

# Hyde Park

AUSTIN, TEXAS



Hyde Park is a neighborhood and historic district in Austin, Texas. Located in Central Austin, Hyde Park is defined by W. 38th Street to the south, W. 51st Street to the north, Duval Street to the east, and Guadalupe Street to the west. It is situated just north of the University of Texas and borders the neighborhoods of Hancock and North Loop.

Hyde Park traces its origins back to 1891 and is considered to be Austin's first suburb. It was largely rural in character for much of the 19th century. The State Fair of Texas was held in the eastern sections of Hyde Park from 1875 until it was moved to Dallas in 1884. A portion of the State Fair's horseracing track is still reflected in the curved segment of 39th Street between Avenue F and Duval Street.

Hyde Park was initially marketed to Austin's elite in the 1890s. The first houses built in the neighborhood were stylistic examples of late 19th-century domestic architecture. Many of them, such as the Oliphant-Walker House, were built in the Queen Anne style by locally prominent citizens. Noted sculptress Elisabet Ney was among the first to buy property in the area, which was heavily promoted as confirmation that Hyde Park was attractive to Austin's most talented and prestigious citizens. Ney built a small castle-style studio, named Formosa, in northwest Hyde Park that is now home to the Elisabet Ney Museum.

By the late 1890s and early 1900s, however, the tone of Hyde Park's advertisements began to change. No longer was it promoted as an affluent residential area; instead, the suburb was described as an ideal place for the "working man or woman" to invest his or her earnings by purchasing a lot and building a residence. The key phrase in these promotions became affordability. Hyde Park's architectural character shifted to smaller, more modest frame houses and bungalows. While steady construction of houses characterized the area through the early 1900s, Hyde Park's greatest building boom occurred between 1924 and 1935.

## Historic Districts

The **Hyde Park Historic District** includes Victorian architecture, Tudor Revival architecture, and bungalows.

The **Shadow Lawn Historic District** includes several homes of historic interest from the early twentieth century.

## Attractions

**Elisabet Ney Museum**  
[austintexas.gov/Elisabetney](http://austintexas.gov/Elisabetney)

The Elisabet Ney Museum is the former studio and portrait collection created by 19th century sculptor Elisabet Ney. The museum offers a range of educational programs, exhibits, special events, workshops and lectures throughout the year.

**Black Lagoon: Art + Yoga**  
[blacklagoonAustin.com](http://blacklagoonAustin.com)

A combination art gallery and yoga studio that offers classes and candlelit sessions.

**Mondo Gallery**  
[mondotees.com/blogs/gallery](http://mondotees.com/blogs/gallery)

The Mondo Gallery is a permanent art space in Austin, TX featuring a curated mix of original artwork and limited edition screen prints. It showcases and promotes artists from around the world, and provides a physical space to view, enjoy and purchase art inspired by film, television, comics and more.

**Hyde Park Bar and Grill**  
[hpbng.com](http://hpbng.com)

This all-around awesome eatery prides itself on three things: handmade food, moderate prices and a casual atmosphere. Opened in 1982 by a UT alum, Hyde Park Bar and Grill offers top-notch versions of standard menu items (including burgers, sandwiches and unbelievable fries) plus less traditional options like steamed dumplings, sweet corn tamales and a fried caper fettuccini.

**Hancock Golf Course**  
[golftexas.com/golf-courses/central/austin/hancock-golf-course.htm](http://golftexas.com/golf-courses/central/austin/hancock-golf-course.htm)  
Hancock Golf Course is located in the heart of Austin; this par 35, 9-hole course carries up and down hills and over beautiful Waller Creek. The old course is relatively short by modern standards, featuring small, well-manicured greens typical of the era in which it was built.

## Schools

Residents are served by the Austin Independent School District. Residents are assigned to Lee Elementary School, Kealing Middle School, and McCallum High School. The area is also served by the private school, Hyde Park Baptist High School.



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