.com

Great interior and Tex-Mex offerings.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Torchy's Tacos** 1822 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 916-9025 | torchystacos.com

A taco junky's dream! Everyone needs to try Torchy's Tacos at least once! My typical tacos of choice are the Fried Avocado, the Trailer Park (ask for it "trashy"), and the Democrat. Don't forget the Green Chile Queso with Chips. The signature Diablo Sauce is good but beware -"es muy picante" (very spicy).

- *Cathy Gutierrez, Director, Texas Homeownership*

## Good Eats: Pizza

**Bufalina Pizza** 1519 E. Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 524-2523 | bufalinapizza.com

Such delicious pizza. If you prefer thin crust wood-fired oven (providing nice light charring) Neapolitan-style pizza over the rich, thicker buttery crust of Via 313, this is your spot- & wonderful wine selection!

**Home Slice** 1415 S Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 444-7437 | homeslicepizza.com

Incomparable pizza.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Via 313 Pizza** 1802 E. 6th Street, Austin, TX 78702

(512) 580-0999 | via313.com

This is Austin's version of Detroit style pizza, and it is one of the best pizza's you can get within the central core of Austin. Starting in a food trailer, this store has become so popular with reveling locals that within a few years this food trailer has turned into multiple brick and mortar locations.

- *John Tomme, Senior Financial Analyst and Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

## Good Eats: Sausage

**Banger's Sausage House and Beer Garden** 79 Rainey Street, Austin, TX 78701

(512) 432-5533 | bangersaustin.com

Wonderful outdoor patio with wide selection of sausages (even vegetarian sausages), sides, beer and wine. They often have live music.

- *Naomi Cantu, Coordinator for Homelessness Programs and Policy*

Another place well-described elsewhere here, but Sunday brunch is famous for the 1-liter Manmosas (I recommend mixing OJ with grapefruit) in addition to the normal 100 craft beer taps. Oh, and there are dogs to pet!

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

## Good Eats: Seafood

**Perla's** 1400 S. Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704

(512) 291-7300 | perlasaustin.com

An excellent spot for sea food, well known for a great selection of oysters. Definitely special occasion pricing.

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

## Good Eats: Steak

**Perry's Steakhouse and Grille** 114 W. 7th Street, Austin, TX 78701

(512) 474-6300 | perryssteakhouse.com

So you're in Texas and you want to see what these Texans always talk about when they talk about "good steaks." Perry's will fit that bill. Fantastic food and wine selection. Great servers. And yes, it's a steakhouse but you have to try those pork chops. They're as big and hearty as the Lone Star State.

- *Michael Lyttle, Director of External Affairs*

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar** 320 E. 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

(512) 457-1500 | flemingssteakhouse.com

Another winner on the downtown steakhouse circuit. Whether it's the Texas BBQ Shrimp, the Blackened Redfish, or the Filet Mignon and Potato Waffle... you can't go wrong. Fleming's also has one of the best wine bars in town.

- *Michael Lyttle, Director of External Affairs*

## Good Eats: Sweets

**Hey Cupcake** 1720 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704

(512) 476-2253 | heycupcake.com

Delicious gourmet cupcakes. Awesome flavors with seasonal rotation.

## Good Eats: Variety

**Fareground Austin** 111 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701  
faregroundaustin.com

Wish you could have 6 of Austin's best restaurants in 1 spot to sample from? Come to this spot! 6 local standouts comprise this food court-style experience at the lower plaza of One Eleven office building. Featuring 2 eclectic locally-sourced restaurants, a taqueria, sushi & ramen, cheese shop, bake shop, and a bar. All of which can be enjoyed in the plaza park or comfortably in the food court lounge

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill** 303 Red River Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 236-9599 | moonshinegrill.com

A unique menu, offering excellent food and drink in an enjoyable, relaxed, Austin, TX atmosphere. Awesome appetizers -- my favorites are the Corn Dog Shrimp and the Pretzels and Pimento. For your entrée, I recommend the Jalapeno Hanger Steak, Chicken and Waffles, or Ranger Cattle Texas Wagyu Meatloaf. If you have room, try the White Chocolate Bread Pudding or their Signature Skiller Apple Pie. The whole experience is even more enjoyable if you can get a spot on one of the patios!

- *Monica Galuski, Director of Bond Finance*

You've already seen a great write-up of Moonshine, but Sunday brunch stands alone - an expansive buffet spreadthroughout the various rooms of this converted house.

- *Dave Spillar, Compliance Subrecipient Monitor*

**Texas Chili Parlor** 1409 Lavaca Street, Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 472-2828

Renowned for chili (duh) but also superb chili burgers and great enchiladas. Surprisingly, their Frito pie made with their vegetarian chili is a great order too!

- *Tim Irvine, Executive Director*

**Threadgills** 301 W. Riverside Drive, Austin, TX 78704  
(512) 472-9304 | threadgills.com

Threadgill's is an Austin Institution. Home of Southern American Food and Live Music. Armadillo World Headquarters Legacy. Great down-home cooking, live music, and a Sunday gospel brunch.

- *Jill McFarren, Communications and Marketing Advisor*