

Dodging Duck Brewpub

402 River Road
Boerne, TX 78006
830.248.DUCK

Just across from a Dagobah-esque pond is an adorable old house that's been converted into the Dodging Duck Brewpub, named for the web-footed jaywalkers that waddle across the highway in front of the pub, continually stopping traffic.

Beers: (seasonal)
Darkwing Dunkel Weissen
Old Speckled Duck
Dodging Duck Double Chocolate Stout
Czech Pluck Pilsner

Take Heed!

While you're there, be sure to try their sausage plate with different cheeses, mustards and, without question, the greatest pretzels known to mankind.

What's nearby?

Art Galleries
Luckenbach

Fredericksburg Brewing Company

245 East Main
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830.997.1646
www.yourbrewery.com

Tucked in among antique shops, quilting stores and classic delis lies the oldest brewpub in Texas—the Fredericksburg Brewing Company.

The copper and bronze fermenters bubble happily in the background as you sip the fruit of their efforts, which happens to be some mighty fine beer.

Beers:

Whitetail Wheat
Enchanted Rock Red Ale
Balanced Rock Maibock
Harper Valley India Pale Ale
Pioneer Porter

Take Heed!

If you have a few too many, no worries. They actually have a bed & breakfast upstairs where you can sleep it off.

Didn't have enough? It's okay, the room has a free sampler of the brewery's best.

And if you are looking for a change of scenery after dinner at the Brewing Company, take a traveler (open containers are legal in Fredericksburg) down the street to Primeaux's—one of the most beautiful and comfortable bars we've ever been fortunate enough to find. — JS

What's nearby?

Enchanted Rock
Antique Shops

Live Oak Brewing Company

3301B E. 5th Street
Austin, TX 78702
512.385.2299
www.liveoakbrewing.com

On the outskirts of Austin, hidden along the railroad tracks of the warehouse district, lies the microbrewery Live Oak Brewing Company. Live Oak is presided over by Chip McElroy—the most knowledgeable person we encountered on our brewery road trip. You'll leave with not only a newfound respect for the brewing process as a whole, but with a slight buzz from their awesome beers as well.

What's more, hanging on the wall of the brewery is a portrait of the Flying Spaghetti Monster. FSM faithful can take heart that each and every sip of Live Oak beer has been touched by his noodly appendage. — JS

Beers:

Pilsner
Big Bark
Pale Ale
A true Hefeweizen
Liberation Ale (IPA)

What's nearby?

C'mon, it's Austin.
If you really need our help finding something to do we suggest you start with some smelling salts and a defibrillator.

Real Ale Brewing Company

P.O. Box 1445
Blanco, TX 78606

www.realalebrewing.com

Folks, this is Texas's best micro-brew, hands down. Brad Farbstein and company have been quietly churning out their malted nirvana for the past 10 years in Blanco, TX, and are poised to pour all over the country with the assistance of their new 7,500 sq. ft. production facility.

Now, we're quite aware of how bold a statement it is to call this the best brew in Texas.

But when you have a sip (at Poison Girl, Onion Creek or Gingerman to name a few places around town that carry it) and taste the brilliant complexity of a Real Ale, we're certain you'll agree with us. And if you don't, we'd love to catch up with you over any beer that you think is better. — JS

Beers:

Fireman's #4
Brewhouse Brown
Rio Blanco Pale

What's nearby?

Gristmill River Restaurant & Bar
The Tavern on Gruene
Gruene Hall