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Budget Austin

Austin, 2 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: A weekend getaway to the capital of the Lone Star State doesn't have to cost a fortune. This outdoor city has a ton of free or low-cost spots to experience, and we've got them all lined up for you.

Itinerary Overview

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nightlife

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	Austin Motel Unique downtown motel
	Jo's Spill the beans
	Stevie Ray Vaughan Statue Lakeside tribute to the blues guitar virtuoso
	Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail Perfect for urban hiking
	Flip Happy Crêpes Jump for joy
	Mount Bonnell Breathtaking views from above Lake Austin
	Hut's Hamburgers Casual burger joint

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	Elisabet Ney Museum Home of noted sculptress
	Zen Japanese Food Fast Healthy Japanese food
	Zilker Park Wide open green space in the heart of downtown, plus cool spring water
	South Congress Avenue Hip shopping and local eateries embody "Keep Austin Weird" motto.
	Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge Bats The front-row seat for nightly bat watching
	Doc's Motorworks Cold brews in SoCo
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<http://www.austinmotel.com>

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Austin TX 78704

1 Austin Motel

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contact:

tel: +1 512 444 3800

<http://www.joscoffee.com/>

location:

1300 South Congress Avenue
Austin TX 78704

hours:

Su-F 7a-9p, Sa 7a-10p

2 Jo's

DESCRIPTION: If you want to socialize with the young locals of Austin and also enjoy some rich espresso, then Jo's is the place to be. The marinated chicken breast is the specialty here, but most people gather here in the evenings for great coffee and some bird watching! The coffee drinks and sandwiches are yummy and wheat roast vegetarian barbecue is the best choice for all veggies. If you're lucky, you might find your favorite musicians sipping coffee here. Don't miss the other location which includes a nice-sized interior at 242 W Second St Austin, TX 78701 (+1 512 469 9003.) © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: +1 512 327 1838
<http://www.cityofrollingwood.com>

location:
Riverside Drive & South First Street
Austin TX 78746

3 Stevie Ray Vaughan Statue

DESCRIPTION: Late blues guitar legend Stevie Ray Vaughan became an Austin transplant when he was still in his teens, drawn to the live music scene and its endless opportunities. In 1994, four years after his tragic, premature death, the city of Austin erected a bronze statue in his honor on the southern banks of Lady Bird Lake. This area, known as Auditorium Shores, was the site of several Vaughan concerts, a fitting place for an eternal tribute to the musical great. With loads of live music venues and entertainment events such as South by Southwest and the Austin City Limits Music Festival, the "Live Music Capitol of the World" attracts thousands of fans annually who visit the memorial, making the Stevie Ray Vaughan Statue of the city's most popular tourist spots. © wcities.com



contact:
tel: +1 512 477 7273
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/trails.htm>

location:
S First Street between MoPac Blvd and Pleasant Valley Road
Austin TX 78701

4 Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail

DESCRIPTION: The City of Austin has developed one of the finest trail systems in the nation. Currently, over 50 miles of well-surfaced scenic paths follow natural greenbelts into all areas of the city, making an excellent trail accessible to all.



Courtesy of dionhinchcliffe

contact:
tel: +1 512 552 9034
<http://www.fliphappycrepes.com/>

location:
400 Jessie Street
Austin TX 78704

hours:
W-F 10:30a-2:30p, Sa 9a-3p

5 Flip Happy Crêpes

DESCRIPTION: The French seem to be inspiring the folks in Austin. If the Bistro Le Marseillaise is an out-of-the-box concept, well, Flip Happy Crêpes is an inside-an-Airstream concept. Operating out of a trailer parked off South Lamar Boulevard, the menu has sweet and savory crêpes for all tastes and a mini crêpe and nutella roll up for the kids. Flip Happy also serves tea, coffee and sodas and has a seating area with tables on the lawn. This is one place, even the French will admit, where the crêpes are as good as back home. © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: 512-974-6700
<http://www.austinparks.org/apfweb/park.php>

location:
3800 Mount Bonnell Road
Austin TX 78702

hours:
Daily 5am-10pm

6 Mount Bonnell

DESCRIPTION: Known for its beautiful, unobstructed view of the Austin area since the mid-1800s, Mount Bonnell hosts family photos, sunset picnics and romantic marriage proposals on a regular basis. Visitors park at the base of the hill and work their way up nearly 100 stone steps -- a 190-foot elevation gain -- to the wide open outcropping overlooking the southern side of the city and Lake Austin below. It's a fairly easy climb, but elderly relatives might find it challenging. A short gravel trail leads slowly downhill and to the left, offering up quiet spots for personal reflection with a clear view of the massive Pennybacker Bridge. Look left from Mount Bonnell to find the Texas State Capitol and the University of Texas Tower on the University of Texas campus. A number of nearby

radio towers detract from the beauty of some of the views. At night, the towers' red lights give the spot an otherworldly feel. © NileGuide

contact:

tel: +1 512 472 0693

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<http://www.hutsfrankandangies.com/>

location:

807 West 6th Street

Austin TX 78703

hours:

M-Sa 11a-10p, Su 11:3a-10p

7 Hut's Hamburgers

DESCRIPTION: The menu may be broader than the burgers, but the burgers are what set this place apart. There are 20 varieties in all, based on a thick, juicy patty medium cooked. Burgers range from the simplest one-patty version to a double-meat buffalo burger with all the trimmings. As for sides, the onion rings are delicious. For those who want their beef sans bun, they offer savory chicken fried steak, cooked tender with gravy that's not too thick and not too drippy. Whatever you order, be sure that you ask for lots of napkins. © wcities.com



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tel: +1 512 458 2255
fax: +1 512 453 0638
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/elisabetney/html/main.html>

location:

304 E 44th St
Austin TX 78751

hours:

W-Sa 10a-5p; Su noon-5p

1 Elisabeth Ney Museum

DESCRIPTION: The former home and studio of German sculptress Elisabeth Ney is open to the public for exploration. This home was one of the first buildings erected in the Hyde Park neighborhood, which was developed as a suburb in 1892 by Monroe Martin Shippe. Ney referred to her space as Formosa (beautiful in Portuguese) and visitors flock to this museum to view nearly 50 busts and statues of Texas heroes, as well as Europeans she sculpted as a young artist. Her tools and several personal items are also on display. Admission is free. © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: +512 451 4811
fax: +512 451 0088
<http://www.eatzen.com/>

location:

2900 West Anderson Lane
Austin TX 78757

hours:

M-Sa 11a-10p, Su
11:30a-8:30p

2 Zen Japanese Food Fast

DESCRIPTION: The name is accurate, but does not do justice to the heart-healthy offerings of this Japanese eatery. Drop in for lunch or dinner and select from the menu of sushi, refreshing salads and entrees. The familiar types of sushi are available, as well as variations such as teriyaki chicken rolls and tofu rolls. Try some "heart smart" entrees, such as steak and veggies teriyaki and white chicken with broccoli. A low-key, casual atmosphere is the rule here, with customers choosing from a selection of Japanese beers. Other locations include 1303 S. Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704 (+1 512 444 8081,) 3423 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX (+1 512 300 2633) and 5207 Brodie Ln, Austin, TX (+1 512 899 2222.) © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: 512-974-6700
<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zilker/>

location:

2100 Barton Springs Rd
Austin TX 78746

3 Zilker Park

DESCRIPTION: Zilker Park, Austin's largest urban green space, occupies 351 acres along the southern shore of Lady Bird Lake with Barton Springs Road cutting through the middle of the park. Grassy fields play host to soccer matches, volleyball games and picnics. Sand volleyball courts are normally first-come, first-serve, but they can also be reserved



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hours:
Daily 5am-10pm

for large groups for a fee. The Zilker Playground on the park's southern end, complete with the pint-sized Zilker Zephyr train, entertains the little ones. Within the Zilker Park grounds, visitors will find Barton Springs Pool and the Zilker Botanical Garden, as well as seasonal events including the Austin City Limits Music Festival, the annual Kite Festival and the summer music series, Blues on the Green. Kayaks and canoes can be rented by the hour at two sites, one near Barton Springs pool and the other on the shores of Lady Bird Lake. The Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum lies along the park's eastern border. © NileGuide

contact:
<http://www.austintexas.org/visitors/listing.details.php>

location:
South Congress Ave
Austin TX 78704

4 South Congress Avenue

DESCRIPTION: Known for its funky style, South Congress Avenue, located about a mile south of the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge and with a clear and brilliant view of the Texas State Capitol, draws Austinites and area visitors for its shopping, eating, and live music opportunities. Stylish boutiques filled with eccentric and often locally made clothing and accessories share South Congress Avenue with fun local eateries and antique stores brimming with undiscovered treasures. Food trailers offering everything from cupcakes to Vietnamese sandwiches congregate near Monroe Street. There's often a band playing on Guero's outdoor patio, and the Continental Club is rocking seven nights a week. The first Thursday of each month brings the aptly titled First Thursday event, where SoCo storefronts remain open later, often serving margaritas or cold beer to a slew of people meandering the street in this open-to-the-public street festival. People watching is at its prime on South Congress Avenue during weekend afternoons when many emerge for a lazy day of window shopping. © NileGuide



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contact:
tel: 512-478-0098
<http://www.batcon.org/index.php/get-involved/visit-a-bat-location/congress-avenue-bridge.html>

location:
100 S. Congress Ave.
Austin TX 78701

5 Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge Bats

DESCRIPTION: Though it may look like your average overpass, Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge houses one of Austin's natural wonders -- the world's largest urban bat colony. Small spaces in the expansion joints on the underside of the bridge are just the right size for little bat condos -- very crowded bat condos. From March through September, approximately 1.5 million bats make this simple structure their summer home. The Mexican free-tailed bats take flight nightly at dusk, consuming nearly 20,000 pounds of insects with each evening meal. As they emerge and head eastward, it looks like a ghostly dark river in the sky. Just 10 blocks south of the Texas State Capitol and a mile north of the popular South Congress Avenue shopping district, this fascinating sight draws thousands of onlookers to both sides of the bridge, as well as just below on the southeast bank of Lady Bird Lake (previously known as Town Lake.) There's a free parking lot



Photo courtesy of torres21

near the bridge, but it fills up fast, so get there before sundown.
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contact:
tel: +1 512 448 9181
<http://www.docsaustin.com/>

location:
1123 South Congress Avenue
Austin TX 78704

hours:
M-Sa 11a-11p, Su 11a-10p

6 Doc's Motorworks

DESCRIPTION: Doc's Motorworks is a locally-owned restaurant in a converted auto mechanic shop with the most impressive patio in Austin's see-or-be-scene South Congress District. Parking can be difficult in this popular section of downtown, but once you're settled on Doc's temperature-controlled patio, you can relax with a batch of onion rings and a cold draft beer. The casual restaurant is part sports bar, part grill. The restaurant offers moderate prices, daily happy hour deals and weekly food and drink specials. Try the burger and fries with a discounted pint, or a tasty Tex-Mex platter with a giant margarita. Doc's is open late and always busy. Mid-afternoon is your best shot for speedy service. Try the second location at 5207 Brodie Ln Suite 100 Austin, TX 78745 (+1 512 892 5200.) © wcities.com



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Austin Snapshot

Local Info

With its perfect proportions of adventurous spirit and laid-back atmosphere, Austin wins visitors over time and time again. Nestled in the southern portion of the Lone Star State, the capital city doubles as the hub of serious government affairs and the supreme getaway for outdoor recreation and cultural escape.

Downtown

The heart of Austin lays downtown, among the busy streets and inner workings of the state government. The Texas State Capitol--built of pink granite and native limestone and standing 14 feet taller than the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C.--anchors the area's main thoroughfare, Congress Avenue. The street that once paved the way for horses and carriages now houses some of Austin's tallest buildings, including the futuristic-looking Frost Bank Tower--the first high-rise to be constructed in the U.S. following the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The downtown area juggles work and play with a handful of areas organized especially for after-hours fun. Comparable to New Orleans' famous Bourbon Street, Austin's East Sixth Street is often the first place rowdy tourists visit for a memorable night out. Within an eight-block stretch, more than 100 shot bars, live music venues, dance clubs, restaurants and souvenir shops line the street, which is cordoned off from vehicular traffic most nights of the week.

The post-collegiate crowd heads a few blocks west to one of three nearby areas: the Warehouse District, West Sixth Street or the Second Street District. Each neighborhood offers an array of trendy eateries alongside classy pubs, bars and clubs and is only a pedicab ride away from one another.

As the self-described "Live Music Capital of the World," Austin touts a constant schedule of bands and musicians throughout the city, though most performances are concentrated in the downtown area. The Red River District, located one block west of IH-35 between Sixth and 10th Streets, attracts a mixture of punk, heavy metal and indie rock acts at venues like Emo's, Mohawk and Red-Eyed Fly, while Stubb's regularly schedules

big-time touring acts of all genres at the barbecue joint's outdoor amphitheater.

Other popular downtown music venues include Antone's, Austin Music Hall, La Zona Rosa, the Elephant Room and Cedar Street Courtyard, among others. All of these locations and hundreds of other venues host musicians, film premieres and interactive parties during the South by Southwest Music, Film and Interactive Conference held each March.

University of Texas/ The Drag

Part of Austin's draw is the highly ranked and centrally located University of Texas at Austin. The 40-acre campus sits right in the midst of the city's action, with more than 50,000 students enrolled each semester. The grounds also holds some of Austin's finest museums, including the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center and the Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art. The campus' western border--Guadalupe Street--is known as the Drag, a mile-long section of coffee shops, cafes and Longhorn-centric stores like the University Co-Op. The open-air Renaissance Market houses local artisans peddling their wares under shady tents, while the nearby Toy Joy stocks the largest array of random baubles fit for all ages.

South Austin

Lady Bird Lake, formerly known as Town Lake, intersects the city just south of downtown, creating the unofficial divide between Central and South Austin. The Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail keeps Austinites and travelers alike in shape with nearly 10 miles of landscaped trails amid the hustle and bustle of downtown. Zilker Park, a 400-acre park along the southern shores of the lake, provides wide open space for kite-flying, Frisbee and other outdoor activities, including dancing at the Austin City Limits Music Festival each October. Kayak and canoe rentals let people enjoy a view of the skyline from the water, while Barton Springs Pool, a natural spring-fed swimming hole, offers up a cool and refreshing respite from the infamous Texas heat. A handful of quirky restaurants--namely Chuy's, Shady Grove, Romeo's, Austin Java Co. and Uncle Billy's Brew & Que--line Barton Springs Road, offering quick and easy meal options for

those enjoying the beautiful weather year-round.

Along with university students, musicians and outdoorsy-types, Austin also hosts the largest urban colony of Mexican free-tail bats in North America, which take up residence under the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge from March to November. Their nightly flight for food occurs around dusk and attracts hundreds of visitors eager to see the throngs of insect-eating bats take to the skies.

Just a couple blocks south of the bat haven sits the hip and trendy South Congress Avenue, referred to locally as SoCo.

This strip, only a mile or so away from St. Edward's University, houses some of the city's most unique shops (Uncommon Objects, Parts & Labour, Lucy in Disguise) alongside hip hotels (Hotel San Jose, Austin Motel, Hotel Saint Cecilia) and locally owned eateries (Zen Japanese Food Fast, Home Slice Pizza, Guero's Taco Bar). On the first Thursday of each month, area businesses keep late hours while hundreds mingle along the street, shopping and enjoying live music during the free event appropriately dubbed First Thursday. Another SoCo highlight: Airstream trailers-turned-food vendors, and not just of the sno-cone variety. From cupcakes to chicken cones (you have to try one to understand), the block of food trailers draws quite a crowd every night of the week.

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Restaurants Insights

Spread out over roughly 300 square miles, Austin offers a limitless supply of dining options, ranging from festival-style handheld bites to indulgent, multi-course meals that last hours. Tex-Mex restaurants like Chuy's, Maudie's and Matt's El Rancho and barbecue joints such as Stubb's, Ironworks and Salt Lick might have put Austin on the map for their tried-and-true ways, but some of the city's most daring spots are the most popular. Uchi, a hip sushi restaurant along South Lamar, is the mastermind of nationally recognized chef Tyson Cole, serving innovative dishes to a capacity crowd. Flip Happy Crepes, an Airstream trailer-turned-creperie, has wooed patrons with their sweet and savory French delicacies, including celebrity chef Bobby Flay who challenged the owners

Austin Snapshot continued

on a Season 3 episode of his Food TV competition, "Throwdown with Bobby Flay." (Spoiler: Flip Happy Crepes won!) Another local favorite, Baby Greens, brings healthy to the drive-thru with fresh salads and house-made dressings. With options like these, it can be difficult to make a decision on an empty stomach.

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Nightlife Insights

Austin provides something for everyone when it comes to nighttime entertainment. The title of "Live Music Capital of the World" is well deserved, as live music bellows from not just bars and clubs, but restaurants, coffee shops, museums and more on a nightly basis. For some of the city's best up-and-coming acts, check out Antone's, the Mohawk or Hole in the Wall, while big-name touring groups stop by Stubb's, La Zona Rosa or Austin Music Hall. Couples (or courageous singles) can get their two-steppin' on with the help of house bands at Donn's Depot and Broken Spoke.

The bar scene in the capital city is varied--the collegiate crowd heads to the infamous East Sixth Street, where shot bars and dance clubs share the street with souvenir shops and tourist-driven restaurants. The Warehouse District and West Sixth Street areas attract more sophisticated clientele. Hotspots like the Belmont, Union Park and the Ranch couple breezy rooftop patios with swanky cocktails and skyline views. Casual spots like Opal Divine's, the Key Bar and Ginger Man serve pints and more to a laid-back crowd.

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Things to Do Insights

Part of Austin's appeal stems from the array of outdoor activities the area offers. From hiking and biking to window-shopping and bat-watching, there's something for every level of physical activity. Tourist hot spots are scattered throughout the city--Mount Bonnell offers a short 100-step trek to a sweeping view overlooking Lake Austin; Zilker Park provides hundreds of acres of wide open space for sports and the like right in the city center. Bicyclists take to the Hike and Bike Trail around Lady Bird Lake, while others opt for the Veloway, a paved closed course for bikes and rollerbladers only.

Cultural opportunities also abound in Austin, with a combination of museums, music and special events. The Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art--the latest addition to the University of Texas campus--spans centuries and genres of painting and sculpture, while the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum encompasses the pride of the Lone Star State with its larger-than-life exhibits and state-of-the-art technology that makes taking a step back in time fun for all ages. Smaller museums and galleries make way for the local artisans--Wally Workman Gallery exhibits oils, watercolors and other media from area artists, as does Women & Their Work, Yard Dog, Flatbed Press and a handful of other galleries.

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Travel Tips

Getting There

Air

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) +1 512 530 ABIA <http://www.abia.org/>

ABIA is located eight miles from Austin and is serviced by the following airlines:

American Airline (+1 800 433 7300/<http://www.aa.com>) America West (+1 800 235 9292/<http://www.americawest.com>) British Airways (+1 800 247 9297/<http://www.british-airways.com>) Continental (+1 800 525 0280/<http://www.continental.com>) Delta (+1 800 221 1212/<http://www.delta.com>) Frontier Airlines (+1 1 800 432 1359/<http://www.frontierairlines.com>) Southwest (+1 800 435 9792/<http://www.southwest.com>) Northwest (+1 800 225 2525/<http://www.nwa.com>) United (+1 800 241 6522/<http://www.ual.com>)

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Shuttles: SuperShuttle (+1 800 BLUE VAN(258 3826))+1 512 258 3826) Carey

Austin (+1 512 929 5009/<http://www.carey-austin.com>)

Train Amtrak services Austin daily from nationwide locations (+1 800 872 7245/<http://www.amtrak.com>).

Bus Greyhound (+1 800 231 2222; +1 512 458 4463/<http://www.greyhound.com>) accesses Austin daily.

Highway The I-35, I-10, and the US-290 will take you into Austin from any direction.

Getting Around

Train

Take the historic Austin Steam Train (+1 512 477 8468/<http://www.austinsteamtrain.org>) through Austin. Open year-round on weekends only.

Bus

The Capitol Metro Bus (+1 512 474 1200/<http://www.capmetro.org>) serves the airport as well as all areas of the city.

Taxi

Ace Taxi (+1 888 582 8646) American Yellow (+1 452 9999; +1 800 874 0278) Austin Cab (+1 478 2222; +1 800 TAXICAB) Roy's Taxi Inc. (+1 482 0175; +1 800 845 ROYS)

Traffic Information

To find out city traffic information go to: <http://www.traffic.com/>

If traveling overseas, take the safety precaution of registering your trip at <https://travelregistration.state.gov> and for helpful, practical advice about traveling technicalities and safety standards check out: <http://travel.state.gov/>

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Fun Facts

Austin

State: Texas

Country: United States **Austin by the Numbers:**

Population: 710,000

Elevation: 597 feet

Average Annual Rainfall: 32 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: .9 inches

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Average January Temperature: 50 degrees F

Average July Temperature: 85 degrees F

Quick Facts:

Major Industries: Oil, Electronics, Computers, Automobile Manufacturing, Aerospace Industries, Agriculture, Telecommunications, Higher Education

Ethnic Mix: Caucasian(65%), African American(10%), of some Latino descent(30%), Asian(4%)

Electricity: 110 volts, 60Hz, standard two pin plugs

Time Zone: GMT- 6

Country Dialing Code: 1

Area Code: 361& 512

Did You Know?

Austin is not only the state capital of Texas, it is also home to the University of Texas,

Austin. On further note, Austin is the site of the President Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Center.

Orientation:

Austin is located deep in the heart of Texas, about 160 miles west of Houston, 80 miles northeast of San Antonio, and 200 miles south of Dallas.

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