

Having fun with dad on The Tempest slide at Schlitterbahn, Galveston

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Wet n' Wild

BEAT THE TEXAS HEAT AT THESE COOL PLACES

Staying cool in Katy during the summer is no easy task. "Summer days at the pool are the only way to beat the Texas heat," says Katy resident Kathy Harris. "When you are feeling stir crazy with the kids, there is no better choice than an afternoon or a day at the pool." A dip in the water is a surefire way to cool off, entertain the kids, and pass those long lazy days.

But, if you are feeling more adventurous than just wading in your neighborhood pool, look no further. We've compiled a few splashy, fun, and exciting places where water adventures are waiting for you. Dive into our guide of wet and wild fun as we round up the coolest places in town.

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Splashtown is the place to be for Katy families. Enjoy dozens of water adventures and acres of splashy rides, slides, chutes, and floats. Splashtown offers everything that your family needs for Wet n Wild fun. "For a day out with the kids, there is no better, or closer, place than Splashtown," says Katy mom Jennifer Wilcox. "It provides me with a little 'mom time' during the summer vacation". Only minutes away from Katy, Splashtown offers a short drive for a day trip with the kids to beat the heat.

Splashtown's newest water slide - The Rip Curl





Splashway offers camping and a waterpark

SPLASHWAY FAMILY WATERPARK

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979-234-7718
splashwaywaterpark.com

A fun, affordable day trip for Katy area families who want to get out and enjoy the sunshine, but still want to beat the summer heat. Features a lazy river, kiddie cove, waterslides galore, and other wet fun for kids of all ages. With only a little over an hours drive, you can even hook up at their RV park and make a weekend of it. Park admission is determined by height/age and ranges from \$4-\$15.

WILLIAMS WATER WALL

2800 Post Oak Blvd., Houston
713-850-8841

If you are planning a shopping trip to the Galleria, and have the kids along, what better way to keep them happy than to stop at this amazing water wall. With thousands of gallons of water spilling down every minute, you'll want to have your camera handy for this Houston visual effect. No, you can't swim or play in it, but it's mesmerizing nonetheless.



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Lost Lagoon in SeaWorld San Antonio is known for its scenic and tropical delights. The attraction boasts crashing surfs, body and inner tube slides, and much more for the entire family. While the adventurous family members enjoy a five-story-high family raft ride, you can sip a cold drink by the coolest lagoon in Texas. "If you feel like a car trip, you can't beat SeaWorld in San Antonio," laughs Harris. Make it a weekend trip, and enjoy the fun with the whole family.



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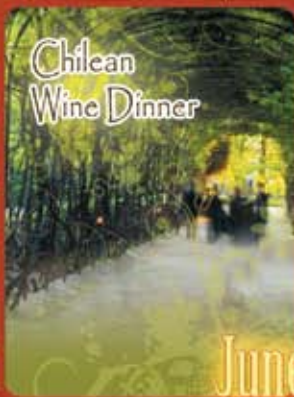


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Down at the Kemah Boardwalk, there's more than you can enjoy in a day. From carnival rides to great shopping, your kids will have fun while you shop till you drop! There are also several great restaurants to choose from, and a view of the bay that's spectacular. For some water action, head to the center of the boardwalk and enjoy the water fountains that you can actually walk through!



Schlitterbahn nearby water parks are loaded with fun for all ages

Dragon Blaster - Schlitterbahn Galveston Island



Kemah offers fun amusements and restaurants bayside along with a fountain area kids can run through to cool off



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381 East Austin St., New Braunfels
830-625-2351
schlitterbahn.com

With a brand new location in Galveston, Schlitterbahn has never been closer or more fun! Known for its totally tubular atmosphere and laid back crowd, Schlitterbahn is a wonderful place for both kids and adults. Make it a weekend in Galveston and enjoy the sights and sounds of the beach capped off with a night of dining on the seawall or Galveston's historic district. "Schlitterbahn Galveston has all the things you need for a great family weekend," says Kathy Harris, "plenty of activities and fun for the kids, and great nightlife for adults." A Texas tradition, Schlitterbahn Galveston has water rides, attractions, great food, and many more fun activities to keep your family cool. **KM**

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