DAY TRIP TO LUCKENBACH

From Fredericksburg · Gillespie County, Texas

FARM AND RANCH

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OPEN DAILY

A privately owned music venue in the old general store, saloon and dance hall. Open every day.

Luckenbach is 15 minutes from Fredericksburg, so it fits any Hill Country day. There is live music every weekend, and on Sundays visitors often bring instruments and take turns playing. Albert's icehouse and dance hall is about 20 miles east by road if you want a second stop.

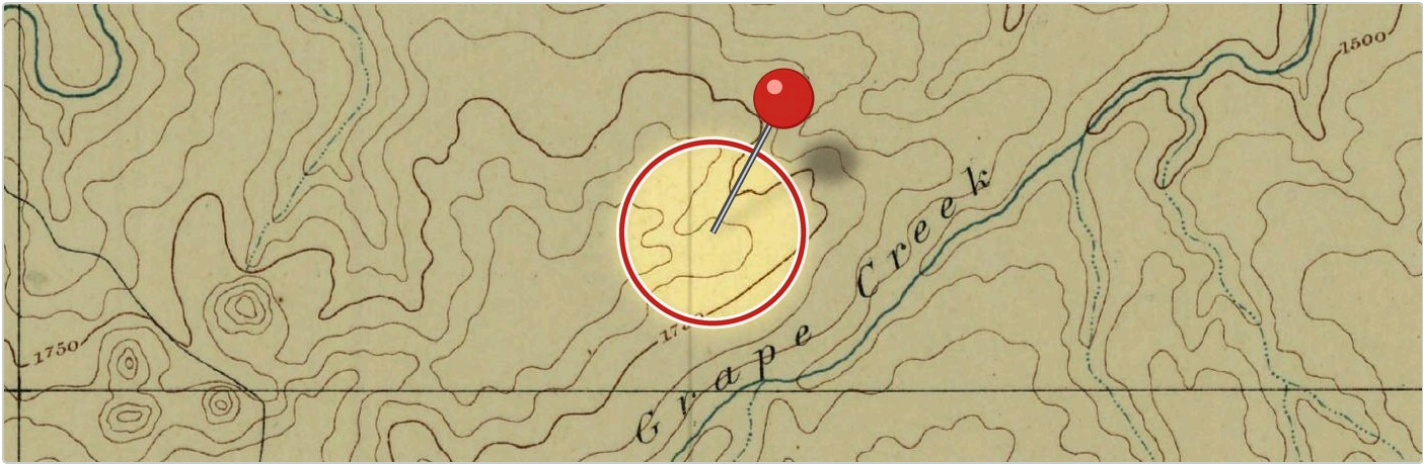
A SAMPLE DAY

☐ 1 p.m.	Leave Fredericksburg on US 290 east, then RM 1376 south, about 15 minutes.
☐ **1:30 p.m.**	Walk through the general store and post office, then the dance hall.
☐ 2:30 p.m.	Find the school and the state markers.
☐ Evening	Stay for music, or drive on to Albert's icehouse and dance hall.

From San Antonio, allow about 1 h 20 min via I-10 and RM 1376.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The general store.** The weathered front with its post office sign is the classic shot. Afternoon light falls across it.
- **The dance hall.** Shoot the long wooden hall from the side under the oaks.
- **The panorama.** The parking lot gives a wide view of the whole hamlet.
- **Musicians.** Ask before filming players close up.



USGS topographic map, 1894 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	10 mi, about 14 min each way from downtown Fredericksburg. From San Antonio: 63 mi, about 1 h 20 min.
OPEN	Daily. Monday to Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday and Sunday to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday to 10:30 p.m.
ADMISSION	No general admission is posted. Some shows are ticketed; check the site's tickets page.
TIME ON SITE	The official site doesn't say. The buildings sit close together; stay longer if there's music.
FOOD	The Midnight Munch kitchen serves Thursday and Sunday from noon to about 5 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from noon to about 9 p.m. The menu may be limited during events. On other days, eat in Fredericksburg.
CAMPING	Dry primitive RV camping, $25 a night, two nights at most, on select non-ticketed weekends only.
CONTACT	830-997-3224 or luckenbach@luckenbachtexas.com.
WEBSITE	luckenbachtexas.com

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 30.18152, −98.75721 · 30°10′53″N 98°45′26″W

Directions Google Maps

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/texas/luckenbach/

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.