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Fredericksburg makes a great central location from which to explore other towns and cities in the Texas Hill Country region, a geographic area of rugged beauty along the Balcones Escarpment encompassing roughly 10,000 square miles. Here are a few suggestions for day trips from Fredericksburg:

#### Kerrville, Camp Verde, Bandera and Medina

Visit the Museum of Western Art, the YO Ranch, Stonehenge II, the headquarters of James Avery Craftsman and art galleries in the Kerrville area. Make a quick stop for lunch and shopping at Camp Verde on your way to Bandera, the Cowboy Capital of the World, where horseback riding and boot-scootin' to country western music are the order of the day and night. Then head to Medina to check out the local apple crop.



Shop for antiques in Comfort and don't miss the Treue der Union Monument, dedicated to the men from Comfort, Sisterdale, Fredericksburg and the surrounding area who were sympathetic to the Union cause and who died for their beliefs in the Battle of the Nueces in 1862. Boerne offers art galleries, dining and unique shopping in its historic district. Return to Fredericksburg from Boerne via 1376, stopping for the Sisterdale Dance Hall and Opera House or for a "cold one" at Luckenbach, where "Everybody's Somebody!"





#### Mason, Llano and Lake Buchanan

Take Highway 87 north to Mason, home to historic Fort Mason and the 1928 Odeon Theatre. Topaz, the state gem is found only in Mason County. Head east to Llano, known for its historic courthouse, barbecue restaurants, deer hunting and the Llano River. From Llano it is a short drive to impressive Lake Buchanan, covering over 23,000 acres. A thriving colony of bald eagles lives on the upper reaches of the lakeshore during the winter months.



### Stonewall, Johnson City and Blanco

Head east on Highway 290 and take in small town life in Stonewall, as well as the LBJ Ranch. Stonewall is famous for its peach crops and Peach JAMboree in June each year. In Johnson City, stop at the Visitor's Center for the LBJ National Historical Park and check out the Exotic Zoo and the Science Mill—great stops for families. In Blanco, park near the lovely old courthouse on the town square and check out the shops. Blanco State Park offers opportunities for picnics, fishing, swimming and tubing. Return from Blanco to Fredericksburg via FM Road 1623 for a scenic drive.



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