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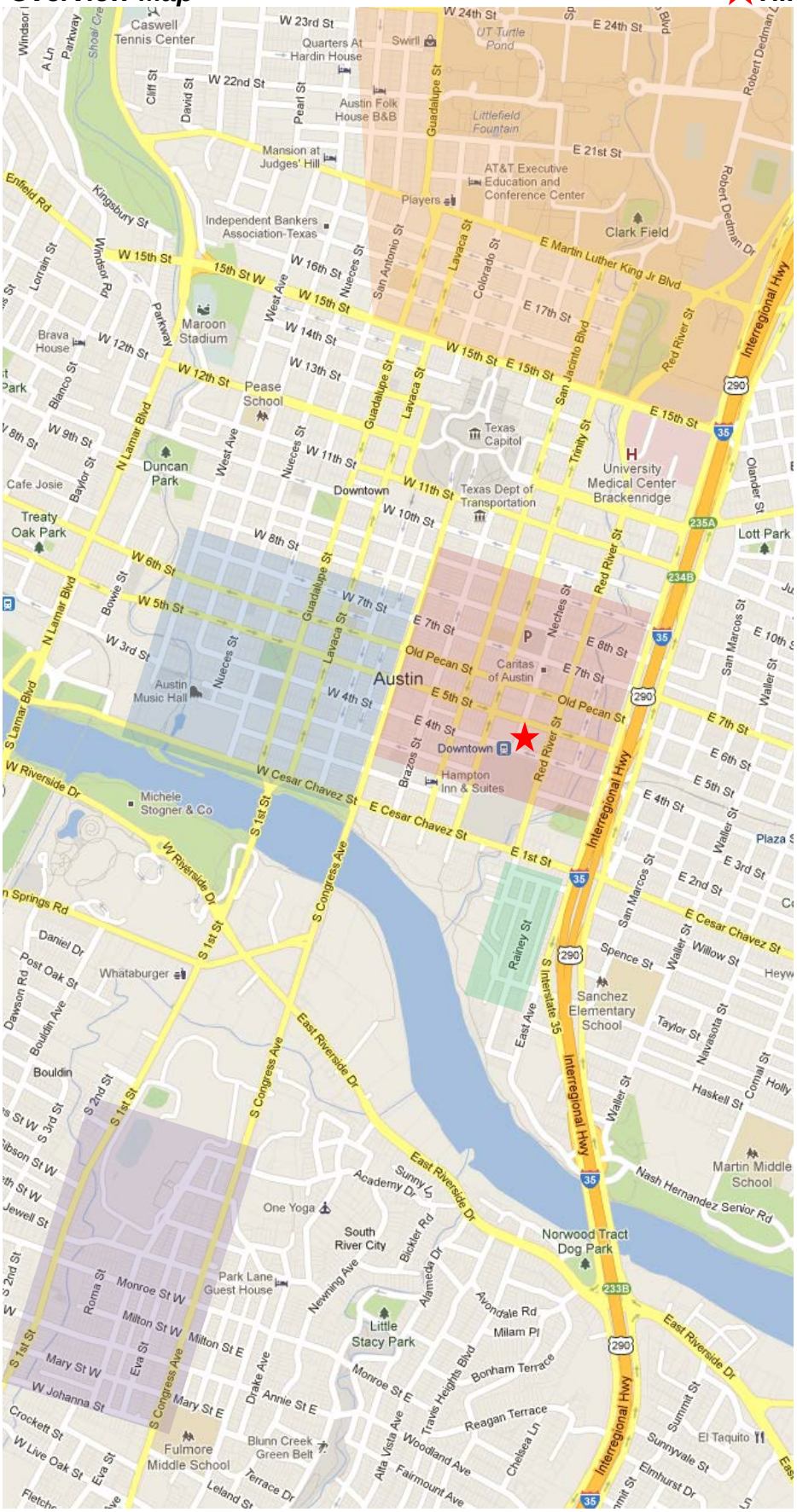
Overview Map



Hilton Austin (Conference Location)

Sixth Street Entertainment District

Austin's Sixth Street Entertainment District consists of the 7 blocks stretching from Congress Avenue to Interstate 35. With a little help from its many like-minded sister streets, 6th Street is the heart of Austin's live entertainment scene. Here you can find a plethora of bars, cafés, and upscale restaurants. There are so many interesting aspects of nightlife within walking distance of one another, and you won't want to skip any of them.

Warehouse District

Located just west of the central business district, the Warehouse District is the upscale cousin to 6th Street. A bit trendier and pricier, it caters to a more mature crowd than the other entertainment areas. True to its name, the restaurants and clubs in this district have been renovated from former warehouses into trendy restaurants, top-notch concert halls, and distinctive bars.

South Congress

South congress is a nationally-known shopping and cultural district famous for its many eclectic small retailers, restaurants, music and art venues and, more recently, food trucks. The avenue is lined with funky, unique-to-Austin stores with a signature Austin-friendly feel. First Thursday is a local tradition when South Congress shops stay open late, playing host to an array of events and activities.

Rainey Street

A once sleepy residential street nestled next to downtown, Rainey Street features old bungalows that have been fixed up and turned into bars and cocktail lounges with ample backyards and porches. In just half a mile you can find bar after bar, each with its own personality catering to a different crowd. Whether you want to sit back and relax over a cold beer or enjoy a nice whiskey, the Rainey Street District features some of the best bars in Austin.

University Area

Founded in 1883, the University of Texas at Austin houses 7 museums and 17 libraries, including the Blanton Museum of Art and the newly renovated LBJ Presidential Library, as well as various auxiliary research facilities, such as the J.J. Pickle Research Campus and the McDonald Observatory. Located just south of campus and one of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the Bullock Texas State History Museum engages audiences to interpret for themselves, the continually unfolding "Story of Texas."

Detailed Listing by Category

Tours

- Drop into the Austin Visitor Center, open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm, for everything Austin, or book a free, guided tour of historical downtown *(209 E. 6th St., 512-478-0098, www.austintexas.org, 0.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Austin Duck Adventures is the amphibious tour of downtown sights and Lake Austin in a Hydra Terra vehicle *(Call 512-4-SPLASH for tour times, or visit www.austinducks.com, tours start from the Austin Visitor Center, 209 E. 6th St., 0.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Segway Nation offers Austin Segway tours daily of downtown historic sites including the capital building, 6th St. District, and the Congress Avenue bridge, home to the world's largest urban bat colony *(1108 Lavaca St., Ste. 100, 512-663-9634, www.nationtours.com/austin/, 1.0 mile from Hilton Austin).*
- Try tasty local eateries on one of Austin Eats Food Tours, which include tours of South Congress, Downtown, East Austin, and food trucks *(512-963-4545, www.austineatsfoodtours.com).*

Eats and Treats

- Local downtown restaurant choices include Carmelo's Restaurant, Chez Nous, Old Pecan Street Café, Vince Young Steakhouse, Max's Wine Dive, Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill, Iron Cactus, Driskill Grill, and Parkside.
- Further west in the Warehouse district, you can find choices such as La Condesa, Taverna, Second Bar + Kitchen, J. Black's Feel Good Kitchen & Lounge, Opal Divine's Freehouse, Wahoo's Fish Taco, Fado's Irish Pub & Restaurant, and Frank Restaurant.
- Located downtown, the famous restaurant and music venue Stubb's BBQ will have you singing blues with your Texas BBQ. Their Gospel Brunch features a world-renowned buffet served every Sunday with live gospel music *(801 Red River St., 512-480-8341, www.stubbsaustin.com, 0.3 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- Pick up a coffee or treat at the "funky little coffee shack" called Jo's Coffee, a local favorite! *(www.joscoffee.com, two locations: 242 W. 2nd St., 0.6 miles from Hilton Austin, or 1300 S. Congress Ave., 1.4 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Hut's Burgers serves Austin's best burgers, fries, and shakes—a downtown favorite since 1939. Tip: On Wednesdays from 6-10 PM, stop by for 2 burgers for the price of 1! *(807 W 6th St., 512-472-0693, www.hutsfrankandangies.com, 1.0 mile from Hilton Austin)*.
- Rainey Street features great places to eat, such as G'Raj Mahal Café, El Naranjo, or Banger's Sausage House & Beer Garden, as well as places to relax and enjoy a beverage, including Lustre Pearl, Bar 96, Bungalow, Clive Bar, Blackheart Bar, Icenhauer's, Lucille, and Javelina *(about 0.4 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- South Congress Avenue, also known as "SoCo," is a strip of eclectic shops, delicious restaurants, and trailer truck eateries. Choices include the famous Home Slice Pizza, Hopdoddy Burger Bar, South Congress Café, Amy's Ice Cream, Guero's Taco Bar, Perla's Seafood & Oyster Bar, Doc's Motorworks Bar & Grill, Botticelli's, Enoteca Vespaio, and Lucy's Fried Chicken *(www.southcongressave2.blogspot.com, about 1.5 miles from Hilton Austin).*

- If you find yourself around the University Area, be sure to check out some local favorites like Trudy's Tex-Mex Restaurant and Bar, Plucker's Wing Bar, Torchy's Tacos, Mellow Mushroom, and Scholz Garten *(about 1.6 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- If you're feeling brave, get ready for an out-of-this-world donut at Gourdough's food trailer, featured on E! News, TLC's "*Best Of*," and the Travel Channel's show, "*No Reservations*" *(1503 S. 1st St., www.gourdoughs.com, 1.7 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- 24-hour breakfast hot spots include Kerbey Lane Café for buttermilk pancakes and bottomless coffee *(www.kerbeylanecafe.com, multiple locations: 2606 Guadalupe St., 2.2 miles; 3003 S. Lamar Blvd., 3.6 miles; or 3704 Kerbey Lane, 4.0 miles from Hilton Austin)*, or Magnolia Café for Migas or Gingerbread Pancakes *(www.themagnoliacafe.com, two locations: 1920 S. Congress Ave., 1.9 miles from Hilton Austin, or 2304 Lake Austin Blvd., 2.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Venturing outside of downtown, head to Hula Hut on Lake Austin, offering a mix of Mexican and Polynesian cuisine with views of the lake *(3825 Lake Austin Blvd., 512-476-4852, www.hulahut.com, 3.7 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- Try the mixed Creole or Tex-Mex chow at Red's Porch while gazing out to the famous Austin Greenbelt and rolling hills *(3508 S. Lamar Blvd., 512-440-7337, www.redsporch.com, 4.0 miles from Hilton Austin)*.

Shop

- Take a little Austin home with you from Wild About Music, a neighborhood apparel and gift store celebrating our musical city with a great selection designed by local artists *(115 E. 6th St., www.wildaboutmusic.com, 0.4 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- The 2nd Street District and the Warehouse District have chic retail stores and wine bars with a lively urban background *(2nd St. between Colorado and San Antonio Streets, www.2ndstreetdistrict.com, about 0.6 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Harmonize with Austin locals at Waterloo Records and Video. Established in 1982, this extensive music store spans all listening styles and features special Texas artists *(600 N. Lamar Blvd., 512-474-2500, www.waterloorecords.com, about 1.2 miles from Hilton Austin*).
- The South Congress Avenue store Allen's Boots is a local favorite to find authentic western wear and Texas souvenirs *(1522 S. Congress Ave., 512-447-1413, www.allensboots.com, about 1.5 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Pick up an eccentric keepsake at SoCo famous store Uncommon Objects *(1512 S. Congress Ave., 512-442-4000, www.uncommonobjects.com, about 1.5 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Peruse the aisles of folk art and vintage jewelry at SoCo's Tesoros *(1500 S. Congress Ave., 512-447-7500, www.tesoros.com, about 1.5 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Visit Lucy in Disguise with Diamonds for 8,000 square feet of costumes and quirky SoCo fun *(1506 S. Congress Ave., 512-444-2002, www.lucyindisguise.com, about 1.5 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Visit Cavender's Boot City for a large selection of boots and hats at great prices. They can "outfit a ranch hand as well as a socialite for the Cattle Baron's Ball!" *(4435 S. Lamar Blvd., 512-892-4747, www.cavenders.com, about 5.0 miles from Hilton Austin)*.

- Take a trip to Cabela's in Buda featuring a 185,000 sq. ft. showroom of trophy animal displays, aquariums, an indoor archery range, a boat shop, a gun library, and Texas retail including hunting and sporting gear, and camouflage anything. After browsing this Texas-sized store, grab a bite to eat at Cabela's Deli and Grill, "A Dining Experience for your Wild Side," and choose anything from an elk burger or wild boar sandwich, to handmade fudge, and fresh-roasted, cinnamon-glazed nuts *(15570 N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd, Buda TX, 512-295-1100, www.cabelas.com, about 14 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Take a trip to San Marcos to the Tanger and Premium Outlets which boast 1.2 million square feet of retail space and more than 260 stores *(www.tangeroutlet.com/sanmarcos, www.premiumoutlets.com/sanmarcos, about 32 miles from Hilton Austin).*

Music Scene

- Watch the action on Sixth Street and visit bar after bar of live music, including The Parish, The Stage on Sixth, Maggie Mae's, or Pete's Dueling Piano Bar *(www.6street.com, 0.2 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- Satisfy your jazz itch at the Elephant Room, an underground speakeasy in the heart of the Warehouse District *(315 Congress Ave., 512-473-2279, www.elephantroom.com, 0.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Catch a show or take a tour of the new ACL Live at The Moody Theater, where the acclaimed PBS TV series, *Austin City Limits*, the longest running music series in American television history, is taped. On June 14th there will be an ACL taping featuring Emmylou Harris & Rodney Crowell *(310 Willie Nelson Blvd., 512-225-7999 for the venue, 877-435-9849 for tickets, www.acl-live.com, 0.6 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- The Belmont boasts a cutting edge sound and light system, and hosts music ranging from the hottest hip hop and electronic dance music to what's next in rock'n'roll *(305 W. 6th St., 512-476-2100, www.thebelmontaustin.com, 0.6 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- La Zona Rosa is another local favorite, in the heart of the Warehouse District. Come listen to a local favorite or a famous act on one of two stages *(612 W. 4th St., 512-651-5033, www.lazonarosa.com, 0.7 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- The Austin Music Hall is Austin's premier concert and special event facility. The building's art-deco interior creates a first class atmosphere for over 3000 people *(208 Nueces St., 512-377-1120, www.musichallaustin.com, 0.7 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- The Rattle Inn is a bar and live music venue open every evening and located in downtown Austin's popular West 6th Street District. The Rattle Inn is divided into three different bar areas. Our main Rattle Inn bar, Ray's Backstage housing our stage for live entertainment, and the roof top deck that has an amazing view of Austin's skyline *(610 Nueces St., 512-373-8306, www.therattleinn.com, 0.8 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Go retro and visit the "granddaddy" of all local music venues at The Continental Club, rockin' Austin since 1957 *(1315 S. Congress Ave., 512-441-2444, www.continentalclub.com, 1.4 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- Austin's home for live music, the Saxon Pub has hosted well over 22,000 musical performances. On any given night you might see a major celebrity from the film or music industry either having a beer or sitting in on stage jamming with the locals *(1320 S. Lamar Blvd., 512-448-2552, www.thesaxonpub.com, 2.2 miles from Hilton Austin).*

- For honky-tonk two-steppin' fun, visit **The Broken Spoke**, "the last of the true Texas dance halls," for some live Austin country music, and chicken fried steak of course! *(3201 S. Lamar Blvd., 512-442-6189, www.brokenspokeaustintx.com, 3.8 miles from Hilton Austin)*.

Culture

- Visit the **Mexic-Arte Museum** to learn about the art and culture of Texas' Latino Community *(419 Congress Ave., 512-480-9373, www.mexic-artemuseum.org, 0.4 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- The **Austin Museum of Art** (AMOA) – Arthouse at the Jones Center shows contemporary art through innovative exhibitions *(700 Congress Ave., 512-453-5312, www.amoa-arthouse.org, 0.5 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- The Emma S. Barrientos **Mexican American Cultural Center** is dedicated to the preservation, creation, presentation, and promotion of Mexican American cultural arts and heritage. The Center houses two gallery spaces, which feature local, regional, and national Latino artists. Admission is always free and tours available by advanced request *(600 River St., 512-974-3772, www.maccaustin.org, 0.6 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- **Lora Reynolds Gallery** features work by emerging, mid-career and established artists, presented in all media including drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, film, and video *(360 Nueces St., 512-215-4965, www.lorareynolds.com, 0.7 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Visit the **Texas State Capitol** to see an extraordinary example of late 19th century public architecture. Self-guided tours of the Capitol & Grounds are available during business hours *(112 E. 11th St., 512-305-8400, www.tspb.state.tx.us/CVC/home/home.html, 0.8 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum** and **IMAX Theater** is an educational institution that guides visitors through three floors of the Story of Texas *(1800 Congress Ave., 512-936-8746, www.thestoryoftexas.com, 1.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- The **Blanton Museum of Art** is an art museum and research center located at the edge of the University of Texas at Austin campus, featuring American and contemporary art, Latin art, European paintings, prints, and drawings. It is the largest collection of art in Central Texas with 17,000 pieces *(200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 512- 471-7324, www.blantonmuseum.org, 1.3 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- The **LBJ Presidential Library** houses 45 million pages of historical documents, 650,000 photos, and 5,000 hours of recordings from President Johnson's political career *(2313 Red River St., 512-721-0200, www.lbjlibrary.org, 1.7 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- The **Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum** houses more than 130 indoor and outdoor sculptures by the late American sculptor Charles Umlauf *(605 Robert E. Lee Rd., 512-445-5582, www.umlaufsculpture.org, 2.1 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- The **Zilker Botanical Garden** is a stage for native foliage, flowers, ponds, and oriental gardens (*2220 Barton Springs Rd., 512-477-8672, www.zilkergarden.org, 2.5 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Take a picture in front of **Austin's many famous murals** around town, including the "I love you so much" graffiti art on the side of Jo's coffee South Congress location, the Austin Postcard Mural, the "Hi, how are you?" frog mural, and the Austintatious Mural at the 23rd Street Artist's Market *(www.austinphotobook.com/2011/02/26/austin-mural-tour-keeping-austin-weird-with-street-art/).*

Entertainment

- Take in the popular comedy-satire-musical at **Esther's Follies**, a modern day vaudeville located in the heart of Austin's Entertainment District *(525 E. 6th St., 512-320-0198, www.esthersfollies.com 0.2 miles from Hilton Austin)*.
- Shoot pool or toss darts at the cowboy-themed **Buffalo Billiards** *(201 E. 6th St., 512-479-7665, www.buffalobilliards.com/austin/, 0.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Embark on the famous bat-watching boat excursions with **Capital Cruises** *(208 Barton Springs Rd., 512-480-9264, www.capitalcruises.com, 0.8 miles from Hilton Austin)* or head down to the **Congress Bridge** at sunset to watch the bats fly out *(www.batcon.org/index.php/get-involved/visit-a-bat-location/congress-avenue-bridge/, 0.6 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- **Peter Pan Mini-Golf** has been an Austin favorite since 1946 *(1207 Barton Springs Rd., 512-472-1033, www.peterpanminigolf.com, 1.5 miles from Hilton Austin).*

Outdoors

- Check out the **Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trails**, which include about 10 miles of path bordering Lady Bird Lake in downtown Austin, and serve as a social center for runners, walkers, and cyclists *(for an interactive trail map, visit www.townlaketrail.org).*
- **Congress Avenue Kayaks** offer kayaks and standup paddleboards for first-timers and veterans alike; rent by the hour or half-day *(74 Trinity St., 512-809-8916, www.congresskayaks.com, 0.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Walk around the **University of Texas at Austin**, catch a Longhorn sports event, or take a tour of the campus. The UT Tower lights up orange on the nights the Longhorns win games! *(2400 Inner Campus Dr., 512-471-1444, www.utexas.edu, about 1.6 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- **Zilker Park Boat Rentals**, established in 1969, offer hourly or all-day rentals on canoes and kayaks for Barton Creek and Lady Bird Lake *(2101 Andrew Zilker Rd., 512-478-3852, www.zilkerboats.com, 2.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- Within Zilker Park's 358 acres lies one of the crown jewels of Austin, **Barton Springs Pool**. The spring-fed natural swimming hole provides a constant 68° year-round swim *(2201 Barton Springs Rd., 512-476-9044, www.austintexas.gov/department/barton-springs-pool , 2.3 miles from Hilton Austin).*
- If you are ready for the best view in town head to **Mount Bonnell**, but be prepared to climb a long, long staircase to reach the top! *(3800 Mount Bonnell Rd, www.austinparks.org/our-parks.html?parkid=287 6.0 miles from Hilton Austin).*

Events

- June 13 – 16: **Republic of Texas Biker Rally** – The state's biggest motorcycle rally and one of the largest in the nation, rolls into Austin as 50,000 participants and 200,000 spectators unite to enjoy bikes, music, and Texas fun *(7311 Decker Ln., at the Travis County Expo Center, www.rotrally.com, 8.5 miles from Hilton Austin).*

Detailed Maps

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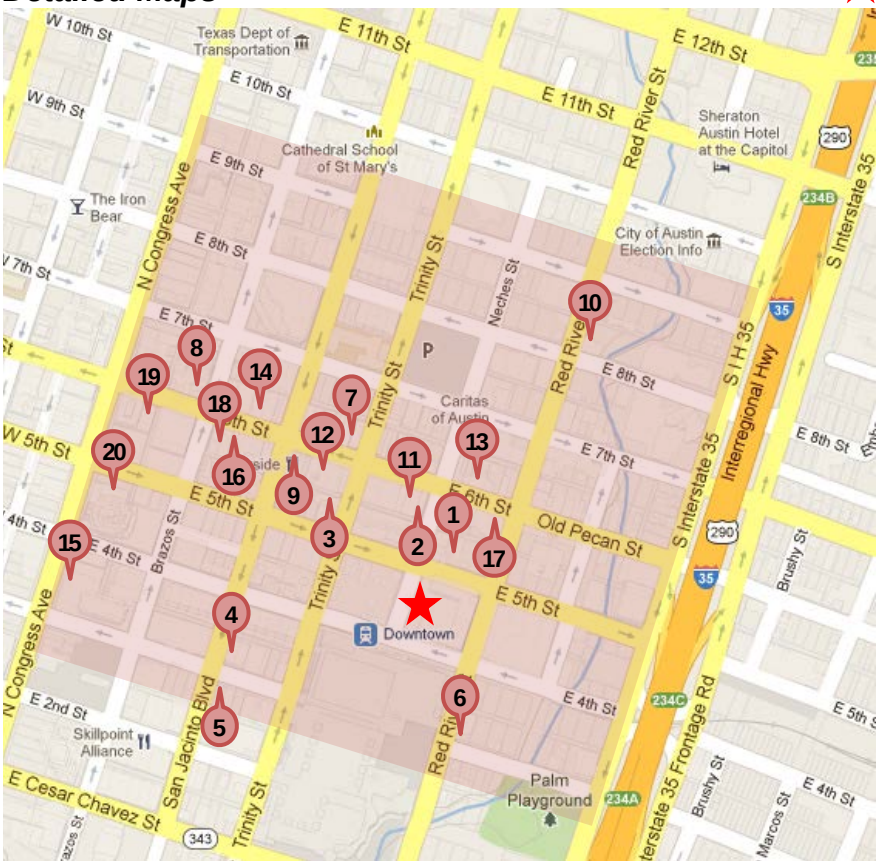

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Music Venues

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11. Pete's Dueling Piano Bar
12. Maggie Mae's
13. The Stage on Sixth
14. The Parish
15. Elephant Room

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18. Buffalo Billiards
19. Wild About Music
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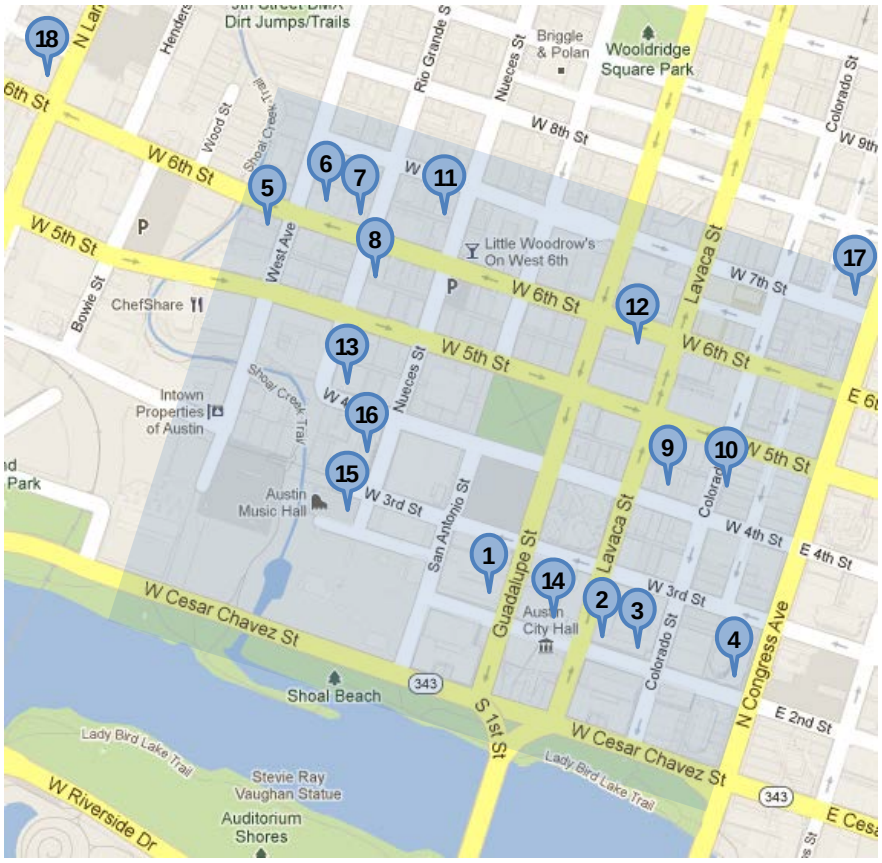

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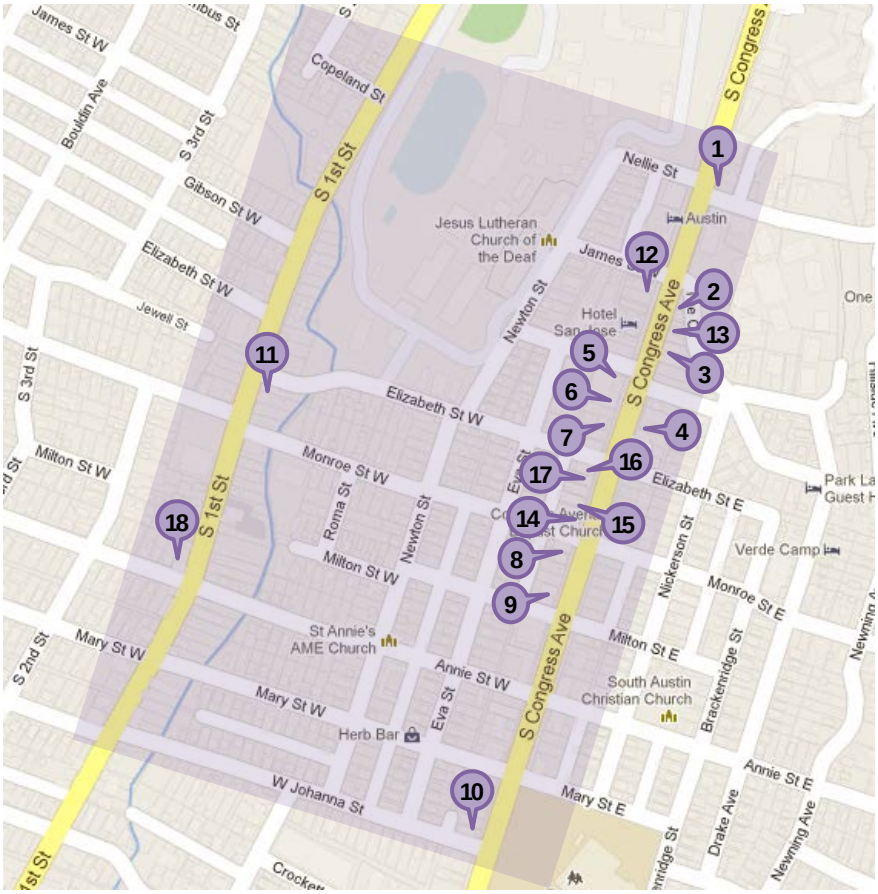

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2. Amy's Ice Cream
3. Botticelli's
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5. Perla's Seafood & Oyster Bar
6. Hopdoddy Burger Bar
7. Guero's Taco Bar
8. South Congress Café
9. Enoteca Vespaio
10. Magnolia Cafe
11. Gourdough's
12. Jo's Coffee—Congress *(Location with famous "I love you so much" graffiti art)*

Music Venues

13. The Continental Club

Other Attractions

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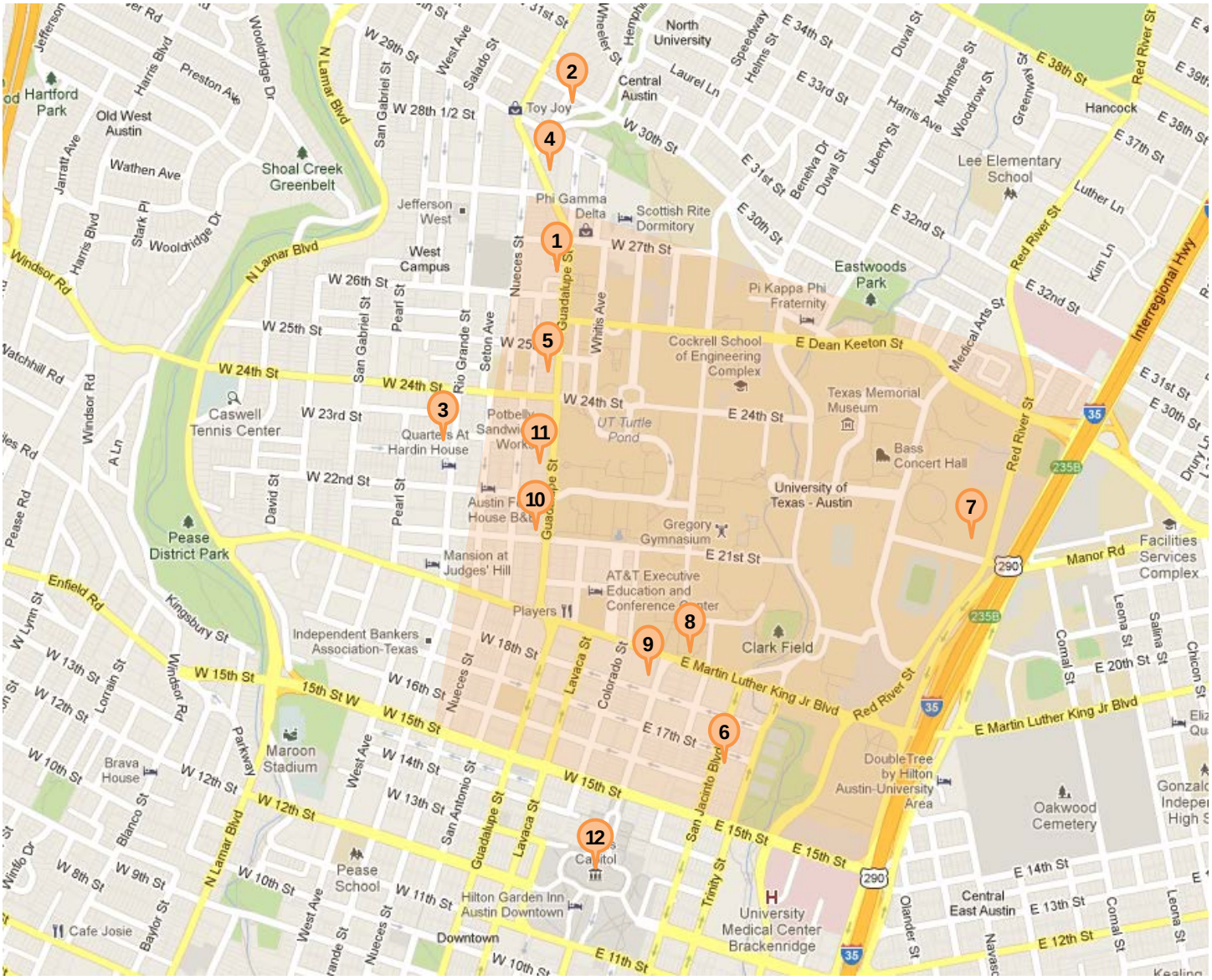
18. Austin Postcard Mural *(on the side of the Roadhouse Relics building)*



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