

Hi Everyone, we spent three and a half months this past winter traveling around the Southeastern United States in our 28' Airstream with our two dogs Monty and Zephyr. We spent the month of March in the state of Texas and our first stop was the capitol city of Austin.

We parked the Airstream at Bastrop State Park, in Bastrop Texas. This was a great campground with full hookups for only \$35 night. And it was only 32 miles east of Austin so it made a great basecamp for our visit. Be sure to apply for your Texas State Parks Pass, for a yearly fee of \$70 you will save on the daily entrance fee and on your nightly camping at all Texas State Parks. It will pay for it self in one week of camping. The town of Bastrop has a lot to offer, a western downtown area, local art community and a number of different restaurants to choose from, both local and chain. Besure to try the BBQ at Southside Market & Barbecue.

We enjoy state parks and Bastrop was one of the nicest. The landscape is very unique, in 2011, it was ground zero for one of the worst forest fires in the state of Texas. Since then there is a lot of new growth among the burnt trees left from the fire. It was very interesting to see how nature rebuilds it self.

Our first stop in Austin was the State Capitol building and grounds, where we walked around the monuments and toured the capitol building From there it is just a short drive over to the LBJ Presidential Library, one of three Presidential Libraries in Texas. It was great fun going back into our history and reliving LBJ presidency. From there you can't miss a shopping trip on South Congress Avenue. Don't forget to take your picture in front of the "Greetings From Austin" mural and get a cupcake from Hay Cupcake, an old 60s Airstream that now is a food truck.

We really enjoyed our stay in Austin and can't wait to go back. If you have a favorite place to visit in Austin, let us know.

If you would like to see more of our trip to Austin, we created a video on our YouTube channel, Zephyr Travels. I have included a link to the video below:

<https://youtu.be/f8wY-TOb0wA>

Happy Camping
Randy and Diane Hill

Texas State Capitol
1100 Congress Ave
Austin, TX 78701
tspb.texas.gov/prop/tcvc/cvc/cvc.html

LBJ Presidential Library
2313 Red River Street
Austin, TX 78705
www.lbjlibrary.org/

South Congress Avenue
1200 South Congress Avenue
<http://www.austincityguide.com/listings/south-congress-avenue-shopping>

Bastrop State Park
100 Park Road 1A
Bastrop, TX 78602

tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/bastrop

Hay Cupcake
1511 S Congress Ave
Austin, Tx