



Greetings!

As interpreters, we're constantly faced with challenges, such as financial constraints and nature deficit disorder. We must *interpret with independence and innovation* to create new experiences and engage our visitors. Join us for an opportunity to recharge your interpretive battery, to inspire and be inspired, to laugh and to share experiences, and see how we can all go *Beyond the Limits*.

Tara Humphreys and Katie Raney, NAI Region 6 Workshop Chairs  
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**2012 NAI Region VI Workshop Registration Form**

**Feb 26 – 29, 2012**

DEADLINE: EARLY REGISTRATION (until January 27, 2012)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hilton Austin Airport Hotel 9515 Hotel Drive, Austin, Texas, United States 78719 Tel: 1-512-385-6767  
Contract Occupancy Rate: Single \$99 and Double \$109 **Group Code is:** NAI  
**Our Group Reservation URL is:** [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/AUSAHHF-NAI-20120225/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/AUSAHHF-NAI-20120225/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG) **Group Name is:** National Association of Interpretation - Region 6 Meeting

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Full Registration includes workshop fees, 2 receptions, and several meals.

	<b>Early Registration</b>	<b>Regular Registration</b>	
NAI Member	\$185	\$205	_____
*Non-Member (includes 6-month NAI membership)	\$225	\$235	_____
Student Member/Fully-Retired from an Interpretive Career	\$100	\$100	_____
*Student Non-Member/Fully-Retired from an Interpretive Career	\$125	\$125	_____
*All non-members please fill out the membership form on page 2			
One-Day Registration	\$100	\$150	_____
Banquet Only	\$36	\$36	_____

Wednesday Lunch Options: \_\_\_\_\_ *Ham Croissant* \_\_\_\_\_ *Turkey Croissant* \_\_\_\_\_ *Veggie Wrap*  
Awards Banquet Meal Selection: \_\_\_\_\_ *Smoked Pork Tenderloin* \_\_\_\_\_ *Pasta Primavera* \_\_\_\_\_ *Seared Chicken*

Vendors \$75 \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
*Will you need a table?* \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
Scholarship Winners:  
Check the type of scholarship received \_\_\_\_\_ Region 6 student \_\_\_\_\_ Region 6 partial  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**PRECONFERENCE-WORKSHOPS Sunday February 26, 2012**

Mineral Wells State Park Interpretive Workshop \$FREE \_\_\_\_\_

**EARLY MORNING BIRDING OPTIONS**

Monday Morning with Austin City Park Rangers (free but reservation is required) \_\_\_\_\_  
Wednesday Morning at Hornsby Bend (free but reservation is required) \_\_\_\_\_

**TUESDAY OFFSITE SESSION OPTIONS**

- 1. Bamberger Ranch Preserve \$38 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. French Legation Museum and Texas State Cemetery \$15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Lyndon B Johnson National Historic Park \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Story of Texas Bob Bullock State History Museum with Behind the Scenes Tour \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. iZone Imaging and Bell County Museum \$0 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. McKinney Roughs Nature Park Guided Rafting and Hiking \$17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Westcave Preserve / Hamilton Pool Nature Preserve \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. McKinney Falls State Park and Bastrop State Park \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

First choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second choice \_\_\_\_\_ Third choice \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-workshops \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Off-Site Sessions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Option #1**

\_\_\_ CASH/CHECK

Return form & payment to: Region VI Workshop, Attn. Liz Palfini, 4179 State Park Rd Lockhart, TX 78644

**Payment Option #2**

\_\_\_ Purchase Order (Tax ID 84-1036938) PO # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payment Option #3**

\*\*\*ALL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS REQUIRE ONLINE REGISTRATION\*\*\*

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express)

VISIT : [http://www.naimembers.com/store/acatalog/NAI\\_Region\\_6.html](http://www.naimembers.com/store/acatalog/NAI_Region_6.html)

Are you bringing an auction Item? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
Would you like to volunteer during the workshop? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (We will contact you)

**\*Special Accommodations:** We want to be accommodating. Please write on the following lines to let us know what we can do. (Within reason)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**NON-MEMBERS**

Application for 6-month NAI Membership FILL OUT IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY NOT A MEMBER OF NAI  
This membership makes it possible for me to attend and take part in the NAI Region VI meeting in Austin, Texas February 25th – February 29th, 2012, and covers the national organization under their national liability insurance.

I understand that my 6-month associate standard membership fee is included in the Region VI registration fee and that during the 6-month period I will receive these items as a member of NAI:

- 1. Quarterly InterpNews from the National Office
- 2. NAI Region VI newsletter Visions
- 3. Three issues of Legacy
- 4. The interpreters' green pages
- 5. Jobs in interpretation (by request)
- 6. Membership in my choice of section
- 7. Discounts for national workshops and publications

Please check the section of your choice:

- \_\_\_ African American Experience
- \_\_\_ College and University Academics
- \_\_\_ Council for the interpretation of Native Peoples
- \_\_\_ Cultural Interpretation/Living History
- \_\_\_ Environmental Education
- \_\_\_ Interpretive Naturalist
- \_\_\_ Nature Center Directors/Administrators
- \_\_\_ Resource Interpretation and Heritage Tourism
- \_\_\_ Spanish
- \_\_\_ Visual Communications
- \_\_\_ Zoos, Wildlife Parks and Aquaria

Please type or print clearly the following requested information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ City, \_\_\_\_\_ State, \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_



## Tentative Schedule for NAI Region 6 – 2012 Workshop

### Beyond the Limits: Interpreting with Independence & Innovation

#### Saturday, February 25, 2012

Early Registration 5-7pm

#### Sunday, February 26, 2012

Pre-conference Workshops

Pre-conference Field Trips (off-site, self guided)

Registration open 12pm – 9pm

4:30pm - 6:30pm– Region 6 Board Meeting

7pm – 9pm – Opening Reception and heavy appetizers hosted by U.S.F.W.S.

9pm-11pm – Hospitality Room open

#### Monday, February 27, 2012

Early Morning Birding with Austin City Park Rangers  
6am

Registration 7am- 4pm

7:30am – 8:30am – Breakfast Buffet

8:30am – Welcome and Keynote

9:45am – 10:45am – Concurrent Sessions

10:45am – 11:00am - Break

11:00am – noon – Concurrent sessions

Noon – 1pm – Lunch Buffet

1pm – 2:15pm – Brian Barnette All-American Interpreters' Quiz

2:30pm – 3:30pm - Concurrent Sessions

3:30pm – 3:45pm – Break

3:45pm – 4:45pm – Concurrent Sessions

Dinner on your own and evening activities on your own – we'll have a list of suggested activities in the registration packet when you check-in.

#### Monday, February 27, 2012 continued

8pm – 9pm – Cowboy Music and Poetry (informal)

9pm – 11pm – Hospitality Room open

#### Tuesday, February 28, 2012

7:30am – 4:30pm - Off-site Sessions

7:30am – 8:30am - Continental breakfast in hospitality room

6:00pm - Silent and live auctions at hotel. Alcohol provided.

Live auction begins at 7:30pm

10pm - midnight – Hospitality Room open (after auction)

#### Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Early Morning Birding at Hornsby Bend 6:30am

7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast Buffet

9:00am – 10:00am – Concurrent Sessions

10:00am – 10:30am – Break visit with vendors

10:30am – 11:30am – Concurrent Sessions

11:30am – 12:00pm – Break, visit with vendors

Noon - 2:00pm – Lunch, business meeting and 2013 preview

2:15pm – 3:15pm – Concurrent sessions

3:15pm – 3:30pm – Break

3:30pm – 4:30pm - Concurrent sessions

6:00pm – Awards banquet and dance. Music by Nicosounds.

**The Western Cross Timbers and Penitentiary Hollow Wild Walk at Lake Mineral Wells State Park**

Start Time: 12:00 PM

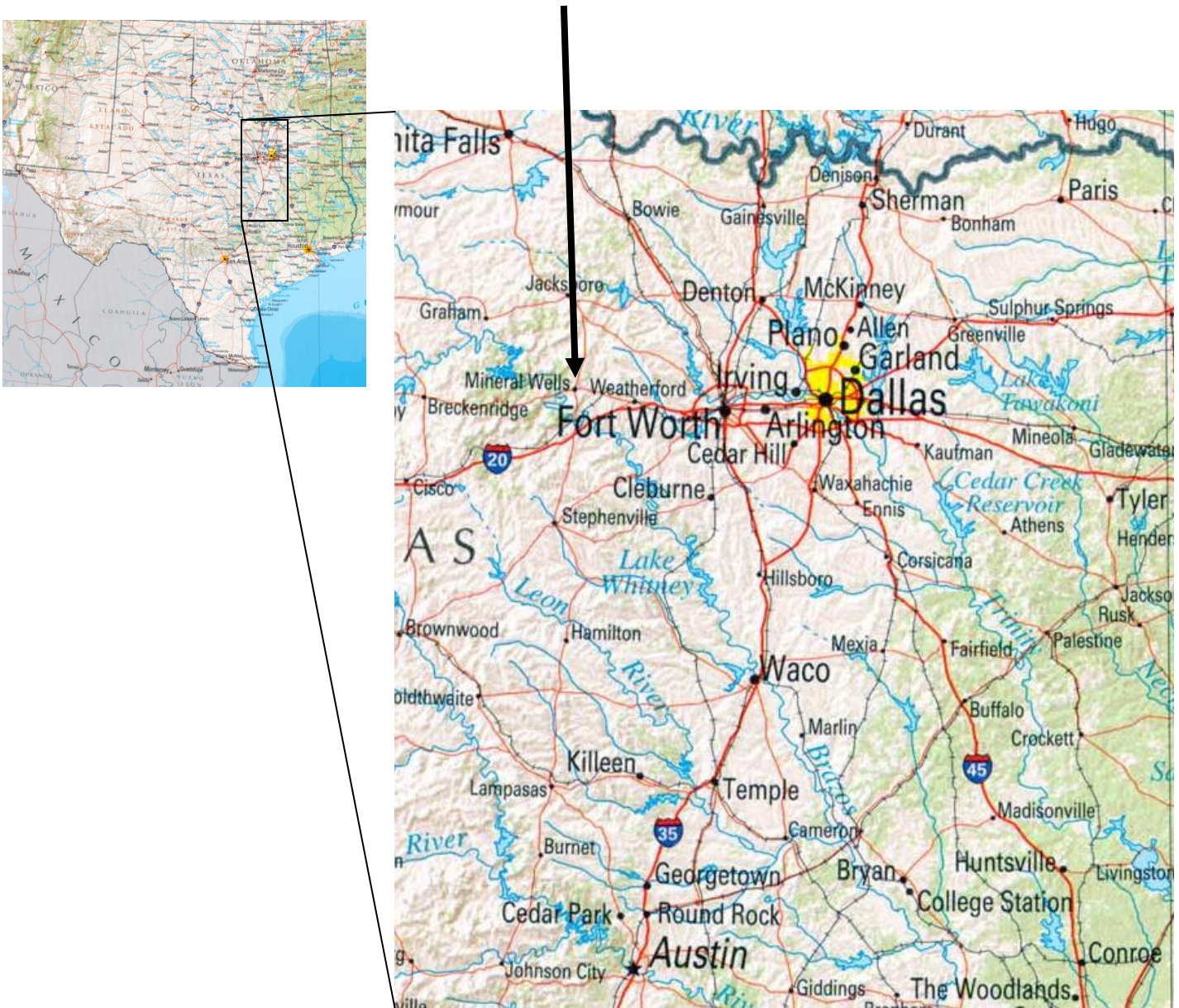
End Time: 2:30 PM

Cost: Free

Special Notes: Wear long sleeves, long pants and good hiking boots. Gloves and a small flashlight are optional. Dress for weather.

Would you like to take a break from driving on your journey to the conference in Austin? Plan your route to stop by Lake Mineral Well State Park. See the beauty of the Western Cross Timbers region and take an adventurous hike in a remote area of the park. Join Park Interpreter David Owens on a wild walk, crawl and scoot through some Penitentiary Hollow's most beautiful remote areas. This is a fairly strenuous walk involving some crawling through tight spaces in the cracks and crevices of the sandstone formations. Expect to get a little dirty! Afterward, we will give you directions to travel the most scenic route to the conference and still get there on time!

**How to get there:**



**OPTION #1 BAMBERGER RANCH PRESERVE** <http://www.bambergerranch.org/>

MEET: Austin Airport Hotel  
 DEPART: 8:00 AM  
 RETURN: 3:00 PM  
 COST: \$38  
 LUNCH: Box lunch provided

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. All of the tour will be held outdoors. Temperatures can range anywhere from 40° to 70° F in February.

**KEYWORDS:** Outdoor, bats, exotic game species, dinosaur tracks, environmental sustainability practices.

Travel to the Hill Country of Central Texas and experience Selah, the award winning ranch noted for its innovative sustainable living practices and land stewardship programs. J. David Bamberger established and maintains Selah as a model of sustainability while quietly proving that our ranching heritage and protecting Mother Nature go hand-in-hand. Our small group will travel on the Bluebonnet Tram around the ranch. We will explore the chiroptorium, a man-made cave built to house 1 million bats; discover dinosaur tracks and observe the largest herd of endangered Scimitar-horned Oryx in the world. Selah has hiking trails, a nature trail with interpretive signs identifying native plants and Madrone Lake, where we will eat lunch if weather permits. At Bamberger Ranch, you learn about the environment while pausing to reflect on the beauty and serenity of the Texas Hill Country.

**OPTION #2 FRENCH LEGATION MUSEUM AND TEXAS STATE CEMETERY** <http://www.frenchlegationmuseum.org/>  
and <http://www.cemetery.state.tx.us/>

MEET: Airport Hilton Hotel  
 DEPART: 8:30 AM  
 RETURN: 2:30 PM  
 COST: \$15  
 LUNCH: On your own, Lunch suggestion Blue Dalia on 11<sup>th</sup> Street \$8-\$12

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Dress for the weather. Tour will be both indoors and outdoors with short walking distances. Temperatures can range anywhere from 40° to 70° F in February.

**KEYWORDS:** Indoor/outdoor, History, cemetery, downtown Austin.

The French Legation Museum - Nestled in a quiet, green corner of the bustling modern capitol of the State of Texas, the French Legation was originally built in 1840-1841 to be the residence of the charge d'affaires who represented the government of France to the Republic of Texas. It is the oldest extant wood-frame structure in Austin. The site has been lovingly restored and furnished with items original to the structure, its owners and to its time period. Our tour will include a look inside the historic house and reconstructed kitchen interiors, a stroll around the lawns and gardens and a visit to the museum store. We will go out to lunch in Austin after the tour.

Texas State Cemetery - Just blocks east of the State Capitol, the Cemetery is the final resting place of governors, senators, legislators, congressmen, judges and other legendary Texans who have made the state what it is today. Efforts to establish the Texas State Cemetery began in 1851, with the death of General Edward Burleson. Throughout the years other notable Texans have been buried on Cemetery grounds including: Stephen F. Austin, General Albert Sidney Johnston, Governor Allan Shivers, Governor John Connally, and Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock.

**OPTION #3 LYNDON B JOHNSON NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK <http://www.nps.gov/lyjo/index.htm>**

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MEET: Airport Hilton Hotel  
DEPART: 8:15 AM  
RETURN: 4:00 PM  
COST: \$25  
LUNCH: Lunch in Johnson City Bring \$8-17

SPECIAL NOTES: Tour is both indoor and outdoor. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Temperatures can range anywhere from 40° to 70° F in February.

KEYWORD: Outdoor/Indoor, Historic House, Presidential History, Texas Hill Country

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park tells the story of our 36th President, beginning with his ancestors until his final resting place on his beloved LBJ Ranch. This entire "circle of life" tour gives the visitor a unique perspective into one of America's most noteworthy citizens by providing the most complete picture of an American president. We will arrive at the Lyndon B Johnson National Historical Park Visitors Center, and will receive a personal tour of exhibits of his White House legacy and the Great Society. The exhibits include a tribute to Mrs. "Lady Bird" Johnson. Her commitment to the environment continued the work of our "Conservation President." We will then ride to President Johnson's boyhood family homestead, taking a tour of the renovated houses and exhibits to catch a glimpse of the humble beginnings that sowed the seeds of Johnson's character. After lunch at the homestead, we will then proceed to the LBJ Ranch and tour the Texas White House, getting an insider's perspective of political and personal life in the Johnson's house. We will also visit the presidential airplane hangar and the President's personal collection of vehicles.

**OPTION #4 THE STORY OF TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR**  
<http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/>

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MEET: Austin Airport Hotel  
DEPART: 9:00 AM  
RETURN: 3:30 PM  
COST: \$25  
LUNCH: Café on site \$7-20

SPECIAL NOTES: IMAX is optional and has an additional cost.

KEYWORDS: Indoor, History, Across from the State Capitol downtown Austin, IMAX.

The history of the Lone Star State is celebrated at The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin, Texas. This day at the Bullock allows participants a chance to explore the "Story of Texas" and peek behind the scenes of its three floors of interactive exhibits, the special effects show, The Star of Destiny, in the Texas Spirit Theater, and

Austin's only IMAX Theatre, (optional) featuring the signature large-format film, Texas: The Big Picture. This is not a collections tour but a state of the art exhibit shop tour.

**OPTION #5** i-Zone Imaging & Bell County Museum <http://www.izoneimaging.com/> and <http://www.bellcountytexas.com/Museum/>

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MEET: Austin Airport Hotel  
DEPART: 8:00 AM  
RETURN: 4:00 PM  
COST: FREE  
LUNCH: Provided

SPECIAL NOTES: BBQ Lunch is being provided by iZone.

KEYWORD: Unique opportunity to see the manufacturing process and possibilities.

Visit iZone, a leading manufacturer of digital High Pressure Laminate (dHPL) panels for architectural claddings, civic projects, zoos, parks and museums. iZone panels are pressed with recycled phenolic core paper. Some examples of iZone graphics: interpretive panels, park signs, wayfinding & regulatory signs. You'll get a first-hand look at the manufacturing process with a tour of iZone's manufacturing facilities.

After lunch, we'll tour the nearby Bell County Museum, which interprets the historic and prehistoric culture of Bell County and Central Texas. Museum staff will give us an introduction, and then you'll be free to explore the museum on your own. Special programs in February include a quilt exhibit in addition to the regular exhibits.

**OPTION #6** MCKINNEY ROUGHS NATURE PARK RAFTING AND HIKING  
[http://www.lcra.org/parks/developed\\_parks/mckinney\\_roughs.html](http://www.lcra.org/parks/developed_parks/mckinney_roughs.html)

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MEET: Airport Hilton Hotel  
DEPART: 8:30 AM  
RETURN: 3:30 PM  
COST: \$17  
LUNCH: Box lunch provided

SPECIAL NOTES: Dress for the weather and wear appropriate clothes for rafting on the river. (Cold weather gear, clothes that can get wet, etc. Temperatures can range anywhere from 40° to 70° F in February.) Bring a water bottle and comfortable shoes for hiking.

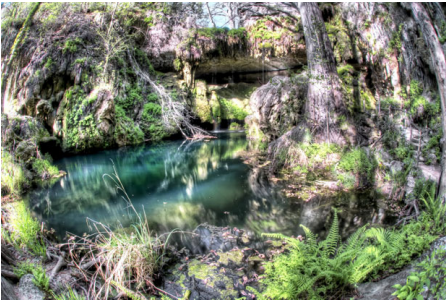
KEYWORDS: Outdoor, rafting, hiking.

Enjoy a serene rafting trip on the Colorado River led by experienced guides. The route takes you through the calm water, scenic views and abundant wildlife of Bastrop County. If you are a birder you will love this trip! Enjoy your box lunch on the beautiful grounds of the nature park. Afterwards hike along the banks of the Colorado River and get a firsthand look at a riparian ecosystem and the species of plants and animals that live within it. McKinney Roughs is an 1100 acre nature park where characteristics of four ecosystems-- Post Oak Savannah, Blackland Prairie, East Texas Piney Woods, and a

riparian zone-- converge to create an unusual blend of natural resources. The area is home to hundreds of plant and animal species living within the rolling box canyons, wildflower meadows and lazy river bends of the Texas Colorado River. Discuss strategies for preserving species diversity and learn how Native people and pioneers used plants to cure pains as well as hunger. Visit the Exhibit Hall, Demonstration Garden and gift shop before boarding the bus to return to the hotel.

**OPTION #7 WESTCAVE PRESERVE / HAMILTON POOL NATURE PRESERVE** <http://westcave.org/> and [http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks/hamilton\\_pool.asp](http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/parks/hamilton_pool.asp)

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MEET: Austin Airport Hotel  
DEPART: 8:00 AM  
RETURN: 4:00 PM  
COST: \$25  
LUNCH: Box lunch provided

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Tours are outdoors and require hiking on steep terrain. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Temperatures can range anywhere from 40° to 70° F in February. Carry a water bottle.

**KEYWORDS:** Outdoor, hiking.

Explore the unique natural heritage of Central Texas with a visit to two of its signature attractions. Adjacent to the Pedernales River, Westcave Preserve and Hamilton Pool showcase the rich biodiversity of the dynamic interface between water and land that shape the Texas Hill Country.

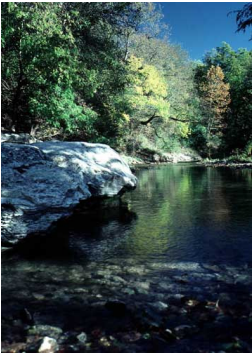
Travis County's Hamilton Pool Preserve, is a historic swimming hole designated a preserve in 1990. Hamilton Creek spills over the limestone outcroppings of a collapsed grotto to create a 50 foot waterfall plunging into the head of a steep box canyon. The preserve is a part of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP), a regional effort to balance protection of endangered species habitat with economic development. Hamilton Pool Preserve is home to a great variety of birds including the endangered Golden-Cheeked Warbler. Diverse vegetation ranges from semi-arid species in the uplands to riparian species in the canyon. Rare plants including canyon mock-orange, red bay, and chatter box orchid are known to occur in the canyon areas along the creek.

Westcave Preserve is another part of the BCP. This 75-acre gem is managed by the non-profit Westcave Preserve Corporation and offers an array of natural science and interdisciplinary educational programs for children and adults from Austin and surrounding communities. Two distinct ecosystems meet on the preserve, forming a unique opportunity for students of nature and an unexpected experience for visitors exploring the Hill Country. The preserve's grasslands are scattered with wildflower meadows, ash junipers, oaks and cactus bordering a sheltered limestone canyon punctuated with rare plants and cypress trees. The highlight of the site is its 40-foot waterfall backed by caves, tumbling over fern-covered travertine columns into an emerald pool.

**OPTION #8 MCKINNEY FALLS STATE PARK AND BASTROP STATE PARK**

[http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/mckinney\\_falls/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/mckinney_falls/) and  
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/bastrop/>

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MEET: Austin Airport Hotel  
DEPART: 8:00 AM  
RETURN: 4:00 PM  
COST: \$15  
LUNCH: On your own in downtown Bastrop

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Tours will be mostly outdoors. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Temperatures can range anywhere from 40° to 70° F in February.

**KEYWORDS:** Outdoor, History, Hiking, Civilian Conservation Corp Historic Structures, Bastrop Wildfire site.

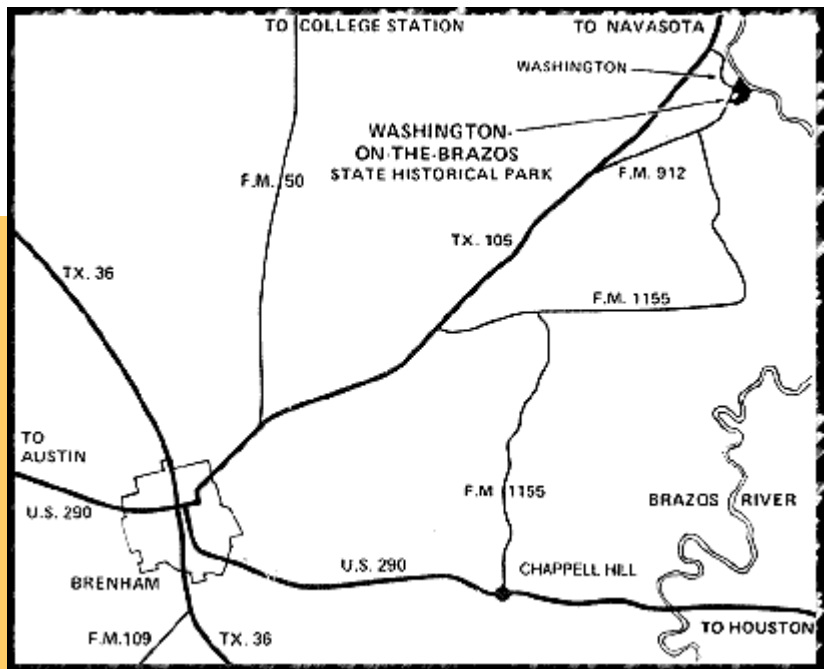
McKinney Falls State Park is a 725-acre park known for its scenic geologic beauty as well as for its cultural history. The park honors Thomas F. McKinney, who came to Texas in the early 1820s as one of Stephen F. Austin's first 300 colonists. McKinney moved to Travis County and this property on Onion Creek between 1850 and 1852, breeding race horses and building the first flour mill in the area. We will lead you on a tour through historic and geological time, visiting the ruins of McKinney's Homestead and gristmill, while walking along the Rock Shelter Trail featuring outstanding limestone formations that speak of prehistoric use. We will go past the vibrant Lower Falls and talk about the importance of water in Texas, and pay a visit to Travis County's oldest living resident, a 75-foot, 500 year old Bald Cypress we call "Old Baldy".

Bastrop State Park, a National Historic Landmark and home of the "Lost Pines," was once known for its rich cultural history and towering expanses of pine trees. That all changed in 2011, when nearly all the 6,500-acre park burned in a massive wildfire. Firefighters managed to save all of the historic buildings except for two Civilian Conservation Corps overlook structures. Tour the remaining buildings, like the Refectory and rustic cabins, during your visit and see firsthand the effects of wildfire in a pine forest. You'll also be able to discuss with park staff the history of the Lost Pines, the future habitat restoration effort and -- pending availability -- complete a short service project.

## ON YOUR OWN....PREWORKSHOP EXPLORATION OR TUESDAY ALTERNATIVES

### WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS STATE HISTORIC SITE

From Austin: Take Highway 290 East to Brenham. In Brenham, take Business Route 290 to Highway 105 East. Go 14 miles and turn right on FM 912 to Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. (~2 hour drivetime)



#### Independence Hall

Revered as the one of Texas' most significant historic places, it was here in 1836 that representatives of the Texas settlements met to make a formal declaration of independence from Mexico. A replica of Independence Hall marks the place where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed and the government of the Republic of Texas was created.

Walk in the footsteps of Davy Crockett as you continue past Independence Hall and make your way down historic Ferry Street. At the end of your walk, enjoy the beautiful view of the Brazos and Navasota Rivers at our scenic overlook. Tours of Independence Hall are offered daily and provide a great opportunity to discover the unique history of Texas. Check at the Visitor Center for times and required tickets.

#### Barrington Living History Farm

**Barrington Living History Farm** is a representation of the farm founded by Dr. Anson Jones, last President of the Republic of Texas. With Jones' daybook and accounts as their guide, the interpreters at Barrington Living History Farm conduct themselves much as did the earliest residents of the original farmstead, raising cotton, corn, cattle and hogs. Visitors take a step into the lives of Barrington's earliest residents and participate in daily activities to better understand what life was like over 150 years ago.

#### Star of the Republic Museum

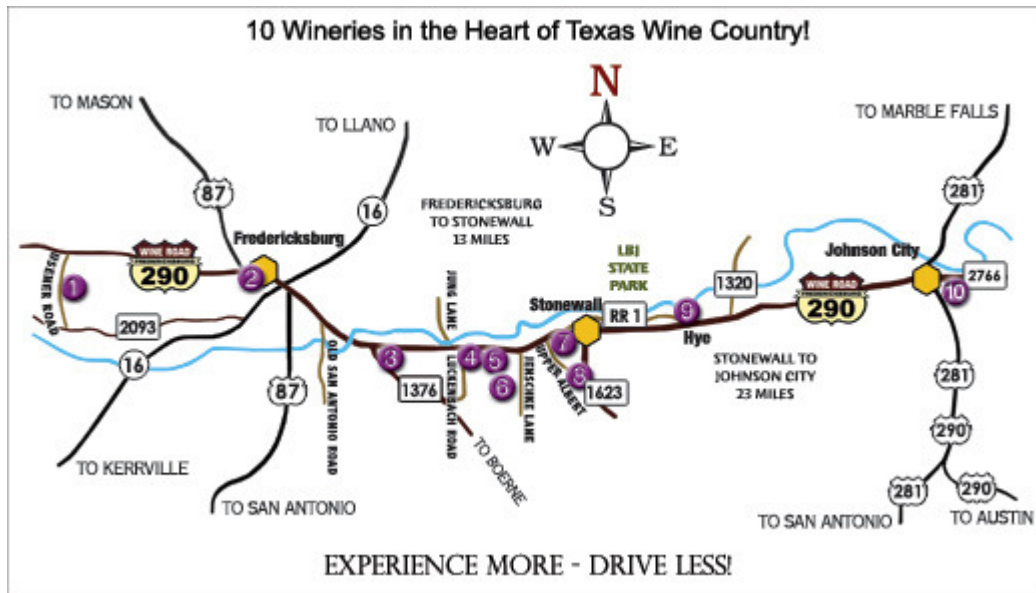
Immerse yourself in the rich history of the Republic of Texas, a sovereign nation from 1836 to 1846. Explore the Museum's award-winning exhibition for an unparalleled look at the people, places, and events that shaped the character of the Texas we know today. Enrich the experience with an introductory video highlighting the significance of Washington-on-the-Brazos. Experience early Texas lifestyles in the Showers Brown Discovery Center with hands-on, entertaining activities. Exhibits on the first floor offer a chronology of the early inhabitants, explorers, and settlers that were drawn to Texas for a variety of reasons. Republic period political and military history is also represented with rare and exclusive artifacts and documents. The second-floor exhibits delve into the social and cultural heritage of the unique people who came together to create the Republic of Texas. Through their struggles and determination, the fledgling nation grew to become a unique and special place, equaled by no other.

The Star of the Republic Museum is administered by Blinn College and is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

## **FREDRICKSBURG, TX AND LUCKENBACH, TX**

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Hill Country Winery Trail <http://texaswinetrail.com/map> check out the suggested daytrip for Fredericksburg wineries. From Austin you follow the Map backward right to left.



National Museum of the Pacific War 340 East Main Street Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Originally named The Admiral Nimitz Museum and housed solely in the historic Nimitz Hotel, the National Museum of the Pacific War has grown into a dynamic, first-class experience that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and from all backgrounds. In addition to more than 50,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space, the museum boasts an impressive display of Allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks, guns and other large artifacts made famous during the Pacific War campaigns. The National Museum of the Pacific War is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II. Located on a six-acre site, the Museum includes the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Pacific Combat Zone, Plaza of Presidents, Memorial Courtyard, Japanese Garden of Peace, and (opening soon) the Nimitz Education and Research Center.

### **HOURS & ADMISSION**

The Museum is open every day from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m**

#### **Admission Prices:**

WWII Veteran: Free

Adults: \$12

Senior Citizen (65 or over) or any retired military (with ID): \$10

Military, current active duty, Reserve, National Guard: \$10

Students w/ID (ages 6-21): \$6

Children under 6: Free

Shopping Downtown and Scenic Hill Country driving.

## **SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL PARKS**

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A chain of five missions established along the San Antonio River in the 18th century became the largest concentration of Catholic missions in North America. Built primarily to expand Spanish New World influence northward from Mexico, the missions also served to introduce native inhabitants into Spanish society.

Four of the missions (San Jose, San Juan, Concepcion, and Espada) were originally founded in East Texas. As the East Texas missions succumbed to drought, malaria, and French incursions, however, they were relocated to San Antonio. The missions flourished during the middle of the 18th century, but later declined due to inadequate military support, disease, and increased hostilities with Apaches and Comanches.

### **Mission San Antonio de Valero (The Alamo; 1718)**

300 Alamo Plaza

San Antonio, Texas 78205

(210) 225-1391

<http://www.thealamo.org>

### **Mission San José (1720)**

6701 San José Drive

San Antonio, Texas 78214

(210) 932-1001

### **Mission San Juan Capistrano (1731)**

9101 Graf Road

San Antonio, Texas 78214

(210) 534-0749

### **Mission Concepción (1731)**

807 Mission Road

San Antonio, Texas 78210

(210) 534-1540

### **Mission San Francisco de la Espada (1731)**

10040 Espada Road

San Antonio, Texas 78214

(210) 627-2021

For directions and hours of San Antonio Missions – <http://www.nps.gov/saan/index.htm>

For mission history and cultural information - <http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/history/spanish-missions-texas>

For more information about where to eat, events and the popular River Walk, visit the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau online: <http://www.visitsanantonio.com>

## **DOWNTOWN AUSTIN**

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Check out the Austin Visitors Guide for several great suggested walking tours of Downtown, the Arts district, Museums and Live Music venues.

<http://guides.weaver-group.com/au/ovg/2011/>

## UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MUSEUMS

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### **Texas Memorial Museum**

2400 Trinity St.

Austin, TX 78705

Phone: 512-471-1604

<http://www.utexas.edu/tmm/>

Hours: Mon. – Thurs: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Fri: 9:00 am to 4:45 pm

Sat: 10:00 am to 4:45 pm

Sun: 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Admission is Free

Texas Natural Science Center's exhibit hall is the Texas Memorial Museum located on The University of Texas at Austin campus in Austin, Texas. Exhibits focus on dinosaurs and fossils, Texas wildlife, gems and minerals, and a working Paleontology Lab where visitors can interact with scientist as they prepare fossil finds.

Spotlighted in the exhibits are spectacular specimens found in Texas, including the largest flying creature ever found- the Texas Pterosaur, with a wingspan of nearly 40-feet and the 30-foot Mosasaur that swam the shallow sea that once covered most of the state.

### **Harry Ransom Center**

21<sup>st</sup> and Guadalupe St.

Austin, TX 78712

Phone: 512-471-8944

<http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/>

Hours: Tues, Wed, and Fri: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thurs: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sat and Sun: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Admission is Free

The Harry Ransom Center advances the study of the arts and humanities by acquiring, preserving, and making accessible original cultural materials. With extensive collections of rare books, manuscripts, photography, film, art, and the performing arts, the Center supports research through symposia and fellowships and provides education and enrichment for scholars, students, and the public through exhibitions and programs.

### **LBJ Library and Museum**

2313 Red River St.

Austin, TX 78705

Phone: 512-721-0200

<http://www.lbjlibrary.org/museum/>

Hours: Open every day 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Admission: Free/Parking Free

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. The library houses forty five million pages of historical documents which include the papers from the entire public career of Lyndon Baines Johnson and also from those of close associates. These papers and the vast administrative files from the presidency are used primarily by scholars.

The museum presents traveling exhibitions related to American history in its changing exhibition gallery. Special exhibitions are produced in-house and shown in the same space. Documents and artifacts included in these shows are on loan from other institutions and private collections nationwide.

**The Blanton Museum of Art**

200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 512-471-7324

<http://blantonmuseum.org/>

Hours: Tue – Fri: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sat: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sun: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Admission: \$9 Adult, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Students and Youth

Parking \$3 in Brazos Garage

The Blanton Museum of Art is the largest university art museum in the country and has the largest and most comprehensive collection of art in Central Texas.