

Our Great Texas Hill Country

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Ahhh, summer in Texas! There's no place I'd rather be than in Hill Country where the landscape keeps things cooler, and there's an abundance of summer adventures to be had for everyone!



Wimberley awaits your visit! Here, you'll find numerous opportunities to cool off in the crisp waters at Jacob's Well, Blue Hole Park, and The Back Porch. Jump from the rocks at Jacobs Well, or swing from the rope swings that hang from the Blue Hole's century-old cypress trees.

At the Back Porch, you can swim in the water and enjoy Chef Jay's slow-smoked BBQ, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, and the best burgers Wimberley has to offer. (Pick up your lake wristband for \$6 at the neighboring Lodge at Cypress Falls). Wimberley is also home to the Wooden Spoon (frozen yogurt) and Annie's Ice Cream; in addition to Taste Buds and Wimberley Valley Winery, which offer fun adult drinks that will cool off the over-21 crowd.

New Braunfels offers an abundance of summer fun! Landa Park has a children's splash pad and train, in addition to an Olympic sized pool and a spring-fed

pool with a slide and rope swing. Pack some snacks and plan to spend the afternoon there or at the City Tube Chute and Hinman Island Park. Be careful, the chutes area is best for experienced swimmers only. If that's not exciting enough, get your ski on at Texas Ski Ranch! Finally, Schlitterbahn Waterpark will provide an exhilarating day with its 70-acre water wonderland along the Comal. Arrive early and stay late, you will not run out of things to do! Be sure to start your day on their Master Blaster, their #1 attraction fills up fast!

In Gruene, you'll find several river outfitters just over the bridge from the Historic District that can prepare you for a fun tube ride down the Guadalupe. Afterwards, stop in the historic district for dinner at Cantina del Rio or Gruene River Grill, then head on over to Gruene General Store for ice cream or fudge. If you're in the over-21 crowd, be sure stop in at Texas' oldest dance hall, Gruene Hall, for a cool drink, great live music and two-stepping, along with some really neat memorabilia that is displayed on their walls. In addition, Winery on the Gruene has some light and fruity wines to help customers keep cool on a hot summer day. Check them out and tell them I sent you!

We Texans sure do love our rivers, BBQ, and cool drinks in the summer. Is there any better way to spend a fabulous Texas day? I sure don't think so!

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