

Possible evening and weekend activities in and around Houston

Downtown destinations that can be reached via the light rail line

Downtown Houston has the Hobby Center, which will run “Jerome Robbins’ Broadway” and “Spamilton” on May 28-June 9.

Website: <https://www.thehobbycenter.org/>

Discovery Green is a downtown location that has Thursday evening concerts and many other athletic and eclectic events listed on their website.

Website: <http://www.discoverygreen.com/>

The Houston Dynamo and Houston Dash soccer teams play downtown at BBVA Compass Stadium; the Houston Dynamo are in action Saturday, June 1 at 7:30 pm against Sporting Kansas City. Tickets start at \$15.

Website: <https://www.houstondynamo.com/>

Downtown Houston has (at least) two “Escape Room” places, which are fun activities for a group to go to: details vary but roughly speaking you have one hour to work together, solve lots of puzzles, and either solve a mystery, escape from a room, etc. Cost is \$28-32 per person.

Websites: <http://www.houstonescaperoom.com> and <http://escapetheroomtexas.com/>

Museum district / Midtown destinations that can be reached bus (or bus + light rail)

The museum district contains Hermann Park, the Houston Zoo, various museums including the Museum of Natural Science and the Museum of Fine Arts (which is free on Thursdays), the Menil Collection, and Rothko Chapel. Use Bus #25 (and possibly the Red Line of the light rail).

Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park often has concerts, etc. You need tickets (free but need to be picked up beforehand) to sit in the seats under the roof, but there is a hill with a good view that is always open to everyone. They will be performing Sizzling Summer Dance at 8:30 pm on May 31 and the 30th Annual Accordion Kings & Queens at 7:00 pm on June 1.

Website: <http://milleroutdoortheatre.com/>

Day trips if you want to rent a car on Sunday

About an hour southwest of Houston is Brazos Bend State Park, with hiking trails and opportunities to see local wildlife.

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Galveston is on the Gulf of Mexico and is about 1 hour away. It has some beaches and also Moody Gardens

Website: <http://www.moodygardens.com/>

A little closer to the city is NASA as well as the Kemah Boardwalk – see their website for more information.

Website: <http://spacecenter.org/>

Within the city is Memorial Park, which has plenty of trails for hiking – it's possible to get there by rail + bus but it takes a while.

A general note about safety: Houston is a large city, and as such you should take reasonable precautions. We do not have particular safety concerns about campus itself, but there are several areas near campus that are less safe, so we do not recommend walking in the neighborhoods near campus; broadly speaking, “off campus” means south of Wheeler, west of Cullen/Scott, north of Elgin, or east close to the highway. If you want to go to another part of the city, it should be fine to take public transit (bus or light rail) during daylight hours, but after dark we would recommend either traveling in a group or getting an Uber/Lyft/taxi. The UH Police Department's phone number is 713-743-3333; they provide a security escort service on campus, see <http://www.uh.edu/police/securityescort.html> (we have not checked whether this is available for campus visitors as well).