

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Within Austin

- Ice skating at Riverside Arena (winter)
- Austin Bruins games during hockey season
- Curling league at Riverside Arena
- Cross country skiing at the Hormel Nature Center
- Summer leagues for softball, volleyball, horseshoe and kickball (Parks & Rec)
- The shooting range in town
- Winter leagues for basketball and volleyball (YMCA)
- Fitness gyms including YMCA, Yoga Studio of Austin, Anytime Fitness, TRX and Gold's Gym (More gyms coming soon. CrossFit)
- Bowling at Echo Lanes and leagues as well
- Canoe and kayak rentals for Dobbins Creek to East Side Lake
- CineMagic 7 movie theater
- Municipal pool in the summer
- Jellystone Camp Park (5 minutes away)
- Equipment rental at the Parks and Recreation department for volleyball kits, horseshoes, yolf, croquet, disc golf, blongo ball, softball/baseball sets, frisbees and soccer balls.
- Golfing at Meadow Greens or the Austin Country Club
- Classes ranging from scrapbooking to cupcake baking to pottery at various locations in town
- Bike and walking paths at Shirley Theel Memorial Park Path, Mill Pond Path, Todd Park Bike Trail, Cedar River Bike Trail, East Side Lake Bike Trail and Wildwood Park Trail (15 miles of trail in Austin)
- Stargazing at the SolaFide Observatory (select dates)
- Greyhounds baseball at Marcusen Park
- Riverland College Theater
- Events at the Paramount Theater
- Dance academies
- Summer bandshell concerts
- Farmers' markets
- Occasional summer concerts/events downtown Main St.
- Austin Symphony Orchestra
- Adult education classes through community ed
- Library plus special events at the library
- Garden concerts at the Historic Hormel Home (summer)
- SPAM Museum
- Snowmobile trails
- Chateau Speedway, Lansing
- Volunteering (contact Austin Chamber for list)
- Various service clubs
- Nightlife downtown (Dusty's, B & J)

Outside of Austin Area

- Shopping in Rochester
- Shopping at the Medford Outlets
- Four Daughters Winery in Spring Valley
- Nightlife in Rochester
- Roller skating at the Brownsdale Skating Rink
- Niagara and Mystery Caves
- Diamond Joe's Casino in Northwood, Iowa
- Tubing, kayaking and/or biking in Lanesboro
- Going to the cities (Approximately an hour and 45 minutes)
- Skiing/Snowboarding at Welch Village (one hour and half approximately)
- Farmer John's Pumpkin Patch (Sept. 21-Oct. 31)
- Tough Mudder (Approximately 2 hours away)
- Apple River festival and concerts in Somerset, Wisconsin (Approximately 2 hours away)
- Osage, Iowa Power Show and Fair (August)
- Deer Creek Speedway, Spring Valley

Ongoing events

- Open viewing of St. John's Bible, Austin Public Library, most Wednesdays 3-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays with Toastmasters, Hormel Foods Corporate North, Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m.
- Austin-nite Toastmasters, 110 Building, 110 1st Ave. SE, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Farmers' Markets
 1. Oakland Ave. & 4th St. NE, 4-7 p.m. Mon & Thurs (May 15-Oct); Oak Park Mall, 4-6 p.m. Thurs, off-season
 2. Outside Oak Park Mall on 18th Ave., 4-6 p.m. Mon & Thurs, 9-noon on Sat., May 19-Oct. 30
- "Torgo \$\$," free bingo at Torge's, Thursdays at 7 p.m.
- Karaoke, Torge's, Tuesdays at 9 p.m.
- Live bands at Torge's, Friday and Saturday nights

2014 Events

May

- Summer Kick-off Concert, Main St., May 30
- Austin Page Turners, Austin Public Library (author Saloma Miller Furlong), May 31

June

- Pushing the Limits: Making Sense of Science, Austin Public Library, June 2
- Flea Market at the Mower County Fairgrounds, June 6-8
- Austin Community Band Concerts at Band Shell Park, June 11, June 25, July 4, and July 9
- Gifted & Talented Symposium, June 8-12
- Paramount World Music Series: Keith Knight & Don Alder—Extreme Guitar Duo, Paramount Theatre, June 11
- Open Mic! The Brickhouse Coffee House, June 13
- *Fiddler on the Roof*, Summerset Theater--Riverland Community College, June 15-21
- Charlie Maguire, Hormel Historic Home garden, June 17
- Steak Cookout Fundraiser, Izaak Walton Cabin, Todd Park, June 25
- Driller SEC Cagefights, Torge's, June 27
- 16th Annual Bike Ride, Shooting Star Trail, LeRoy, June 28

July

- SPAM "Town Challenge": Marcusen Park and Riverland Baseball complex, June 28, July 1
- Austin Community Jazz Band, Hormel Historic Home garden, July 1
- Freedom Fest, Band Shell and downtown Austin, July 3-6
- Freedom Fest Street Dance, July 3
- Austin Community Bank Concerts at Band Shell Park, June 11, June 25, July 4, and July 9
- YMCA 32nd Annual Hog Jog 5-Mile Run, July 5
- *God of Carnage*, Summerset Theater--Riverland Community College, July 8-12
- Open Mic! The Brickhouse Coffee House, July 11
- Paramount World Music Series: Noura Mint Seymali, Diva of Mauritania, Paramount Theatre, July 16
- Hormel Institute Open House, July 17
- Spamtown Triathlon, July 19
- The Bazillions (kid-friendly concert), Hormel Historic Home garden, July 21
- Steak Cookout Fundraiser, Izaak Walton Cabin, Todd Park, July 23
- BOSS (Bikers of Student Success) Ride, July 26
- Relay for Life Mower County, July 26-27
- *The Odd Couple*, Summerset Theater --Riverland Community College, July 29-Aug. 2
- World Music Series: Moscow Nights, Paramount Theatre, July 30

August

- Freeborn County Fair, Albert Lea, July 29-Aug. 3
- Mower County Fair, Austin, Aug. 5-10

- Open Mic! The Brickhouse Coffee House, Aug. 8
- Paramount World Music Series: Calle Sur—Latin American Music, Aug. 13
- Speaking in Tongues (concert), Hormel Historic Home garden, August 18
- Austin ArtWorks Festival, Austin Utilities Building, Aug. 23-24

September

- 68th Annual National Barrow Show, Mower County Fairgrounds, Sept. 7-10
- Red Sled Truck & Tractor Pull, Mower County Fairgrounds, Sept. 8
- Steak Cookout Fundraiser, Izaak Walton Cabin, Todd Park, Sept. 10
- Open Mic! The Brickhouse Coffee House, Sept. 12
- Movie Series: 85th Anniversary, Special Movie Fundraiser, Paramount Theatre, Sept. 13
- North Central Scottish Highland Cattle Regional Show, Mower County Fairgrounds, Sept 20
- Tim Patrick and His blue Eyes Band, Paramount Theater, Sept. 27
- ReFest Green Living and Clean Energy Festival, Mower County Fairgrounds, Sept. 20
- Annual Fall Harvest Celebration, Mower County Historical Society, Sept. 27

October

- Halloween Warm-up, Matchbox Children's Theater at Jay C. Hormel Nature Center, Oct. 3-4
- Open Mic! The Brickhouse Coffee House, Oct. 7
- Steak Cookout Fundraiser, Izaak Walton Cabin, Todd Park, Oct. 8
- *Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein*, Riverland Community College Theater, Oct. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- YMCA's Light the Night 5K run, Oct. 17
- Tonic Sol-fa, Paramount Theater, Oct. 24
- Driller MMA Cagefights, Holiday Inn, Oct. 25
- Austin Symphony, "Mariachi with Mariachi Nuevo De Las Vegas," Austin High School's Knowlton Auditorium, Oct. 26
- Movie Series: *Night of the Living Dead*, Paramount Theater, Oct 31
- Holiday Tea, Hormel Historic Home, Nov. 21-22

November

- Davinia and the Vagabonds, Hormel Historic Home, Nov. 1
- History Theatre's production of Time O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*, Riverland Community College Theater, Nov. 6
- Open Mic! The Brickhouse Coffee House, Nov. 14
- *She Stoops to Conquer*, Riverland Community College Theater, Nov. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23
- Christmas in the City, Nov. 28

December

- Movie Series: *A Special Holiday Movie*, Paramount Theatre, Dec. 1
- Michael Veldman and Friends Holiday Show, Paramount Theater, dates in December TBA
- Merry TubaChristmas, Oak Park Mall, Dec. 6

- Christmas in the County, Mower County Historical Society, Dec. 12-13
- Austin Symphony, "Christmas Magic," Austin High School's Knowlton Auditorium, Dec. 14