

## Everything is Bigger in Texas, Including their Beer Festivals: The Texas Craft Brewers Festival

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Don't mess with Texas – and this goes for their craft brewing industry as well because those Texans are pretty serious about making great beer.

The largest celebration of craft beer brewed in the Lone Star State will be held at the beautiful Fiesta Gardens in East Austin, right on the banks of the Colorado River (not "The" Colorado River. There are two apparently.)

On Saturday, October 6 from 2-8 you can try a huge variety of Texas-brewed beer and ale in your special commemorative tasting glass - and you know you need a special commemorative tasting glass for these special brews.

But beer drinking will not be the only activity at the festival; there will also be live music, plenty of food vendors so you can wash down that tasty beverage, and even beer educational sessions in case you are of a mind to start your own beer brewing enterprise in your basement.

You can learn all about the correct pairing of food and beer – and here you thought you just needed a big ole greasy pizza to accompany that frosty beverage!

There will even be events to teach you the correct way to pair not only food but cheese and chocolate with the correct beer. I can't imagine beer and chocolate together but who would have dreamed you could put salt and caramel together and look how popular that has become. Not to mention chocolate covered bacon. Oh, yeah. It's a thing.

If you are really seriously interested in learning more about craft beer brewing, there will be a craft beer industry panel discussion with Kevin Brand of 512 Brewing, Michael Graham of Austin Beerworks, Brian Royo of No Label Brewing and Christine Celis of Celis Brewery who will talk about their interest in craft beers and answer questions.

October is the perfect time to visit Texas, when the heat of the summer has abated but it's still pleasant weather – the perfect time for an outdoor festival.

And, of course.

It's pretty much always the perfect time for a beer.

### Texas Craft Brewers Festival

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