

Top Neighborhoods in Lakeway

If you can't judge a city by its cover, you can most certainly judge it by its neighborhoods. And as far as that goes, Lakeway is one of the best. Don't believe me? Well, you're about to see for yourself. From exclusive communities with stunning ridge and canyon views to a resort community with everything ranging from manillas to a private airport, here are the top neighborhoods in Lakeway.

Hi, y'all. Angie Ufomata here, a realtor with Nora Wall & Company in the beautiful Austin area. Today, I'll give you my top neighborhood picks in Lakeway and hope it finally nudges you in the right direction.

First up is Sweetwater.

Sweetwater

Have you ever seen an exclusive community before? Well, even if you have, Sweetwater is sure to blow your mind. If you ask the families that live here, they'll tell you that their choice was influenced by the ease of access to the Lake Travis school district, which is impressive. Now, their reasons are valid, but that's also downplaying the allure of Sweetwater. There are many things to like about this 1400-acre planned community, and its proximity to the Lake Travis school district is only one of them.

If you're a nature lover, then you'd totally enjoy staying in Sweetwater. It has over 700 acres of preserved canyons, ridges, and open space, giving it one of the most electrifying ridge and canyon views you'll ever come across. For a more intimate experience of these views, you can take a hike or bike through rugged wilderness trails or on any of the walking paths in the community. A lot of these usually lead to pools, parks, and other gathering spots.

The residences in this community are influenced by European design played up by naked wood beams, stained stucco, and native stone. The median sales price here is \$843k, which is pretty much on the high side.

However, if you have the money and are looking for places to spend it, you needn't go far. Whenever you want to stock up on groceries, all you need to do is visit Whole Foods in Galleria, HEB in Bee Cave, and Café 620 in Lakeway. If dining's on your mind, Torchy Tacos, Lakeway Market & Deli, The League, Santa Catarina, Steiner Ranch Steak House, Cho Shushi Japanese Fusion, Hudson's Hill Country, and The Emerald Restaurant are all perfect. Plus, there are many more places you can go to for an exquisite dinner.

Rough Hollow

If you're a stickler for sweet names, you might pass up on Rough Hollow because its name has absolutely nothing to do with the community itself. It's a resort-style

community with mind-blowing views of Hill Country, direct lake access, and a league of amenities. We all know what to expect when we check into a resort—lots of fun. In Rough Hollow, you can live fun for as long as you're still a resident. Activities you can participate in here include festive holiday celebrations, pet-friendly events, and complimentary fitness classes, among others. Of course, Rough Hollow is also a fun place for kids, and if you have one, they'll surely enjoy the Kidventure Summer Camp. And if you want a place to rest from the task of taking care of kids, there are adult-only celebrations that'll pander to your need. There's even a yacht club and a marina, which was the recipient of the 2016 & 2017 MAX awards for "Best Unique Features in a Master-Planned Community."

At the center of Rough Hollow, there's a water-themed community called Highland Village. At every time of the year, there are fun events you can go there to enjoy. From there, you can gain access to the Laziest River, an Amphitheater, Plascape, Splash Pad, Children's Zero Depth Entry Pool, an adult pool with a swim-up bar, and many more. If you're in the mood for shopping, you'll have to step out a bit, as the closest HEB is an eleven-minute drive away. If you're a coffee head, you can grab that early morning cup at Companion Coffee Co., Bee Cave Coffee Co., or Austin Tea Exchange. Should you want to eat out or take a partner on a date, Verde's Mexican Parrilla, La Cabana Grill, Angel's Icehouse, Hat Creek Burger, and Thai Spice Restaurants are all excellent choices.

However, one drawback of this place is the cost of houses. The median price in this 1800-acre community is \$1.2 million, a trend that increases by 27.7 percent every year. It's pretty expensive, yeah. But it's a resort, so it shouldn't really be too surprising.

Serene Hills

Serene Hills is the go-to if you're looking for luxury with a touch of picturesque views. What's better, the neighborhood is only a few minutes away from Austin. So, you can drop in and out of the city whenever you want. Those who're big on natural conservation will also love it here. Although Serene Hills goes beyond that, stretching into the cultural and historical preservation of native Texas wildlife. As a result, only 114 acres out of the 456-acre community are available for development, leaving the rest to nature. You'll find tons of hiking and biking trails should you want to experience Serene Hills more closely.

You can never lose interest in nature here because when you're done with the land, you can turn your eyes and feast on the beauty of Lake Travis, which is lying right at the backyard. If you have kids, they can benefit from the neighborhood's proximity to Travis's ISD.

Serene Hill's food experience is just as versatile as its bedazzling views. If you want to have a taste, restaurants like Buenos Aires Café, Mangieri's Pizza Café, Maudie's Hilly Country, Ro's Outpost, and Apis Restaurant & Apiary will show you the way. Shopping

can be done at the Barton Creek Farmers Market, The Hill Country Galleria. Soon, Whole Foods will be added to the mix.

The price for homes here starts from \$750,000. It's still pricey, but not like in other neighborhoods.

Lakeway

You know a city loves you when they have two resort-style neighborhoods. Lakeway is yet another prestigious one, and it's located on Lake Travis' south shore. And just like Lake Travis, Lakeway is a beauty to behold. It has marinas, golf courses, tennis courts, a private airport, 100 acres of parkland and trails, a full-service hotel and spa, a 65-mile-long lake, and about 500 acres of greenbelts.

Sure, Lakeway is a high-end dwelling now, but not many of the people eager to be residents know that it began as a second home and retirement community. Now, it's bloomed into a pastiche of natural beauty and man-made wonder. Its many recreational activities include biking, golf, tennis, fishing, camping, and even scuba diving. It's also ideal for your children as it's under Lake Travis' ISD. And when they're not schooling, you all can have fun being part of the lake lifestyle.

When it's time to go shopping, there's easy access to HEB, Lakeway Market & Deli, and Randalls. If it's a night out you want, you may enjoy Café Lago, Kaiser's Twisted BBQ, ZZA Pizza & Salad, and Sundancer Grill, among others.

At \$969, 000, the median price of homes in Lakeway is relatively high. But, hey, at least you're sure of getting your money's worth.

And folks, that's it on the top neighborhoods in Lakeway. If you have any questions about these neighborhoods or others in and around Austin, feel free to reach out directly or in the comment section. Don't forget to like, subscribe, and hit the notifications button. See y'all on the next one!