

"Best History Museums in Austin"

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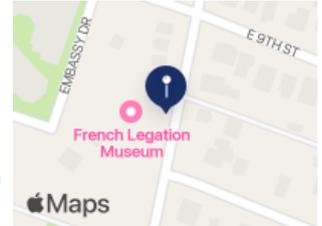


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French Legation Museum

"Living History Museum"

King Louis Philippe ordered Alphonse Dubois de Saligny of France to Austin in 1839 to become the French liaison to the Republic of Texas. He insisted on being called "Count" and built this home on 22 acres of land in 1841. While waiting for building to cease, he was involved in a dispute over pigs and moved to Louisiana. He never returned to Texas and did not spend a single night in this home. In 1848, Dr. Joseph Robertson purchased the home and passed it on through his family for years; in 1949, the State of Texas acquired it. The home has been restored and even houses a French Creole kitchen.



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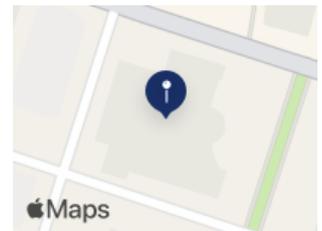


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Bullock Texas State History Museum

"Tales of Texas"

A 35-foot (10.7 meters) bronze Lone Star sculpture greets visitors at the entrance of this epic museum. This place narrates the story of Texas, sharing its rich cultural heritage and traditions. The three floors of the impressive building present interactive exhibits, special effects shows and more. On the first floor, you will find a permanent exhibit called Encounters on the Land, which highlights the first meetings between Native Americans and European explorers. The second and third floors have exhibits that showcase the evolution of Texas from the time of its inception. The museum boasts a total of 17 media installations and over 700 artifacts, not to mention Austin's only IMAX Theater.



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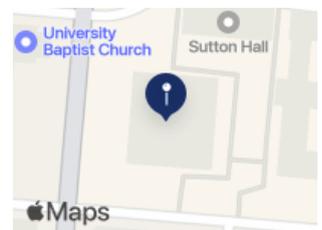


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Harry Ransom Center

"Gallery & Archives"

At Harry Ransom Center you will enjoy viewing the first successful permanent photograph ever taken, alongside one of only remaining Gutenberg Bibles, created in 1456. Also showcased here are rare compositions and manuscripts by Galileo, Beethoven, Hemingway, and more. You will find a wonderful collection of theater arts pieces and a book library with over 800,000 priceless manuscripts. Take advantage of the free admission and experience many of the University's unique treasures. Rotating exhibitions and workshops also allow visitors to interact with artists, actors, and writers.



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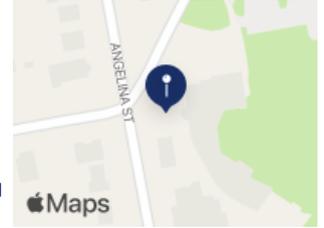


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George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center

"African-American Culture Museum"

As the first neighborhood museum in the state dedicated to African-American history and culture, this 1926 structure houses several insightful displays and exhibits. The center was once Austin's main library and received a Texas State Historical Marker in 1976. The museum is named in honor of Dr. George Washington Carver, a renowned botanist and inventor. The museum features several impactful exhibits, the most notable among which is the permanent Juneteenth Exhibit. It also features changing exhibits of black history and culture in Austin and Travis County.



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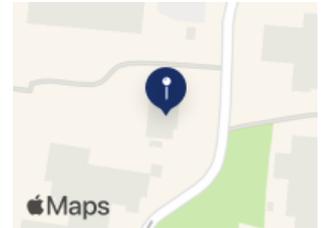


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Texas Memorial Museum

"Discover Texas' Natural History"

For those interested in dinosaurs and rocks, this is a great museum for you. Texas Memorial Museum focuses on collections of Texas and the New World, including an extensive Texas Natural History collection and core collections from the 1936 Texas Centennial celebrations. There is a huge variety of artifacts supporting historical and anthropological research, including collections amassed by faculty, staff and students. New artifacts are continuously added, so repeat visits are highly recommended. Admission is free.



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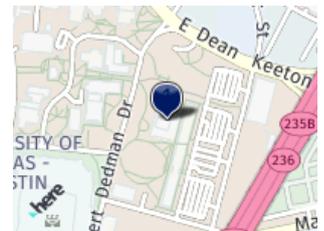


by LBJLibraryNow

Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum

"Presidential Library"

One of the most visited presidential libraries in the nation, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library & Museum is supplied with information regarding one of the most controversial times in United States history. Peeking inside the life of the 36th President, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the LBJ tapes provide listeners the opportunity to learn about former president John F. Kennedy's assassination and the Vietnam War. Along with the famous tapes, visitors can see a to-scale replica of the Oval Office, political memorabilia and more than 39 million pages of historical notes. Plan on a full day at this library and museum, but if you are a real history buff, you will barely scratch the surface of what this fantastic archive has to offer.



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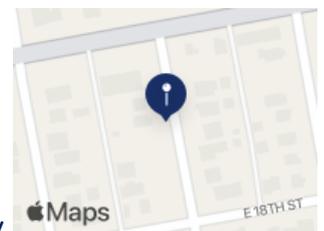


by JimboRocks

Museum of Natural and Artificial Ephemera

"Truly One of a Kind"

This hidden treasure is an offbeat and charming museum of arbitrary collections, including train tokens from all over the world. Sometimes special local events are hosted here as well. The museum is maintained by Jen Hirt and Scott Webel, who run the tours. Be sure to check out the Ephemera Gardens, and know that the couple keeps cats around the venue.



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