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Best of Kyle: 5 Reasons to Visit

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It's hard to believe that a city that built its first stoplight in 2007 will soon grow to a population of 55,000 by 2030. Being one of the fastest growing cities in America, it is a city worth your attention and here are five great reasons why.

1. For Good Eats: Texas Pie Company.



Photo courtesy of Texas Pie Company

Kyle's crown jewel bakery encompasses all that is to love about the Texas Hill Country in one little shop. Julie Albertson and Spencer Thomas of The Texas Pie Company's eclectic atmosphere and amazing food will satisfy

every food craving, especially your sweet tooth. Julie believes that "every problem can be solved at the table. Whether while baking or over a slice of pie." With their outstanding success, the proof is in the pudding. The pie is so popular among the locals that Hays Free Press recently reported that Kyle is seeking the official title of "Pie Capital of Texas." Texas Pie Company's awardwinning pies are as delectable as they are original.

They can also be found in the freezer section at your local H-E-B grocery store as they were the 2016 Quest for the Best Winners as featured in the following video.

Other notable accolades can be found here and include their #1 nationally ranked pecan pie, according to the publication "500 Places to Eat Before It Is Too Late." If you are looking to expand your pie pallet, the Almond Joy Pie is a MUST try. Southern Living listed Texas Pie Company as one of the "10 Top Places for Pie in Texas." They serve everything from King Ranch Casserole, sandwiches, quiches, 18 flavors of pies handed down from Julie's own grandmother, and so much more. Call the shop to mail order a pie at (512) 268-5885. "Life is short, Eat more pie."

2. Most Authentic Texas Hill Country Wedding: Texas Old Town.



Photo: Facebook/ Texas Old Town

This critically acclaimed venue for five years by The Knot's Best of selection has now the Winner of The Knot's 2016, "Best of Weddings" which has solidified them in The Knot's prestigious Hall of Fame. Keep in mind, The Knot is the #1 wedding website globally so this award is a prestigious award in the wedding industry. The venue speaks for itself, offering 500 acres of beautiful Texas Hill Country and four stunning halls to choose from.

3. Kyle Parks and Recreation: Kyle Lake & 5 Mile Dam



Photo: Facebook/Travis Mitchell

Both recreational areas are family friendly places to experience the great outdoors. Several community-based events will also make you feel right at home. The events include Founders Parade, Market Days, Santa's Arrival, Tree Lighting, Polar Bear Splash, Kyle Field Day, Kyle Hogwash, and Hops & Jalapenos.

4. Location, Location, Location: Centrally located between Austin and San Antonio.

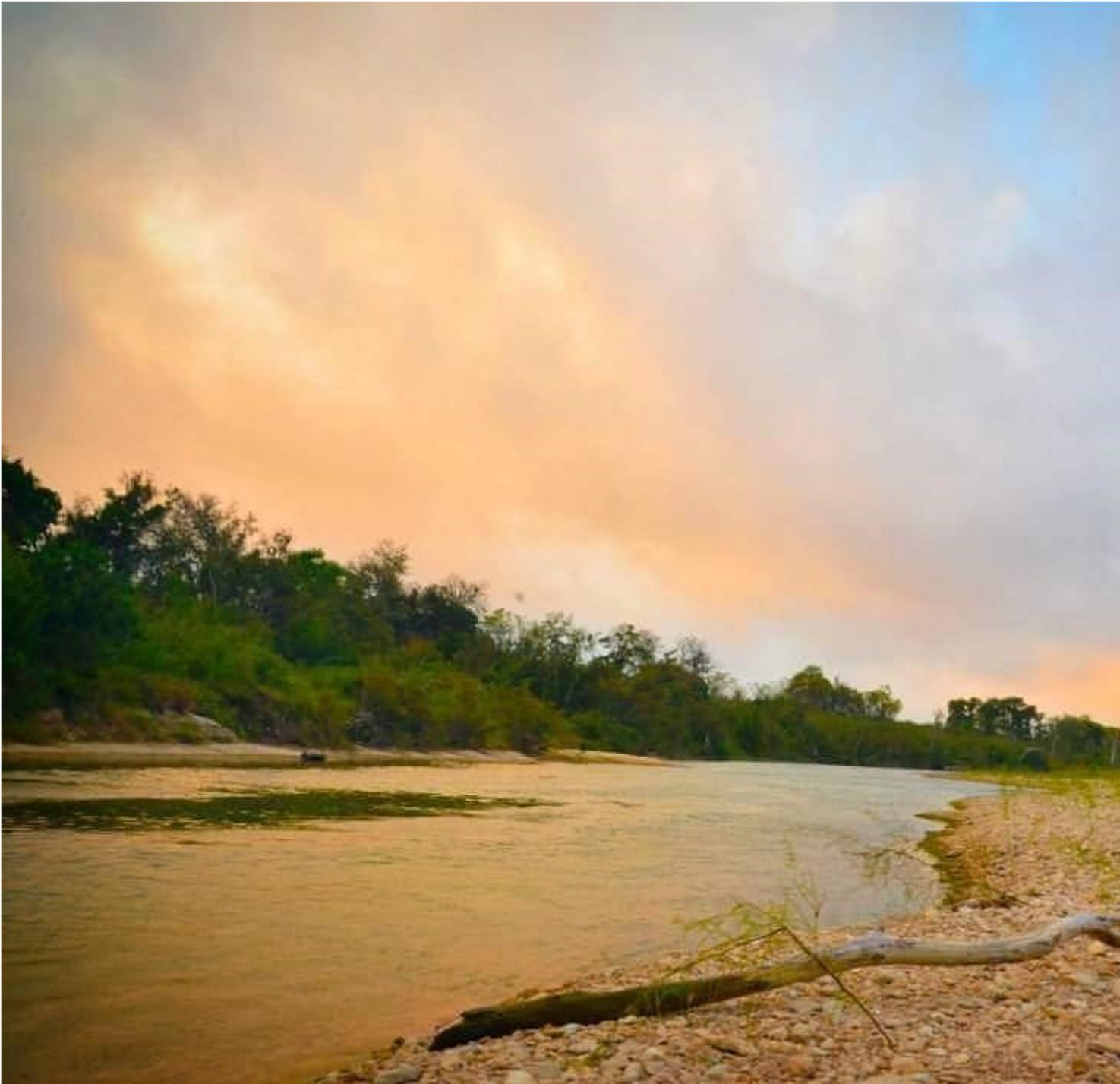


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Stagecoach road from San Marcos to Kyle that extends into Buda is also a popular training route for cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Kyle is minutes away from the Blanco and San Marcos River, Additionally, it less than a 20-minute drive to the iconic Wimberly Arts District and the many vineyards & local attractions found in Driftwood. Also, Gruene & San Antonio is only about an hour away.

Pictured below is the jewel of San Marcos, a spring fed river that is year round a balmy temperature of 73 degrees Fahrenheit. This beautiful river is just 15 minutes away from Kyle, Texas.



Photo: Brandee? Brantly

5. To Get Away From It All: Sage Hill Inn & Spa Above Onion Creek.



Photo: Facebook/Sage Hill Inn & Spa Above Onion Creek

Looking for an unforgettable retreat deep in the heart of Texas? Look no further than Sage Creek Hill Inn & Spa. With its outstretched 88 acres, this getaway offers picturesque views of the Texas Hill Country. You will see breathtaking sunsets and the night sky is free of intrusive city lights so the stars are the only thing to light up the expansive night sky. Sage Creek Inn and Spa backs up to the city of Driftwood which has been certified by the International Dark-Sky Association. The Inn also features a farm to table restaurant and one of the largest acreage of any Texas hotel. There is many wildflowers, beautiful views, and wildlife to peruse. Sage Creek Inn and Spa has been featured in Forbes, Texas Home & Living, Austin Monthly, and the Statesman.