

**Saturday, August 14- Austin TOWN
Annual TOWN Krause Springs Picnic
10am -5pm**

All TOWN chapters are invited - Women only event - no men or kids allowed.



KRAUSE SPRINGS

is a well-known camping & swimming site located in the beautiful hill country in Spicewood, TX approx. 30 miles west of Austin. The 115 acre property is listed on the National Registry of Historical Sites and has been privately owned by the Krause Family for over 50 years. There are 32 springs on the property, and several feed the manmade pool and the natural swimming hole which flows into Lake Travis. It's a refreshing treat to swim here. Guests are welcome to stroll through the Butterfly Gardens, listen to the wind chimes and view the fountains!

Open year round, pools open daily from 9am till sun down, no dogs allowed, no glass containers. Tent or RV camp sites available. Admission: \$5/adults, cash only. www.krausesprings.net

Please arrive at 10am to hike around the tent and RV camping area. Look for my white GMC Yukon with American flag on the tailgate. I will be wearing my hair in a pony tail with a black bill cap. We usually hold our event at the first picnic table area on the left, after entering the gate to the park and passing the gazebo. You will be **required to sign a liability release upon arrival.**

Or you can arrive at 11am and please bring a potluck item of your choice and we will enjoy a great lunch together while seeing lots of familiar and new faces. We have a great time under the shade trees and there is always a good turnout from several different TOWN chapters, so you don't want to miss this event. Arrive by 11am, we setup the picnic and try to eat around 12:30. Please provide your own serving utensil. I will provide paper plates, napkins, plasticware, tablecloths, trash bags/can, and a cold, juicy watermelon for dessert!

After lunch, we kindly ask everyone to put away their potluck item so as not to attract bugs or other creatures. We will take a **hike thru the beautiful gardens** and to the other waterfall. By then, we will be SO ready to get in the water! We usually spend the rest of the afternoon, down the hill, **lounging on floaties in the natural swimming hole**, while enjoying the great scenery with huge cypress trees and ferns, swimming under the waterfall and into the small cave, and for those brave ones....an awesome rope swing or the chilly waters of the spring fed, man-made swimming pool! If you prefer something more relaxing, you are welcome to lounge in the shade, with a good book or to chat with TOWN friends about different outdoor adventures.

Please wear water shoes or tennis shoes that have really good traction. I can't stress this enough. The terrain is rocky and uneven in a lot of places and the rocks at the swimming hole are slippery and dangerous so you need as much traction as possible. **Other items to bring** include a lawn chair, an ice chest of your own beverages for the day (please bring drinking water of course; alcohol is permitted as long as you don't overdo it), a walking stick, a hand fan, sunscreen, hat, floatie, swimsuit, beach towel, waterproof camera and clean clothes. Clean restrooms and showers are available.

We usually call it a day around 5pm. We pack up, change clothes, and go out to eat afterwards, before everyone heads for home. You are welcome to join us at **Rosie's Tamale House** there on Hwy 71, just before the intersection at Hwy 620. This long time Austin original has delicious food, excellent service, the dress is very casual, and you can bring in your own beer/wine.

Please RSVP to attend at roxann4tx@aol.com. I need a headcount and will send you the carpooling location and any necessary updates 3 days prior to the event. Please let me know if you are interested in carpooling. You are welcome to bring female friends

and introduce them to TOWN. We have so much fun in the outdoors and want to share it with other women and get them outside enjoying it, too!

Austin TOWN Chapter - TX Outdoors-Woman Network

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