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2nd Annual Austin Funky Chicken Coop Tour

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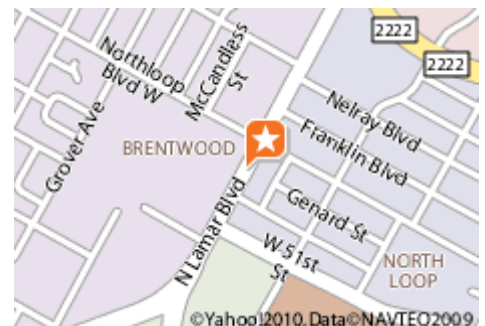
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Information Center

The Information Center for the coop tour is located at **Buck Moore Feed & Supply**, 5237 N. Lamar.

Stop by and purchase a 2010 Funky Chicken T-shirt and receive a **10% discount on poultry feed and supplies during the month of April, 2010 when you wear your t-shirt into the store.** The Information Center will also have vendors and organizations for poultry and sustainability, including **Mobile Chicken Coops, The Austin Backyard Poultry Meetup, BackyardChickens.com, The Sustainable Food Center,** and others.

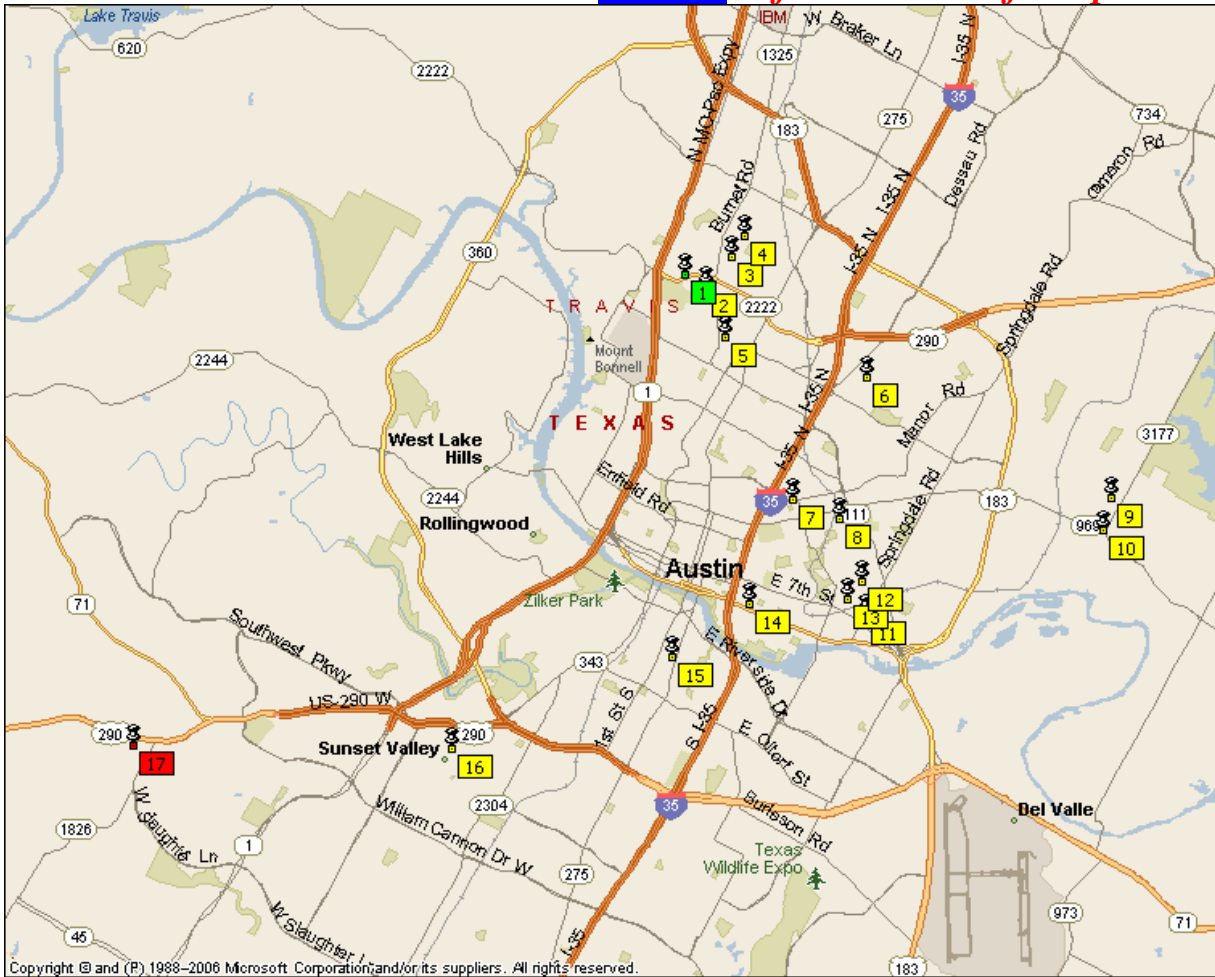


This year's Funky Chicken Coop Tour is LUCKY to have Josh Hudgins of Mobile Chicken Coops as a sponsor....and some LUCKY winner will win a Mobile Chicken Coop donated just for this year's Tour!

Mobile Chicken Coops will provide the winner with their choice of a small chicken coop designed to move easily around your yard OR a small stationary coop for smaller spaces. The coops are PERFECT for a small flock or for getting started.

Stop by the Information Center during the tour hours to register to win!

COOP LOCATIONS – Check the [website](#) before the tour for updates!



ADDRESS KEY FOR COOPS

1	5804 Shoal Creek Blvd	6	1422 Ridgmont	11	755 Springdale Rd	16	12 Lone Oak Tr
2	5707 Wynona	7	2113 Manor Rd	12	3300 Govalle Ave	17	7806 Phoenix Pass
3	2015 Karen Ave	8	1702 Clifford Ave	13	3119 Castro St		
4	1914 Cullen Ave	9	8310 Canoga	14	1308 E. 2 nd St		
5	5004 Woodrow	10	8509 FM 969	15	1605 Eva		

The tour is grateful for the help of our sponsors.



2010 Tour Coops

1 5804 Shoal Creek Blvd

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9 Chickens: Ameraucanas, Bantam Ameraucana, Wt. Leghorn, Barred Rock, Buff Rock

The 4 X 8 wooden coop is a purchased kit attached to a 8 x 16 self-made run with a metal roof. It overlooks Shoal Creek.

The owner has raised chickens for over 12 years and has one hen that is 8 years old. The owner loves watching the chickens and eating their fresh eggs.

2 5707 Wynona

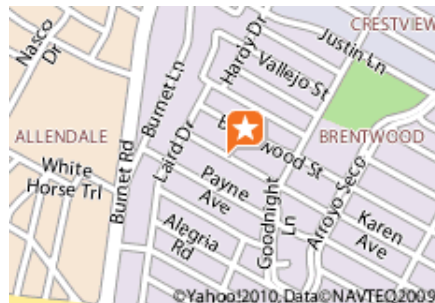
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4 Chickens: Silver Laced Wyandotte, Barred Rock, Buff Orpington

The 4 x 8 cedar coop was purchased fully assembled and is attached to a 4 x 8 run. The coop has unique sliding doors on the front to access the birds and eggs. The owners enjoy composting, vermicomposting, and gardening using the chicken poop as part of their compost. Their two young sons help care for the chickens and enjoy playing with them. The boys now know where real eggs come from.

3 2015 Karen Ave.

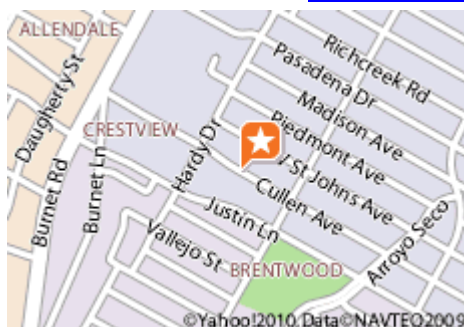


10 Chickens: Easter Eggers, Barred Rock, Welsummer, Rhode Island Red, Salmon Favorelle, Speckled Sussex, Silver Laced Wyandotte, Black Sexlink

The owners made their coop completely out of recycled materials. Including the run, the 10 X 15 structure is protected visually from hawks by an attractive bamboo grove. The chickens are raised primarily for eggs, but they also recycle kitchen scraps and provide manure for the garden, as well as providing lots of entertainment for the family.

4 1914 Cullen Ave.

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7 Chickens: Cuckoo Marans, Silver and Gold Laced Wyandotte, Delaware, Buff Orpington, Jersey Giant, Ameraucana

The unique coop is made from an old 10 x 10 pop-up tent and recycled materials. A rainwater collection barrel provides water for the birds. In addition to supplying fresh eggs and poop for the organic garden, the chickens provide a learning experience for the children of Gardenheads Camp who visit often.

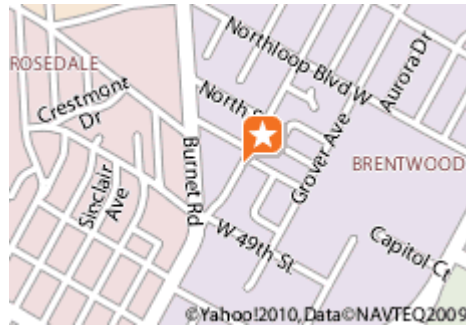
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Chicken Coop



Duck Coop

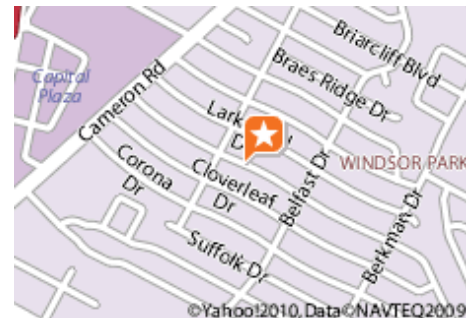


12 Chickens: Polish, Buff Orpington, Australorp, Silkie, Bantam Buff Brahma, Golden Laced Wyandotte, Black Copper Marans, Ameraucana

3 Ducks: Indian Runners

The owner built the 8 x 12 chicken coop and 4 x 8 duck coop himself using a Japanese method of charring wood to enhance its natural preservation qualities. The rest of the coops consist of chicken wire and corrugated tin for the roofs. He has raised poultry for one year and uses the birds to help compost his garden.

6 1422 Ridgemont



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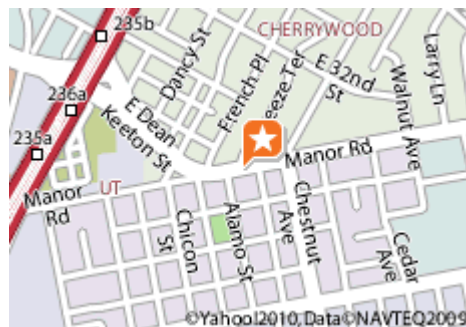
7 Chickens: New Hampshire Red, New Hampshire White, Barred Rock, Australorp

This unique 4 x 4 castle coop is made of recycled materials and is 6 feet tall with a 10 x 10 attached run.

The owner says: "I have chickens because they are wonderful animals that provide hours of entertainment and eggs."

7 2113 Manor Rd. – Eastside Café

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100 Chickens: Appenzeller Spitzhauben, Cornish Cross, Salmon Faverolle, American Game Bantam, Gold Laced Wyandottes, Easter Eggers, Australorp, Speckled Sussex, Cuckoo Marans, Brahma, Ancona, Ameraucana, Barred Plymouth Rock, Minorca . . .and more.

Not your typical backyard flock, these birds work for a living. They supply a lot of the eggs for the restaurant, eat all the restaurant's left over kitchen scraps, plus eat vegetable scraps from the gardens. They also provide nitrogen for the owners' extensive composting system.

The property has a 5 x 20 recycled coop, a new 8 x 10 coop with a 8 x 10 covered porch and two 3 x 5 A-frame chicken tractors.

8 1702 Clifford Ave.

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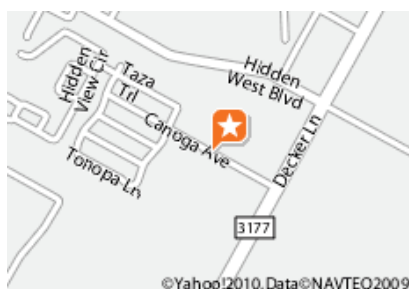


7 Chickens: Silver Laced Wyandotte, Rhode Island Red, Ameraucana, Buff Orpington

The coop is a pretty self-built mint green structure with a metal roof. It is 6 x 5 with an attached 10 feet run.

The owners' grow native Texas plants and vegetables and say they "raise chickens in the backyard for eggs and to eat kitchen scraps to produce compost for our "yarden" in the backyard and front."

9 8310 Canoga – Green Gate Farms [watch video...](#)



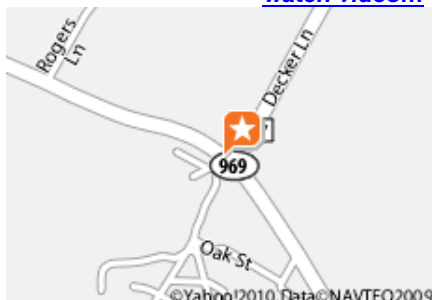
19 Chickens: Rhode Island Red, Ameraucana, Australorp, Light Brahma, Buff Orpington, Naked Necks, Sultan Mix

The chickens help the owners educate the community on the importance of biodiversity, self-sufficiency and sustainability. They also sell eggs to their CSA and farm stand customers.

The owners call their two 8 x 10 chicken tractors "ugly". We call them funky. How can you not love a coop made from found materials: PVC pipe, chicken mesh, banners from SXSW, kitty litter boxes, bicycle wheels and scrap lumber. It must be OK since the owners have been raising poultry for 10 years.

10 8509 FM 969 – Austin Discovery School

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6 Chickens: Silver Campine, Australorp, Brahma, Ideal 236. Gold Sex-link, Brown Leghorn

The only one like it on the tour, this coop is an 8 x 10 rammed earth structure built by one of the student's parents. It is cool in the summer and helps retain heat in the winter.

The Austin Discovery School teaches students stewardship, and the chickens and gardens are part of their curriculum.

11 755 Springdale Rd.

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50 Chickens: Barred Rock, Australorp, Gold Laced Wyandotte, Ameraucana, Red Star, Speckled Sussex, Cuckoo Marans

Can you tell what university the owners' like? The maroon and white wooden coop is 12 x 12 with an attached run. There is also a "romper room" for the younger birds nearby.

The owners raise chickens for their pleasure and the eggs. Since their property is a working farm, the chicken manure is used for composting.

12 3300 Govalle Ave. – Hausbar Farm

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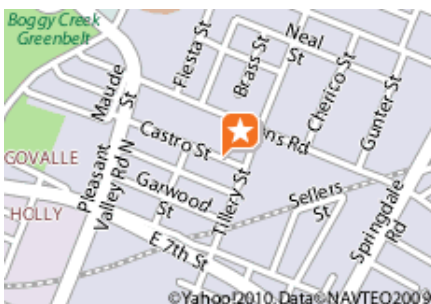
200 Chickens: Bovan's Brown

Hausbar Farm is the second property owned by Eastside Café. From crack house to hen house, the structure on the property was converted into a well planned 20 x 24 coop for 200 birds. The birds free range on the 2 ½ acres during the day and are protected from ground predators by a high fence around the property. Electric mesh fencing keeps the birds out of the garden area and lets the owners rotate the birds to different parts of the property.

The 200 birds are helping Eastside Café to reach their goal of never having to buy a “conventionally” produced egg again.

13 3119 Castro St.

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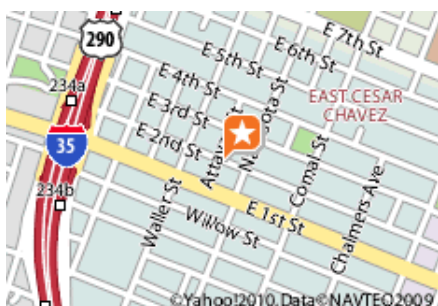
6 Chickens: Ameraucana, Red Star

This 6 x 11 structure is a combination coop and run. It is made of cedar, plywood and wire mesh, and is fully covered by a metal roof. The coop has plenty of shade and the birds have a tempting view of the garden nearby.

The owners raise chickens to move toward a sustainable lifestyle. They believe in local food, love animals and have great memories of raising backyard livestock as children in Alaska and Idaho.

14 1308 E. 2nd St.

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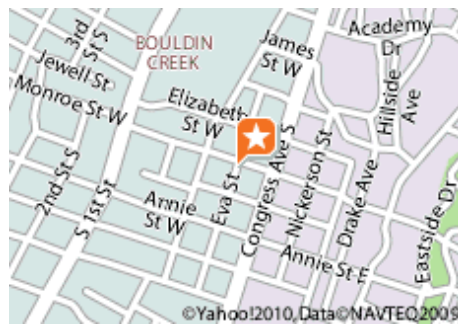


6 Chickens: Barred Rock, Black Sex-link

The 5 x 7 coop is made primarily from recycled materials. It is attached to a 15 x 40 bird mesh covered run. It is not completely enclosed, but the covered coop provides protection where most needed.

Although raised primarily for the eggs, the chickens do a great job of adding to and turning the compost pile in their run. The owners also like having the chickens around for their entertainment value. They like to introduce them to friends and neighbors and are responsible for several coops and new chickens popping up in their neighbor.

15 1605 Eva



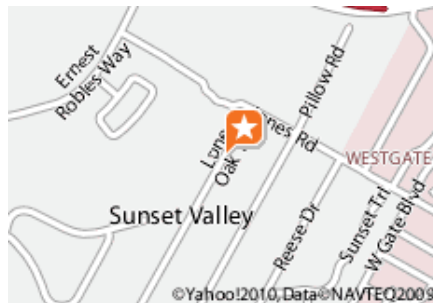
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10 Chickens: Production Red, Ideal 236, White Faced Black Spanish, Ameraucana, Black Sex-link, Gold Sex-link, Welsummer

This is a true funky coop in the Austin tradition. The owner built the 6 x 12 coop from chain link panels, wire mesh and corrugated metal. It is decorated with a large orange metal flower and a tricycle. Other recycled materials make up the inside of the coop. The coop also has its own rainwater collection system,

The owner says fun is the name of the game. The family enjoys the eggs and loves their chickens.

16 12 Lone Oak Tr. – The PermaCulture Center



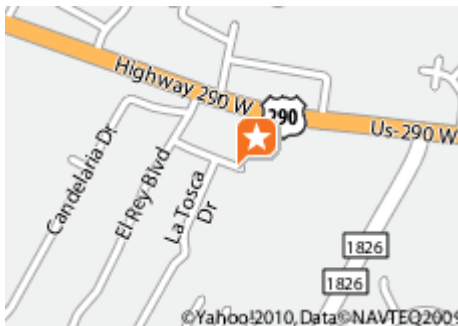
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12 Chickens: White Cochin, Ameraucana, Hy-Line Production (All rescued birds)

The Center's 4 x 6 coop was built of recycled, donated and discounted materials. They also made their own feeders, and supply water for the birds from a homemade rain water collection system. A 3 x 8 mobile chicken tractor is used as a run, and can be docked to the stationary coop. A hot-wired poultry fence with flight netting enhances the predator protection.

The PermaCulture Center is devoted to sustainable and green living. Raising chickens was the next step in their desire to eventually raise all their own organic food. Giving homes to rescued hens fit in with their commitment to recycling.

17 7806 Phoenix Pass



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15 Chickens: New Hampshire Red, Delaware, Black Australorp, Barred Rocks, Ameraucana

This pretty little coop is 10 x 12 and made of wood with metal siding. The green walls, red shutters and door, and flower boxes make it look like people, not chickens, live in it.

The coop is a joint project between next door neighbors. Everyone shares in the care and responsibility of the chickens as well as the eggs and the fun.