

Day Tripper Destinations Featuring nearby places to take the kiddos

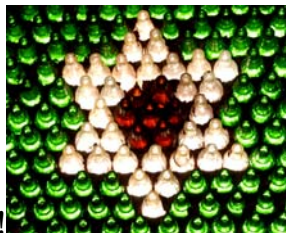


Don't forget, there's no place like home, so why not be a tourist in your own town! Just because you've been on the San Antonio Riverwalk a million times doesn't mean your kids have. So take them on a boat ride and buy them an ice cream cone along the river, stop in the I-max, and remember the Alamo! Why not take the kids down the Mission trail so they learn about the beauty and the history there.



A picnic at one of the missions would be fun, as would one on the beautiful grounds of the McNay art museum. Introduce your child to Picasso, Monet, and Degas, and enjoy the lovely gardens that surround this Spanish-styled hacienda.

Or, how about a day in New Braunfels? Head to lower ground (and cooler temperatures) at the Natural Bridge Caverns. How about tubing in the river near the little town of Gruene or riding the little train through Landa Park?



Just up the road, not far from San Marcos, take the kids to Pioneer Town in Wimberley. They can have a High-Noon shoot out on the streets of a real

Old West village, have cold one at the old fashioned ice cream parlor, and enjoy a cold Coke while checking out the Bottle Haus made entirely of Coke Bottles

For more information about Pioneer Town, see the latest April of *Country Lifestyle* magazine for Janis Turk's "Get away" feature on Wimberley!



For a longer weekend getaway, why not take the kids to Rancho Cortez near Bandera for a real cowboy adventure. Take an overnight trail ride, feed the goats, or soak in a hot tub while they run around like wild injuns. The kids will love the family-friendly surroundings on this delightful Dude Ranch.

Rancho Cortez

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With so much to do just a day trip away, it's time get the kids to get the kids outside and into the fun!



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