

Month	Location / Event	Location	Comments	Links
JAN	Quadrantid meteor shower			Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide
	Eagle Fest annual bird and wildlife festival	Emory		Everfest.com/e/rains-county-eagle-fest-emory-tx
FEB	Mardi Gras	New Orleans		Mardigrasneworleans.com
	Mardi Gras	Galveston		Galveston.com/mardigras
	Brownsville Int'l Birding Festival	Brownsville		Wintertexasonline.com/backtonature.htm
MAR	Houston Rodeo	NRG Park, Houston		Rodeohouston.com/
	Azalea Trail	River Oaks, Houston	Tour private gardens in River Oaks, Bayou Bend / Buffalo Bayou, Reinzi, Forum of Civics Building	http://riveroaksgardenclub.org/azalea-trail/
	Buffalo Bayou Regatta	Sesquicentennial Park, Houston	Kayak & canoe race	Buffalobayou.org/
	Spring hummingbird season begins		Primarily Mar to Oct	Beautyofbirds.com/hummingbirdstexas.html
	Florescence	Houston Museum of Fine Arts	National flower show competition	http://riveroaksgardenclub.org/florescence/
APR	Blue bonnets	Brenham		Texasillcountry.com/5-great-places-see-bluebonnets-texas/
	Wildflowers	Hill Country (generally)		Texaswildflowerpictures.com/update.htm
		Chappell Hill	An older article, but still relevant for locations	Jasonrweingart.com/blog/2017-texas-bluebonnet-forecast-and-best-locations
		Dubina	Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church	Txhillcountrytrail.com/plan-your-adventure/historic-sites-and-cities/sites/highland-lakes-bluebonn
	Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Festival	Chappell Hill		Chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com
	Spring bird migration & chick hatching	Anahuac		Birdinghighisland.com/bird-photography
		Anahuac		Camacdonald.com/birding/Hotspots/AnahuacNWR.htm
		High Island		Friendsofanahuacnwr.com/AnahuacBirds
		See "Birding" below	US Fish & Wildlife Service site	Fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/
	Art car parade	Smith Street, Houston		Thehoustonartcarparade.com/
	Texas Crawfish & Music Festival	Preservation Park, Spring		Festivalnet.com/30070/Spring-Texas/Music-Festivals/Texas-Crawfish-and-Music-Festival
	Montgomery County Fair & Rodeo	Conroe		Mcf.a.org/
	Galveston FeatherFest	Galveston	Birding and nature photo contest	Galvestonfeatherfest.com/
MAY	Dragon Boat Festival	Allen's Landing, Commerce St.		Texasdragonboat.com/
				Everfest.com/e/houston-dragon-boat-festival-houston-tx
JUL	Woodlands Fireworks	Town Green Park and Lake Woodlands		
	Houston Fireworks	Lake Woodlands		Houstontx.gov/july4/
AUG	Alligators hatch	Brazos Bend State Park, Etc	Mar to May breeding, June nesting, Aug hatching	Brazosbend.org/florafauna/alligatorfacts.pdf
	Perseid meteor shower			Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide
	Chappell Hill Lavender Festival	Chappell Hill		Visitbrenhamtexas.com/event/chappell-hill-lavender-wine-fest/
SEP	Kleb Woods Hummingbird festival	Tomball		Birdwatchingdaily.com/hotspots/76-kleb-woods-nature-preserve-hockley-texas/
	Fall bird migration	Anahuac		Birdinghighisland.com/birdingcalendar.htm
		High Island		Friendsofanahuacnwr.com/AnahuacBirds
		Etc.		Camacdonald.com/birding/Hotspots/AnahuacNWR.htm
		See "Birding" below		Fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/
OCT	Wings Over Houston air show	Ellington Airport		Wingsoverhouston.com/
	Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival	Conroe		Conroecajuncatfishfestival.com/
	Renaissance festival	Todd Mission		Texrenfest.com/
	Fall bird migration	Anahuac		Birdinghighisland.com
		High Island		Friendsofanahuacnwr.com/AnahuacBirds
		Etc.		Camacdonald.com/birding/Hotspots/AnahuacNWR.htm
		See "Birding" below		Fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/
	Hummingbird season ends		Primarily Mar to Oct	Beautyofbirds.com/hummingbirdstexas.html
	Chappell Hill Scarecrow Festival	Chappell Hill		Chappellhillmuseum.org
	Dragon Boat Regatta	Brooks Lake, Sugar Land		Texasdragonboat.com/
	Texas Heritage Festival	Montgomery	Battle reenactments, cannons, period costumes	Texianheritage.org/
NOV	Renaissance festival	Todd Mission		Texrenfest.com/
	Leonid meteor shower			Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide
	Ice sculptures, Festival of Lights	Galveston	Moody Gardens	Moodygardens.com/
	Sugar Land Holiday Lights	Constellation Field, Houston		Sugarlandholidaylights.com
DEC	Christmas Village at Bayou Bend	Bayou Bend Gardens		MFAH.org/calendar
	Various Christmas light displays	Shepherd Park, Candlelight Park, Woodland Heights, Prestonwood Forest, Highland Village, River Oaks Shopping Center, Galleria		
	Houston Zoo Lights			Houstonzoo.org/zoollights/
	Magical Winter Lights	Gulf Greyhound Park, Houston		Magicalwinterlights.com/
	Sugar Land Holiday Lights	Constellation Field, Houston		Sugarlandholidaylights.com
	Winterfest Light Festival, Typhoon Texas	Katy	Waterpark	
	Geminid meteor shower			Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide

ALL YEAR DESTINATIONS

1400 Smith Street	Houston	Urban architecture	
Armand Bayou Nature Center	Pasadena		Abnc.org/
Astrophotography		Monthly events listed	Earthsky.org/astrophotography-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide
BAPS Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Temple	Stafford	Hindu temple	Baps.org/Global-Network/North-America/Houston.aspx
Congress Avenue Bridge (bat colony)	Austin	A million bats depart a sunset	Batcon.org/article/the-bats-at-the-bridge/
Battleship Texas state historic site	La Porte		Tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/battleship-texas
Big Bend National Park	Lajitas		Nps.gov/bibe/index.htm
Bracken Cave Preserve		World's largest bat colony; 10-15 million bats. Requires annual membership (\$45 ish)	https://www.batcon.org/our-work/protect-restore-landscapes/bracken-cave-preserve/
Brazos Bend State Park	Needville		Tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/birding-in-state-parks
Buffalo Bayou Park	Houston		Buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/buffalo-bayou-park/
	Houston		Riveroaksgardenclub.org/bayou-bend/
Buffalo Bayou Cistern	105 Sabine St., Houston	17 second echo, 1.5 football fields, 25' high	Buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/the-cistern/
Cars and Coffee (Woodlands Car Club)	Market Street, The Woodlands	1st Sunday Monthly, Market Street, 7-10 AM	
Car shows and related events			https://concours.news/car-shows-carshow/
Circuit of the Americas race track	Austin	Only Formula 1 track in the U.S.	Circuitoftheamericas.com/
City of Montgomery	Montgomery	One of the oldest cities in Texas	Montgomerytexas.gov/
Cockrell Butterfly Center	Houston		Hmns.org/cockrell-butterfly-center/
Cullen Sculpture Garden	Houston		Mfah.org/visit/cullen-sculpture-garden/
Cullinan park	Houston	Diverse wildlife	Cullinainparkconservancy.org/
Discovery Green park	Houston	Colorful park	Discoverygreen.com/
Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary	Houston		Houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/edith-moore/edith-moore.html
Eleanor Tinsley Park	Houston	Houston skyline	Buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/buffalo-bayou-park/#eleanor-tinsley-park
Galveston Railroad Museum	Galveston		Galvestonrrmuseum.com/
Hamilton Pool	Dripping Springs	Requires a reservation	Parks.traviscountytx.gov/parks/hamilton-pool-preserve
Hermann Park	Houston		Hermannpark.org/
Houston Arboretum & Nature Center	Houston	Botanical garden	Houstonarboretum.org/
Houston Center for Photography	Houston	Classes, events	Hcponline.org/
Houston Graffiti Art; Baldwin park	Houston	Graffiti street art	Thegasamtexas.org/
Houston Museum of Fine Arts	Houston		MFAH.org/
Houston Zoo			Houstonzoo.org/
Kemah Boardwalk	Kemah		Kemahboardwalk.com/
Kleb Woods Nature Preserve	Tomball		Tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g56780-d8723801-Reviews-Kleb_Woods_Nature_Preserve-Tor
McGovern Centennial Gardens, Hermann Park	Houston		Hermannpark.org/visit/mcgovern-centennial-gardens/
Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens	Humble		Visithoustontexas.com/listings/mercercarboretumandbotanicalgardens/20078/
NASA space center	Houston		Spacecenter.org/
Natural Bridge Caverns	North East of San Antonio	Natural caves	Naturalbridgecaverns.com/
Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch	North East of San Antonio	Safari Texas style	Wildliferanchtexas.com/
Newman's Castle	504 E Main Street, Bellville (Hwy 36 + Hwy 159)		Newmanscastle.com/
Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum	Galveston		Oceanstaroec.com/museum.htm
Old city of Fredricksburg	Fredericksburg		Fbgtx.org/
Painted churches	Schulenburg, La Grange, Flatonia, Dubina, Ammannsville, Praha, High Hill, Shiner, Fredericksburg, Giddings, etc.		Schulenburgchamber.org/painted-churches-tour
Paradise Pier	Galveston		Pleasurepier.com
Pedernale Falls State Park	Johnson City		TPWD.texas.gov/state-parks/pedernales-falls
San Jacinto Monument, Museum	La Porte		Sanjacinto-museum.org/
Settler's Crossing	Fredericksburg	10 historic American houses, now B&Bs	Settlerscrossing.com/
Smither Park	Houston	Community art pieces	Orangeshow.org/about-smither-park
Sri Meenakshi Devasthanam	Pearland	Indian temple	Emeenakshi.org/
Tall Ship Elissa	Galveston	1877	Galvestonhistory.org/attractions/maritime-heritage/1877-tall-ship-elissa
The Strand	Galveston	Historic district	Galveston.com/downtowntour/
TheWoodlands.Guide	Woodlands	Local events and festivals calendar	Thewoodlands.guide/

LOCAL DESTINATIONS

Hughes Landing The Woodlands Bald Eagle nest	The Woodlands Long/lat: 30°10'18.6"N 95°28'02.2"W Google map coordinates: 30.171835, -95.467263	Seasonally during the winter and spring. New nest is in area with restricted access.
The Woodlands Waterway	The Woodlands	Between Lake Robbins Dr. and Timberloch Pl (Riva Row) in the Woodlands Thewoodlandstx.com/waterway/
Northshore Park, Lake Woodlands Lakeside Park, Bear Branch Reservoir	The Woodlands The Woodlands	2505 Lake Woodlands Dr, The Woodlands 5001 West Alden Bridge Dr, The Woodlands

BIRDING

		Texas birding links in no particular order:
Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge	Chambers County	Chron.com/life/travel/weekend-getaways/article/10-best-birding-spots-in-Texas-6279585.php
Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park	Mission	Audubon.org/news/birding-texas
Big Bend National Park	70 mi S of Marathon	Houstonaudubon.org/birding/
Big Thicket National Preserve	Kountze	Birdinghighisland.com/
Brazos Bend State Park	Needville	Tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/birding-in-state-parks
Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge	Sherman	Texasbirds.org/
Lost Maples State Nature Area	Vanderpool	Theworldbirdingcenter.com/
Palo Duro Canyon State Park	Canyon	Texasbirds.org/
Pedernale Falls State Park	Johnson City	Tripsavvy.com/texas-top-birding-locations-1656597
Rockport-Fulton	30 mi N of Corpus Christi	Tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/birding/
Smith Oaks Sanctuary	High Island	Houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/high-island/smith-oaks.html Tpwd.texas.gov/publications/nonpwdpubs/introducing_birds/hummingbirds/

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY, ASTRONOMY

Nearest dark(er) sky locations for Milky Way, Andromeda photography	Level 4 out of 15: Hwy 7 between Centerville and Crockett, near Malvern. 31°20'06.2"N 95°43'02.5"W, 31.335050, -95.717350. 1 hr, 32 min from TWMC.	Best Milky Way views are Mar. to Oct.; the eye is not visible Nov. to Feb.
Big Bend National Park	Level 5 of 15: Texas state highway 21 between Madisonville and Crockett, near Austonio. 31.19377/-95.63189. 1 hr, 24 min from TWMC Level 1 out of 15: 9+ hr from TWMC. 70 mi S of Marathon, 29.35753, -103.19082.	Some of the darkest skies in North America
McDonald Observatory, star parties Daily solar imagery from a Russian satellite	Fort Davis	450 miles west of Austin, Tue, Fri, Sat star parties Mcdonaldobservatory.org/visitors/programs/star-parties Tesis.lebedev.ru/en

PHOTOGRAPHY STORES

Houston Camera Exchange	Fountainview	HCEhouston.com/
Humble Camera Center	Humble	Humblecamera.com/
The Photo Lab	Houston	Printing technology Thephotolab.us/