



*Positively*  
**Drippin'**  
*in* **Fun**

*A Guide to "Living it up" in*  
**Dripping Springs, Texas**

 **Capital Title**<sup>SM</sup>  
A Shaddock Company



# Must See

## The Poundhouse Museum

Take a step back in time and into the rich history of Dripping Springs at the Dr. Pound Historical Farmstead Museum. Nestled on five beautifully shaded, oak-filled acres, the 1854 farmstead offers a fascinating and informative glimpse into our community's historic past. The Pound House is included on the National Register of Historic Places and has been a Texas State Historical Landmark since 1965.

570 Founders Park Rd, Dripping Springs

<https://drpoundfarmstead.org>

## Texas Hill Country Olive Company

Opened in 2009 with the intent to produce fresh olive oil and other olive-based products, while protecting the beauty of their land. Texas Hill Country Olive Company is the only certified organic olive orchard in the state of Texas and were the first in the state to win awards for their olive oils. The orchard is open to visitors for tours, product sampling, and purchasing. Call ahead for hours of operation.

2530 W Fitzhugh Rd, Dripping Springs

<https://texashillcountryoliveco.com>

## Hamilton Pool Preserve

A historic swimming hole and hiking area, which was designated a preserve by the Travis County Commissioner's Court in 1990. Located 3/4 mile upstream from its confluence with the Pedernales River, Hamilton Creek spills out over limestone outcroppings to create a 50 foot waterfall as it plunges into the head of a steep box canyon. The pool's water level stays pretty constant, even during periods of drought. The preserve is also home to a variety of native birds, fish, animals and plants. Reservations are required and fees apply to enter Hamilton Pool Preserve during peak summer months, May-September.

24300 Hamilton Pool Rd, Dripping Springs

<https://parks.traviscountytexas.gov/parks/hamilton-pool-preserve>

## The Stars at Night

Dripping Springs was named as the First International Dark Sky Community In Texas in 2014. The stars at night remain big and bright deep in the heart of Texas – thanks to the hard work and dedication of Texas Hill Country residents. When people enter the Dripping Springs area at night, many of them notice something is different – the skies over the city are not spoiled by light pollution.

[www.darksky.org/dripping-springs-named-the-first-international-dark-sky-community-in-texas/](http://www.darksky.org/dripping-springs-named-the-first-international-dark-sky-community-in-texas/)

## The Bluebonnets of the Hill Country

Perhaps the showiest and certainly the most identifiable of Texas wildflowers, they are the real legacy of the Lady of Lady Bird Lake, who made planting their seeds on Texas highways her special, successful project. The Texas Highway Department also plants thousands of the seeds each year, which it has been doing since the 1930s. Bluebonnet season usually peaks in early April and can be seen in masses in the yards, roadsides and large properties in Dripping Springs. Be careful about trespassing on private property, wild animals creeping in the grass and never pick the flowers. While there are no laws against picking the bluebonnets, it's a cultural rule in Texas to not remove the wildflowers from their rooted spot.

# Welcome to Dripping Springs!

Also known as the "Gateway to the Hill Country", this city lies in the beautiful Texas Hill Country about 25 miles west of Austin, the state capital. This beautiful Hill Country town offers abundant wildlife, jaw dropping views of rolling hills, exceptional schools and close proximity to energetic cities like Austin and San Antonio.

## Fun Facts

### Dripping Springs in Texas History

The first settlers in the area were three families: The Pounds, Mosses and Wallaces. On June 5, 1857, John Moss was appointed the first postmaster. To have a post office, the community needed a name. Nannie Moss officially named it "Dripping Springs" after the Milk House Branch of the Edwards Aquifer, a gathering place for the Tonkawa Indians. Dripping Springs became a stagecoach stop and part of a freight line that ran between Austin and Fredericksburg.

**City Nickname:** "Gateway to the Hill Country"

**Population:** Roughly 3,140 (2016 Estimate by the US Census Bureau)

### Dripping Springs is the official Wedding Capital of Texas

This small town offers more than 30 wedding venues within a 15-mile radius. Regardless of the size, religious affiliation or style, engaged couples can find everything they need.

### The Barber Shop Isn't a Barber Shop

If you're looking for a haircut, it isn't that kind of barbershop. The Barber Shop is a brewpub popular among young locals, old locals and pretty much everyone in between. The pub takes its name from the Dripping Springs Barber Shop, which occupied the same building decades ago. The Barber Shop pays homage to those early days through its décor. <http://barbershopbar.com>

### Hosts of the only certified organic olive orchard in the state of Texas and were the first in the state to win awards for their olive oils:

Texas Hill Country Olive Company | <https://texashillcountryoliveco.com>



# Must Try

## Sipping in Dripping

Take part in an experience that only Texas can offer. Each vendor has its own personality and style, yet all share a commitment to quality, hospitality and a fervent passion for what they do. The sites listed below are open to visitors for tours, product sampling, and purchasing, and special events. Call ahead for hours of operation.

### Breweries

**Acopon Brewery** [www.acoponbrewing.com](http://www.acoponbrewing.com)  
**Family Business Beer Company** <https://familybusinessbeerco.com>  
**Ghost Note Brewing** [www.ghostnotebrewing.com](http://www.ghostnotebrewing.com)  
**Jester King Brewery** (Nearby) <https://jesterkingbrewery.com>  
**Last Stand Brewing** [www.laststandbrewing.com](http://www.laststandbrewing.com)  
**Suds Monkey Brewing** <https://sudsmonkeybrew.com>  
**Twisted X Brewing** [www.twistedxbrewing.com](http://www.twistedxbrewing.com)  
**Vista Brewing** <http://revolutionspirits.com>

### Distilleries

**Crowded Barrel Whiskey Co** <https://crowdedbarrelwhiskey.com>  
**Crystal Creek Moonshine** [www.crystalcreekmoonshine.com](http://www.crystalcreekmoonshine.com)  
**Deep Eddy Vodka Distillery** [www.deepeddyvodka.com](http://www.deepeddyvodka.com)  
**Desert Door Texas Sotol** [www.desertdoor.com](http://www.desertdoor.com)  
**Dripping Springs Distillery** [www.drippingspringsvodka.com](http://www.drippingspringsvodka.com)  
**Frog Pond Distillery** <https://frogponddistillery.com>  
**Goodnight Loving Vodka** <https://goodnightlovingvodka.com>  
**Revolution Spirits** <https://revolutionspirits.com>  
**Stinson Distilling** <https://stinson.business.site/>  
**Treaty Oak Distillery** [www.treatyoakdistilling.com](http://www.treatyoakdistilling.com)

### Vineyards and Wineries

**Argus Cidery** [www.arguscidery.com](http://www.arguscidery.com)  
**Bell Springs Winery** [www.bellspringswinery.com](http://www.bellspringswinery.com)  
**Driftwood Estate Winery** [www.driftwoodvineyards.com](http://www.driftwoodvineyards.com)  
**Duchman Family Winery** <https://duchmanwinery.com>  
**Fall Creek Vineyards at Driftwood** <https://fcv.com>  
**Hawk's Shadow Winery & Vineyards** [www.hawksshadow.com](http://www.hawksshadow.com)  
**Sidecar Tasting Room** <https://sidecartastingroom.com>  
**Solaro Estate Vineyard and Winery** <https://solaroestate.com>  
**Westcave Cellars Winery** [www.westcavecellars.com](http://www.westcavecellars.com)

## Fun on Historic Mercer Street

Enjoy the architecture of buildings, many of which were built between 1870 and 1940, but are the current location for several thriving businesses. Whether it's shopping at a boutique or farmers' market, dining, or attending a special event, there is something for everyone in downtown Dripping Springs.

## Monthly Events on Mercer

### City of Dripping Springs Farmers' Market

[www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/page/fm.home](http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/page/fm.home)

### First Thursday

[www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/events/2018/first-thursday--dripping-springs](http://www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/events/2018/first-thursday--dripping-springs)

## Get Festive!

Dripping Springs packs a calendar full of annual events and festivities! The listings below are some of the time honored local events.

### March | Texas Night Sky Festival

[www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/events/2019/texas-night-sky-festival](http://www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/events/2019/texas-night-sky-festival)

### April | Founder's Day Festival

[www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/page/foundersday.home](http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/page/foundersday.home)

### May & October | Dripping with Taste Trail

[www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/p.aspx?plD=events/drippingwithtaste&](http://www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/p.aspx?plD=events/drippingwithtaste&)

### July | Dripping Springs Fair & Rodeo

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

### October | Dripping Springs Song Writer's Festival

<http://drippingspringssongwritersfestival.com>

### December | Christmas on Mercer Street

[www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/page/city.mercer\\_christmas](http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/page/city.mercer_christmas)

## Spend Some Time Outdoors

With the Texas Hill Country close by, several bodies of water around the area and a handful of state parks within short reach, there's an abundance of ways to spend your days outside with friends or family.

### Hamilton Pool Preserve

<https://parks.traviscountytexas.gov/parks/hamilton-pool-preserve>

### Milton Reimer's Ranch Park

23610 Hamilton Rd, Dripping Springs

<https://parks.traviscountytexas.gov/parks/reimers-ranch>

### Pedernales Falls State Park (Nearby)

2585 Park Road 6026, Johnson City

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/pedernales-falls>

### Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center (Nearby)

24814 Hamilton Pool Rd, Round Mountain | <https://westcave.org>

## Enjoy Some Live Music

Who doesn't love live music? Austin's live music scene stretches into Dripping Springs. Enjoy some of these local venues within the website listed below that are known for live music. Call ahead or check the website for performance info and business hours.

[www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/businesses/live-music](http://www.destinationdrippingsprings.com/businesses/live-music)



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# Hays County Closing Locations

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## **Dripping Springs**

701 Highway 290 West  
Suite 101  
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620  
512-827-3772 (O)

## **San Marcos**

1913 Dutton  
Suite 308  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-216-6340 (O)

## **Wimberley**

13300 Ranch Road 12  
Wimberley, Texas 78676  
512-216-6340 (O)

**To see more Capital Title closing locations across Texas, visit:**

[www.ctot.com/austinlocations.html](http://www.ctot.com/austinlocations.html)

