



A Little Bit of Heaven

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Summer is here, and there's a lot happening! There's also the opportunity for lazy and idyllic days spent lounging on a tube under a canopy of cypress trees, or live music or a movie under the canopy of stars at night. That's Texas Hill Country, and there's no place I'd rather be!

If you're looking to cool down and enjoy some summer fun, New Braunfels is the perfect destination! New Braunfels is home to Schlitterbahn, which is a great choice for families with its 65 acres of water park rides and slides. Also, check out Texas Ski Ranch - they offer water skiing, an indoor trampoline park, and occasionally have movies in the water.

Take a walk on the wild side at Animal World & Snake Farm Zoo. They have an interesting array of creatures that you (hopefully) don't see every day! How does 70-degrees sound? To find out, check out Natural Bridge Caverns! They also have a drive-thru safari next door. Finally, if A/C is more your speed, the McKenna Children's Museum is a fun way to spend an educational afternoon with the kids.

If you're looking for something a little more laid back, a trip to Wimberley will feel like a step back in time. The pace is a little slower here, and the atmosphere more relaxed. Stroll around town square and peek in the shops and galleries, or lounge in the water under a canopy of cypress trees at Blue Hole or dive into Jacobs Well. At night, hang out on I'noz deck and listen to live music, grab some ice cream at The Wooden Spoon, or catch a movie at The Corral, the only walk-in movie theater of its kind. These idyllic summer days are simply magical!

Gruene is a former cotton gin town that is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to Texas' oldest dance hall, Gruene Hall. There is also great shopping to be had in Gruene's quaint shops, and fabulous dining at The Gristmill, Gruene River Grill, and Cantina del Rio. For a fun wine tasting experience, head on over to Winery on the Gruene - they offer several light and fruity selections that make for the perfect accompaniment on a hot summer's day!

Summer is here, and there is no place I'd rather be! These days are a treasure. Soak them up while they are here by enjoying lazy days in our rivers, and fun outdoor activities at night. There's truly something for everyone in Texas Hill Country!



The Comal and Guadalupe Rivers both run through New Braunfels, so tubing is a must! Landa Park also has a lot to offer for those hoping to make a splash, including a swing rope, large pool, and spring fed pool. Also, the Whitewater Amphitheater and the Freiheit Country Store both have an impressive line-up of summer musical guests in store.


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