

When you want to escape for the weekend to try great food, listen to amazing music or catch up on the latest and greatest in pop culture, Central Texas always has the answer with a yearly lineup of great festivals. It was hard for us at Patten Title to pick our favorites, but for locals and tourists alike, these 20 are the best of the best.

### **Austin City Limits Musical Festival**

Where: Zilker Park, Austin

Dates: October 3-5; 10-12, 2025

This sprawling festival features multiple stages, a food festival, activities for kids, and so much more. The ACL Fest organizers have packed in so much that they couldn't contain it to one weekend! View Patten Title's Guide to ACL Fest.

#### **Austin Food and Wine Festival**

Where: Auditorium Shores, Austin

Dates: November 2025

Whether you want to try something new, hobnob with some top chefs, or taste a few of the hundreds of wines, festival-goers can enjoy some great food that ranges from barbecue to tacos to brats. While Texas fare takes center stage, you can also enjoy taste-testing taco offerings made by chefs from across the country or sample spirits from mixologists far and wide.

### **Big Texas Comicon**

Where: Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio

Dates: October 17-19, 2025

Actors and artists from TV shows, movies, and comics (*plus a few surprise celebrities*) drop in to sign autographs and mingle with fans. You can enjoy the food and spend the day shopping with some unique onsite vendors.

# **Electrify Expo**

Where: Globe Life Park, Dallas

Dates: May 24 -25, 2025

The future is now at the largest electric vehicle exhibit in America. Check out electric scooters, cars, trucks, bikes, skateboards, motorcycles, and more. Enjoy a trip around the demo course to try out the latest in electric vehicles.













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### Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest

Where: Downtown Fredericksburg

Dates: October 22-26, 2025

Celebrate Texas Wine Month in October in the heart of Texas Hill Country! Eat, drink, and shop at this one-of-a-kind wine festival, which features a cooking school and some of the best wines made from Texas-grown grapes.

### HONK!TX

Where: Various Locations Throughout Austin

Dates: March 2025

Community-driven festival that brings street and brass bands from around the country to perform and transform everyday locations into spontaneous stages.

#### **Hot Luck Festival**

Where: Various Locations Throughout Austin

Dates: May 22 - 25, 2025

Hot Luck consists of a wide variety of events and surprises that are held at various locations centered around downtown Austin and throughout the city.

### Kerrville Renaissance Festival

Where: River Star Arts and Events Park, Kerrville Dates: January 18-19; 25-26; February 1-2 2025 Lords and Ladies, rejoice! Dress in costume (or not) to enjoy demonstrations of medieval fighting, glass blowing, storytelling, food, and more.

#### **Levitation Festival**

Where: Venues Throughout Austin

Dates: September 25 - September 28, 2025

Delivering lineups that span psych, dream pop, punk, indie, metal,

darkwave and electronic music.

## **Moontower Comedy Festival**

Where: Paramount Theater + Other Locations, Austin

Dates: April 9 - 19 2025

Bringing the funniest, wittiest, oddest comics to Austin, TX. All. Year. Round. It all leads up to the Moontower Comedy Fest.



#### Old Settlers Music Festival

Where: Dale

Dates: April 24 - 27, 2025

This old-fashioned bluegrass festival held in the spring is ideal for campers and day visitors. The fun includes activities for families, plus workshops and talent competitions.

#### **Pecan Street Festival**

Where: NEW LOCATION - Hill Country Galleria

Dates: May 3 & 4, 2025

One of the longest-running and biggest free arts and crafts festivals in Texas, this street festival features multiple stages for live music and more than 200 vendors selling their arts and crafts wares.

#### Seismic Dance Event

Where: The Concourse Project, 8509 Burleson Rd, Austin

Dates: Spring Showcase / May 9-10, 2025 Fall 8.0 Dance Event / November 14 - 16, 2025

Multiple stages cater to techno and underground music devotees. Indoor and outdoor venues include art installations,

food trucks, and more.

#### SXSW Festival

Where: Austin, Multiple Venues

Known internationally, the SXSW Festival features music and film festivals, exhibitions, competitions and more, bringing pop culture and industry professionals to Austin each spring. Young, old, new and some obscure but talented musicians make this a great event for festival goers. Special events

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Where: TBD, San Antonio

Dates: 2025

Partnering with the James Beard Foundation, foodies will love this tasting festival for its workshops, seminars, tastes, Southern hospitality and more.

# Texas Monthly BBQ Fest

Where: Downtown Lockhart

Dates: Fall 2025

Held annually since 2010 this is the state's premier barbecue celebration. The two-day festival in Lockhart is comprised of the BBQ World's Fair on Saturday and the Top 50 Picnic on Sunday.

# **Antique Weekend**

Where: Round Top & Warrenton, Texas

Dates: Spring (March/April) & Fall (October) Shows Early American antiques, textiles and early furniture and accessories, this is a must-visit for serious antique collectors. There's plenty of food on-site to keep you nourished.





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