

# Our Great Texas Hill Country

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I love this time of year! After a partial summer hibernation with triple digit temps, we couldn't possibly be more excited about Fall's arrival and the opportunity to be outdoors seizing all that the Texas Hill Country has to offer! There is an array of exciting things to do and see!

New Braunfels has a lot to offer. Adventure seekers will enjoy Texas Ski Ranch, Natural Bridge Caverns, or the drive-thru safari at Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch! Afterward, head on over to Krause's Café & Biergarten for authentic German fare and Texas favorites. Krause's Café has an extensive menu with over 60 beers on tap, and they often have live music. Landa Park is a nice place for families to host an impromptu picnic. It has a children's train, nearby hiking trails, paddleboats, and mini-golf. New Braunfels most anticipated event, Wursthfest, will take place November 3rd – November 12th, so brush up on your chicken dance and get your dirndls and lederhosen ready! If you're not in the area then don't despair, there's always plenty of live music going on in town - check out Billy's Ice House or the Freiheit Country Store.

Gruene is lovely this time of year and offers plenty of shopping and outdoor dining. Infernos Pizza, situated just beyond the historic district into New Braunfels, is one of my personal favorites. Adults will enjoy their Limeade Ritas, custom wood-fired pizzas and Stromboli, and live music.



It's also family friendly. The Gruene River Grill, Cantina del Rio, and The Gristmill all offer dining with a magnificent view overlooking the Guadalupe River. This year's Music and Wine Festival will be held October 5th – the 8th. Plan to drop by during this four-day event to enjoy German, Texas, and New World wines, beer, and food! There will also be plenty of live music and a craft market on Saturday and Sunday.



There's so much going on in Wimberley! Adventure seekers will love Wimberley Zip Line. Also, stop by Wimberley Glass Works to see beautiful hand-blown glass and watch a live demonstration of glass blowing. Nestled in the back roads of Wimberley is one of its best-kept secrets, Bella Vista Ranch. Here, you can get a tour of their olive orchard and tastings of their specialty olive oil, jams, and wine - in addition to imported balsamic vinegar. After, head on over to The Leaning Pear and dine in their treehouse. Wimberley is also home to the EmilyAnn Theater and Gardens, The Boot Trail, Blue Hole Park, and Odie's Food Place food truck court. There's no shortage of fun to be had in this charming little village!

Seize all that hill country has to offer. There's something here for everyone!