



Historic Cemetery Chapel

86) Visit the Cemetery Chapel
San Marcos Cemetery

1101 Ranch Road 12
 The Chapel at the San Marcos Cemetery has gained increasingly in beauty and historical interest in recent years. The carpenter Gothic chapel was erected in 1886 about 10 years after the cemetery was moved from downtown San Marcos to the hill on Ranch Road 12.

The chapel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

87) Tour more Historic Sites

A look at the history of San Marcos through restored buildings, selected private residences, walking and driving tours of the renowned historic districts, (two in the National Register of Historic Places,) are arranged throughout the summer by the Heritage Tourism Coordinator of the Heritage Association of San Marcos.

A Historic Tour of Old San Marcos is available at all times. Special tours may be set up and tailored according to the wishes of visitors.

Available for visiting are the Charles L. McGehee restored farmhouse on the Camino Real; the Blanco Chapel on a private ranch Burleson as tour guides. As well as visiting the heart of downtown in the Courthouse National Register District and landmark residential districts, the Trolley takes in the historic Merriman Cabin.

These tours depart at 2 p.m. from Tanger Center, the first Saturday of each month and include local sightseers as well as shoppers from the center. For information call Jane Moss at 396-3478 or Curtis Parkerson at 392-7264.

88) Tour Texas State
Texas State University-San Marcos

245-2364
 txstate.edu

Enjoy the beautiful scenery at Texas State University-San Marcos — whether you or your children are thinking about

attending the university, or if you'd just like to know more about the campus. The tour is free.

89) Martindale: The Movies

Drive out Hwy. 80 South to Martindale, a little old town downstream from San Marcos on the river. As a backdrop for many motion pictures including "A Perfect World," starring Kevin Costner and Clint Eastwood, and the TV miniseries, "Texas Justice" with Dennis Franz and Heather Locklear, downtown Martindale still reflects the movie scenes filmed there.

Music videos and commercials have also been filmed in the old downtown area, particularly the old General Store on Main Street. Martindale residents also enjoy spending time on and in the San Marcos River.

The river is easily navigable, allowing a canoer to paddle down to Martindale from San Marcos — a pleasant day trip.



St. John's Catholic Church

90) Attend Church

A wide range of diverse churches serve San Marcos residents and visitors alike. Nearly one hundred churches ranging from the largest church in town, St. John's Catholic, and the most historic, First United Methodist, to newer church groups including the Unitarian

Universalists and Solid Rock Church.

The *Daily Record* print and online editions (sanmarcos-record.com) have complete church listings.

Summer is a great time for visiting churches in the San Marcos area. For a complete listing, see the Church Page in each Friday's *San Marcos Daily Record* or check the "Church Directory" link at sanmarcosrecord.com

91) Watch the Birds

San Marcos is an Official Bird Sanctuary, located in the convergence of major flyways for migratory birds. They stop in the area to feed and rest along the San Marcos River and area ponds. In addition, San Marcos is on the geographical dividing line for eastern and western birds, often bringing the two together for a spectacular viewing opportunity.

There are 10 excellent birding sites fully described in the Birdwatcher's Guide for San Marcos, complete with map, compiled from the favorite sites of local birders, available at the Aquarena Center Gift shop, the Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce.

Of course, installing backyard bird feeders is an option that doesn't require leaving home. A surprising number of species, both familiar and exotic, can be tempted by commercial birdseed; as are hummingbirds by sugared water.

92) Watch the Bats

Each year, millions of Mexican Freetail bats spend their summer in Central Texas. San Marcos' largest bat colony had for years been housed in the parking garage of the Alkek Library on the Texas State

University campus. However, the university has taken steps in recent years to preclude the bats returning to those roosts and the colony has been encouraged to adopt a nearby cave.

Some bats still roost in the towers at the Prime Outlet Center, and Austin's magnificent Congress Avenue Bridge colony is only a 30-minute drive away. The furry mammals leave roosts right after sundown in their nightly quest for insects and return before morning, having feasted on pests including mosquitos.



Hays County Civic Center

93) Watch Some Real Cowboys

Hays County Civic Center
 Clovis Barker Road
 353-0498
 co.hays.tx.us

You've seen the urban side of Hays County, now see the rural side carrying on the proud traditions of the Republic of Texas' past.

Phone ahead to find out the current activity.

94) See a Working Ranch
Freeman Ranch
 txstate.edu

Freeman Ranch is owned by Texas State University-San Marcos. Count the deer and other Hill Country and exotic game. Take Ranch Road 12 toward Wimberley about eight miles and turn into the ranch at the sign. Drive slowly through the ranch in the early evening and you will see beautiful deer and game. Watch closely for squirrels, rabbits, raccoons and armadillos as they venture out into the evening.

95) See Game Fish Up Close & Personal
A. E. Wood Fish Hatchery

507 Staples Rd
 353-0572

Does the sight of bass make your heart race? What about hundreds, even thousands of them? Take a tour of the A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery.

96) Weekend in a B&B
Joyce Abel's Texas House

3207 Hunter Road
 353-1080
 txhbb.com

Cottage Guest House
 109 Eastwood Lane
 392-8875

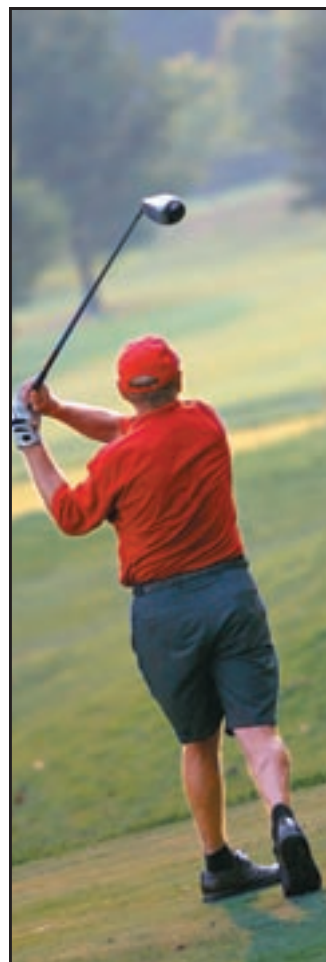


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