



DRIPPING SPRINGS CITY GUIDE



▶ History & Overview

Dripping Springs, also referred to as the “Wedding Capital of Texas” and the “Gateway to the Hill Country,” is located roughly 25 miles west of Austin. Settlers began to arrive in the area around 1854, and it was officially named Dripping Springs by Nannie Moss in 1857. Today, Dripping Springs sits in Hays County and has a population within the city limits of around 3,280. It is a family friendly city that boasts great schools, competitive extracurricular activities and small-town charm.



▶ Education

Dripping Springs ISD is recognized for excellence at the district and campus level.



▶ Major Business Industries

Dripping Springs is growing rapidly with many of its residents working in Austin. Known as the “Wedding Capital of Texas,” the city is home to many vendors and event companies, such as Whim Hospitality. Other major employers are HEB and Patriot Erectors.



▶ Arts & Culture

Dripping Springs has many natural wonders, vineyards, historic spots and live music venues. In recent years breweries, vineyards and distilleries have popped up throughout the area making it the perfect destination for those looking to wet their whistle.



▶ Dining

Dripping Springs has a wide and increasing food scene. Favorites include Pieous, The Switch, Thyme and Dough, Homespun and Pizza Cave. Conveniently, the famous Salt Lick Barbecue and Trattoria Lisina are located just a short drive away in Driftwood, TX.



Photo of the dripping springs taken by Winifred Simon



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▶ Wineries, Breweries, & Pubs

Dripping Springs is filled with some of the best wineries, breweries, and distilleries in Texas, including Deep Eddy Vodka Distillery, Twisted X Brewing Company and Treaty Oak Distilling.



▶ Parks & Outdoors

Dripping Springs has many natural wonders, including Pedernales State Park, Reimers Ranch and the Westgate Outdoor Discovery Center. Sports are a popular attraction in Dripping Springs, and you can rest assured that the “Friday Night Lights” shine bright. Agriculture is also popular, and the town is home to many horse farms and ranches.



▶ Festivals

- **Christmas on Mercer:** Holiday festival with live entertainment and activities for kids.
- **DS Fair and Rodeo:** Held at the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center and Arena.
- **DS Songwriters Festival:** The songwriting showcases give attendees the opportunity to experience tomorrow’s headliners in small-stage performances at unique venues in historic downtown Dripping Springs.
- **Farmers Market:** Local agricultural and value-added product producers sell a variety of fresh agricultural and related products directly to the consumer.
- **Founders Day Festival:** Thousands of people will gather in Dripping Springs’ historic downtown district for a festive celebration of heritage and pioneer spirit.
- **Annual Dark Sky Festival:** In 2014, Dripping Springs began to attract a new breed of tourists when it was named a Dark Sky Community, the first in Texas. On the last weekend of March, Dripping Springs now hosts annual Dark Sky festivals drawing thousands of “astro-tourists.”



▶ Neighborhoods

Often referred to as the “Gateway to the Texas Hill Country”, Dripping Springs offers residents the opportunity to live in beautiful, peaceful surroundings. Some of the neighborhoods include Arrowhead Ranch, Barton Creek Ranch, Butler Ranch Estates, Caliterra, Deerfield Estates, Dripping Springs Ranch, Founders Ridge, Hidden Springs Ranch, Highpointe, Medlin Creek Ranch, Preserce and Reunion Ranch.

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