

## **The Dog-Friendly Guide to South Austin**

If you've ever been to Austin, you probably noticed all the dogs. Austin is not just a friendly town but a dog-friendly one too. Whether you're a dog owner or just a dog-person, we've put together this dog-friendly guide to South Austin neighborhoods.

### **Dogs and South Congress**

South Congress is one of Austin's most popular destinations for tourists and locals alike, and with so many great shops, cafes, and restaurants it's easy to see why. If you want to bring your four-legged friend to South Congress for the afternoon here are some of the top places to check out!

#### **Amy's Ice Cream**

No trip to South Congress is complete without a visit to the classic Austin creamery for a scoop of Mexican Vanilla ice cream. Your dog will love Amy's as much as you do, because they can provide you with several options for treats, like peanut butter on a spoon or a bowl of whip cream. This Amy's location is also entirely outdoors, so you and your dog never have to be separated.

#### **Jo's Coffee**

Jo's is popular for several reasons, namely the 'I Love You So Much' mural gracing its sage green walls. You and your dog will love it for its plethora of outdoor seating, a wide variety of snacks for you (including croissants, brownies, and gluten-free pop-tarts), and the cookie jar of complimentary dog treats at the pick-up window.

#### **June's**

After a few hours of window shopping with your dog, you'll definitely want to check out June's, on the corner of South Congress and Annie. They have one of the best happy hours on the street and a variety of savory and sweet options. The patio can be a little tight during a rush, but the staff loves dogs of all shapes and sizes!

### **Dogs and South Lamar**

If you like beer halls, bars, and delicious food then you need to visit the South Lamar neighborhood. It is one of Austin's fastest growing neighborhoods and has plenty to eat, see, and do for both people and pups. Check out our recommendations below!

#### **Crux Climbing Gym**

If you like indoor rock-climbing and dogs then this is the perfect place for you! This climbing and bouldering gym boasts an impressive bouldering cave, gym amenities, and auto-belay rock-climbing, which anyone from a novice to experienced climber can use. The best part about Crux is it's dog friendly, as long as your dog is in someone's control while you're there.

#### **Radio Coffee and Bar**

Coffee spot by day, live music venue and bar by night, Radio has become one of South Lamar's most popular hangouts. They have plenty of outdoor seating so you can take your pup for a pint and a show too.

### **Gibson Bar**

Off South Lamar and Gibson street is the aptly named, Gibson Bar. Boasting a different special or event every night, from Trivia Tuesdays to Wine Wednesday, this bar has a great selection of craft cocktails and draft beers. You can sit outside with your dog and order food from Luke's Inside Out, the food-truck next door. We recommend the crinkle-cut fries with bacon, queso, and jalapeño. You and your dog will love them.

## **Dogs and Other Neighborhoods in South Austin**

### **Zilker**

The Zilker neighborhood is home to one of the best public parks in the nation. On any warm day you can find hundreds of people and their dogs at Zilker Park. If your dog likes to run, you can take a few laps around Lady Bird Lake on the hike and bike trail, or if swimming is more their thing they can take a dip in Barker Springs, just downstream from Barton Springs. Or just enjoy the acres of park and allow your dogs to play fetch and make new friends.

### **Travis Heights**

Travis Heights is a great family friendly neighborhood. The hidden gem of Travis Heights is Big Stacy Park, which has a mile long running trail, playgrounds, and fields for you and your dog to frolic in. During the spring, this is a great place to take your dog to get some wildflower pictures without the worry of taking them off the side of a highway.

No matter where you go in South Austin you will find a local spot you and your dog can both enjoy. Just remember to follow proper dog etiquette, whether you're a dog-owner or not. Always keep your dog on a leash, unless in an area that allows for off-leash dogs. Remember to bring enough water for you and your dog, especially on hot summer days. And if you want to pet a dog, always ask their owner first, even if they look friendly!

Austin is a great city for dogs and people. Do you have a favorite spot for you and your dog to hang out? Let us know in the comments!