



TRAVEL GUIDE







## HISTORY



The Texas Hill Country is a vernacular term applied to a region of Central Texas, that features tall rugged hills that consist of thin layers of soil lying on top of either limestone or granite. It also includes the Llano Uplift and the second largest granite monadnock in the United States, Enchanted Rock, which is located 18 miles (29 km) north of Fredericksburg. The Hill Country reaches into portions of the two major metropolitan areas of Central Texas, especially in San Antonio's northern suburbs and the western half of Travis County, ending just west of downtown Austin.

The area also features a number of caves, such as Inner Space Caverns, Natural Bridge Caverns, Bracken Cave, and Wonder Cave. The deeper caverns of the area form several aquifers which serve as a source of drinking water for the residents of the area.

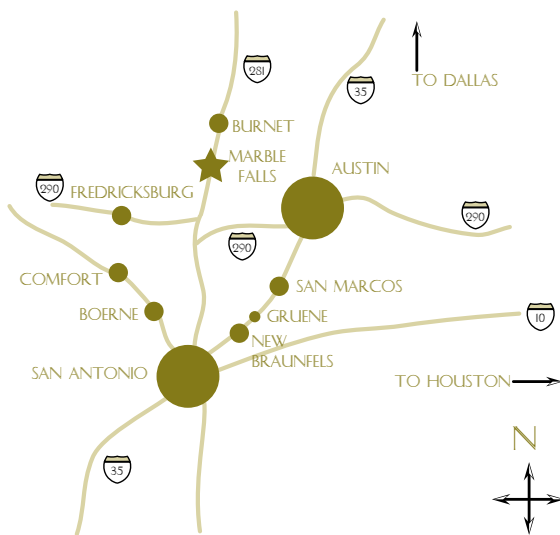
The area is also unique for its fusion of Spanish and Central European (German, Swiss, Austrian, Alsatian, and Czech) influences in food, beer, architecture, and music that form a distinctively "Texan" culture separate from the state's Southern and Southwestern influences. For example, the accordion was popularized in Tejano music in the 19th century due to cultural exposure to German settlers.

Marble Falls is about 40 miles (64 km) northwest of Austin and 85 miles (137 km) north of San Antonio. Lake Marble Falls is part of the Highland Lakes, the largest chain of lakes in Texas. In 1887, Indian fighter and Confederate general, Adam R. "Stovepipe" Johnson, a former Confederate States Army general, viewed the natural marble falls and panoramic countryside, and envisioned the hill country to be his future home. He left for his native Kentucky to fight in the American Civil War, losing his eyesight in an 1864 battle. Yet, never forgetting his dream, Johnson returned to Burnet County and formed the Texas Mining and Improvement Company with a group of nine investors. Marble Falls was officially founded on July 12, 1887.

The town sits on the banks of Lake Marble Falls. The natural lake and waterfall was covered when the Colorado River was dammed with the completion of Max Stareck Dam in 1951. The falls for which the city is named are revealed every few years when the lake is lowered.



# MAP



## Directions to the Three Points Ranch from Austin (~60 miles)

From I-35 in Austin, exit 230 to US-290 West towards Johnson City. After 7 miles, US-290 West becomes TX-71 West. Continue west on TX-71 for 35 miles to the TX-71 & US-281 junction. At the junction, exit US-281 South towards Johnson City and proceed on US-281 South for 3 miles. Once you pass the Round Mountain city limit sign, watch for a sign on the right side of the road marking the EE Ranch Road turnoff. Turn right onto EE Ranch Road (a dirt road also identified as County Road 313) and follow this road about a mile, staying to the LEFT when the road clearly forks. About 1/4 mile past the fork (stay to the left!), the Three Points Ranch entrance will be on the right marked with a Three Points Ranch sign. If you reach a cattle guard marked with a STOP SIGN, you have gone too far.

\*\*For a more detailed, printable map to our wedding site at Three Points Ranch, please visit [www.slyandveronika.com/directions.html](http://www.slyandveronika.com/directions.html).



## SLEEP



### Hampton Inn Marble Falls- On The Lake

[www.marblefallshotel.com](http://www.marblefallshotel.com)

\$119+ a night

704 First Street,  
Marble Falls, TX,  
830.798.1895

### Hill Country Motel

[www.hillcountrymotel.com](http://www.hillcountrymotel.com)

\$70+ a night

1101 US Highway  
281 North  
Marble Falls, TX  
830.693.3637

### Horseshoe Bay Resort Marriott

[www.horseshoebaytexas.com](http://www.horseshoebaytexas.com)

\$234+ a night

200 Hi Circle North  
Horseshoe Bay, TX  
830.598.8600



## EAT



- Atwood's: 311 Hwy 281, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.2663
- Blue Bonnet Café: 211 Hwy 281, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.2344
- Cafe 909: 909 Second Street, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.2126
- Francesco's Italian Restaurant: 701 US Hwy 281 South, Marble Falls, TX, 830.798.1580
- Inmans Ranch House Bar-B-Q: 707 6th St, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.2711
- Russo's Texitally Café: 602 Steve Hawkins Parkway, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.7091
- Sonic Drive-In: 1408 Hwy 1431, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.5234
- The Falls Bistro & Wine Cellar: 202 Main Street, Marble Falls, TX, 830.265.4580
- Whataburger: 1106 Hwy 281, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.5753



## EXPLORE



### Marble Falls (10 minutes away)

- Flat Creek Estate Winery: <http://www.flatcreekestate.com/>  
24912 Singleton Bend Road East, Marble Falls, TX, 512.267.6310
- Inks Lake State Park: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/inks/>  
3630 Park Road 4 West, Burnet TX, 512.793.2223
- Longhorn Cavern State Park: <http://www.longhorncaverns.com/>  
6211 Park Road 4 So., Burnet, TX, 512.756.4680
- Rockhopper's Family Fun Center: <http://www.rockhopperonline.com/>  
1501 Hwy 281 North, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.4386

### Dripping Springs (35 minutes away)

- Hamilton Pool: [http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks/hamilton\\_pool.asp](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks/hamilton_pool.asp)  
24300 Hamilton Pool Rd., Dripping Springs, TX, 512.264.2740
- Pedernales Falls: [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/pedernales\\_falls/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/pedernales_falls/)  
2585 Park Road 6026, Johnson City TX, 830.868.7304

### Austin (45 minutes away)

- 6th Street: (clubs, live music, bars, nightlife), <http://www.6street.com/>
- Alamo Drafthouse Cinema: <http://www.drafthouse.com/>  
320 E 6th St, Austin, TX, 512.476.1320
- Amy's Ice Cream: <http://amysicecreams.com>  
3500 Guadalupe, Austin, TX, 512.538.2697
- Austin Food carts: various locations. <http://austinfoodearts.com/>
- Barton Springs Pool: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/bartonsprings.htm>  
2101 Barton Springs Road (located in Zilker Park), Austin, TX, 512.476.9044
- Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum: <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com>  
1800 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX, 512.936.4639



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- Congress Bridge Bats: [http://austin.about.com/od/austinattractions/p/Bats\\_in\\_Austin.htm](http://austin.about.com/od/austinattractions/p/Bats_in_Austin.htm)
- Congress Bridge: Congress Avenue @ Town Lake, 512-416-5700, ext. 3636
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center: <http://www.wildflower.org/>  
4801 La Crosse Avenue, Austin, TX, 512.232.0100
- Mount Bonnell: <http://www.austinparks.org/apfweb/park.php?parkId=287>  
3800 Mt. Bonnell Dr., Austin, TX, 512.974.6700
- Renaissance Artisan Market and "The Drag": <http://www.austinartistsmarket.com/>  
23rd Street and Guadalupe, Austin, TX
- South Congress, aka "SoCo": [http://austin.smallplanetguide.com/rentals/index.php?p=soco\\_austin\\_neighborhood](http://austin.smallplanetguide.com/rentals/index.php?p=soco_austin_neighborhood)
- Texas State Capital Building: <http://www.texascapitolvisitorscenter.com>  
112 East 11th Street, Austin, TX, 512.463.5495
- Toy Joy: <http://toyjoy.com/>, 2900 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX, 512.320.0090
- University of Texas (hook 'em): <http://www.utexas.edu/visitors/>  
Guadalupe and MLK, Austin, TX, 512.475.6636

### **Fredericksburg (45 minutes away) – Antiques, Historic, Wine**

- Becker Vineyards and Lavender Farm: <http://www.beckervineyards.com>  
Highway 290 East of Fredericksburg, Stonewall, TX, 830.644.2681
- Enchanted Rock: [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/enchanted\\_rock/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/enchanted_rock/)  
16710 Ranch Rd 965, Fredericksburg, TX, 830.685.3636
- Luckenbach: <http://www.luckenbachtexas.com/iewsw233w4/html/index.html>  
412 Luckenbach Town Loop, Fredericksburg, TX, 830.997.3224
- Main Street, Fredericksburg (shops + antiques): <http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com>  
Main Street, Fredericksburg, TX
- Texas Wine Tours: <http://www.texas-wine-tours.com>, Fredericksburg, TX,  
877.839.9463





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### **New Braunfels (60 minutes away) – Historic, Nature, Music**

- Gruene Hall, Texas' Oldest Dance Hall: <http://www.gruenehall.com/>  
1281 Gruene Rd., in Gruene Historic District, New Braunfels, TX, 830.606.1281
- Rockin 'R' River Rides: Rafting + Toobing on the Guadalupe River, <http://rockinr.com/>  
1405 Gruene Road, New Braunfels, TX, 1.800.55FLOAT

### **San Antonio (60 minutes away) – Cultural, Historic**

- Alamo: <http://www.thealamo.org>, 300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX, 210.225.1391
- Artpace San Antonio: <http://www.artpace.org/>, 445 North Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX, 210.212.4900
- Brackenridge Park (location of zoo and botanical gardens): <http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/brackhistory.asp>, San Antonio, TX, 210.734.7184
- El Mercado (Historic Mexican outdoor market): <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dtops/marketsquare/?res=1920&ver=true>, 110 Produce Row, San Antonio, TX, 210.224.7823
- River Walk: <http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com>, 200 South Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX, 210.227.4262
- San Antonio Missions National Historical: <http://www.nps.gov/saan/>, 2202 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, TX, 210.932.1001
- Schilo's Delicatessen: (homemade root beer, German food), <http://schilos.com/>  
424 E. Commerce St, San Antonio, TX, 210.223.6692
- Tower of the Americas: <http://www.toweroftheamericas.com>, 600 Hemisfair Plaza Way, San Antonio, TX, 210.207.8615



## SHOP



- Coffee: 301 Gateway North, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.2134
- General: Walmart, 2700 U.S. 281, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.4461
- Gifts and souvenirs: Main Street, Marble Falls, TX
- Grocery: 1503 FM 1431, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.3813
- Pharmacy: Walgreens, 1211 US Highway 281, Marble Falls, TX, 830.693.8417



