

# WESTCREEK

## Discovering Hidden Gems



### BOERNE, TEXAS

Boerne (pronounced bur nee) is a picturesque town in the Texas Hill Country that offers endless opportunities for fun and adventure. It's only about 30 minutes north of Villages of Westcreek. Whether you're a local or just passing through, there's something for everyone to enjoy in Boerne. Here are some of the top fun things to do in Boerne:

**Visit the historic Boerne Main Street:** Steeped in Hill Country charm, the lovely storefronts and historic buildings that are downtown Boerne's Hill Country Mile will bring feelings of nostalgia—but the shops, restaurants and galleries are anything but antiquated. You'll find boutique clothing, jewelry, gifts, home goods and works of art. You also can find antiques, cafes, eclectic stores, and more. It's no wonder Country Living Magazine named the Hill Country Mile one of the *"Top 25 Small Town Main Streets in America."*

**Free DIY Historic Walking Tour:** Explore more than 100 historic properties in downtown Boerne. Pick up a copy at the Boerne Visitors Center or download it on your phone. <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/1691/Boerne-History> Also check out the Old Jail Museum, Boerne's newest museum. Get locked up in a historic jail cell and learn crazy facts from the past.

**Explore the Cibolo Nature Center:** The Cibolo Nature Center is a 100-acre nature preserve that boasts over four miles of hiking trails, bird watching opportunities, and educational exhibits. The [Historic Herff Farm Homestead](#) is also part of The Cibolo's space and has a weekly farmers market on Saturdays.

**Take a hike:** Boerne is surrounded by beautiful parks and nature preserves that offer endless opportunities for hiking and exploring. Some of the top hiking spots in the area include the Kendall County Parks, the Guadalupe River State Park, and the Friedrich Wilderness Park.

**Go on a wine tasting tour:** The Texas Hill Country is known for its wineries, and Boerne is no exception. There are several wineries in the area that offer wine tastings and tours.

**Visit the Cascade Caverns or Cave Without a Name:** Cascade Caverns is Boerne's oldest tourist attraction (1932). The Cave Without a Name is a stunning underground cave that's filled with breathtaking rock formations and clear pools. Regular concerts are held in the Queen's Throne Room.

**Go on an outdoor adventure:** There are several ranches in the Boerne area that offer horseback riding adventures. There are hunting ranches as well, offering year-round sporting clays, fishing, more. [Joshua Springs Park and Preserve](#) offers a stocked pond for catch-and-release fishing, observation blinds, a playground, walking trails, and more. [Bergheim Campgrounds and River Outfitters](#) offers camping, kayaking, canoeing, and tubing rentals.

**Attend a local event:** Boerne is known for many events and festivals. From the annual Berges Fest to the Boerne Handmade Market to Dickens on Main, there's always something happening. Every second and fourth Saturday, take a tour of the Kuhlmann-King historic home that dates back to the 1880s.

**The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center** offers a self-guided tour. Join them every third Saturday for their Hand-Crafted Market, and every second and fourth Saturday for the BYOB (Bring Your Own Banjo) Bluegrass Jam (free). Boerne Market Days is the second weekend of every month (twice in December) in Main Plaza.

Boerne is a hidden gem in the Texas Hill Country that's just waiting to be explored. You should check it out. <https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/2292/Visit-Boerne>