

Fredericksburg

Lone Star Chapter BMW CCA Destination Information

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Visitor Guide for Fredericksburg: <http://www.fredericksburgtexas-online.com/>

Known for:

- Texas Hill Country location
- Texas Wine
- National Pacific War Museums/LBJ Ranch
- Spas/Wellness
- German Heritage
- Shopping
- Wild flowers
- Nature Destinations
- Food Options

Hill Country Location

Obviously the car club is destined for the road routes available in this wonderful hill country. If you have not experienced this, while we will move quickly, the front of the group should run much closer to the speed limits and will allow enjoyment of the area.

Within easy driving distance of Fredericksburg is Luckenbach, TX, the Texas icon of Willie Nelson. While this is a biker destination, there is plenty of parking for 4-wheel vehicles, a tourist shop, live music and food available to enjoy with friends. The evenings also have live music through the early evening if you need an escape. <http://www.luckenbachtexas.com/events> lists the current acts lined up if you plan on making your way out there.

Texas Wine

We typically try to visit at least one winery while we are in town (Friday afternoon after hotel check-in). For those that remain in town on Saturday, there are a number of Wine Tour option that will start from Fredericksburg – shuttles to private limos. Below is an example of two options from the web site list to help provide an idea of what is available (<http://www.fredericksburgtexas-online.com/TexasWine#WineTours>):

- 290 Wine Shuttle(<http://290wineshuttle.com/>); \$19.99 all-day pass (10am-6pm); 210-724-7217;
 - Shuttle pickup from Fredericksburg Visitor Center(.6 miles from Sunday House Inn) every 20 minutes; 4-9 Wineries on their two routes.
- Fredericksburg Limo and Wine (<http://www.fredericksburgtexaslimos.com/>); 830-992-0696. Groups from 2-40. \$149/per for a 4-Winery Tasting Tour; \$109.00 per person for a 3-Winery Tasting Tour

Museums and Historical Information

Fredericksburg has a lot of options within the city limits and also close by.

(<http://www.fredericksburgtexas-online.com/Museums>)

National Museum of the Pacific War

The National Museum of the Pacific War (<http://www.nimitz-museum.org/>), George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Japanese Garden of Peace, the Veteran's Walk of Honor, and Pacific Combat Zone is all short walking distance from our hotel. Why would we have a Pacific War museum in the center of Texas? Fredericksburg is Admiral Nimitz's home town and the main reason.

This museum has a lot of information and historical artifacts from this time period of our history. Open 9am – 5pm. March 14 & 15th, they will have a Living History (a WWII Veteran telling their story) at 11am & 2pm. Tickets must be purchased (for the Living History) by 4pm Friday and are \$7.50 if not purchased online prior to 3/13. Adults \$14; Seniors 65+: \$12; With Military ID (active or retired): \$10 (<http://www.pacificwarmuseum.org/your-visit/tickets/>).

LBJ Ranch

If you have time and a vehicle available, the Lyndon B Johnson National History Park and Ranch is a short drive (16 miles) east of Fredericksburg. You get a chance to tour the “Western White House” and see what leading technology was used at the time LBJ was President. You will also have a chance to see the school house that started LBJ's educational inspiration. (<http://www.nps.gov/lyjo/index.htm>)

Spas and Wellness

For a day of relaxing, a spa day is just what the spouse orders (right?). A number of options are present within walking distance (some of this is a long-ish walking distance) (<http://www.fredericksburgtexas-online.com/Spas>)

- Hoffman Haus Day Spa (<http://www.hoffmanhaus.com/page/day-spa/>)
Contact: Gabriela (Gaby) van Hasz 830 992 0349
 - Massages:
 - Swedish - \$65/45-min; \$125/90-min
 - Deep Tissue - \$75/45-min; \$125/90-min
 - Neck, Face and Scalp: \$45/30-min; \$65/45-min
 - Heated Stone: \$195/90-min
 - Body Treatments
 - Aromatherapy: \$175/90-min
 - Lavender Sugar Scrub, Salt Glow or Body Policy: \$165/90-minutes
 - Ultimate Foot and Hand Indulgence: \$85/50-minutes; \$105/80-minutes
 - Foot Reflexology: \$50/30-minutes; \$85/50-minutes
 - (additional)
- Nature's Spa at the Fredericksburg Herb Farm; 830-997-8615 or email: spa@fredericksburgherbfarm.com (<http://www.fredericksburgherbfarm.com/spa.htm>)
- The Spa at Inn on Barons Creek (<http://www.innonbaronscreek.com/spa-en.html>) 830.990.2580
 - Can be scheduled online
 - A number of Spa packets available that last about 2 hours.

- (other spas available)

German Heritage

One of the key elements of a BMW drive is the German-connection. There are a number of restaurants linked to German food and German-themed shops.

Shopping

Fredericksburg has become a mecca of tourist shopping and there are a number of shops on Main Street. Window shopping is encouraged. After Friday dinner, a number of shops are still opened but due to the small-town, a larger percentage will be closed for the evening.

To see a list of all the available shops (and to start making plans for storage in the car), you can visit <http://www.fredericksburgtexas-online.com/Shopping> to see what's available.

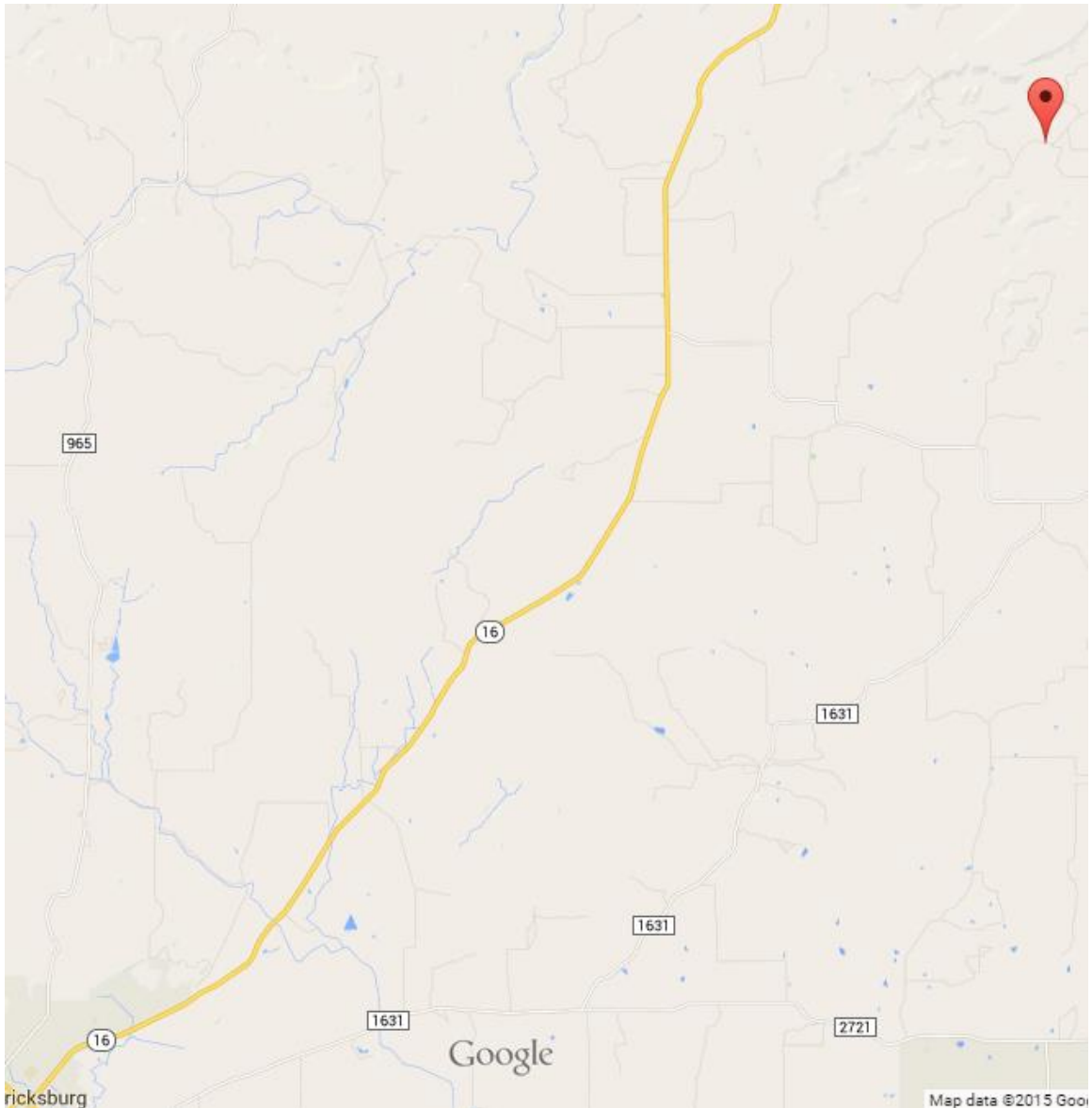
Shopping doesn't have to end with objects – there are also a number of food options for the foodies in the group.

Wild Flowers

If we are lucky, we'll be arriving just in time for the Blue Bonnet bloom and all of the wonderful color that generates. If available, the Willow City Loop (<http://www.fredericksburgtexas-online.com/WillowCityLoop>) is a great 13-mile slow drive where we have all kinds of options to get out and enjoy the colors. All throughout our trip, we may experience a number of other options to see colors.

Directions:

Take SR 16 (Llano Street), 13.3 miles NE, to RR 1323, and turn right. Continue East for 2.79 miles to Willow City. Turn left on Willow City Loop. The road loops back to SR 16 where you can turn left and return to Fredericksburg, or for a head-turning view of Enchanted Rock, turn right and continue to 965. Turn left on to 965... you can't miss the BIG pink rock! Wow! Wonders of the world! You just never know what might crop up on the backroads of Texas! Enjoy!



Nature Destinations

Close to Fredericksburg, there are a number of state parks and a few National Parks.

State Parks (requires a fee):

- Enchanted Rock: A Marble hill/mountain in the middle of Texas. Trails lead to the top of the rock and you get some pretty good pictures from the top of the mountain. (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/enchanted-rock>) (\$7/day)
- Lost Maples State Nature Area (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lost-maples>) (\$6/day)
- Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/devils-sinkhole>)
- South Llano River State Park (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/south-llano-river>) (\$4/day)
- Kickapoo Cavern State Park (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/kickapoo-cavern>) (\$3/day)
- Colorado Bend State Park (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/colorado-bend>) (\$5/day)

- Pedernales Falls State Park (<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/pedernales-falls>) (\$6/day)

National Parks

- Lyndon B Johnson National Historical Park (<http://www.nps.gov/lyjo/index.htm>) (\$3)

Car Wash Locations

We've found 2 car wash locations from past trips

- Kustom Klean Car Wash – Full Service
516 Friendship Ln
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
M-Sat 9a-6p
Sun 9a-3p
- Kwik Car Wash (Coin Operated Self Service)
436 US-87 (South from Main street; on the left-hand side. Watch out the front of the bumpers will scrap a little)
Fredericksburg, TX