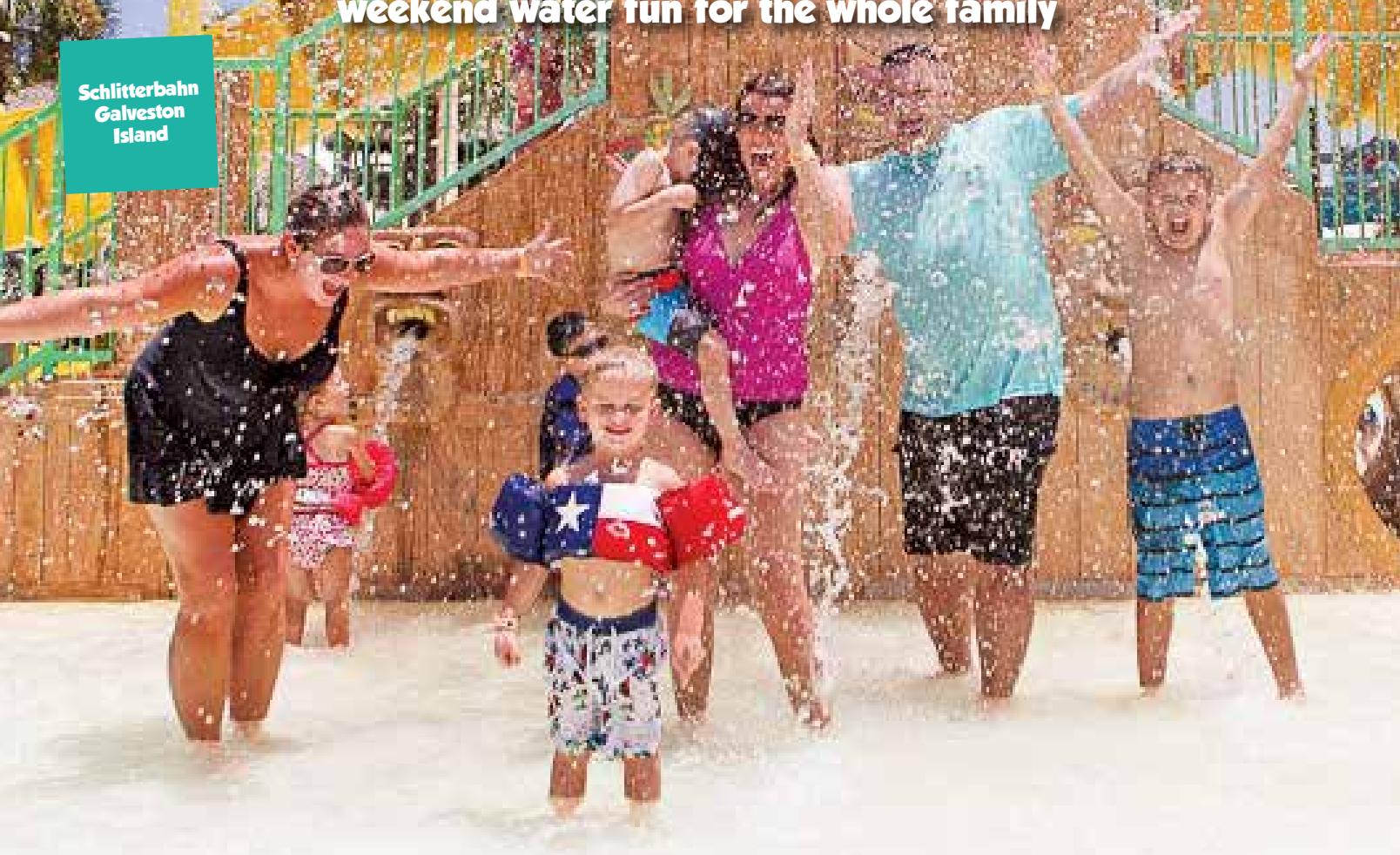


THE BEST PLACES TO COOLOFF IN TEXAS

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Beat the Texas heat with these places to cool down and escape the hot sun for half-day, full-day, and weekend water fun for the whole family

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If you are looking for something a little more thrilling, consider a mini vacay for a summer refresher. We've put together some of the coolest places to splash, play, and get away this season.



Castaway Cove Waterpark



Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa

Castaway Cove Waterpark

1000 Central Fwy. E.
Wichita Falls
castawaycovewaterpark.com | 940-322-5500

If you're looking for a mini vacation the whole family will enjoy, this waterpark fits the bill. The pirate's plunge is a new feature at the park, with a drop-out floor and a 37-foot vertical free-fall accelerating riders up to 40 mph through a 360-degree loop. But don't worry, if you're not up to that kind of thrill, the park offers 12 other fun attractions and activities including pools, slides, a multi-level family and kids play area, lazy river, and wave pool.

Great Wolf Lodge

100 Great Wolf Dr.
Grapevine
greatwolf.com | 888-974-9653

No matter the weather, guests will get their money's worth when they stay at Great Wolf Lodge; a resort that includes access to a massive 84-degree indoor water park with tons of thrill rides, water slides, and hot springs, plus playgrounds and splash areas for small children. You'll find lots of dining options at the resort, plus family-friendly activities like a northern lights arcade and MagiQuest, a live-action adventure game.

Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa

575 Hyatt Lost Pines Rd.
Lost Pines
hyatt.com | 512-308-4712

Nature, luxury, and water fun meet at one prime destination between Austin and Bastrop. Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa offers something for everyone, including the crooked river water park, horseback riding, golfing, kayaking and rafting, archery and trap shooting, nightly s'mores roasts, and weekly live music. It's the perfect summer getaway - no meals to cook, no beds to make, and plenty of ways to escape the heat.

Lone Star Jellystone Park

34843 Betka Rd.
Waller
lonestarjellystone.com | 979-826-4111

A camping trip to Lone Star Jellystone Park is just a short drive away from Katy, so you'll have plenty of energy to explore the park when you arrive. Guests can camp in tents, RVs, or rental cabins while visiting with Yogi Bear and his friends. Cool off at Jellystone's large waterpark with two water slides, a lazy river, and multiple swimming pools. When you're ready for a break from water activities, you can play a game of miniature golf, cast a line in the fishing pond, hang out in the game room, or take part in themed weekend activities or crafts.

Northshore Resort on Lake Livingston

168 Butler
Onalaska

northshorerv.com | 877-766-7847

The perfect place to spend a fun, laid-back weekend, Northshore Resort offers full hookup lakefront RV sites or fully furnished cedar cabins for rent. Families can spend time together swimming in the pool, playing at the splash park, and fishing at the lake. Not far from the park, guests can enjoy antique shopping, check out the Alabama Coushatta Indian Reservation, or go golfing at the golf course.

Schlitterbahn Galveston Island

2026 Lockheed Rd.

Galveston

schlitterbahn.com | 409-770-9283

Bring a cooler packed with snacks and drinks to save on cost, or splurge and rent a cabana for a covered place to hang out in between attractions. A float along the torrent river transports guests speedily around the park to visit waterslides and other attractions. This year, Schlitterbahn Galveston Island opened a new ride thrill-seekers will be excited about - the world's tallest water coaster. Massiv has 123 steps to the top and is the length of two and a half football fields, making it twice the length of any other waterslide at Schlitterbahn Galveston Island.

Splashway Waterpark

5211 Main St.

Sheridan

splashwaywaterpark.com | 979-234-7718

Take a day trip to Splashway or spend a night or two at the campgrounds, featuring full RV hookups, cabins, cottages, and tent sites - plus kayak and paddle sports, nature trails, sand volleyball, and a brand new dog park. The waterpark's newest attraction is the half-million gallon wave pool, boasting the largest wave pool beach in Texas. Other attractions include 70-foot tall mat racers, free-fall body slides, tube rides, and a zip line course. Guests who prefer relaxing over thrill-seeking will enjoy the lagoon pool and lazy river, and younger kids can splash and slide safely in the kids of the Caribbean play structure and kiddie cove.

Typhoon Texas Waterpark

555 Katy Fort Bend Rd.

Katy

typhoontexas.com | 832-426-7071

The newest waterpark in the Katy area, Typhoon Texas opened this summer and boasts restaurants, snack bars, private cabanas, games, Thursday night movies from the wave pool, live entertainment, and a host of rides and

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attractions. Guests are sure to have a blast slide boarding, where a virtual reality game is played while on a slide. Another unique attraction is the typhoon, a 514-foot family raft ride that combines a white water rafting experience with the thrill of the twists and turns of a body slide.

Wet 'n' Wild SplashTown

21300 I-45 N.

Spring

wetnwildsplashtown.com | 281-355-3300

You won't want to skip a trip to Wet 'n' Wild SplashTown this summer after its recent multi-million dollar renovation. An expanded kids' area is outfitted with several new waterslides, and the pool beach entry area was reconfigured with seat walls so parents can be closer to their children. For the older crowd, new attractions include the Big Kahuna, a five-person serpentine raft ride, and the FlowRider, an exciting surfing experience. Cabana rentals, movies at the wave pool, and live entertainment are among other perks of this nearby waterpark. KM



Wet 'n' Wild SplashTown

SARA K. PARKER and her husband have four kids and, apparently, a lot of waterparks they still need to visit.

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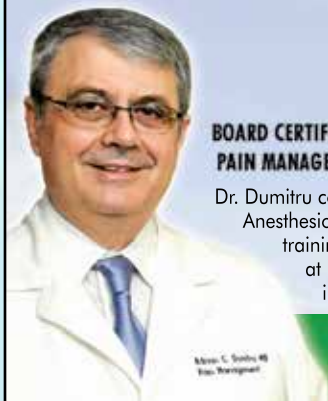
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