

## TEXAS HIGHWAYS--WINE COUNTRY TOUR--WWH--MALLORY

### Wine Country Weekend

#### WINERIES

The following wineries sell their wines at their vineyards, as well as wine-related gift items. All feature wine tastings, which are generally free. Some also offer tours. Call for details.

**Fall Creek Vineyards** (mailing address: 1111 Guadalupe St., Austin 78701; 512/476-4477; vineyards ph., 915/379-536; Web site: [www.fcv.com](http://www.fcv.com)), is on FM 2241 approximately 6 mi. north of Llano. Hours: Mon-Fri 11-4, Sat 12-5, and Sun 12-4 (other times by arrangement). FALL CREEK'S 12TH ANNUAL GRAPE STOMP HARVEST FESTIVAL IS AUG. 18 AND AUG. 25, 2001--FEATURING GRAPE STOMPING, WINERY TOURS, WINE TASTINGS, HAY RIDES THROUGH THE VINEYARDS, ENTERTAINMENT, COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, AND LAKE CRUISES. HOURS: 11-5 EACH DAY.

**Bell Mountain** (HC 61, Box 72; Fredericksburg 78624; 830-685-3297) is on Texas 16 approximately 14 mi. north of Fredericksburg. HOURS: Sat 10-5, with winery tours at 11, 1, and 3.

**Fredericksburg Winery** is at 247 W. Main, Fredericksburg 78624 (830/990-8747). Hours: Mon-Thu 10-6, Fri-Sat 10-8, and Sun 11-6.

**Sister Creek Winery** (1141 Sisterdale Rd., Boerne 78006; 830/324-6704) is located on FM 1376 approximately 13 mi north of Boerne. HOURS: daily 12-5.

**Grape Creek Winery** (Box 102, Stonewall 78671; 830/644-2710; Web site: [www.grapecreek.com](http://www.grapecreek.com)) is 4 mi. west of Stonewall on US 290 (9 miles east of Fredericksburg). Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5 and Sun 12-5. Bed and breakfast located above the tasting room.

To reach **Becker Vineyards** (Box 393, Stonewall 78671; 830/644-268; Web site:

[www.fbg.net/beckervyds](http://www.fbg.net/beckervyds)) go 10 mi. east of Fredericksburg on US 290 and follow the signs .8 mi. to the vineyards. Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5 and Sun 12-5. Bed and breakfast lodging is available in a 19th Century log cabin.

## **SIDE ATTRACTIONS**

In Waco, the **Armstrong Browning Library** (Box 97152, Waco 76798; 254/710-3566) is on the Baylor University campus on Speight Ave. between 7th and 8th Sts. Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5 and Sat 9-12.

The **Sisterdale General Store** (1215 Sisterdale Rd., Boerne 78006; 830/324-6767) is approximately 13 mi. north of Boerne on FM 1376. Hours: Tue-Wed 10-6, Thu-Sat 10-7, and Sun 12-7.

**Wildseed Farms** (Box 3000, Fredericksburg 78624; 800/848-0078; web site--[www.wildseedfarms.com](http://www.wildseedfarms.com)) is 7 mi. east of Fredericksburg on US 290. Hours: daily 9:30-6.

The **Red Rock General Store & Feed** is at 201 Main St., Red Rock 78662 (512/321-3360). Hours: Mon-Sat 5:30-10 and Sun 6:30-10.

To reach the **Phillip Goertz Pioneer Log Cabin**, take US 71 to TX 20 (near Bastrop), and go south 8 mi. to Rockne. For guided tours, contact Minnie L. Bartsch, Rockne Hist. Assn., RR1, Box 120A, Bastrop 78602 (512/303-3179).

**Interweavers** is at 114 Main St., Smithville 78957 (800/532-2410; 512/237-2410). Hours: usually 10-3 or any time by appointment; call ahead to be sure.

## **FOOD**

**Altdorf Biergarten Restaurant**, 301 W. Main St., Fredericksburg (830/997-7865), features a polka band on Fridays. Hours: Mon-Sat 11-9 and Sun 11-4. (Closed Jan.)

The **YO Ranch Resort Hotel/Holiday Inn** (2033 Sidney Baker or TX 16, Kerrville 78028; 800/531-2800 or 830/257-4440) serves a Saturday breakfast buffet and a brunch Sun 11-2.

The **Java Pump** is at 1028 Water St., Kerrville 78028-3542 (830/895-PUMP).  
Hours: Mon-Thu 7-6, Fri 7-11, and Sat 9-11.

**Po Po Family Restaurant** is at 435 NE I-10 Access Rd., Boerne 78006  
(830/537-4194). Hours: Tue-Sun 11-10.

The **Back Door Cafe** is at 117 Main St., Smithville 78957 (512/237-3128).  
Hours: Wed-Mon 11-2, Thu-Sat 5:30-9.

## **SCENIC DRIVE**

To reach the **Willow City Loop** from Fredericksburg, take Texas 16 north 11 mi. Turn right on FM 1323 and go 3 mi. to the Willow City school. Turn left at the "Willow City Loop" sign. The 12-mile drive returns you to Texas 16. All land along the loop is private. Watch for cattle on the road.

## **EVENT**

Oct. 28, the 10th annual **Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest** features wines from 20 Texas wineries and more than 40 food booths--plus live entertainment and cooking and wine tasting schools. The fest runs noon-7 downtown on Market Square (Adams at Main Sts.) Contact the Fest office, 703 N. Llano St., Fredericksburg 78624 (830/997-8515).

## **BOOK**

For a statewide look at Texas' wineries, plus tips on making the most of a vineyard visit, check out *Touring Texas Wineries* by Thomas and Regina Ciesla (Gulf Publ., 1998) and the companion Web site: [www.texaswinetrail.com](http://www.texaswinetrail.com).