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# 5 Things to see or do in... *Kerrville*

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Whether you've lived in the area for years or are only visiting for a few days, each community in the Hill Country has its own treasures to offer. Here are five things to do and see in Kerrville, Texas.



## 1 River activities

One of Kerrville's most celebrated features is the Guadalupe River, and many spend their time visiting the river

throughout the year. Kerr County is the headwaters location of the river, which runs right through the downtown area.

The Kerrville River Trail now stretches more than four miles along the Guadalupe River. The trail runs through Louise Hays Park, where the city and organizations host a variety of events, concerts and activities

throughout the year.

As far as getting into the river, there are several easy wade areas, including Louise Hays Park, Kerrville-Schreiner Park and Flat Rock Park. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent at local stores and fishing is allowed in designated public areas.





# 2 The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden

The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden, located on a 1,930-foot hill overlooking Kerrville just off Interstate 10, has become more well-known since the cross was raised in July 2010.

The Empty Cross, which is 77 feet and 7 inches tall, is lit both day and night for visitors. The 23-acre Sculpture Prayer Gardens also showcases outdoor pieces that depict Biblical characters,

including Jesus riding a horse with a sword raised; Mary kneeling while clutching a crown of thorns to her chest, a Cor-Ten steel alloy sculpture that symbolically depicts the three giant nails, or spikes, that held Jesus Christ to the cross 2,000 years ago; one of the Earth and the Bible, as well as several others. Max Greiner, a local artist, had the idea for the cross and garden in 2001. He said the garden draws thousands of people each year.

“This Sculpture Prayer Garden is a very significant thing that God has done in our little community,” Greiner said. “It is touching hundreds of thousands, even millions of people around the world for Jesus Christ. The Kerrville garden is the prototype for other Christ-honoring gardens we hope to build around the USA and world.”

For more information, visit [thecomingkingfoundation.org](http://thecomingkingfoundation.org).

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