

EXPLORE THE BEST OF Bee Cave Road

Spend the day exploring our favorite spots along this busy boulevard By Cindy Brzostowski

It stretches for a little over 11 miles from the Hill Country Galleria in Bee Cave to MoPac near Zilker Park. Some call it Bee Cave Road, some use the plural Bee Caves Road, and for still others, it's RM 2244. Whatever name you use for this ribbon of asphalt, the fact is that it's dotted with many exciting destinations worth checking out. Whether you decide to spend a day driving to these locations or spread your visits across multiple outings, you should enjoy these buzz-worthy Bee Cave Road stops.

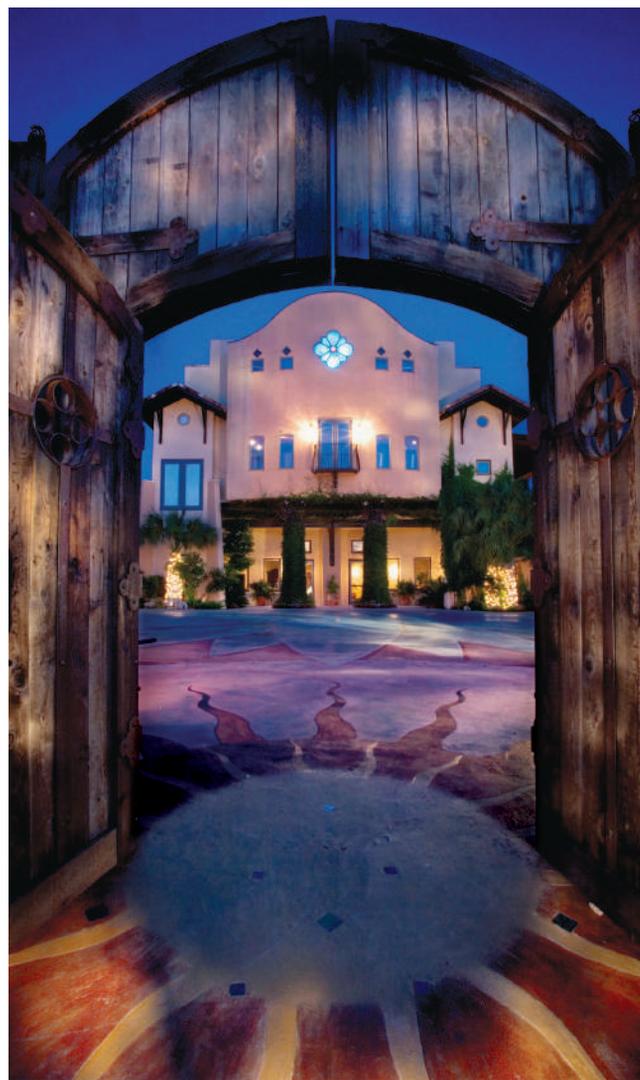


Stay a While at The Wayback

Whether you're searching for a quiet spot to take a staycation or looking for somewhere unique to suggest to your family or friends visiting from out of town, The Wayback is worth considering.

The Wayback is no run-of-the-mill, multilevel hotel building. Instead, the property has eight quaint cottages, each a bit different. For example, cottage five has a sleeping nook, cottage six has a private back patio and cottage eight has a fireplace. Whichever one you choose (maximum occupancy is two or four depending on the cottage), you'll be treated to a bright, airy space with cozy yet chic decor.

Even if you're unable to spend the night, you can still visit the cafe at The Wayback for a farm-to-table breakfast, lunch, dinner or weekend brunch. The brunch offers appetizing options like chicken and waffles and crab cake benedict. The charming ambiance might even prompt you to book your next getaway there—or book a room for that night! waybackaustin.com | **9601 Bee Cave Road**



Catch a Show at One World Theatre

You can find live music all over Austin, and Bee Cave Road is no exception. Perched on a hill, One World Theatre has hosted renowned musicians from around our one world since opening in 1999.

Many would describe the venue as “intimate.” With only 300 seats, the theatre offers audiences an up-close-and-personal experience with top talent, and it's hard to find a bad seat in the house. That talent spans a diverse range of performers who have included the Doobie Brothers' Michael McDonald, the Moscow Chamber Orchestra and Tibetan monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery. Performers already booked for February and March include Blood, Sweat & Tears, Pat Metheny, Judy Collins and Crash Test Dummies.

If you're attending a show, know that for most concerts there's an option to book dinner beforehand or on-site. Fittingly, you'll be treated to live entertainment from local musicians when your food is served one hour before the main show. >>

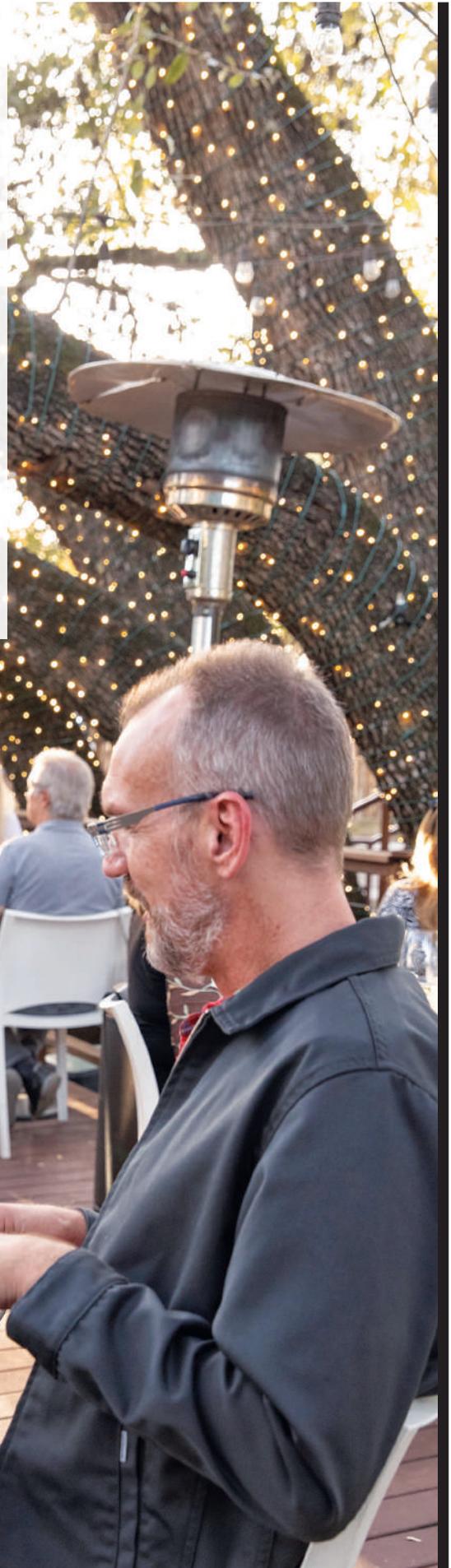
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Wine and Dine at Grove Wine Bar & Kitchen

Fancy having your food paired with a fine wine? Or are you all about the wine? Either way, Grove Wine Bar & Kitchen might just be heaven for you.

The Grove has a few locations around town, but the Westlake version on Bee Cave Road is especially appealing. It's a relaxing neighborhood hangout where a lengthy and carefully curated wine list awaits. You can order by the glass or the bottle, or choose any of the 10 flights on the list—each featuring a three-ounce pour of three wines.

The food is New American, although a great way to kick off your meal is to order an Italian specialty, the bruschetta. Nine varieties of this appetizer are offered, with flavorful combinations including one with whipped herb feta, local honey and crushed pistachio and another blending wild mushroom, aged balsamic and smoked gouda. When the weather is right, the best place to be is out on the patio under the sprawling oak tree. grovewinebar.com | 6317 Bee Cave Road, #380



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Dig In at The Garden at Ellera

The Garden at Ellera combines a beer garden vibe with Italian food inspired by Boston's North End. On the menu are pizza, pasta and paninis as well as popular seafood items like the Maine lobster roll, PEI mussels and crab cakes.

One good reason to visit The Garden is its ample outdoor area, where you can find a spot among the many picnic tables and nest swing chairs under the shady oaks. Bonus: Your pup is allowed to tag along too. On a sunny day, you could easily spend the afternoon.

If you're looking for a new happy hour (more ideas on page 28), The Garden "gets happy" Tuesdays through Thursdays from three to six p.m. with discounted drinks: select beers (\$5), wines (\$8) and cocktails (\$6-\$10). Complimentary valet parking is offered Thursday through Saturday. And sometimes there's even live music or some other event; keep an eye on their website calendar. >>

thegardenatx.com/calendar
12432 Bee Cave Road

Grab a Cup at Greater Goods Coffee Co.

Why drink a normal cup of coffee when you can take your taste buds on a tour around the world—and do some good while you're at it? That's the experience you'll enjoy at Greater Goods Coffee Co.

Greater Goods takes pride in sourcing their coffee from producers across the globe who use sustainable practices and pay fair wages. Also, each coffee purchase goes toward helping a local charity partner such as the Central Texas Food Bank or Austin Pets Alive! Giving back never tasted so good.

As good as the coffee is, it's worth trying one of the house specialties, which include the Kali Mocha (dark cocoa, coconut sugar, espresso and milk) and the Tiger Latte (espresso, turmeric, spiced simple syrup and milk). If you find yourself falling in love with the coffee, you can purchase single-origin or specialty-blend bags in the storefront or on the website. [greatergoodsroasting.com](https://www.greatergoodsroasting.com) | 12005 Bee Cave Road, #4B

