Zilker Metropolitan Park
2100 Barton Springs Rd. Austin, Texas

Zilker Metropolitan Park is considered “Austin’s most loved park.” This 351 acre park is home to a variety of recreation opportunities and special events for everyone.

Enjoy a ride on the Zilker Zephyr miniature train or paddle a canoe on Lady Bird Lake. Play on the large playscape, enjoy the trails and large full-service picnic areas, six of which are reservable. For the swimmer, Zilker Park offers Barton Springs Pool, a natural spring-fed pool with a year-round temperature of 68 degrees. The sports enthusiast will enjoy the sand volleyball courts, a nine-hole disc golf course and two multi-use fields.

A parking fee is charged March through September on the weekends and for most special events.

In 1918, Andrew Jackson “A.J.” Zilker deeded the thirty-five acres surrounding Barton Springs to the City of Austin for $100,000. In 1932, Zilker agreed to deed an additional 323 acres, if the city would pay $200,000 to the public school system. This action was approved in an election despite the economic depression of the 1930’s. The land was developed into Zilker Park.