

Palo Alto Creek Farm

Nestled in the beautiful rolling hills, just five miles outside of Fredericksburg is the incredible pioneer farm-

stead Palo Alto Creek Farm. Owners Ellis and Carter Schildknecht both say “Palo Alto Creek Farm is a wonderful visual timeline from when this farmstead was first settled by German immigrant Peter Itz and his family until the present day.” Beautifully renovated and decorated with period furnishings, the farm consists of four separate, private accommodations that offer guests rustic elegance with “echoes of a rugged past.” A weekend in either The Itz House, The Log Cabin, The Barn or The Hideaway provides guests with a glimpse into Texas history, acres of the beautiful Hill Country in which to roam, pampering spa treatments (with private, onsite massage rooms), delicious gourmet breakfasts (enjoyed in the privacy of your own space) and even encounters with longhorn cattle and native wildlife. **The Itz House** (circa 1875) is a two-story limestone farmhouse, perfect for parties of up to eight. Children will love the “sleeping porch.” **The Log Cabin** (circa 1854), which is where the Itz family raised their children, is extremely popular with couples, and features a one-of-a-kind bathing experience. In one corner is a whirlpool tub for two encased in limestone—in the other a Kiva fireplace. **The Barn** (circa 1880), which has been lovingly converted, offers a beautiful view of ancient oak trees and a vine covered front porch perfect for your morning cup of coffee. **The Hideaway** is another slice of Hill Country heaven—a perfect peaceful retreat that reflects the historic ambiance of an old farmstead. This property is absolutely too wonderful for words. View the houses online at www.paloaltocreekfarm.com, or call 800-997-0089 for information or reservations. (Featured on cover and in color section of book. See related story on page 9.)

