



Where to Eat and Drink Over Memorial Day Weekend in Austin

Kick off the summer properly

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Poptails from Lone Star Court Hayden Walker

With hot, hot weather on deck, the promise of summer is right around the corner by way of the long Memorial Day weekend. Kick off those work shoes, throw on some summer gear, and check out all the parties, brunches, and activities happening around Austin, taking place from Friday, May 24, through Monday, May 27.

Everything below is listed in chronological order. Know of a Memorial Day celebration missing that is missing? Let Eater know through the [tipline](#) or in the comments below.

Thursday, May 23 through Monday, May 27

- While not pegged to Memorial Day weekend, it is time for the second iteration of Hot Luck Festival, from Aaron Franklin, James Moody, and Mike Thelin. On deck are plenty of food (including wood-fired/smoked bites), music, and drinks.

Friday, May 24

- Hotel Lone Star Court is having a party to celebrate the return of their seasonal “pop-tails” (cocktails with popsicles) from 9 to 11 p.m., with free samples. The event is dog-friendly, and it will offer “pup-tails” as well, along with a screening of *Sixteen Candles*, which starts at 8 p.m. (10901 Domain Drive, Domain)

Saturday, May 25

- The Ben Milan Whiskey distillery out in Blanco, Texas is having a barnyard bash with a mini-petting zoo. There will also be live music and of course, booze. (2218 US 281 North, Blanco)
- South Austin brewery and restaurant The ABGB is hosting a party to showcase its Hell Yes Project. The restaurant will donate five percent of the day's proceeds to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. (1305 West Oltorf Street, Galindo)

Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26

- Korean grocery store H Mart is hosting a two-day pop singing competition in its food court from 5 to 7 p.m. Prizes include a \$500 gift card to the store. (11301 Lakeline Boulevard, Lakeline)

Sunday, May 26

- Fall Creek Vineyards is having an oysters and zydeco party for Memorial Day in collaboration with Quality Seafood Market, from noon to 5 p.m. Food must be purchased in advance. (18059A Farm to Market 1826, Driftwood)

Sunday, May 26 and Monday, Monday, May 27

- Vista Brewing will have a lamb roast on Sunday, with The Austin Flea from noon to 5 p.m. and live music starting at 5 p.m. The brewery will also be open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday with special menu that includes a beef sausage hoagie, charcuterie, and snack boxes. There will also be live music starting at 3 p.m. (13551 Ranch to Market Road 150, Driftwood)

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

- Both locations of beer garden and bakery Easy Tiger (on Sixth Street and at the Linc) will offer brunch on Memorial Day brunch. The Linc will offer dishes like French toast and croque madames from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Down

on Sixth Street, there will be pastry baskets and corned beef/potato hash from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (*709 East Sixth Street, Downtown; 6406 N I-35, Linc*)

- Hotel W Austin's pool party is back with drinks and music from noon until the sun sets. Non-hotel guests can get tickets for \$50. The hotel's restaurant Trace will also offer brunch. (*200 Lavaca Street, Downtown*)
- Downtown food hall Fareground will have a "Fairground" party with lawn games, face painting, live music, and the Austin Flea Market. There's also a picnic basket with a dish from each restaurant. (*111 Congress Avenue, Downtown*)
- East Austin bar and restaurant The Cavalier will offer brunch on Memorial Day, with chicken and waffles and \$3 mimosas. Veterans and active military receive 25 percent off. (*2400 Webberville Road, East Austin*)
- Brewery Family Business Beer Company (partially owned by *Supernatural's* Jensen Ackles) is hosting a beer and barbecue event, donating a dollar from every beer sold to Blue Star Mothers Organization. There's also barbecue and live music, and the event goes from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (*19510 Hamilton Pool Road, Dripping Springs*)
- All-day restaurant Better Half will serve its brunch menu (with items like a chicken biscuit sandwich and banana pancakes) on Monday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (*406 Walsh Street, Clarksville*)
- All locations of Cover 3 will serve brunch on Monday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with dishes like chicken tinga breakfast enchiladas. (*multiple locations*)
- Memorial Day weekend happens to be downtown restaurant and bar Irene's birthday weekend, and this year it's celebrating with a crawfish boil from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance. (*506 West Avenue, Downtown*)