

## Photography Events & Destinations

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<b>JAN</b>	Quadrantid meteor shower			<a href="http://Earthsky.org/astrometry-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide">Earthsky.org/astrometry-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide</a>
	Eagle Fest annual bird and wildlife festival	Emory		<a href="http://Everfest.com/e/rains-county-eagle-fest-emory-tx">Everfest.com/e/rains-county-eagle-fest-emory-tx</a>
<b>FEB</b>	Mardi Gras	New Orleans		<a href="http://Mardigrasneworleans.com">Mardigrasneworleans.com</a>
	Mardi Gras	Galveston		<a href="http://Galveston.com/mardigras">Galveston.com/mardigras</a>
	Brownsville Int'l Birding Festival	Brownsville		<a href="http://Wintertextansonline.com/backtonature.htm">Wintertextansonline.com/backtonature.htm</a>
<b>MAR</b>	Houston Rodeo	NRG Park, Houston		<a href="http://Rodeohouston.com/">Rodeohouston.com/</a>
	Azalea Trail	River Oaks, Houston	Tour private gardens in River Oaks, Bayou Bend / Buffalo Bayou, Reinzi, and the Forum of Civics Building	<a href="http://Riveroaksgardenclub.org/site/azaleatrail.cfm">Riveroaksgardenclub.org/site/azaleatrail.cfm</a>
	Buffalo Bayou Regatta	Sesquicentennial Park, Houston	Kayak & canoe race	<a href="http://Buffalobayou.org/">Buffalobayou.org/</a>
	Hummingbird season begins		Primarily Mar to Oct	<a href="http://Beautyofbirds.com/hummingbirdstexas.html">Beautyofbirds.com/hummingbirdstexas.html</a>
<b>APR</b>	Blue bonnets	Brenham		<a href="http://Texashillcountry.com/5-great-places-see-bluebonnets-texas/">Texashillcountry.com/5-great-places-see-bluebonnets-texas/</a>
	Wildflowers	Chappell Hill		<a href="http://Jasonrweinqart.com/blog/2017-texas-bluebonnet-forecast-and-best-locations">Jasonrweinqart.com/blog/2017-texas-bluebonnet-forecast-and-best-locations</a>
		Dubina	Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church	<a href="http://Txhillcountrytrail.com/plan-your-adventure/historic-sites-and-cities/sites/highland-lakes-bluebonnet-trail">Txhillcountrytrail.com/plan-your-adventure/historic-sites-and-cities/sites/highland-lakes-bluebonnet-trail</a>
		Art	Church on Art Hedwig road	<a href="http://Mysanantonio.com/lifestyle/travel-outdoors/article/Bluebonnets-popping-on-scenic-Hill-Country-drive-11010879.php">Mysanantonio.com/lifestyle/travel-outdoors/article/Bluebonnets-popping-on-scenic-Hill-Country-drive-11010879.php</a>
		Hill Country (generally)		<a href="http://Texaswildflowerpictures.com/update.htm">Texaswildflowerpictures.com/update.htm</a>
	Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Festival	Chappell Hill		<a href="http://Chappellhillmuseum.org/bluebonnet.html">Chappellhillmuseum.org/bluebonnet.html</a>
	Spring bird migration & chick hatching	Anahuac		<a href="http://Birdinghighisland.com/birdingcalendar.htm">Birdinghighisland.com/birdingcalendar.htm</a>
		High Island		<a href="http://Friendsofanahuacnwr.com/AnahuacBirds">Friendsofanahuacnwr.com/AnahuacBirds</a>
		Etc.		<a href="http://Camacdonald.com/birding/Hotspots/AnahuacNWR.htm">Camacdonald.com/birding/Hotspots/AnahuacNWR.htm</a>
		See "Birding" below		<a href="http://Fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/">Fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/</a>
	Art car parade	Smith Street, Houston		<a href="http://Thehoustonartcarparade.com/">Thehoustonartcarparade.com/</a>
	Texas Crawfish & Music	Preservation Park, Spring		<a href="http://Festivalnet.com/30070/Spring-Texas/Music-Festivals/Texas-Crawfish-and-">Festivalnet.com/30070/Spring-Texas/Music-Festivals/Texas-Crawfish-and-</a>

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	Festival			<a href="#"><u>Music-Festival</u></a>
	Montgomery County Fair & Rodeo	Conroe		<a href="#"><u>Mcfa.org/</u></a>
	Concours d'Elegance of Texas	Montgomery	Classic car show	<a href="#"><u>Concoursoftexas.org/</u></a>
	Galveston FeatherFest	Galveston	Photo contest	<a href="#"><u>Galvestonfeatherfest.com/</u></a>
<b>MAY</b>	Dragon Boat Festival	Allen's Landing, Commerce St.		<a href="#"><u>Texasdragonboat.com/</u></a>
				<a href="#"><u>Everfest.com/e/houston-dragon-boat-festival-houston-tx</u></a>
<b>JUN</b>				
<b>JUL</b>	Woodlands Fireworks	Town Green Park and Lake Woodlands, The Woodlands		<a href="#"><u>Woodlandsevents.com/things-to-do/events/annual/july-4th-the-woodlands</u></a>
	Houston Fireworks	Lake Woodlands		<a href="#"><u>Houstontx.gov/july4/</u></a>
<b>AUG</b>	Alligators hatch	Brazos Bend State Park, Etc	Mar to May breeding, June nesting, Aug hatching	<a href="#"><u>Brazosbend.org/florafauna/alligatorfacts.pdf</u></a>
	Perseid meteor shower			<a href="#"><u>Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide</u></a>
	Chappell Hill Lavender Festival	Chappell Hill		<a href="#"><u>Visitbrenhamtexas.com/event/chappell-hill-lavender-wine-fest/</u></a>
<b>SEP</b>	Kleb Woods Hummingbird festival	Tomball		<a href="#"><u>Birdwatchingdaily.com/hotspots/76-kleb-woods-nature-preserve-hockley-texas/</u></a>
	Fall bird migration	Anahuac		<a href="#"><u>Birdinghighisland.com/birdingcalendar.htm</u></a>
		High Island		<a href="#"><u>Friendsofanahuacnwr.com/AnahuacBirds</u></a>
		Etc.		<a href="#"><u>Camacdonald.com/birding/Hotspots/AnahuacNWR.htm</u></a>
		See "Birding" below		<a href="#"><u>Fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/</u></a>
<b>OCT</b>	Wings Over Houston air show	Ellington Airport		<a href="#"><u>Wingsoverhouston.com/</u></a>
	Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival	Conroe		<a href="#"><u>Conroecajuncatfishfestival.com/</u></a>
	Renaissance festival	Todd Mission	9/30-11/26 weekends and Thanksgiving Friday	<a href="#"><u>Texrenfest.com/</u></a>
	Fall bird migration	Anahuac		<a href="#"><u>Birdinghighisland.com/birdingcalendar.htm</u></a>
		High Island		<a href="#"><u>Friendsofanahuacnwr.com/AnahuacBirds</u></a>
		Etc.		<a href="#"><u>Camacdonald.com/birding/Hotspots/AnahuacNWR.htm</u></a>
		See "Birding" below		<a href="#"><u>Fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/</u></a>

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	Hummingbird season ends		Primarily Mar to Oct	<a href="http://Beautyofbirds.com/hummingbirdstexas.html">Beautyofbirds.com/hummingbirdstexas.html</a>
	U.S. Grand Prix Formula 1	Austin		<a href="http://Circuitoftheamericas.com/">Circuitoftheamericas.com/</a>
	Chappell Hill Scarecrow Festival	Chappell Hill		<a href="http://Chappellhillmuseum.org/scarecrow.html">Chappellhillmuseum.org/scarecrow.html</a>
	Dragon Boat Regatta	Brooks Lake, Sugar Land		<a href="http://Texasdragonboat.com/">Texasdragonboat.com/</a>
	Texas Heritage Festival	Montgomery	Battle reenactments, cannons, period costumes	<a href="http://Texianheritage.org/">Texianheritage.org/</a>
<b>NOV</b>	Renaissance festival	Todd Mission	9/30-11/26 weekends and Thanksgiving Friday	<a href="http://Texrenfest.com/">Texrenfest.com/</a>
	Leonid meteor shower			<a href="http://Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide">Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide</a>
	Ice sculptures, Festival of Lights	Galveston	Moody Gardens	<a href="http://Moodygardens.com/iceland/">Moodygardens.com/iceland/</a>
<b>DEC</b>	Various Christmas light displays		Shepherd Park, Candlelight Park, Woodland Heights, Prestonwood Forest, Highland Village, River Oaks Shopping Center, Galleria	
	Christmas Village at Bayou Bend	Bayou Bend Gardens		<a href="http://Mfah.org/a/christmas-village-at-bayou-bend/">Mfah.org/a/christmas-village-at-bayou-bend/</a>
	Houston Zoo Lights			<a href="http://Houstonzoo.org/zoolights/">Houstonzoo.org/zoolights/</a>
	Magical Winter Lights	Gulf Greyhound Park, Houston		<a href="http://Magicalwinterlights.com/">Magicalwinterlights.com/</a>
	Sugar Land Holiday Lights	Constellation Field, Houston		<a href="http://Sugarlandholidaylights.com">Sugarlandholidaylights.com</a>
	Winterfest Light Festival, Typhoon Texas	Katy		<a href="http://Houstonpress.com/event/winterfest-8960201">Houstonpress.com/event/winterfest-8960201</a>
	Geminid meteor shower			<a href="http://Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide">Earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide</a>
<b>ALL YEAR DESTINATIONS</b>				
	1400 Smith Street	Houston	Urban architecture	
	Armand Bayou Nature Center	Pasadena		<a href="http://Abnc.org/">Abnc.org/</a>
	BAPS Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Temple	Stafford	Hindu temple	<a href="http://Baps.org/Global-Network/North-America/Houston.aspx">Baps.org/Global-Network/North-America/Houston.aspx</a>

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	Battleship Texas state historic site	La Porte		<a href="http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/battleship-texas">Tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/battleship-texas</a>
	Big Bend National Park	Lajitas		<a href="http://nps.gov/bibe/index.htm">Nps.gov/bibe/index.htm</a>
	Buffalo Bayou Park	Houston		<a href="http://buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/buffalo-bayou-park/">Buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/buffalo-bayou-park/</a>
	City of Montgomery	Montgomery	One of the oldest cities in Texas	<a href="http://montgomerytexas.gov/">Montgomerytexas.gov/</a>
	Cockrell Butterfly Center	Houston		<a href="http://hmns.org/cockrell-butterfly-center/">Hmns.org/cockrell-butterfly-center/</a>
	Cullen Sculpture Garden	Houston		<a href="http://mfah.org/visit/cullen-sculpture-garden/">Mfah.org/visit/cullen-sculpture-garden/</a>
	Cullinan park	Houston	Diverse wildlife	<a href="http://cullinaparkconservancy.org/">Cullinaparkconservancy.org/</a>
	Discovery Green park	Houston	Colorful park	<a href="http://discoverygreen.com/">Discoverygreen.com/</a>
	Edith L Moore Nature Sanctuary	Houston		<a href="http://houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/edith-moore/edith-moore.html">Houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/edith-moore/edith-moore.html</a>
	Eleanor Tinsley Park	Houston	Houston skyline	<a href="http://buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/buffalo-bayou-park/#eleanor-tinsley-park">Buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/buffalo-bayou-park/#eleanor-tinsley-park</a>
	Galveston Railroad Museum	Galveston		<a href="http://galvestonrrmuseum.com/">Galvestonrrmuseum.com/</a>
	Hermann Park	Houston		<a href="http://hermannpark.org/">Hermannpark.org/</a>
	Houston Arboretum & Nature Center	Houston	Botanical garden	<a href="http://houstonarboretum.org/">Houstonarboretum.org/</a>
	Houston Camera Exchange	Fountainview		<a href="http://hcehouston.com/">Hcehouston.com/</a>
	Houston Center for Photography	Houston	Classes, events	<a href="http://hcponline.org/">Hcponline.org/</a>
	Houston Graffiti Art; Baldwin park	Houston		<a href="http://thegasamtexas.org/">Thegasamtexas.org/</a>
	Houston Museum of Fine Arts	Houston		<a href="http://mfah.org/">Mfah.org/</a>
	Houston Zoo			<a href="http://houstonzoo.org/">Houstonzoo.org/</a>
	Kemah Boardwalk	Kemah		<a href="http://kemahboardwalk.com/">Kemahboardwalk.com/</a>
	Kleb Woods Nature Preserve	Hockley		
	McGovern Centennial Gardens, Hermann Park	Houston		<a href="http://hermannpark.org/visit/mcgovern-centennial-gardens/">Hermannpark.org/visit/mcgovern-centennial-gardens/</a>
	Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens	Humble		<a href="http://visithoustontexas.com/listings/mercer-arboretum-and-botanical-gardens/20078/">Visithoustontexas.com/listings/mercer-arboretum-and-botanical-gardens/20078/</a>
	NASA space center	Houston		<a href="http://spacecenter.org/">Spacecenter.org/</a>
	Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum	Galveston		<a href="http://oceanstaroec.com/museum.htm">Oceanstaroec.com/museum.htm</a>
	Old city of Fredricksburg	Fredericksburg		<a href="http://fbqtx.org/">Fbqtx.org/</a>

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	Planetarium 2 hours west of us			
	Paradise Pier	Galveston		<a href="http://Pleasurepier.com">Pleasurepier.com</a>
	San Jacinto Monument, Museum	La Porte		<a href="http://Sanjacinto-museum.org/">Sanjacinto-museum.org/</a>
	Settler's Crossing	Fredericksburg	10 historic American houses, now B&Bs	<a href="http://Settlerscrossing.com/">Settlerscrossing.com/</a>
	Schulenberg painted churches	Schulenburg, La Grange, Flatonia, Dubina, Ammannsville, Praha, High Hill, Shiner, Fredericksburg, Giddings, etc.		<a href="http://Klru.org/paintedchurches/map.html">Klru.org/paintedchurches/map.html</a>
	Smither Park	Houston	Art pieces	<a href="http://Orangeshow.org/smitherpark/">Orangeshow.org/smitherpark/</a>
	Sri Meenakshi Devasthanam	Pearland	Indian temple	<a href="http://Emeenakshi.org/">Emeenakshi.org/</a>
	Tall Ship Elissa	Galveston	1877	<a href="http://Galvestonhistory.org/attractions/maritime-heritage/1877-tall-ship-elissa">Galvestonhistory.org/attractions/maritime-heritage/1877-tall-ship-elissa</a>
	The Strand	Galveston	Historic district	<a href="http://Galveston.com/downtowntour/">Galveston.com/downtowntour/</a>
	Woodlands Car Club Cars & Coffee	Market Street	Monthly on 1st Sunday 8-11	<a href="http://Marketstreet-thewoodlands.com/event/the-woodlands-car-club-cars-and-coffee-for-a-cause/2145484034/">Marketstreet-thewoodlands.com/event/the-woodlands-car-club-cars-and-coffee-for-a-cause/2145484034/</a>
<b>LOCAL DESTINATIONS</b>				
	Hughes Landing	The Woodlands		-
	The Woodlands Bald Eagle nest	Approx. 1980 Lake Front circle, The Woodlands. Long/lat: 30°10'15.6" 95°28'02.4"W. Google map coordinates: 30.170996, -95.467330	Seasonally during the winter and spring. North side of Lake Front Circle across from the Woodlands Methodist School parking lot.	<a href="http://Visitthewoodlands.com/listing/the-bald-eagle/">Visitthewoodlands.com/listing/the-bald-eagle/</a>
	The Woodlands Waterway	The Woodlands	Between Lake Robbins Dr. and Timberloch Pl (Riva Row) in the Woodlands	<a href="http://Thewoodlandstx.com/waterway/">Thewoodlandstx.com/waterway/</a>
	Northshore Park, Lake Woodlands	The Woodlands	2505 Lake Woodlands Dr, The Woodlands	
	Lakeside Park, Bear Branch Reservoir	The Woodlands	5001 West Alden Bridge Dr, The Woodlands	

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<b>BIRDING</b>				<i><u><a href="#">Texas birding links in no particular order:</a></u></i>
	Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge	Chambers County		<i><u><a href="http://Chron.com/life/travel/weekend-getaways/article/10-best-birding-spots-in-Texas-6279585.php">Chron.com/life/travel/weekend-getaways/article/10-best-birding-spots-in-Texas-6279585.php</a></u></i>
	Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park	Mission		<i><u><a href="http://Audubon.org/news/birding-texas">Audubon.org/news/birding-texas</a></u></i>
	Big Bend National Park	70 mi S of Marathon		<i><u><a href="http://Houstonaudubon.org/birding/forbirders/info.html">Houstonaudubon.org/birding/forbirders/info.html</a></u></i>
	Big Thicket National Preserve	Kountze		<i><u><a href="http://Birdinghighisland.com/">Birdinghighisland.com/</a></u></i>
	Brazos Bend State Park	Needville		<i><u><a href="http://Tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/birding-in-state-parks">Tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/parks/things-to-do/birding-in-state-parks</a></u></i>
	Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge	Sherman		<i><u><a href="http://Texasbirds.org/birdingLocations.php?getResults=true">Texasbirds.org/birdingLocations.php?getResults=true</a></u></i>
	Lost Maples State Nature Area	Vanderpool		<i><u><a href="http://Theworldbirdingcenter.com/">Theworldbirdingcenter.com/</a></u></i>
	Palo Duro Canyon State Park	Canyon		<i><u><a href="http://Texasbirds.org/">Texasbirds.org/</a></u></i>
	Pedernale Falls State Park	Johnson City		<i><u><a href="http://Tripsavvy.com/texas-top-birding-locations-1656597">Tripsavvy.com/texas-top-birding-locations-1656597</a></u></i>
	Rockport-Fulton	30 mi N of Corpus Christi		<i><u><a href="http://Tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/birding/">Tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/birding/</a></u></i>
	Smith Oaks Sanctuary	High Island		<i><u><a href="http://Houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/high-island/smith-oaks.html">Houstonaudubon.org/sanctuaries/high-island/smith-oaks.html</a></u></i>
				<i><u><a href="http://Tpwd.texas.gov/publications/nonpwdpubs/introducing_birds/hummingbirds/">Tpwd.texas.gov/publications/nonpwdpubs/introducing_birds/hummingbirds/</a></u></i>
<b>ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY, ASTRONOMY</b>				-
	General observations	Requires long drives from Houston due to area light pollution	Milky Way best views Mar to Oct; not visible Nov to Feb	
	McDonald Observatory, star parties	Fort Davis	450 miles west of Austin, Tue, Fri, Sat star parties	<i><u><a href="http://Mcdonaldobservatory.org/visitors/programs/star-parties">Mcdonaldobservatory.org/visitors/programs/star-parties</a></u></i>
	Daily solar imagery from a Russian satellite			<i><u><a href="http://Tesis.lebedev.ru/en">Tesis.lebedev.ru/en</a></u></i>