

DRIPPING SPRINGS



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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 serves more than 6,800 students. It has one high school, two middle schools and four elementary schools. This is a 5A district and the area is also served by the Pinnacle Campus of Austin Community College.



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.



WINERIES, BREWERIES AND 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.

NEIGHBORHOODS



- Arrowhead Ranch: Residents of Arrowhead Ranch enjoy the well rated Dripping Springs ISD as a major benefit.
- Barton Creek Ranch: One of the older established neighborhoods in Dripping Springs located only 20 minutes away from the Hill Country Galleria.
- Bunker Ranch Estates: Master planned gated community with homes that sit on 3/4 to 2 acre lots.
- Butler Ranch Estates: Perfect for the resident that wants to enjoy country living without being too far out from the hustle and bustle of the city.
- Caliterra: Including 300 acres of green space, residents will be able to enjoy what The Texas Hill Country has to offer.
- Cedar Springs Ranch: Located off of Hamilton Pool Road residents are easily able to access the Hill Country Galleria and Lake Travis.
- Deer Creek Ranch: Includes a combination of homes developed in the 1960's and the newest homes being built in 2008.
- Deerfield Estates: Filled with custom, luxury homes built on lots up to 5 acres.
- Dos Lagos: Small community with custom built homes.
- Dripping Springs Ranch: Between the larger lots and award winning school district, residents can't stay away from Dripping Springs Ranch.
- Founders Ridge: Affordable and new community located walking distance from Dripping Springs Elementary.
- Grand Prairie: One circular street, mostly filled with single story homes located near Downtown Dripping Springs.
- Harrison Hills: Located in the rolling hills of Dripping Springs, most of these spacious lots are greenbelt lots allowing open space and wildlife.
- Headwaters: If the modern farmhouse look is for you, look no further than Headwaters.
- Hidden Springs Ranch: Close to downtown Dripping Springs, residents can enjoy the country side while also being close to restaurants and shopping.
- Highland Creek Lakes: Smaller lots with less acreage.
- Highpointe: Large community including 3 separate neighborhoods, 4 swimming pools, tennis courts, and hike and bike trails.
- Legacy Trails: Traditional and contemporary architecture.
- Longview: Includes homes varying from a cabin feel to more of a farm house feel.
- Lost Valley: Small neighborhood with vacation homes, weekend getaways, or full time living.
- Meadow Creek Ranch: Large custom homes close to the city.
- Medlin Creek Ranch: Equestrian neighborhood with unique housing.
- Meadow Oaks: Mature trees, private lots, and Hill Country views.
- Montebella: Small neighborhood with a suburban feel.
- Mountain Creek Lakes: New construction putting out modern homes and paved streets.
- Oak Springs: The closest you can get to Downtown Dripping Springs while still having acreage.
- Preserve: Custom built homes, open to any builder creating a unique neighborhood.
- Retreat at Dripping Springs: Garden home community with several different architecture styles.
- Reunion Ranch: Greenbelt lots with amazing community amenities.
- Saddletree Ranch: Homes sit on large lots with the convenience of shopping and restaurants minutes away.



NEIGHBORHOODS (cont.)

- Saratoga Hills: Small, gated, pocket community with large acreage homes.
- Sawyer Ranch: 280 acre community with 175 custom built homes.
- Shady Valley: Modest sized homes with just enough lot space.
- Springlake: Homes ranging from cabins to farmhouse to traditional.
- Sunset Canyon: Low tax rates and large lots attract residents to this neighborhood.
- Texas Heritage Village: One and two story floor plans that sit on smaller lots compared to the typical Dripping Springs lot.
- Triple Creek Ranch: Tradition, French Country, and Mediterranean architecture styles flow throughout this neighborhood.
- Valley Oak: Small neighborhood with residents who stay. If you see a home go up for sale, it's best to jump at the opportunity.
- Vista Grande: Residents are most attracted to the privacy and affordability offered by Vista Grande.



PARKS AND OUTDOORS

Known as “The Gateway to the Hill Country,” 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 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.”



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