

West Austin Expert Guide

We get it! Austin can be overwhelming when trying to pick the best! We've done all the leg work for you, so sit back and enjoy these top spots.

*= Multiple locations

FT= Food Truck

HH= Great happy hour

Bars:

[Mean Eyed Cat](#) - Fun Johnny Cash bar with a great patio under a 300+ live oak tree. Happy hour M-F 4pm-8pm w/ Sunday \$5 Mimosa and Bloody Mary specials. Parking can be tough sometimes. Small lot with a parking garage near.

[Deep Eddy Cabaret](#) - The quintessential Austin dive bar since 1951. No frills but good deals! Parking is VERY minimal.

[Violet Sky Rooftop Lounge](#)- Newer bar off Southwest Parkway located inside the AC Hotel. Plenty of free parking. Check out their M-Th. Happy hour 3-6pm.

Coffee:

[Mozart's Coffee Roasters](#) - Known for their beautiful views on Lake Austin and holiday light show, this is also a great spot to grab a coffee and sweet treat. Plenty of free parking at Oyster Landing.

Brewery:

[The Oasis Brewing Company](#)- While this could arguably be considered NORTH Austin, it's also part of what makes west Austin so beautiful. Amazing views of Lake Travis, tasty beers and delicious bites. Local pro tip: Grab their burger, poutine fries and a beer and kick your feet up. Check their hours before heading out!

Restaurants:

\$ [Ski Shores Cafe](#)*- Cheap drinks, bar food, boats and sunshine. The drive to Ski Shores alone is worth it!

\$\$ [Jack Allen's](#) *(HH)- Multiple locations in the Austin area with Americana cuisine & a happy hour that packs a punch! Make a reservation or check out the open seating in the bar. Fair amount of free parking available in the lot.

\$\$\$ [Sway](#)- Delicious Thai food and cocktails with great rooftop views of downtown Austin. Reservations needed. Parking available onsite.

Activity:

[Emma Long Metropolitan Park](#) - Fantastic park with access to the Colorado River. Get a day pass, your picnic basket, friends and floaties and soak up the sun. Make sure you reserve in advance online.

Attraction:

[Mt. Bonell](#) - One of the highest peaks in Austin with breathtaking views. Free street parking. Local pro tip: Don't take the stairs up. Instead, go to the far right side of the entrance and locate the wide open trail.

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