



# LEANDER

## CITY GUIDE



### ▶ **History & Overview**

Originally called Bagdad, Leander was established in 1882 and developed on land sold by the Austin and Northwestern Railroad Co. The town was renamed in honor of one of the railroad officials, Leander “Catfish” Brown. Today Leander sits in both Travis and Williamson counties and has a population of more than 55,000. The city is north of Austin, roughly 10 miles west of IH35 on US183. The community has scenic landscapes, an award-winning school district, access to the Texas Hill Country and a rail line to Austin.



### ▶ **Education**

Leander ISD serves multiple campuses for grades K-12. Leander has its own Austin Community College campus to serve the community.



### ▶ **Major Business Industries**

Leander is one of the fastest growing cities in Central Texas. The community has retail, office and residential developments and is on the Capital Metro Rail. Some of the major employers include Dennis Steel, Suncoast Post-Tension, One Source Manufacturing, St. David’s Healthcare and the ACC San Gabriel campus.



### ▶ **Arts & Culture**

Rich with arts and cultural experiences, the Leander Chamber of Commerce is bringing artfully designed trains to every corner of the community with Trail to Trains. The city is also known for its archaeological finds. Dinosaur fossils can be found along the San Gabriel River and visitors can read about the Leanderthal Lady, the earliest intact burial found in the United States, on markers along the south side of RM 1431.



### ▶ **Dining**

Leander has a wide variety of culinary options, including Farm to Fork, Smokey Moe’s, Jardin Del Rey and Guaco Taco.



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### ▶ **Wineries, Breweries, & Pubs**

Located just minutes from some of the best Texas Hill Country wineries and breweries, Leander offers its residents opportunities to enjoy scenic drives on the way to Flat Creek Estate Winery & Vineyard, Bent Oak Winery, El Gaucho Winery, Stone House Vineyard. San Gabriel River Brewery and Iron Wolf Ranch and Distillery.



### ▶ **Parks & Outdoors**

Leander offers something for every sports enthusiast. The city is home to the Texas Stars Hockey Club, Austin Spurs Basketball and Round Rock Express Baseball Club. For the golfer, there is an 18 hole course at Crystal Falls Golf Course; and for those wanting to explore the outdoors, there are several opportunities at local parks, such as Benbrook Ranch Park & Disc Golf Course, Devine Lake Park and Mason Creek Park. Leander hosts fun family nights as well at Movies in the Park at Robin Bledsoe Park.



### ▶ **Festivals**

Known for community gatherings, Leander hosts the following festivals:

- **Liberty Fest:** This festival is celebrated on July 4th with live music, vendors, children's activities and fireworks.
- **Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting:** On the first Saturday in December, the community celebrates with a 5K Rudolph Run, pictures with Santa, holiday hayrides, yule fire, choral performances and shopping with a variety of vendors.
- **Old Town Street Festival:** Held on the third Saturday in May, this event features wine, food, art and music.
- **Bluegrass Festival:** Held annually each September, the Leander Bluegrass Festival is a free event that features live music, concessions, children's activities and a variety of vendors.
- **Spring Egg-Stravaganza:** Leander Parks & Recreation hosts the annual Spring Egg-Stravaganza candy hunt.
- **Devine Lake Kite Festival:** Hosted by the Leander Parks and Recreation each spring, this free festival takes place at Devine Lake Park.



### ▶ **Neighborhoods**

Leander has been recognized as one of the best places to raise a family. The commuter rail from Leander to Austin adds to the appeal of this community. While there are numerous communities to consider, a few of the sought-after neighborhoods are Alterra, Benbrook Ranch, Caballo Ranch, Carneros Ranch, Crystal Crossing, Crystal Falls, Deerbrooke, Hazelwood, Lakewood Country Estates, Overlook Estates, Pecan Creek and Ridgewood.

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