

The Clarksville Dog Park in Austin Texas

Clarksville, which is a historic neighborhood in central-west Austin, has a hidden jewel few people know about: the "Dog Park", as it has been known for years. Clarksville is a very eclectic community in the central Austin real estate market, in fact some would say eccentric, but very unique, and the residents love their pets.

Between 9th Street and 10th Street, and a few blocks east of West Lynn, there is a beautiful, green park, shaded by huge, old trees with green leafy canopies covering most of the park, and many of the locals regularly bring their children and dogs for a run through the park, or to chase Frisbees or sticks, or just play or relax.

The Dog Park also has a small pool with water just over waist high, and treehouses and other structures for kids as well as dogs to climb. Many a summer afternoon, moms with their young or teenage children make the trek from Clarksville to the Whole Foods Market, or even the Fresh Plus grocery store, with fresh fruit and bakery goods, and climb into the trees or lay a blanket down under the shade of the foliage and while away the day, watching other dogs and dog owners go through the ritual of the daily exercise and potty run.

The memory of a cold, crisp apple or pear, eaten with your child or pet, as one daydreams or even falls asleep, are the memories that keep families in the Clarksville area for generation after generation, since these activities seem to remind the locals of the past, when life was simpler and slower.

There is also a baseball field in the park, and other recreational equipment and facilities, including a basketball goal, and trails for hiking, or running with a partner or pet.

After a few hours of sunshine and exercise, the soda fountain at Nau's Pharmacy is the perfect place to have a frosty milkshake or home made cheeseburger, and it's a short walk from the park to Nau's, or even Cipollina's West Austin Bistro, which is an Italian Deli adjacent to Fresh Plus.

While walking to Whole Foods, which is a few blocks east at the corner of Lamar and West 6th Street, the sidewalk traverses various eclectic shops, including a liquor store and smoke shop with a wooden Indian standing guard at the door called Wiggy's, along with a card shop and gift shop, and eventually the sidewalk meanders all the way to 6th, where cold ice cream is waiting at Amy's, to cool off the kids, as well as adults and sometimes even dogs.

While in the area, a stop in at Waterloo Records and Video is sure to provide entertainment for the evening, and the entire walk between West Lynn and 6th is so well kept and brightly lit that the pedestrian feels they are in a movie set, with neon over every doorway, trees and plants on every corner, and friendly people all around. If you prefer reading to TV or movies, stop in at Book People and discover every kind of reading material as well as jewelry, snacks, and lots of other neat stuff.

So for a complete day or fun, start at the Clarksville Dog Park, take a brisk hike to Lamar for a snack or drink, and get a book, movie or some music for the evening. Later, you might consider a hearty meal or cold, refreshing libation at the many other restaurants and clubs in the area, and be sure to bring your dog, or your kids, or just go by yourself!! Donn's Depot usually has live music and little or no cover, and it's another longlasting Clarksville establishment, at 5th and West Lynn.

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