Discover Austin, Minnesota

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We truly are proud of our town and want you to find out what makes it special in so many ways. Take your time visiting and enjoying our attractions; relish the varied tasty offerings in our many restaurants; relax and appreciate the great music, theatre and art that abounds here – explore and experience these and all the other pieces that make up our community. Looked at from any perspective, Austin has an astonishing amount to offer. We think you will be surprised and more than satisfied as to what there is for you to see and do. Be sure to stop by the Discover Austin, Minnesota office at 301 N Main Street, Suite 101 for additional information and assistance.

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AUSTIN STATS

Established 1853, incorporated 1856
County Seat of Mower County
Area: 11.9 square miles
(11.79 square miles land, 0.11 square miles water)
Population: 24,563 (2015 est) or 24,718 (2010 census)
Average temperature: 44.1° F
Hottest month: July
Average high temperature: 53.8° F
Coldest month: January
Average low temperature: 34.4° F
Average annual precipitation: 34.52 inches
Average annual snowfall: 38.7 inches
Elevation: 1,184 ft (360 m)
Longitude: -92.9739, Latitude: 43.6542
CREATE A TRAVEL STORY To Remember...


AUSTIN, MINNESOTA
LOCATED JUST 90 MINUTES SOUTH OF MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL

VISIT AUSTINMN.COM OR CALL 507-437-4563 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
### HOTELS

- **AmericInn Lodge and Suites**
  1700 8th St NW, Austin, MN
  (Exit 178A)
  www.americinn.com
  507-437-7337
- **Cobblestone Hotel and Suites**
  1000 16th Ave NW, Austin, MN
  (Exit 178A)
  www.staycobblestone.com/mn/austin
  507-433-9797
- **Days Inn**
  700 16th Ave NW, Austin, MN
  (Exit 178A)
  www.daysinnaustin.com
  507-433-8600
- **Holiday Inn and Conference Center**
  1701 4th St NW, Austin, MN
  (Exit 178A)
  www.hiaustin.com
  507-433-1000
- **Rodeway Inn and Suites**
  805 21st St NE, Austin, MN
  (Exit 180B)
  www.rodeiwayinn.com
  507-433-9254
- **Sterling Motel**
  1507 Oakland Ave W, Austin, MN
  (Exit 177)
  507-433-1858
- **Super 8**
  1401 14th St NW, Austin, MN
  (Exit 177)
  www.super8.com
  507-433-1801

### CAMPING

- **Adventure Bound**
  Camping at Beaver Trails
  21943 630th Ave, Austin, MN
  507-607-0620
  www.abcamping.com/beavertrails
- **Austin KOA**
  84259 County Road 46
  Hayward, MN 56043
  507-373-5170
  www.Koa.com
- **Brookside Campground**
  52482 320th St, Blooming Prairie, MN
  507-583-2979
  www.campatbrookside.com
- **Lake Louise State Park**
  12385 766th Ave, Le Roy, MN
  507-352-5111
  www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/lake_louise
- **Oakwoods Trails Campground**
  23614 890th Ave, Austin, MN
  507-437-6165
  www.Oakwoodstrails.com

### GUEST HOUSE

- **The Elam House - Frank Lloyd Wright Home**
  309 21st St SW, Austin, MN
  507-438-9503
  www.theelamhouse.com
- **Jessie’s House**
  27084 Hwy 56, Brownsdale, MN
  507-396-4705
  www.jessiesguesthouse.com
- **Jim’s Farm House**
  27241 Hwy 56, Brownsdale, MN
  507-396-4705
- **Josie’s House**
  27084 Hwy 56, Brownsdale, MN
  507-396-4705
  www.josiesguesthouse.com
- **Rose Pedaler Log Cabin**
  16931 Hwy 56, Rose Creek, MN
  507-434-0500
  www.rosepedaler.com

### DOG BOARDING, BATHING & BAKERY

- **All Fur Dogs**
  503 27th Ave NW, Austin, MN
  507-355-3647
  www.facebook.com/AllFurDogsMN
- **Chrest Kennels and Dog Boarding**
  59060 327th St, Waltham, MN
  507-993-6426
  www.chrestkennels.com
- **Bubbles ‘N’ Bows**
  1015 4th Ave NE, Austin, MN
  507-433-0003
- **Hickory Lake Boarding Kennels**
  88089 258th St, Austin, MN
  507-396-0145
  www.hickorylakeboardingkennels.com
- **Pet Authority**
  803 18th Ave NW, Austin, MN
  507-396-2770
  www.thepetauthority.com
- **Pet Supplies Plus**
  1001 18th Ave NW, Suite 100, Austin, MN
  507-460-7700
  www.petsuppliesplus.com/Store/MN/Austin/Austin/4108
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUSTIN BRUINS HOCKEY GAMES  
www.austinbruins.com  
www.facebook.com/AustinBruinsNAHL

PAINT THE TOWN PINK  
www.hi.umn.edu/potp  
www.facebook.com/austinpttp

CEDAR RIVER 3D ARCHERY  
www.cedarriverarcheryclub.com  
www.facebook.com/CedarRiverArcheryClub

LIVE PERFORMANCES  
www.AustinMN.com/events  
Additional information on pages 7 and 8

FREEDOMFEST  
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE  
www.facebook.com/freedomfestaustin

MOWER COUNTY FAIR  
www.mowercountyfair.com  
www.facebook.com/mowercountyfreefair

RIVER RATS CAR SHOW  
www.facebook.com/RRatsCarclubaustinmn

AUSTIN ARTWORKS FESTIVAL  
www.austinareaarts.org  
www.facebook.com/artworksfestival

FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION  
www.mowercountyhistory.org  
facebook.com/mowercountyhistoricalsociety

ECO BLITZ  
www.hormelnaturecenter.org  
www.facebook.com/hormelnaturecenter

HORMEL HISTORIC HOME  
HOLIDAY PARTY  
www.hormelhistorichome.org  
www.facebook.com/HormelHistoricHome

WHAT’S HAPPENING

For the most current and complete information sign up for our “What’s happening in Austin” newsletter or go to www.AustinMN.com/events.
Restaurants in Austin, MN are known for their award winning BBQ sauces, French onion soup, raspberry French toast, super spuds, Bloody Mary’s, caramel bars, food challenges and MORE!

We invite you to come and sample for yourself.

### AMERICAN

- **Applebee’s**
  - [Website](https://www.applebees.com)
  - 1401 18th Ave NW
  - 507-433-4240

- **Barley’s Family Restaurant** *
  - 1207 N Main St
  - 507-396-8400

- **Johnny’s Skillet** *
  - 107 11th Ave NE
  - 507-433-8875

- **Kenny’s Oak Grill** *
  - [Website](https://www.kennysoakgrill.com)
  - 307 Oakland Ave W
  - 507-437-4135

### BAR & GRILL

- **American Legion Post 91**
  - [Website](https://www.austinpost91.com)
  - 809 12th St SW
  - 507-437-1151

- **B & J Bar and Grill** *
  - [Website](https://www.bandjbarandgrill.com)
  - 114 4th Ave NE
  - 507-433-9830

- **Sterling Café** *
  - 1426 1st Ave SW, Ste 3
  - 507-433-6000

- **The Old Mill** *
  - [Website](https://www.oldmill.net)
  - 54446 244th St
  - 507-437-2076

- **The Tendermaid**
  - 217 4th Ave NE
  - 507-437-7907

### THE TENDERMAID CHALLENGE

The Tendermaid Challenge started almost 20 years ago. The current record is held by Molly Schuyler who consumed 30 burgers, 80 ounces of water, a bag of chips and a malt in 26 minutes on 7/21/16. To beat the record you must eat at least one more burger than the previous record holder and eat or drink everything else they consumed in 30 minutes or less. Dare you to try the Tendermaid Challenge in Austin, Minnesota!
SPAM® COOKIES

- 1 cup butter (room temperature)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 can of SPAM®, cut in small cubes
- 1/2 cup butterscotch chips
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

**Directions:**
- Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees F.
- Cream together the butter and both sugars until light and fluffy.
- Add eggs one at a time and beat until they are incorporated into the butter and sugar mixture.
- Add the rest of the ingredients and mix until just blended - do not overmix!
- Chunk out cookie dough onto lightly greased baking sheets, bake for 5 minutes, rotate pan in the oven and finish off for another 5 minutes.
ARTS IN AUSTIN

**Austin ArtWorks Center**
300 N Main St
507-434-0934
www.austinareaarts.org
Located in one of the oldest buildings in Austin, the ArtWorks Center combines an art gallery, clay cavern/classroom/studio and retail area. The ArtWorks Center hosts a full range of classes, concerts, jam sessions, and more. The retail center features art from over 100 different artists. Home of the Austin Area Commission for the Arts.

**Austin Sculpture Tour**
301 N Main St, Suite 101
507-437-4563
www.austinmn.com
Discover the many sculptural treasures around Austin with the help of a handy brochure listing location and interesting information about each statue or monument. Brochure available at Discover Austin, MN and other locations around town.

**Austin Symphony Orchestra**
www.austinmnsymphony.org
Established in October 1957, the Austin Symphony Orchestra brings live symphonic music to the Austin area through community concerts, provides an avenue of artistic growth for regional performers, and encourages continual musical study for area musicians. Performances in Knowlton Auditorium, Austin High School and the Historic Paramount Theatre.

**Northwestern Singers**
www.northwesternsingers.org
A diverse group of men and women of all ages from many backgrounds whose common thread is a love of music and performance. Along with several concert performances a year, the Northwestern Singers also includes local school choirs in special fundraising events to support local school music programs. Performances at St. Olaf Lutheran Church and Historic Paramount Theatre.

**MacPhail Center for Music – Austin**
1900 8th Ave NW
507-396-6730
www.macphail.org/austin
The MacPhail Center for Music – Austin offers music classes and individual lessons on instruments and voice. MacPhail also partners with the local schools, the Community Learning Center, Woodson Kindergarten Center and Apple Lane Childcare to provide music enrichment programs throughout the school day for students of all ages.

**Austin Community Band**
www.facebook.com/austincommunityband
A community-based volunteer organization made up of around 50 local musicians who get together for practices and performances throughout the year, notably for the Freedom Fest Parade and free summer concert series at Bandshell Community Park.
Frank W. Bridges Theatre
1900 8th Ave NW
507-433-0595
www.riverland.edu/theatre
Enjoy this beautiful modern theatre on Austin’s Riverland Community College campus which provides prime views from every row and in multiple theatre configurations. The theatre was named after a local beloved instructor who had been the head of the theatre department and founder of Summerset Theatre.

Matchbox Children’s Theatre
201 1st St SE
507-437-9078
www.matchboxchildrenstheatre.org
The mission of Matchbox Children’s Theatre is to spark imaginations by presenting creative, professional, positive quality children’s theatre on a consistent basis. Productions appeal to a wide age range, so families can share Matchbox plays together as audience or performers. Performances held at the Historic Paramount Theatre.

Summerset Theatre
1900 8th Ave NW
507-433-0595
www.summersettheatre.org
A community theatre group founded in 1968 that performs 3 fully-mounted, professional-quality plays and musicals during the summers at the Frank W. Bridges Theatre on the Austin campus of Riverland Community College. Summerset Theatre operates in collaboration with the Riverland Community College Foundation.

Historic Paramount Theatre
125 4th Ave NE
507-434-0934
www.austinareaarts.org
Originally opened in September 1929 as a stage and first-run movie theatre and designed to represent the courtyard of a quaint Spanish village, complete with starry night sky overhead. Restored in 1990, the Paramount is a fully functioning theatre providing a venue for concerts, film, theatre and more. Part of the Austin Area Commission for the Arts.

Austin Walking Tour
301 N Main St, Suite 101
507-437-4563
www.austinmn.com
Take a self-guided tour of many of the historic or noteworthy attractions and points of interest in Austin. Brochures can be obtained at Discover Austin, MN and other locations around town.
CANOEING / KAYAKING

Canoes and kayaks are a great way to view and enjoy the scenic Cedar River State Water Trail and area wildlife. Launch in the Cedar River and enjoy miles of beautiful scenery.

Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
Canoe and Kayak Rental
1304 21st St NE
507-437-7519
www.hormelnaturecenter.org

Public launch sites:
Driesner Park........... 8th St SE
Ramsey Dam............ 3504 11th Pl NE
Marcusen Park......... 901 S Main St
Mill Pond................. 600 N Main St
East Side Lake......... 8th Ave and Oakland Pl NE
Riverwood Landing ...intersection of 180th St and 536th Ave, 5 miles south of Austin

WATERWAYS

Cedar River State Water Trail
1408 21st Ave NW (Cedar River Watershed District Office)
507-434-2603
www.cedarriverwd.org
www.dnr.state.mn.us/watertrails/cedarriver/index.html
Part of Minnesota’s state water trail program, the Cedar River Trail runs for about 25 miles from the village of Lansing to the Minnesota-Iowa border, providing opportunities for fishing, canoeing, and kayaking.

East Side Lake
8th Ave and Oakland Pl NE
507-433-1881
www.ci.austin.mn.us
Located along Oakland Place East, this lake, created by a historic dam, features a public boat launch, playground equipment, shelters, picnic area, gazebo and walking trail.

Mill Pond
700 N Main St
507-433-1881
www.ci.austin.mn.us
A 0.88-mile bike/walking trail circles this beautiful pond, with interpretive signs along the path explaining some of the history this part of Austin played in the growth of the city. Note the distinctive Flood Wall with commemorative plaques celebrating notable community members.
Austin City Parks
City of Austin Park and Recreation
507-433-1881
www.ci.austin.mn.us
Austin, Minnesota maintains 26 city parks comprised of almost 600 acres which provide venues for picnics, hiking, sports, reunions, and more.

Bustad ....................... 8th St SW and 14th Ave SW
Bandshell Community .... 4th St SW and 9th Pl SW
Cullen ....................... between 10-12th St SW and 11th Ave SW
Decker ........................ 19th St NE and 6th Ave NE
Early Morning Lions ......... Oakland Pl NE
East Side Lake ............... 8th Ave NE and Oakland Pl NE
Galloway ..................... 8th St SW and 2nd Ave SW
Honor Guard .................. 8th St NE and 8th Ave NE
Horace Austin ............... N Main St
Kaufman ...................... 8th St SE and 11th Ave SE
LaFayette ..................... 5 Main St and 8th Ave SE
LaFayette East ............... 5 Main St and 7th Pl SE
Murphy’s Creek .............. 7th St NW and 24th Ave NW
North Driesner .............. 8th St SE and Oakland Pl SE
Northwest .................... 12th St NW and 13th Ave NW
Orchard Creek ............... 26th St SW and 16th Ave SW
Rotary Centennial .......... Main St and 8th Ave SE
Sherman ...................... 14th St NW and 6th Ave NW
Shirley Theel Memorial .... 400 25th St SW
South Driesner .............. Oakland Pl SE
South Grove .................. 21st Ave SW and 4th Dr SW
Sutton ....................... 12th St SE and Oakland Pl SE
Todd ......................... 11th St NE and 21st Ave NE
Whittier ...................... 7th St SE and 3rd Ave SE
Wildwood .................... 10th St NE and 16th Ave NE
Worlein ...................... 606 1st Dr NW

Austin Dog Park
500 block of 2nd St SE
Fenced-in, off-leash dog park where canines can exercise and play in a clean, safe, dog-friendly environment. Separate areas for large and small dogs, water faucet, shelter area.

Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
1304 21st St NE
507-437-7519
www.hormelnaturecenter.org
This 529-acre center features hardwoods, pine forest, restored prairie, Dobbins Creek and ponds, a three-story observation tower, ten miles of hiking, cross-country ski and snowshoeing trails, and a one-third mile paved trail that is handicapped accessible. The new, expanded Interpretive Center houses interactive exhibits, classroom spaces, a separate children’s discovery area, two red-tailed hawks, a barn owl, and other critters. The staff offer many programs that include wildflower and bird hikes, cider pressing, maple syruping, monarch tagging, hawk and bird talks, bird banding, beekeeping and honey making, and more.

Lake Louise State Park
12385 766th Ave, Mower County Rd 14, LeRoy
507-324-5249
www.dnr.state.mn.us
1,168-acre park that contains two spring-fed streams forming the headwaters of the Upper Iowa River. Enjoy hiking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and interpretive trails. Features wildflowers, picnic shelters, recreation vehicle dumping station, horse campground, regular campground, sandy swimming beach, and carry-in boat or canoe access. The park is noted as being the oldest recreational site in Minnesota.

Spruce Up Austin Tree Trek
East Side Lake at the intersection of 5th Ave NE and Oakland Pl NE
www.spruceupaustin.org/tree-trek
This half-mile Tree Trek features 75 trees and spruce recommended for Minnesota, each one identified with a marker that provides additional information.
ARCHERY

Cedar River Archery Club  
54691 270th St  
507-438-7619  
www.cedarriverarchery.com  
For 3D public shoot dates go to www.facebook.com/CedarRiverArcheryClub.

BASEBALL

Austin All Stars Baseball  
www.austinallstarsbaseball.com

Austin Greyhounds  
901 S Main St (Marcusen Park)  
www.austingreyhoundsbaseball.com

Austin Youth Baseball  
507-433-1649

BASKETBALL

Austin Youth Basketball  
www.austinyouthbasketball.org

Outdoor Basketball Courts  
507-433-1881  
www.austin.ci.mn.us

Riverside Arena Parking  
501 2nd Ave NE  
105 6th Ave SE

Rotary Centennial Park  
South Main and 8th Ave SE

Sherman Park  
14th St and 6th Ave NW

South Grove Park  
1st Ave and 4th St SW

Orchard Creek (1/2 Court)  
16th Ave SW

Murphy Creek (1/2 Court)  
7th St and 24th Ave NW

CANOEING / KAYAKING

Canoes and kayaks are a great way to view and enjoy the scenic Cedar River State Water Trail and area wildlife. Launch in the Cedar River and enjoy miles of beautiful scenery. Cedar River A state Water Trail Guides are available at the Discover Austin, MN office.

Jay C. Hormel Nature Center – Canoe and Kayak Rental  
1304 21st St NE  
507-437-7519  
www.hormelnaturecenter.org

BIKING

Shooting Star Trail  
An asphalt trail laid mostly on top of abandoned railway. Bike-friendly for all ages and abilities. New expansion connects the trail to the Austin city bike trails, for a total of over 40 miles. Join us for the Shooting Star Trail Ride held in June.

Austin City Trails  
507-433-1881  
www.austin.ci.mn.us

Austin is becoming a well-known destination for biking enthusiasts. We offer over 13 miles of hard-surfaced trails that connect you to many locations in the city. Austin, Minnesota has been awarded Honorable Mention for being a Bike-Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists.

DISK GOLF

Driesner Park South  
Oakland Pt SE  
507-433-1881  
www.ci.austin.mn.us

18 chain-basket course.

Todd Park  
11th St NE  
507-433-1881  
www.ci.austin.mn.us

27 chain-basket course.

GOLF

Austin Country Club  
I-90 at 1202 28th St NE  
507-437-7631  
www.austincountryclub.net

Cedar River Country Club  
18 miles SE of Austin on Hwy 56, Adams  
507-582-3595  
www.cedarrivercountryclub.com

Meadow Greens  
25239 540th Ave  
507-433-4878  
www.meadowgreensgc.com

Rydjor Bike Museum  
219 N Main St  
507-433-7571  
www.rydjor.com

View the history of bicycles displayed on the 16-foot walls inside the shop. Each of the 84 bicycles has its own story, beginning with the 1868 “Boneshaker” and including one of the late Robin Williams’ bikes. View the evolution of bicycles up to the most current styles.

Schindler’s Way Mountain Bike Trail  
Bike Trail Maps are available at the Discover Austin, MN office.

MARCUSEN PARK

Picturesque and historic Marcusen Park has been creating community and family memories for 70 years. Not only notable for being the home field for Austin’s town ball teams, it has witnessed a legendary home run hit by the Twin’s Kent Hrbek and games played by fellow MLB players Paul Molitor, Dave Winfield, and Austin’s own Mike Wuertz. It is also the first Minnesota community field with LED lighting.
HOCKEY

Austin Bruins Hockey Team
501 2nd Ave NE, PO Box 451
507-434-4978
www.austinbruins.com
Austin's own Junior League Hockey team plays 28 home games at Riverside Arena.

Austin Youth Hockey
507-438-6777
Austin.pucksystems2.com

HUNTING

3 Arrows Hunting Preserve
78590 125th St, LeRoy
507-438-3313
www.hunththreearrows.com

Cedar Valley Conservation Club
25026 US Hwy 218, Austin
507-437-4537
www.cvcc-austinmn.com
Opportunities for shooters of all ages and levels of experience – trap, skeet and 5-stand sporting clays; rifle and pistol ranges for practice; youth shooting programs.

Mower County - 14 Wildlife Management Areas
507-359-6200
www.dnr.state.mn.us
Cartney .......... Deer, small game, pheasant, waterfowl
Cary Creek ...... Deer, small game, pheasant
Deer Creek ...... Deer, small game, pheasant
Lena Larson ..... Deer, small game, pheasant
LeRoy ............ Small game, pheasant
Lyle-Austin....... Deer, small game, pheasant
Mentel......... Deer, small game, pheasant, turkey
Ramsey Mill Pond ... Deer, small game, pheasant, waterfowl, turkey
Red Cedar River ... Deer, small game, forest birds, pheasant, waterfowl, turkey
Rose............... Deer, small game, pheasant, turkey
Rustic Retreat ... Pheasant
Schottler ......... Deer, small game, dove
Schrafel .......... Deer (restrictions – this area is closed to trapping and firearms hunting)
Schwerin Creek ... Deer, small game, pheasant

ICE SKATING

City of Austin Park and Recreation
507-433-1881
www.ci.austin.mn.us
Kaufman (outdoor) ............ Bring your own skates
Galloway (outdoor) ............ Bring your own skates
Riverside Arena (indoor) ... Open to the public on specific dates, skate rental available.
Year round ice.
Packer Arena (indoor) ....... Open to the public on specific dates, skate rental available.

PAINTBALL

Splat!
17722 US Hwy 218
507-279-1096
www.splatpaintballfield.net

RACING

56 Speedway
25707 St Hwy 56, Brownsdale
507-440-3824
www.56speedway.com

Chateau Speedway
54219 266th St, Lansing
507-440-8288
www.chateauraceway.net

Deer Creek Speedway
25262 US Hwy 63, Spring Valley
507-346-2342
www.deercreekspeedway.com

ROLLERSKATING

Rohler Rink
316 Market St SE, Brownsdale
507-567-2133
www.rohlerrink.com

Minnesota Southbound Rollers
www.minnesotasouthboundrollers.com
Minnesota Southbound Rollers is Austin's own women's flat-track roller derby league, and offers action-packed, family-friendly fun while providing charitable donations from the proceeds of ticket sales. Bout and event schedules posted on their website.

SKATE PARK

Austin Skate Park
2 840 Hormel Century Parkway
507-433-1881 / www.ci.austin.mn.us
In-line skaters and skate boards can enjoy a free outdoor Tier 1 park.

SKIING / SNOWSHOEING

Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
1303 21st NE
507-437-7519
www.hormelnaturecenter.org
Enjoy 10 miles of well-groomed trails through the Nature Center's woodland and prairies. Cross country skis and snowshoe rentals available – no MN ski pass required.

SNOWMOBILING

Mower County has approximately 200 miles of state 12-foot-wide snowmobile trails that are groomed regularly, and connect with more than 800 miles of trails in Southern Minnesota. To view a map of area trails, visit http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling/interactive_map/index.html.
AUSTIN WELCOMES YOUR EVENTS

Ideally located in southern Minnesota at the junction of Interstate 90 and State Highway 218, Austin is easily accessible from almost anywhere. We excel at conventions, conferences, district or regional meetings, training seminars, family reunions, class reunions, military reunions, weddings or any other occasion you might have in mind. Austin has numerous modern facilities that can be set up in a variety of ways.

Austin has an abundance of awesome attributes that make it a unique place to host your future gatherings.

American Legion
809 12th St SW
507-437-1151
Seating Capacity: 150

Austin Country Club
1202 28th St NE
507-437-7631
Seating Capacity: 475
www.austincountryclub.net

Austin Public Schools
Knobloch and Christgau Auditoriums, gymnasiums
301 3rd Street NW
507-460-1800
Seating Capacity: 1400 - 2000
www.austin.k12.mn.us

Bella Victoria
1801 14th St NW
507-396-8850
Seating Capacity: 300

Eagles Aerie 703
107 11th St NE
507-433-8675
Seating Capacity: 180
www.foe.com

Historic Paramount Theatre
125 4th Ave NE
507-434-0934
Seating Capacity: 620
www.parlomounttheatre.org

Holiday Inn & Austin Convention Center
1701 4th St NW
507-433-1000
Seating Capacity: 500
www.hiaustin.com

Hormel Historic Home
208 4th Ave NW
507-433-4243
Seating Capacity: 200
www.hormelhistorichome.org

Jay C. Hormel Nature Center
1304 21st St NE
507-437-7519
Seating Capacity: 150
www.hormelnaturecenter.org

Izaak Walton Cabin, Todd Park
11th St NE
507-433-1881
Seating Capacity: 109
www.ci.austin.mn.us

Mower County Fairgrounds
700 21st St SW
507-433-1868
Seating Capacity: varies
www.mowercountyfair.com

Mower County Senior Center
400 3rd Ave NE
507-433-2370
Seating Capacity: 290
www.mcs-inc.org

Mower County Historical Society Pioneer Bldg.
1303 6th Ave SW
507-437-6082
Seating Capacity: 100
www.mowercountyhistory.org

Mower County Historical Society
511 4th Ave NW
507-433-8859
Seating Capacity: 209

Pacelli Catholic Schools Auditoriums
511 4th Ave NW
507-433-8859
Seating Capacity: 209

Riverland Community College
1900 8th Ave NW
507-433-0528
Seating capacity up to 150,
330 in Frank W. Bridges Theatre
www.riverland.edu

Salvation Army - Austin
409 1st Ave NE
507-437-4566
Seating Capacity: 140
www.salvationarmynorth.org/community/austin/

The Hormel Institute Live Learning Center
801 16th Ave NE
507-433-8804
Seating Capacity: 250
www.hi.umn.edu

Veteran’s Pavilion, Band Shell Community Park
104 9th Pl SW
507-433-1881
Seating Capacity: 250
www.ci.austin.mn.us

VFW Post 1216
300 4th Ave NW
507-433-6039
Seating Capacity: 225

American Legion
809 12th St SW
507-437-1151
Seating Capacity: 150

Pacelli Catholic Schools
511 4th Ave NW
507-433-8859
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How Discover Austin, MN Helps

The Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau staff is proud to promote tourism for the Austin Area to enhance the economy of the community.

We think of ourselves as colleagues to the meeting planners (just located in a satellite CVB office). Our knowledge of the local area and partnership with local vendors can easily create success for everybody, working together for the same goal. Plus we prepare the proposals for FREE!

If you have a tournament, reunion, convention, meeting or gathering of any type coming to Austin and would like to distribute welcome bags to the participants, the Austin CVB can provide them for FREE.

Contact us at visitor@austinmn.com or call 507-437-4563
Austin is honored to welcome many sporting enthusiasts throughout the year. We offer some incredible facilities for various activities.

**Austin City Bike Trails/Shooting Star Trails**  
Austin, Minnesota  
507-433-1881  
- Biking  
www.ci.austin.mn.us

**Austin Country Club**  
1202 28th St NE  
507-437-7631  
- Golf - 18 holes/Driving Range  
www.austincountryclub.net

**Austin Public Schools**  
301 3rd St NW  
507-460-1800  
- Basketball - 5 courts  
- Volleyball - 5 courts  
- Wrestling  
- Swimming  
- Diving  
www.austink12.mn.us

**Austin Municipal Pool**  
Austin, Minnesota  
507-433-1881  
- Swimming  
- Splash Pad  
- Diving  
- Climbing Wall  
www.ci.austin.mn.us

**Cedar River Watershed District**  
1408 21st Ave. NW  
507-433-2603  
- Canoeing  
- Kayaking  
- Fishing  
www.cedarriverwd.org

**Driesner Park**  
Oakland Pk SE  
507-433-1881  
- Disc Golf - 9 holes  
www.ci.austin.mn.us

**Echo Lanes**  
1600 10th Dr SE  
507-437-8241  
- Bowling  
www.echolanesaustin.com

**Jay C. Hormel Nature Center**  
1304 21st St NE  
507-437-7519  
- Cross Country Running  
- Cross Country Skiing  
- Snowshoeing  
- Canoeing / Kayaking  
- Hiking  
www.hormelnaturecenter.org

**Marcusen Park**  
901 South Main Street  
507-440-2059  
- Baseball  
www.marcusenpark.com

**Meadow Greens Golf Course**  
25238 540th Ave  
507-433-4878  
- Golf - 27 holes  
- Driving Range  
www.meadowgreensgc.com

**Packer Arena**  
601 7th Street NE  
507-433-1881  
- Figure Skating  
- Ice Hockey  
- Roller Derby  
- Archery  
www.ci.austin.mn.us

**Riverland Community College**  
Austin, Minnesota  
507-433-1881  
- Baseball - 4 diamonds  
- Softball - 1 diamond  
- Basketball - 1 court  
- Batting Cage - 1  
- Soccer - 1 field  
- Volleyball - 2 courts  
www.ci.austin.mn.us

**Riverside Arena**  
501 2nd Ave NE  
507-433-1881  
- Figure Skating  
- Ice Hockey  
www.riverland.edu/athletics

**Splat! Paintball Field, LLC**  
17722 US Hwy 218 South  
507-279-1096  
- Paintball  
www.splatpaintballfield.net

**Todd Park**  
110th St and 21st Ave NE  
507-433-1881  
- Disc Golf - 21 holes  
- Soccer  
- Baseball  
- Softball  
- Sand Volleyball  
www.ci.austin.mn.us

**Wescott Field**  
301 3rd St NW  
507-460-1800  
- Tennis  
- Football  
- Track/Field  
- Soccer  
- Seasonal Dome  
www.austink12.mn.us

**YMCA at Austin Community Recreation Center**  
501 4th Ave NE  
507-433-1804  
- Swimming  
- Gymnastics / Tumbling  
- Tennis  
- Indoor Track  
- Basketball  
- Volleyball  
www.ymcaatacrc.org

Austin, MN has many different spaces and facilities for you to host your sporting events for all seasons! During the spring/summer time we have many parks and recreational spots. Enjoy baseball/softball/disc golf at Todd Park, swim meets at Austin Municipal Pool, or bike races held on Schindler’s Way Mountain Bike Trail and golf at the country club or Meadow Greens. During the fall/winter, you could plan a hockey tournament at our Riverside or Packer arenas, an indoor soccer/football/kickball tournament at the seasonal dome located at Wescott Field and have fun bowling at Echo Lanes. Any season, any sport, we’ve got it!
Austin, Minnesota is a special community with an astonishing abundance of unique attractions, events, and activities that will keep you busy for your entire visit. Allow us to help customize these incredible experiences for your next trip.

ONE-OF-A-KIND ITINERARY

★ 10:30 AM – SPAM® Museum Tour: Please don’t eat the exhibits. Yes, it’s real. The SPAM® Museum is stuffed with interactive exhibits that bring the iconic history of the SPAM® Brand to life like you’ve never seen it before! Go behind the scenes and behind the can for an experience adults and kids will savor. See what’s trending in our pork-filled world; email yourself delicious recipes; and share your SPAM® brand story for a chance to become part of our exhibits. Explore the SPAM® brand across the globe. Travel to Japan, U.K., Philippines, South Korea, Latin America, China and Hawaii. Find out what 6 simple ingredients make SPAM® classic, and then work the assembly line. Learn the history of Hormel Foods Corporation from its inception and stand behind the actual desk of company founder George A. Hormel. Following the tour we will have time to explore the gift shop.

★ 11:30 AM – Sweet Reads: Is not your average book & candy store – it is truly a unique experience. You will find new and used books, local and regional authors, old-fashion candies, frozen treats and a selection of Minnesota and Austin novelty items.

★ 12:00 PM – Lunch at Gravity Storm catered by Piggy Blues: Gravity Storm Brewery brews their own beer right here in Austin, MN. The bar area is set up to look like a tiki bar from a tropical paradise, and most of the beers are inspired by Jimmy Buffet songs such as their Pencil Thin Mustache IPA or License to Kill Maibach. Piggy Blues BBQ can cater for groups as small as 5 and up to 2500. Their motto is “Where you can eat pig or eat like a pig!” Their signature dish is the Pulled Pork Lip Smackin’ Sandwich.

★ 1:00 PM – Depart Austin

DAY 2

★ 9:00 AM – Hormel Institute: Cancer has affected so many people and now you can tour The Hormel Institute, a world leader in cancer research focusing on the study of food agents and cell functions. Experience a 3D simulation of molecules, view into the research labs and see a microscope so large it has its own special space.

★ 10:00 AM – Jay C Hormel Nature Center: Visit the new 7 million dollar interpretive center which includes exhibits such as Creatures of the Night, Renewable Energy, Climate Change, Forest Ecology, Live Birds of Prey, Soil is Habitat / Prairie Exhibit, Pond Ecology & Macroinvertebrates. A geological timeline wraps all the way around the main exhibit space, with images and information about the billions of years of Earth’s history.

★ 11:00 AM – City Tour: Be introduced to local points of interest and lesser known or quirky sites around the city that may merit further attention! Your step-on guide for the City Tour will stay with you for the rest of your scheduled day; PLUS, you get a SPAM® cookbook!

★ 11:00 AM – Hormel Historic Home & Lunch: Discover the stately 14-room home of the George A. Hormel family (founder of Hormel Foods Corp). Built in 1871, the home features stained glass windows, decorative woodwork, front pillars imported from Italy, Tiffany light fixtures and a Greek marble fireplace. Following the tour, a group lunch will be provided in the banquet center.

★ 1:00 PM – Depart Austin

We look forward to helping you make many memories in Austin, MN by creating a FREE custom itinerary for your group. For more information or to schedule a tour contact Discover Austin at 507-437-4563 or tourism@austinmn.com.
AGRICULTURE

Ethanol Plants
Mower County
507-437-4563
Ethanol production, creating a cost-effective and renewable alternate fuel, is becoming a significant industry in southern Minnesota. Processing corn products instead of exporting raw corn doubles the value of each bushel. There are 3 Ethanol Plants within 45 minutes of the Austin Community. Group tours of 10 or more can be pre-arranged.

Wind Farms
Mower County
507-437-4563
The Austin area is well known for being a major player in the Wind Industry. There are multiple wind farms in the county and over 350 wind turbines total. Visit a farm and learn why wind power is currently the fastest growing source of electricity production in the world.

HISTORY

Grand Army of the Republic
Hall Post 130
207 S Main St, Grand Meadow
507-437-6082
www.mowercountyhistory.org
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the GAR Hall is one of only two remaining in Minnesota. Booth Post 130 was organized January 23, 1885 with 16 charter members, and the building was constructed in 1891. The hall houses Civil War memorabilia from the post and the surrounding area. Tours by appointment.

Mower County Historical Society
1303 6th Ave SW
507-437-6082
www.mowercountyhistory.org
The Mower County Historical Society preserves the history of Mower County using 17 buildings and 11 outdoor themed exhibits. Take a tour of an original building from the early days of George A. Hormel and Co., explore steam engine locomotive 1004, or search for your ancestors in the Research Library. The Administration Building and Research Library are open year-round. The Historical Society is perfect for family outings, student groups, and those who just want to see what it was like “in the old days.”
• Open to the Public.
• Site tours available.

Hormel Historic Home
208 4th Ave NW
507-433-4243
www.hormelhistorichome.org
The stately Hormel Historic Home, built in 1871, was the residence of the George A. Hormel family from 1901 to 1927. The house was extensively remodeled and modernized by the Hormels in 1902, including the installation of stained glass windows, leaded glass beautifully accenting the decorative woodwork, and the front pillars, imported from Italy. Now restored to early 1900s décor (including Tiffany light fixtures and Greek marble fireplace), the 14-room home is open for guided and self-guided tours. For those looking for a special venue for a meeting, reunion, reception or other event, the Hormel Historic Home manages a banquet facility with a full range of amenities. Open to the Public, Tours available.

LIBRARY

Austin Public Library
323 4th Ave NE
507-433-2391
www.austinpubliclibrary.org
The only public library with a copy of the Heritage Edition of the St. John’s Bible. Full calendar of events online. Check out books, music, DVD’s, iPods, even a telescope!

LOCAL FLAVOR

Farmer John’s
90537 273rd St
507-437-9180
www.farmerjohnspumpkinpatch.com
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Fett’s Hutt
223 N Main St
507-509-0525
www.fetts-hutt.org
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Knauer’s Meat Market
121 1st Ave NW
507-433-2575
www.knauersmeatmarket.com
The building was built in 1886 and purchased by the Knauer family. Known for their beef jerky and great steaks, this unique market continues to serve many loyal customers.

Lemon Drops
129 Main St N
507-396-2710
A sweet spot for a sweet tooth.

SPAM® Museum
101 3rd Ave NE
800-588-7726
www.spam.com
The SPAM® Museum tells the amazing story of the Hormel Foods Corporation, the only Minnesota Fortune 500 company outside of the metro area, featuring the famous, versatile, and historic SPAM®. Enjoy audio, video, traditional and interactive displays that are educational and fun for all ages. The on-site SPAM® Gift Shop offers all varieties of SPAM® and over 400 SPAM®-themed items. FREE admission!

SuperFresh Produce, Bakery and Garden Center
2101 4th St NW
507-437-6554
SuperFresh is a family-owned business incorporating a garden center, bakery, and gift items galore.

Superior Cannabis Company
125 North Main St Austin, MN
507-438-1000
www.superiorcannabiscompany.com
Focused on CBD Premium CBD products. Growers of legal high CBD organic Cannabis L Flower and Oils. Plans include medical and recreational Cannabis as legalization allows.

Sweet Reads Book and Candy Store
407 N Main St
507-396-8660
www.sweetreadsbooks.com
Sweet Reads is not your average book and candy store – it’s a unique experience! You’ll find new and used books, local and regional authors, magazines, old-fashioned candies, frozen treats, a selection of Minnesota and Austin novelty items, jams and jellies from the local hermitage.

The Nativity House
606 Oakland Pl NE
507-437-4563
A local family displays over 900 complete nativity scenes from 42 different countries in and around their home during the holiday season. Seasonal tours by prearrangement.
The Hormel Institute
801 16th Ave NE
507-433-8804
www.hi.umn.edu
The Hormel Institute is a world leader in cancer research on the prevention and cure of cancer through the study of food agents and cell functions. The recent expansion doubles the lab space and includes a state-of-the-art Live Learning Center.

SERVICE CLUBS

American Legion Post 91 ………….507-437-1151
Austin Audubon Society ………….507-481-6145
Austin Shrine Club ……………….507-437-7292
Eagles Aerie 703 …………………….507-433-8675
Izaak Walton League ……………….507-433-2735
Kiwanis Noon Club ………………..507-219-1452
Kiwanis Early Risers Club …………507-438-7027
Lion’s Morning Club ………………507-437-8299
Lion’s Noon Club ………………….507-434-2225
Masonic Lodge ……………………..507-435-2533
Order of the Eastern Star ………….507-440-1909
Rotary Club ………………………507-437-9459
Toastmasters ………………………507-481-4469
VFW Post 1216 …………………….507-433-6039
Zonta International …………………507-437-8773

SHOPPING

Exit 177 North – you will find shopping opportunities galore, strip malls, a wide variety of local and chain restaurants, a multi-screen cinema, specialty shops, grocery stores, auto parts, salons and more!

Exit 177 South – explore one of the original strip malls in Minnesota, about 3 miles south of the exit – a truly unique experience with a distinctive blend of “just what you’re looking for” gifts, eateries, shops, hardware store, pharmacy, and essential items.

Exit 178A – takes you to the historic, picturesque downtown, a charming area of quaint shops and boutiques offering one-of-a-kind specialty products. Indulge in local flavors at a variety of restaurants. Refresh and rejuvenate at one of the revitalizing spas or salons. Take a relaxing stroll around the Mill Pond and enjoy some coffee or ice cream from one of the local shops.

Exit 179 – convenient shopping for groceries, household items, and more.

SPAS / SALT SAUNA

Daisy Blue Naturals Wellness
311 N Main St
507-396-8137
facebook.com/daisybluenaturalsAUSTIN

Golden Tress Salon and Day Spa
104 11th Ave NW
507-433-2291
www.goldentress.com

TRANSPORTATION

AB Taxi
1015 4th Ave NE
507-434-9689

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Top 10 Instagrammable Locations in Austin, MN
@DiscoverAustinMN

1. SPAM® Museum – Farmer and Pigs Statue
   Main Street and 3rd Avenue NE, Downtown Austin
   After a quick photo in front of the Greetings from Austin sign, go inside the museum to see exhibits and displays relating to the history of Hormel Foods, thousands of cans of SPAM® from all around the world, and more than 275 different SPAM® items in the gift shop.
   @SPAMMuseum

2. Rydor Bike Shop – Robin Williams Bike
   219 North Main Street, Downtown Austin
   Stop in and view the collection of vintage bicycles; starting from the 1864 “Bone Shaker” to the 2003 Waterford Bike owned by the late comedian Robin Williams.
   @RydorBike

3. Ray of Hope – The Hormel Institute
   801 16th Ave NE, Austin
   A 30’ high aluminum sculpture of a protein from the milk thistle plant. The Hormel Institute has revealed that silybin, a major bioactive component of this plant is a natural anticancer agent and effectively weakens melanoma growth.
   @TheHormelInstitute

4. Mill Pond – City of Austin Logo and Pillars of the Community
   North Main Street, Downtown Austin
   Take a photo in front of the Austin City logo on the flood wall and then learn about the men and women who have made Austin the community that it has become.
   @theCityofAustinMN

5. Paramount Theatre
   125 4th Avenue NE, Downtown Austin
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   @ParamountAustinMN

6. Hormel Historic Home
   208 4th Avenue NW, Austin
   The Hormel Historic Home is a can’t miss destination for visitors. A tour will open a window into the life of the George A. Hormel family. This 1871 home is where Hormel lived with his wife and son when he founded Hormel Foods, Inc.
   @HormelHistoricHome

7. Trailhead Bike Arch
   Oakland Avenue East, east of 4th Street SE
   With over 15 miles of Austin City trails and a connection to 30 miles on the Shooting Star State Trail, this arch features two adult and two kids’ bikes on top at the Oakland Avenue Trailhead. It was installed in 2018.
   @BikeAustinMN

8. Mower County Fairgrounds – Buffy the Cow
   700 12th Street SW, Austin
   Buffy was a long time fixture on Austin’s east side before being moo-vved to the Mower County Fairgrounds in 2011. Buffy, a Guernsey Cow, 20 ft. long, 15 ft. tall and made of fiberglass, now serves as a roadside ambassador for the Mower County Fairgrounds.
   @MowerCountyFreeFair

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   1303 6th Avenue SW on the Mower County Fairgrounds
   This 32 ton, M-4 Sherman Tank built during World War II is on display at the Historical Society grounds.
   @MowerCoHistory

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    1304 21st St NE, Austin • I-90 Exit 180B
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