













The Contemporary Austin

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Follow the map and choose one of the colorful paths for a themed walk or wander and explore the art, history, and nature of Laguna Gloria. Look for labels, QR codes, and historical signage along the way to discover more.

Art Walk •·····

Approximately 45 minutes

The Betty and Edward Marcus Sculpture Park at Laguna Gloria was established in 2013 and features over 20 sculptures by internationally acclaimed contemporary artists that explore innovative, experimental, and often playful approaches to public art, including a mix of permanent, temporary, and commissioned works. Look for the path with the red-dotted line and follow it to learn more about each artwork and artist via interpretive signage posted along the way.

Approximately 30 minutes

Explore the history of the land we now call Laguna Gloria along the path with the yellow-dashed line. Encounter historical artifacts and interpretive signage relaying the evolution of this site over time, including the land's significance to Indigenous communities and how developments in the nineteenth century permanently transformed the landscape into the place we know today.

Nature Walk •

Approximately 20 minutes

Follow the path with the green solid line and be led through the grounds as you learn about the diverse ecosystem of Laguna Gloria, home to a rich array of flora and fauna. Scan the QR codes along the way and you'll be linked to additional information about this unique habitat. Complimentary Sensory Bookmarks are available at the front desk to enhance your experience.





PRO TIPS FOR FAMILY VISITORS



Free Check Outs at Our Visitor Center & Museum Shop

- Youth Action Packs: A handy children's backpack filled with activity cards, looking tools, children's books, and art materials.
- **Sensory Bookmarks:** Engage deeper with the natural setting of Laguna Gloria through a set of three Sensory Bookmarks.



Grab Before You Go

- Spread & Co.: Snacks and meal options are available from our on-site café, which also serves tea, coffee, beer, wine, and more.
- Sunscreen & Bug Spray: Forget to pack your own? No problem! Borrow some of ours before venturing out on your walk.



Accessibility & Accommodations

- Strollers & Wheelchairs: Pathways throughout Laguna Gloria are a mix
 of paved and unpaved surfaces, including mulch and gravel walkways,
 and you are likely to encounter some steps along the way. Refer to the
 interior map for ADA-accessible routes through certain sections of the
 grounds.
- Bathrooms, Lockers, & Water: These amenities are all located in the building across from the Visitor Center & Museum Shop.



Get Involved

- Second Saturdays are for Families: Visitors are invited to Laguna Gloria for family-friendly artmaking extravaganzas on the second Saturday of each month from 11A- 3P. Free with registration.
- The Art School: We offer year-round classes to all ages and skill levels in a variety of mediums. Learn a new skill or perfect an existing one by visiting: thecontemporaryaustin.org/artschool.
- Programs & Events: From tours and artist talks to film screenings and yoga classes, there's something for everyone at Laguna Gloria! To view upcoming activities, visit: thecontemporaryaustin.org/events
- Membership: Members enjoy free admission to both locations, invites to special events, and other unique opportunities while also supporting our mission. Memberships can be purchased at the Visitor Center & Museum Shop or by visiting: thecontemporaryaustin.org/support.



SAFETY TIPS

Please keep yourself and the artworks safe. Touching or climbing upon the artworks or trees is not allowed.

Be sure to walk only on established paths to keep yourself and your family safe from poison ivy.

EXPLORE TOGETHER

Experience art, nature, and history at Laguna Gloria! The map at the center of this guide offers you three walks around the grounds, each one exploring one of these themes.

When embarking upon the Art Walk, consider the prompts below to deepen your experience of the artworks you encounter!



Don't just stand there!

Gain perspective by looking at the artworks from all angles. Stand far away. Look up close. Walk all the way around it.



Only have a minute?

Try a quick game of counting or I Spy with your group to see what everyone notices.



Imagine

If two works of art were having a conversation, what might they say to each other?



Invent

Make up a title for a work of art, then look at the black metal label. Does the artist's title change your opinion about this work? How is it different from your idea?



Use your body

Mimic the way you think the artist moved his or her body when creating this work of art! Big, slow movements, or short, fast ones?



Draw what you see

Bring a sketchbook and pencil along, and try drawing what's around you!



Ask Questions!

Open-ended questions like "What do you see?" and "What does this remind you of?" are great conversation starters.



Close your eyes!

Who can remember the most details about a work of art you just looked at? No peeking!



TWO LOCATIONS, ONE MUSEUM

Jones Center on Congress Avenue: Visit us at our downtown Austin location, the Jones Center. While you're there, take a minute to stand outside and view the giant, shimmering artwork that wraps around the rooftop. And be sure to check out the current mural on display on the building's south-facing wall. Then, come inside and explore the exciting contemporary art exhibitions on view.

Your admission fee to either museum covers a visit to both of our museum locations within one week.

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