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*Mexican folkloric dancers, South Texas.*

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# Traveling in Texas

If you're looking for BIG fun and adventure, you've come to the right state. Halfway between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, Texas is the largest of the continental United States. In fact, three of the nation's ten largest cities are located here: Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio. Not to mention that it's the only state that was once an independent republic. Texans are proud of their state—and rightly so.

But it's not just the literal size of Texas that's so impressive. The variety of things you'll find to do in the Lone Star State is endless.

Whether you want to kayak down jade-green rivers shaded by towering cypress trees, dine on lobster enchiladas and sip a glass of Texas Chardonnay, visit a small-town flea market, or get lost in the vastness of Big Bend, you'll be able to do it here.

The geography of Texas encompasses millions of acres of woodlands and an abundance of freshwater. The seven geographical regions that make up our state—from forests of the East Texas Piney Woods to the dramatic mountain peaks of the Big Bend Country in the southwest, and the many landscapes in between—offer a unique experience, and you won't want to miss a bit of it.

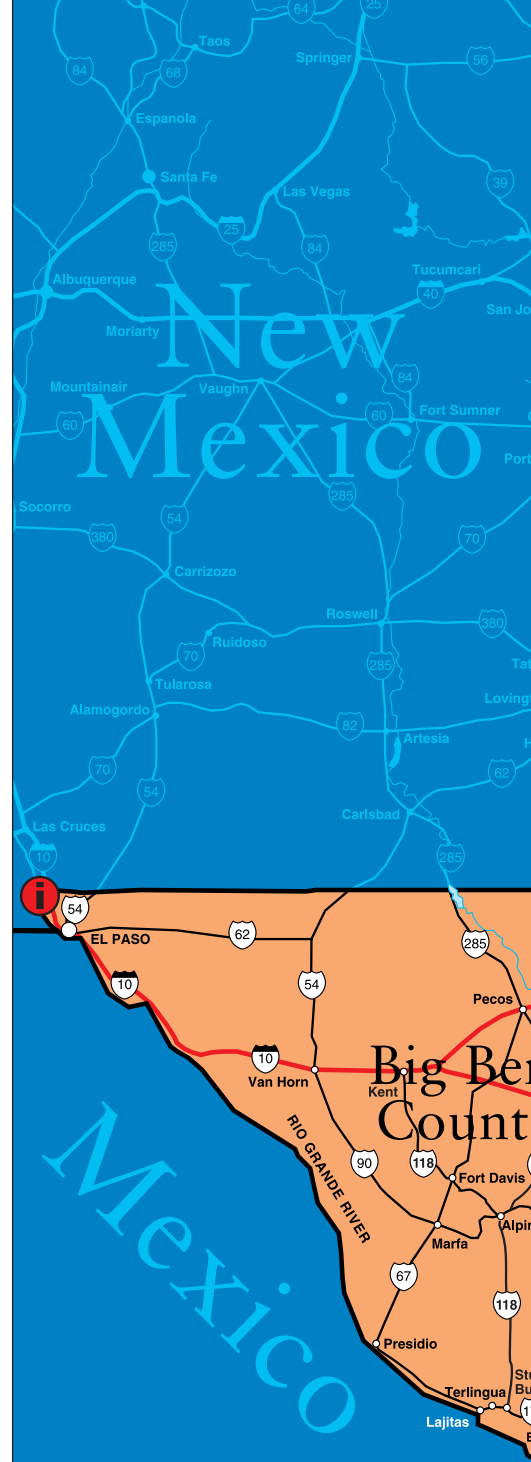
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## TEXAS FACTS AND FIGURES

<b>Area</b>	691,027 square kilometers (266,807 square miles)
<b>Rank</b>	Second largest of the United States, both in geographical size and in population
<b>Size</b>	North to south, 1,280 km (801 miles) East to west, 1,237 km (773 miles)
<b>Highest Point</b>	Guadalupe Peak, 2,667 m (8,749 ft)
<b>Lowest Point</b>	Gulf of Mexico shoreline, at sea level
<b>Coastline</b>	1,000 km (624 miles) along the Gulf of Mexico
<b>Population</b>	21,325,018
<b>Entered Union</b>	December 29, 1845, 28th state
<b>State Capital</b>	Austin, population 680,899
<b>Largest City</b>	Houston, population 1.9 million
<b>Counties</b>	254
<b>State Flower</b>	Bluebonnet
<b>State Bird</b>	Mockingbird
<b>State Tree</b>	Pecan
<b>State Dish</b>	Chili
<b>State Gem</b>	Topaz
<b>State Stone</b>	Petrified Palmwood
<b>State Song</b>	"Texas, Our Texas"
<b>State Mammal</b>	Armadillo
<b>State Motto</b>	Friendship
<b>State Nickname</b>	Lone Star State
<b>Time Zones</b>	Central Standard Time, GMT minus six hours, except far West Texas (El Paso area), which is on Mountain Standard Time, GMT minus seven hours. Both zones observe Daylight Saving Time, advancing the clocks one hour from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October.





# Oklahoma

# Arkansas

## Panhandle Plains

## Prairies and Lakes

## Piney Woods

## Hill Country

## South Texas Plains

## Gulf Coast

# TEXAS

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# Gulf of Mexico

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- Tourist Information Centers - International Airline Service

# Traveling in Texas

## HOW TO USE THIS TOUR GUIDE

As Texas is divided into seven distinct regions, so this book is arranged to help you make your traveling plans. Look to the back of the book for page references that lead you to specific cities and towns and all the offerings therein.

In each region, all attractions are organized by city or metropolitan area. Following a brief description, you'll see a listing of specific attractions, complete with such practical details as physical address, telephone and fax numbers, and Internet addresses.

This tour guide provides much more as well: Look for state and national park information, descriptions and locations of Texas beaches, ranches, golf courses, shopping opportunities, wineries, meeting and convention sites, and touring for special agricultural, technical, and medical interests. Details pertaining to bus companies and tour operators are also included.

Keep in mind that Texas is home to more than 3,100 cities and towns, far more than could be squeezed into this single guide. You will find that the ones included here provide a great starting point and that the international edition of the Texas Tour Guide is an ideal tool to help you become acquainted with Texas, its many offerings, and the varied experiences you'll find in this big, friendly state.



Texas Longhorn.

## U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS

A valid passport is required for entry into the United States and must be shown on arrival. Under the Visa Waiver Program, visas are not required for citizens of Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, if they have a passport for vacation, transit, or business purposes for a stay not exceeding 90 days and, if entering by land or sea, they hold a return or onward ticket and enter aboard a carrier participating in the Visa Waiver Program. U.S. and Canadian citizens are also exempt from visa requirements. Citizens of all other nationalities must have a visa. For further details, inquire

through United States embassies or consulates abroad, or contact the nearest airline office. The U.S. customs or immigration officer at the port of entry grants permission to enter and approves the length of the stay.

Visitors arriving in the USA by air will receive a Customs Declaration Form on the aircraft. This must be completed and given to Customs and Immigration Inspectors on arrival. If visitors arrive in the United States by land, they will need to state their nationality and orally declare foreign purchases at a U.S. border crossing.

## DRIVING INFORMATION

Texas is an enormous state, and it is often desirable for visitors to have the use of a car to explore it, for public transportation is scarce if you are not in a major city. It is easy to rent a car when you arrive; you will need to have a valid driver's license and an International Driving Permit.

Despite the state's vast size, distances really present no problem, for all parts of Texas are served by one of the finest highway systems in the nation. Nine interstate highways crisscross the state, and they, along with the well-maintained network of first-class state roads, will take you where you want to go quickly and easily.

As a bonus, you're never far from a highway rest area. Texas pioneered the idea of parks along the highway, and today more than 1,000 roadside rest areas, picnic areas, and scenic turnouts invite motorists to take a break and relax for a few minutes before driving on. More than 100 rest areas have rest rooms, and some have "infoboards" that summarize local points of interest.

Across the state, the Texas Department of Transportation operates 12 information centers, open daily and staffed by professionally trained travel counselors who welcome visitors and provide a wealth of literature, information, and trip planning assistance to make any Texas visit more enjoyable. A nationwide 800 number dispenses information about trip planning, road conditions, and all other travel questions, as well as handling requests for literature. Just call 1-800-452-9292, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily. The information centers and their locations are as follows:

Abilene	Alpine	Amarillo	Atsugi	Bandera	Beaumont	Big Bend	Brownsville	Bryan	Burnet	Corpus Christi	Dallas	Del Rio	Denton	El Paso	Fredericksburg	Fort Davis	Fort Stockton	Fort Worth	Gainesville	Galveston	Harlingen	Houston	Kearville	Kingsville	Laredo	Lubbock	Marshall	McAllen	Midland	Nacogoches	Palentine	San Angelo	San Antonio	South Padre I.	Stonewall	Teaarkana	Tyler	Waco	Wichita Falls																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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<b>Amarillo</b>	I-40 and U.S. Hwy. 287 (from Oklahoma and New Mexico)
<b>Anthony</b>	I-10 (from New Mexico)
<b>Austin</b>	State Capitol
<b>Denison</b>	U.S. 75 (from Oklahoma)
<b>Gainesville</b>	U.S. 177, I-35 (from Oklahoma)
<b>Langtry</b>	U.S. 90 West, Loop 25
<b>Laredo</b>	I-35 (from Mexico)
<b>Orange</b>	I-10 (from Louisiana)
<b>Texarkana</b>	I-30 (from Arkansas)
<b>Valley</b>	Jct. U.S. 77 and U.S. 83 in Harlingen
<b>Waskom</b>	I-20 (from Louisiana)
<b>Wichita Falls</b>	I-44, Jct. U.S. 277 and U.S. 281 (from Oklahoma)

*The information centers are shown on the Texas map.*

Drivers must be at least 25 years old in order to rent an automobile in Texas (some companies may rent to drivers aged 21 to 24 for an extra fee) and must present a valid driver's license and an International Driving Permit. Texas law requires that drivers and front-seat passengers use safety belts and that children up to the age of four years be restrained by safety seats or harnesses.

The law also states that all children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt, or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. A fine of up to \$200 may be levied for failure to use safety belts as prescribed.

Any containers of alcoholic beverages must be carried in the trunk of the car. The penalties for driving while intoxicated are severe. The best rule is for those who plan to drive to avoid alcohol altogether.

The speed limit on rural interstate highways in Texas is 112 km per hour (70 mph) or lower, as signed, and 96 km (60 mph) or lower in urban areas. A right turn with due care is permitted at a



*Horseback riding, South Padre Island.*

red light after a full stop, unless specifically prohibited by a sign stating, NO RIGHT TURN ON RED. It is illegal to pass a school bus from either direction if it is stopped or about to stop and has its hazard lights flashing.

When driving, always be aware of the direction you want to go, since highway signs are often limited to the road number plus the direction—for example, Interstate 35 NORTH.

### **SAFETY**

When you travel in Texas, just as when you travel anywhere, you should remain alert and

aware of your surroundings. The State of Texas employs an emergency phone line accessed by dialing 911. There is also an emergency line for motorists: 1-800-525-5555. An operator will send someone to assist you.

### **ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION LAWS**

The minimum legal age for consuming alcohol in Texas is 21 years, and the law is strictly enforced. A Texas ID card or driver's license is required to purchase alcohol; however, a passport may be accepted as proof of age. Do not drink and drive—the penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol are severe.

### **FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE**

All major banks in Texas can exchange foreign currency notes at the current rate for U.S. dollars; note that a commission may be charged. However, for convenience, visitors to Texas are encouraged to carry their funds in the form of U.S. dollar traveler's checks and dollar bills. Traveler's checks in various denominations of U.S. dollars are widely available at banks and financial institutions throughout the world, and in the United States they are easily exchanged for local currency wherever you go. Major credit and charge cards (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express) are widely accepted throughout Texas.

*Astroworld Amusement Park, Houston.*



# Traveling in Texas

## NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

All government offices, post offices, banks, and some businesses and museums are closed on the following public holidays:

**New Year's Day:** January 1

**Civil Rights Day (Martin Luther King Jr.'s**

**Birthdays):** Third Monday in January

**Presidents Day:** Third Monday in February

**Memorial Day:** Last Monday in May

**Independence Day:** July 4

**Labor Day:** First Monday in September

**Columbus Day:** second Monday in October

**Veterans Day:** November 11

**Thanksgiving:** fourth Thursday in November

**Christmas Day:** December 25

## MEXICO REGULATIONS

### General

Visitors must carry proof of citizenship when crossing into Mexico. Officials of the National Immigration Institute, posted at border points, require a passport, photo ID with birth certificate, naturalization certificate, a consular report of birth abroad, or notarized affidavit stating citizenship. On returning to Texas from Mexico, visitors must stop at U.S. Customs and declare Mexican purchases.

A Mexican tourist card is required for destinations beyond the border cities or for stays longer than 72 hours. Visitors will pay a tax of approximately 200 pesos (subject to change) for each person. The tourist card is valid for up to 180 days at the discretion of the immigration official. A birth certificate or other proof of citizenship, such as a passport, is required to obtain the tourist card. Visitors from countries other than the United States or Canada should also have an appropriate visa.

### Driving Into Mexico

Driving a car into the interior of Mexico requires an automobile permit. The permit, good for up to 180 days, may be obtained at the border after Mexican immigration officials have stamped your tourist card. Mexico does not allow any borrowed vehicles to be taken into the interior of the country past the "free zone." At this location, you will have to present the following documents: registration or title to the vehicle, your driver's license, and proof of citizenship (tourist card).

You must also present a letter of authorization of travel into Mexico from the lien holder if you are still paying for the vehicle and do not have a clear and free title. If your vehicle is rented, then you must present the rental agreement and an authorization of travel into Mexico. You must have a major credit card, which will be charged U.S. \$25. This credit card must be in the name of the person holding the title of the vehicle or of the person who rented the vehicle.

Auto tourists must stop at Mexico's Federal Inspection Points, located on all principal highways to the interior of Mexico. The auto permit must be presented for inspection, and baggage inspection may also be required.

### Returning to the United States

Every 30 days, each visitor may bring back Mexican purchases valued up to \$400 duty free to the United States, including one liter of alcohol. The next \$1,000 worth of items is subject to a duty of 10 percent. Ask for a GSP brochure from U.S. Customs.

U.S. federal law permits only one liter of duty-free alcoholic beverages to be brought back within a 30-day period by each visitor over 21 years of age. Alcoholic beverages in excess of the limit are subject to duty and internal revenue tax, and no more than 3.7 liters (one gallon) is permitted. In addition, Texas law levies a state tax on all alcoholic beverages brought in from Mexico.

### Mexican Currency

Visitors to Mexican border cities will seldom need Mexican currency. U.S. dollars are readily accepted at the current exchange rate. You will get the best exchange rate at the Casa de Cambio/Currency Exchange Houses. Mexican banks, large motels and hotels, and tourist service facilities provide currency exchange if needed.

### Prohibited Imports and Required Declarations

Upon entering the United States from Mexico, certain articles are either prohibited or subject to various quarantines, limitations, or special permit requirements. Those articles include all narcotics or drugs; medication without a prescription; weapons, firearms, and ammunition; certain trademarked articles; most fruits, vegetables, plants, animals, birds, and meats; and products from the hides, shells, feathers, or teeth of endangered species.

However, you may take your dog or cat into Mexico, provided you have a certificate from a veterinarian stating that all shots have been updated and the animal is in good health. If you

are unsure of regulations governing the import of wildlife products, check with local U.S. Embassy authorities before making a purchase.

Foreign-made articles such as camera, watches, and jewelry previously acquired in the United States or elsewhere should be registered with U.S. Customs before entering Mexico. Without proof of prior possession, a duty may be charged on such articles when they are brought back into the United States.

Declare all alcohol if you have imported goods to bring back into the U.S. You must also declare any monetary amount over \$10,000. If you do not declare this amount you will be fined.

Please note that the above summary is only a general statement of primary travel regulations between the United States and Mexico. For further details about prohibited imports, required declarations, or significant changes that may have gone into effect since this printing, call 800-482-9832.

-  International Airports
-  Handicap-Accessible
-  Parking Available
- WC** Public Rest Rooms
-  Snacks or Restaurants on Premises
-  Party Facility Available
-  Information

*Paseo del Rio (River Walk) at Christmas, San Antonio.*



SACVB / Al Rendón

# Traveling in Texas

## DALLAS/FORT WORTH (DFW)

<b>Asia</b>	
Osaka, Japan	AA
Seoul, South Korea	KE
Tokyo, Japan	AA, JL

<b>Canada</b>	
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Montreal, Quebec	AA
Toronto, Ontario	AA, AC
Vancouver, British Columbia	AA, AC

### Central and South America

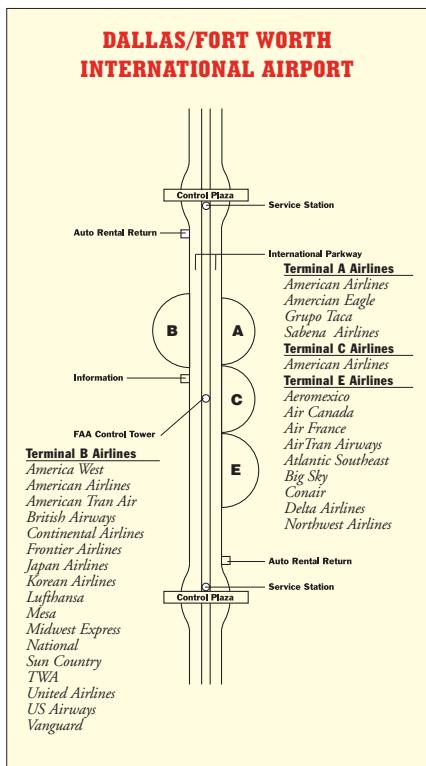
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Lima, Peru	AA
San José, Costa Rica	AA
Santiago, Chile	AA
São Paulo, Brazil	AA

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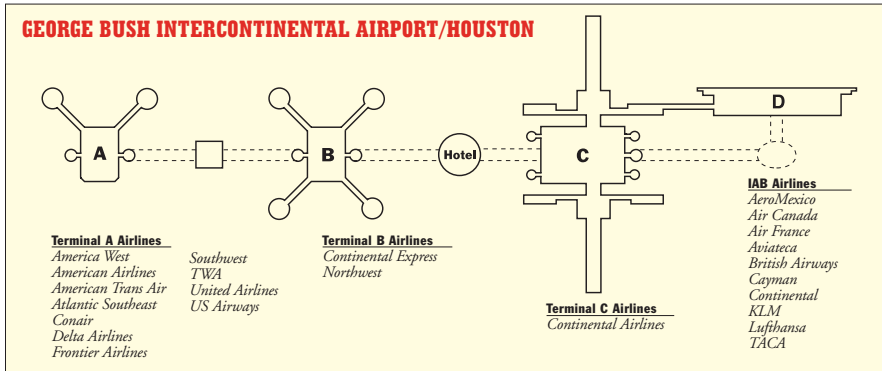
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Los Cabos	AA
Mexico City	AA, AM
Monterrey	AA
Puerto Vallarta	AA
Saltillo	A100



## INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE SERVICE

Airline connections to Texas from almost any place in the world are excellent. The following Texas gateway international airports are served by nonstop and direct international flights on the airlines shown, from the countries listed. Please contact the airlines directly, to verify this information, before making plans.



## HOUSTON (GBIA)

### Africa

Luanda, Angola	WO
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### Asia

Tokyo, Japan	CO
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### Canada

Calgary, Alberta	AA, AC, CO
Toronto, Ontario	AC/UA, CO/NW
Vancouver, British Columbia	CO

### Central and South America

Aruba, Aruba	CO
Belize City, Belize	CO, TA
Belo Horizonte, Brazil	CO
Bogotá, Colombia	CO
Caracas, Venezuela	CO
Grand Cayman, West Indies	KX
Guatemala City, Guatemala	CO
Guayaquil, Ecuador	CO
La Ceiba, Honduras	TA
Lima, Peru	CO
Managua, Nicaragua	CO
Montego Bay, Jamaica	JM
Panama City, Panama	CO
Quito, Ecuador	CO
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	CO
Rotan, Honduras	TA/AA
San José, Costa Rica	CO
San Pedro Sula, Honduras	CO, TA
San Salvador, El Salvador	CO, TA
São Paulo, Brazil	CO
Tegucigalpa, Honduras	CO

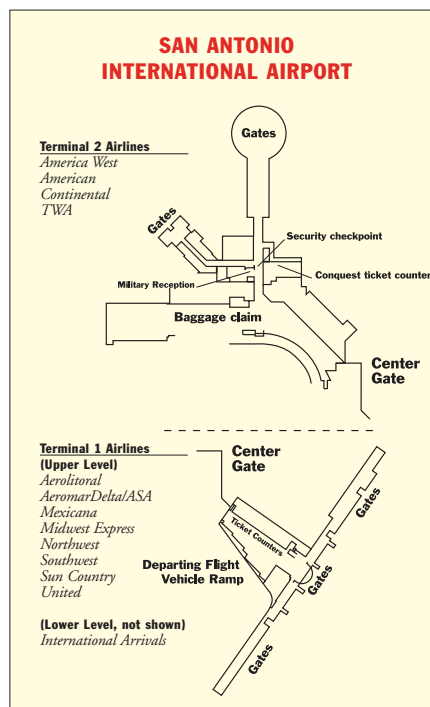
### Europe

Amsterdam, Netherlands	KL/NW
Frankfurt, Germany	LH/UA
London, England	BA, CO
Paris, France	AF, CO

### Mexico

Acapulco	CO
Agua Calientes	CO
Cancún	AM, CO
Chihuahua	CO
Cozumel	CO
Guadalajara	CO
Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo	CO
León	CO
Los Cabos	CO, HP
Mazatlán	CO
Mérida	CO
Mexico City	AM/DL, CO
Monterrey	AM, CO
Puebla	CO
Puerto Vallarta	CO

Saltillo	CO
San Luis Potosí	CO
Tampico	CO
Torreón	CO
Veracruz	CO



## SAN ANTONIO (SAT)

### Mexico

Cancún	SY
Cozumel	SY
Guadalajara	AL
Ixtapa	AW
Mazatlán	AL
Mexico City	CO, MX, VW
Monterrey	VW
Puerto Vallarta	AL
San Luis Potosí	VW
Tampico	AL

## CRUISE LINE

Carnival Cruise Lines  
 www.carnival.com  
 Port Galveston  
 4- to 5-day Mexico/Western Caribbean

# Texas Activities

The mystique long associated with Texas is easily as big as the state itself—and there’s a really good reason for that. Over the past four centuries, much has happened to shape this incomparable land, a place that we’re fond of saying is “like a whole other country.” Just as it takes a while to comprehend the many events and people whose influence made Texas what it is today, it takes some time to experience the place—after all, it’s got more than 127,400 kilometers (79,000 miles) of highway covering more than 691,000 square kilometers (266,807 square miles) of landscape! Plan your trip so you’ll have time for the many activities that Texas has to offer.

Before Texas became part of the United States, several other countries laid claim to the territory that now composes the state. In 1519 Spain was first to fly its flag over Texas. When LaSalle landed on the Texas coast in 1685, France claimed the Rio Grande River as the western boundary of its Louisiana Territory. Then Mexico, upon gaining its independence from Spain in 1821, claimed Texas as its own.

One of the premier sites of Texas history is Mission San Antonio de Valero, more commonly known as the Alamo, which was established by the Spanish in 1718 and used as a mission until 1831. The importance of this site, which has been surrounded by the city of San Antonio over time, can hardly be exaggerated. Though many brave men lost their lives at the Battle of the Alamo on February 23, 1836, the Texans persisted in their struggle for freedom from Mexico. Weeks later, on April 21, 1836, Sam Houston and his forces triumphed over Santa Anna in a decisive battle at San Jacinto, and the Republic of Texas was born. The San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park, in the Gulf Coast region at LaPorte, commemorates this victory with the San Jacinto Monument, a towering obelisk that stands 4.5 meters (15 feet) taller than the Washington Monument.

*Bob Bullock State History Museum, Austin.*



*Moody Gardens, Galveston.*

Space Center at Houston in 1965. In the Prairies and Lakes region the silicon chip was invented at Texas Instruments in Dallas in 1958.

In El Paso’s Lower Valley you can see three Spanish missions, dating from 1681, which are older than all other missions in Texas and California. In San Antonio visit San Antonio Missions National Historical Park to trace the path to all of the local missions. Famous battlefield sites with noble histories are found near Houston at San Jacinto, and between Houston and Corpus Christi at Goliad. The Sabine Pass Battleground State Historical Park marks a battle in a different war: It’s the spot where a small band of Confederate soldiers achieved an improbable victory over a Union force that was much better armed and much larger.

Frontier forts are scattered throughout the state, each with its own unique story. Located in the Big Bend region, the Fort Davis National Historic Site includes a fort built in 1854 that served as the only refuge from hostile Indians at this point on the frontier. On the region’s southern edge in Presidio, you’ll find the huge adobe fortress of Fort Leaton, built in 1848 on the site of much earlier Spanish construction.

Texas’ history is told in dozens of museums across the state, but nowhere is the tale more vividly presented than at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, located in the Hill Country region. State-of-the-art exhibits and interactive fun await visitors of every age, and all are guaranteed a great time, no matter how often they visit. The exhibits are always changing, with displayed items on loan from other museums and collections for a limited time. Best of all may be the special-effects show called “Star of Destiny,” which sends thrills through spectators with vibrating seats, special lighting and sound effects, 3-D images, and much more. Or explore presidential history at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, also in Austin, or at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in College Station, in the Prairies and Lakes region.

Throughout the Gulf Coast region you will discover myriad Texas heritage landmarks. In Galveston, amid the city’s Victorian-style architecture, is moored the 19th-century *Elissa*, a restored sailing ship that is also now a museum, and not far away you’ll find the magnificent district called the Strand, known a century ago as the Wall Street of the South. Corpus Christi, also on the Texas coast,

## **HISTORICAL**

Although Texas is young relative to sites across the globe in such locales as Europe and Asia, the history of this area has been quite eventful over the past 500 years—yielding a wealth of historical sites, missions, forts, and battlegrounds—each with its own fascinating story.

Visit Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park near Brenham in the Prairies and Lakes region to learn stirring details about the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Events spanning Texas’ history are documented throughout the state. In the Gulf Coast region, the Texas oil boom began in 1901 at Spindletop, near Beaumont, and NASA opened the Johnson

offers the Texas State Aquarium and the extensively renovated military aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Lexington*.

No matter what region of Texas you choose to visit, you'll discover the rich heritage that has formed the state.

## WESTERN EXPERIENCE

Whether you're traveling solo or with your family, you'll find ample ways to immerse yourself in the cowboy culture. A really great opportunity is a stay at one of the seven historic working ranches in Big Ranch Country, a spread of Panhandle Plains territory that stretches from around Lubbock to Jacksboro. Begun in the latter 1800s when the cattle drives were ending, these ranches now invite greenhorns in to see how the land and its people have survived and how traditions have endured. Tours of historic ranch sites, chuck-wagon dinners, hunting and fishing expeditions, and cooking events are often part of the fun—plus you'll go home with a greater understanding of the ranchers' commitment to conservation of the rural life and the Western heritage.

Explorers who yearn for a turn in the saddle can get their fix at any number of dude ranches across the state, too. The Elkins Ranch near Palo Duro Canyon in the Panhandle Plains region offers up a menu of chuck-wagon suppers and guided Jeep tours. In the Big Bend area, Prude Ranch is a century-old operation where you can saddle up and explore the exquisite Davis Mountains, or just bide your time till supper is served in the ranch house. In the Hill Country town of Bandera, known as the Cowboy Capital of the World, you have a multitude of choices among ranches where you can ride all morning, chow down around the campfire, and take a sunset hayride.

Elements of Texas' extensive legacy from the Old West are everywhere. In the Panhandle Plains town of Amarillo, your destinations should include the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum and the weekly Amarillo Livestock Auction, where more than 100,000 head of cattle are sold each year. In Palo Duro Canyon's Pioneer Amphitheater, summer nights are filled with the sights and sounds of the musical extravaganza called *Texas Legacies*.

Museums celebrating Texas' Western flavor are scattered throughout the state. Discover an old stagecoach stop transformed into a treasure trove of history at the Annie Riggs Memorial Museum in Fort Stockton in the Big Bend region, and the complete story of cattle ranching detailed at the Cattle Raisers Museum in Fort Worth. Also in Fort Worth, learn about the lives of women whose spirit exemplifies that of the American West at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. In January and February, you can travel from Fort Worth to San Antonio to Houston to enjoy the latest in a long tradition of rodeos and stock shows, where bull riders and barrel racers compete and kids show their hogs and steers for ribbons and prize money.

## BEACHES

There's probably nothing a family enjoys more than a trip to the beach, and adventures along the Texas sands can add up to a one-of-a-kind memorable vacation. Many of Texas' beaches are blessed with a good selection of rental houses and condos, which will enable you to save money

by buying groceries and freshly caught fish and cooking in rather than going out for every meal. And all along the hundreds of kilometers of coastline, from Port Arthur down to Port Isabel, you'll find a wealth of affordable activities and attractions.

Sabine Pass, south of Port Arthur, serves as the jumping-off point for oceanside fun at Sea Rim State Park, where you'll tramp across a boardwalk trail to get a good look at coastal birds and marshland flora. The five-mile stretch of coast offers airboat tours, canoe rentals, and more. From there, head south along the Bolivar Peninsula to Crystal Beach, which can also be reached by ferries from Galveston. Be sure to photograph the venerable Bolivar Lighthouse, a monument to the old mariner heritage of the Texas coast.

Galveston Island is lined with sandy playgrounds, such as Stewart Beach park on Seawall Boulevard. You'll find jetty and surf fishing at East Beach (also known as Apffel Park) just east of Stewart Beach, as well as 52 kilometers (32 miles) of beach on Galveston Island, populated by hotels, restaurants, and plenty of amusements. At Galveston Island State Park, abundant fishing and swimming ensure that visitors have a great time. And during the summer the park's huge outdoor theater offers musical productions.

Your family will discover plenty of water-side activities in the Brazosport area, among them searching for shells, surf fishing, swimming, and sailing at Surfside Beach. Brazosport is also home to Sea Center Texas, a marine and aquarium center developed by the state parks department and other

entities, where you can learn about underwater life by visiting a hatchery and several giant aquariums.

At Goose Island State Park, a 130-hectare (320-acre) park on a peninsula between Copano, St. Charles, and Aransas Bays, a fishing pier and one of the largest live oak trees in Texas await you. Plan to meet the shrimping and other fishing boats returning to Rockport Harbor in the afternoon so you can buy the freshest catches right on the docks. Allow at least a day to explore the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, the main wintering grounds for the famous but nearly extinct whooping crane. Also seen on tours are alligators, sandhill cranes, deer, and javelinas.

Port Aransas, which can be reached from Corpus Christi by ferry or bridge, is a favorite destination for deep-sea fishing and long walks on the beach. There's a wonderful birding center here, too, that provides habitat for an alligator named Boots, hummingbirds, and a variety of local and migrating birds. Nearby Mustang Island is the prime destination for your family for camping on the sand, surfing, fishing, and swimming.

Corpus Christi is also the access point to the magnificent Padre Island National Seashore a 105-kilometer (65-mile) strip of undisturbed, protected barrier island. Check in at the ranger station to get information about swimming beaches, primitive beach camping, and the nature trail. At the southern tip of Texas, South Padre Island is a wonderful place for a family vacation. You can spend your days bodysurfing in the Gulf, building sand castles, riding horses on the north end of the



*Cattle drive, Fort Worth.*

# Texas Activities

beach, or taking a dolphin and birding tour on the Laguna Madre. Book a sailing excursion or a fishing trip, or just rent a kayak and cast your fly-fishing rod for redfish in the bay.

## GOLF

In no place but Texas could you find a golf course that crosses an international border. But that's exactly what awaits you in Lajitas, a border resort town in the Big Bend region. Lajitas delights golf fans with a magnificent 18-hole course that incorporates exquisite Chihuahuan Desert topography and even has a hole across the Rio Grande in Mexico.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to sensational golf courses you're destined to love. Also in the Big Bend region is the town of Marfa, famous for its mile-high golf course, a 9-hole municipal offering in the Davis Mountains, which typically have the coolest temperatures in the state during the summer. About three hours west, in El Paso, you'll find the Emerald Springs Golf and Conference Center, the 18-hole site where golf legends Ray Floyd and Lee Trevino first faced off. Up in the Panhandle, Amarillo is known for its Ross Rogers Municipal Golf Course, and Lubbock offers the Meadowbrook Golf Course and the Shadow Hills Golf Course.

Watch for perils at Abilene's Diamondback Golf Club, San Angelo's Quicksand Golf Course, and particularly Bogey's Golf Course in Waco. Some of the prettiest terrain and least-expensive golfing are found at naturally landscaped state park courses, including those at Bastrop, out there with the famous Lost Pines, as well as at Inks Lake and Lockhart, both near Austin, and at the Stephen F. Austin State Historical Site at San Felipe, near Houston.

If what you're after is the renowned Tour 18 courses, head to Houston and to the Dallas/Fort Worth—area town of Lewisville. These courses specialize in specific holes that replicate those at some of the world's most famous courses, including St. Andrew's, Hilton Head, and Augusta. While you're golfing in the D/FW area, be sure to check out the Texas Star Golf Course in Euless, a gorgeous space with century-old oak trees, rock ponds, and waterfalls.

En route to Austin along I-35, stop in Salado to play the Robert Trent Jones II course at Mill Creek Inn and Golf Club, then work your way through the Hill Country playing some of the best courses in the nation. At Barton Creek Resort and Spa in Austin, Fazio Canyons is a big magnet for duffers, while the nearby Lakeway Inn and Conference Resort at Lake Travis boasts three different 18-hole challenges. Among these is the Yaupon Course, carved into breathtaking limestone countryside with exceptional wildlife-watching opportunities.

If you're high on watching the pros play the big tournaments, Texas has several for your consideration. In May, PGA stars match up at the EDS Byron Nelson Championship at the Four Seasons Las Colinas in Irving, followed by the Bank of



*Pecan Valley Golf Club, San Antonio.*

America Colonial in Fort Worth. In September, the Valero Texas Open is played at La Cantera in San Antonio.

## NATURE AND OUTDOORS

Hikers in Texas have long known a secret that people from surrounding states are finally learning: You don't have to go to the Rockies to find great climbs and nature trails—thousands await you right here in the Lone Star State.

Your family could spend a month taking a different hike every day in the Hill Country, and at the end of it you would've just barely scratched the surface. A good place to start is the wonderfully remote Colorado Bend State Park, whose entrance is about 32 kilometers (20 miles) from the burg of San Saba. Inside the park, rangers will lead you over rocky terrain through fragile, lush vegetation to beautiful Gorman Falls. By reservation, they'll even take you on a crawling tour of the caves within the park.

At Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, near Fredericksburg, you and the kids can climb a famous solid granite dome soaring 130 meters (425 feet) into the sky. Here you're guaranteed the very best view of the Hill Country. Just be sure to arrive early, as the park rangers turn away visitors once the parking lot is full. An hour and a half southwest, near Vanderpool, Lost Maples State Natural Area offers marvelously scenic hilly hikes through majestic stands of bigtooth maples that display brilliant colors in the fall.

The Big Bend region probably offers the most stunning and challenging landscape for hiking in the state, and much of it can be counted as among the best in North America. Big Bend National Park's spread of 324,357 hectares (801,163 acres) encompasses canyons, valleys, desert, and forest, crisscrossed by 323 kilometers (200 miles) of incomparable hiking trails and vistas. Be sure to inquire about backcountry and primitive camping, too.

Canoeing has become a growing passion among Texans. One of the excellent canoe sites in the Prairies and Lakes region is at the Fort Worth Nature Center, but canoe trippers looking for longer journeys should head south to Glen Rose for outings on the Brazos River. One favorite canoe journey begins in the Hill Country town of San Marcos and follows the beautiful San Marcos River southeast to the coast.

Rafting and tubing, another kind of water adventure, have become mighty popular with families vacationing in the Hill Country. You can rent rafts and tubes for splashy fun on the Guadalupe River in the towns of Gruene or New Braunfels, or for the Medina River in Medina or Bandera. Rafting trips on the Rio Grande, coursing through the canyons of Big Bend, are booked in the towns of Terlingua and Lajitas. If kayaking suits your tastes better, however, look for rentals on Galveston Bay and on the Laguna Madre, near South Padre Island.

Bass fishing, which could become the official sport of Texas if football is ever outlawed, is found on just about all of the state's hundreds of lakes. Among the numerous choices are Choke Canyon Reservoir, between San Antonio and Corpus Christi; Lake Fork, located in the Piney Woods; and Lake Meredith, an unexpected treasure north of Amarillo.

Birders flock to the Texas Gulf coast regularly, aiming to add as many as possible of the area's almost 500 species to their life lists. All along the coast and in the Rio Grande Valley, travelers seeking feathered-friend sightings know they can find some of the most elusive birds in existence here at the nation's migratory crossroads. Newly opened in the Rio Grande Valley is the World Birding Center, a first-class facility where bird-loving travelers find maps, exhibits, guidance, and hospitality.

## MULTICULTURAL EVENTS

Just as Texas was shaped by settlers from Spain and Mexico, its biggest celebrations continue to be guided by the generosity of the Hispanic culture. A perfect example of this merriment gets under way in Laredo and its sister city across the Rio Grande, Nuevo Laredo, in February, when the international twins celebrate George Washington's Birthday. Since 1898, Los Dos Laredos have honored the first leader in the New World to free a country from European rule. Today the party takes the form of a 16-day festival with parades, fireworks, and dances.

On or around May 5, cities and towns across the state sponsor mega-bashes for Cinco de Mayo, a holiday that commemorates the 1862 Battle of Puebla, in which a Mexican army defeated the French. Cinco de Mayo celebrations enliven the streets of Goliad, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Uvalde, Houston, and San Marcos, among many others. September features *Diez y Seis*, the enormous party heralding the anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain. In San Antonio, the *Diez y Seis* celebration includes a parade and plenty of live music, while Lubbock's version features a carnival, children's programs, and Tejano, rock, and country music, and Del Rio's fete includes dancing, music, and authentic Mexican food and drink.

The German heritage of Texas is richest in the Hill Country region, and you'll know you've found the German fests by the oompah in the air. In Fredericksburg, the revelers turn out for Oktoberfest, a weekend-long hoedown with bierhalles, singing, dancing, live entertainment, lederhosen, wurst, and kraut. In November, Wurstfest fills the streets of New Braunfels with the lively spirit of fun and fellowship known as *gemütlichkeit*, and the expanse of Landa Park is crowded with polka-dancing celebrants.

Big-time Southern fun is on tap in Lufkin in September, with the event known as the Texas State Forest Festival. Your family will get a real kick out of lumberjack shows and chain-saw sculpture competitions, as well as pig races and alligator wrestling. The East Texas link to Louisiana is spotlighted at the Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival in October, when the downtown area of Conroe rocks with live music, fried catfish, and Cajun cuisine for all. New Orleans-style Mardi Gras fun is served up on Galveston Island and in the towns of Jefferson and Port Arthur,

while the Texas Saltwater Crawfish and Crab Festival and then the Gumbo Cookoff bring more Cajun merriment to Orange in March and May, respectively.

June 19 is cause for celebration in African American communities across the state. The date marks the day in 1865 when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Texas. The granddaddy of them all is surely the bash in Houston, when a huge gathering of blues, gospel, and jazz artists performs at Hermann Park. Parties also kick off in Dallas, San Antonio, Tyler, Richmond, and lots of other towns and cities.

## SHOPPING

If your family counts committed shoppers among its members, they'll be happy to find plenty of opportunities to shop in Texas. What's even better is that this great state has a booming population of outlet malls to serve the most thrifty of consumers.

In the northern reaches of the Prairies and Lakes region is Gainesville, the site of one of the Prime Outlets malls. The Gap and Brooks Brothers are among the dozens of retailers with slashed prices here. Just an hour south of Dallas/Fort Worth, the Prime Outlets mall at Hillsboro can clothe your family at big savings with goodies from Nike, Guess?, Eddie Bauer, Polo-Ralph Lauren, and Izod. And among the 125 stores at the Prime Outlets mall at San Marcos, near Austin, you'll find discounts on goods from Bose, Waterford, Samsonite, Armani, Anne Klein, and Dana Buchman.

If you've won the lottery and discounts aren't such a big deal anymore, congratulations! You can spend your winnings on great style at Neiman Marcus, a pioneer in the best of American retailing that was founded in Dallas. Today's stores are located in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston, cities well known for shopping and fashion. Look also for good buys at the Neiman Marcus Last Call clearance centers in Austin and Grapevine.

A wide array of the nation's best stores is, of

course, found in Texas. Nordstrom locations include the Dallas Galleria, Stonebriar Centre in Frisco, North East Mall in Hurst, Barton Creek Mall in Austin, and the Houston Galleria. Saks Fifth Avenue stores are found in Austin, Dallas, Houston, Hurst, and San Antonio, while Tiffany and Co. offers stores in Dallas and Houston.

For prized collectibles that speak of the past, look for great antiques hunting in the towns of Gladewater and Jefferson in the Piney Woods, and Forney, Round Top, and Brenham in the Prairies and Lakes region. Canton, near Forney, hosts the mammoth First Monday Trade Days each month, when thousands of folks show up to buy and sell antiques and handcrafted goods. For folk art from around the state, the Southwest, and Mexico, look to the towns of Buda and Comfort in the Hill Country and San Antonio in the South Texas Plains.

## CITIES/CULTURAL TOURISM

If you want to find the best in urban American culture, take your family to Houston. Just be aware that you'll have to stay for a couple of weeks to adequately experience the bounty of this city's museums and attractions. Newest in town is the Downtown Aquarium, an ocean wonderland built by Landry's restaurant company. Themes throughout the aquarium's spaces include Louisiana Swamp, Shipwreck, Sunken Temple, Rainforest, and Gulf of Mexico. Other Houston must-sees include the eclectic Art Car Museum, the historic Battleship *Texas*, the planetarium, the IMAX Theater, the butterfly center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and the wealth of NASA magic at Space Center Houston.

San Antonio makes history fun for kids and adults with the hugely entertaining Buckhorn Saloon and Museum, which features a 4,000-item collection that includes horns from every imaginable animal, as well as a gunfight at high noon on the weekends. After you see the Alamo and the other beautiful missions, be sure to see *Alamo: The Price of Freedom*, a film at the IMAX theater that re-creates the 13-day siege of the Alamo.

*Oktoberfest, Fredericksburg.*



Carol Barrington

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At the Institute of Texan Cultures, you'll learn about the 26 ethnic and cultural groups that form the fabric of Texas and how those peoples came to call Texas home. San Antonio's Witte Museum features the HEB Science Treehouse, a riverside center with extraordinary interactive science play for kids of every age.

El Paso is still another place to explore the history of Spanish explorers and missionaries, starting at the lovely old missions that date from 1682. Hop the city's mission trolley for a four-and-a-half-hour tour of Ysleta, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (home of the Tigua Indians), Socorro, and San Elizario. Be sure to make time to explore the beautiful El Paso Museum of Art and to see *Viva! El Paso*, an outdoor drama in McKelligon Canyon Amphitheater that tells the story of the region's heritage.

For an exceptional art experience, head to Dallas's Southern Methodist University campus, home to the Meadows Museum and one of the nation's largest collections of Spanish art. In the downtown Arts District, find a staggering array of art from China, Japan, India, and Southeast Asia in the Trammell and Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art. From there, it's a very short drive to

the Sixth Floor Museum, which examines the life, death, and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

Forty-eight kilometers (30 miles) to the west is the nation's second-largest modern art museum, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, now settled in its magnificent new home in the Cultural District. Opened in December 2002, the eye-popping structure of glass, stone, and steel was designed by Japan's Tadao Ando and is as appealing as the artwork it houses. It's just a few steps to the collection of Impressionists at the Kimbell Art Museum, the Western works of Remington and Russell and the American photography of Eliot Porter and Erwin Smith at the Amon Carter Museum. Kids and adults alike will be riveted by the dinosaurs and more at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History and the rough-riding women honored at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, both also located in the Cultural District.

Austin is loved for its art collections at the Elisabet Ney Museum, the small but impressive collection of contemporary art at the Austin Museum of Art Downtown, the contemporary and folk art and photographs at the Mexic-Arte Museum, and the changing collections of photography, folk art, and artifacts featuring black history at the George Washington Carver Museum.

## AG/TECH TOURS

Texas' heritage, well known to people around

the world, speaks of a wild and vast expanse where cattle and oil created riches for thousands of families. There's still a bit of that going on, but Texas is becoming more widely known for the many successful industries that have developed and established themselves here. What's more, visitors are encouraged to come see firsthand how these agricultural, technical, and medical businesses operate.

If you are interested in agricultural operations, some of the things you have the chance to see include apple orchards, meat processing, and cotton ginning in the Panhandle Plains region; rose growing and pecan farming in the Prairies and Lakes region; herb farming, peach production, and organic farming in the Hill Country; and wetlands conservation, marine life research, and farming technique development and research in the Gulf Coast.

For technical and medical touring, your roads could lead to pilot training in the Big Bend region; superconductivity research and medical science research and treatment in the Gulf Coast; pottery making and paper manufacturing in the Piney Woods region; military facilities in the South Texas Plains; veterinary medicine, ice cream production, and newspaper publishing in the Prairies and Lakes region; and boot and belt manufacturing and windmill production in the Panhandle.

No matter where your curiosity leads you, you will find plentiful lodging, dining, and recreation available to make your visit complete and enjoyable.

## MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

The secret to a successful professional meeting, of course, is location. And Texas has them. Given what you've read about Texas in this guide so far, it's pretty obvious that our state is a great site for your meeting or convention. In fact, the word is already out—Dallas, Houston, and Austin are some of the most popular convention sites in the country, and San Antonio attracts 9 million visitors each year!

The urban centers of Texas will meet your criteria for business meetings with first-class convention facilities and superior hotels and resorts. With a selection of elegant hotels near convention facilities, our cities also offer the best in shopping and superb dining choices—all of which make your attendees feel pampered.

But what if all you are looking for is a comfortable, relaxing setting to host a smaller gathering, perhaps for a group of managers? Or a church retreat or family reunion? You will find the perfect facilities in small towns all across Texas, at cozy bed-and-breakfasts, historic country inns, rustic riverside camps, or sprawling dude ranches. And after the business of the day, take the opportunity to stroll Main Street to check out the antiques shops or drive down the road to the outlet mall.

Not only do Texas cities have a spectacular range of places to assemble, they are staffed with planning and organizing experts who can execute all your meeting needs. With their help, you will have a perfectly planned gathering and enough free time to explore your surroundings!



Viva! El Paso musical pageant, El Paso.

Billie Calzada

# Beaches

With more than 1,000 km (600 miles) of coastline, Texas offers many beaches. The listings below are only a sampling. For more information, visit [www.TravelTex.com](http://www.TravelTex.com).

Texas coast.

## Boca Chica Beach and Brazos Island

956-546-3721  
Fax: 956-546-3972  
[www.brownsville.org/beach](http://www.brownsville.org/beach)  
35 km (22 miles) east of Brownsville on the Gulf of Mexico

Primitive natural wetlands beach with swimming, fishing, camping, and surfing.

## Corpus Christi Bay Area

1823 N. Chaparral  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
800-766-2322  
Fax: 361-561-2292  
[www.corpuschristicvb.com](http://www.corpuschristicvb.com)  
[wdungan@cctexas.org](mailto:wdungan@cctexas.org)

Picnic area and rest rooms. Site of the U.S.S. *Lexington*, Texas State Aquarium, and gateway to Padre Island National Seashore.

## Crystal Beach

409-684-5940, 800-386-7863  
[www.crystalbeach.com](http://www.crystalbeach.com)  
[www.bolivarchamber.org](http://www.bolivarchamber.org)  
[fun@bolivarchamber.org](mailto:fun@bolivarchamber.org)

Located on the Bolivar Peninsula, accessible by ferry from Galveston Island.

## Galveston East Beach

1923 Boddeker Dr.  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-762-3278  
[www.galveston.com/eastbeach](http://www.galveston.com/eastbeach)

Big Reef Nature Park, picnic area, volleyball courts, game room, outdoor pavilion, and rest rooms.

## Galveston Island Area

409-763-4311  
[www.galveston.com/beachparks](http://www.galveston.com/beachparks)  
[www.galvestoncvb.com](http://www.galvestoncvb.com)

## Isla Blanca Park

Park Rd. 100  
South Padre Island, TX 78597  
956-761-5493  
[www.ohwy.com/tx/i/islblapk.htm](http://www.ohwy.com/tx/i/islblapk.htm)  
On the southernmost tip of South Padre Island

Picnic and playground areas, water park, fishing jetty, restaurants, 305-meter (1,000-foot) sea walk, and boat ramp. Camping sites include more than 600 RV sites with full hookups.

## Island Equestrian Center

Padre Blvd.  
South Padre Island, TX 78597  
956-761-4677  
Fax: 956-761-4646  
[www.horsesonthebeach.com](http://www.horsesonthebeach.com)  
One mile (1.6 km) north of South Padre Island

Horseback riding along the Gulf of Mexico and Laguna Madre.

## Lighthouse Beach and Bird Sanctuary

3000 Lighthouse Beach Rd.  
Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
361-552-5311  
[www.portlavaca.org](http://www.portlavaca.org)



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Waterfront camping, swimming pool, pavilion, birdwatching tower, lighted fishing pier, and playgrounds.

## Malaquite Beach Complex and Campground

Park Rd. 22  
Corpus Christi, TX 78418  
361-949-8068

[www.nps.gov/pais](http://www.nps.gov/pais)  
Part of Padre Island National Seashore.

Visitors center, campsites, rest rooms, and showers. Specialized events and evening programs offered at the campground in summer and winter available through the visitors center.

## Mustang Island State Park

361-749-4573, 800-792-1112  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/mustang](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/mustang)  
23 km (14 miles) south of Port Aransas on TX Hwy. 361  
1,600 hectares (3,954 acres) of sand dunes and 8 km (5 miles) of Gulf beach.

Primitive campsites, rest room, showers, and a beachside nature trail. Seaside camping, fishing, surfing, swimming, birdwatching, and shell collecting. Interpretive ecological tours on request.

## Padre Island National Seashore

20301 Park Rd. 22  
Corpus Christi, TX 78418  
361-949-8068, Fax: 361-949-8023  
[www.nps.gov/pais](http://www.nps.gov/pais)

Surfing, camping, picnicking, birding, hiking, boating, fishing, kayaking, scuba diving, snorkeling, stargazing, and waterskiing. Area includes Grasslands Nature Trail, Malaquite Beach Complex and Campgrounds, and the Primitive Gulf Beach.

## Poretto Beach

10th and Seawall Blvd.  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-763-4311

[www.galveston.com/beaches](http://www.galveston.com/beaches)

Located near Stewart Beach. Includes popular bistros and nightclubs in Galveston area.

## Quintana Beach County Park

330 Fifth St.  
Quintana, TX 77541  
979-233-1461, 800-872-7578  
[www.surfside.org](http://www.surfside.org)

From TX Hwy. 288 in Freeport, take FM 1495 south 3 km (2 miles), then take CR 723 east 5 km (3 miles) to the park entrance.

Pavilions, rest rooms, multilevel fishing pier, boating, birding, playground, overnight cabins, RV facilities, and campsites.

## San Luis Pass Beach

Galveston, TX 77554  
409-763-4311  
[www.galveston.com/beaches](http://www.galveston.com/beaches)  
Off TX Hwy. 3005, far west end of Galveston Island

Fishing and birdwatching.

## Seawolf Park–Pelican Island

Pelican Island  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-797-5114  
[www.galveston.com/beachparks/seawolfpark.shtml](http://www.galveston.com/beachparks/seawolfpark.shtml)

From I-45, take 51st St. north to Pelican Island.

Picnic areas, playground, three-story pavilion, snack bar, beach volleyball, basketball, and lighted fishing pier. Also features a submarine and destroyer escort from WWII.

## South Padre Island

956-657-2373, 800-343-2368  
Fax: 956-761-9462  
[www.sopadre.com](http://www.sopadre.com)

Horseback riding, shell collecting, parasailing, and jet skiing on 55 km (34 miles) of beaches. Area offers hotels, condominiums, and beach houses, dolphin watching, and a free trolley system for traveling around town.

## Stewart Beach Park

Sixth and Seawall Blvd.  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-797-5182  
[www.galveston.com/beachparks/stewartbeach.shtml](http://www.galveston.com/beachparks/stewartbeach.shtml)

Beach volleyball courts, a pavilion, souvenir shops, bathhouse and rest rooms, playground, mini golf course, maze, beach umbrella and chair rentals.

## Surfside Beach

Bluewater Hwy.  
Surfside, TX 77541  
979-233-1531, [www.surfside.org](http://www.surfside.org)  
Swimming, sailing, surf fishing, crabbing, birding, camping, and shell collecting. Cottage rentals available.

# The Western Experience

## RANCHES

### SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**Diamond W Longhorn Ranch**  
18725 Bandera Rd., Helotes, TX 78023  
210-695-4888, Fax: 210-695-3988  
Party ranch. Accommodates up to 1,000 during day. Sundance, the world's smartest Longhorn, is a must-see.

**Don Strange Ranch**  
1551 Bandera Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78228  
210-434-2331, Fax: 210-434-5300  
Day ranch. Accommodates up to 4,000 during day.

**Encinitos Ranch**  
P.O. Box 3309, Alice, TX 78333  
361-664-3311, Fax: 361-664-3327  
Working guest ranch. Accommodates 10 overnight. Offers horseback riding, roundups, trail rides, and cattle drives.

**Fiesta Ranch**  
830 Horton Preiss Rd., Blanco, TX 78606  
800-363-4533, Fax: 512-858-9800  
www.fiestaranch.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates up to 3,000 (100 minimum) during day.

**La Mota Ranch**  
P.O. Box 373, Hebronville, TX 78361  
361-527-3887, 210-415-7290  
www.lamotaranch.com  
Nature and heritage ranch. Accommodates up to 100 during day.

**777 Ranch**  
Private Rd. 5327, Hondo, TX 78861  
830-426-3476, Fax: 830-426-4821  
www.777ranch.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 40 (20 double-occupancy rooms) during day and overnight.

**Yellow Rose Ranch**  
294 Deer Rd., Tarpley, TX 78883  
210-698-2001, Fax: 210-698-1328  
www.yellowroseranch.com  
Wildlife ranch. Guest house accommodates 28.

### GULF COAST

**American Cowboy Museum at Taylor-Stevenson Ranch**  
11822 Almeda, Houston, TX 77045  
713-433-4441  
The museum is housed on a working historical ranch that has been owned by an African American family for more than 100 years. There's even a National Cowgirl Hall of Fame inductee living on the premises. Accommodates 400 during day (reservations required).

**B Bar B Ranch Inn**  
325 E. County Rd. 2215  
Kingsville, TX 78363  
361-296-3331, www.b-bar-b.com  
Guest ranch. Features rooms for overnight accommodations.

**Dos Vaqueros**  
U.S. 77 S., Refugio, TX 78377  
361-543-4905, www.dosvaqueros.com  
Historic seventh-generation working cattle ranch. Sunrise or sunset excursions or stay overnight. Deluxe lodge accommodates eight.

**Fennessey Ranch**  
P.O. Box 99, Bayside, TX 78340  
361-529-6600, www.fennesseyranch.com  
Day ranch. Accommodates 15 to 20.

**George Ranch Historical Park**  
10215 FM 762, Richmond, TX 77469  
281-545-9212, 281-343-0218  
www.georgeranch.org  
Educational and living-history ranch. Accommodates 3,000 during day. Offers tours and exhibitions from three eras (1830s, 1890s, and 1930s), blacksmith demonstrations, cowboy area, pioneer farm, historic homes tour.

**King Ranch**  
W. TX Hwy. 141  
Kingsville, TX 78364-1090  
361-592-8055, www.king-ranch.com  
Working ranch. Accommodates 150 during day. Offers guided tours of ranch and step-on guides for motorcoach groups, birding tours, wildlife tours, King Ranch Museum, King Ranch Saddle Shop (retail leather products and clothing).

**Oil Ranch**  
1 Oil Ranch Rd., Hockley, TX 77447  
281-859-1616, www.oilranch.com  
U.S. 290 W., Hegar Rd. Exit  
Recreational ranch. Accommodates families or large groups during day. Offers swimming pool, hayrides, an Indian village, the Stockyard maze, pony rides, petting zoo, cow-milking demonstrations, and train ride.

### PINEY WOODS

**Busy B Ranch**  
1100 W. Prospect Rd.  
Jefferson, TX 75657  
903-665-7448, www.busybranch.com  
Hunting ranch. Accommodates 14 overnight (two-night minimum) in three bed-and-breakfast log cabins, 10 in bunkhouse for hunts.

**Chain-O-Lakes Resort and Conference Center**  
235 Chain-O-Lakes Resort Rd.  
Cleveland, TX 77327  
832-397-4000, www.colresort.com  
Guest resort. 200 campsites and 50 cabins available.

**Josey Ranch**  
Rt. 2, Box 235, Karnack, TX 75661  
903-935-5358, www.barrelracers.com  
This horse ranch was created by Martha and R. E. Josey, both legends in the sport of barrel racing and calf roping.

**Pinebrook Farms**  
611 Virgie Community  
Magnolia, TX 77354  
281-356-3441, www.pinebrook-farms.com  
Working horse farm. Accommodates up to 75 during day, 55 overnight.

**Primitive Acres Guest Ranch**  
19083 County Rd. 3267 S.  
Mount Enterprise, TX 75681  
903-822-3983, www.primitveacres.com  
Working horse ranch. Accommodates 20 in five primitive bunkhouses and 12 in three cabins.

**Triple D Guest Ranch**  
Rt. 2, Box 458, Warren, TX 77664  
409-547-2248  
Guest ranch and retreat near Big Thicket National Reserve. Accommodates 125 overnight.

### HILL COUNTRY

**Alamo Village**  
Box 528, Brackettville, TX 78832  
830-563-2580, Fax: 830-563-9226  
www.alamovillage.com  
Special-events ranch. Accommodates an unlimited number of guests during day, no overnight lodging.

**Bamberger Ranch**  
2341 Blue Ridge Dr.  
Johnson City, TX 78636  
830-868-7303, Fax: 830-868-4639  
www.bambergeranch.org  
Working, educational ranch. Accommodates 100 for day and 46 overnight. Offers programs on conservation, stewardship, ranch management, and environmental issues.

**Dixie Dude Ranch**  
P.O. Box 548, Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-4481, Fax: 830-796-4481  
www.dixieduderanch.com  
Working guest ranch. Accommodates 70 overnight (20 rooms). One of area's oldest, in operation since 1937.

**Flying L Guest Ranch**  
566 Flying L Dr., Bandera, TX 78003  
830-460-3001, Fax: 830-796-8455  
www.flyingl.com  
Resort ranch and conference center. Accommodates 170 during day and overnight (44 villas and one bunkhouse).

**Friday Ranch**  
HCR 33, Box 624, Uvalde, TX 78801  
877-374-3298, www.fridayranch.com  
Working guest ranch. Accommodates 45 overnight.

**Guadalupe River Ranch**  
605 FM 474, Boerne, TX 78006  
830-537-4837, Fax: 830-537-5249  
www.guadalupeveriverranch.com  
Resort ranch and conference center. Accommodates 150 during day and 86 overnight (46 rooms).

**Heard Ranch**  
P.O. Box 63, Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
210-824-3328, Fax: 210-822-4431  
Working Hereford ranch. Accommodates 100 during day only (20 minimum, no overnight).

**Hill Country Equestrian Lodge**  
1580 Hay Hollar Rd., Bandera, TX, 78003  
830-796-7950, Fax: 830-796-7970  
www.hillcountryequestlodge.com  
Working guest ranch. Accommodates 35 (four private cabins and five luxury suites). This 100-year-old ranch adjoins the Hill Country State Natural Area.

**Joshua Creek Ranch**  
P.O. Box 1946, Boerne, TX 78006  
830-537-5090, Fax: 830-537-4766  
www.joshuacreek.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 42 overnight. Bordered by the Guadalupe River.

**Lazy Hills Guest Ranch**  
373 Henderson Branch Rd.  
Ingram, TX 78025  
830-367-5600, Fax: 830-367-5667  
www.lazyhills.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 150 during day and 105 overnight (25 cottages).

**LH 7 Ranch and Resort**  
P.O. Box 1474, Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-4314  
www.banderacowboycapital.com  
Working ranch. Accommodates 300 during day, 60 overnight (10 cottages).

**Lightning Ranch**  
818 FM 1283, Pipe Creek, TX 78063  
830-535-4096, Fax: 830-510-6001  
www.lightningranch.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 37 (seven guest cottages).

**Lost Valley Resort Ranch**  
P.O. Box 2170, Bandera, TX 78003  
830-460-8008, Fax: 830-796-3298  
Resort ranch. Accommodates 225 during day, 175 overnight (30 rooms).

**Mayan Ranch**  
P.O. Box 577, Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-3312, Fax: 830-796-8205  
www.mayanranch.com  
Guest and dude ranch. Accommodates 120 (68 rooms).

**Post Oak Farm and Guest Ranch**  
1019 County Rd. 116, Burnet, TX 78611  
512-756-4647, www.postoakfarm.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 10 (main residence and bunkhouse). For those who are eager to learn traditional cowboy life. Offers horsemanship and riding clinics.

**Quiet Hill Ranch**  
110 Quiet Hill Ranch Rd.  
Doss, TX 78618  
830-669-2253, www.quiethillranch.com  
40 km (25 miles) northwest of Fredericksburg  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 20 (log cabins and lodges).

**Reagan Wells Ranch**  
Ranch Rd. 1051, Reagan Wells, TX 78801  
830-232-4300, www.reaganwells.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 100. Offers hiking, nature trails, Indian mound dig site, and river swimming.

**Reunion Ranch**  
850 County Rd. 255  
Georgetown, TX 78628  
512-515-6200, Fax: 512-515-6411  
www.reunionranch1.com  
Outdoor picnic ranch. Accommodates 5,000 (250 minimum on weekends). Indoor facility accommodates 600 (50 minimum) during day or evening. Offers canoe races, golf, gunfight reenactments, Longhorn cattle, bonfires, and singing cowboys.

**Running R Guest Ranch**  
9059 Bandera Creek Rd.  
Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-3984, Fax: 830-796-8189  
www.rrranch.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 120 during day and 50 overnight (13 cabins and a bunkhouse).

**7-A Ranch Resort at Pioneer Town**  
333 Wayside, Wimberley, TX 78676  
512-847-2517, www.7ranchresort.com  
Resort ranch. Accommodates 250  
overnight (19 cabins, 3 lodges).

**Twin Elm Guest Ranch**  
FM 470 at TX Hwy. 16  
Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-3628, www.twinelmranch.com  
FM 470 at TX Hwy. 16  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 80 (21  
rooms). In operation since 1939. Offers  
horseback riding, hayrides, pool, tubing  
in Medina River, home cooking, and  
rodeos on Tuesdays and Fridays April  
through August.

**X Bar Ranch**  
5 N. Divide, Eldorado, TX 76936  
325-853-2688, Fax: 325-853-3131  
www.xbaranch.com  
Nature retreat. Accommodates 200  
during the day and 30 overnight (two  
houses, six cabins, one lodge). Five-  
generation family ranch.

**Y.O. Ranch**  
1736 Y.O. Ranch Rd. N.W.  
Mountain Home, TX 78058  
830-640-3222, Fax: 830-640-3227  
www.yoranch.com

Working guest ranch. Accommodates  
an unlimited number of guests during  
the day and 42 overnight (13 cabins, 1  
lodge). Offers cattle drive/trail rides,  
hunting, photo safari, horseback riding,  
pool, hayrides, and hiking.

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

**Big Bend Ranch State Park**  
P.O. Box 2319, Presidio, TX 79845  
432-229-3416, Fax: 432-229-3506  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

State park. Accommodates 700 during  
day, eight in the ranch houses and 75  
in primitive camping areas for overnight  
lodging.

**Bowen Ranch and Edge of  
Texas Steakhouse**  
Ranch: 9801 Carnegie Ave.  
El Paso, TX 79925  
915-598-9100  
Steakhouse: 6800 State Line Rd.  
El Paso, TX 79925  
915-822-3343, Fax: 915-590-5238  
Working ranch and restaurant.  
Accommodates up to 700 for catered  
meals, no overnight lodging.

**Cibolo Creek Ranch**  
P.O. Box 44, Shafter, TX 79850  
432-229-3737, 866-496-9460  
www.cibolocreekranch.com  
Guest and resort ranch.  
Accommodates 34 during day and  
overnight.

**Continental Ranch**  
300 W. Nicholson, Del Rio, TX 78840  
915-292-4412, 830-775-6957  
www.pecosriverclimbing.com  
Working ranch. Offers all-day tours  
on 11,336-hectare (28,000-acre) ranch  
where visitors will see 4,000-year-old  
Indian rock carvings.

**Indian Cliffs Ranch and Cattleman  
Steakhouse**  
P.O. Box 1056, Fabens, TX 79838  
432-544-3200  
www.cattlemansteakhouse.com  
Working ranch. Accommodates 3,250  
during day. Offers hayrides, exotic  
animals, Indian maze, lake walk, and  
rattlesnake pit.

**K-Bar Ranch and Hunting Lodge**  
15448-A S. Jasper  
Odessa, TX 79766-1338  
432-580-5880, Fax: 432-333-6661  
Working and hunting ranch.  
Accommodates 250 during day, 15  
overnight.

**Prude Guest Ranch**  
P.O. Box 1431, Fort Davis, TX 79734  
432-426-3202, Fax: 432-426-4401  
www.prude-ranch.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 250  
during day, 200 overnight.

**Red Rock Ranch**  
P.O. Box 1608, Van Horn, TX 79855  
432-283-7800

Tour ranch. Offers driving tours and  
guided hikes, ancient petroglyphs, wind-  
carved Precambrian sandstone, working  
talc mine, and the movie set remains of  
*Dead Man's Walk*, a Larry McMurtry TV  
miniseries.

**Rio Grande Valley Ranch**  
300 FM 259, Canitillo, TX 79835  
915-877-4447  
Equestrian ranch. Can accommodate  
up to 275 during the day.

**Terlingua Ranch**  
HC 65, Box 220, Alpine, TX 79830  
432-371-2416, Fax: 432-371-2229  
www.terlinguaranch.com  
Guest ranch. Texas-size 200,000 acres  
for escape and relaxation. Can accommo-  
date 124 during day or overnight.

**Woodward Ranch**  
HC 65, Box 40, Alpine, TX 79830-9717  
432-364-2271, www.woodwardranch.net  
Land heritage ranch. Third-generation  
ranch family offers a 1620-hectare (4,000-  
acre) primitive campground.  
Accommodates 250. RV hookups and  
showers available.

## PRAIRIES & LAKES

**Austin Ranch**  
2009 Anderson Gibson Rd.  
Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-481-1536, Fax: 817-421-8851  
www.austinranch.net  
Party ranch. Accommodates 50 to  
1,500 day or evening.

**Beaumont Ranch**  
10736 County Rd. 102  
Grandview, TX 76050  
817-866-4867, Fax: 817-866-4453  
www.bbonline.com  
Working ranch. Accommodates 1,000  
during day and 30 overnight in bed-and-  
breakfast.

**Bill Bates Cowboy Ranch**  
4934 FM 1461, McKinney, TX 75071  
972-562-4040, Fax: 972-562-9940  
www.billbatescowboyranch.com  
Dude ranch. Accommodates 50 to  
10,000 day or evening.

**Canyon Lake Ranch**  
2950 FM 2181, Corinth, TX 76205  
940-321-2840, Fax: 940-321-3415  
www.canyonlakeranch.com  
Entertainment ranch. Accommodates  
5,000 during day.

**Cedar Canyon Dude Ranch**  
4523 N. Houston School Rd.  
Lancaster, TX 75134  
972-224-8477, Fax: 972-224-8479  
www.texasduderanch.com  
Dude ranch. Accommodates 100 to  
5,000 during day.

**Circle R Ranch**  
5901 Cross Timbers Rd.  
Flower Mound, TX 75022  
817-430-1561, Fax: 817-430-8108  
www.circlerranch.org  
Special-events ranch. Accommodates  
9,000 during day, minimum 25 or more  
for on-site catering.

**C Quarter Circle Ranch**  
8484 S. FM 372, Gainesville, TX 76240  
940-668-2855, Fax: 940-668-0536  
www.cquartercirclerranch.com  
Special-events ranch. This 243-hectare  
(600-acre) ranch has 16 hotel rooms (four  
equipped with kitchenettes) and seven  
bunkhouses with room for 100.

**Double D Ranch**  
12809 E. Gate, Mesquite, TX 75181  
972-289-2341, Fax: 972-289-8645  
www.ddranchdallas.com  
Party ranch. Accommodates 5,000 day  
or evening.

**Double Tree Ranch**  
310 Highland Village Rd.  
Lewisville, TX 75077  
972-317-5000, Fax: 972-317-8491  
www.dtr.com  
Special-events ranch. Accommodates  
400 (banquet) to 1,500 (BBQ picnic)  
during day.

**Garrett Creek Ranch Executive  
Conference Center**  
270 Private Rd.  
Paradise, TX 76073  
940-433-2055, Fax: 940-433-8767  
www.garrettcreekranch.com  
Business conference center and guest  
ranch. Accommodates 98 during day and  
overnight (50 guest rooms).

**Kueckelhan Ranch**  
Rt. 3, Box 186, Bonham, TX 75418  
903-583-5337, Fax: 903-640-8867  
Working ranch. Accommodates 100  
during day. Offers a cattle roundup and  
an indoor arena with roping events.

**Lazy F Ranch**  
FM 1116, Smiley, TX 78159  
830-587-6378, Fax: 830-587-6312  
www.lazyfranch.com  
Working guest ranch. Accommodates  
20 overnight in main and guest houses  
and 14 on bunks.

**Nueces Canyon Ranch  
Equestrian Center**  
9501 U.S. Hwy. 290 W.  
Brenham, TX 77833  
979-289-5600, Fax: 979-289-2411  
www.nuecescanyon.com  
Working ranch. Accommodates 100  
during the day and 46 overnight (12  
rooms). Offers hayrides, horse demon-  
strations, white-tablecloth dining, private park  
with barbecue pits, gazebo, lake fishing.

**The Ranch of Lonesome Dove**  
2299 Lonesome Dove Rd.  
South Lake, TX 76092  
817-329-1100, Fax: 817-329-3305  
www.theranchoflonesomedove.com  
Entertainment ranch. Accommodates  
800 inside, 10,000 at outdoor stage, both  
during day.

**Reunion Ranch**  
10581 County Rd. 312, Terrell, TX 75161  
972-524-2222, Fax: 972-524-1170  
www.reunionranch.com  
Dude ranch. Accommodates up to  
5,000 day or evening.

**Rio Cibolo Ranch**  
1101 Ulrich Rd., Marion, TX 78124  
830-914-3325, Fax: 210-494-4730  
www.riociboloranch.com  
Entertainment ranch. Accommodates  
50 to 5,000 during day or evening.

**Rocking L Guest Ranch**  
240 Van Zandt County Rd. 3837  
Wills Point, TX 75169  
903-560-0246, Fax: 972-495-1131  
www.rockinglguestranch.net  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 500  
during day, 100 overnight (bunkhouse,  
dormitory, and private rooms).

**Shadow Creek Ranch**  
315 Patrick Pike Rd., Ferris, TX 75125  
972-225-5414, Fax: 214-421-3691  
www.shadowcreekranch.com  
Entertainment ranch. Accommodates  
couples or groups of 50 to 26,000 during  
day and evening. 1880s Western town.

**Skyline Ranch**  
1801 E. Wheatland Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75002  
972-224-8055, Fax: 972-224-7004  
www.skylineranch.com  
Recreational ranch. Accommodates  
10,000 during day and 575 overnight  
(campsites).

**Sky Ranch**  
24657 County Rd. 448, Van, TX 75790  
903-569-3482, Fax: 903-569-6357  
www.skyranch.org  
Conference center and youth camp.  
Accommodates 5,000 during day and  
425 overnight.

**Texas Lil's Dude Ranch**  
7773 Mulky Ln., Justin, TX 76247  
940-242-3202, Fax: 817-430-0984  
www.texaslils.com  
Dude ranch. Accommodates 25,000  
outside. Corporate meeting and confer-  
ence center accommodates up to 3,000  
inside, day or evening.

**Texas Ranch Life**  
310 Main, Bellville, TX 77418  
979-865-3649, Fax: 979-865-9461  
www.texasranchlife.com  
Working ranch. This group of three  
ranches accommodates 250 for catering  
and 43 overnight in six well-kept houses  
from the late 1800s (all at Lonesome  
Pine Ranch).

**West Fork Ranch**  
101 W. Exchange Ave.  
Fort Worth, TX 76106  
817-624-2333, Fax: 817-624-2342  
Family-owned working ranch.  
Accommodates groups of 500 during day  
or evening.

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

**Bar H Dude Ranch**  
FM 3257, Clarendon, TX 79226  
806-874-2634  
www.tourtexas.com/barhduderanch  
Working dude ranch. Accommodates  
100 during day, 50 overnight (10 rooms).

**Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch**  
1600 N. TX Hwy. 70, Pampa, TX 79066  
806-665-7126, Fax: 806-665-4030  
www.cottonwoodsprings.com  
Working cattle ranch. Can accommodate  
eight overnight in Western-decor cabins.

# Western Experience

**Cowboy Morning Figure 3 Ranch**  
44 km (27 miles) S.E. of Amarillo on FM 1258 Claude, TX 79019  
806-944-5562, www.cowboymorning.com  
Working ranch. Accommodates 160 during day.

**Elkins Ranch**  
11301 E. TX Hwy. 217, Canyon, TX 79015  
806-488-2100, Fax: 806-488-2100  
www.theelkinsranch.com  
Working cattle ranch. Accommodates 120 for chuck-wagon breakfast or dinner with a Native American heritage program.

**Guitar Ranch**  
TX Hwy. 836, Spur, TX 79370  
325-673-8329, www.guitar-ranches.com  
Hunting ranch. Accommodates 16 overnight in the lodge.

**Perini Ranch Steakhouse**  
3002 FM 89, Buffalo Gap, TX 79508  
325-572-3339, Fax: 325-572-3634  
www.periniranch.com  
Ranch steakhouse. Accommodates 1,000 outdoors, 100 indoors, 80 on patio during day or evening.

**Stasney's Cook Ranch**  
441 S. Second, Albany, TX 76430  
325-762-2999, www.stasney.com  
Working guest ranch. Sleeps 22 in headquarters, bunkhouse.

**Walnut Creek Ranch**  
Off U.S. 87 on Walnut Rd.  
Water Valley, TX 76958  
325-484-3713, Fax: 325-482-8189  
www.walnutcreekranch.com  
Third-generation guest ranch. Accommodates 24 overnight.

**Whitaker Ranch**  
26251 S. U.S. 87, Canyon, TX 79015  
806-655-0437, www.whitaker-ranch.com  
Guest ranch. Accommodates 200 for authentic chuck wagon breakfast or dinner.

## RODEOS

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### SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**FEBRUARY**  
**San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo**  
(San Antonio) Each year during the week before one of the biggest rodeos in the state, a traditional trail ride through the Hill Country to San Antonio kicks off the festivities, including all the usual rodeo events and fun. 210-225-5851, 210-225-0612, www.sarodeo.com.

**MARCH**  
**Goliad County Fair and Rodeo**  
(Goliad) This old-fashioned county fair features a PRCA rodeo, tractor show, pig scramble, calf scramble, mutton-bustin', carnival, parade, dances on Friday and Saturday evenings, and a bunch of good old barbecue. 361-645-8204.

### GULF COAST

**FEBRUARY**  
**Beaumont YMBL Championship Rodeo**

(Beaumont) It's man against beast at this PRCA-sanctioned rodeo hosted by the Young Men's Business League. This bull-riding, steer-wrestling, barrel-racing event will be full of barbecue, dancing, and music. 409-832-9991, www.ymbbl.org.

**Buccaneer Days and Rodeo**  
(Corpus Christi) This swashbuckling annual festival celebrates Corpus Christi's past as a hideout for Gulf Coast pirates. You'll find treasures like parades, a rodeo, a carnival, a sports tournament, fireworks, a BBQ cookoff, dances, trail rides, and lots of music. 361-884-8331, 361-882-3242, www.bucdays.com.

**Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**  
(Houston) Cowfolk and just plain folk from across the United States all head for Houston's Reliant Park to attend the nation's largest stock show and rodeo. The fun starts with a downtown parade, and celebrity entertainers perform nightly. 832-667-1000, www.rodeohouston.com.

### PINEY WOODS

**SEPTEMBER**  
**Four States Fair and Rodeo**  
(Texarkana) This four-state event brings in folks from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. A parade, a carnival, a demolition derby, and nightly performances by nationally known entertainers keep the scene lively. 870-773-2941, www.fourstatesfair.com.

### HILL COUNTRY

**JULY**  
**Fourth of July Rodeo**  
(Wimberley) For more than 25 years, the VFW has hosted this annual rodeo and dance where local students compete in events like calf roping and barrel racing. 512-847-2201.

**AUGUST**  
**Blanco County Fair and Rodeo**  
(Johnson City) Prepare yourself for three full days of activities. The main event is the rodeo and livestock show, but you can't miss the washer-pitching contest, dance, and parade. 830-868-4566.

### BIG BEND COUNTRY

**JANUARY**  
**SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo**  
(Odessa) Action-packed PRCA rodeo performances, the only purebred Herefords in Texas, and the finest quarter horses around have brought the fans to this rodeo for more than 70 years. 432-366-3951.

**Southwestern International Livestock Show and Rodeo**  
(El Paso) A favorite since 1931, this event includes a livestock show and rodeo, horse shows, a cattle drive, and a Western gala. Bull riding, team roping, calf roping, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding, and bareback bronc riding attract some of the top PRCA rodeo performers to the County Coliseum. 915-532-1401, www.elpasostockshow.com.

**APRIL**  
**George Paul Memorial Bull Riding**  
(Del Rio) Prepare to be rocked by two

tons of bull at the granddaddy of them all. Sponsored by the Pro Bull Riding Association (PBR), this oldest continuous stand-alone event (bull riding only) celebrates the memory of George Paul, a native who brought home the world championship in bull riding from the National Rodeo Finals in 1968. 830-775-9595.

**JULY**  
**West of the Pecos Rodeo**  
(Pecos) The country's first rodeo, held in Pecos on July 4, 1883, is still going strong more than 120 years later. Follow the rodeo parade to Buck Jackson Rodeo Arena and also take in a Western art show and sale, the Sheriff's Posse Barbecue, and dances. 432-448-6881, www.texasusa.com/pecos.

### PRAIRIES & LAKES

**JANUARY**  
**Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show/Rodeo**  
(Fort Worth) After more than 100 years, this annual rodeo has refined a Western tradition to an art form. All the essentials are here: professional cowboy competitions, commercial exhibits, auctions, a carnival, and top entertainment. 817-877-2400, www.fwssr.com.

**MARCH**  
**Somervell County PRCA Rodeo**  
(Glen Rose) For the past 10 years this PRCA rodeo has attracted 7,500 attendees each year. Join all these folks and experience the fun of a professional rodeo. 254-897-4509.

**APRIL**  
**Henderson County PRCA Stampede Rodeo**  
(Athens) A classic example of a Western tradition, this particular rodeo is a premier PRCA event and draws professional cowboys to the second-best arena in Texas. 903-675-5181, www.athenscc.org.

**Mesquite Championship Rodeo**  
(Mesquite) This world-famous rodeo has been entertaining capacity crowds since 1958. The air-conditioned arena holds pro competitions such as bronc and bull riding. Fans can eat barbecue, hear live music, or head on over with the youngsters to the Kiddie Korral, where there are ranch animals to pet and a miniature pony to ride. 972-285-8777, www.mesquiterodeo.com.

**JULY**  
**Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce Rodeo**  
(Gainesville) Sanctioned by the Cowboys Regional Rodeo Association and the United Professional Rodeo Association, this rodeo includes all the requisite contests: bareback riding, barrel racing, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, and saddle bronc riding. 940-665-2831.

**OCTOBER**  
**Guadalupe County Fair and Rodeo**  
(Seguin) Everyone will have fun with the many rides, attractions, and events at this county fair and rodeo, including a fiddling contest, a goat show, and dancing. 830-379-6382.

**Women's National Finals Rodeo**  
(Fort Worth) Held in the Cowtown Coliseum, this is a competition of the world's top cowgirls, from the Professional Women's Rodeo Association. Events

include bull riding, bareback, bronc riding, and barrel racing, with prize money exceeding \$65,000. 817-625-1025, www.cowntowncoliseum.com.

### PANHANDLE PLAINS

**FEBRUARY**  
**San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo**  
(San Angelo) This annual event earns a stamp of approval from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). Performances by top-name entertainers as well as a cutting horse competition, a midway with rides, a rodeo, and a quarter horse show make this a great event. 325-653-7785, 325-653-5622 for tickets, www.sanangelorodeo.com

**MAY**  
**Western Heritage Classic**  
(Abilene) All participants in this traditional rodeo are authentic working cowhands. Come on out to the Taylor County Expo Center and enjoy the competition, along with art and trade shows, a cowboy cookoff, and a parade. 325-677-4376, www.westernheritageclassic.com.

**JUNE**  
**Cowboy Roundup/World Championship Chuckwagon Roundup**  
(Amarillo) In addition to the chuck-wagon competition, there are rodeo dances, horsemanship seminars, World's Greatest Horseman Competition, live country music, and a Western trade show and sale. 806-372-4777, www.cowboyroundupusa.org.

**JULY**  
**Texas Cowboy Reunion**  
(Stamford) For more than 70 years this event has brought ranch families from across the Plains together for rodeo performances, a chuck-wagon cookoff, country-western dancing, a Western art and trade show, and real cowboys reading their poetry. 325-773-3614.

**AUGUST**  
**Texas Ranch Roundup**  
(Wichita Falls) This original rodeo competition is for Texas ranch braggin' rights. Working cowboys from 10 prestigious spreads take each other on in bronco riding, wild-cow milking, team roping, branding, and penning. There's also a Western collectibles show, horse seminars, talent and cooking contests, kids' activities, and cowboy church on Sunday morning. 940-322-0771.

**NOVEMBER**  
**San Angelo Roping Fiesta**  
(San Angelo) For more than 50 years only the best ropers from across the nation have been invited to participate in this two-day event. A prestigious match roping event highlights Saturday night, along with some serious dancing afterward. 325-653-7785, 325-653-5622 for tickets, www.sanangelorodeo.com.

**WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo**  
(Amarillo) Mark your calendar for this weekend filled with competitions among ranch cowboys from the U.S. and Canada. Teams earn a spot here by competing in Working Ranch Cowboy Association-sanctioned rodeos over the past year. Cowboy church, music, art, a junior ranch rodeo, roping and cow-working clinics, a ranch expo, and horse shows are part of this tribute to the ranching heritage. 806-374-WRCA, 806-378-3096 for tickets, www.wrca.org.

# Wineries & Breweries

## GULF COAST

### Haak Vineyards and Winery, Inc.

6310 Ave. T, Santa Fe, TX 77510  
409-925-1401  
www.haakwine.com  
Between Alvin and Galveston Streets off TX Hwy. 6  
Tasting room and gift shop.

### Piney Woods Country Wines

3408 Willow Dr., Orange, TX 77632  
409-883-5408  
2 blocks off I-10, at end of Tejas Pkwy From Louisiana, Exit 875  
Tastings and sales available. Winery tours for groups by appointment only. Self-guided vineyard tours available for individuals. Adults only.

## PINEY WOODS

### Red River Winery

421 Gentry, #204, Spring, TX 77373  
281-288-9463  
www.redriverwinery.com  
Tastings available.

## HILL COUNTRY

Enjoy the special events at these Hill Country wineries during the designated Texas Hill Country Wine Trail. For information and dates, visit [www.texaswinetrail.com](http://www.texaswinetrail.com).

### Becker Vineyards

464 Becker Farms Rd.  
Stonewall, TX 78671  
830-644-2681  
www.beckervineyards.com  
Tours, tastings, and picnic facility available.

### Bell Mountain Vineyards

463 Bell Mountain Rd.  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-685-3297  
www.bellmountainwine.com  
Tours, tastings, and picnic facility available.

### Comfort Cellars Winery

723 Front St., Comfort, TX 78013  
830-995-3274  
Tours, tastings, and sales available.

### Dry Comal Creek Vineyards

1741 Herbelin Rd.  
New Braunfels, TX 78132  
830-885-4121  
www.drycomalcreek.com  
Tours, tastings, and sales available.

### Fall Creek Vineyards

1820 County Rd. 222, Tow, TX 78672  
915-379-5361, Tours: 512-476-4477  
www.fcv.com  
Tours, tastings, and sales available.

### Fredericksburg Winery

247 W. Main, Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-990-8747  
www.fbgwinery.com  
Tours and tastings available.

### Grape Creek Winery

U.S. 290, Stonewall, TX 78671  
800-950-7392  
www.grapecreek.com  
Tours, tastings, and sales available.

### Sister Creek Vineyards

1142 Sisterdale Rd., Sisterdale, TX 78006  
830-324-6704  
www.sistercreekvineyards.com  
Tours, tastings, and sales available.

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

### Blue Mountain Vineyard

TX Hwy. 166, Fort Davis, TX 79734  
915-426-3763  
Tours and tastings available. Tour and tasting time: 30 minutes.

### Cordier Estates

40 km east of Fort Stockton, TX 79735  
432-395-2417, Tour: 432-336-8525  
Home of St. Genevieve Wines.  
Tastings and tours by reservation only.  
Tour time: 2.5 hours.

### Val Verde Winery

100 Qualia Dr., Del Rio, TX 78840  
830-775-9714  
Tour and tasting time: 30 minutes.

## PRAIRIES & LAKES

### Cross Timbers Winery

805 N. Main, Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-486-6789  
Tours daily. Tastings include 4 wines.

### Delaney Winery and Vineyards

2000 Champagne Blvd.  
Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-481-5668  
www.delaneyvineyards.com  
Tours available. Tastings include 6 - 7 select wines.

### Hidden Springs Winery

256 N. TX Hwy. 377  
Pilot Point, TX 76258  
940-686-2782  
www.hiddenspringswinery.com  
Tours by appointment. Tastings include 8 - 10 wines.

### Homestead Winery and Tasting Room

211 E. Worth, Grapevine, TX 76051

817-251- WINE (9463)

Tastings include 4 wines. No tours.

### La Buena Vida Vineyards

416 E. College St., Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-481-9463  
www.labuenavida.com  
Tastings include 4 wines. Self-guided tour only.

### Messina Hof Winery and Resort

4545 Old Reliance Rd., Bryan, TX 77808  
979-778-9463  
www.messinahof.com  
Tours available.

### Pleasant Hill Winery

1441 Salem Rd., Brenham, TX 77833  
979-830-8463  
www.pleasanthillwinery.com  
Group tours by appointment  
Mon. - Fri.

### Poetzl Brewery

(producer of Shiner beer)  
603 E. Brewery St., Shiner, TX 77984  
361-594-3383  
www.shiner.com  
Tours available.

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### Cap\*Rock Winery

408 E. Woodrow Rd.  
Lubbock, TX 79423  
806-863-2704  
www.caprockwinery.com  
caprock@hub.ofthe.net  
Tasting room and gift shop. Tours available. Tour time: 30 minutes.

### Llano Estacado Winery

FM 1585, Lubbock, TX 79452  
806-745-2258  
www.llanowine.com  
lew@door.net  
Tours every 30 minutes. Tasting of 4 wines at end of tour. Tour time: 30 minutes.

### Pheasant Ridge Winery

FM 1729, Lubbock, TX 79401  
806-746-6033  
www.pheasantridgewinery.com  
Tours and tastings available. Tour time: 30 minutes.



Val Verde Winery, Del Rio.

# Multicultural Events

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## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

### SEPTEMBER

#### Diez y Seis Events

(San Antonio) The annual parade snakes through the Avenida Guadalupe neighborhood. The entire community celebrates the anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain with a festival till midnight and live music on two stages. 210-223-3151, [www.agatx.org](http://www.agatx.org).

#### Jazz'SAlive

(San Antonio) Jazz bands from all over the nation mingle with local musicians for this outdoor festival at Travis Park. Sample Cajun, American, and Mexican food, while the bands jam. 210-207-3000, [www.ci.san.tx.us/sapar](http://www.ci.san.tx.us/sapar).

#### Valero Texas Open at La Cantera

(San Antonio) One of the oldest professional golf tournaments in the country. This PGA event is a 72-hole, four-day tournament plus Pro-Am and Junior-Am games. 210-341-0823, [www.golfsanantonio.org](http://www.golfsanantonio.org).

### OCTOBER

#### Panna Maria Homecoming

(Panna Maria) Polish traditions reign at this homecoming celebration that's like Thanksgiving mixed with an Old World festival. Named for the Virgin Mary, the oldest Polish settlement in the nation celebrates this day with a mass, an auction, and guided tours through the village. 830-780-4471, [www.pannamariatx.com](http://www.pannamariatx.com).

### NOVEMBER

#### Lighting Ceremony and Holiday River Parade

(San Antonio) A highlight of the holiday season is the annual lighting ceremony on the River Walk, when the more than 122,000 twinkling Christmas lights are turned on. To the delight of the little ones, Santa Claus arrives by water during the floating river parade. 210-227-4262, [www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com](http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com).

### DECEMBER

#### Candlelight Posada

(McAllen) This event celebrates the cultural eclecticism of the area and the spirit of Christmas with a parade, caroling, a candlelight posada, and a live Nativity scene. 956-682-2871, [www.mcallenchamber.com](http://www.mcallenchamber.com).

### FEBRUARY

#### Texas Square Dance Jamboree

(McAllen) Six international callers will guide you through square and round dancing. If you work up an appetite, you'll enjoy the hot dog dinner and border buttermilk reception. 956-682-2871, [www.mcallenchamber.com](http://www.mcallenchamber.com).

#### George Washington's Birthday Celebration

(Laredo) Though the father of our country may never have heard of Laredo, the city has honored him with a huge birthday party every year since 1898. More than 30 events, including parades, pageants, entertainment by Mexican celebrities, dances, and a jalapeño-eating contest, add up to a great time for the community as well as for visitors. 956-722-0589, [www.wbcalaredo.org](http://www.wbcalaredo.org).

#### MARCH BorderFest

(Hidalgo) This award-winning international festival recognizes the diverse cultures of the Rio Grande Valley. Tens of thousands will celebrate with live entertainment on 10 stages, carnival activities, and parades. 956-843-2734, [www.hidalgotexas.com](http://www.hidalgotexas.com).

#### Saint Patrick's Day

(San Antonio) The festivities begin with an emotional wreath-laying ceremony at the Alamo Shrine. The next two days are spent in celebration, with the Alamo Irish Festival La Villita and a grand parade. Visitors may watch as the San Antonio River is dyed green. 210-227-4262.

#### Texas Tropics Nature Festival

(McAllen) Celebrate the annual nature festival with a trade show, educational wildlife booths, an interactive children's area, and a nature marketplace. 956-682-2871, [www.mcallenchamber.com](http://www.mcallenchamber.com).

### APRIL

#### Corniyval

(Helotes) In the early days of the area, local Indians heralded the annual harvest with a feast of spring corn after the tribal medicine man declared the corn ripe. Corniyval is a tribute to the area's heritage. In addition to the Miss Helotes Pageant, Corniyval combines four days of dancing, music, a PRCA rodeo, a carnival, and a parade. 210-695-2103, [www.corniyval.com](http://www.corniyval.com).

#### Salsa Festival

(Three Rivers) This tribute to South Texas' favorite condiment promises tons of live entertainment, including, of course, salsa music, along with Tejano, country, swing, and mariachi bands. 888-600-3115.

#### Fiesta

(San Antonio) This colorful citywide celebration of San Jacinto Day rivals New Orleans' Mardi Gras for fun. The San Antonio River becomes the site of a boat parade, and at La Villita's "A Night in Old San Antonio," more than 100 booths offer any exotic treat you could imagine. 210-227-5191, [www.fiesta-sa.org](http://www.fiesta-sa.org).

### MAY

#### Tejano Conjunto Festival

(San Antonio) The largest festival of its kind in the world, the Tejano Conjunto Festival has become an outlet for many groups to perform this traditional style of music in front of thousands of fans. 210-271-3151, [www.guadalupeculturalarts.org](http://www.guadalupeculturalarts.org).

#### Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

(Goliad) Representatives from both the United States and Mexico participate in this celebration honoring General Ignacio Zaragoza, hero of Mexico's 1862 Battle of Puebla and a native son of Goliad. The lineup includes the coronation of the queen and a dance, as well as a colorful fiesta featuring mariachis and ballet folklorico performers. 361-645-2144.

### Cinco de Mayo

(San Antonio) This Mexican holiday commemorates the defeat of French forces near Mexico City by General Ignacio Zaragoza. The three-day celebration includes food, fun, games, and entertainment on Market Square. 210-212-4453.

### JUNE

#### Texas Folklife Festival

(San Antonio) More than 40 ethnic groups of Texas share their music, dancing, and foods with festivalgoers. Crafts and living-history demonstrations are also part of the appeal. The sight of bagpipers and drummers dressed in kilts and playing "The Eyes of Texas" gives a whole new meaning to the term "multicultural." 210-458-2224, [www.texancultures.utsa.edu](http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu).

## GULF COAST

### SEPTEMBER

#### Bayfest

(Corpus Christi) More than eight blocks of the bayfront are covered with five stages. Live music, fireworks, and a carnival keep the audience of more than 160,000 hopping. 361-887-0868, 361-881-1818, [www.bayfesttexas.com](http://www.bayfesttexas.com).

#### Historic Oak Tree Festival

(League City) Clowns, pony rides, and a moon walk will entertain the kids while parents browse among tons of booths featuring an abundance of handmade arts and crafts. 281-338-7339.

### OCTOBER

#### Greek Festival

(Houston) Upwards of 170,000 people each year come to celebrate Greek culture and history with traditional island dances, shops, and foods. The festival is held in the Annunciation Cathedral facility near the University of St. Thomas campus. 713-526-5377, [www.greekfestival.org](http://www.greekfestival.org).

#### Rockport Seafair

(Rockport) How does a crab beauty contest grab you? An anything-that-floats-but-a-boat race? It's all part of this championship gumbo cookoff, which also includes a regatta, a carnival, crab races, Polynesian dancers, live music, and a jet ski race. 361-729-6445, [www.rockport-fulton.org](http://www.rockport-fulton.org).

#### Sandcastle Days

(South Padre Island) Watch the world's most accomplished sand sculptors vie for prizes totaling \$5,000. Amateurs can also compete in the youth and adult team divisions, while serious enthusiasts can take a shot at the "Texas State Championship" (duo) title. 956-761-3005, [www.sandcastledays.com](http://www.sandcastledays.com).

#### Texas Jazz Festival

(Corpus Christi) More than 40 bands gather to jam on three stages at the beautiful Heritage Park in downtown Corpus Christi. A jazz mass and brunch on Sunday complete the weekend. 361-808-9515, [www.texasjazz-fest.org](http://www.texasjazz-fest.org).

#### Texas Rice Festival

(Winnie) The event focuses on farmers and the agricultural industry and includes a rice-cooking contest, a rice education exhibit, parades, the largest livestock show in Southeast Texas, street dances, and even a carnival. 409-296-4404, [www.texasricefestival.org](http://www.texasricefestival.org).



Lee Dobrke, Jr.

Mardi Gras, Galveston.

## NOVEMBER

### Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival

(Harlingen) Birders from across North America migrate to Harlingen for seminars, tours of birding hot spots, a trade show, and a children's program. 956-423-5440, [www.rgvbirdfest.com](http://www.rgvbirdfest.com).

### Texas Senior Open

(South Padre Island) Golfers from all over come to the South Padre Island Golf Club for the largest senior open in the U.S. Grand prize this year is more than \$100,000. 956-943-5678, [www.spigolf.com](http://www.spigolf.com).

## DECEMBER

### Dickens on the Strand

(Galveston) A pre-Christmas festival along the Strand takes you back to the Victorian era. Scrooge and other Dickens characters, costumed carolers, street performers, and vendors wander through the crowd. 409-765-7834, [www.galvestonhistory.com](http://www.galvestonhistory.com).

## FEBRUARY

### South Texas Ranching Heritage Festival

(Kingsville) Celebrate traditional ranching skills that include pinning and doctoring cattle. Listen to tales told by the Cowboy Storytellers or dance to live music. 361-593-2810.

### Gumbo Cookoff

(Orange) You're gonna have big fun on the bayou at this Louisiana-style feast. Get ready to sample chicken, venison, and maybe even alligator-tail gumbo, then get down with Cajun bands, a carnival, a Mardi Gras parade, and a street dance. 409-883-3536, [www.goacc.org](http://www.goacc.org).

### Celebration of Whooping Cranes and Other Birds

(Port Aransas) This nature-related festival includes boat trips to the Aransas Wildlife Refuge, world-renowned speakers, photography and birding workshops and field trips, and bus tours to view the many species of birds that call Port Aransas home. 361-749-5919, [www.portaransas.org](http://www.portaransas.org).

### Mardi Gras Festival

(Galveston) Celebrate Mardi Gras Texas-style at Galveston's version of this festive event, where nearly 250,000 partygoers get all decked out for the occasion. Parades, costume balls, and live entertainment keep things rambunctious. The revelry winds up with the Grand Night Parade from Seawall Boulevard to the Strand on the final Saturday night. 409-763-4311, [www.mardigrasgalveston.com](http://www.mardigrasgalveston.com).

### Charro Days

(Brownsville) Everyone dons traditional Mexican costumes for this weekend of parades, live Tejano music, ballet folklórico, and a carnival. 956-542-4245, [www.charrodays.org](http://www.charrodays.org).

## MARCH

### Fulton Oysterfest

(Rockport-Fulton) Come for the fresh oysters and seafood, stay for the live music, dances, and arts and crafts. 361-729-2388, [www.fultonoysterfest.com](http://www.fultonoysterfest.com).

### CAF Airshow

(Brownsville) The Rio Grande wing of the Commemorative Air Force Museum revs up and takes off as host of the

nationally known CAF Airshow. The exhibits of planes, from Sopwith Camels to P-51s, will appeal to both the experts and the amateurs in the crowd. 956-541-8585.

## APRIL

### Shrimpfest

(Port Arthur) Seafood lovers flock here for some of the Gulf's best seafood and shrimp. Come stock up on fresh shrimp and enjoy the entertainment and carnival. 409-963-1107, [www.portarthurtexas.com](http://www.portarthurtexas.com).

### Texas SandFest

(Port Aransas) Join some of the top sand sculptors in the world for three days of master and amateur sculpting competitions, live music, a photography contest, and family beach games. 361-749-5919, [www.texasandfest.com](http://www.texasandfest.com).

### Houston International Festival

(Houston) The city's literary, visual, and performing arts take center stage this week with music, drama, and dancing events in and around the city. Every year the festival spotlights a different country. 713-654-8808, [www.ifest.org](http://www.ifest.org).

### Riofest

(Harlingen) Pay tribute to the cultural variety of the area at this festival of the arts, with museum exhibits, juried art competitions, professional performers, and outdoor arts and crafts booths. 956-425-2705, [www.riofest.com](http://www.riofest.com).

### Neches River Festival

(Beaumont) The annual Neches River Festival celebrates spring with a parade, live music, and a coronation ball. 409-835-2443.

### Gulf Coast Great Texas Birding Classic

(Upper, central, and lower Texas coast) New birdwatchers can get great tips at the InfoShare social at the beginning of the week. Then join your teams for three days of competition to see as many birds as possible. The week closes with a community appreciation dinner, a VIP birding tour, and an awards brunch. 888-TX-BIRDS, [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/gtbc](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/gtbc).

## MAY

### U.S. Open Windsurfing Regatta

(Corpus Christi) Professional and amateur competitors show off their windsurfing skills in a quest for the U.S. Open Championship. On-the-water windsurfing lessons, swimwear fashion shows, kayak demonstrations, and plenty of music and food add even more fun. 361-881-1888, [www.corpuschristi-tx-cvb.org](http://www.corpuschristi-tx-cvb.org).

### Texas Crawfish and Music Festival

(Spring) Prepare yourself for some spicy food and the best crawfish you've ever tasted. Don't miss the live bands and the children's area, complete with a petting zoo and a carnival. 713-353-9310, [www.texascrawfishfestival.com](http://www.texascrawfishfestival.com).

## JUNE

### Powerboat Shoot-Out

(Corpus Christi) Powerboat teams meet here to compete for the title in the only offshore race of its kind in Texas. In addition to speeding boats, this event offers mouse boat races for the kids, remote-control boat races, and live entertainment. 361-985-1555, [www.powerboatshootout.com](http://www.powerboatshootout.com).

## JULY

### Great Texas Mosquito Festival

(Brazosport) Put on your bug repellent and celebrate with a 5K mosquito chase, a mosquito-calling contest, a bike and skate tour, live entertainment, and a cookoff. 979-265-8392, [www.ci.clute.tx.us](http://www.ci.clute.tx.us).

## AUGUST

### Texas International Fishing Tournament

(South Padre Island) Anglers of all ages try to reel in one of the trophies and awards for bay and offshore fishing at the largest saltwater fishing competition in Texas. 956-943-8438, [www.tif.org](http://www.tif.org).

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## SEPTEMBER

### Texas State Forest Festival

(Lufkin) Been pining for a lumberjack show or a chain-saw sculpture competition? The lineup also includes the Southern Hushpuppy Olympics, pig races, a carnival, and alligator wrestling. 936-634-6644, [www.visitlufkin.com](http://www.visitlufkin.com).

## OCTOBER

### Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival

(Conroe) Conroe comes alive for a weekend of live music, fried catfish, and carnival fun. Enjoy the parade, or watch the Catfish Pageant as you chow down. 713-863-9994, [www.cajuncatfishfestival.com](http://www.cajuncatfishfestival.com).

### Fire Ant Festival

(Marshall) Spend a fun-filled weekend participating in the fire-ant-calling contest, fire-ant roundup, or the Tour du Fire Ant Bike Ride. 903-935-7868, [www.marshalltxchamber.com](http://www.marshalltxchamber.com).

### Texas Rose Festival

(Tyler) The Rose Capital of America marks the harvest of the rose with the Rose Parade, the Palette of Roses art show, tours of commercial rose fields, and a stunning show of 120,000 roses. 903-592-1661, [www.tylertexas.com](http://www.tylertexas.com).

## NOVEMBER

### Heritage Syrup Festival

(Henderson) From the enthusiasm engendered by a syrup-making demonstration in 1989 grew this annual celebration. Thousands come to enjoy ribbon cane syrup-making, live music, hayrides, and food. 903-657-5528, [www.hendersontx.com](http://www.hendersontx.com).

### Wonderland of Lights Christmas Festival

(Marshall) Visit Marshall during this holiday festival and see the city transformed with 10 million tiny white lights. Carriage rides and an outdoor ice skating rink are part of the fun. 903-935-7868, [www.marshalltxchamber.com](http://www.marshalltxchamber.com).

## DECEMBER

### Christmas Candlelight Tour

(Jefferson) Seasonal songs sung by the Blackwood Brothers Gospel Quartet will put you in the Christmas spirit as you stroll through antiques shops, an art gallery, and museums. 903-665-3692, [www.historicjeffersonfoundation.com](http://www.historicjeffersonfoundation.com).

## FEBRUARY

### Mardi Gras Upriver

(Jefferson) Mardi Gras with a Texas twist! Three parades, along with street dances, live music, and a carnival, guaran-

tee a memorable celebration for all. 903-665-2672, [www.mardigrasupriver.com](http://www.mardigrasupriver.com).

## MARCH

### Azalea and Spring Flower Trail

(Tyler) On the first weekend, the Tyler Heritage Home Tour takes visitors on guided tours of six historic homes. Other attractions include a quilt show, an arts and crafts fair, and a 10K fun run. 903-592-1661, [www.tylertexas.com](http://www.tylertexas.com).

### Tyler County Dogwood Festival

(Woodville) This spring festival stretches over three themed weekends during the glorious dogwood blooming season. The first showcases quilting and gospel and bluegrass music. The next revisits the past with horse-drawn vehicles and a parade of more than 2,000 horses. The last week ends the festival with a Dogwood Parade, an antique car show, and the Dogwood Queen Pageant. 409-283-2632, [www.woodvilletx.com](http://www.woodvilletx.com).

## APRIL

### General Sam Houston Folk Festival

(Huntsville) Step back in time to the 1800s at this festival full of folklife demonstrations, children's activities, guitar workshops, museum tours, and the historical production *Gone to Texas*. 936-294-1832, [www.samhouston.org](http://www.samhouston.org).

### Celtic Heritage Festival

(Kilgore) Highlights include reenacted battles courtesy of the Knights of Alba, traditional music, and authentic folktales. The Bonniest Knees contest, in which a blindfolded judge determines which kilted man qualifies for the top honor, is always a crowd favorite. 903-759-9017, [www.kilgorechamber.com/celticfestival](http://www.kilgorechamber.com/celticfestival).

## MAY

### Stagecoach Days

(Marshall) Marshall celebrates its transportation history with this always popular festival. Come see if a real stagecoach ride lives up to your expectations! 903-935-7868, [www.marshalltxchamber.com](http://www.marshalltxchamber.com).

## JUNE

### Tomato Fest

(Jacksonville) Tomato Fest celebrates everything tomato, with such activities as a volleyball tournament, an antique tractor show, a petting zoo, and a tomato-eating contest. 903-586-2217, [www.jacksonvilletexas.com](http://www.jacksonvilletexas.com).

### AlleyFest

(Longview) One of the area's premier art events, AlleyFest pioneered this type of show in Texas. The emphasis is on original artwork in many media and a wide range of crafts. Athletic events and two stages with live music add to the enjoyment. 903-237-4000, [www.alleyfest.org](http://www.alleyfest.org).

### Texas Blueberry Festival

(Nacogdoches) This celebration, in honor of the small blue fruit that we routinely encounter in muffins, promotes countless other blueberry treats. A patriotic concert on Friday night kicks off the weekend. 936-564-7351, [www.texasblueberryfestival.com](http://www.texasblueberryfestival.com).

## JULY

### Great Texas Balloon Race

(Longview) Balloonists from all over the country compete for the Texas championship at this three-day event, which

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tests skill rather than speed. There's lots to do, even for those who don't actually fly up, up, and away. 903-753-3281, 903-237-4000, www.gtbr.net.

## HILL COUNTRY

### SEPTEMBER

#### Seminole Days

(Brackettville) Brackettville hosts this 131st celebration to commemorate the Seminole scouts who were stationed at Fort Clark during the frontier era. Main features include a barbecue, a talent show, and a trip to the cemetery to honor the scouts buried there. 830-563-9394.

### OCTOBER

#### Oktoberfest

(Fredericksburg) Each year Fredericksburg celebrates its heritage with an authentic German festival, complete with Bierhalle, singing, dancing, oompah bands, and German wurst, sauerkraut, and baked goods. 830-997-4810, www.oktoberfestinfbg.com.

#### Texas Wildlife Expo

(Austin) This all-outdoor expo provides hands-on activities, demonstrations, and Texas outdoors workshops. Gain information and skills in hunting, fishing, camping, rock climbing, mountain biking, paddle sports, and Texas wildlife. 512-389-4472, www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

#### Kerr County Fair

(Kerrville) Talent contest finals, live music, a carnival, and BBQ and chili cookoffs kick off the fair. Saturday continues with a downtown parade, petting zoo, goat show, karaoke, bull riding, and a dance. You can't miss the team roping, and an auction on Sunday. 830-257-6833, www.kerrcountyfair.com.

#### Wurstfest

(New Braunfels) The food, dancing, and *Gemütlichkeit* (fun and fellowship) of this German festival in honor of wurst bring people from all over. The salute to sausage also includes arts and crafts shows, museum exhibits, and sporting events. 830-625-9167, www.wurstfest.com.

### NOVEMBER

#### Dickens on Main

(Boerne) Shop owners in Victorian dress beckon you to step back in time. Horse-drawn carriages, strolling carolers, and reenactments of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* offer a unique shopping experience. 830-816-1796, www.mainstreetboerne.com.

### DECEMBER

#### Sights and Sounds of Christmas

(Burnet) "A Night in Old Bethlehem" re-creates a period marketplace and stages a live Nativity scene. The Sugar Plum Theater presents seasonal entertainment, and artisans peddle their wares at the Texas Marketplace. 512-393-8430.

#### Weihnachten in Fredericksburg

(Fredericksburg) This old German festival offers holiday music, a lighted Christmas parade, an arts and crafts market, and an appearance by Santa Claus.

830-997-6523, www.fredericksburg-texas.com.

#### Zilker Park Trail of Lights and Christmas Tree

(Austin) Zilker goes all out for the season, with a colorful array of holiday scenes, capped off by the enormous tree of sparkling lights that is visible far beyond the park. 512-974-6700.

### FEBRUARY

#### Annual Wimberley Winter Jazz Festival

(Wimberley) Held in the intimate setting of the Cypress Creek Cafe, Wimberley's Jazz Festival brings a classy atmosphere to the tiny town. Don't miss the food sampling from local restaurants at the "Taste of the Town" on opening night. 512-847-2515, www.cccmusic.com.

#### Sahawe Ceremonials

(Uvalde) The Sahawe Indian Dancers, made up of Boy Scout troops, pay homage to Pueblo Indians with performances of 15 dances in traditional Pueblo dress. 830-278-2016.

### MARCH

#### South by Southwest

(Austin) This legendary event encompasses both interactive/film and a music festival, drawing bands and filmmakers from all over the world. More than 1,000 acts of all musical genres perform in more than 50 of Austin's finest venues. 512-467-7979, www.sxsw.com.

#### Statesman Capitol 10,000

(Austin) Texas' largest competitive race and one of the nation's top 10K runs, this annual event draws more than 10,000 runners from all over the world. 512-445-3500, www.statesman.com.

#### Texas Hill Country Wine and Food Festival

(Austin) Those who enjoy sumptuous wines and cuisine gather at downtown Austin hotels and surrounding Hill Country venues to sample some of the best wines and food in Central Texas. 512-542-9463, www.texaswineandfood.org.

### APRIL

#### Wildflower Days at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

(Austin) The Hill Country is covered with the vibrant colors of myriad wildflowers in the early spring, and in honor of the season the Wildflower Center displays its most beautiful flowers and native plants. 512-292-4100, www.wildflower.org.

#### Bluebonnet Festival

(Burnet) During this annual celebration of wildflowers, fun events bloom all over town. Take your pick from the Burner Gunfighters' Shoot-out, the Destruction Derby, a Commemorative Air Force flying show, and a car show. Kids will enjoy the pet parade and a bicycle-decorating contest. 512-756-4297, www.burnetchamber.org.

#### Spring Herb Fest

(Fredericksburg) Learn new tips for growing herbs and easy ways to cook and craft with them. Find out how to use just

the right herbal remedy for health and beauty. 830-997-8615, www.fredericksburgherbfarm.com.

#### Viva! Cinco de Mayo

(San Marcos) This festival includes a state menudo cookoff, a downtown parade, a carnival, a beauty pageant, a Mexican American arts and crafts show, and musical entertainment. 512-353-8482, www.vivacincodemayo.org.

### MAY

#### Central Texas Air Show

(Georgetown) Make your way to the Georgetown Airport on Friday evening to witness a dazzling fireworks display. Return on Saturday and Sunday for a full weekend of aerial stunts and a chance to inspect the planes close up. 512-869-1759, www.gtairshow.com.

#### EAA Southwest Regional Fly-In

(New Braunfels) More than 300 flight enthusiasts have attended this annual event in recent years. Activities include a Friday night fly-in, an airshow, and workshops. 830-997-8802, www.swrfi.org.

#### Kerrville Folk Festival

(Kerrville) With more than 100 songwriters, the nation's longest-running songwriters fest is sure to cover your favorite musical genre. Lawn chairs, food and beverages, and camping gear will enhance your comfort under the stars. 830-257-3600, www.kerrville-music.com.

#### Fiesta Amistad

(Round Rock) Join the fun at this 34th annual festival that has honored war veterans and Hispanic culture. Tejano music, food, and crafts booths enhance the festival. 512-255-5805, www.elamistadclub.com.

### JUNE

#### Texas Water Safari

(San Marcos) Billed as the world's toughest boat race, this contest draws entrants from as far away as Alaska and England. No motorboats here; the grueling 419 km (260-mile) course must be navigated using muscle power only. Competitors follow a route down the San Marcos and Guadalupe Rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. 512-357-6863, www.texaswatersafari.org.

#### Stonewall Peach Jamboree

(Stonewall) Gillespie County is famous for the delicious fruit, and Stonewall celebrates the bounty of its orchards with this annual festival. Events include a peach show, and a peach pie and cobbler contest. 830-644-2735, 830-997-6523, www.stonewalltexas.com.

#### Berges Fest

(Boerne) Boerne celebrates Father's Day weekend with all the things that dads love—live music, dancing, canoe races, and fishing contests. This downtown festival offers activities for the kids as well, like an egg toss and other games. 830-249-8173.

### JULY

#### Texas International Apple Festival

(Medina) Considered one of the top festivals in the state, the Apple Festival celebrates Texas' newest crop. Six entertainment stages, including fiddling and gospel singers, and every apple dish imaginable, will keep festivalgoers happy. 830-589-7224, www.medinatexas.com.

### AUGUST

#### Gillespie County Fair

(Fredericksburg) At more than 115 years old, this fair claims honors as the oldest continuous county fair in Texas. The weekend's events include a parade, a livestock show, agricultural exhibits, a carnival, dances, and horse races. 830-997-2359, www.gillespiefair.com.

#### Oatmeal Festival

(Bertram) A barbecue supper in Oatmeal, Texas, on Friday night kicks off the weekend. Then on Saturday morning the party moves via trail ride to Bertram for a parade, the oatmeal cookoff, the oatmeal-eating contest, and oatmeal-box stacking followed by an evening dance. 512-355-2197.

## BIG BEND

### SEPTEMBER

#### Marfa Lights Festival

(Marfa) Who knows why those mysterious desert lights shine? Find out from these friendly folks while enjoying local West Texas cuisine. Stick around and dance the nights away on the lawn of one of the most magnificent courthouses in Texas. 432-729-4942.

#### Big Bend Balloon Bash

(Alpine) Open skies are abundant in West Texas, and on this weekend they'll be filled with the magnificent sight of hot-air balloons. This annual event, sponsored by the Tri-County Balloon Association, is a treat for all ages. 432-837-2326.

#### Permian Basin Fair and Exposition

(Odessa) Everyone will have a great time at the 27th fair and exposition, which offers traditional exhibits, livestock and horse shows, creative arts, musical performances, an antique car show, and an antique tractor pull. 432-550-3232, www.pb-fair.com.

#### Diez y Seis de Septiembre Celebration

(Del Rio) Del Rio joins its sister city, Ciudad Acuña, in a fiesta commemorating Mexico's independence from Spain on September 16 (Diez y Seis), 1810. Food, music, and dancing are enjoyed on both sides of the border. 830-775-3551, www.drchamber.com.

#### Fina-CAF AirSho 2003

(Midland) Come celebrate the legacy of the CAF with *Tora! Tora! Tora!*, a reenactment of Pearl Harbor, complete with Texas-size pyrotechnics and the Canadian Air Force's Snowbirds. 432-563-1000, www.airshow.org.

### OCTOBER

#### Amigo Airsho

(El Paso) This "Circus in the Sky" at Biggs Army Airfield features professional and military flying teams, acrobatic acts, parachute jumping, static aircraft displays, and other ground activities. 915-545-2864, 915-532-JETS, www.amigoairsho.org.

#### Prickly Pear Pachanga

(Sanderson) This annual festival, or "big party" as the Spanish word translates, is a local celebration of fall, the beginning of hunting season, and the area's most bountiful asset, the prickly pear cactus. 432-345-2994, www.sandersontx.org/pachanga.

## Chamizal Festival

(El Paso) With the goal of promoting cultural understanding of life along the border, this festival celebrates the many cultures in the El Paso region through traditional arts and music. 432-532-7273.

## Fiesta de Amistad

(Del Rio) A bicultural event staged on both sides of the border, this fiesta commemorates the visit of Presidents Eisenhower and López Mateos to Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña in October 1960. The International Parade from Acuña to Del Rio is reportedly the only parade in the world that starts in one country and ends in another. 830-775-3551, www.drchamber.com.

## NOVEMBER

### Terlingua World Championship Chili Cookoff

(Terlingua) What better place for a cookoff involving a hot dish than a hot ghost town in the desert? This wacky event started in Terlingua in 1967 as a contest between Wick Fowler, then the dean of Texas chili cooks, and Dave Chasen, a California restaurateur who insisted that West Coast chili was better. 210-887-8827, www.chili.org.

### Tejano Super Car Show

(Odessa) This unique car show attracts world low-rider champions and awards more than 200 trophies in categories ranging from best truck to best bicycle. Add hydraulic car-hopping, model car contests, live music, and an art contest, and you've got a real party. 432-337-2189, txtours@sbcglobal.net.

### Sun Bowl Festival and Game

(El Paso) Outdoors enthusiasts will all enjoy such varied sports as golf, basketball, and football. Also take in a Thanksgiving Day parade and the Sun Bowl college football game. 915-533-4416, www.sunbowl.org.

## DECEMBER

### Frontier Christmas

(Fort Davis) After Santa arrives at the town square, a day of events including hayride tours of historic homes and churches, arts and crafts booths, and live entertainment gets everyone in the holiday spirit. 915-426-3015.

## JANUARY

### El Paso Chamber Music Festival

(El Paso) Internationally renowned soloists and chamber musicians join El Paso Pro Musica artistic director and cellist Züill Bailey for seven memorable concerts. 915-833-9400, www.elpasopromusica.org.

## MARCH

### Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering

(Alpine) The Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering ropes 'em in at Sul Ross State University. Cowboys and cowgirls read their poetry in the land that inspired it. The festivities include song and dance, storytelling, Western culture, and a cowboy church service. 432-837-1071, www.cowboypoe.org.

## APRIL

### Big Bend Open Road Race

(Fort Stockton to Sanderson) This annual race takes place on U.S. 285 South from Fort Stockton to Sanderson and back—190 km (118 miles round-trip)—and is known as "the most challenging

open road race in the world."

800-334-8525, www.bbrr.com.

## MAY

### Cinco de Mayo

(Del Rio) Celebrate Mexico's victory over France at the Battle of Puebla. Attractions include cultural music and folklorico dancing, and more than 50 arts and crafts booths. 830-775-6209, www.drchamber.com.

### Texas Star Party

(Fort Davis) More than 600 astronomers camp on this mile-high ranch and search the clear West Texas sky. Stargazers from nearby McDonald Observatory and all over the world deliver lectures on the latest in astronomy sciences. 432-426-3202, www.texasstarparty.org.

### International Balloon Festival

(El Paso) Celebrate Memorial Day weekend from the heavens with a ride in a hot-air balloon, or stay grounded and enjoy the sight of a sky full of the colorful conveyances. 432-351-5258.

## JUNE

### Theatre of the Big Bend

(Alpine) This outside theater company brings college and community together in the tranquility of the Big Bend. Founded by the Sul Ross State University Department of Fine Arts and Communication, the company has presented more than 150 plays in 38 seasons. 432-837-8218, www.sulross.edu.

### West Texas Ford Dealers Mex-Tex Family Fiesta

(Midland) Bring your appetite for this celebration of Hispanic culture. Old and new recipes are sampled and tested. Enjoy live music, dancing, carnival rides, a talent contest, and children's activities. 432-682-2960, www.midlandhcc.com.

### Viva! El Paso

(El Paso) Through music, dance, and drama, this outdoor spectacular recounts the rich 400-year history of the four cultures that have inhabited the region: Native Americans, Spaniards, Mexicans, and pioneers. The 1,500-seat outdoor McKelligon Canyon Amphitheater is surrounded by a naturally majestic setting. 915-565-6900, www.viva-ep.org.

## JULY

### Water Carnival

(Fort Stockton) Water can be scarce in West Texas, but during this carnival, which Fort Stockton has been putting on since 1936, the town makes the most of what there is. With a different theme each year, the program features synchronized swimming, dancing, and musical numbers staged in and around Comanche Springs Pool. 432-336-2264, www.fortstockton.org.

## PRAIRIES & LAKES

## SEPTEMBER

### International Festival Institute at Round Top

(Round Top) Founded by James Dick, this educational and cultural event includes orchestral, chamber, choral, vocal, brass, woodwind, and solo performances. 979-249-3129, www.festivalhill.org.

## Championship American Indian

### Pow Wow

(Grand Prairie) The Dallas/Fort Worth Inter-Tribal Association sponsors this event, with several hundred Native Americans representing dozens of tribes from across the country. Dancers appearing in full regalia, the tepee exhibit, and foods such as fry bread and Navajo tacos make it an unforgettable experience. 972-647-2331.

### GrapeFest

(Grapevine) Sample award-winning Texas wines, visit Grapevine's wineries and tasting rooms, enjoy live music, take part in a consumer-judged wine competition, and enter the Grape Stomp contest—all at one of the largest wine festivals in the country. 817-410-3185, www.grapevintexasusa.com.

### Oktoberfest

(Addison) Inside the "Schloss Addison" tent, you'll find German favorites, such as several types of German sausage, sauerkraut, strudel, and the famous Paulaner Oktoberfest Bier, featured at the original Munich Oktoberfest since 1810. 800-ADDISON (233-4766), www.addisontexas.net.

### Greek Festival of Dallas

(Dallas) This popular event transforms a little corner of Dallas into Greece for one great weekend. Experience Greek culture through live music, dancing, authentic arts, and an absolute feast of Greek cuisine. 972-991-1166, 972-233-4880 (hot line), www.greekfestivalofdallas.org.

### Plano Balloon Festival

(Plano) Texas' largest balloon event gets off the ground in a big way, with more than 100 magnificent hot-air balloons. In addition, there's the Festival Market, showcasing woodwork, ceramics, jewelry, and folk art. 972-867-7566.

### State Fair of Texas

(Dallas) Each year the State Fair draws more than 3 million people to Fair Park's 80 hectare (200 acres) for fun at traditional fair-type exhibits, livestock shows, the Texas Star (North America's tallest Ferris wheel), and Big Tex, a 16-meter (52-foot) talking cowboy. 214-565-9931, www.bigtex.com.

## OCTOBER

### Texas Renaissance Festival

(Plantersville) Jugglers, jesters, and jousting tournaments are only a few of the events that will give you a taste of life in a 16th-century village. Glassblowing, along with live entertainment on 22 main stages, 330 arts and crafts booths, and rides ensure that a good time will be had by all. 936-894-2516, www.texrenfest.com.

### Harvest Moon Festival

(Granbury) Celebrate the fall harvest on historic Granbury Square with a scarecrow-making contest, an art demonstration, arts and crafts stalls, and food booths. 817-573-5299, www.hgma.com.

### Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering and Western Swing Festival

(Fort Worth) At this genuine Texas event, you'll dance to Hall of Fame Western swing music, hear cowboy poetry, and see a ranch rodeo. 817-625-1025, www.theredsteagallcowboygathering.com.

## Hot Pepper Festival

(Palestine) Things heat up big time in historic downtown Palestine during this tribute to hot peppers. Arts and crafts booths, music, the Alley Art Show, a street dance, and a quilt show will entertain you when you want a respite from the hot stuff. 903-723-3014.

### Huffhines Art Trails

(Richardson) This juried art show in scenic Huffhines Park features fine arts as well as traditional and contemporary crafts. Also enjoy live entertainment and gourmet pastries and other delicacies. 972-638-9116, www.cor.net.

### Nineteenth Annual Fall Bluegrass Festival

(Glen Rose) Head for Tres Rios for some of the best bluegrass music you'll ever hear. 254-897-4253, www.tresrioscamping.com.

## NOVEMBER

### Christmas on the Brazos

(Waco) This holiday party is complete with food and musical entertainment from Baylor University, McLennan Community College, and Waco High School. You can also enjoy tours of Waco's historic homes all decked out for the holidays. 254-753-5166, www.historicwaco.org.

### Enchanted Forest

(Granbury) This enclosed forest wonderland is complete with Christmas trees and falling snowflakes. Visit Father Christmas, the talking Christmas tree, and the holiday wishing well in this land of fantasies and dreams. 817-573-5299, www.hgma.com.

### Candlelight Christmas Tour

(Waxahachie) A tour of four homes takes place each weekend to show off the most beautiful new and old homes in Waxahachie all dressed in their Christmas finery. "Bethlehem Revisited," a reenactment of Christ's birth, is a special feature. 972-937-2390, www.waxahachie.com.

## DECEMBER

### Christmas in the Park

(Bryan-College Station) The Christmas season gets under way here in early December in Central Park with a lighting ceremony. The open-house weekends also offer hayrides, entertainment, and free refreshments. 979-764-3773, www.ci.college-station.tx.us.

## JANUARY

### SBC Cotton Bowl Classic

(Dallas) This annual New Year's Day classic is a battle between the second-place team from the Big 12 and an SEC champion or runner-up. 214-634-7525 (administrative) or 214-638-2695 (tickets), 888-792-2695 (hot line), www.cottonbowl.org.

## MARCH

### Texas Independence Day Celebration

(Washington) A giant anniversary party commemorates the birth of the Republic of Texas. The Brazoria Militia, the Texas Army, and other groups portray historic Texas figures and set up pioneer-style campsites at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, where it all took place in 1836. 936-878-2461, www.birthplaceofexas.com.

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## Dallas Blooms at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden

(Dallas) Spring shows off its glorious finery in the Southwest's largest outdoor floral festival. Texas-size topiaries are also showcased alongside more than 150,000 tulips and other beautiful blooms. 214-515-6500, [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org).

## APRIL

### Prairie Dog Chili Cookoff and Pickled Quail Egg Eating Contest

(Grand Prairie) The two-day affair is the oldest and largest cookoff in North Texas. The world championship of pickled quail egg eating, live entertainment, inventive costumes, and elaborate cook-site setups are a few highlights of this unique event. 972-647-2331, [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com).

### Texoma LakeFest Regatta

(Denison) A benefit for local children's charities, this regatta, with dinner and live music on Friday and Saturday evenings, is held at Grandpappy Point Marina on Lake Texoma. 903-465-1551, [www.denisontexas.com](http://www.denisontexas.com).

### Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival

(Fort Worth) This multicultural art and entertainment festival is set along historic Main Street in downtown Fort Worth and features a juried art fair, live music, a performing arts stage, and street performers. 817-336-ARTS (2787), [www.msfwf.org](http://www.msfwf.org).

### Bluebonnet Trails Festival

(Ennis) Bluebonnets are a rite of spring in Texas, and a drive through the more than 64 km (40 miles) of marked trails around Ennis will take your breath away. Festival highlights include arts and crafts booths and an art show. 972-878-4748, [www.visitennis.org](http://www.visitennis.org).

### Chappell Hill Historical Society Bluebonnet Festival

(Chappell Hill) Since 1974 folks have gathered in this historic town to celebrate the glorious bluebonnet season. Festival highlights include live entertainment and children's activities, such as a petting zoo and pony rides. 979-836-6033, [chmuseum@alpha1.net](mailto:chmuseum@alpha1.net).

### Scarborough Faire®—The Renaissance Festival

(Waxahachie) A re-creation of the 16th-century village of Scarborough emerges once a year. Craftspeople display their wares while musicians, jugglers, magicians, and costumed characters perform. 972-938-1888, [www.southwestfestivals.com](http://www.southwestfestivals.com).

### Denton Arts and Jazz Festival

(Denton) Jazz up your weekend with great music, food, and beautiful art. Denton's own Grammy Award-winning band, Brave Combo, performs every year on one of six stages, along with both regionally and nationally known musicians. 940-565-0931, [www.dentonjazzfest.com](http://www.dentonjazzfest.com).

## MAY

### EDS Byron Nelson Championship

(Irving) This prestigious golf tournament showcases one of America's favorite pastimes in honor of the great Byron Nelson, and the golf shop offers a variety of merchandise. 972-717-1200, [www.pgatour.com/byronnelson](http://www.pgatour.com/byronnelson).

### Wildflower and Music Festival

(Richardson) The event includes kids' activities, live music performances, and a national singer/songwriter contest and forum. 972-680-7909, 972-744-4581 (hot line), [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com).

### Taste Addison

(Addison) With participation from more than 50 of Addison's eateries, it's easy to believe that Addison is home to more restaurants per capita than any other city west of the Mississippi. 800-ADDISON (233-4766), [www.addisontexas.net](http://www.addisontexas.net).

### Main Street Days

(Grapevine) Come help Grapevine celebrate its heritage with three days of entertainment, live music, food, and arts and crafts. 817-410-3185, [www.grapevinetexasusa.com](http://www.grapevinetexasusa.com).

### Artfest 2004

(Dallas) Fair Park hosts this celebration of arts from all over the world. Paintings, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, and woodwork in all price ranges are on display. Enjoy live music and a children's area. 214-369-0500, [www.500inc.com](http://www.500inc.com).

### National Polka Festival

(Ennis) This event sets everybody's toes to tapping. Over the weekend the fun continues with more than 13 polka bands playing at three Czech fraternal halls, a parade, and arts and crafts booths. 972-878-4748, [www.visitennis.org](http://www.visitennis.org).

## JUNE

### Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games

(Arlington) The games include Highland dance contests, athletic competitions, and bagpiping and drumming contests. 800-650-1918, [www.TexasScottishFestival.com](http://www.TexasScottishFestival.com).

### Hoop It Up

(Dallas) This event is the official three-on-three street basketball tournament of the NBA and NBC Sports. Upwards of 2,000 teams (more than 7,200 players total) travel to 44 cities from March to October. 972-392-5700, [www.hoopitup.com](http://www.hoopitup.com).

## JULY

### Kaboom Town

(Addison) Listed in the top 25 fireworks shows in the United States by the *Wall Street Journal*, Kaboom Town is an Independence Day Eve celebration that features a choreographed 30-minute ground-launched fireworks display. 800-ADDISON (233-4766), [www.addisontexas.net](http://www.addisontexas.net).

## Freedom Fiesta

(Seguin) Seguin keeps the tradition of the Fourth with plenty of food and entertainment for all ages. A carnival, local entertainers, street dances, and a pie-eating contest are highlights of this event. 830-379-6382, [www.seguintx.org](http://www.seguintx.org).

### Granbury's Old-Fashioned Fourth of July

(Granbury) For a memorable Independence Day, head for Granbury, where you'll find a parade, arts and crafts, food, a picnic in the park, the new Ranch Rodeo, and fireworks over Lake Granbury on the Fourth. 817-573-1622, 817-279-1111 (metro line), [www.lakegranbury.org](http://www.lakegranbury.org).

### Messina Hof Harvest Weekends

(Bryan) Pick your own and then stomp 'em—grapes, that is. At the seminar following the European Harvest buffet luncheon, you'll learn how to pair wines and foods like a pro. Add to this the Murder Mystery Dinner and you've got a weekend that's hard to beat. 979-778-9463, [www.messinahof.com](http://www.messinahof.com).

## AUGUST

### Salsariville

(Waco) Sample the best margaritas, salsa, and queso in the region while helping to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. Live musical entertainment is another highlight. 254-772-9303, 254-750-5627, [www.salsariville.com](http://www.salsariville.com).

### Quilt Plano 2004

(Plano) Hundreds of quilts are entered and evaluated by three certified judges. There's also a merchant marketplace and vendor mall where vendors sell quilting-related items. 972-422-0296, [www.quiltplano.needleandthread.com](http://www.quiltplano.needleandthread.com).

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

## SEPTEMBER

### Cactus Jazz and Blues Festival

(San Angelo) This festival delivers a mixture of jazz and blues to the Southern plains. Experience memorable performances in the elegant Cactus Hotel or at the Riverstage along the Concho. 325-653-6793, [www.sanangeloarts.com](http://www.sanangeloarts.com).

### Fiestas del Llano

(Lubbock) This multicultural event celebrates *Diez y Seis*, the day of Mexico's independence from Spain. Hear the latest in Tejano, rock, and country music. 806-797-7233.

### National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration

(Lubbock) Join the stampede headed for this four-day roundup of cowpoke culture—trail rides, exhibits, music, and storytelling by cowboys and cowgirls. Highlights include the National Championship Chuckwagon Cookoff. 806-795-2455, [www.cowboy.org](http://www.cowboy.org).

### Tri-State Fair

(Amarillo) Attendance at the Tri-State Fair has been known to exceed a quarter of a million. Folks come to see nightly performances by country-western stars, as well as livestock competitions and arts and crafts shows. 806-376-7767, [www.amarillonationalcenter.net](http://www.amarillonationalcenter.net).

## Fallsfest

(Wichita Falls) This outdoor festival offers headline entertainers in country music and classic rock in the evening and family activities such as games, car shows, and a Harley-Davidson Poker Run during the day. 940-692-9797, [www.jlwf.org](http://www.jlwf.org).

### Big Country Balloon Fest

(Abilene) Enjoy watching hot-air-balloon races, sky divers, nightly balloon glows, and live and silent auctions. 325-795-0995.

## DECEMBER

### Christmas at Old Fort Concho

(San Angelo) Revelers celebrate the season and San Angelo's history in fine form. Dancers, live entertainment, cowboy poetry, traditional Christmas stories, cavalry and infantry demonstrations, and living-history displays ensure a great time for all. 325-481-2646, [www.fortconcho.com](http://www.fortconcho.com).

## JUNE

### Texas Legacies

(Canyon) From June through mid-August, *Texas Legacies* tells the story of the ordinary people who settled the state. Follow Colonel John Gray as he encounters real and fictional characters of Texas history. Set in the breathtaking splendor of Palo Duro Canyon's Pioneer Amphitheater. 806-655-2181, [www.texasmusicaldrama.com](http://www.texasmusicaldrama.com).

### Llano Wine and Clay Art Festival

(Lubbock) Llano Estacado Winery and the Llano Estacado Clay Guild present the Wine and Clay Art Festival celebrating two fine arts of the earth, winemaking and ceramics. Fine art will also be featured in the cellars, along with food and wine tasting. 806-745-2258, [www.llanowine.com](http://www.llanowine.com).

## JULY

### 4th on Broadway Festival

(Lubbock) Every summer, Broadway Festivals, Inc., lights up Mackenzie Park with a phenomenal fireworks display at the largest free festival in Texas. Other festivities include a parade, live local music, a fun run, and a dance contest. 806-749-2929, [www.broadwayfestivals.com](http://www.broadwayfestivals.com).

## AUGUST

### Hotter'n Hell Hundred

(Wichita Falls) This aptly named race—161 km (100 miles) in 38-degree Celsius (100-degree Fahrenheit) weather—got its start in 1982 as part of Wichita Falls' centennial celebration. One of the largest bicycle rides in the U.S., it draws more than 7,000 riders of all ages. 940-723-5800, [www.hh100.org](http://www.hh100.org).

# Shopping

Texas' fantastic range of shopping opportunities, including a large number of outlet centers, caters to every taste. The listings below are a small sampling, arranged by region and alphabetized by city within the region. For more information about outlet centers, visit [www.TravelTex.com](http://www.TravelTex.com).

## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**Laredo Mall Del Norte**  
5300 San Dario Ave., Ste. 206-C  
Laredo, TX 78041  
956-724-8191, Fax: 956-724-9583  
[www.malldelnorte.com](http://www.malldelnorte.com)  
160 stores

**North Star Mall**  
7400 San Pedro Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78216  
210-340-6627, [www.northstarmall.com](http://www.northstarmall.com)  
191 stores

**Rivercenter Mall**  
849 E. Commerce  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-225-0000, Fax: 210-224-7294  
[www.shoprivercenter.com](http://www.shoprivercenter.com)  
130 stores

## GULF COAST

**Padre Staples Mall**  
5488 S. Padre Island Dr.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78411  
361-991-5718, Fax: 361-993-5631  
130 stores

**Greenspoint Mall**  
12300 Greenspoint Mall, Ste. 208  
Houston, TX 77060  
281-875-4201, Fax: 281-873-7144  
[www.greenspointmall.com](http://www.greenspointmall.com)  
150 stores

**Houston Galleria**  
5075 Westheimer, Ste. 875  
Houston, TX 77056  
713-622-0663, Fax: 713-966-3596  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
350 stores

**The Pavilion on Post Oak**  
1800 Post Oak Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77056  
713-622-7979, Fax: 713-622-6843  
6 stores

**Katy Mills**  
5000 Katy Mills Cir., Katy, TX 77494  
281-644-5050, Fax: 281-644-5001  
[www.katymills.com](http://www.katymills.com)  
200 stores

**Factory Stores of America Outlet Center**  
11001 Delaney Rd.  
La Marque, TX 77568  
409-938-0772, Fax: 409-938-3691  
[www.outletsonline.com/scfltx.htm](http://www.outletsonline.com/scfltx.htm)  
24 stores

**Sealy Outlet Center**  
3701 Outlet Center Dr., Ste. 250  
Sealy, TX 77474  
979-885-3200, Fax: 979-885-3240  
[www.horizongroup.com/centers/sealy.htm](http://www.horizongroup.com/centers/sealy.htm)  
18 stores

**The Woodlands Mall**  
1201 Lake Woodlands  
The Woodlands, TX 77380  
281-363-3409, Fax: 281-367-4947  
[www.thewoodlandsmall.com](http://www.thewoodlandsmall.com)  
160 stores

## PINEY WOODS

**Conroe Outlet Center**  
1111 League Line Rd., Ste. 163-A  
Conroe, TX 77303  
936-756-0999, Fax: 936-756-0912  
[www.conroeoutletcenter.com](http://www.conroeoutletcenter.com)  
65 stores

**VF Factory Outlet Center**  
440 U.S. 59 S.  
Livingston, TX 77351  
936-327-7881, Fax: 936-327-7884  
[www.factorystores.com](http://www.factorystores.com)  
4 stores

**University Mall**  
1122 N. University Dr.  
Nacogdoches, TX 75961  
936-569-9644, Fax: 936-569-8082  
25 stores

**Broadway Square Mall**  
4601 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703  
903-561-2121, Fax: 903-534-2855  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
100 stores

## HILL COUNTRY

**The Arboretum**  
10000 Research Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78759  
512-338-4437, Fax: 512-257-0522  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
40 stores

**Barton Creek Square Mall**  
2901 Capital of Texas Hwy. S.  
Austin, TX 78746  
512-327-7040, Fax: 512-328-0923  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
178 stores

**Highland Mall**  
6001 Airport Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78752  
512-454-9656, Fax: 512-452-1463  
[www.highlandmall.com](http://www.highlandmall.com)  
150 stores

**Lakeline Mall**  
11200 Lakeline Mall Dr.  
Cedar Park, TX 78613  
512-257-7467, Fax: 512-257-0522  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
157 stores

**Fredericksburg Historic Downtown Shopping District**  
Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce  
302 E. Austin  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
888-997-3600, Fax: 830-997-8588  
[www.fredericksburg-texas.com](http://www.fredericksburg-texas.com)  
100 stores

**New Braunfels Marketplace**  
651 Business Loop I-35, Ste. 1135  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
830-620-7475, Fax: 830-629-2239  
[www.nbmarketplace.com](http://www.nbmarketplace.com)  
31 stores

**Prime Outlets San Marcos**  
3939 I-35 S., Ste. 900  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-396-2200, 800-628-9465  
Fax: 512-396-2232  
[www.primeoutlets.com](http://www.primeoutlets.com)  
86 stores

**Tanger Outlet Center**  
4015 I-35 S., Ste. 319  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
800-408-8424, Fax: 512-396-7446  
[www.tangeroutlet.com](http://www.tangeroutlet.com)  
114 stores

**Wimberley Square**  
Wimberley Chamber of Commerce  
14100 Ranch Rd. 12  
Wimberley, TX 78676  
512-847-2201, Fax: 512-847-3189  
[www.wimberley.org](http://www.wimberley.org)  
50 stores

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

**Cielo Vista Mall**  
8401 Gateway Blvd. W.  
El Paso, TX 79925  
915-779-7070, Fax: 915-772-4926  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
140 stores

**Midland Park Mall**  
4511 Midkiff Rd.  
Midland, TX 79705  
432-694-1663, Fax: 432-694-3602  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
97 stores

**Music City Mall**  
4101 E. 42nd St.  
Odessa, TX 79762  
432-550-2483, Fax: 432-363-0160  
92 stores

## PRAIRIES & LAKES

**Festival Marketplace Mall**  
2900 E. Pioneer Pkwy, Ste. 615  
Arlington, TX 76010  
817-213-1000, Fax: 817-213-1010  
225 stores

**Factory Stores of America Outlet Center**  
316 Factory Outlet Dr.  
Corsicana, TX 75109  
903-874-1503, 800-772-8536  
[www.factorystores.com](http://www.factorystores.com)  
4 stores

**Dallas Galleria**  
13355 Noel Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75240  
972-702-7100, Fax: 972-702-7130  
[www.dallasgalleria.com](http://www.dallasgalleria.com)  
200 stores

**NorthPark Center**  
8687 N. Central Expwy.  
Dallas, TX 75225  
214-363-7441, Fax: 214-363-1221  
[www.northparkcntr.com](http://www.northparkcntr.com)  
160 stores

**Prime Outlets at Gainesville**  
4321 N. I-35  
Gainesville, TX 76240  
888-545-7220, Fax: 940-668-1988  
[www.primeoutlets.com](http://www.primeoutlets.com)  
76 stores

**Grapevine Mills**  
3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy  
Grapevine, TX 76051  
972-724-4910, Fax: 972-724-4920  
[www.grapevinemills.com](http://www.grapevinemills.com)  
248 stores

**Hillsboro Outlet Center**  
104 N.E. I-35  
Hillsboro, TX 76645  
254-582-9205, Fax: 254-582-1911  
[www.primeoutlets.com](http://www.primeoutlets.com)  
85 stores

**North East Mall**  
1101 Melbourne Rd.  
Hurst, TX 76053  
817-284-3427, Fax: 817-595-4471  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
140 stores

**Irving Mall**  
3880 Irving Mall  
Irving, TX 75062  
972-255-0571, Fax: 972-570-7310  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
150 stores

**Town East Mall**  
2063 Town East Mall  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
972-270-4431, Fax: 972-686-8974  
[www.towneast.com](http://www.towneast.com)  
185 stores

**Collin Creek Mall**  
811 N. Central Expwy.  
Plano, TX 75075  
972-422-1070, Fax: 972-881-1642  
[www.collincreekmall.com](http://www.collincreekmall.com)  
136 stores

**The Shops at Willow Bend**  
6121 W. Park Blvd.  
Plano, TX 75093  
972-202-7115, Fax: 972-202-7122  
[www.shopwillowbend.com](http://www.shopwillowbend.com)  
200 stores

**Richardson Square**  
501 S. Plano Rd.  
Richardson, TX 75081  
972-783-0117, Fax: 972-470-9087  
[www.shopsimon.com](http://www.shopsimon.com)  
80 stores

**Shops at the Village of Salado**  
Salado Chamber of Commerce  
601 N. Main  
Salado, TX 76571  
254-947-5040  
[www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com)  
60 stores

**Factory Stores of America Outlet Center**  
614 Radio Rd.  
Sulphur Springs, TX 75482  
903-885-0015, Fax: 903-885-4920  
15 stores

**Tanger Outlet Center**  
301 Tanger Dr., Ste. 113  
Terrell, TX 75160  
800-409-0012, Fax: 972-524-6034  
[www.tangeroutlet.com](http://www.tangeroutlet.com)  
42 stores

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

**South Plains Mall**  
6002 Slide Rd.  
Lubbock, TX 79414  
806-792-4654, Fax: 806-799-2331  
[www.southplainsmall.com](http://www.southplainsmall.com)  
160 stores

**Sunset Mall**  
4001 SW Blvd.  
San Angelo, TX 76904  
325-949-1947, Fax: 325-944-9110  
[www.sunsetmall.com](http://www.sunsetmall.com)  
75 stores

# Parks

For more detailed information on state parks throughout Texas, visit [www.TravelTex.com](http://www.TravelTex.com).

## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park**  
Park Rd. 43, Mission, TX 78573-0988  
956-585-1107, Fax: 956-585-3448  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (overnight camping in primitive areas only), hiking and nature trails, boating, fishing, birding, nature study, day tours, blind rentals.

**Choke Canyon State Park**  
TX Hwy. 72, Calliham, TX 78007  
361-786-3868, Fax: 361-786-3414  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (screen shelters), nature trails, picnic areas, group facilities, sports complex, swimming pool, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, waterskiing, birding.

**Falcon State Park**  
Park Rd. 46, Falcon Heights, TX 78545  
956-848-5327, [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (screen shelter), hiking, nature trails, mountain biking, picnic areas, recreation hall with kitchen, boating, fishing, swimming, waterskiing.

**Goliad State Historical Park**  
108 Park Rd. 6, Goliad, TX 77963  
361-645-3405, Fax: 512-645-8538  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Reconstructed mission and ruins of Mission Nuestra Señora del Rosario. Camping, hiking, nature, and biking trails, fishing, swimming pool, picnic areas, interpretive center, petting zoo.

**Lake Casa Blanca International State Park**  
5102 Bob Bullock Loop  
Laredo, TX 78044  
956-725-3826, Fax: 956-725-9987  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping, hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, amphitheater, pavilion, playgrounds, boat ramp, fishing, lake swimming, waterskiing, volleyball, basketball.

**Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge**  
FM 493 and Military Hwy.  
Alamo, TX 78516  
956-784-7500  
<http://southwest.fws.gov>

One of the largest bird populations in the United States (400 species), along with 300 species of butterflies and many rare plants and animals. 11.26 km (7-mile) wildlife drive and interpretive tram.

## GULF COAST

**Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge**  
509 Washington, Anahuac, TX 77514  
409-267-3337, Fax: 409-267-4314  
<http://southwest.fws.gov>

More than 280 species of nesting, migratory, and shore birds. Abundance of American alligators and native wildlife. Fishing, hunting, photography, and nature study.

**Aransas National Wildlife Refuge**  
FM 2040 S., Austwell, TX 77950  
361-286-3559, Fax: 361-286-3722  
<http://southwest.fws.gov>  
Largest refuge in Texas. Nature observation, 26-kilometer (16-mile) paved driving tour, birding, fishing, hiking trails, observation towers. Day use only.

**Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge**  
4430 Tramell, Freeport, TX 77541  
979-849-7771, Fax: 979-849-5118  
<http://southwest.fws.gov>

Refuge for migratory waterfowl, wading and shore birds (reddish egrets). Also alligators, coyotes, bobcats, and white-tailed deer. Fishing, hunting. Day use only.

**Galveston Island State Park**  
14901 FM 3005, Galveston, TX 77554  
409-737-1222, [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (screen shelters), nature study, interpretive center, hiking, biking, beach swimming, fishing, boating, and surfing. Includes Mary Moody Northern Amphitheatre.

**Goose Island State Park**  
202 S. Palmetto, Rockport, TX 78382  
361-729-2858, [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Recreation hall, fishing, birding, camping (shade shelters, open cabanas), wildlife observation, photography, and water sports (but no swimming, because of the oyster beds).

**Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge**  
P.O. Box 450, Rio Hondo, TX 78583  
956-748-3607, Fax: 210-748-3609  
<http://southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/laguna.html>

Subtropical, temperate, coastal, and desert habitats make a great home for migrating waterfowl, birds, ocelots, javelinas, and alligators, as well as the Texas tortoise. Exhibits, videos, paved tour roads.

**Sabal Palm Grove Audubon Center and Sanctuary**  
FM 1419, Brownsville, TX 78523  
956-541-8034, Fax: 956-504-0543  
[www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)

Last remaining grove of Sabal palms in the Rio Grande Delta. Green jays, buff-bellied hummingbirds, and other exotic winged creatures. Day use only.

**San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge**  
6801 County Rd. 306  
Brazoria, TX 77422  
979-964-3639, Fax: 979-964-3210  
<http://southwest.fws.gov>

Habitat for more than 250 bird species, including herons, egrets, ibis, shorebirds, gulls, terns, and mottled ducks. Auto-tour loop, hunting and fishing in season. Day use only.

**Sea Rim State Park**  
P.O. Box 1066, Sabine Pass, TX 77655  
409-971-2559, Fax: 409-971-2917  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (cabins), hiking, canoeing, kayaking, airboat tours, wildlife observation, fishing and waterfowl hunting in season.

## PINEY WOODS

**Atlanta State Park**  
927 Park Rd. 32, Atlanta, TX 75551  
903-796-6476, Fax: 903-796-7609  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (RV hookups), hiking, nature trails, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, waterskiing, sand volleyball, picnic pavilion, playground.

**Big Thicket National Preserve**  
2912 FM 420  
Kountze, TX 77625  
409-246-2337, Fax: 409-839-2599  
[www.nps.gov/bith](http://www.nps.gov/bith)

This preserve was named an official International Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. Home to many birds, animals, and unusual plants. Camping, interpretive hikes, birdwatching, photography, hunting, fishing, educational programs. Permits necessary for backcountry camping and canoeing.

**Bluebird Trails of Texas**  
1902 Ford Dr.  
Mount Pleasant, TX 75455  
903-572-7529, Fax: 903-572-7529  
240-km (150-mile) trail of bluebird nest boxes, some side trails, from Texarkana to Athens. Bluebirds can be best observed mid-April to late July.

**Caddo Lake State Park**  
245 Park Rd. 2, Karnack, TX 75661  
903-679-3351, [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)  
Camping (cabins), hiking and nature trails, picnic areas, boat ramp, swimming, fishing, waterskiing. Canoe rentals and pontoon boat tours available, interpretive center, playground.

**Lake Bob Sandlin State Park**  
Ranch Rd. 5, Box 224  
Pittsburg, TX 75686  
903-572-5531, Fax: 903-572-0185  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Lakeside camping (cottages), screened shelters, swimming, hiking and mountain biking trails, picnic areas, boat ramp, fishing pier.

**Lake Livingston State Park**  
300 Park Rd. 65, Livingston, TX 77351  
936-365-2201, Fax: 936-365-3681  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (screen shelters), hiking, biking, nature, and equestrian trails, swimming pool, boat ramp, fishing, picnic areas. pavilion.

**Martin Creek Lake State Park**  
9515 County Rd. 2181-D  
Tatum, TX 75691  
903-836-4336, Fax: 903-836-2984  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (screen shelters and two cottages), hiking and mountain biking trails, picnic areas, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, interpretive programs.

**Martin Dies Jr. State Park**  
Ranch Rd. 4, Box 274  
Jasper, TX 75951  
409-384-5231, Fax: 409-384-1347  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (screen shelters), nature and mountain biking trails, amphitheater, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, waterskiing. Boat, canoe, and bike rentals, cabins.

**Mission Tejas State Historical Park**  
Ranch Rd. 2, Grapeland, TX 75844  
936-687-2394, Fax: 936-687-3623  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Restored home and commemorative representation of Mission San Francisco de los Tejas. Camping, hiking, nature trails, picnic areas, fishing, pavilion, amphitheater.

**Tyler State Park**  
789 Park Rd. 16, Tyler, TX 75706-9141  
903-597-5338  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping, hiking, nature, and mountain biking trails, picnic areas, birding,

boat ramp, fishing, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, screened shelters, amphitheater.

## HILL COUNTRY

**Enchanted Rock State Park**  
16710 Ranch Rd. 965  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
915-247-3903, Fax: 915-247-4977  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

This 39-centare (425-foot) pink granite exfoliation dome is a popular destination for geological study, technical rock climbing, and stargazing. Camping, hiking, picnic areas, and pavilion.

**Garner State Park**  
HCR 70, Concan, TX 78838  
830-232-6132, Fax: 830-232-6139  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Family vacation favorite along the Frio River. Camping (screen shelters, RV hookups), cabins, miniature golf, hiking, biking, picnic areas, fishing, swimming, tubing, canoeing, kayaking, and pedal boat rentals.

**Guadalupe River State Park**  
3350 Park Rd. 31  
Spring Branch, TX 78070  
830-438-2656

Impressive limestone cliff overhang and plenty of river cypress. Camping, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, birdwatching, mountain biking, equestrian trail, playground, swimming, and tubing.

**Inks Lake State Park**  
3630 Park Rd. 4 W., Burnet, TX 78611  
512-793-2223, Fax: 512-793-2065  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Part of the Highland Lakes chain. Camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, boat ramp, waterskiing, scuba diving, and golf.

**Kerrville-Schreiner State Park**  
2385 Bandera Hwy., Kerrville, TX 78028  
830-257-5392, Fax: 830-896-7275  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Camping (cabins, screen shelters, RV hookups), birdwatching, rest rooms and showers, hiking, mountain biking trails, picnic areas, amphitheater, boat ramp, fishing, swimming.

**Longhorn Cavern State Park**  
Burnet, TX 78611  
830-598-CAVE, 877-441-CAVE  
[www.longhorncaverns.com](http://www.longhorncaverns.com)

Extensive cave system used by Comanches and Confederates during the Civil War. Tours given by professional spelunkers. Day use only, interpretive center and nature trails, hiking, picnic areas.

**Lost Maples State Natural Area**  
37221 FM 187, Vanderpool, TX 78885  
830-966-3413, Fax: 830-966-6213  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

Bigtooth (canyon) maples offer spectacular fall foliage. Camping, hiking, nature trails, picnic areas, fishing, swimming, rest rooms with showers, handicap accessibility.

**Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park**  
100 Ladybird Ln., Johnson City, TX 78636  
830-868-7128, Fax: 830-868-7863  
[www.nps.gov/lyjo](http://www.nps.gov/lyjo)

Johnson boyhood home and replica of the 36th president's birthplace. Exhibits, films, and lectures; former president's grave in Johnson family cemetery. Park Service tour buses operate from LBJ State Park Ranch.

### McKinney Falls State Park

5808 McKinney Falls Pkwy  
Austin, TX 78744  
512-243-1643, Fax: 512-243-0536  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping, hiking, nature trails, picnic areas, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, amphitheater, screened shelters, interpretive center.

### Pedernales Falls State Park

2585 Park Rd. 6026  
Johnson City, TX 78636  
830-868-7304, Fax: 830-868-4186  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping, hiking, nature, and mountain biking trails, birding, picnic areas, fishing, swimming, equestrian trails, youth group area.

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

### Amistad National Recreation Area

HCR 3, U.S. 90 W., Del Rio, TX 78840  
830-775-7491, Fax: 830-775-7299  
www.nps.gov/amis

27,126-hectare (67,000-acre) lake boasts more than 1,613 km (1,000 miles) of shoreline. Camping, lake, marinas, boat ramps, waterskiing, fishing, hunting, scuba diving, hiking, bird-watching, stargazing.

### Big Bend National Park

Big Bend National Park, TX 79834  
Visitors Center: 915-477-2251  
Chisos Mountains Lodge:  
(915) 477-2291  
www.nps.gov/bibe/home.html

323,887 hectares (800,000 acres) of mountains, desert, and river. Visitors center, post office, National Park Service campgrounds, RV park, white-water rafting, stores, gas stations, lodge with restaurant and gift shop. Limited lodging, advance reservations recommended; backcountry permits required.

### Big Bend Ranch State Park

P.O. Box 2319, Presidio, TX 79845  
432-229-3416, Fax: 432-229-3506  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Trail rides, cattle drives, birdwatching, geology seminars, and photography demonstrations. Tours by appointment.

### Davis Mountains State Park

Park Rd. 3, Fort Davis, TX 79734  
915-426-3337, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping (RV hookups), interpretive center, bird-banding station, picnic area, amphitheater, hiking trails, Indian lodge, and Limpia Canyon Primitive Area.

### Guadalupe Mountains National Park

HC 60, Salt Flat, TX 79847  
915-828-3251, Fax: 915-828-3269  
www.nps.gov/gumo

At 813 centares (8,749 feet), Guadalupe Peak is the tallest mountain in Texas. Camping (no RV hookups), group facilities, hiking and equestrian trails, visitors center; backcountry permits required.

### Hueco Tanks State Historical Park

6900 Hueco Tanks Rd. 1  
El Paso, TX 79938  
915-857-1135, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Extensive Native American rock art, camping, hiking, nature and historical study, rock climbing, stargazing, amphitheater, picnic areas, pictograph tours.



Big Bend National Park.

### Seminole Canyon State

#### Historical Park

Park Rd. 67, Comstock, TX 78837  
432-292-4464, Fax: 432-292-4596  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

The canyon contains some of North America's oldest Indian pictographs. Camping, interpretive center, guided hiking and biking trails, picnic area.

## PRAIRIES & LAKES

### Bastrop State Park

Park Rd. 1, Bastrop, TX 78602-0518  
512-321-2101, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Lost pines of Texas. Camping, hiking and biking trails, golf, picnic areas, fishing, swimming, canoeing, guided bus tours.

### Buescher State Park

Park Rd. 1, Smithville, TX 78957-0075  
512-237-2241, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping (screen shelters), hiking and biking trails, picnic areas, group facilities, fishing, boating, swimming, recreational hall.

### Cleburne State Park

5800 Park Rd. 2, Cleburne, TX 76031  
817-645-4215, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping (screen shelters, RV hookups), excellent hiking, nature, and biking trails, spring-fed lake, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, children's activities, and wildflower tours.

### Dinosaur Valley State Park

FM 205, Glen Rose, TX 76043  
254-897-4588, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Attractions include a 14-meter (45-foot) Tyrannosaurus Rex and fossilized tracks in the Paluxy River bed. Camping, hiking, nature, equestrian, and mountain biking trails, picnic areas, fishing, swimming. Call ahead for tours.

### Eisenhower State Park (Marina)

50 Park Rd. 20, Denison, TX 75020  
903-465-1956  
www.eisenhoweryachtclub.com

Camping (screen shelters, RV hookups), hiking, nature, and biking trails. Facilities include an amphitheater, playground, picnic areas, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, waterskiing, nature and environmental programs, and the Eisenhower Yacht Club.

### Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge

9601 Fossil Ridge Rd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76135  
817-237-1111, Fax: 817-237-1168  
www.fortworth.com

Refuge for buffalo, white-tailed deer, and numerous species of birds. Hiking

and interpretive trails, 274-meter (900-foot) boardwalk along Lotus Marsh. Day use only.

### Fossil Rim Wildlife Center

2155 County Rd. 2008  
Glen Rose, TX 76043  
254-897-2960, Fax: 254-897-3785  
www.fossilrim.com

14-km (9-mile) drive through 1,093-hectare (2,700-acre) park. Free-roaming endangered animals from five continents. Restaurant, petting zoo, nature trail, red-wolf viewing, picnic areas, lodging. Day use only.

### Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

6465 Refuge Rd., Sherman, TX 75092  
903-786-2826, Fax: 903-786-3327  
www.npwrc.usgs.gov

4,583-hectare (11,320-acre) refuge along Lake Texoma. Thousands of migrating waterfowl in spring and fall, plus animals native to North Central Texas.

### Lake Whitney State Park (Airstrip)

FM 1244, Whitney, TX 76692  
254-694-3793, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping, hiking and mountain biking trails, picnic areas, recreation hall, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, waterskiing, scuba diving, birding, airstrip.

### Meridian State Park

173 Park Rd. 7, Meridian, TX 76665  
254-435-2536, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping (screen shelters, RV hookups), hiking, nature, and biking trails, picnic areas, group facilities, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, birdwatching.

### Palmetto State Park

78 Park Rd. 11 S., Gonzales, TX 78629  
830-672-3266, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Tropical dwarf palmettos along the San Marcos River. Camping, hiking and nature trails, picnic areas, canoeing, fishing, swimming, tubing.

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

### Abilene State Park

150 Park Rd., Tuscola, TX 79562  
915-572-3204, 800-792-1112,  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Tent camping, hiking, picnic areas, sports complex, swimming pool (summer), fishing.

### Caprock Canyons State Park

and Trailway  
P.O. Box 204, Quitaque, TX 79255  
806-455-1492, Fax: 806-455-1254  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Rugged Caprock escarpment epitomizes the Western experience. Camping,

145 km (90 miles) of multipurpose trails, and the 103-km (64-mile) railway continues through three counties. Boat ramp, fishing, seasonal swimming.

### Copper Breaks State Park

777 Park Rd. 62, Quanah, TX 79252  
940-839-4331, www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping, hiking, nature, equestrian, and mountain biking trails, picnic areas, boat ramp, fishing, summer educational and interpretive programs, largest astronomy program in state park system.

### Fort Griffin State Historical Park

1701 N. U.S. 283  
Albany, TX 76430  
915-762-3592, Fax: 915-762-2492  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Fort ruins, historical reenactments, and Longhorn cattle. Camping, hiking, nature and equestrian trails, picnic areas, fishing.

### Lake Arrowhead State Park

229 Park Rd. 63  
Wichita Falls, TX 76310  
940-528-2211, 800-792-1112

Camping, prairie dog town, Frisbee golf, golf, nature trails, picnic areas, boat ramp, horseback riding, fishing pier, swimming, waterskiing.

### Lake Brownwood State Park

Ranch Rd. 5, Brownwood, TX 76801  
915-784-5223, Fax: 915-784-6203  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping (cabins, screen shelters), hiking, nature trails, picnic areas, boat ramp, fishing, swimming, waterskiing.

### Lake Colorado City State Park

4582 FM 2836  
Colorado City, TX 79512  
915-728-3931, Fax: 915-728-3420  
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Camping, picnic areas, group facilities, boat ramp, hiking, fishing pier, swimming, waterskiing, mini cabins.

### Lake Meredith National Recreation Area

419 E. Broadway, Fritch, TX 79036  
806-857-3151, Fax: 806-857-2319  
www.nps.gov/lamr

Camping, off-road-vehicle trails, picnic areas, equestrian facilities and trails, hunting, swimming, fishing, water sports, boat ramps and docks, marina service.

### Lubbock Lake Landmark State

Historical Park  
2202 Landmark Ln., Lubbock, TX 79415  
806-742-2456

www.depts.ttu.edu/museumtvt/III  
Archaeological site and research center cataloging the past 11,500 years of human existence in the area. Interpretive center, exhibits, nature trails, picnic areas. Day use only.

### Palo Duro Canyon State Park

11450 Park Rd. 5, Canyon, TX 79015  
806-488-2227, www.tpwd.state.tx.us  
"Grand Canyon of Texas," 194 km (120 miles) long, 32 km (20 miles) wide, and more than 1,290 m (800 feet) deep. Camping (cabins, RV hookups), hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails, picnic areas, fishing, educational programs.

# Golf Courses

Texas' enormous selection of golf facilities, public as well as resort, provides plenty of challenge for golfers of all skill levels. The listings below are only a sampling, arranged by region and alphabetized by city within the region. Visit [www.TravelTex.com](http://www.TravelTex.com) for more information.

## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

### EDINBURG

**Monte Cristo Golf and Country Club**  
Rt. 18, Box 985-D, Edinburg, TX 78539  
956-381-0964, [www.montecristogolf.com](http://www.montecristogolf.com)

### LAREDO

**Casa Blanca Golf Course**  
3900 Casa Blanca Lake Rd.  
Laredo, TX 78041  
956-724-1899, [mikereyna@pga.com](mailto:mikereyna@pga.com)

### MCALLEN

**Martin's Valley Ranch Golf Course**  
7400 W. Expwy 83, Mission, TX 78572  
956-585-6330, [www.martinvalley.com](http://www.martinvalley.com)

### Palm View Golf Course

2701 S. Ware Rd., McAllen, TX 78503  
956-687-9591, [www.mcallen.net](http://www.mcallen.net)

### MISSION

**Seven Oaks Resort and Country Club**  
1300 Circle Dr., Mission, TX 78572  
956-581-6267, [www.7oaksresort.com](http://www.7oaksresort.com)

### Shary Municipal Golf Course

2201 N. Mayberry, Mission, TX 78572  
956-580-8770

### SAN ANTONIO

**Brackenridge Golf Course**  
2315 Ave. B, San Antonio, TX 78215  
210-226-5612

### Canyon Springs Golf Club

24400 Canyon Golf Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78258  
210-497-1770, 888-800-1511  
[www.canyonspringscc.com](http://www.canyonspringscc.com)

### Cedar Creek Golf Course

8250 Vista Colina, San Antonio, TX 78255  
210-695-5050

### Golf Club of Texas

13600 Briggs Ranch  
San Antonio, TX 78245  
210-677-0027, 877-GOLF-TEX  
[www.thegolfcluboftexas.com](http://www.thegolfcluboftexas.com)

### Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa

9800 Hyatt Resort Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78251  
210-520-4040, [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com)

### Mission Del Lago Golf Course

1250 Mission Grande  
San Antonio, TX 78221  
210-627-2522

### Northern Hills Country Club

13202 Scarsdale, San Antonio, TX 78217  
210-655-8026, [www.northernhillsccl.net](http://www.northernhillsccl.net)

### Olmos Basin Golf Course

7022 N. McCullough  
San Antonio, TX 78216  
210-826-4041, [www.sanantonio.com](http://www.sanantonio.com)

### Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center

12900 Mount Olympus  
Universal City, TX 78148  
210-945-4653, [www.olympiahillsgolf.com](http://www.olympiahillsgolf.com)

### Palmer Course at La Cantera

17865 Babcock Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78259  
210-558-2365, 800-446-5387  
[www.lacanteragolfclub.com](http://www.lacanteragolfclub.com)

### Pecan Valley Golf Club

4700 Pecan Valley Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78223  
210-333-9018, [www.texasgolfftrails.com](http://www.texasgolfftrails.com)

### Quarry Golf Club

444 E. Basse Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209  
210-824-4500, [www.quarrygolf.com](http://www.quarrygolf.com)

### Republic Golf Club

4226 S.E. Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78222  
210-359-0000, [www.foresightgolf.net](http://www.foresightgolf.net)

### Resort Course at La Cantera

16641 La Cantera Pkwy  
San Antonio, TX 78256  
210-558-4653, 800-446-5387  
[www.lacanteragolfclub.com](http://www.lacanteragolfclub.com)

### Riverside Golf Course

203 McDonald, San Antonio, TX 78210  
210-533-8371

### Silverhorn Golf Club of Texas

1100 W. Bitters Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78216  
210-545-5300, Fax: 210-545-1119  
[www.silverhorngolfclub.com](http://www.silverhorngolfclub.com)

### Willow Springs Golf Course

202 SBC Center Pkwy  
San Antonio, TX 78219  
210-226-6721, Fax: 210-226-6721

### Woodlake Golf Club

6500 Woodlake Pkwy  
San Antonio, TX 78244  
210-661-6124, Fax: 210-661-5011

## GULF COAST

### BAY CITY

**Rio Colorado Golf Course**  
FM 2668 at Riverside Park  
Bay City, TX 77414  
979-244-2955

### BEAUMONT

**Bayou Din Golf Club**  
8537 LaBelle Rd., Beaumont, TX 77705  
409-796-1327, [www.aquilagolf.com](http://www.aquilagolf.com)

### Belle Oaks Golf Club

15075 Country Club Rd.  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
409-796-1311

### Brentwood Country Club

4201 S. Major Dr., Beaumont, TX 77707  
409-840-9440

### Henry Homberg Municipal Golf Club

5940 Babe Zaharias  
Beaumont, TX 77705  
409-842-3220

### Idylwild Golf Club

1100 Pineshadows Dr.  
Sour Lake, TX 77659  
409-753-2521, [www.idylwildgc.com](http://www.idylwildgc.com)

### Rabbit Run Golf Course

Brooks Rd., Beaumont, TX 77713  
409-866-7545, [www.granthare.com](http://www.granthare.com)

### BROWNSVILLE

#### Brownsville Golf Center

1800 W. San Marcelo  
Brownsville, TX 78521  
956-541-2582

#### Fort Brown Memorial Golf Course

300 River Levee Rd.  
Brownsville, TX 78521  
956-541-0394, 956-542-9861  
[ftbrown.gc@aol.com](mailto:ftbrown.gc@aol.com)

#### Rancho Viejo Resort and Country Club (Resort guests only)

1 Rancho Viejo Dr.  
Rancho Viejo, TX 78575  
956-350-4000, 800-531-7400  
[www.playrancho.com](http://www.playrancho.com)

#### River Bend Resort

281 Military Hwy.  
Brownsville, TX 78520  
956-548-0192

#### Valley International Country Club

95 Country Club Rd  
Brownsville, TX 78520  
956-548-9199

### CORPUS CHRISTI

#### Gabe Lozano Sr. Golf Center

4401 Old Brownsville Rd.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78405  
361-883-3696

#### Oso Beach Municipal Golf Course

5601 S. Alameda  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412  
361-991-5351

#### Padre Isles Country Club (Semiprivate)

14353 Commodore Dr.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78418  
361-949-8056

#### Pharaohs Golf Club (Semiprivate)

7111 Pharaoh Dr.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412  
361-991-1490

### FREEPORT

#### Freeport Municipal Golf Course

830 Slaughter Rd., Freeport, TX 77541  
979-233-8311

### GALVESTON

#### Galveston Island Municipal Golf Course

1700 Sydnor Ln., Galveston, TX 77554  
409-741-4626  
[www.galveston.com/islandgolf](http://www.galveston.com/islandgolf)

### HARLINGEN

#### Tony Butler Municipal Golf Course

2640 S. M St., Harlingen, TX 78550  
956-430-6685

#### Treasure Hills Golf Course

3009 N. Augusta National Dr.  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
956-425-1700

### HOUSTON

#### Bear Creek Golf World

16001 Clay Rd., Houston, TX 77084  
281-859-8188

#### Clear Creek Golf Club

3902 Fellows Rd., Houston, TX 77047  
713-738-8000  
[www.clearcreekgolfclub.com](http://www.clearcreekgolfclub.com)

#### Clear Lake Golf Club

1202 Reseda Dr., Houston, TX 77062  
281-488-0252

#### Columbia Lakes Resort Conference Center and Country Club

188 Freeman Blvd.  
West Columbia, TX 77486  
979-345-5151, [www.columbia-lakes.com](http://www.columbia-lakes.com)

#### Cypresswood Golf Club

21602 Cypresswood Dr.  
Spring, TX 77373  
281-821-6300, [www.cypresswood.com](http://www.cypresswood.com)

#### Glenbrook Park Golf Course

8205 N. Bayou Dr., Houston, TX 77017  
713-649-8089

#### Gus Wortham Golf Course

7000 Capitol, Houston, TX 77011  
713-921-3227

#### Hermann Park Golf Course

2155 N. MacGregor, Houston, TX 77030  
713-526-0077

#### Jersey Meadow Golf Course

8502 Rio Grande, Houston, TX 77040  
713-896-0900

#### Kingwood Cove Golf Course

805 Hamblen Rd., Kingwood, TX 77339  
281-358-1155

#### Melrose Golf Course

401 Camino Dr., Houston, TX 77076  
281-931-4666

#### Memorial Park Golf Course

1001 Memorial Loop E.  
Houston, TX 77007  
713-862-4033  
[www.memorialparkgolf.com](http://www.memorialparkgolf.com)

#### Pasadena Municipal Golf Course

1000 Duffer Ln., Houston, TX 77034  
281-481-0834, [www.pmgc.com](http://www.pmgc.com)

#### Pine Crest Golf Club

3080 Gessner, Houston, TX 77080  
713-462-4914

#### Sharpstown Park Golf Course

6600 Harbortown, Houston, TX 77036  
713-988-2099  
[www.golfersweb.com/golfhous](http://www.golfersweb.com/golfhous)

### TOUR 18

3102 FM 1960 E., Humble, TX 77338  
281-540-1818, [www.tour18golf.com](http://www.tour18golf.com)

#### World Houston Golf Course

4000 Greens Rd., Houston, TX 77032  
281-449-8384  
[www.worldhoustongolf.com](http://www.worldhoustongolf.com)

### KINGSVILLE

#### L. E. Ramey Golf Course

FM 3320, Kingsville, TX 78363  
361-592-1101

### LEAGUE CITY

#### Beacon Lakes Golf Club

801 W. FM 646, Dickinson, TX 77539  
281-337-1459, [www.beaconlakesgolf.com](http://www.beaconlakesgolf.com)

#### South Shore Harbour Country Club

(Resort guests only)  
4300 S. Shore Blvd.  
League City, TX 77573  
281-334-0521

### PORT ARANSAS

#### Golf Course at Dune Crest

(9-hole course)  
5495 TX Hwy. 361  
Port Aransas, TX 78373  
361-749-1974, [www.dunecrest.com](http://www.dunecrest.com)

**PORT ARTHUR**

**Babe Zaharias Memorial Golf Course**  
3500 Jimmy Johnson Blvd.  
Port Arthur, TX 77642  
409-722-8286, www.babezaharias.com

**PORT ISABEL**

**Long Island Village Golf Course**  
950 S. Garcia, Port Isabel, TX 78578  
956-943-7520

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND**

**South Padre Island Golf Club**  
1 Golf House Rd., Laguna Vista, TX 78578  
956-943-5678  
www.southpadreislandgolf.com

**VICTORIA**

**Colony Creek Country Club**  
301 Colony Creek Dr.  
Victoria, TX 77904  
361-576-0020, colony@icsi.net

**Riverside Golf Course**

302 McCright, Victoria, TX 77901  
361-573-4521

**PINEY WOODS****CONROE**

**Wedgewood Golf Course**  
5454 TX Hwy. 105 W.  
Conroe, TX 77304  
936-539-GOLF  
www.wedgewoodgolfcourse.com

**HUNTSVILLE**

**Waterwood National Resort and Country Club**  
1 Waterwood Pkwy  
Huntsville, TX 77320  
936-891-5211, 877-441-5211  
www.waterwoodnational.com

**KILGORE**

**Shallow Creek Country Club**  
568 E. Wilkins Rd.  
Gladewater, TX 75647  
903-984-5335, www.shallowcreek.com

**LONGVIEW**

**Alpine Golf Course**  
2385 Smelley Rd., Longview, TX 75605  
903-753-4515

**Longview Country Club**

3275 TX Hwy. 42 N.  
Longview, TX 75604  
903-759-9251

**Wood Hollow Golf Course**

5121 N. McCann Rd.  
Longview, TX 75605  
903-663-4653

**LUFKIN**

**Lufkin Country Club**  
1624 Sayers, Lufkin, TX 75901  
936-639-3664, www.lufkin.golf.com

**Neches Pines Golf Course**

900 Lumberjack Rd., Diboll, TX 75941  
936-829-5086

**MARSHALL**

**Cypress Valley Golf Club**  
I-20, Exit 628, Marshall, TX 75671  
903-938-4941

**NACOGDOCHES**

**Woodland Hills Golf Course**  
359 County Rd. 5021,  
Nacogdoches, TX 75964  
936-564-2762

**TEXARKANA**

**South Haven Golf Club**  
2321 Line Ferry Rd., Texarkana, AR 71854  
870-774-5771

**TYLER**

**Briarwood Golf Club**  
4511 Briarwood Rd., Tyler, TX 75709  
903-593-7741, www.briarwoodgc.com

**Eagle's Bluff Country Club**

99 Eagle's Bluff Blvd., Bullard, TX 75757  
903-825-2999, 877-972-GOLF  
www.eaglesbluff.com

**Garden Valley Golf Resort**

22049 FM 1995, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-6107  
www.gardenvalleygolfresort.com

**Peach Tree and Oak Hurst Golf Courses**

6212 County Rd. 152 W.  
Bullard, TX 75757  
903-894-7079, www.easttexasgolf.com

**THE WOODLANDS**

**The Oaks Pines Course**  
2301 N. Millbend Dr.  
The Woodlands, TX 77380  
281-367-1110, 800-433-2624  
www.thewoodlands.com

**Texas National Golf Club**

8720 Clubhouse Dr., Willis, TX 77378  
936-856-4233, 800-935-8565

**Tournament Players Course**

1730 S. Millbend Dr.  
The Woodlands, TX 77380  
281-364-6440, 800-364-6440  
www.thewoodlands.com

**HILL COUNTRY****AUSTIN**

**Barton Creek Resort**  
8212 Barton Club Dr., Austin, TX 78735  
512-329-4000, 800-336-6158  
www.bartoncreek.com

**Circle C Golf Club**

7401 TX Hwy. 45, Austin, TX 78739  
512-288-4297  
www.circlecranchgolfclub.com

**Horseshoe Bay Resort**

Route 2 Big Spur  
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657  
830-598-2511  
www.horseshoebaytexas.com  
45 miles from Austin, near Marble Falls

**Jimmy Clay and Roy Kizer**

**Municipal Golf Complex**  
5400 Jimmy Clay Dr., Austin, TX 78744  
512-444-0999  
www.cityofaustin.org/parks/golf.htm

**Lakeway Golf Club**

510 Lakeway Dr., Austin, TX 78734  
512-261-7173  
www.lakewaygolfclub.com

**Lions Municipal Golf Course**

2901 Enfield Rd., Austin, TX 78703  
512-477-6963

**Morris Williams Municipal Golf Course**

4305 Manor Rd., Austin, TX 78723  
512-926-1298  
www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/morriswilliams.htm

**Riverside Golf Course**

1020 Grove Blvd., Austin, TX 78741  
512-386-7077, www.americangolf.com

**BANDERA**

**Flying L Guest Ranch Golf Course**  
566 Flying L Dr., Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-8466, www.flyingl.com

**BOERNE**

**Tapatio Springs Golf Resort and Conference Center**  
P.O. Box 550, Boerne, TX 78006  
830-537-4611, 800-999-3299  
www.tapatio.com

**FREDERICKSBURG**

**Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Golf Course**  
341 Golfers Loop  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-997-4010

**GEORGETOWN**

**Legacy Hills Golf Course**  
301 Del Webb Blvd.  
Georgetown, TX 78628  
512-864-1222, 800-909-1969  
www.golftexasbest.com

**White Wing Golf Course**

151 Dove Hollow Trail  
Georgetown, TX 78628  
512-864-1244, 800-909-1969  
www.golftexasbest.com

**KERRVILLE**

**Scott Schreiner Golf Course**  
1 Country Club Dr., Kerrville, TX 78028  
830-257-4982, 877-660-7200  
www.kerrville.org

**NEW BRAUNFELS**

**The Bandit**  
6019 FM 725, New Braunfels, TX 78130  
830-609-4665, 888-923-7846  
www.banditgolf.com

**Landa Park Golf Course**

800 Golf Course Dr.  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
830-608-2174

**Sundance Golf Course**

2294 Common St.  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
830-629-3817, www.sundancegolf.com

**ROUND ROCK**

**Forest Creek Golf Club**  
99 Twin Ridge Pkwy  
Round Rock, TX 78664  
512-388-2874, www.forestcreek.com

**Golf Club at Star Ranch**

2500 FM 685, Hutto, TX 78634  
512-252-GOLF, www.starranchgolf.com

**SAN MARCOS**

**Quail Creek Country Club**  
2701 Airport Hwy. 21  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-353-1665

**WIMBERLEY**

**Quicksand at Woodcreek Golf Course**  
1 Pro Ln., Wimberley, TX 78676  
512-847-9700

**BIG BEND COUNTRY****ALPINE**

**Alpine Country Club**  
1610 Loop Rd., Alpine, TX 79830  
432-837-2752

**DEL RIO**

**San Felipe Country Club**  
U.S. 90 E., Del Rio, TX 78841  
830-774-2511

**EL PASO**

**Ascarate Golf Course**  
6900 Delta, El Paso, TX 79905  
915-772-7381

**Emerald Springs Golf Course**

16000 Ashford, El Paso, TX 79927  
915-852-9110, evergreenalliance.com

**Lone Star Golf Club**

1510 Hawkins, El Paso, TX 79925  
915-591-4927

**Painted Dunes Desert Golf Course**

12000 McCombs Rd., (off TX Hwy. 54)  
El Paso, TX 79934  
915-821-2122, www.painteddunes.com

**FORT STOCKTON**

**Pecos County Municipal Golf Course**  
U.S. 285 N., Blain/McCallister Loop  
Fort Stockton, TX 79735  
432-336-2050

**LAJITAS**

**Ambush at Lajitas**  
HC 70, Box 400, Terlingua, TX 79852  
432-424-5080, 877-424-3525  
www.lajitas.com

**MARFA**

**Marfa Municipal Golf Course**  
Golf Course Rd., Marfa, TX 79843  
432-729-4043

**MIDLAND**

**Hogan Park Municipal Golf Course**  
3600 N. Fairgrounds Rd.  
Midland, TX 79705  
432-685-7360

**Masters Golf Range and Training Center**

500 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, TX 79705  
432-570-4499

**Nueva Vista Golf Course**

6101 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79707  
432-520-0500  
www.nuevavistagolfclub.com

**ODESSA**

**Ratliff Ranch Golf Links**  
7500 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79768  
432-550-8181, www.ratliff ranchgolf.com

**Sunset Golf and Country Club**

9301 Andrews Hwy., Odessa, TX 79760  
432-366-1061

**PRAIRIES & LAKES****ARLINGTON**

**Chester W. Ditto Golf Course**  
801 Brown Blvd., Arlington, TX 76011  
817-275-5941

**Lake Arlington Golf Course**

1516 Green Oaks Blvd. W.  
Arlington, TX 76013  
817-451-6101

**Tierra Verde Golf Course**

7005 Golf Club Dr.  
Arlington, TX 76001  
817-572-1300, 817-478-8500

**BRENHAM**

**Brenham Country Club**  
4107 TX Hwy. 105, Brenham, TX 77833  
979-836-1733

**The Falls**

1750 N. Falls Dr., New Ulm, TX 78950  
979-992-3123, www.thefallsresort.com

**Legendary Oaks Golf Course**

U.S. 290 at Urban Rd.  
Hempstead, TX 77445  
979-826-4001, 866-821-GOLF (4653)

# Golf Courses

## BRYAN—COLLEGE STATION

**Bryan Municipal Golf Course**  
206 W. Villa Maria, Bryan, TX 77801  
979-823-0126

## Briarcrest Country Club

1929 Country Club Dr.  
Bryan, TX 77802  
979-776-0133

## Pebble Creek Country Club

4500 Pebble Creek Pkwy  
College Station, TX 77845  
979-690-0990

## Texas A&M University Golf Course

3152 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843  
979-845-1723  
<http://recsports.tamu.edu>

## CARROLLTON

**Coyote Ridge Golf Club**  
1680 Bandera Dr., Carrollton, TX 75010  
972-939-0666, [www.coyoteridgegolf.com](http://www.coyoteridgegolf.com)

## Indian Creek Golf Club

1650 W. Frankford  
Carrollton, TX 75007  
972-466-9850, [www.indiancreekgc.com](http://www.indiancreekgc.com)

## DALLAS

**Cedar Crest Golf Course**  
1800 Southerland Ave., Dallas, TX 75203  
214-670-7615, [www.cedarcrestgolf.com](http://www.cedarcrestgolf.com)

## Keeton Park Golf Course

2323 Jim Miller Rd., Dallas, TX 75227  
214-670-8784, [www.keetonpark.com](http://www.keetonpark.com)

## L. B. Houston Golf Course

11223 Luna Rd., Dallas, TX 75229  
214-670-6322

## Stevens Park Golf Course

1005 N. Montclair Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75208  
214-670-7506

## Tenison Park Golf Course

3501 Samuell Blvd., Dallas, TX 75223  
214-670-1402, [www.tenisonpark.com](http://www.tenisonpark.com)

## DENISON

**Denison Country Club**  
FM 84, Denison, TX 75021  
903-463-0430

## Grayson County College Golf Course

56 Golf Dr., Denison, TX 75020  
903-786-9719

## Tanglewood Resort and Country Club

290 Tanglewood Cir.  
Pottsboro, TX 75076  
903-786-4140  
[www.tanglewoodresort.com](http://www.tanglewoodresort.com)

## DENTON

**Texas Woman's University Golf Course**  
University Hills Station  
1120 Clubhouse Dr., Denton, TX 76204  
940-898-3163  
[www.twu.edu/hs/kines/golf.htm](http://www.twu.edu/hs/kines/golf.htm)

## FLOWER MOUND

**Bridlewood Golf Club**  
4000 W. Windsor Rd.  
Flower Mound, TX 75028  
972-355-4800, [www.bridlewoodgolf.com](http://www.bridlewoodgolf.com)

## Tour 18 Golf Course

8718 Amen Corner  
Flower Mound, TX 75022  
817-430-2000, 800-946-5310  
[www.tour18golf.com](http://www.tour18golf.com)

## FORT WORTH

**Golf Club at Fossil Creek**  
3401 Clubgate Dr.  
Fort Worth, TX 76137  
817-847-1900, [www.fossil-creek.com](http://www.fossil-creek.com)

## Iron Horse Golf Course

6200 Skylark Cir.  
N. Richmond Hills, TX 76180  
817-485-6666, [www.ironhorsetx.com](http://www.ironhorsetx.com)

## The Links at Water Chase

8951 Creek Run Rd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76120  
817-861-4653

## Lost Creek Golf Club

4101 Lost Creek Blvd., Aledo, TX 76008  
817-244-3312

## Meadowbrook Golf Course

1815 Jenson Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76112  
817-457-4616, [www.fortworthgolf.org](http://www.fortworthgolf.org)

## Pecan Valley Golf Course

6400 Pecan Valley Dr.  
Fort Worth, TX 76126  
817-249-1845, [www.fortworthgolf.org](http://www.fortworthgolf.org)

## Z. Boaz Golf Course

3240 Lackland Rd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76116  
817-738-6287, [www.fortworthgolf.org](http://www.fortworthgolf.org)

## GAINESVILLE

**Gainesville Municipal Golf Course**  
2240 Weber Dr., Gainesville, TX 76240  
940-668-4560

## GLEN ROSE

**Squaw Valley Golf Club**  
2439 E. TX Hwy. 67  
Glen Rose, TX 76043  
254-897-7956, [www.squawvalleygolf.com](http://www.squawvalleygolf.com)

## GRANBURY

**Hidden Oaks Golf Course**  
2701 Hideaway Bay Ct.  
Granbury, TX 76049  
817-279-1078, [www.hiddenoaksgolf.net](http://www.hiddenoaksgolf.net)

## GRAND PRARIE

**Prairie Lakes Golf Course**  
3202 S.E. 14th  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052  
972-263-0661

## Riverside Golf Club

3000 Riverside Pkwy  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
817-640-7800

## Tangle Ridge Golf Club

818 Tangle Ridge Dr.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75052  
972-299-6837, [www.tangleridge.com](http://www.tangleridge.com)

## GRAPEVINE

**Bear Creek Golf Club**  
3500 Bear Creek Ct.  
DFW Airport, TX 75261  
972-456-3200, [www.bearcreek-golf.com](http://www.bearcreek-golf.com)

## Cowboys Golf Club

1600 Fairway Dr., Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-481-7277, [www.cowboysgolfclub.com](http://www.cowboysgolfclub.com)

## Grapevine Municipal Golf Course

3800 Fairway Dr., Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-410-3377

## IRVING

**Four Seasons Resort and Club**  
(Resort guests only)  
4150 N. MacArthur Blvd.  
Irving, TX 75038  
972-717-2530, [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com)

## Twin Wells Golf Course

2000 E. Shady Grove Rd.  
Irving, TX 75060  
972-438-4340

## KILLEEN

**City of Killeen Golf Course**  
406 S. Roy Reynolds Dr.  
Killeen, TX 75060  
254-699-6034

## Courses of Clear Creek

Bldg. 52381 (off Battalion Ave.)  
Fort Hood, TX 76544  
254-287-4130

## LEWISVILLE

**Golf Club at Castle Hills**  
699 Lady of the Lake Blvd.  
Lewisville, TX 75056  
972-899-7400, [www.lakeparkgc.com](http://www.lakeparkgc.com)

## Lake Park Golf Course

6 Lake Park Rd., Lewisville, TX 75067  
972-219-5661

## Tribute Golf Club

1000 Boyd Rd., The Colony, TX 75056  
972-370-5465, [www.thetexasgolftrail.com](http://www.thetexasgolftrail.com)

## MESQUITE

**Mesquite Municipal Golf Course**  
825 U.S. 67 N.  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
972-270-7457

## PLANO

**Chase Oaks Golf Course**  
7201 Chase Oaks Blvd., Plano, TX 75025  
972-517-7777, [www.chaseoaks.com](http://www.chaseoaks.com)

## Pecan Hollow Golf Course

4501 E. 14th, Plano, TX 75074  
972-941-7600

## Ridgeview Ranch

2701 Ridgeview Dr., Plano, TX 75025  
972-390-1039, [www.agpa.com](http://www.agpa.com)

## Twin Creeks Golf Course

501 Twin Creeks Dr., Allen, TX 75013  
972-390-8888, [www.twincreeks.com](http://www.twincreeks.com)

## RICHARDSON

**Sherrill Park Municipal Golf Course**  
2001 E. Lookout Dr.  
Richardson, TX 75082  
972-234-1416, [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net)

## SHERMAN

**Woodlawn Country Club**  
4046 Woodlawn Rd.  
Sherman, TX 75090  
903-893-3240

## TEMPLE

**Sammons Park Golf Course**  
2727 W. Adams Ave., Temple, TX 76504  
254-771-2030

## WACO

**Bogey's Golf Course**  
5500 Bogey Ln., Waco, TX 76708  
254-754-4401

## Cottonwood Creek Golf Course

5200 Bagby, Waco, TX 76711  
254-745-6009

## James Connally Golf Course

7900 Concord Rd., Waco, TX 76715  
254-799-6561

## Rolling Oaks Golf Course

1600 Western Oaks Dr., Waco, TX 76712  
254-772-8100

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

### ABILENE

**Diamondback Golf Club**  
1510 E. Industrial Blvd.  
Abilene, TX 79602  
325-690-9190, 325-690-9193  
[www.diamondbackgolfclub.com](http://www.diamondbackgolfclub.com)

### Maxwell Municipal Golf Course

1002 S. 32nd, Abilene, TX 79602  
325-692-2737, Fax: 325-695-1297

### AMARILLO

**Comanche Trail Golf Course**  
4200 S. Grand, Amarillo, TX 79103  
806-378-4281, Fax: 806-374-7224  
[www.comanchetrail.com](http://www.comanchetrail.com)

### Ross Rogers Municipal Golf Course

722 N.W. 24th, Amarillo, TX 79107  
806-378-3086, Fax: 806-374-7222

### CANYON

**Palo Duro Creek Golf Club**  
(Semiprivate)  
50 Country Club Dr., Canyon, TX 79015  
806-655-1106, Fax: 806-655-0254  
[palodurocreek@aol.com](mailto:palodurocreek@aol.com)

### LUBBOCK

**Elm Grove Golf Club**  
3202 Milwaukee Ave.  
Lubbock, TX 79407  
806-799-7801, Fax: 806-799-1346  
[www.elmgrovegolfclub.com](http://www.elmgrovegolfclub.com)

### Meadowbrook Golf Club

601 Municipal Dr., Lubbock, TX 79403  
806-765-6679, Fax: 806-762-3676  
[www.golfmeadowbrook.com](http://www.golfmeadowbrook.com)

### Shadow Hills Golf Course

6002 Third, Lubbock, TX 79416  
806-793-9700, Fax: 806-799-1469  
[www.shadowhillsgolf.com](http://www.shadowhillsgolf.com)

### Stone Gate Golf Course

11010 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, TX 79423  
806-748-1448, 877-520-GOLF  
Fax: 806-748-1449

### SAN ANGELO

**Quicksand Golf Course**  
2305 Pulliam, San Angelo, TX 76905  
325-482-8337, Fax: 325-486-1165

### Riverside Golf Course

900 W. 29th, San Angelo, TX 76903  
325-653-6130, Fax: 325-658-1163

### WICHITA FALLS

**Hawkrige Golf Club** (Semiprivate)  
2000 Loop 11, Wichita Falls, TX 76305  
940-855-0771  
[hawks@nts\\_online.net](mailto:hawks@nts_online.net)

### River Creek Park Golf Course

1605 FM 1177, Burkburnett, TX 76354  
940-855-3361, Fax: 940-855-4831

### Weeks Park Municipal Golf Course

4400 Lake Park Dr.  
Wichita Falls, TX 76302  
940-767-6107, Fax: 940-767-1746

### Wind Creek Golf Course

 (Semiprivate)

900 First Ave., Bldg. 4490  
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311  
940-676-6369, Fax: 940-676-4764

# Agricultural, Technical & Medical Tours

Listings are arranged by region and alphabetized by city within the region.

## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

### AGRICULTURAL TOURS

#### HONDO

**7-A Ranch**  
545 Private Rd. 4420, Hondo, TX 78861  
830-741-8501, Fax: 830-741-8464  
www.7aranch.com  
Focus: Natural, organic, free-range cattle ranch  
Contact: Ken or Laurie Graff  
Accommodates: 250

#### LAREDO

**Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental and Science Center**  
Laredo Community College  
West End Washington St.  
Laredo, TX 78040  
956-764-5701, Fax: 956-764-5929  
Focus: Environmental and water conservation, living lab  
Contact: Annie Rendon  
Accommodates: 150

#### SAN ANTONIO

**Promised Land Dairy**  
2016 TX Hwy. 97 W.  
Floresville, TX 78114  
830-216-7182, ext.122  
Fax: 830-393-8111  
www.promisedlanddairy.com  
Focus: Dairy farm tours  
Contact: Donna Wise  
Accommodates: 200  
Admission: \$5, includes ice cream

### TECHNICAL TOURS

#### SAN ANTONIO

**Goodwill Industries**  
406 W. Commerce  
San Antonio, TX 78207-3102  
210-924-8581, Fax: 210-924-3011  
www.goodwillusa.org  
Focus: Programs available for the disabled  
Contact: Lupe Young  
Accommodates: 15

#### San Antonio Lighthouse

2305 Roosevelt, San Antonio, TX 78210  
210-533-5195, Fax: 210-533-4230  
www.salighthouse.org  
Focus: Industrial plant and rehabilitation center for the hearing- and sight-impaired with computers that have speech or Braille output  
Contact: Gloria Reed or John Meuth  
Accommodates: Approximately 20

## GULF COAST

### AGRICULTURAL TOURS

#### BAY CITY

**Bay City Convention and Visitors Bureau Agriculture Tour**  
201 Seventh, Bay City, TX 77414  
979-245-8333, www.baycity.org  
Focus: Rice, turf, cattle, and aquaculture  
Contact: Richard Knatik  
Accommodates: 30 (reservations required)

#### BEAUMONT

**Cattail Marsh**  
Tyrrell Park, Beaumont, TX 77706  
409-842-0458  
www.cityofbeaumont.com  
Focus: Wetlands conservation and development  
Contact: George Newsome  
Accommodates: 30 (reservations required, walking tour)

#### Texas A&M Agricultural Research Center

1509 Aggie Dr., Beaumont, TX 77713  
409-752-2741  
Focus: Rice research  
Contact: Jay Cockrell  
Accommodates: 30 (by appointment only)

#### BROWNSVILLE

**Sabal Palm Audubon Center and Sanctuary**  
8450 Southmost Rd.  
Brownsville, TX 78521  
956-541-8034  
www.audubon.org/local/sanctuary/sabal

Focus: Nov.-Apr. wildlife conservation, June birding  
Contact: Jimmy Paz  
Accommodates: 25

#### CORPUS CHRISTI

**Aransas National Wildlife Refuge**  
P.O. Box 100, Austwell, TX 77950  
361-286-3559  
Focus: Wildlife management and conservation; 16-mile auto tour and seven nature trails  
Contact: Refuge manager  
Accommodates: Unlimited (guided and self-guided tours available)

#### CCA-CPL Marine Development Center

4300 Waldron Rd.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78418  
361-939-7784  
Focus: Fish hatchery, marine aquaculture  
Contact: Debbie Grime  
Accommodates: Up to 100 (by appointment only)

#### Padre Island National Seashore (Beach Walk)

20301 Park Rd. 22  
Corpus Christi, TX 78418  
361-949-8068, www.nps.gov  
Focus: Beach vegetation and marine life, natural beach habitat, sand dunes, mud flats, and endangered species of turtles  
Contact: William Botts  
Accommodates: 100

#### GALVESTON

**Galveston Harbour Tours**  
Pier 21 at Texas Seaport Museum  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-765-1700  
Focus: Dolphin watching and historical harbor tours  
Contact: Mary Castano  
Accommodates: 80 (reservations recommended)

#### National Marine Fisheries Service Galveston Laboratory

4700 Ave. U, Galveston, TX 77551-5997  
409-766-3670  
http://galveston.ssp.nmfs.gov/galv  
Focus: Sea turtles  
Accommodates: 25 (reservations required)

#### HARLINGEN

**Rio Pride Orchards (Granny Clare's Citrus)**  
14748 Hoss Ln., Harlingen, TX 78522  
956-423-1191  
http://www.geocities.com/grannyclares  
Focus: Oct.-Apr. only, citrus farming  
Contact: Bill Braden  
Accommodates: 10 (reservations required)

#### KINGSVILLE

**King Ranch**  
TX Hwy. 141 W.  
Kingsville, TX 78364-1090  
361-592-8055, www.king-ranch.com  
Focus: Cotton, sorghum, cattle, horse raising, wildlife management, birdwatching, and history of the ranch  
Contact: Cathy Henry  
Accommodates: 200 (call in advance)

#### SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

**Sea Turtle, Inc.**  
6617 Padre Blvd.  
South Padre Island, TX 78597  
956-761-4511  
Focus: Sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation  
Contact: Jeff George  
Accommodates: Up to 50 (admission charged)

#### University of Texas-Pan American Coastal Studies Laboratory

100 Marine Lab Dr., Isla Blanca Park  
South Padre Island, TX 78597  
956-761-2644  
www.panam.edu/dept/csl/csl.html  
Focus: Marine science  
Contact: Don Hockaday  
Accommodates: 50 at a time within building, self-guided tours, admission charged

### TECHNICAL TOURS

#### CORPUS CHRISTI

**Port of Corpus Christi**  
222 Power, Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
361-882-5633  
www.portofcorpuschristi.com  
Focus: Port facilities and services, related industries  
Contact: Patricia Cardenas  
Accommodates: 100 (call in advance)

#### GALVESTON

**Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum**  
Pier 20, Harborside Dr.  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-766-STAR, 713-464-0510  
www.oceanstaroec.com  
Focus: Oil and gas production  
Contact: Lisa White  
Accommodates: Unlimited

#### HOUSTON

**Texas Center for Superconductivity**  
202 UH Science Center  
Houston, TX 77204  
713-743-8213, www.uh.edu/tcsuh  
Focus: Superconductivity research  
Contact: Brenda Holt  
Accommodates: Unlimited (call ahead)

#### KATY

**Katy Mills Mall**  
5000 Katy Mills Cir., Katy, TX 77494  
281-644-5000, ext. 316  
877-KATYSHOP  
Focus: All aspects of mall operation  
Contact: Pamela Miller  
Accommodates: Minimum of 12



Mary Chavousite

Blue Bell Creameries, Brenham.

# Agricultural, Technical & Medical Tours

## PINEY WOODS

### AGRICULTURAL TOURS

#### TYLER

**Chamblee's Rose Nursery**  
10926 U.S. 69 N., Tyler, TX 75706  
903-882-5153  
www.chambleeroses.com  
Focus: Rose-growing industry  
Contact: Mark Chamblee  
Accommodates: 60

### TECHNICAL TOURS

#### LONGVIEW

**Satterwhite Log Homes**  
8405 U.S. 259 N.  
Longview, TX 75605  
903-663-1729  
www.satterwhite-log-homes.com  
Focus: Log homes  
Contact: Cathy Rogers  
Accommodates: 25

#### MARSHALL

**Marshall Pottery**  
4901 Elysian Fields Rd.  
Marshall, TX 75672  
903-938-9201  
Focus: Clay pottery, stoneware, retail store  
Contact: Jeff Floyd  
Accommodates: 60

#### TEXARKANA

**International Paper Texarkana Mill**  
U.S. 59 at FM 3129  
Domino, TX 75572  
903-796-1522, www.ipaper.com  
Focus: Paper manufacturing  
Contact: Amanda Black Keeney  
Accommodates: 5 to 20

#### TYLER

**Coffee City USA**  
13195 TX Hwy. 155 S., Tyler, TX 75703  
903-509-9102, Fax: 903-509-9103  
www.coffeecityusa.com  
Focus: Coffee (roasting, flavoring, packaging)  
Contact: Sandy or Ray Johnson  
Accommodates: 10

#### Distant Land Coffee Roaster

11754 TX Hwy. 64 W., Tyler, TX 75704  
903-592-9771, Fax: 903-593-2699  
www.dlcoffee.com  
Focus: Coffee (specialty roasting)  
Contact: Kristi Jones  
Accommodates: 30

## HILL COUNTRY

### AGRICULTURAL TOURS

#### AUSTIN

**Boggy Creek Farms**  
3414 Lyons Rd., Austin, TX 78702  
512-926-4650, www.boggycreekfarm.com  
Focus: Organic farm vegetables and flowers  
Contact: Carol Ann Sayle or Larry Butler  
Accommodates: 40

#### Crowes Nest Farm

10300 Taylor Ln., Manor, TX 78653  
512-272-4418, www.crowesnestfarm.org  
Focus: Animal science education, farm animals, and Texas wildlife sanctuary  
Contact: Dave Williams  
Accommodates: 200 (by appointment only)

#### Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farm

11418 Sprinkle Cut-Off Rd.  
Austin, TX 78754  
512-837-1215, www.pioneerfarm.org  
Focus: 19th-century Texas agricultural history  
Contact: John Hirsch  
Accommodates: 75

#### BANDERA

**Love Creek Orchards**  
P.O. Box 1401, Medina, TX 78055  
830-589-2588  
www.lovecreekorchards.com  
Focus: Apples  
Contact: Carol Adams  
Accommodates: 25 (call for reservations)

#### DRIPPING SPRINGS

**Pure Luck Organic Farm**  
101 Twin Oaks Tr.  
Dripping Springs, TX 78620  
512-858-7034, www.purelucktexas.com  
Focus: Organic dairy and farming (vegetables, herbs, flowers, handmade cheese)  
Contact: Sara or Denny Bolton  
Accommodates: 100

#### FREDERICKSBURG

**Fredericksburg Herb Farm**  
405 Whitney, Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-997-8615  
www.fredericksburgherbfarm.com  
Focus: Herbs  
Contact: Bill Varney  
Accommodates: 200 (minimum of 10 for guided tours)

#### KERRVILLE

**Heart of the Hills Fishery Science Center**  
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
HCO 7, Box 62, Ingram, TX 78025  
830-866-3356, www.tpwd.state.tx.us  
Focus: Research station/fish hatchery  
Contact: Annette Sudyka  
Accommodates: 30

#### SAN MARCOS

**A. E. Wood State Fish Hatchery**  
507 Staples Rd., San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-353-0572, www.tpwd.state.tx.us  
Focus: Bass and catfish  
Contact: Gerald Kurten  
Accommodates: 15 (by appointment only)

#### San Marcos National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center

500 E. McCarty Ln.  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-353-0011  
Focus: Cultural techniques for endangered species  
Contact: Tom Brandt  
Accommodates: 6 (by appointment only)

#### UVALDE

**Agricultural Research and Extension Center**  
Texas A&M University System  
1619 Garner Field  
Uvalde, TX 78801-6205  
830-278-9151, www.uvalde.tamu.edu  
Focus: Range livestock, wildlife, crop, and water research  
Contact: Karen Dean  
Accommodates: 45 (by appointment only)

#### WIMBERLEY

**Bella Vista Olive Ranch**  
3101 Mt. Sharp Rd.  
Wimberley, TX 78676  
512-847-6514  
Focus: Process of making olive oil  
Contact: Jack Dougherty  
Accommodates: 50

### TECHNICAL TOURS

#### NEW BRAUNFELS

**TXI**  
7781 FM 1102  
New Braunfels, TX 78132  
512-396-4244, www.txi.com  
Focus: Process of making cement  
Contact: Adri Boatright  
Accommodates: 150

#### UVALDE

**South Texas Fine Woods, Inc.**  
4326 E. Main, Uvalde, TX 78801  
830-278-1832  
www.mesquitrocker.com  
Focus: Mesquite rocking chairs  
Contact: Robert Hensarling  
Accommodates: 45 (by appointment only)

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

### AGRICULTURAL TOURS

#### ALPINE

**Department of Biology Sul Ross State University**  
Box C-64, Warnock Science Building  
Alpine, TX 79832  
432-837-8112 www.sulross.edu/-biology  
Focus: Experimental vineyard, native plant and cactus propagation, organismal biology  
Contact: Amy Valenzuela  
Accommodates: 50

#### EL PASO

**Texas Agricultural Extension Service**  
10601 N. Loop, El Paso, TX 79927  
915-872-8791, www.kidsandkows.com  
Focus: Dairy  
Contact: Alfred Gonzales  
Accommodates: 100

#### MIDLAND

**Sibley Nature Center**  
1307 E. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705  
432-684-6827, Fax: 432-685-3396  
www.sibleynaturecenter.org  
Focus: Local flora and fauna, and ecohistry of the Midland County area  
Contact: Burr Williams  
Accommodates: 30

### TECHNICAL TOURS

#### DEL RIO

**Laughlin Air Force Base**  
47 FTW/PA, 561 Liberty Dr., Ste. 3  
Laughlin AFB, TX 78843-5226  
830-298-5980, www.laughlin.af.mil  
Focus: Special undergraduate pilot training, mission tour  
Contact: Jim Teet  
Accommodates: 30 to 40  
(Tour leaves at 9 a.m. each Wed.)

#### Val Verde Regional Medical Center

801 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, TX 78840  
830-775-8566, 830-778-3650  
www.vvrmc.org  
Focus: Intensive care, emergency equipment and facilities  
Contact: Dava Cloudt  
Accommodates: 25

#### MIDLAND

**Midland Chamber of Commerce Technical Tour**  
109 N. Main, Midland, TX 79701  
432-683-3381, www.visitmidlandtx.com  
Focus: Petroleum  
Contact: Sujo McKe  
Accommodates: 25

#### ODESSA

**Medical Center Hospital Technology Tour**  
700 N. Grant, Ste. 200  
Odessa, TX 79761  
432-333-7871  
Focus: Medical technology for the care of the heart  
Contact: Linda Sweatt  
Accommodates: 25

## PRAIRIES & LAKES

### AGRICULTURAL TOURS

#### ARLINGTON

**River Legacy Living Science Center**  
703 N.W. Green Oaks Blvd.  
Arlington, TX 76006  
817-860-6752, www.riverlegacy.org  
Focus: Nature center, wildlife, plant life, Trinity River  
Contact: Amy Walker  
Accommodates: 30

#### BRENNHAM

**Antique Rose Emporium**  
10000 FM 50, Brenham, TX 77833  
979-836-5548, www.wearerose.com  
Focus: Antique roses  
Contact: Betty Schramm  
Accommodates: Unlimited

#### Ellison's Greenhouses

2107 E. Stone, Brenham, TX 77833  
979-836-0084  
www.ellisonsgreenhouses.com  
Focus: Containerized blooming florist plants  
Accommodates: 50

#### Glasco's Gardens and Gifts

601 N. Horton, Brenham, TX 77833  
979-836-3210  
Focus: Gardening  
Contact: Tami Glasco  
Accommodates: Unlimited

#### BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

**Growing of Cotton and Its History**  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX 77840  
979-260-9898  
www.bryan-collegestation.org  
Focus: Cotton growing and research  
Contact: Pattie Sears  
Accommodates: 50

#### Texas A&M University Horticulture and Field Laboratory

Hensel Dr., College Station, TX 77843  
979-260-9898  
www.bryan-collegestation.org  
Focus: Native Texas plant growth  
Contact: Misti Corn  
Accommodates: 40

## DALLAS

**Texas Agriculture Research and Extension Center**  
17360 Coit Rd., Dallas, TX 75252-6599  
972-231-5362, <http://dallas.tamu.edu>  
Focus: Agriculture research, horticulture, crop systems, environmental science, urban landscape, and turf grass  
Contact: Jamie Mills  
Accommodates: 50 (walking tour)

## FORT WORTH

**Fort Worth Stockyards Station**  
130 E. Exchange Ave.  
Fort Worth, TX 76106  
817-625-9715  
[www.stockyardsstation.com](http://www.stockyardsstation.com)  
Focus: Fort Worth's Stockyards today and historically  
Contact: Laverne Gunderson  
Accommodates: 30 per guide (5 guides)

## LA GRANGE

**Jersey Barnyard**  
3117 TX Hwy. 159  
La Grange, TX 78945  
979-249-3406, [www.texasjersey.com](http://www.texasjersey.com)  
Focus: Dairy production  
Contact: Faith Frerichs  
Accommodates: 150

## SEGUIN

**Pape's Pecan House**  
101 S. 123 Bypass, Seguin, TX 78155  
830-379-7442  
Focus: Pecan industry  
Contact: Zee Pape  
Accommodates: 40 (by appointment)

## SULPHUR SPRINGS

**Hopkins County Extension Agent**  
228 Hinnant  
Sulphur Springs, TX 75482  
903-885-3443  
Focus: Farming  
Contact: Larry Spradlin  
Accommodates: Unlimited

## TEMPLE

**Texas A&M Blackland Research and Extension Center**  
720 E. Blackland Rd., Temple, TX 76502  
254-791-8686, [www.brc.tamus.edu](http://www.brc.tamus.edu)  
Focus: Crops, soil, water, environmental concerns  
Contact: Dr. Bill Dugas  
Accommodates: 50

## TECHNICAL TOURS

### ADDISON

**Mary Kay Cosmetics Headquarters**  
16251 N. Dallas Pkwy  
Addison, TX 75001  
972-687-5720, [www.marykay.com](http://www.marykay.com)  
Focus: Cosmetics  
Accommodates: 50

### ARLINGTON

**KRLD Radio**  
1080 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX 76011  
817-543-5400, [www.krlid.com](http://www.krlid.com)  
Focus: Radio station operations  
Contact: Lori Conrad  
Accommodates: 20

### BRENHAM

**Blue Bell Creameries**  
FM 577, Brenham, TX 77833  
800-327-8135, [www.bluebell.com](http://www.bluebell.com)  
Focus: Ice cream production  
Contact: Sue Chandler  
Accommodates: 45, reservations required for groups of 15 or more

## BRYAN—COLLEGE STATION

**Texas A&M Creamery**  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX 77840  
979-260-9898  
[www.bryan-collegestation.org](http://www.bryan-collegestation.org)  
Focus: Creamery that sells ice cream, meats, and cheeses  
Contact: Pattie Sears  
Accommodates: 45

## Texas A&M University

**Veterinary School**  
Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX 77840  
979-260-9898  
[www.bryan-collegestation.org](http://www.bryan-collegestation.org)  
Focus: Clinic for large and small animals  
Contact: Pattie Sears  
Accommodates: 25

## DALLAS

**Dallas Market Center**  
2100 Stemmons Frwy, Dallas, TX 75207  
214-749-5473  
[www.dallasmarketcenter.com](http://www.dallasmarketcenter.com)  
Focus: Market and wholesale industry  
Contact: Melissa Moore  
Accommodates: 30 per guide (4 guides)

## DENTON

**FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)**  
800 N. Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209  
940-898-5287, [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)  
Focus: Cold War—era underground federal building  
Contact: David Passey  
Accommodates: Unlimited

## FORT WORTH

**Fort Worth Star-Telegram**  
685 John B. Sias Memorial Pkwy  
Fort Worth, TX 76134  
817-215-2240, [www.dfw.com](http://www.dfw.com)  
Focus: Newspaper publishing  
Contact: Haskell Dotson  
Accommodates: 35

## Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital

1301 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Fort Worth, TX 76104  
817-882-2550, [www.texashealth.org](http://www.texashealth.org)  
Focus: Health care  
Contact: Laura Vanhoosier  
Accommodates: 20 (call for special arrangements)

## GONZALES

**Evenin' Star Boot Company**  
3000 Church St., Gonzales, TX 78629  
830-672-9591, [www.bootsdirect.com](http://www.bootsdirect.com)  
Focus: 60 steps in making a boot  
Contact: Steve Clarkson  
Accommodates: 40 (by appointment only)

## GREENVILLE

**Greenville Herald Banner**  
2305 King, Greenville, TX 75401  
903-455-4220  
[www.greenvillehearldbanner.com](http://www.greenvillehearldbanner.com)  
Focus: Newspaper publishing  
Contact: Melva Geyer  
Accommodates: 30

## IRVING

**Movie Studios at Las Colinas**  
6301 N. O' Connor Blvd.,  
Irving, TX 75039  
972-869-3456  
[www.studiosatlascolinas.com](http://www.studiosatlascolinas.com)  
Focus: Costume museum and movie special effects  
Contact: Debbie Adkins  
Accommodates: 50

## Texas Stadium

2401 E. Airport Frwy, Irving, TX 75062  
972-554-1804, [www.dallascowboys.com](http://www.dallascowboys.com)  
Focus: Football stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys  
Contact: Chris Shephard or Matt Hodges  
Accommodates: 100

## WACO

**Texas State Technical College**  
3801 Campus Dr., Waco, TX 76705  
254-867-2254, [www.waco.tstc.edu](http://www.waco.tstc.edu)  
Focus: All 40 areas of technical education  
Contact: Marcus Balch  
Accommodates: Up to 200 (reservations required for groups of more than 10)

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

## AGRICULTURAL TOURS

### ABILENE

**Taylor County Extension Service**  
1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, TX 79602  
325-672-6048, Fax: 325-672-9148  
Focus: Cattle, wheat, cotton, hay, sorghum, and seasonal agricultural tours  
Contact: Gary Bomar  
Accommodates: 45

### HEREFORD

**Hereford Chamber of Commerce**  
701 N. Main, Hereford, TX 79045  
806-364-3333, [www.herefordtx.org](http://www.herefordtx.org)  
Focus: Feed yard, crop farm, dairy  
Contact: Sid Shaw  
Accommodates: Varies

### LUBBOCK

**Apple Country at High Plains Orchards**  
Rt. 2, Box 234, Idalou, TX 79329  
806-892-2961 (orchard)  
806-892-3553 (office)  
Fax: 806-892-2263  
[www.applecountryorchards.com](http://www.applecountryorchards.com)  
Focus: Apple industry  
Contact: Cal or Susan Brints  
Accommodates: 10 or more

### Buster's Gin, Ltd.

4165 Quail Rd., Ropesville, TX 79358  
806-863-2669, Fax: 806-562-4051  
Focus: Cotton production  
Contact: Dan or Linda Taylor  
Accommodates: 20 (by appointment only)

### Consolidated Cotton Gin Company, Inc.

8606 U.S. 87, Lubbock, TX 79423  
806-745-1191, Fax: 806-745-7040  
[www.consolidatedcottongin.com](http://www.consolidatedcottongin.com)  
Focus: Cotton gin design and assembly  
Contact: Nelda Turner  
Accommodates: 25

### Texas Tech Meat Science Laboratory

Indiana and Brownfield Hwy.  
Lubbock, TX 79409  
806-742-2804, Fax: 806-742-0169  
[www.asft.ttu.edu](http://www.asft.ttu.edu)  
Focus: Meat-processing industry  
Contact: Dr. Mark Miller  
Accommodates: 20 (by appointment only)

### SAN ANGELO

**Texas A&M University Agricultural Research**  
7887 U.S. 87 N.  
San Angelo, TX 76901  
325-653-4576, Fax: 325-658-4364  
[www.sanangelo.tamu.edu](http://www.sanangelo.tamu.edu)

Focus: Sheep and goat research and management  
Contact: Alice Alford  
Accommodates: 150 (by appointment only)

## TECHNICAL TOURS

### ABILENE

**James Leddy Boots**  
1602 N. Treadway, Amarillo, TX 79603  
325-677-7811  
Focus: Custom boot and belt manufacturing  
Contact: Debbie Meek  
Accommodates: 15

### AMARILLO

**Asarco**  
P.O. Box 30200, Amarillo, TX 79120  
806-468-4000, Fax: 806-468-4291  
[www.asarco.com](http://www.asarco.com)  
Focus: Copper refining  
Contact: Mary Jane Escobar  
Accommodates: 15

### LUBBOCK

**Breedlove Dehydrated Foods**  
1818 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Lubbock, TX 79403  
806-741-0404, Fax: 806-741-0447  
[www.breedlove.org](http://www.breedlove.org)  
Focus: International hunger relief manufacturing and processing center  
Contact: Joe Losoya  
Accommodates: 100

### SAN ANGELO

**Aeromotor Windmill Company, Inc.**  
4277 Dan Hanks Ln.  
San Angelo, TX 76903  
325-651-4951, Fax: 325-651-4948  
[www.aeromotorwindmill.com](http://www.aeromotorwindmill.com)  
Focus: Windmill manufacturing  
Contact: James Dockal  
Accommodates: 300 (by appointment only)

### WICHITA FALLS

**Sheppard Air Force Base**  
82nd TRW/PA 419 G Ave., Ste. 3  
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311-2943  
940-676-2733, Fax: 940-676-4245  
[debi.smith@sheppard.af.mil](mailto:debi.smith@sheppard.af.mil)  
Focus: Euro-NATO training program, technical and medical training, aircraft displays  
Contact: Debi Smith  
Accommodates: Call in advance

### Vetrotex America

4515 Allendale, Wichita Falls, TX 76310  
940-689-3361, Fax: 940-696-9664  
[www.vetrotexcertaineed.com](http://www.vetrotexcertaineed.com)  
Focus: Continuous-strand fiberglass manufacturing  
Contact: Guy Smith  
Accommodates: 20

# Meeting & Convention Facilities

Listings are arranged by region and alphabetized by city within the region.

## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

### Laredo Convention Information

Laredo has 3,542 centares (38,117 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Laredo Civic Center has 2,695 centares (29,000 square feet) of meeting space and 4 break-out rooms. There are more than 3,048 hotel rooms in Laredo.

### McAllen Convention Information

McAllen has 2,138 centares (23,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The McAllen International Civic Center has 2,797 centares (30,104 square feet) of meeting space. There are 5 break-out rooms in the convention hall and 4 in the tourist center. There are 3,200 hotel rooms in McAllen.

### San Antonio Convention Information

San Antonio has 66,803 centares (718,800 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center and the Alamodome. The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center has 10,529 centares (113,287 square feet) of meeting space and 60 break-out rooms. The Alamodome has 2,848 centares (30,648 square feet) of meeting space. There are 28,000 hotel rooms in San Antonio.

## GULF COAST

### Bay Area Houston Convention Information

Bay Area Houston has more than 2,323 centares (25,000 square feet) of meeting space in three civic centers and 5,297 centares (57,000 square feet) of meeting space in area hotels. The Bay Area Community Center has 1,301 centares (14,000 square feet) of meeting space. There are 2,700 hotel rooms in Bay Area Houston.

### Baumont Convention Information

Baumont has 12,308 centares (132,438 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Southeast Texas Entertainment Complex has 4,460 centares (48,000 square feet) of meeting space and 9 break-out rooms. There are 2,622 hotel rooms in Baumont.

### Brownsville Convention Information

Brownsville has 9,455 centares (101,740 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Brownsville Events Center has 1,257

centares (13,530 square feet) of meeting space and 8 break-out rooms. There are 1,558 hotel rooms in Brownsville.

### Corpus Christi Convention Information

Corpus Christi has 20,012 centares (215,333 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Bayfront Plaza Convention Center has 18,587 centares (200,000 square feet) of meeting space and 21 break-out rooms. There are 8,850 hotel rooms in Corpus Christi.

### Galveston Convention Information

Galveston has more than 12,081 centares (130,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of its convention centers. The Galveston Island Convention Center at Moody Gardens has 4,368 centares (47,000 square feet) of meeting space. The San Luis Resort and Conference Center has 2,323 centares (25,000 square feet) of meeting space and 14 break-out rooms. There are 4,000 hotel rooms in Galveston.

### Houston Convention Information

Houston has more than 111,524 centares (1.2 million square feet) of meeting space exclusive of three convention centers. The George R. Brown Convention Center has 111,524 centares (1.2 million square feet) of meeting space and 41 break-out rooms; Reliant Park has 195,167 centares (2.1 million square feet) of meeting space, and Reliant Center has 65,633 centares (706,213 square feet) of meeting space and 72 break-out rooms. There are 50,883 hotel rooms in Houston.

*Houston skyline.*



### South Padre Island Convention Information

South Padre Island has 2,788 centares (30,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The South Padre Island Convention Centre has more than 4,182 centares (45,000 square feet) of meeting space and 8 break-out rooms. There are 1,800 hotel rooms and 1,800 condos in South Padre Island.

### Victoria Convention Information

Victoria has 1,301 centares (14,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Victoria Community Center has 1,859 centares (20,000 square feet) of meeting space, and has 4 break-out rooms. There are 1,212 hotel rooms in Victoria.

## PINEY WOODS

### Conroe Convention Information

Conroe has 4,461 centares (48,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the Del Lago Resort and Conference Center and the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center. The Del Lago Resort and Conference Center has 5,576 centares (60,000 square feet) of meeting space and 22 break-out rooms. The Lone Star Convention and Expo Center has 2,853 centares (30,700 square feet) of meeting space with 10 break-out rooms plus 2,904 centares (31,250 square feet) of arena space in the Expo Center, including 5,000 covered seats. There are 1,496 hotel rooms in Conroe.

### Henderson Convention Information

The Henderson Community Center has 465 centares (5,000 square feet) of meeting space and 2 break-out rooms. The Rusk County Youth Exposition Center has 976 centares (10,500 square feet) of meeting space. There are 200 hotel rooms in Henderson.

### Jacksonville Convention Information

Jacksonville has 929 centares (10,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. Norman Activity Center has 539 centares (5,800 square feet) of meeting space and 2 break-out rooms. There are 229 hotel rooms in Jacksonville.

### Longview Convention Information

Longview has 957 centares (10,300 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center has 2,559 centares (27,538 square feet) of meeting space and 5 break-out rooms, with an additional 1,636 centares (17,600 square feet) at the adjacent Exhibit Hall. There are 1,900 hotel rooms in Longview.

### Lufkin Convention Information

The Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center has more than 1,487 centares (16,000 square feet) of meeting space and 5 break-out rooms. There are 1,181 hotel rooms in Lufkin.

### Marshall Convention Information

Marshall has 1,394 centares (15,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the civic center. The Marshall Civic Center has 929 centares (10,000 square feet) of meeting space and 6 break-out rooms. There are more than 744 hotel rooms in Marshall.

### Mount Pleasant Convention Information

The Mount Pleasant Civic Center has 1,952 centares (21,000 square feet) of meeting space and 5 break-out rooms. There are 543 hotel rooms in Mount Pleasant.

### Nacogdoches Convention Information

Nacogdoches has 2,602 centares (28,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center has 1,394 centares (15,000 square feet) of meeting space and 6 break-out rooms. There are 821 hotel rooms in Nacogdoches.

### Tyler Convention Information

Tyler has 17,100 centares (184,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Harvey Convention Center has 4,749 centares (51,099 square feet) of meeting space and 5 break-out rooms. There are 2,218 hotel rooms in Tyler.

## HILL COUNTRY

### Austin Convention Information

Austin has 49,257 centares (530,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Austin Convention Center has 81,914 centares (881,400 square feet) of meeting space and 52 break-out rooms. There are 21,000 hotel rooms in Austin.

### Boerne Convention Information

Boerne has 6,041 centares (65,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Boerne Convention and Community Center has 1,394 centares (15,000 square feet) of meeting space and 6 break-out rooms. There are 122 hotel rooms in Boerne.

### New Braunfels Convention Information

New Braunfels has 2,788 centares (30,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The New Braunfels Civic Center has 929 centares (10,000 square feet) of meeting space and 2 break-out rooms. There are 769 hotel rooms in New Braunfels.

### Round Rock Convention Information

Round Rock has 3,717 centares (40,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the conference center. The Williamson Conference Center has 1,394 centares (15,000 square feet) of meeting space and 10 break-out rooms. There are 1,897 hotel rooms in Round Rock.

### San Marcos Convention Information

San Marcos has 6,506 centares (70,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the activity center. The San Marcos Activity Center has 558 centares (6,000 square feet) of meeting space and 3 break-out rooms. There are 1,231 hotel rooms in San Marcos.

### Uvalde Convention Information

Uvalde has 651 centares (7,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Willie de Leon Civic Center has 1,952 centares (21,000 square feet) of meeting space. There are 314 hotel rooms in Uvalde.

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

### Alpine Convention Information

The Alpine Civic Center has 1,082 centares (11,640 square feet) of meeting space and 1 break-out room. There are 386 hotel rooms in Alpine.

### Del Rio Convention Information

Del Rio has 6,506 centares (70,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Del Rio Civic Center has 4,430 centares (47,672 square feet) of meeting space and 4 break-out rooms. There are 1,055 hotel rooms in Del Rio.

### El Paso Convention Information

El Paso has 23,234 centares (250,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center has 11,617 centares (125,000 square feet) of meeting space and 14 break-out rooms. There are 6,300 hotel rooms in El Paso.

### Midland Convention Information

Midland has 3,964 centares (42,654 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Midland Center has 1,673 centares (18,000 square feet) of meeting space and 7 break-out rooms. There are 1,962 hotel rooms in Midland.

### Odessa Convention Information

Odessa has 3,438 centares (37,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the coliseum complex. The Ector County Coliseum Complex has 16,543 centares (178,000 square feet) of meeting space. The complex includes 6 buildings and an arena in addition to the coliseum. There are 2,000 hotel rooms in Odessa.

### Pecos Convention Information

Pecos has 2,091 centares (22,500 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Reeves County Civic Center has 1,294 centares (13,922 square feet) of meeting space and 4 break-out rooms. There are 600 hotel rooms in Pecos.



Austin skyline.

## PRAIRIES & LAKES

### Addison Convention Information

Addison has 12,082 centares (130,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Addison Conference and Theatre Centre has 1,115 centares (12,002 square feet) of meeting space and 7 break-out rooms. There are 3,972 hotel rooms in Addison.

### Arlington Convention Information

Arlington has 16,357 centares (176,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Arlington Convention Center has 7,305 centares (78,600 square feet) of meeting space and 12 break-out rooms. There are 6,453 hotel rooms in Arlington.

### Athens Convention Information

Athens has 840 centares (9,043 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Cain Center has 1,362 centares (14,650 square feet) of meeting space and 5 break-out rooms. There are 368 hotel rooms in Athens.

### Brenham Convention Information

Brenham has 6,506 centares (70,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the Fireman's Training Center. The Fireman's Training Center has 929 centares (10,000 square feet) of meeting space and 1 break-out room. There are 584 hotel rooms in Brenham.

### Bryan-College Station Convention Information

Bryan-College Station has 14,405 centares (155,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the Brazos Center in Bryan and the College Station Hilton Hotel. The Brazos Center has 3,625 centares (39,000 square feet) of meeting space and 6 break-out rooms. The College Station Hilton Hotel has 2,323 centares (25,000 square feet) of meeting space and 10 break-out rooms. There are 2,400 hotel rooms in Bryan-College Station.

### Dallas Convention Information

Dallas has 76,673 centares (825,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center and hotel meeting space. The Dallas Convention Center has 94,716 centares (1,019,142 square feet) of meeting space and 96 break-out rooms. There are 65,000 hotel rooms in Dallas.

### Denton Convention Information

Denton has 43,216 centares (465,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of

the convention center. The Denton Civic Center has 1,022 centares (11,000 square feet) of meeting space. There are 1,168 hotel rooms in Denton.

### Fort Worth Convention Information

Fort Worth has 11,831 centares (127,300 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Fort Worth Convention Center has 23,420 centares (252,000 square feet) of meeting space and 41 break-out rooms. There are 11,000 hotel rooms in Fort Worth.

### Grapevine Convention Information

Grapevine has 14,219 centares (153,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Grapevine Convention Center has 2,184 centares (23,500 square feet) of meeting space and 6 break-out rooms. There are 2,355 hotel rooms in Grapevine.

### Greenville Convention Information

Greenville has more than 480 centares (5,169 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the civic center. The Fletcher Warren Civic Center has 567 centares (6,096 square feet) of meeting space and 5 break-out rooms. There are 652 hotel rooms in Greenville.

### La Grange Convention Information

La Grange has 929 centares (10,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Knights of Columbus Hall has 418 centares (4,500 square feet) of meeting space with 2 break-out rooms. There are 243 hotel rooms in La Grange.

### Palestine Convention Information

Palestine has 2,788 centares (30,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Palestine Civic Center has 2,323 centares (25,000 square feet) of meeting space and 2 break-out rooms. There are 540 hotel rooms in Palestine.

### Plano Convention Information

Plano has 15,799 centares (170,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. Plano Centre has 8,030 centares (86,400 square feet) of meeting space and 18 break-out rooms. There are 3,621 hotel rooms in Plano.

### Richardson Convention Information

Richardson has 5,948 centares (64,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Charles W.

Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations has 3,754 centares (40,398 square feet) of meeting space and 2 break-out rooms. There are 2,180 hotel rooms in Richardson.

### Sulphur Springs Convention Information

Sulphur Springs has more than 267 centares (2,868 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the civic center. The Hopkins County Regional Civic Center has 2,406 centares (25,888 square feet) of meeting space and 5 break-out rooms. There are 329 hotel rooms in Sulphur Springs.

### Temple Convention Information

Temple has 651 centares (7,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center has 3,717 centares (40,000 square feet) of meeting space and 6 break-out rooms. There are 1,500 hotel rooms in Temple.

### Waco Convention Information

Waco has 6,041 centares (65,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Waco Convention Center has 11,059 centares (119,000 square feet) of meeting space and 9 break-out rooms. There are 2,300 hotel rooms in Waco.

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

### Abilene Convention Information

Abilene has 12,082 centares (130,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Abilene Civic Center has 9,294 centares (100,000 square feet) of meeting space and 17 break-out rooms. There are 2,375 hotel rooms in Abilene.

### Amarillo Convention Information

Amarillo has 3,996 centares (43,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Amarillo Civic Center and Auditorium has 31,599 centares (340,000 square feet) of meeting space and 36 break-out rooms. There are 4,500 hotel rooms in Amarillo.

### Lubbock Convention Information

Lubbock has 47,305 centares (509,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The Lubbock Memorial Civic Center has 27,881 centares (300,000 square feet) of meeting space and 15 break-out rooms. There are 3,616 hotel rooms in Lubbock.

### San Angelo Convention Information

San Angelo has 2,901 centares (31,217 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the convention center. The San Angelo Convention Center has 1,348 centares (14,500 square feet) of meeting space and 7 break-out rooms. There are 1,800 hotel rooms in San Angelo.

### Wichita Falls Convention Information

Wichita Falls has 37,175 centares (400,000 square feet) of meeting space exclusive of the multipurpose center. The Wichita Falls Multi-purpose Event Center has 20,929 centares (225,200 square feet) of meeting space and 14 break-out rooms. There are 2,276 hotel rooms in Wichita Falls.

# South Texas Plains



The National Park Service, San Antonio Missions National Historic Park

*Mission San José, San Antonio.*



The pie-shaped wedge of Texas that fans out from its point near the border town of Mercedes toward Goliad, San Antonio, and Eagle Pass forms a vast sun-drenched region known as the South Texas Plains. Here your family can spend leisurely days roaming the lush Rio Grande Valley and the famed stretch of missions that speak of early Spanish settlers. Along the way you'll get acquainted with the origins of Texas cattle ranching, a lucrative citrus industry, and an exquisite variety of bargains in border shopping.

The hot topic on the South Texas Plains has been the new World Birding Center, which will open in stages in 2003 and 2004. Capitalizing on Texas' ranking as the primary birdwatching destination in the United States, the state parks system will offer the WBC as a system of birding and habitat sites to include coastal wetlands, palm forests, and chaparral brushland. Because the Rio Grande Valley is situated perfectly on the north-south and east-west flight paths of migratory birds, the region offers the possibility of sighting any of nearly 500 species of birds and nearly 250 species of butterflies. The WBC will be headquartered at Bentsen-Rio Grande State Park in Mission, with sites ultimately in Roma, McAllen, Edinburg, Hidalgo, and Weslaco, as well as in the Gulf Coast

towns of Harlingen, Brownsville, and South Padre Island. Birders who put the South Texas Plains on their itineraries also know they can find plentiful species to add to their life lists by exploring the wildlands at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge near the town of Alamo and Choke Canyon State Park near Three Rivers.

That's not to say that the whole South Texas Plains region has gone to the birds. What surprises a good many travelers new to the area is the wide selection of offbeat attractions, starting with the Popeye statue on the downtown square in Crystal City, which boasts a famously abundant spinach crop, and in Dilley, South Texans honor the watermelon crop with a giant watermelon statue in City Park. If you decide you want to immerse yourself in some of Texas' oldest and most dramatic history, you're in the right place for that, too; just head for the missions in Goliad and San Antonio. The latter, of course, is the site of the legendary Alamo.



*Agave plant, South Texas.*

## GOLIAD

Peaceful and historic, the town of Goliad invites you to visit the Hanging Tree; Mission Espíritu Santo, where cattle ranching had its beginning; and Presidio La Bahía, the most fought-over fort in Texas. Goliad is the third-oldest municipality. The restored 1894 courthouse, a focal point of the downtown, is surrounded by carefully restored historic buildings that contain residences and quaint shops. Check out the Market House Museum, Fannin Plaza Park, and Fort Fun Children's Park, then take the walking tour that leads to several historical markers in the courthouse area. Connecting downtown with the mission, the presidio, the Zaragoza site, and the stirring Fannin Memorial is the Angel of Goliad hike/bike/nature trail. Slightly more than two miles long, the path winds along the banks of the San Antonio River.

### Fannin Battleground and State Historic Site

108 Park Rd. 6, Fannin, TX 77963  
361-645-3405

In Goliad State Historical Park

Site of Colonel James Fannin's surrender to the Mexican army, one week after Mexican General Santa Anna had won the battle at the Alamo on March 6, 1836. **WC**

### Mission Espíritu Santo

108 Park Rd. 6, Goliad, TX 77963  
361-645-3405

In Goliad State Historical Park

The mission, founded in 1722 near Matagorda Bay for the Karankawa Indians, was moved to the San Antonio River's northern bank in 1749. It was reconstructed on its present site by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1930. The church setting now houses exhibits that explore the history

and daily life of some of the missionaries who worked there and of Indian converts. The church and its fort, Presidio la Bahía, offer a unique glimpse of the Spanish impact in the New World.

WC ♿

### Presidio la Bahía

Across the river from Goliad State Historical Park Goliad, TX 77963

361-645-3752, [www.presidiolabahia.org](http://www.presidiolabahia.org)

The history of this fort, built in 1749 in Goliad, constitutes a catalog of major battles in the area from 1812 to 1835. At the restored fort is a museum with artifacts and memorabilia from the battles. This is the only fully restored Spanish fort that has guest quarters available for weekend rental. WC ♿

### LAREDO

Long a favorite gateway to Mexico for Texas travelers, Laredo lies at the southern terminus of Interstate 35, along the Rio Grande. The bicultural nature of Laredo and Nuevo Laredo makes this an ideal place to indulge your every shopping and dining whim. Both sides of the international border are packed with markets, shops, and cafes. Established in 1755 by a Spanish land grant, Laredo has survived the rule of seven countries. Today's visitor will encounter such historic gems as Fort McIntosh, established in 1849 at the conclusion of the Mexican War, and the Republic of the Rio Grande Museum, which is housed in a building dating from 1839. Visits in February promise to be especially lively, as that's when Laredo and Nuevo Laredo put on an extravagant two-week fiesta to celebrate Washington's Birthday.

### Laredo Children's Museum

P-56 Fort McIntosh St., Laredo, TX 78040  
956-725-2299

This museum hosts exhibits designed especially for kids. Among the many "play" areas are a grocery store, construction area, hospital area, computer lab, sand/water table, momentum machine, science exhibits, and liquid crystal "mood" chairs. Most exhibits offer hands-on activities and role play. A second location at the Mall del Norte (956-728-0404) features an indoor playscape.

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### Museum of the Republic of the Rio Grande

1005 Zaragoza, Laredo, TX 78040  
956-727-3480, [www.webheritage.org](http://www.webheritage.org)

In 1840 the residents of this area, then considered Mexico, instituted the Republic of the Rio Grande and designated this three-room rock building their capitol. Their actions were soon met by Mexican troops sent to reclaim the territory. With the help of about 300 Texans, the locals resisted their attackers for 283 days before the new republic fell. The restored capitol is now a museum. ♿

### Nuevo Laredo, Mexico

Take I-35 south across International Bridge 2 or Convent St. south across International Bridge 1. 956-795-2200

By simply strolling across an international bridge you will enter a festive city full of culture—delicious Mexican cuisine, handcrafted items, and entertaining nightclubs. At the intersection of avenidas Guerrero and Belden, shoppers can browse the Nuevo Mercado de la Reforma.



Walking is the easiest way to get around, but you can drive into Nuevo Laredo. It is strongly recommended that before you do so, you verify whether your automobile insurance is valid in Mexico. The Nuevo Laredo Tourism Office (011-528-712-7397) usually has someone on duty who speaks English.

### MCALLEN

A good many travelers to this Rio Grande Valley town are impressed by the extensive citrus groves that have given the nation some of the sweetest, juiciest fruit ever enjoyed. But the majority of those who seek out these parts are drawn by the impressive numbers and species of birds at six wildlife refuges that lie within an hour's drive of McAllen. Among them is the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, in Alamo. In town you'll find a good collection of Mexican folk art, paintings, and sculpture at the McAllen International Museum, and a walk across the international bridge to Reynosa will yield great Mexican shopping and dining.

### International Museum of Art and Science

1900 Nolana, McAllen, TX 78504  
956-682-1564  
[www.mcallenmuseum.org](http://www.mcallenmuseum.org)

Devoted to science and the arts, this museum features Mexican folk art, masks, textiles, and contemporary American and regional prints. The museum includes the Caton collection of European paintings from the 16th through the 19th centuries, a new children's pavilion, and a 929-centare (10,000-square-foot) Rioscape play area. WC ♿

### Reynosa, Mexico

From McAllen, take TX Hwy. 336 (10th St.) or Loop 115 (23rd St.) south 16 km (10 miles) to the international bridge. 956-682-2871

A sample of Reynosa's many border-city attractions may convince you that you've moved back in time to Old Mexico. The Zona Rosa (Pink Zone), where you'll find many of the markets, is an easy stroll from the bridge. In addition, buses leave every 20 minutes from the bus station at 120 S. 16th in downtown McAllen (call 956-686-5479 for more information).

### Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

Rt. 2, Box 202-A, Alamo, TX 78516  
956-784-7500  
<http://southwest.fws.gov/santana.html>

This birders' haven is a 842-hectare (2,080-acre) thicket of brushland with a seven-mile driving route, nature trails, and—from late November until late April—an interpretive wildlife tram. With as many as 400 species, the refuge has one of the most diverse populations of birds in the nation. The refuge is also home to 300 species of butterflies and many rare plants and animals.

WC ♿

### SAN ANTONIO

Ranking as the nation's ninth-largest city, San Antonio welcomes nearly eight million visitors each year. They come to see the Alamo, of course, and to follow the Mission Trail to the city's four other missions (Mission Concepción, Mission San Francisco de la Espada, Mission San José, and Mission San Juan Capistrano), dating from the 1700s. They come also to see the exquisite art collections at the San Antonio Museum of Art and the McNay Art Museum. History buffs can't resist the mansions in the King William Historic District, the Spanish Governor's Palace, the San Fernando Cathedral, and the Fort Sam Houston Museum. Families can easily spend a lengthy vacation in San Antonio, visiting the weird and wonderful

# South Texas Plains

## REGIONAL WEATHER

Month	Laredo	San Antonio
	Average Temp. C°	Average Temp. C°
January	13	10
February	16	13
March	21	17
April	24	21
May	28	24
June	31	28
July	32	29
August	31	29
September	28	26
October	24	22
November	18	16
December	14	11
Sunshine Days	225	244

Buckhorn Saloon and Museum, the San Antonio Children's Museum, the Witte Museum, the always-popular Sea World, and catching a Spurs game (San Antonio's professional basketball team).

### The Alamo

300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78299  
210-225-1391, [www.thealamo.org](http://www.thealamo.org)

Mission San Antonio de Valero was one of five missions established by the Spanish between 1718 and 1731. Now called the Alamo, this small stone compound is no doubt the best-known site of Texas history. In 1836, a dedicated but seriously outnumbered band of Texans under the command of Colonel William Barret Travis was besieged here by thousands of Mexican troops for nearly two weeks. An estimated 189 men lost their lives without knowing that Texas had declared its independence a few days earlier. The battle furthered the cause, however, by buying time for General Sam Houston, who later defeated Santa Anna in the 18-minute Battle of San Jacinto. **WC** ☺

### Buckhorn Saloon and Museum

318 E. Houston, San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-247-4000, [www.buckhornmuseum.com](http://www.buckhornmuseum.com)

This 1881 saloon, museum, and cafe will give you a taste of the Old West. Sip a drink as you stroll through 3,067 centares (33,000 square feet) of artifacts from Texas history and world wildlife exhibits with African, Asian, Alaskan, and North American themes. **WC** ☺☺☺

### HemisFair Park

600 HemisFair Park, San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-207-8590

At this park, the site of the 1968 World's Fair, you'll find the Tower of the Americas, the Instituto Cultural Mexicano, the Institute of Texan Cultures, the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center (named for the longtime U.S. representative), the Lila Cockrell Theater for the Performing

Arts, and the Judge John Wood Federal Courthouse. Also on the grounds are a water garden, walking paths, and fine examples of early Texas architecture. **WC** ☺☺

### IMAX Theater Rivercenter

849 E. Commerce, Ste. 483  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-247-4629, [www.imax-sa.com](http://www.imax-sa.com)

Movies are projected onto a giant screen with a special sound system. The 45-minute documentary *Alamo: The Price of Freedom* runs daily; in the evening, the shows tend toward the action-adventure genre. The two-screen theater also shows 3-D movies. **WC** ☺☺

### Institute of Texan Cultures

801 S. Bowie, San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-458-2300, [www.texancultures.utsa.edu](http://www.texancultures.utsa.edu)

Dioramas, artifacts, and historic photographs trace the contributions of 26 of the varied cultural and ethnic groups that had a hand in developing Texas, from Spanish and German families to Dutch dairy farmers, Jewish settlers, and Oriental rice farmers. The institute, which is part of the University of Texas at San Antonio, hosts the Texas Folklife Festival each year. **WC** ☺☺☺

### Majestic Theatre

224 E. Houston, San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-226-5700, Tickets: 210-226-3333  
Tours: 210-223-4343

This theater is a Texas and national historic landmark and one of the few remaining vintage, atmospheric vaudeville movie palaces still in operation. It is also home to the San Antonio Symphony and the Majestic Broadway Series. **WC** ☺☺☺

### Market Square (El Mercado)

514 - 612 W. Commerce, San Antonio, TX 78207  
210-207-8600

Within this historic two-block downtown area of shops and restaurants, the El Mercado

building, the largest Mexican market in the United States, features imported goods from south of the border. The Farmers Market Plaza building offers a blend of merchandise that is representative of the cultural, artistic, and ethnic influences of Texas and Mexico. Market Square hosts various festivals, including Fiestas Navidenas and the Return of the Chile Queens. **WC** ☺☺

### Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch

26515 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78266  
830-438-7400, [www.nbwildliferanchtx.com](http://www.nbwildliferanchtx.com)

At this drive-through safari on 162 hectare (400 acres) of Hill Country ranchland, visitors encounter native and exotic wildlife. A petting zoo, a visitors center, a driving tour, and a zoo of unusual animals such as endangered white rhinos and lemurs share the beautiful ranch. **WC** ☺☺☺

### Paseo del Rio (River Walk)

Accessible via numerous bridges and entry points, including Commerce and Losoya Streets  
210-227-4262, [www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com](http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com)

The Paseo del Rio is a picturesque walkway set below street level that follows the San Antonio River for miles. Fine cuisine, shopping, and relaxing on a guided boat tour are all available, as are plenty of hotels, bars, restaurants, and shops to cater to your whims. Chartered boat rides available by calling **Yanaguana Riverboat Rides**, 210-244-5700 or 800-417-4139. Narrated tours leave from their stations about every 15 - 20 minutes (ticket booths at the Hilton Hotel). **WC** ☺☺☺

### Retama Park

At I-35 N. and Exit 174-A  
San Antonio, TX 78265  
210-651-7000, [www.retamapark.com](http://www.retamapark.com)



The \$80 million racetrack has a Mission-style, five-level grandstand, a saddling paddock, and a simulcasting facility. Attractions for children throughout the racing season include a petting zoo, pony rides, and clowns. **WC** ☺☺☺

Rivercenter Mall, San Antonio.



### San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

2202 Roosevelt Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78210  
210-534-8833  
Visitors Center: 6701 San Jose Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
210-932-1001, [www.nps.gov/saan/](http://www.nps.gov/saan/)

San Antonio's five Spanish missions were set along the San Antonio River between 1718 and 1731. All but the Alamo (see separate listing) continue to serve as active Roman Catholic parishes. The missions are administered jointly by the local Catholic archdiocese and the National Park Service. Call for guided tours.  

#### Mission Concepción

807 Mission Rd., San Antonio, TX 78210  
At Mission and Felisa

#### Mission San Francisco de la Espada

10040 Espada Rd., San Antonio, TX 78214

#### Mission San José

6701 San José Dr., San Antonio, TX 78214  
At Roosevelt and New Napier

#### Mission San Juan Capistrano

9101 Graf Rd., San Antonio, TX 78214  
At Graf and Ashley

### Sea World of San Antonio



10500 Sea World Dr., San Antonio, TX 78251  
210-523-3611, [www.seaworld.com](http://www.seaworld.com)

The largest marine life adventure park in the world, Sea World of San Antonio is home to killer whale Shamu, plus dolphins, sea lions, sharks, otters, and more. Swim with beluga whales or sea lions, and then ride the roller coasters and water slides. The park offers more than 25 major shows.

### Six Flags Fiesta Texas

17000 I-10 W., San Antonio, TX 78257  
210-697-5000, [www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com)

Hop from concert to coaster at this huge park known for its spectacular shows and thrilling rides. Kiddie rides, water slides, and Warner Bros. cartoon characters make Fiesta Texas an awesome amusement park for families.  

## ITINERARIES

### Day 1: San Antonio

Explore the Alamo and visit Buckhorn Saloon and Museum, HemisFair Park, and the Institute of Texan Cultures. Shop at Market Square (El Mercado) or spend time at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. In the evening take in a show at either the IMAX Theater or the Majestic Theatre downtown.

### Day 2: San Antonio

Spend the day at Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch or Retama Park, or take the kids to Sea World or Six Flags Fiesta Texas. In the evening relax with dinner along the Paseo del Rio (River Walk).

### Day 3: Goliad

Visit the Fannin Battleground and State Historic Site, Mission Espíritu Santo, Presidio la Bahía, and the Market House Museum. Stroll around Fannin Plaza Park, Fort Fun Children's Park, and the courthouse square with its restored historic buildings.

### Day 4: Laredo

The Laredo Children's Museum, and the Museum of the Republic of the Rio Grande. Spend the afternoon shopping or dining across the border in Nuevo Laredo.

### Day 5: McAllen

Learn wonderful things at the International Museum of Art and Science and the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. Cross the border into Reynosa, Mexico, for shopping or dining.



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# Gulf Coast



*Golfing in Corpus Christi, Texas Coast.*



From the marshy waters at Port Arthur, hundreds of miles south around the Coastal Bend to the isolated sands at Boca Chica, the inlets, peninsulas, bays, and islands of the Texas Gulf Coast have seen their share of history. The Spanish first arrived in 1528 when Cabeza de Vaca shipwrecked just off Galveston Island; next came the Franciscans, who focused on building their missions; then the conquistadors moved in and launched expeditions in search of rumored cities of gold. The French were led by the explorer La Salle, who landed in 1685 near Indianola, and then the pirate Jean Lafitte imposed his buccaneering ways on Galveston around 1817. Eventually the 19th century brought the Europeans in ships to Galveston. These immigrants would go on to work farms and ranches, develop milling empires, and perfect their handiwork in fine architecture and furniture.

This part of Texas has seen other milestones in American history as well. In Beaumont the 1901 gusher Spindletop became Texas' first oil well; the Johnson Space Center became the center of the nation's space program in Houston in the early 1960s, and the country learned a lot about rock 'n' roll in the late 1960s from a Port Arthur native named Janis Joplin. In recent years, the world has come to realize that the best birding anywhere is right here along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Beach lovers can find dozens upon dozens of sandy playgrounds up and down the coastline. Crystal Beach near Galveston and Surfside Beach in the Brazosport area offer great family vacationing in uncrowded places, while Galveston Island adds a perfect balance of history and culture to the seaside experience. Port Aransas is great for fishing and consuming large quantities of fresh shrimp, while the Padre Island National Seashore is one of the most pristine sites on the entire coast. Kayaking is popular around Galveston Bay, and sailing is the rage at windy Corpus Christi. Fly-fishing is best in Laguna Madre, next to South Padre Island, where dolphins play and the birding is superb. The only problem a contemporary explorer will have is deciding how to spend the available time.

## **BAY AREA HOUSTON**

NASA's Johnson Space Center provides the home base for America's astronauts. Aside from the NASA attraction, visitors here enjoy the waters of Clear Lake and Galveston Bay, with access from the communities of Kemah, League City, Nassau Bay, Seabrook, and Webster. Other recreational pursuits include shopping for antiques, books, and collectibles in historic villages and urban centers and taking in the old-fashioned summer concerts that are staged at League Park on Saturdays.

## **Armand Bayou Nature Center**

8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena, TX 77507  
281-474-2551, [www.abnc.org](http://www.abnc.org)

Hiking trails wind through 1,012 hectares (2,500 acres) of diverse ecosystems, from bayou to prairie, forest to marshland, in the area's largest nature park. A re-created turn-of-the-century farmhouse recalls the past presence of humans in the midst of all this natural splendor. **WC Y**

## **Kemah Boardwalk**

701 Fourth, Kemah, TX 77565  
281-334-9880, [www.kemahboardwalk.com](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com)

Watch the parade of boats going to and from Clear Lake and Galveston Bay while you dine at one of the waterfront restaurants along the Kemah-Seabrook channel. Stroll by the Boardwalk Inn, ride the carousel, and visit unique area shops and art galleries. Enjoy live music on weekends in the summer. **WC & H Y**

## **BEAUMONT AREA**

Among the tempting attractions in Beaumont, which lies in the shadow of the Big Thicket National Preserve, are the Art Museum of Southeast Texas and the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum, which honors that versatile American athlete. Learn about local history at the Clifton Steamboat Museum, the John Jay French Historic House and Museum, and Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown. Outdoorsy travelers will enjoy the two bird sanctuaries and the Cattail Marsh and Beaumont Botanical Garden in 202-hectare (500-acre) Tyrrell Park.

**Beaumont Botanical Gardens and the Warren Loose Conservatory**

6088 Babe Zaharias Dr., Beaumont, TX 77705  
409-842-3135  
www.beaumontbotanicalgardens.com

The Warren Loose Conservatory, home to thousands of tropical plants, is the second-largest conservatory in a public garden in Texas. The paved Friendship Walk connects the specialized gardens, among them the Green and White Garden, the Violet Garden, the Native Plant and Wildflower Garden, and the Azalea Trail. WC ☼ ♻

**Museum of the Gulf Coast**

701 Fourth, Port Arthur, TX 77640  
409-982-7000, http://museum.lamarpa.edu

The museum tells the story of the Gulf Coast, from prehistoric times, the Hispanic legacy, and the Civil War to the recent musical heritage of the area. The largest indoor mural in the Southwest, at 38 m (125 feet), depicts the area's story from prehistory to the Lucas gusher in 1901. Exhibits pay tribute to musicians, including Janis Joplin, Buddy Holly, and Richie Valens, as well as sports heroes "Babe" Zaharias, Coach Jimmy Johnson and artist Robert Rauschenberg. WC ☼

**Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum**

U.S. 69 at University Dr.  
Beaumont, TX 77710  
409-835-0823, www.spindletop.org

Like many boomtowns, Gladys City sprang up instantly when Spindletop started gushing in January 1901 and then disappeared just as fast as it had arrived. This re-creation of the town incorporates typical structures from the era, among them wooden oil derricks, a saloon, and a replica of an oil gusher that shoots out water. WC ☼ ♻

**BRAZOSPORT AREA**

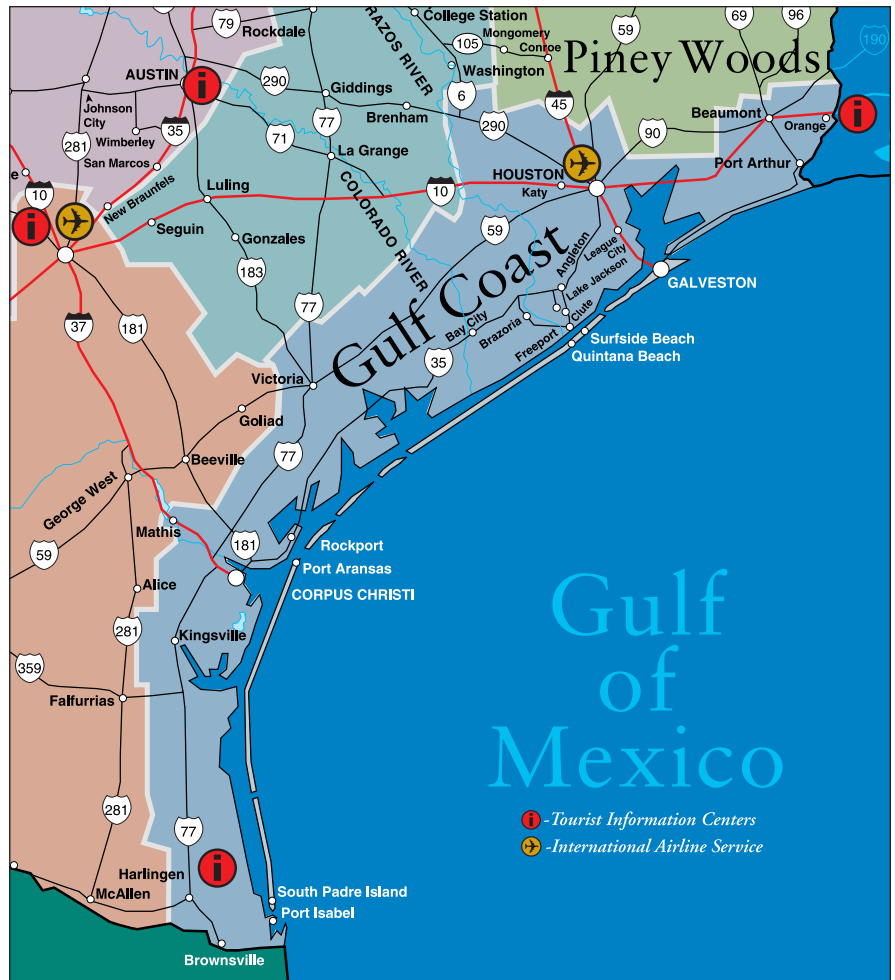
Anglers can maximize their chances of catching the big one by sampling the many available jetty fishing, Intracoastal fishing, and deep-sea fishing options. If you're a confirmed birder, you're in a good place to add some of the area's 300 bird species to your life list at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory and at two wildlife refuges. Those who crave walking the beach and collecting shells have 34 km (21 miles) of sandy beaches in the Brazosport area to comb. As for historic sites, don't miss the Varner-Hogg Plantation or the Brazoria County Historical Museum.

**Center for the Arts and Sciences**

400 College Dr., Clute, TX 77531  
979-265-7661, www.bcfas.org  
This 4,180-centare (45,000-square-foot) cultural and educational complex serves as the operational home to five member groups: the Brazosport Art League, the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, Center Stages Theater, the Brazosport Nature Center and Planetarium, and the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra. WC ☼ ♻

**BROWNSVILLE**

The southernmost town in Texas exudes the distinct flavors of a border town, with another country just moments away. Nearby Gulf beaches can keep you amused, as will golfing, world-class birding, dolphin watching, and periodic fiestas. Make time to see the Gladys Porter Zoo, the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site, and the



handful of wildlife preserves. Best of all, Brownsville maintains its tropical climate year-round.

**Gladys Porter Zoo**

500 Ringgold, Brownsville, TX 78520  
956-546-2177, 956-546-7187, www.gpz.org  
In the heart of the Valley you'll find one of the country's top 10 zoos. More than 12.5 hectares (31 acres) provide natural habitats for 1,500 birds, mammals, and reptiles from all over the world. Kids can't get enough of the barnyard petting zoo and the nursery with newborn animals. WC ☼ ♻ ♻



Gladys Porter Zoo, Brownsville.

**Historic Brownsville Museum**

641 E. Madison, Brownsville, TX 78520  
956-548-1313, www.brownvillemuseum.org  
A refurbished 1928 Southern Pacific Railroad depot is the setting for this museum, where you can learn about the first settlers in Brownsville, the military history of the area, and famous war heroes. WC ☼ ♻

**Rio Grande Valley Wing of the Commemorative Air Force Museum**

955 S. Minnesota, Brownsville, TX 78523  
956-541-8585  
WWII aircraft from all over the world, still in good flying condition, attract aviation buffs to this hangar and museum. War artifacts and vintage automobiles are also on display. WC ☼

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

The best coastal gales in the United States, coveted by sailboat enthusiasts, are quite possibly what first blew Spanish explorers ashore midway along the Texas Gulf Coast in the early 16th century. Today, Corpus Christi's sparkling waterfront is bounded by a spectacularly sculpted, stair-stepped seawall, and several marina operations offer sailing, dolphin watching, and deep-sea fishing opportunities. Also at the seashore are the World War II aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Lexington* and replicas of Christopher Columbus's three ships.

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## REGIONAL WEATHER

Month	Brownsville	Houston
	Average Temp. C°	Average Temp. C°
January	16	12
February	17	14
March	21	18
April	23	21
May	26	25
June	28	28
July	29	29
August	29	29
September	27	27
October	24	22
November	20	17
December	16	13
Sunshine Days	231	208

### Art Museum of South Texas

1902 N. Shoreline Blvd.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
361-825-3500, www.stia.org

The building itself, designed by Philip Johnson, constitutes one of the works of art here, with a dramatic window on the bay side that reveals a panoramic view. The emphasis is on contemporary works on paper and works by Texas

artists as well as a large collection from the estate of Dorothy Hood. **WC** **Y**

### Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History

1900 N. Chaparral, Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
361-883-2862, www.cctexas.com

A treasure-laden Spanish galleon that sank just offshore yielded up its booty to be showcased at this museum, which focuses on the cultural and natural history of South Texas and Corpus Christi. Plenty of hands-on activities for kids and full-scale replicas of Christopher Columbus's three ships make this a fun destination. **WC** **Y**

### Texas State Aquarium

2710 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78402  
361-881-1200, 800-477-GULF  
www.texasstateaquarium.org

A visit to this aquarium brings guests face to face with more than 250 species of aquatic plants and animals, including barracudas, sharks, and turtles. Guests participate in feeding demonstrations and get hands-on experience with stingrays and sharks. **WC** **Y**

### U.S.S. Lexington Museum on the Bay

2914 N. Shoreline Blvd.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78403  
361-888-4873, 800-LADYLEX  
www.ussexington.com

The *Lexington*, one of the most decorated aircraft carriers in U.S. naval history, is berthed just offshore from the Texas State Aquarium. After

a tour of the museum, guests can watch a film in the four-story Mega Theater. Youth groups can live aboard, staying in real crew quarters and eating three square meals a day, Navy style. **WC** **Y**

### GALVESTON ISLAND

Galveston is surrounded by 52 meters (32 miles) of relaxing beaches and supports a fine mix of top resort hotels, antiques shops, and art galleries. The Strand, one of four National Register of Historic Places entries on the island, offers shopping, dining, and entertainment in a unique setting. You won't be able to resist a look around the magnificently restored mansions, heritage museums, and the ecological wonderland of Moody Gardens. The island is also building a new convention center on the famed Seawall Boulevard, scheduled to open in spring 2004.

### Bishop's Palace

1402 Broadway Blvd., Galveston, TX 77550  
409-762-2475

Galveston architect Nicholas Clayton designed this mansion, built in 1886. It's on the American Institute of Architecture's list of the 100 most noteworthy buildings in the country. The mansion still has its original furnishings. After the Catholic diocese of Galveston-Houston purchased the house in 1923, Bishop Christopher Byrne lived here—hence the name Bishop's Palace. **WC** **Y**

### Grand 1894 Opera House

2020 Post Office St., Galveston, TX 77550  
409-765-1894, 800-821-1894  
www.thegrand.com

On the roster of entertainers who have performed here are Sarah Bernhardt, Al Jolson, the Marx Brothers, Bill Cosby, and Ray Charles. After a stint as the largest theater in Texas, the opera house underwent a \$7 million restoration in the 1970s that reclaimed its original splendor. In 1993 the 73rd Texas Legislature designated the Grand as the Official Opera House of the State of Texas. The Grand presents a full schedule of performing artists year-round. **WC** **Y**

### Moody Gardens

1 Hope Blvd., Galveston, TX 77554  
409-744-4673, www.moodygardens.com

Within the 10-story glass Rainforest Pyramid, three geographical regions of rain forest support exotic plants, tropical fish, wading birds, butterflies, waterfalls, and a bat cave. The Discovery Pyramid has 40 interactive NASA-inspired exhibits. An IMAX theater shows first-run movies and 3-D films on a six-story screen. The new Ridefilm theater features seats that move with the action onscreen. **WC** **Y**

### Texas Seaport Museum and the *Elissa*

Pier 21, #8, Galveston, TX 77550  
409-763-1877, www.tsm-elissa.org

The *Elissa*, Texas' only 19th-century tall ship, docked in Galveston regularly during the 1880s to deliver thousands of immigrants to Texas soil. At the museum, exhibits and a multimedia presentation recount the *Elissa's* long and fascinating history. Harbor tours are available as well. Reservations are recommended. **WC** **Y**

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## HARLINGEN AREA

The tropical playground of Texas, Harlingen is the ideal base from which to explore the Rio Grande Valley, northern Mexico, and the lower part of the Texas Gulf Coast. In addition to plenty of golf courses and museums, Harlingen offers a historic downtown, antiques shopping, and some of the best Mexican food in the state. Nearby are dozens of birding spots, and South Padre Island is just a short drive east.

### Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

P.O. Box 450, Rio Hondo, TX 78583  
956-748-3607, <http://southwest.fws.gov>

Part of the largest contiguous nature sanctuary in the Rio Grande Valley, this 18,219-hectare (45,000-acre) refuge is a nature lover's paradise. It's home to ocelots and alligators, as well as a long list of birds. Sandhill cranes, snow geese, and several species of raptors also winter here. Two driving tours guide visitors through the refuge.

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### Texas Air Museum

P.O. Box 70, Rio Hondo, TX 78583  
956-748-2112, [www.texasairmuseum.com](http://www.texasairmuseum.com)

Tracing aviation history from its beginnings to the present, exhibits of both working aircraft and those undergoing restoration concentrate on the WWII and Vietnam eras. ☑ WC & ♿

## HOUSTON

Nicknamed Space City, USA, Houston is a true cultural center with a world-renowned theater district and outstanding museums. There's also a professional team for just about any sport you can think of. Families will enjoy visiting Space Center Houston, Six Flags Astroworld, and the Houston Museum of Natural Science, while art aficionados will like the Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, the Menil Collection, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. World-class shopping is the main activity at the Galleria, Highland Village, and Rice Village.

### Minute Maid Park

501 Crawford, Houston, TX 77002  
General info: 713-259-8000  
Tickets: 713-259-8500, Tours: 713-259-8687  
The Shed (gift shop): 713-259-8077  
[www.astros.com](http://www.astros.com)

Since 1964, Houston had not seen a major league baseball team play outdoors on natural grass. That all changed recently with the building of this majestic ballpark and its 74-meter- (242-foot-) high retractable roof. Home of the Houston Astros, the park has a seating capacity of 40,950 and two full-service restaurants. Tours reveal to visitors the suite and broadcast areas, and tourists may explore the dugout and even run onto the field itself. WC & ♿

### Port of Houston Authority

111 East Loop N., Houston, TX 77252-2562  
713-670-2416, [www.portofhouston.com](http://www.portofhouston.com)

Each year more than 6,500 ships from around the world pass through the Port of Houston, eighth largest on the planet. The 80-meter (50-mile) Houston Ship Channel connects the port to the Gulf of Mexico. The view from the *Sam Houston* inspection boat allows a good look at the delicate maneuvering required to slide a



*Moody Gardens, Galveston.*



multiton ship through heavy traffic into the proper berth. **WC** ♿

### Six Flags Astroworld and Waterworld

9001 Kirby Dr., Houston, TX 77054  
713-799-1234, www.sixflags.com

Experience the action-packed adventure of thrilling rides, awesome attractions, and spectacular shows. Coasters include the Dungeon Drop, the Texas Cyclone, the Viper, Greezed Lightnin', and nearly 100 more games, attractions, and rides. Visit the tropical island paradise and ride the waves at Waterworld, or check out the five-story interactive water treehouse at Hook's Lagoon.

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### Space Center Houston

1601 NASA Rd. 1, Houston, TX 77058  
281-244-2100, Tours: 281-244-2130  
www.spacecenter.org

Put on your helmet and blast off on a spectacular journey into America's space program. Out-of-this-world fun at NASA's Official Visitors Center includes live shows, interactive exhibits, an IMAX theater, and behind-the-scenes tours. See the real Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space capsules, watch astronauts train, and try out a space walk simulator or a lunar rover. **WC** ♿ 🗺

## KINGSVILLE

The matriarch of the world's largest ranch was responsible for putting Kingsville on the map—literally. Mrs. Henrietta King wanted to foster community development at her gargantuan spread between Corpus Christi and Brownsville, so she donated land for the town, built a church and a school, and gave more land and money for other churches and a college. Her spectacular ranch, spreading over the terrain called the Wild Horse Desert by the Indians and the Spaniards who initially tackled the mesquite and brushy coastal plains, is now a primary birding destination along the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail.

### John E. Connor Museum

905 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave., Kingsville, TX 78363  
361-593-2810

Learn about the habitats, human history, and pre-history of South Texas at this regional museum. The Caesar Kleberg Hall of Natural History has multimedia presentations about the ecosystems of Texas and Mexico, and the Graves Peeler Hall of Horns includes trophy mounts of North American game. **WC** ♿

### King Ranch Museum

405 N. Sixth, Kingsville, TX 78363  
361-595-1881, www.king-ranch.com

The King Ranch, founded in 1853, takes up 3,382 square kilometers (1,300 square miles), an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. Life on the king ranch in the early 1940s is depicted in an award-winning photographic essay by Toni Frissell. Saddles from all over the world, Texas flag replicas, and antique carriages and cars are on display for visitors. **WC** ♿ 🗺



*Pelican, Texas Gulf Coast.*

## PORT ARANSAS

At the upper end of Mustang Island, this quaint village just across the bay from Corpus Christi gives you leave to relax and spend time with your family in a condo or cottage near the sand, or muster your energy to haul in a big catch on any of several deep-sea fishing charters. You can see dolphins on a nature tour or have a look for some of the hundreds of species of birds known to visit this part of the coast.

### Port Aransas Birding Center and Paradise Pond Birding Habitat

Corner of Ross Ave. and Cut Off Rd.  
Port Aransas, TX 78373

361-749-4158, www.cityofportaransas.org

The birds flock to this center, which is ideally located on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail, and consequently so do the birders. Amenities include a 133-meter (435-foot) boardwalk and a two-tiered observation tower over a large freshwater flat. The Texas Wildscape area of xeriscape landscaping is designed especially to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. **WC** ♿

## SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

The very tip of Texas' beloved barrier island is also the party headquarters of the coast. Both the busy Gulf side and the quiet Laguna Madre side of the island are lined with large and small condos, restaurants and nightspots, and loads of recreational options. Horseback riding, windsurfing, sailing, fly-fishing, surf fishing, miniature golf, birdwatching, and dolphin sighting are some of the diversions, but you may choose just to roam the sands for seashells and sand dollars. If the shopping bug bites, Matamoros, Mexico, is just a short drive away.

### Island Equestrian Center

P.O. Box 3633 South Padre Island, TX 78597  
956-761-4677, www.horsesonthebeach.com

For a completely different view of the beach, take a jaunt down the shore—on a horse with a guide. Beginners get just enough instruction

to make the adventure painless. Penned-in ponies are available for children under six to ride.

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### Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark

90 Park Rd. 100, South Padre Island, TX 78597  
956-772-7873, www.schlitterbahn.com

The South Padre location is full of uphill water coasters, tube chutes, body slides, a huge wave pool, beaches, and a five-story-tall water fun house. The giant palapa buildings in the Brazilian-themed park create a beachside village with great food, drink, entertainment, and shopping. Visitors 18 and over can dance and enjoy live concerts at the Club at Rio Beach. The Gulf itself is just across the pristine sand dunes. **WC** ♿ 🗺

## ITINERARIES

### Day 1: Beaumont, Port Arthur

Tour the Beaumont Botanical Gardens and the Warren Loose Conservatory. Visit Spindletop–Gladys City Boomtown Museum. In Port Arthur discover the Museum of the Gulf Coast.

### Day 2: Houston, Bay Area Houston

In Houston you'll find Minute Maid Park, home of the Houston Astros; Port of Houston Authority; Six Flags Astroworld and Waterworld; and Space Center Houston. In the Bay Area take in the Armand Bayou Nature Center and the Kemah Boardwalk.

### Day 3: Galveston, Brazosport

In Galveston visit the historic Bishop's Palace and the Grand 1894 Opera House, Moody Gardens, the Texas Seaport Museum, and the *Elissa*. While in Brazosport make time for the Center for the Arts and Sciences, the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, and the Varner-Hogg Plantation.

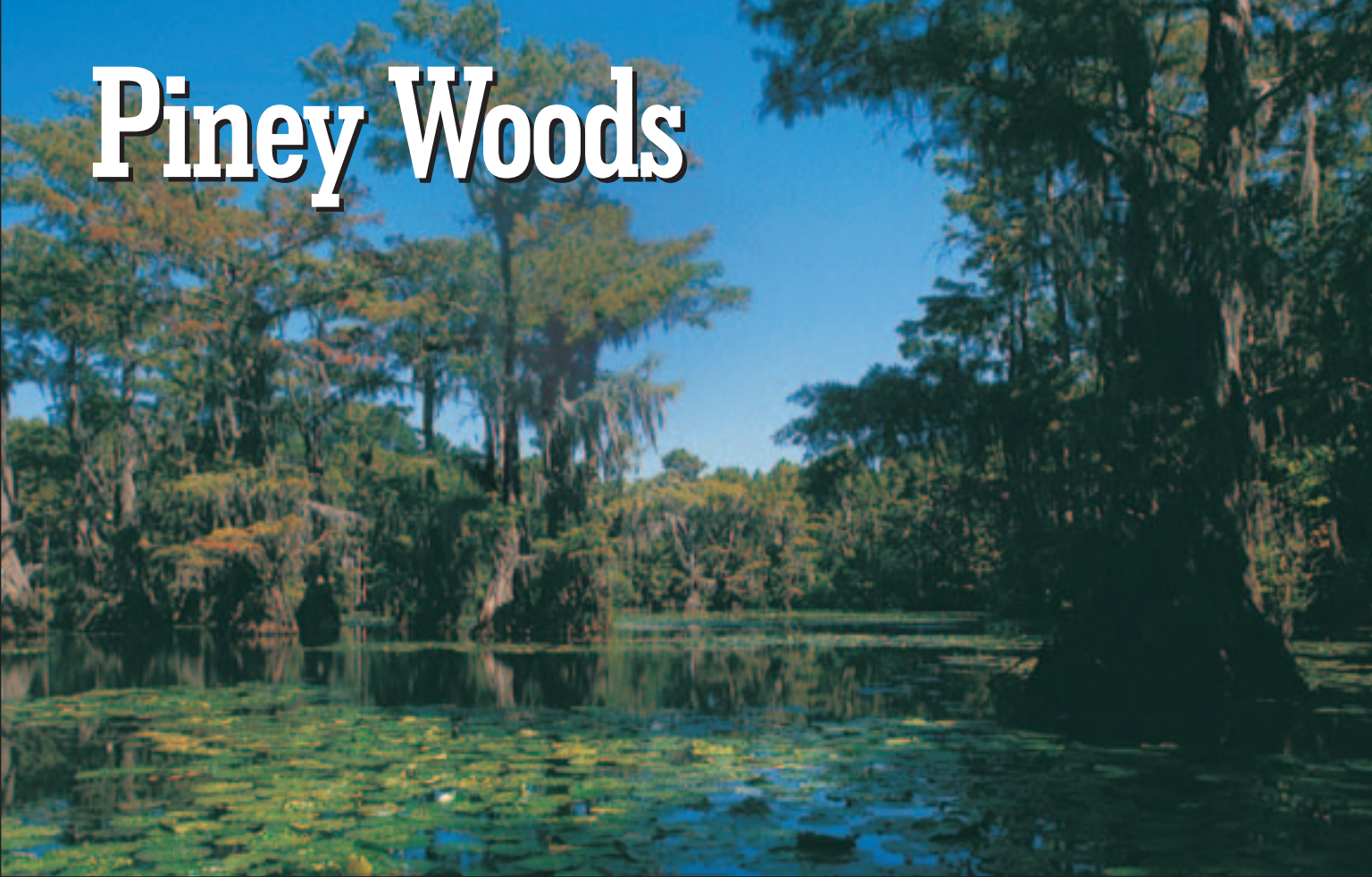
### Day 4: Port Aransas, Corpus Christi, Kingsville

In Port Aransas visit the Port Aransas Birding Center and Paradise Pond Birding Habitat. In Corpus Christi explore the Art Museum of South Texas, the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, the Texas State Aquarium, and the U.S.S. *Lexington* Museum on the Bay. In Kingsville you'll find the John E. Connor Museum and the King Ranch Museum.

### Day 5: Harlingen, Brownsville, South Padre Island

In Harlingen see the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge and the Texas Air Museum. In Brownsville, walk through the Rio Grande Valley Wing of the Commemorative Air Force Museum, the Gladys Porter Zoo, or the Historic Brownsville Museum. Catch a ride at the South Padre Island Equestrian Center or catch a wave at Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark.

# Piney Woods



Caddo Lake, East Texas.



In deep East Texas, the Piney Woods region is filled with riches just waiting to be discovered by travelers in search of natural beauty and the intrigue of the past. The region's wealth lies in nature and history. Among the four national forests, the national nature preserve, miles and miles of dogwoods, and stunning spreads of azaleas that would rival any in the South are a dozen or so historic sites that tell the oldest stories of our state's beginnings.

Stretching from Texarkana in the northeastern corner of the state down to the booming Houston suburb called The Woodlands, the forested expanse of Texas that hugs the Louisiana state line encompasses one of the Texas Historical Commission's heritage tourism tracks, this one called the Texas Forest Trail Region. Covering 35 counties, the trail plots many stops that provide glimpses of the early people and landmark events of Texas. In Alto, a town on the Old San Antonio Road, you'll see how the Caddo Indians worked and lived from A.D. 800 to 1300 at Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site. At Weches, a replica of Mission San Francisco de los Tejas stands at the

site where missionaries built the original around 1690, and at Nacogdoches, where several of the Texas rebels first attempted to establish a republic, is the Stone Fort Museum.

Among the more unusual offerings are the annual Yamboree in Gilmer, celebrating that town's favorite crop, and the peculiar flying machine in Pittsburg that was created before the Wright brothers' historic flight. For a different kind of fun, take some time to explore the region's thousands of acres of water playgrounds. In northeast Texas, the beautiful Caddo Lake lures you with its moss-draped cypress trees along the water's edge, while further south, Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn Reservoir offer some of the best fishing in the state. Canoeing fans won't be able to resist the sloughs and marshes in Martin Dies Jr. State Park, located at the edge of the magnificent Big Thicket National Preserve.

## CONROE

After two major fires devastated the forestry prospects in this area, the discovery of oil in 1931 was a boon to the town's economy. The Heritage Museum of Montgomery County offers displays and a general store that give children a special look at Conroe's beginnings. See the Crighton Theatre downtown, a 1934 center for vaudeville productions that has been converted to a movie theater and a venue for live drama.

**Southern Empress Paddle Wheel Boat**  
7037 Kinston Cove Ln., Willis, TX 77318  
936-447-3002, 800-324-2229  
www.southernempress.com

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## HUNTSVILLE

There's no doubt who was the famous resident here—his 60,000-pound stone statue rises 21 meters (67 feet) into the sky near Interstate 45. Sam Houston is also honored hereabouts at a memorial museum complex bearing his name, built on a 7-hectare (18-acre) plot that belonged to the hero of the Republic. Other notable sites in Huntsville include the Blue Lagoon, an artesian spring-fed rock quarry, and the Texas Prison Museum.

### Sam Houston Memorial Museum

1836 Sam Houston Ave., SHSU  
Huntsville, TX 77341  
936-294-1832, www.shsu.edu/~smm\_www/

A valuable piece of Texas history is preserved here. Original buildings on the premises include the Woodland Home, where Houston and his family lived for 10 years; an education center and exhibit hall, which served as his political headquarters; and Steamboat House, where he died in 1836. WC ☪

### Sam Houston Statue and Visitors Center

7600 TX Hwy. 75 S., Huntsville, TX 77340  
936-291-9726, www.huntsvilletexas.com

A 20-meter (67-foot) statue of Sam Houston, titled *A Tribute to Courage*, stands on a three-meter (10-foot) granite pedestal. Houston's life and achievements are highlighted at the adjacent visitors center. WC ☪

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November	19	22
December	13	17
Sunshine Days	221	210

### JEFFERSON

A Southern belle of a town, Jefferson was wildly rich in its heyday as a bustling riverboat port, with steamboats plying the Big Cypress Bayou on their way to New Orleans. Now the town is a big weekend-getaway destination, thanks to some 60 charming bed-and-breakfast inns and guest houses. The lovely old Carnegie Library merits a visit, as does the Jefferson Historical Society Museum. Riverboat tours take explorers onto Big Cypress Bayou and Caddo Lake, and horse-drawn carriage tours meander through the vintage brick streets of the picturesque downtown.

**Caddo Lake Steamboat Company**  
328 Bois d'Arc Ln., Uncertain, TX 75661  
903-789-3978, 888-325-5459

An authentic steamboat straight out of the Mark Twain era, the *Graceful Ghost* cruises the mysterious and primeval Caddo Lake. **WC** ☼

**Jefferson Society Historical Museum**  
223 W. Austin St., Jefferson, TX 75657  
903-665-2775

Erected in 1890, the four-story Post Office and Court Building houses exhibits that celebrate Jefferson's boom days. Displays include a gun collection, the Carnegie Doll Collection, and art pieces from the 16th to the 19th centuries. **WC**

### KILGORE

For a small town, Kilgore has a weighty heritage. At one time in its early history, a .45-hectare (1.1-acre) section of downtown was covered with the greatest concentration of oil wells in the world, a total of 24. These wells collectively produced more than 2.5 million barrels of the black crude while they were in operation. Today you'll see the original derrick and a dozen replicas, and a granite monument honoring the families who pioneered the industry in East Texas. That will prime you for a visit to the East Texas Oil Museum, where extensive displays chronicle the early boom days. Nearby is the Rangerette Showcase, devoted to the

world's first precision drill-and-dance team.

**East Texas Oil Museum**  
Corner of Ross and TX Hwy. 259  
Kilgore, TX 75662  
903-983-8295, www.easttexasoilmuseum.com

Kilgore's 1930s boom is portrayed through dioramas, films, and memorabilia. Re-creations of stores, geological exhibits, and a simulated 1,159-meter (3,800-foot) elevator ride to inner-earth oil formations give visitors a glimpse into the excitement of an oil strike. **WC** ☼

**Kilgore Rangerette Showcase**  
1100 Broadway, Kilgore, TX 75662  
903-983-8265, www.kilgore.cc.tx.us

In 1940 a group of young women known as the Kilgore College Rangerettes high-stepped onto the football field and made history as the first precision drill/dance team to perform at halftime of a sporting event. The Showcase includes vintage costumes, awards, and mementos. **WC** ☼

### LONGVIEW

Thanks to the phenomenal East Texas Oil Field, this quiet plantation town underwent an extraordinary metamorphosis in the 1930s, tripling its population. The town has seen a more recent boom with the growth of LeTourneau University as well as the success of 200 manufacturing companies. Longview is also conveniently located near Lake O' the Pines, Caddo Lake, and Lake Gladewater.

**Longview Museum of Fine Arts**  
215 E. Tyler St., Longview, TX 75601  
903-753-8103, www.lmfa.org

The museum houses a comprehensive collection of paintings, drawings, prints, photography, and sculpture, focusing specifically on artists from Texas. **WC** ☼

### MARSHALL

You could get dizzy trying to see all the historic sites in Marshall, which is sprinkled with more than 100 historical markers. At the center of town is the graceful old county courthouse, now home to the Harrison County Historical Museum and the centerpiece of the annual winter Wonderland of Lights, a blazing downtown



Alabama-Coushatta Indians, Livingston.

spectacle involving millions of tiny twinkling lights. At Marshall Pottery, you'll find examples of how creative craftsmen can be with the area's red clay soil, and in the Ginocchio National Historic District, which includes the Texas and Pacific Railroad Museum, you'll learn about the town's old-time railroad heritage.

### Marshall Depot, Texas and Pacific Railroad Museum

800 N. Washington St., Marshall, TX 75670  
903-938-9495, www.marshalldepot.org

The restored Marshall Depot is a place to experience the history of the Texas and Pacific Railroad. The museum showcases information and memorabilia of the railroad and its workers, set against the backdrop of an active railroad passenger station. **WC** ☼

### NACOGDOCHES

Called the Oldest Town in Texas, Nacogdoches is named for the Caddo Indians who once lived in the region. In 1716 the Spanish established Mission Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe de los Nacogdoches, and the town became official in 1779. Today you'll see the Stone Fort Museum as well as the Oak Grove Cemetery, where four of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence are buried. The Sterne-Hoya home is where Sam Houston was baptized, and Millard's Crossing is a fine example of a reconstructed village.

### Stephen F. Austin State University Mast Arboretum

Wilson Dr.  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Nacogdoches, TX 75962  
936-468-1832, www.sfasu.edu/ag/arboretum

The development of 22 theme gardens over time has allowed the arboretum to expand to its present size of 8 hectares (19 acres). A sampling of the areas to visit are the Asian Valley, the Herb Garden, Lines of Vines, the Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden, and Texas' largest azalea garden. **WC**

### Stone Fort Museum

Corner of Griffith Blvd. and Alumni Dr.  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Nacogdoches, TX 75962  
936-468-2408

This museum is a replica of a fort that was constructed in 1779 by don Antonio Gil y Barbo. A permanent display chronicles the history of the original fort, which served as a trading post, home, jail, courthouse, and capitol. **WC**

### TEXARKANA

The city of Texarkana is unique in that it sits squarely on top of the line separating Texas from Arkansas in the most northeast corner of the state. Filled with historic sites and annual festivals, as well as entertainment that ranges from stockcar racing, hockey, and art exhibits to the performing arts, Texarkana has something for everyone. Be sure not to miss the Ace of Clubs House, a 22-sided home built in 1885 and financed by the winnings of a card game, or the mural honoring the King of Ragtime, Texarkana's own Scott Joplin.

### Perot Theatre

219 Main, Texarkana, TX 75501  
903-792-4992, www.trahc.org

This 1,600-seat theater, opened in 1924, starred as one of the premier theaters in a four-state area for two decades. Eventually it fell into disrepair and was all but abandoned. In 1977 native H. Ross Perot and other townspeople donated \$2 million to restore the structure. Now the theater serves as a venue for concerts, plays, and musicals. **WC & ♿**

### Texarkana Museum System

219 State Line Ave., Texarkana, TX 75501  
903-793-4831, www.texarkanamuseums.org

These three museums include the oldest brick building in Texarkana (formerly the Texarkana Historical Museum), Discovery Place children's museum, and the Ace of Clubs 1880s house. Among the newest permanent exhibits are an interactive music exhibit and a Caddo Indian exhibit. **WC & ♿**

### TYLER

It's true that thousands of visitors traipse through this genteel town in the spring to see the azaleas and dogwoods, but it's impossible to think "Tyler" and "flowers" without mentioning its fantastic rose heritage. Be sure to experience the Municipal Rose Garden and Museum and join in the fun at the giant Rose Festival in October. Other notable sites in Tyler include the Caldwell Zoo, Brookshire's World of Wildlife Museum, and the beautifully wooded Tyler State Park.

### Tyler Municipal Rose Garden and Rose Museum

420 S. Rose Park Dr., Tyler, TX 75702  
903-531-1212

The 6 hectares (14 acres) of this spectacular garden blaze with a fragrant profusion of color during rose season (mid-May to the beginning of November). The largest municipal rose garden in the world, it is planted with more than 38,000 bushes representing 500 varieties of roses. Part of the garden is devoted to antique or heritage roses, varieties that are 75 to 100 years old. **WC & ♿**

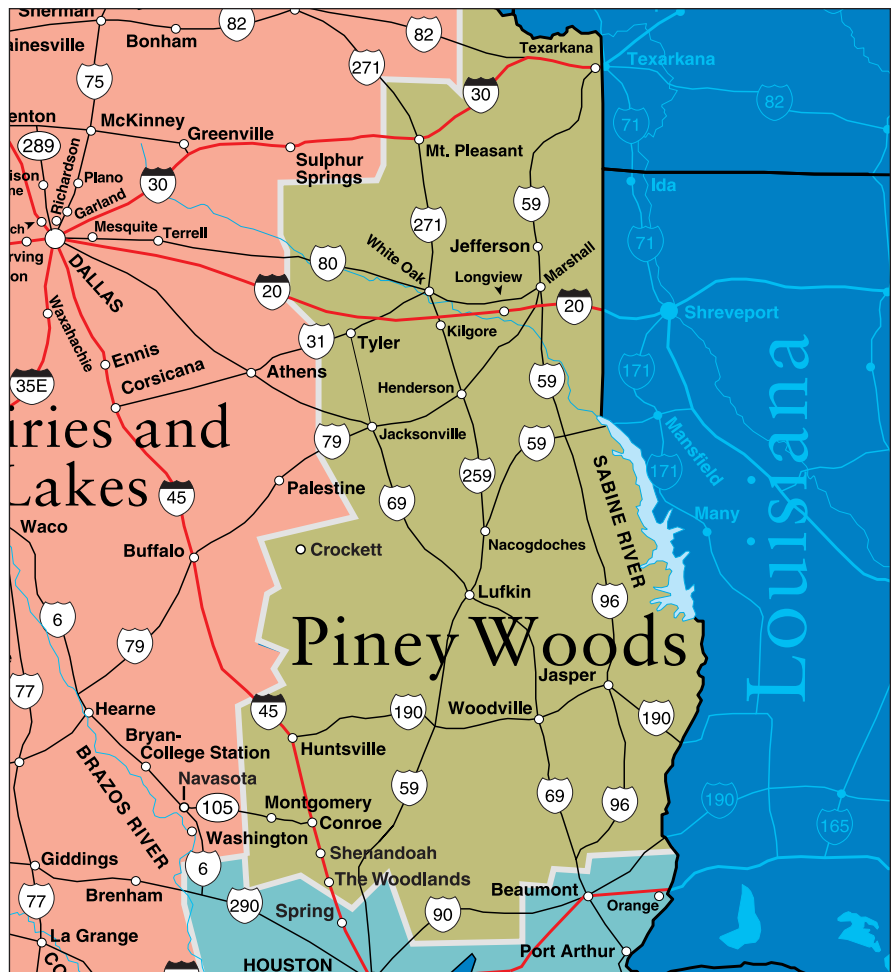
### WOODVILLE

Long a lumber and forestry center, Woodville is also a fine jumping-off place for a visit to the intriguing Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, created in part by the work of Sam Houston around 1850. A tour through the reservation highlights the lush forest, wildlife, and wildflowers in the Big Thicket, and a walking tour through the Indian Village allows you to observe traditional tribal crafts and food. Check schedules to find out about tribal dance demonstrations and *Indian Chief* train ride options.

### Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation

751 State Park Rd., Livingston, TX 77351  
936-563-1100, 800-926-9038,  
Campground: 936-563-4735  
www.alabamacoushatta.com

Off U.S. 190, 24 km (15 miles) west of Woodville  
In the 1850s, when the Alabama and Coushatta Indians were being driven off their land in the Big Thicket, which they had occupied for more than 150 years, Sam Houston helped create this reservation. **WC & ♿**



### Big Thicket National Preserve

6102 FM 420, Kountze, TX 77625  
409-246-2337, www.nps.gov/bith  
Take U.S. 69 to FM 420

Though many of the nation's complex forest environments are disappearing, the Big Thicket remains relatively pristine, partly because it has been named a UNESCO International Biosphere Reserve. **WC &**

## ITINERARIES

### Day 1: Conroe, Huntsville, Woodville

Take a spin on the *Southern Empress* paddle wheel boat in Conroe. Explore the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, and the Sam Houston Statue and Visitors Center in Huntsville. And in Woodville visit the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation and the Big Thicket National Preserve.

### Day 2: Nacogdoches

Visitors to Nacogdoches can explore Stephen F. Austin State University and the Stone Fort Museum.

### Day 3: Kilgore, Tyler

Kilgore has the East Texas Oil Museum, and the Kilgore Rangerette Showcase. Don't miss the impressive display at the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden and Rose Center.

### Day 4: Longview, Marshall

Stay cool exploring museums such as the Longview Museum of Fine Arts, the Harrison County Historical Museum, and the Texas and Pacific Railroad Museum. Go back in time visiting the Ginocchio National Historic District and the Marshall Depot. And don't miss the world-famous Marshall Pottery.

### Day 5: Jefferson, Texarkana

Visit the Carnegie Library, or the Jefferson Society Historical Museum. Relax on a riverboat tour with the Caddo Lake Steamboat Company. In Texarkana you'll find such sights as the Ace of Clubs House, and Perot Theatre. Finish the day exploring the Texarkana Museum System.

# Hill Country



*Frio River at Garner State Park, Concan.*



One of the prettiest parts of the state, the Hill Country lies at the physical and spiritual center of Texas. There's something almost mystical about the landscape of limestone hills, covered with thick patches of live oak, mesquite, and cedar. People come to this serene land to lose and find themselves again on lazy rivers and in welcoming towns with old stone buildings, general stores, stories of pioneer heritage, and the time-honored Saturday-night dance.

Here your pastoral experience will be complemented by the many museums, art galleries, and wineries that are spread throughout the region. Your family will delight in a train trip through the countryside, a horseback outing along a bubbling creek, a tour through an exotic-game ranch, or a ride in a glass-bottom boat on a crystal-clear, spring-fed lake. You can also while away your days floating on the refreshing waters of the Frio, Medina, and Guadalupe Rivers.

The Hill Country is rich in German heritage, too. Perfectly preserved examples of fachwerk construction are found in Fredericksburg, Boerne, and New Braunfels, towns that also serve up loads of European flavors and hospitality at their annual

festivals. Architecture enthusiasts will certainly admire the exquisite craftsmanship that produced some of the most breathtaking buildings in Texas, including the state capitol in Austin, the county courthouses in Georgetown, Johnson City, and Blanco, and the historic inns in Boerne, Fredericksburg, Austin, and New Braunfels.

## AUSTIN AREA

Known as the Live Music Capital of the World, the city boasts more than 100 live music venues and an always energetic nightlife. The Texas Capitol anchors the downtown government complex, which also includes the Governor's Mansion and the Bob Bullock Texas State History

Museum. An extensive network of greenbelts, parks, nature preserves, and lakes creates and supports a verdant oasis here in the heart of Texas.

### Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

1800 N. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78711  
512-936-8746, [www.theStoryofTexas.com](http://www.theStoryofTexas.com)

Three floors of exhibits and 17 different media and interactive experiences trace Texas history from before European exploration to recent times. The museum features a multimedia special-effects "Texas Spirit Theater" and Austin's only IMAX theater. ♿ WC ♿ ♿

### Congress Avenue Bridge Bat Colony

Congress Ave. at Town Lake, Austin, TX  
Bat Hotline: 512-416-5700, ext. 3636  
512-327-9721, [www.batcon.org/congress.html](http://www.batcon.org/congress.html)

Each spring Austin hosts North America's largest urban bat colony, as 1.5 million bats migrate north from Central Mexico to their favorite roost in the city—underneath the Congress Avenue bridge.

### Dell Diamond

3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd.  
Round Rock, TX 78664  
512-255-2255, [www.roundrockexpress.com](http://www.roundrockexpress.com)

The Dell Diamond is home to the Round Rock Express baseball team and club. Within the building are a swimming pool and a hot tub. The Kids Zone (including a sport court and moon jump), a 7-meter-(23-foot-) high rock-climbing wall, and indoor batting cages mean lots of fun for the whole family. ♿ WC ♿ ♿



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*Texas State Capitol, Austin.*

### Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center

Northeast corner of 21st and Guadalupe  
University of Texas, Austin, TX 78713  
512-471-8944

[www.hrc.utexas.edu](http://www.hrc.utexas.edu), [info@hrc.utexas.edu](mailto:info@hrc.utexas.edu),

A recent multimillion-dollar renovation has added 3,717 centares (40,000 square feet) of public space to this highly regarded resource center. Among its treasures are the world's first photograph and a Gutenberg Bible. The center houses an extensive array of rare books, manuscripts, photographs, documents, and art. WC ☹

### Inner Space Cavern

4200 I-35 S., Georgetown, TX 78626  
512-931-CAVE, [www.innerspace.com](http://www.innerspace.com)

This cavern contains remnants of prehistoric mastodons, wolves, and other Ice Age animals. Its year-round temperature of 72 degrees provides a welcome respite in the summer. Pan for gemstones at the cavern's mining sluice. WC ☹

### Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin, TX 78739  
512-292-4200, [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org)

Lady Bird Johnson's gift of \$125,000 and 24 hectares (60 acres) of land in 1982 created this nonprofit center dedicated to educating people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants. The spring blooming season is the best time for a tour. Among the many amenities at the nation's only natural-plant botanical garden is a striking stone-and-wood 232-seat auditorium. The center offers classes and workshops throughout the year. WC ☹

### Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum

2313 Red River, Austin, TX 78705  
512-721-0200  
[www.lbjlib.utexas.edu](http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu)

This stately library and museum complex on the University of Texas campus houses the presidential papers of Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas' native son. Changing exhibits include audiovisual presentations, historical displays, gifts from foreign dignitaries, and a replica of the Oval Office. Call ahead for group tours. WC ☹

### State Capitol and Capitol Visitors Center

State Capitol  
11th and Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78711  
512-463-0063, [www.tspb.state.tx.us](http://www.tspb.state.tx.us)  
Capitol Visitors Center  
112 E. 11th, Austin, TX 78711  
512-305-8400, [capitol.tours@tspb.state.tx.us](mailto:capitol.tours@tspb.state.tx.us)

Four meters (14 feet) higher than the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C., the capitol presides over downtown Austin. The parklike grounds beckon both visitors and downtown workers for a leisurely stroll or a picnic lunch. The visitors center offers exhibits about the history of the capitol. WC ☹

### BANDERA

Called the Cowboy Capital of the World for its many dude ranches and for its long list of champion rodeo cowboys, Bandera started out as a Polish settlement in 1852. Today, the charming little downtown is full of historic sites such as a pioneer period museum and a couple of great old saloons that now serve as venues for Texas music. You'll also discover plenty of stores where you



can stock up on all the Western gear you need in clothing and home decor. The ranches surrounding the town are still the working variety, and some do dual duty by taking on overnight guests. Saddle up and ride all day, just hang out by the pool, or perhaps play a round of golf, occasionally glimpsing horses grazing in the distance.

### Frontier Times Museum

510 13th, Bandera, TX 78003  
830-796-3864

The best word for this museum is "eclectic." You might come across anything from vintage firearms to bottles reclaimed from Judge Roy Bean's saloon, from a stuffed two-headed goat to a South American shrunken head—not to mention a collection of 400 bells from around the world. WC

### FREDERICKSBURG

While this town is jam-packed with tourists during the spring wildflower season, you can see acres of gorgeous flowers almost year-round at Wildseed Farms, immediately east of town. This German settlement has become a hospitality center for the region, thanks to approximately 300 bed-and-breakfasts both in town and on nearby farms and ranches. Add an abundance of sophisticated shopping options along Main Street, and you have the criteria for the ideal getaway. At the National Museum of the Pacific War, formerly the Admiral Nimitz Museum, you can view an impressive memorial to the Pacific Theater of World War II.

### Admiral Nimitz State Historic Site National Museum of the Pacific War

340 E. Main, Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-997-4379  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/nimitz/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/nimitz/)  
Other locations at 303 E. Austin St. and 550 E. Austin St.

The museum includes the boyhood home of Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, housed in the 19th-century Nimitz Hotel, the George Bush Gallery, a Veterans Walk of Honor and Memorial Courtyard, and the new Plaza of Presidents. WC ☹

### Wildseed Farms of Fredericksburg

Box 3000, Fredericksburg, TX 78624-3000  
830-990-1393, [www.wildseedfarms.com](http://www.wildseedfarms.com)

During the blooming period you can stroll along trails that meander out into the midst of the flowers, pick your own bunch from selected species, or picnic at the pavilion. The research and development area illustrates the process of developing and producing plants and seeds. WC ☹

### KERRVILLE

One of the state's more popular escape destinations, Kerrville is situated in the heart of the Hill Country, hugging the jade-green Guadalupe River. The area is a birdwatcher's paradise because of both the number of species and the array of rare birds sighted here—like the golden-cheeked warbler and the black-capped vireo. Towering cypress trees and an abundance of wildlife add to the allure. Kerrville is renowned for the 18-day Kerrville Folk Festival, the Texas Arts and Crafts Fair, James Avery Craftsman jeweler, and the

# Hill Country

## REGIONAL WEATHER

Month	Austin	Uvalde
	Average Temp. C°	Average Temp. C°
January	10	11
February	13	13
March	17	17
April	20	21
May	24	25
June	27	28
July	29	29
August	29	29
September	27	27
October	22	22
November	16	16
December	11	12
<i>Sunshine Days</i>	230	221

National Center for American Western Art.

### Cowboy Artists of America Museum

1550 Bandera Hwy., Kerrville, TX 78028  
830-896-2553, www.americanwesternart.org

Established in 1983 as a venue for contemporary cowboy artists, the center's permanent collections include works by Joe Beeler, Howard Terpning, Melvin Warren, and James Boren. The museum also houses a library of Western Americana. **WC** **6** **Y**

### NEW BRAUNFELS AREA

Vestiges of the original German settlement are evident within this town, founded in 1845 by Germans looking for a life of freedom along the banks of the Comal and Guadalupe Rivers. Fine examples of the early settlers' architecture and clues to their work and their lives are found in the con-

*Olde Towne Plaza, Wimberley.*



*Bluebonnets, the state flower.*

servation society's assemblage of preserved homes and buildings and at the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture. The waters of the Comal and the Guadalupe provide lots of fun for rafting, canoeing, and kayaking enthusiasts, while landlubbers with an itch to shop are happy at the nearby outlet malls and boutiques.

### Historic Gruene

1601 Hunter Rd., New Braunfels, TX 78130  
Main office: 830-629-5077  
www.touringtexas.com/gruene/

Music buffs congregate at Gruene Hall, Texas' oldest continuously operating dance hall, to enjoy big-name and local performers. Gruene is also an ideal launching spot for inner-tube, raft, and canoe trips down the Guadalupe.

### Schlitterbahn Waterpark and Resort

305 W. Austin, New Braunfels, TX 78130  
830-625-2351, www.schlitterbahn.com

This huge water park spans 26 hectares (65

acres) and includes a long tube chute, kiddie pools, body slides, the Boogie Bahn, and the Master Blaster. Visitors can relax in the giant hot tub with a swim-up refreshment bar, or get their hearts racing on wild rides like the Dragon Blaster, the world's first uphill water coaster. **WC** **6** **Y**

### SAN MARCOS

The starting point for an annual canoeing race that winds up on the Texas Gulf Coast, San Marcos is the site of the beautiful headwaters of the San Marcos River. Located midway between Austin and San Antonio, the city is home to Southwest Texas State University, as well as the Tanger and Prime outlet malls, and Wonder World Park, Texas' oldest natural attraction.

### Aquarena Center of Continuing Education

921 Aquarena Springs Dr., San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-245-7575

Tours: 512-245-7540

www.aquarenacenter.com

From a glass-bottom boat here at the headwaters of the San Marcos River, you can watch the springs bubbling from underground. Exhibits range from endangered species and ecology to history and archaeology. The center also includes nature trails along the Balcones Fault Line. **WC** **W** **Y**

### Wonder World Park

1000 Prospect, San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-392-3760, www.wonderworldpark.com

Texas' oldest natural attraction was formed 30 million years ago, when a prehistoric ocean covered Central Texas. An enormous earthquake occurred, creating a huge underground cave. Other attractions at the park include the 34-meter (110-foot) Tejas Observation Tower, the Anti-Gravity House, the Wildlife Petting Park, and Mexico's World Import Market. **WC** **W** **Y**

### WIMBERLEY

Established in 1848, the picturesque village about an hour northeast of San Antonio today is a sought-after resort and retirement area. Visitors love the cool, shady pools and the Blanco River. Situated between Blanco and Cypress Creeks, the countryside is a study in green meadows and majestic rolling hills, populated by white-tailed deer. Many bed-and-breakfasts, quaint inns, vacation resorts, and youth camps are scattered around the area. You'll also enjoy rock climbing, hiking, birdwatching, swimming, golfing, and camping.

### Olde Towne Plaza

13801 Ranch Rd. 12, Wimberley, TX 78676  
512-847-6594

Nestled in a shady pecan grove, the plaza's 13 shops offer an eclectic array of jewelry, glass works, unique arts and crafts, and gifts, designed and crafted by local artisans. Browse through one-of-a-kind art and antiques and chat with the always friendly Wimberley shopkeepers.



## ITINERARIES

### Day 1: Wimberley, San Marcos

In Wimberley go swimming in the shady Blanco River, or choose rock climbing, golfing, or camping. Shop at the quaint stores in Olde Towne Plaza. In San Marcos visit the campus of Southwest Texas State University, Wonder World Park, or the Aquarena Center of Continuing Education.

### Day 2: San Marcos, New Braunfels

Spend the morning shopping at one of the area's outlet malls. Or spend the day at Schlitterbahn Waterpark and Resort in New Braunfels. If you're looking for non-water-related fun, visit the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture or take the short drive over to Historic Gruene.

### Day 3: Georgetown, Round Rock

Georgetown has Inner Space Caverns to explore. In the evening take in a ball game at Round Rock's Dell Diamond.

### Day 4: Austin

Tour the Governor's Mansion, then explore the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, the



*Governor's Mansion, Austin.*

Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, or the Capitol. Witness the nightly exodus of bats at the Congress Avenue Bridge Bat Colony before ending the evening with some live music in one of Austin's many music venues.

### Day 5: Fredericksburg, Bandera, Kerrville

Visitors to Fredericksburg should stop by

Wildseed Farms of Fredericksburg, or go shopping on Main Street and discover history at the Admiral Nimitz State Historic Site. Saddle up and ride all day at one of Bandera's many dude ranches or visit the Frontier Times Museum. In Kerrville check out the Texas Arts and Crafts Fair, James Avery Craftsman jeweler, the National Center for American Western Art, and the Cowboy Artists of America Museum.

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# Big Bend Country



*Santa Elena Canyon, West Texas.*



Many an adventurer has proclaimed that until you explore the Big Bend, you haven't really experienced Texas. That's mostly because the massive expanse of mountain, desert, and sky in the state's most southwestern corner serves as the purest form of the raw beauty and character of this unique state.

Intrepid explorers in the Big Bend region discover the joys of rock hunting at the Woodward Agate Ranch, outside of Alpine, and sipping wine at the state's oldest winery, Val Verde, at Del Rio. You'll revel in the cool waters of one of the world's largest spring-fed swimming pools, at Balmorhea State Park; if you prefer hot springs, you'll find those bubbling up next to the Rio Grande in Big Bend National Park and also west of Presidio at Chinati hot springs. You'll see stars and suns and planets in the clearest imaginable sky at McDonald Observatory near Fort Davis, a town that also boasts one of the nation's best-preserved cavalry forts. Enjoy a day of horseback riding or join a three-day cattle drive in Big Bend Ranch State Park. For golfers, an opportunity to hit the links awaits at the newly renovated resort at Lajitas. This 18-hole course includes an optional swing across the border into Mexico.

The 685-kilometer (425-mile) reach of Texas landscape between El Paso and Del Rio bestows a particular kind of restoration of the soul. Legend are the stories of people who came to Big Bend for a bit of R&R and wound up leaving their stressful lives back home in favor of a new existence in the Chisos, Davis, or Chinati Mountains or some other place along the Rio Grande or Pecos River. That's how compelling you'll find this land of cactus and rock, blessed as it is with a full palette of wildflowers from February through August and kissed by cool summer nights. After one visit you'll understand why travelers return again and again for rejuvenation and for the perspective that time spent amid nature's wonder can provide.

## ALPINE

Dubbed the Hub of the Big Bend, Alpine lies between the Davis and the Glass Mountains, with Big Bend National Park to the south. Its mild climate and beauty, along with its array of shops, antiques stores, and art galleries, make Alpine a primary tourist destination. Initially established as Murphyville in 1882, it became the seat of Brewster County in 1887. Alpine has a historic downtown area and a walking and driving tour. Visitors can stop by the Museum of the Big Bend or spend their days swimming, hiking, golfing, mountain climbing, camping, and hunting. During the appropriate season, hunters harvest mule and white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelopes, javelinas, and upland game birds.

## Big Bend National Park

Big Bend National Park, TX 79834  
Chisos Mountains Lodge: 432-477-2291  
Visitors Center: 432-477-2251  
[www.nps.gov/bibe](http://www.nps.gov/bibe)

Accessible from Alpine via TX Hwy. 118 (174 km, 108 miles), Marathon via U.S. 385 (127 km, 79 miles), and Marfa-Presidio via U.S. 67 and FM 170 (270 km, 168 miles)

This park encompasses the entire southwestern tip of Texas, 324,357 hectares (801,163 acres) along the bend formed by the Rio Grande as it turns north. The river flows through the park for 190 km (118 miles). The terrain features sheer rock canyons and rugged mountains, some more than 2,134 meters (7,000 feet) in elevation, and the climate changes accordingly. Within the park thrive more than 1,200 plant species, 75 species of mammals, 450 species of birds, and 67 species of amphibians and reptiles.

Rangers conduct walking tours throughout the year. Facilities include visitors centers, a post office, National Park Service campgrounds, a trailer park, stores, gas stations, and a lodge. Lodging is limited; advance reservations are recommended.

WC ♿

## Museum of the Big Bend and Desert Cactus Garden

Lawrence Hall, Entrance 2 on U.S. 90, Alpine, TX 79832  
Gallery: 432-837-8730, [www.sulross.edu](http://www.sulross.edu)

This museum has been collecting and displaying artifacts that help explain the geological

history of the vast Big Bend region for more than 70 years. Twenty-plus different species of cacti native to the area flourish in the museum's garden. In addition to the permanent installations, numerous temporary exhibits as well as a Discovery Center for children present new experiences at every visit. **WC** ♻️

### The Post

Eight km (five miles) south of Marathon on Post Rd.

Here you will find the setting of Fort Peña Colorado, built in 1879 to protect the area from Comanche raids. Natural springs feed a large pond there, a feature that has made it an oasis for centuries. Today the site is a public park and a favorite place for birdwatching and picnics. **WC** ♻️

### DEL RIO AREA

This popular destination on the Rio Grande reels in lots of outdoorsy types, who come to scuba dive, fish, and ski the azure waters of enormous Lake Amistad. Right in town, San Felipe Springs feeds a giant, crystal-clear pool in a lovely public park, and it's an easy trip to Val Verde Winery, the oldest in Texas. If you're hunting for great bargains, check out downtown Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña, a shopping district just across the border.

### Ciudad Acuña, Mexico

Take Garfield Ave. (Spur 239) west approximately five km (three miles) to the international toll bridge.

This border town, named after Manuel Acuña, the romantic poet of the Mexican Revolution, offers delicious Mexican cuisine, shopping, and a lively nightlife. Before you drive across the border, check into Mexican car insurance; better yet, just park on the U.S. side, walk across the toll bridge (open 24 hours), and catch a taxi or bus to downtown Ciudad Acuña. Toll fees vary.

### Whitehead Memorial Museum

1308 S. Main, Del Rio, TX 78840  
830-774-7568, [www.whitehead-museum.com](http://www.whitehead-museum.com)

In 1962 the Whiteheads, a local ranching family, donated the Perry Mercantile Building for use as a museum. Over the years other structures have been added, and now the Whitehead complex includes 14 buildings, among them the 1870 Perry Store, the La Zapa Chapel, and the 1905 Hal Patton Office. Also on the grounds are the graves of Judge Roy Bean and his son, Sam. **WC** ♻️ ♻️

### EL PASO

In Texas' westernmost city you can follow roads once traveled by Native Americans, Spanish conquistadors, and Franciscan padres, as well as famous and infamous characters from the Old West. El Paso's sister city of Juárez, Mexico, where the settlement of these parts began 400 years ago, is just a trolley ride away. The magic of the desert and more than 300 days of sunshine each year combine with shopping, some of the Southwest's best Mexican food, a bounty of historical and cultural museums, historic sites, and centuries-old missions to make El Paso an intriguing destination.



### Chamizal National Memorial

800 S. San Marcial, El Paso, TX 79905  
915-532-7273, [www.nps.gov/cham](http://www.nps.gov/cham)

This memorial traces the long-standing border disputes between the U.S. and Mexico that were resolved in 1963 by the Chamizal Treaty. A video on border history is shown in both Spanish and English, and Los Paisanos Gallery exhibits works by artists from Mexico and Texas. **WC** ♻️

### El Paso-Juárez Trolley Company "Border Jumper"

One Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX 79901  
915-544-0062, [www.borderjumper.com](http://www.borderjumper.com)

For sight-seeing, hop aboard the only border trolley in the U.S. Departing from the El Paso Convention Center, you will cross the border for shopping, dining, or exploring in Ciudad Juárez. The friendly drivers also serve as bilingual tour guides. **WC** ♻️

### El Paso Museum of Art

One Arts Festival Plaza, El Paso, TX 79901  
915-532-1707, [www.elpasoartmuseum.org](http://www.elpasoartmuseum.org)

Founded in 1947, this museum houses a permanent collection of 5,000 works, including the multimillion-dollar Kress Collection of 13th- and 18th-century European art, American art from the 19th and 20th centuries, and Mexican colonial art and retablos. The museum also has an impressive contemporary art collection from the Southwest and Mexico. In addition to these holdings, the museum presents a diverse schedule of temporary exhibitions, films, lectures, and other educational programs for the public. **WC** ♻️ ♻️

### Fort Bliss

Department of the Army Public Affairs Office  
Building 15, Slater Rd.  
Fort Bliss, TX 79916-6812

915-568-4505, Fax: 915-568-2995

[www.bliss.army.mil](http://www.bliss.army.mil), [offuttj@em10.bliss.army.mil](mailto:offuttj@em10.bliss.army.mil)

This U.S. Army post established in 1848 is now a vast military reservation that houses three museums, including the History of Non-Commissioned Officers Museum, the Fort Bliss Museum, and the Air Defense Artillery Museum.

### Old Missions Trail

915-534-0677

See individual mission addresses below.

[www.missiontrails.com](http://www.missiontrails.com)

Several charming missions, which predate all other missions in Texas and California, illustrate the substantial influence of early Spanish missionaries in El Paso's Lower Valley.

### Nuestra Señora de la Concepción del Socorro (Socorro Mission)

328 S. Nevarez, El Paso, TX 79927  
915-859-7718 **WC**

### Nuestra Señora de Monte Carmell (Ysleta Mission)

131 S. Zaragoza, El Paso, TX 79907  
915-859-9848 **WC**

### San Elizario Presidio Chapel

1556 San Elizario Rd., San Elizario, TX 79849  
915-851-2333 ♻️

### Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (Tigua Indian Reservation Culture Center)

305 Ya Ya Ln., El Paso, TX 79907  
915-859-5287, 915-859-7736 for tour reservations **WC** ♻️ ♻️

# Big Bend Country

## REGIONAL WEATHER

Month	Del Rio	El Paso
	Average Temp. C°	Average Temp. C°
January	11	7
February	13	11
March	18	14
April	22	18
May	26	23
June	28	28
July	29	28
August	29	27
September	27	24
October	22	18
November	16	12
December	11	7
<i>Sunshine Days</i>	227	293

### FORT DAVIS AREA

According to a favorite saying out here, “From Fort Davis, the rest of Texas is all downhill,” an apt claim for the state’s highest town, with an elevation of 1,539 meters (5,050 feet). Located in the beautiful Davis Mountains, Fort Davis offers a climate that is usually milder than that of the rest of Texas. Horse riders can be seen on the streets, and the jingle of spurs is a common sound in local establishments. You’ll also see the stars like you never have before. Nurture your interest in the Old West by visiting the restored Fort Davis National Historic Site and by examining the Overland Trail, the nation’s longest unpaved road, which runs right through town.

### Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute

P.O. Box 905, Fort Davis, TX 79734  
432-364-2499, [www.cdri.org](http://www.cdri.org)

Solving the mysteries of the Chihuahuan Desert, which covers parts of the state of Chihuahua in Mexico, western Texas, and southern New Mexico, is the mission here. The institute documents the desert’s flora and fauna; at the Fort Davis site are 205 hectares (507 acres) with an arboretum and desert garden and more than 500 species of plants, including 200 species of cactus. Area trails offer scenic hikes. **WC** **Y**

### Fort Davis National Historic Site

TX Hwys. 17 and 118, Fort Davis, TX 79734  
432-426-3225, [www.nps.gov/foda](http://www.nps.gov/foda)

In 1854 the newly built fort, surrounded by wilderness, was the only refuge for settlers from raiding parties of Apaches and Comanches. After the Civil War until 1891, it was reestablished as a frontier base. Many Buffalo Soldiers—regiments made up, in part, of former slaves—also served there. The site consists of five refurbished buildings, with restored barracks housing a museum and visitors center. **WC**

### McDonald Observatory

HC 75, Fort Davis, TX 79734  
Visitors Center: 432-426-3640, 877-984-STAR  
[www.mcdonaldobservatory.org](http://www.mcdonaldobservatory.org)

From the observatory atop two mountain peaks—Mount Locke at 2,070 meters (6,791 feet) and Mount Fowlkes at 2,058 meters (6,750 feet)—stargazers can easily see forever. The observatory has the world’s third-largest telescope, made up of 91 mirrors that form a 1,115-centimeter (435-inch) primary mirror array. The research facility has eight more telescopes, ranging in size from 46 centimeters (18 inches) to 274 centimeters (107 inches). The visitors center hosts special viewing nights each month (make your reservations a month in advance for this popular event), and visitors are also encouraged to attend public star parties on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. **WC** **♻**

### FORT STOCKTON

A multicultural community conveniently located midway between San Antonio and El Paso on Interstate 10, Fort Stockton is only 161 kilometers (100 miles) southwest of Midland International Airport. Home to numerous motels and excellent restaurants, the town is within driving distance of major sights and sites in the Big Bend Country. Be sure to visit Ste. Genevieve Wines and Vineyard, the history-packed Annie Riggs Memorial Museum, historic Fort Stockton, and Paisano Pete, the world’s largest roadrunner.

### Annie Riggs Memorial Museum

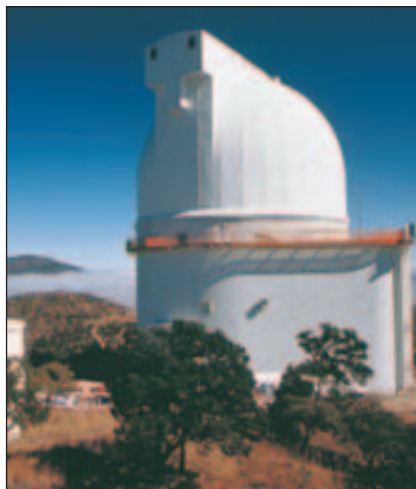
301 S. Main, Fort Stockton, TX 79735  
432-336-2167

Built of adobe in 1899, this Victorian-style building has 14 rooms, each representing a period in the area’s history. Among the more unusual items to be found here are a safe with a hidden keyhole, a 22,000-year-old mammoth tusk, and a “lazy man’s churn,” which used the jostling of a wagon to make butter. **WC** **♻** **Y**

### Historic Fort Stockton

301 E. Third, Fort Stockton, TX 79735  
432-336-2400

The U.S. Army put this fort to good use from 1867 to 1886 as headquarters of the 9th and 10th Cavalries and the 16th, 24th, and 25th Infantry. Several of the original buildings, constructed of hand-hewn limestone and adobe, still



McDonald Observatory, Fort Davis.

stand. Be sure to investigate the jailer’s quarters inside the guardhouse and the military memorabilia in the south barracks. **WC** **♻**

### LAJITAS/TERLINGUA

Immediately west of Big Bend National Park are towns that sprang directly from legends that feed the mystique of the Wild West. Lajitas, which was at one time a cavalry post established to protect settlers from Pancho Villa and his raiding gang, has been significantly transformed into a luxury resort with private airport, golf course, first-class hotel with lavishly furnished rooms, spa, and exceptional dining choices. Terlingua, by contrast, had its roots in a long-abandoned quicksilver mining operation and has managed to retain much of its rustic charm in funky old shops, cafes, bars, motels, and the occasional art gallery.

### Barton Warnock Environmental Education Center

HC 70, Box 375, Terlingua, TX 79852  
432-424-3327, [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/barton](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/barton)

Serving as an interpretive center for Big Bend, the center offers insights into the region’s geological treasures. Other topics include Big Bend’s biozones, stewardship of the land, and the impact of humans on the Chihuahuan Desert. Gardens, revolving exhibits, and regular nature programs make the center a place to gain an in-depth understanding of Big Bend. **WC** **♻** **Y**

### Lajitas Trading Post

HC 65, Box 380, Alpine, TX 79830  
432-424-3234

On FM 170, about 27 km (17 miles) west of the junction of TX Hwy. 118 and FM 170

A classic trading post, built in 1899, this place served miners back when Old Lajitas was booming. Now, as the home of Mayor Clay Henry III, it’s still going, stocked with groceries and other camping and travel needs. **WC** **♻**

### River Rafting and Jeep Tours

The water level of the Rio Grande will dictate whether your river excursion is a placid float or a challenging white-water adventure. Novices can hire a local commercial outfitter and guide service; experienced rafters can bring their own equipment. Trips within Big Bend National Park require back-country use permits, which are available at any park ranger station.

### Outfitters include:

#### Big Bend River Tours

Box 317, Terlingua, TX 79852, 432-371-3033  
800-545-4240, [www.bigbendrivers.com](http://www.bigbendrivers.com)

#### Desert Sports

Box 448, Terlingua, TX 79852, 432-371-2727  
888-989-6900, [www.desertssportstx.com](http://www.desertssportstx.com)

#### Rio Grande Adventures

Box 229, Terlingua, TX 79852 432-371-2567  
800-343-1640, [www.riograndeadventures.com](http://www.riograndeadventures.com)

#### Texas River and Jeep Expeditions and Far Flung Adventures

Box 377, Terlingua, TX 79852 432-371-2633  
800-839-7238, [www.texasjeep.ws](http://www.texasjeep.ws)

## LANGTRY

The illustrious Judge Roy Bean, whose reputation was well earned, claimed he had named the settlement for the English actress Lillie Langtry, nicknamed Jersey Lilly. He founded the town in 1881, and although he never met his dream girl, he nonetheless created a legend of himself and his place by administering his own special brand of justice from a courtroom-in-a-saloon in the middle of nowhere. Today the judge's post has been reconstructed and is graced by a wonderful cactus garden. Serving as a prime stop along the Rio Grande and an excellent information center, Langtry is about an hour from Del Rio.

### Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center

Corner of Loop 25 and Torres Ave., Langtry, TX 432-291-3340

Judge Roy Bean, who dispensed liquor along with justice, was known as the "Law West of the Pecos." The museum and travel center are housed in the structure where he presided. **WC** ♻️

## MARFA

This far West Texas town is where you'll learn about the Marfa Lights, an enigma that appears almost nightly in the Chinati Mountains and can be seen from a new viewing station just east of town. No certifiable explanations have accounted for this phenomenon, but the strangely glowing, slightly bobbing lights have been seen consistently since 1883. It's reason enough for a party, the Marfa Lights Festival, thrown every year on Labor Day weekend. Named for a character in *The Brothers Karamazov* by Dostoyevsky, Marfa offers the utter Texas paradox of cowboys and art in one tiny place. You'll find restaurants serving New American cuisine patronized by hat-wearing ranchers who are on their way to the latest gallery opening. The town is filled each year with folks sipping lattes at the Marfa Book Company or attending the newest show at the world-renowned Chinati Foundation.

### Chinati Foundation

1 Cavalry Row, Marfa, TX 79843  
432-729-4362, [www.chinati.org](http://www.chinati.org)

Created and founded by artist Donald Judd in 1986, Chinati provides a permanent installation for large works of contemporary art. Hailed by many as the last important art movement of the 20th century, the art exists in the context in which it was meant to be. The foundation includes works by Judd, Carl Andre, Dan Flavin, Claes Oldenburg, Coosje van Bruggen, and John Chamberlain. **WC**

## MIDLAND

Conveniently situated halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso on Interstate 20, Midland mixes cosmopolitan features with small-town comforts. With nearly 100,000 residents, the city offers affordable accommodations, a wide variety of restaurants, good shopping, and AA professional baseball, all of which make it a popular destination. Adding to its appeal are 320 days of sunshine each year, great festivals—particularly the Fina-CAF AIRSHO and Septemberfest—and its proximity to Big Bend National Park.



*Hot-Air Balloon Festival, Alpine.*

### American Airpower Heritage Museum and Commemorative Air Force Headquarters

9600 Wright Dr., Midland, TX 79711-2000  
432-563-1000, [www.airpowermuseum.org](http://www.airpowermuseum.org),  
[www.confederateairforce.org](http://www.confederateairforce.org)

The complete story of airpower, before and after WWII, is the topic of this museum. As many as 20 of the 140-plane fleet are on display at all times. A must for aviation enthusiasts. **WC** ♻️

### Museum of the Southwest

1705 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, TX 79701  
432-570-7770, [www.museumsw.org](http://www.museumsw.org)

The 1930s Turner Mansion, on the National Register of Historic Places, was the first of many homes designed by architects for oil barons and now serves as an ornate setting for traveling exhibitions and permanent collections of art focusing on the Southwest. The complex also includes the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and the Marian Blakemore Planetarium. **WC** ♻️

### Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame

1500 I-20 W., Midland, TX 79701  
432-683-4403 [www.petroleummuseum.org](http://www.petroleummuseum.org)

Wide-ranging exhibits depict the role of oil in shaping culture from prehistoric times to the present. Exhibits document the changes that followed the discovery of oil in Texas and offer a crash course in drilling techniques. **WC** ♻️

## ODESSA

From Beethoven to oil barons, Odessa has it all. Located between El Paso and Fort Worth, the city prides itself on a winning combination of West Texas hospitality and urban flair. In addition to professional hockey, Odessa has the second-largest meteor crater in the nation, an exact replica of Shakespeare's theater in England in the Globe Theatre, the Presidential Museum, fine restaurants, and hotel accommodations to fit every budget. Sharing Midland International Airport with Midland, Odessa is a great spot for launching your Big Bend journey.

### Globe of the Great Southwest and the Anne Hathaway Cottage

2308 Shakespeare Rd., Odessa, TX 79761  
432-332-1586, [www.globesw.org](http://www.globesw.org)

This replica of the Globe Theatre, the home of William Shakespeare's acting company in England, began as the dream of a local teacher and Shakespearean scholar who wanted a proper showcase for the Bard's plays. The Globe hosts an annual Shakespeare Festival, community theater performances, country-western shows, and even bluegrass concerts. **WC** ♻️

### Odessa Meteor Crater

West of Odessa on I-20, Exit 108  
432-381-0946

Between 40,000 and 50,000 years ago, showers of meteorites collided with the Earth at this spot, crushing the limestone bedrock and creating a pit 167 meters (550 feet) wide and 30 meters (100 feet) deep. Over time, the desert winds have filled the crater with sediment, but the hole, identified as a meteor crater in the 1920s, is the second largest in the U.S.

### Presidential Museum

4919 E. University, Odessa, TX 79762  
432-363-7737, [www.presidentialmuseum.org](http://www.presidentialmuseum.org)

The stories of presidential administrations and campaigns, from George Washington's to George W. Bush's, are told through posters, buttons, political cartoons, campaign mementos, a doll collection commemorating our first ladies, and a portrait gallery of our presidents and vice presidents. The new library houses the museum's vast collection of rare books, first editions, and other archival materials. **WC** ♻️

## ITINERARIES

### Day 1: Midland, Odessa

In Midland see the American Airpower Heritage Museum, Museum of the Southwest, and the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame. See the second-largest meteor crater in the nation at the Odessa Meteor Crater, or take in the Globe of the Great Southwest and the Anne Hathaway Cottage, and the Presidential Museum.

### Day 2: El Paso

Visit Chamizal National Memorial, ride the El Paso-Juárez Trolley Company's Border Jumper to Juárez and stop by the El Paso Museum of Art or Fort Bliss. Tour the Old Missions Trail, then dine on some of the Southwest's best Mexican food at one of the city's great restaurants.

### Day 3: Langtry, Del Rio

Check out the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. From Del Rio cross the border into Ciudad Acuña, or stay in town and visit the Whitehead Memorial Museum or Val Verde Winery.

### Day 4: Terlingua/Lajitas

Visit the Barton Warnock Environmental Education Center and the Lajitas Trading Post, then take off for an adventure like river rafting or a Jeep tour of Big Bend National Park.

# Prairies & Lakes



Dallas skyline.



Canoe in the morning, lunch in the company of Picassos or Renoirs, watch a cattle drive in the afternoon, and attend a world-class opera performance in the evening. Welcome to the Prairies and Lakes region, which packs in an astounding variety of things to do. Occupying a sizable chunk of the middle of Texas, the region makes it easy for you to indulge all your whims, from city-fied fun to bucolic wandering. Once you realize how much ground there is to cover, you'll want to spend as much time here as possible.

Unwinding southward from the Red River, across the Brazos, and down to the Guadalupe, the region offers your family loads of fishing, waterskiing, canoeing, and rafting fun. Rambling from the plains around Dallas and Fort Worth to the rolling pasturelands around Brenham, Prairies and Lakes is filled with stories of Texas' beginnings, as well as brilliant examples of how much it has grown. You'll get a taste of its vast variety when you seek out the state parks, the Lost Pines Golf Club in Bastrop, biking trails at Cedar Hill, the prehistoric footprints at Dinosaur Valley, and the Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the Brazos.

You'll come across jewels in unexpected places, like the romantic stained-glass windows at the Armstrong Browning Library on the Baylor University campus in Waco and the renowned collection of Spanish art at the Meadows Museum on the Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas. Explore memories of presidents in Dallas, Denison, College Station, and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park. Get your fill of professional sports—baseball in Arlington, football in Irving, basketball and hockey in Dallas. Just don't forget to stop and admire the wildflowers that blaze along the highways in the spring and summer.

## ARLINGTON

Arlington is perfectly situated between Fort Worth and Dallas, just 15 minutes from DFW International Airport. Here you'll find the original Six Flags Over Texas, as well as Hurricane Harbor and the Ballpark in Arlington, home field of baseball's Texas Rangers. A visit to Arlington guarantees great memories for families and friends.

### The Ballpark in Arlington

1000 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX 76011  
General Info: 817-273-5600  
Tickets: 817-273-5100  
[www.texasrangers.com](http://www.texasrangers.com)

This stadium, with old-time-ballpark charm, also houses the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum and Learning Center. Fans can supplement their peanuts and Cracker Jacks at a variety of eateries and then buy some souvenirs at the Grand Slam Shop. **WC** ♣ ¶ ¶

### Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

1800 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX 76006  
817-265-3356, [www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com)

This water park is the largest in the Southwest. Rides include the Sea Wolf, Shotgun Falls, Hook's Lagoon—a 3,720-centare (40,000-square-foot) interactive water playhouse—and Boogie Beach's new Surf Rider. **WC** ♣ ¶ ¶

### Six Flags Over Texas

2201 Road to Six Flags, Arlington, TX 76010  
817-640-8900, [www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com)

This amusement park, named after the six flags that have flown over Texas from the 16th century to the present, is crammed with more than 100 rides, shows, and other entertainment. New attractions include the Titan—a hypercoaster with a 78-meter (255-foot) drop, built for Six Flags' 40th anniversary, and the Superman Tower of Power—a 100-meter- (325-foot-) high ride that launches you into the sky. For kids, there's the popular Looney Tunes Land. **WC** ♣ ¶ ¶

## BREHAM

Established in 1843, this charming town is known as the Birthplace of Texas, since the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence took place on March 2, 1836, at nearby Washington-on-the-Brazos. It's also famous for Blue Bell Creameries, which produces mountains of the best ice cream this side of . . . well, most anywhere. Brenham boasts among its attractions the picturesque Blinn Junior College; the Antique Rose Emporium; the Monastery of St. Clare; several

antiques shops; a host of horse ranches with trail rides and chuck-wagon events; and the very pleasant Pleasant Hill Winery.

### Blue Bell Creameries

FM 577, Brenham, TX 77833  
979-830-2197, [www.bluebell.com](http://www.bluebell.com)

The folks at Blue Bell mix up more than 20 million gallons of ice cream each year in a multitude of flavors. Tours feature a movie, views from the observation deck, and—naturally—samples of the delicious final product. **WC** ☺

### BRYAN—COLLEGE STATION

Brimming with tradition and history, these twin cities are nestled in the lush Brazos Valley. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the city amenities mingled with small-town ambience, and everyone can find much to admire at the magnificent George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, and Texas A&M University, established as the state's first public institution of higher learning in 1876. Messina Hof Winery and Resort, which offers wine-tasting events, lodging, and top-notch dining, is another tempting choice.

### George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

1000 George Bush Dr. W.  
College Station, TX 77845  
979-691-4000, [bushlibrary.tamu.edu](http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu)

Here you can see on display the achievements and challenges of the 41st president of the United States. Holdings include 40 million pages of official and personal papers, 2,500 hours of videotape, and 90,000 artifacts. The museum also mounts five new exhibits annually. **WC** ☺

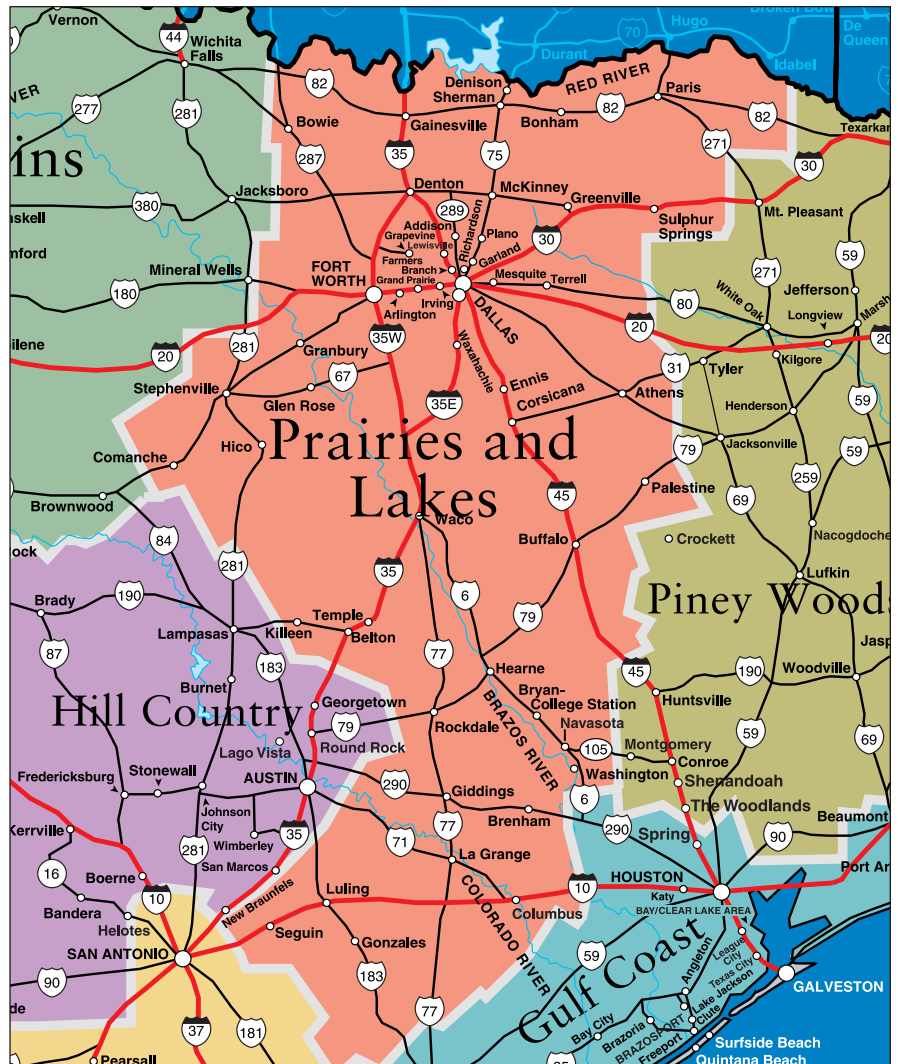
### Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center

Corner of Coke and Short, Texas A&M University  
College Station, TX 77843-1400  
979-862-2862, [www.aggiecorps.org/index.htm](http://www.aggiecorps.org/index.htm)

The accomplishments of the renowned Corps of Cadets are heralded in this center, along with the history of the university. Also on display is the Sanders-Metzer Gun Collection. **WC** ☺

### DALLAS AREA

A thriving metropolis that has been embracing visionaries, dreamers, and pioneers for more than 150 years, Dallas offers a unique blend of cosmopolitan flair, Southern hospitality, and modern sophistication. The landscape has changed dramatically from the 1800s, when trappers, traders, cowboys, and westward-bound pioneers pulled into town, but Dallas remains a place where enterprising people gather to share grand ideas and stake claims on new frontiers of business and enterprise. The Dallas Arts District, the largest of its kind in the United States, includes such cultural treasures as the Dallas Museum of Art, the Meyerson Symphony Center, the Dallas Theater Center, and the Trammell and Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art. With more shopping centers per capita than any other major U.S. city, Dallas is clearly one of the primary visitor destinations in Texas.



### African American Museum

3536 Grand Ave., Dallas, TX 75315  
214-565-9026

Devoted to the preservation and display of African American artistic, cultural, and historical materials, this museum features an array of visual art, artifacts, and historical documents, as well as one of the largest African American folk art collections in the United States. **WC** ☺

*Messina Hof Winery, Bryan.*



### Dallas Cowboys Football Club and Texas Stadium

2401 E. Airport Frwy, Irving, TX 75062  
972-785-4000, 972-785-4780 (Pro Shop)  
[www.dallascowboys.com](http://www.dallascowboys.com)

The 65,000-seat Texas Stadium has been the home field of the Dallas Cowboys since its completion in 1971. A 45-minute guided tour gives fans an inside look at the locker rooms, the grandstands, the Stadium Club, private boxes, and the owner's suite. **WC** ☺

### Fair Park

3809 Grand Ave., Dallas, TX 75201  
214-670-8400, 214-421-9600  
[www.fairparkdallas.com](http://www.fairparkdallas.com)

This 112-hectare (277-acre) complex is home to the State Fair of Texas, one of the largest state fairs in the nation. Built for the 1886 fair, the park includes the Age of Steam Railroad Museum, the Dallas Aquarium, the Dallas Horticulture Center, the Hall of State, the Dallas Museum of Natural History, Science Place and Planetarium, the Fair Park Coliseum, the African American Museum, and the Smirnoff Music Center. Also on the site is the Cotton Bowl. **WC** ☺

# Prairies & Lakes

## REGIONAL WEATHER

Month	Dallas/FW Average Temp. C°	Waco Average Temp. C°
January	8	8
February	11	11
March	15	15
April	19	19
May	23	23
June	28	27
July	30	29
August	30	29
September	26	26
October	20	21
November	13	14
December	9	9
<i>Sunshine Days</i>	232	231

### Mandalay Canal

O'Connor at Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039  
972-252-7476, 972-506-8037 (gondola service)  
www.irvingtexas.com

Reminiscent of charming European scenes, the tree-lined Mandalay Canal delights visitors with its cozy restaurants on cobblestone pathways. **WC** ☺

### The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

411 Elm, Ste. 120, Dallas, TX 75202  
214-747-6660, www.jfk.org

The dreadful events of November 22, 1963, are documented in this historical exhibit. The location, in the building from which Lee Harvey Oswald was said to have fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy, only adds to the power of the exhibit. The corner of the room where Oswald supposedly stood is just as it was that day, except that the window is now closed. Photographs, videos, and a 35-minute audio tour through the museum show aspects of Kennedy's presidency. **WC** ☺

### Southfork Ranch

3700 Hogge Rd., Parker, TX 75002  
972-442-7800  
www.southforkranch.com

Though the celluloid Ewings have long since departed, Southfork Ranch, the set for *Dallas*, still draws the fans. Visitors can take a guided tour of the mansion and grounds, Miss Ellie's Deli, and the Lincolns and Longhorns gift shop. **WC** ☺

### West End Marketplace and Dallas Alley

Marketplace: 603 Munger Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75202, 214-748-4801  
Alley: 2019 N. Lamar, Ste. 200  
Dallas, TX 75202, 214-720-0170

West End Marketplace houses more than 40 retail shops, carts, and eateries, plus entertainment—all in a turn-of-the-century candy and cracker factory. Dallas Alley's old warehouses

have been reborn as an eclectic mix of boutiques, restaurants, and bars, and its clubs support a lively nightlife. **WC** ☺

### DENISON/SHERMAN AREA

Named for George Denison, vice president of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, the town sprang up almost overnight when the rails arrived. The birthplace of U.S. president and war general Dwight D. Eisenhower, Denison has a historic downtown district that boasts 20 art galleries and studios and more than 9,290 centares (100,000 square feet) of antiques shopping. Lake Texoma, only four miles from town, is an outdoor paradise with more than 935 kilometers (580 miles) of shoreline, marinas, the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, and Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Park. Just south of Lake Texoma is Sherman, named for the Texas cavalry officer who admonished, "Remember the Alamo!" This is the home of Austin College, the state's oldest college operating under its original charter. Today's Sherman Community Players present civic theater at its finest and musical concerts each year.

### Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site

208 E. Day St., Denison, TX 75021  
903-465-8908  
www.eisenhowerbirthplace.org

In this two-story frame house, five-star general and 34th president Dwight David Eisenhower was born on October 14, 1890. The house has been recently refurbished, and the visitors center is now also a museum with a photography exhibit depicting Eisenhower's life beyond Denison. **WC** ☺

### The Ballpark at Arlington



### Red River Historical Museum of Sherman

301 S. Walnut  
Sherman, TX 75090  
903-893-7623, www.texoma.net/rrhms

This museum, housed in a historic building designed by Andrew Carnegie in 1914, features more than 50,000 artifacts from the history of Grayson County. Exhibits include memorabilia from Glen Eden, WWII military paraphernalia, and a collection that details the settlement of the area. **WC**

### FORT WORTH AREA

Fans of Fort Worth will tell you there's no way you can tour Texas and not put this favorite near the top of your must-see list. Part of the appeal lies in the fact that a city nicknamed Cowtown boasts an unusual number of stunning art museums, a world-class performing arts center, and a remarkable zoo. The Stockyards National Historic District is a perfectly preserved center of the Wild West and its cattle-driving heritage. Here you can see a rodeo every weekend and hear such crooners as Willie Nelson and Robert Earl Keen at Billy Bob's Texas. Sundance Square has a wealth of galleries, shops, theaters, and nightspots, and the Bass Performance Hall was honored as one of the top 10 opera houses in the world by *Travel and Leisure* magazine. Don't miss two of the latest additions to the city's roster of attractions: the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame and the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

### **Billy Bob's Texas**

2520 Rodeo Plaza  
Fort Worth, TX 76106  
817-624-7117, [www.billybobstexas.com](http://www.billybobstexas.com)

The world's largest honky-tonk, covering 9,290 centares (100,000 square feet), has plenty of room for two-stepping all night long. Other entertainment runs the gamut from live performances by big-name country musicians to professional bull riding. **WC** **♿**

### **Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District**

130 E. Exchange Ave.  
Fort Worth, TX 76106  
817-624-4741, [www.fortworth.com](http://www.fortworth.com)

On these very streets, Fort Worth earned its nickname of Cowtown, rising to prominence in the cattle industry. Tops on the list of the district's treasures are the Stockyards Hotel, the Livestock Exchange building, the Cowtown Coliseum, Billy Bob's Texas, the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Stockyards Museum, and Stockyards Station. **WC** **♿**

### **Fossil Rim Wildlife Center**

2155 County Rd. 2008  
Glen Rose, TX 76043  
254-897-2960, [www.fossilrim.org](http://www.fossilrim.org)

A 14.5-kilometer (nine-mile) driving route through this 605-hectare (1,500-acre) park winds among the population of free-roaming native and exotic animals from five continents. The white rhino, cheetahs, and red wolves are of particular interest. Nearby are the children's animal center, an ocelot viewing area, a restaurant, a nature trail, and picnic areas. **WC** **♿**

### **Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth**

3200 Darnell  
Fort Worth, TX 76107  
817-738-9215, [www.mamfw.org](http://www.mamfw.org)

Chartered in 1892 as the Fort Worth Public Library and Art Gallery, the oldest art museum in Texas has a brand-new home designed by internationally known architect Tadao Ando. With a focus on modern and contemporary American and European works, including painting, sculpture, works on paper, and international photography, the museum shows changing installations from the permanent collection as well as traveling exhibitions. **WC** **♿**

### **National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame**

1720 Gendy  
Fort Worth, TX 76107  
817-336-4475, [www.cowgirl.net](http://www.cowgirl.net)

The only museum in the world that honors women of the American West has interactive exhibits featuring such trailblazers as Dale Evans, Patsy Cline, and Georgia O'Keeffe. The grand rotunda features the Hall of Fame, and there's a Wild West-themed gift shop, too. **WC** **♿**

### **Sundance Square Downtown Entertainment District**

420 Throckmorton, Ste. 950  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
817-255-5700, [www.sundancesquare.com](http://www.sundancesquare.com)

A number of Fort Worth's charming turn-



Fort Worth CVB

*Bass Performance Hall, Fort Worth.*

of-the-century buildings have been restored and given new life as boutiques, restaurants, and galleries. The area also includes two movie theaters, two live-theater groups, and the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall. **WC** **♿**

### **Texas Motor Speedway**

3601 TX Hwy. 114  
Justin, TX 76247  
817-215-8500, [www.texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com)

The second-largest sports facility in the U.S. (by seating), this track is home to the NASCAR Winston Cup and Indy-style racing. Major racing dates as well as racing schools and big-name concerts are scheduled throughout the year.

**WC** **♿**

*State Fair of Texas, Dallas.*



### **KILLEEN/TEMPLE AREA**

The small city of Killeen got its start with the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad in 1882 and later grew more when its neighbor, the roughly 88,260-hectare (218,000-acre) Fort Hood, opened in 1942. In free time here you might tour the First Cavalry Division and the Fourth Infantry Division museums, or pull striper bass from Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Just south of Killeen is Temple, one of the Southwest's primary medical centers. Temple also offers a Czech Heritage Museum, the Miller Springs nature complex, and Temple Lake Park on Lake Belton. Head to the Medicine and Science Discovery Center of Central Texas to give kids hands-on experience in the field of medical science.

### **Fourth Infantry Division Museum**

Bldg. 418, Fort Hood, TX 76544  
254-287-8811

The museum tells the history of the Fourth, using photographs and artifacts to trace the division's activities through WWI, WWII, and the Vietnam War. An extensive collection of military vehicles is on display as well. **WC** **♿**

### **Railroad and Heritage Museum**

315 W. Ave. B  
Temple, TX 76501  
254-298-5172, [www.go-parks.net](http://www.go-parks.net)

A restored depot museum shows the impact of the railroad on the lives of early Texans. Exhibits include the oldest surviving Santa Fe Railroad diesel locomotive, a 1913 Pullman sleeper, a 1947 Budd sleeper, a steam engine, three cabooses, a WWII troop car, and other railroad mementos.

**WC** **♿**

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## SPJST Museum of Czech Heritage

520 N. Main  
Temple, TX 76501  
254-773-1575, 800-727-7578  
www.spjst.com/museum.html

In 1897 the Slovanska Podporujici Jednota Statu Texas (SPJST) society was created, its purpose being to provide social services and insurance to many Czech immigrants in Texas. On display are a Bible from the 1700s, Old World costumes, musical instruments, and a 100-year-old puppet collection. The museum's extensive Czech archives, library, and genealogy department are an important resource for Czech family historians.

WC ♿

## WACO

Positioned near the center of Texas and conveniently midway between Dallas/Fort Worth and Austin along Interstate 35, Waco was named for the Hueco Indians. In the late 1800s, Waco became a favorite stop on the famous Chisholm Trail, thanks to its Suspension Bridge, the first to cross the Brazos River; today the bridge still serves as a dramatic city landmark. Among the city's notable features are Baylor University, the Dr Pepper Museum, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, and the Cameron Park Zoo.

## Dr Pepper Museum

300 S. Fifth, Waco, TX 76701  
254-757-1025  
www.drpeppermuseum.com

The original Dr Pepper bottling plant today

exhibits memorabilia from more than a hundred years of a favorite American soda, with displays that explain the manufacturing process. A 1940s soda fountain re-creates the nostalgic atmosphere of times gone by. WC ♿

## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum

Fort Fisher Park  
100 Texas Ranger Trail  
Waco, TX 76706  
254-750-8631  
www.texasranger.org

The larger-than-life Texas Rangers have long been a staple of Texas lore, and their history and exploits are meticulously recorded here. Exhibits include a firearms collection, Native American artifacts, Western art, and a 45-minute documentary.

WC ♿

## Texas Sports Hall of Fame

1108 S. University Parks Dr.  
Waco, TX 76706  
254-756-1633, 800-567-9561  
www.tshof.org

More than 350 Texas sports heroes come to life through the fascinating memorabilia on display here. The interactive Tom Landry Theater lets you choose what to watch. Offerings include films that preserve memorable moments in Texas college and professional sports, as well as a film about Landry's extraordinary career.

WC ♿

## ITINERARIES

### Day 1: Brenham, Bryan—College Station

In Brenham make time for Blue Bell Creameries, the Antique Rose Emporium, the Monastery of St. Clare, and Pleasant Hill Winery. In Bryan—College Station explore the George Bush

Presidential Library and Museum, Texas A&M University, Messina Hof Winery and Resort, and the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center.

### Day 2: Temple, Killeen, Waco

Visitors to Temple should see the Railroad and Heritage Museum, the SPJST Museum of Czech Heritage, and the Medicine and Science Discovery Center of Central Texas. In Killeen visit the First Cavalry Division and the Fourth Infantry Division museums at Fort Hood. A short drive to Waco will take you to Baylor University, the Dr Pepper Museum, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

### Day 3: Fort Worth

Find fun at Billy Bob's Texas, the Cowgirl Hall of Fame, the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, the Sid Richardson Collection of Western Art, or the Texas Motor Speedway. Have lunch or go shopping in Sundance Square.

### Day 4: Arlington, Glen Rose

Take in a Rangers baseball game at the Ballpark in Arlington. Spend the day at Six Flags Hurricane Harbor or Six Flags Over Texas, but don't miss Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Glen Rose.

### Day 5: Dallas

Enjoy a day of culture in the Dallas Arts District, which includes the Dallas Museum of Art, the Dallas Theater Center, and the Trammell and Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art. Also see the African American Museum, Fair Park, the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, and Southfork Ranch. Have dinner and enjoy shopping at West End Marketplace and Dallas Alley.

### Day 6: Irving, Sherman, Denison

Dallas Cowboys Football Club and Texas Stadium, and the Mandalay Canal await you in Irving; Austin College and the Red River Historical Museum are highlights of Sherman. Denison boasts great antiques shopping, Lake Texoma, the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, and the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site.

*Dr Pepper Museum, Waco.*



Waco CVB

# Panhandle Plains



*Palo Duro Canyon.*



The great sprawl of the most northwestern section of Texas reaches from west of Fort Worth to the magnificent river-cut canyons and plains beyond Amarillo. An expanse of scenery—and history—like no other place in the Lone Star State, it gives credence to the characterization of the Texas landscape that has so often been presented in films and novels. You'll find a horizon layered with rifts in the earth that make implausible the idea of settlers' crossing them at all, whether on horseback or by wagon.

But cross and conquer they did. In time, the Panhandle Plains became Big Ranch Country, so named when the cattle drives to northern markets ended and ranchers put up fences to corral their herds. Today, your family can get acquainted with this intriguing past by spending a day or a weekend at any of several historic ranches—among them the famous 6666 (Four Sixes), Pitchfork, and Guitar—near the towns of Jacksboro, Guthrie, Abilene, and Lubbock. Your hosts will be descendants of the families who founded these legendary cattle operations, and their bounty of stories, landmarks, and Texas hospitality will deepen your appreciation for their work and heritage, which continues today.

The magnanimous spread of land invites you to examine the past at such unexpected cultural sites as the American Wind Power Center in Lubbock, where more than 100 windmills in most unusual designs are displayed, and the public library in Canadian, tucked away inside the rather fancy building erected in 1911 by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. If geology thrills you, head north of Amarillo to Alibates Flint Quarries, a national monument, or to Caprock Canyon State Park. History buffs will want to wander the Texas Forts Trail that commands stops at the likes of Fort Belknap, Fort Concho, and

Fort Griffin, while fans of pop culture won't be able to resist the retro attractions along Route 66, which runs west through the heart of Amarillo.

## ABILENE AREA

In 1881 the T&P Railroad put down tracks to a settlement close to what was Fort Phantom Hill. Part of Texas' famous chain of forts, this one was built in 1852 to protect settlers from the Apaches and the Comanches. You'll be able to experience this historic episode when *Frontier Texas!* opens in the spring of 2004. Today's Abilene offers a cultural district with examples of historic architecture such as the Grace Hotel, a 1909 railroad stop that now houses the Grace Museums. Also downtown is the 1930 Paramount Theatre, an important venue for classic movies and plays. Just south of town is Buffalo Gap Historic Village, which re-creates life from 1870 to 1920 with authentic period structures.

## Buffalo Gap Historic Village

P.O. Box 818, Buffalo Gap, TX 79508  
325-572-3365, 325-572-3365 for tickets  
[www.mcwhiney.org](http://www.mcwhiney.org)

Among the 100-year-old buildings at this site, first a natural pass for buffalo and later a stop on the Dodge Cattle Trail, are the original Taylor County courthouse and jail, a schoolhouse, a pioneer cabin, doctor's and dentist's offices, and a railroad depot. **WC**

*Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon.*



*Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum*

# Panhandle Plains

## REGIONAL WEATHER

Month	Abilene Average Temp. C°	Amarillo Average Temp. C°
January	6	2
February	9	5
March	13	9
April	18	13
May	23	18
June	27	23
July	29	26
August	28	24
September	24	21
October	19	14
November	12	7
December	7	3
Sunshine Days	245	261

### Grace Museum

102 Cypress, Abilene, TX 79601  
325-673-4587, [www.thegracemuseum.org](http://www.thegracemuseum.org)

The Grace serves as a cornerstone for cultural arts and education in West Texas. Built as a hotel in 1909, this pristine four-story structure houses three museums. The art museum has four

galleries, with many permanent collections and changing special exhibits. **WC** **Y**

### AMARILLO AREA

Amarillo serves as the gateway to Palo Duro Canyon, the second-largest canyon in the nation and site of the brand-new outdoor musical production *Texas Legacies*. Amarillo's growth from an 1887 railroad camp to a booming center for ranching and farming has been steady and strong. A testament to this is the weekly auctions at Amarillo Livestock Auction and the legacy displayed at the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum. Recently named one of the 50 most Western towns in the United States by *True West* magazine, Amarillo attracts more than 1.6 million visitors annually from around the world.

### Amarillo Livestock Auction

100 S. Manhattan, Amarillo, TX 79104  
806-373-7464

This is big business, ranching style. More than 100,000 head of cattle are traded annually at one of the largest livestock auctions in Texas. At the Stockyards Cafe next door, cowhands and business types alike chow down on hearty fare. **WC** **H**

### Amarillo Museum of Art

2200 S. Van Buren, Amarillo, TX 79109  
806-371-5050  
[www.amarilloart.org](http://www.amarilloart.org), [amoa@actx.edu](mailto:amoa@actx.edu)

Designed by noted architect Edward Durrell

Stone, who also created Washington's Kennedy Center, this museum includes six galleries that exhibit works from the permanent collection of American Modernist pieces, European paintings from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, Middle Eastern textiles, photography, and Asian art. **WC**

### American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum

2601 I-40 E., Amarillo, TX 79104  
806-376-5181, [www.aqha.com](http://www.aqha.com)

The versatile American quarter horse, the first equine developed in the Western Hemisphere, is the star here. Also on the premises is the international headquarters of the American Quarter Horse Association, which has the world's largest equine registry. **WC** **Y**

### Big Texan Opry at Big Texan Steak Ranch and Motel

7001 I-40 E., Amarillo, TX 79118  
806-372-6000, [www.bigtexan.com](http://www.bigtexan.com)

Signs reading "Free 72-Oz. Steak Dinner" adorn the highways leading to this unique establishment, which was built in 1960. There's one catch: You have to eat the steak within one hour. Too full to move? Stay in one of the 55 rooms of the motel that's designed to resemble a town straight out of the 1800s. Cool off in the Texas-shaped pool, and every Tuesday enjoy a live performance of the Big Texan Opry. **WC** **H** **Y**

### Cadillac Ranch

Roughly 15 km (nine miles) west of Amarillo, in a field on the south side of I-40, between the Helium and Arnot exits

In a perfectly ordinary field outside Amarillo, you'll find Stanley Marsh 3's extraordinary "bumper crop," an outdoor sculpture constructed of 10 vintage Cadillacs buried nose down—at the same angle as the Cheops pyramid.

### Historic Route 66 Antique District

Runs down Sixth Street, from Western to Georgia  
806-372-8766, [www.route66.com](http://www.route66.com)

Tap in to the mystique of Route 66 and explore Old San Jacinto, an area that is rapidly developing into one of the Southwest's premier antiques centers. Former theaters, drugstores, and cafes are now venues for antiques, collectibles, and crafts. **H**

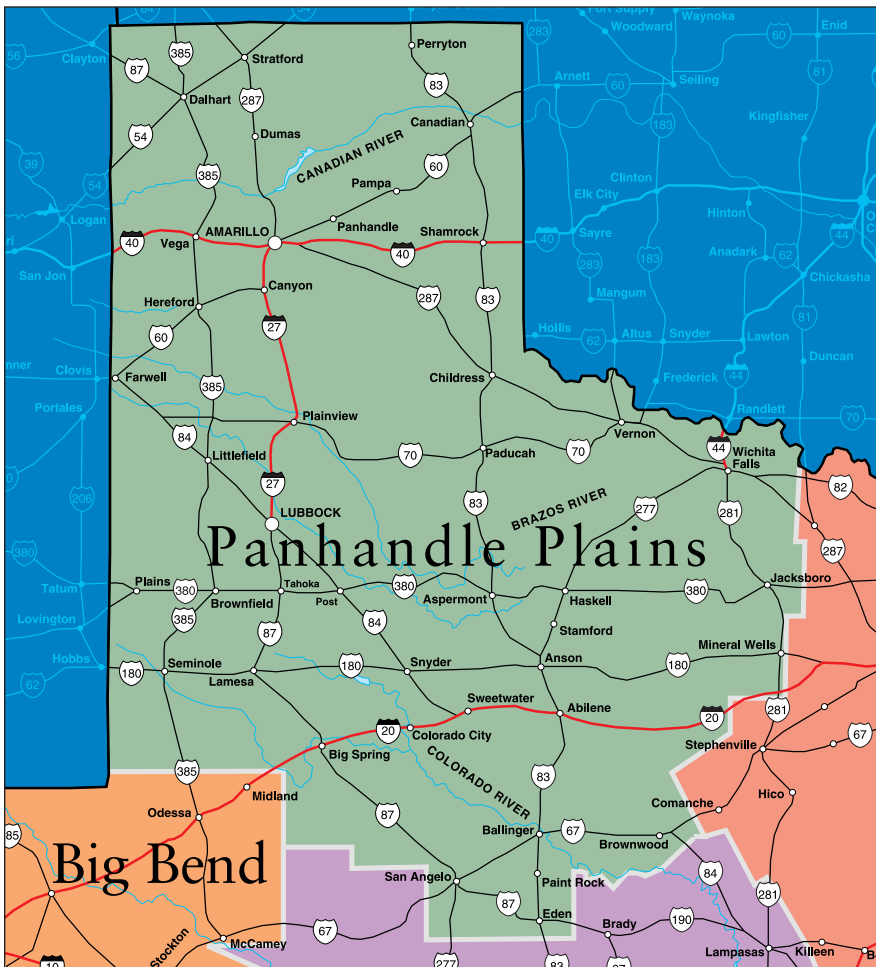
### CANYON

Situated within a horseshoe's throw of Amarillo, Canyon was settled in 1887 as the headquarters of the T-Anchor Ranch and was named for its fortuitous location next to the stunning Palo Duro Canyon. Home to West Texas A&M University, where the esteemed artist Georgia O'Keeffe once taught art, Canyon counts as its greatest pride the wonderful Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Inside the museum, you'll discover exceptional art collections, among them the estate of Frank Reaugh (1860–1945), long known as the dean of Texas painters.

### Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

2503 Fourth Ave., Canyon, TX 79105  
806-651-2244 [www.panhandleplains.com](http://www.panhandleplains.com)

There's "Pioneer Town," a reconstructed



1900 Panhandle village that invites visitors to experience a bit of our Western heritage firsthand, and an exhibit detailing the Plains people over 14,000 years. Other sections of the museum are devoted to the oil boom years, paleontology of the area, transportation, and a fine collection of Southwestern art. **WC** ☼

## LUBBOCK

Lubbock's multifaceted heritage mirrors that of the entire Panhandle. The authentic ranch structures located at the National Ranching Heritage Center offer a detailed look at the state's ranching history, while visitors to the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame can learn about the many Lubbock natives who have contributed to the arts and entertainment industry. When you factor in the perfect soil and climate for wineries, the town's famous colony of prairie dogs, distinguished law and medical schools at Texas Tech University, and the shopping and dining available in the Depot District, it's easy to understand Lubbock's appeal.

### American Wind Power Center

1701 Canyon Lake Dr., Lubbock, TX 79403  
806-747-8734, [www.windmill.com](http://www.windmill.com)

Located on 11 hectares (28 acres) of land, this project was designed to document the unique history of the windmill and the settlers who depended on it for water during tough living conditions. Currently, the museum features 30 outdoor exhibits and nearly 50 windmills, including the largest one in North America and an example from the 1860s. **WC** ☼ ♻️

### Buddy Holly Center

1801 Ave. G, Lubbock, TX 79401  
806-767-2686, [www.buddyhollycenter.org](http://www.buddyhollycenter.org)

Featured here are three great galleries: the Buddy Holly permanent exhibition, the Texas Musicians Hall of Fame, and a fine-arts gallery. The center also offers traveling exhibits of contemporary fine arts and supports a wide range of local music and community art programs. **WC** ☼ ♻️

*San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo.*



### Lubbock Lake Landmark

2401 Landmark Dr., Lubbock, TX 79409  
806-742-1116  
[www.ttu.edu/ranchingheritagecenter](http://www.ttu.edu/ranchingheritagecenter)  
Northwest of Loop 289 and Clovis Hwy.

Lubbock Lake Landmark is a national archaeological preserve that is a premier North American site containing deposits that show continuous human occupation by South Plains cultures over the last 12,000 years, including many extinct animals. **WC** ☼

### National Ranching Heritage Center

3121 Fourth, Lubbock, TX 79409  
806-742-0498, Tours: 806-742-0500  
[www.ttu.edu/ranchingheritagecenter](http://www.ttu.edu/ranchingheritagecenter)

The 36 carefully restored authentic ranch structures on this 6-hectare (16-acre) site, most from the 19th and 20th centuries, show visitors what the early days of Panhandle ranching were like. Highlights are a cowboy bunkhouse, dugouts, windmills, a school, and several ranch homes.

**WC** ☼ ♻️

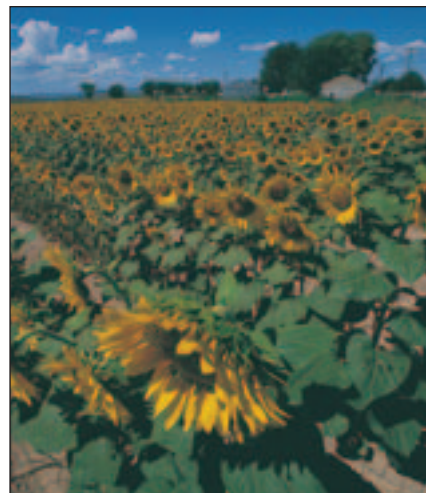
### Science Spectrum

2579 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79423  
806-745-2525, [www.sciencespectrum.com](http://www.sciencespectrum.com)

Experience the fun of science with more than 200 interactive exhibits. Live animals, demonstrations, traveling exhibits, and an Omnimax Theater are more than enough to ignite your imagination. "The Brazos River Journey" features aquariums, terrariums, artifacts, and interactive displays about the Brazos River in Texas. **WC** ☼ ♻️

## SAN ANGELO AREA

For a trip back in time that explores the frontier heritage of the great American West, plan a route that takes you through San Angelo. The town's beginnings are traced to 1867 with the settlement of Fort Concho, which is located across the Concho River from the historic downtown district. Stroll downtown along El Paseo de Santa



*Sunflower crops, Texas Panhandle.*

Angela, the pathway connecting the historic district, the river, and the fort. Allow time to visit the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts and Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum, which represents a more traditional type of frontier lore by offering a look at a bawdy "gentlemen's social center" that was eventually shut down by the Texas Rangers.

### Fort Concho National Historic Landmark

630 S. Oakes, San Angelo, TX 76903  
325-481-2646, Tours: 325-657-4444  
[www.fortconcho.com](http://www.fortconcho.com), [admin@fortconcho.com](mailto:admin@fortconcho.com)

This military complex, built in 1867, served as the regimental headquarters for the 4th and 10th Cavalries, the 11th and 16th Infantries, and also was a station for Buffalo Soldiers. The site features 40 original and restored buildings across 16 hectares (40 acres.) **WC** ☼

### Historic District

Concho and Chadburn Streets  
San Angelo, TX 76903  
325-653-1206

The Historic District has many restored buildings that date back to the 1880s. Concho Street, the first street in the city, was filled with saloons and bordellos that today are unique shops, including an "everything in the world" country store, a jeweler who sells the "Concho Pearl," treasure of San Angelo, and Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum. Restaurants, antiques, curios, and clothing stores are all part of the fun. **WC** ☼ ♻️

### Paint Rock Excursions

P.O. Box 186, Paint Rock, TX 76866  
915-732-4376

Paint Rock, just east of San Angelo, takes its name from historic Indian pictographs painted on the limestone cliffs that border the Concho River. At this extensive natural gallery, guides lead visitors on a tour of 1,500 pictographs dating from prehistoric times to the late 19th century.

### San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts and Education Center

One Love, San Angelo, TX 76903  
325-653-3333

The museum contains three gallery spaces, a rooftop sculpture garden, a library, an atrium, a ceramics and art studio, and an outdoor kiln.

**WC** ☼ ♻️


# Panhandle Plains

## WICHITA FALLS

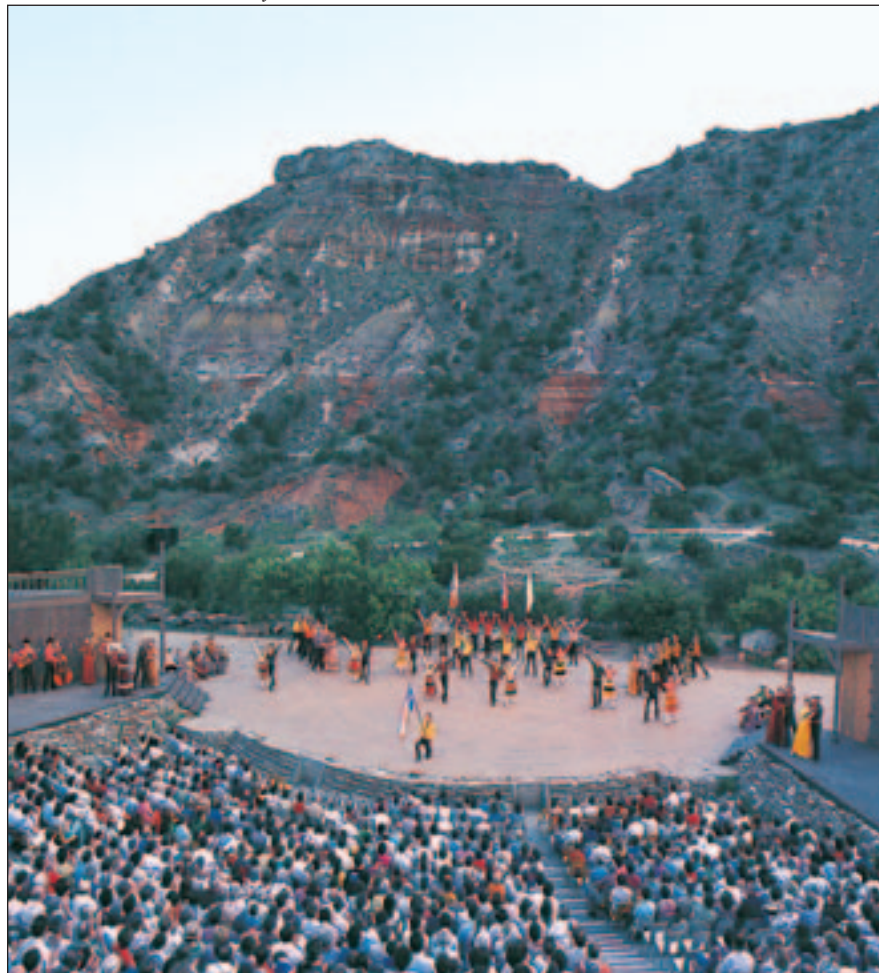
Performing arts enthusiasts can enjoy the concerts and theater productions at the Wichita Theatre and Opera House. Cultural and historical events are often presented at the Kell House, a beautifully restored home furnished with 19th-century antiques. If you enjoy the outdoors, you may want to paddle a canoe down the river past the town's falls or head out onto the miles of landscaped trails. Graham Central Station, with five clubs under one roof, is a center of the town's nightlife. Art, science, and history exhibits attract visitors to the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center, and the Multi-Purpose Events Center's Kay Yeager Coliseum offers opportunities to see a Wichita Falls Rustlers hockey game, as well as rodeo, concerts, and ice-skating shows.

### Kell House

900 Bluff, Wichita Falls, TX 76301  
940-723-2712

Frank Kell, a prominent businessman and community leader, built this beautiful home in 1909. The faithfully restored home features original 19th-century furnishings, a baby-grand player piano, and seven fireplaces. 

*Texas musical, Palo Duro Canyon.*




*Native American dancing.*

### Wichita Falls Waterfall and River Trails



1000 Park Sunset Dr.  
Off TX Hwy. 287 S.  
940-761-7490

These beautiful falls, which first attracted Native Americans to this spot, were reconstructed in 1987, just about a century after a flood destroyed them. Today's falls are more than 16 meters (54 feet) high and roughly 12 meters

(40 feet) wide. After you've had your fill of admiring the falls themselves, take a hike on a few of the more than a dozen miles of landscaped, lighted, all-weather trails that wind along the Wichita River to Lucy Park. 

### Wichita Theatre and Opera House

925 Indiana Ave., Wichita Falls, TX 76301  
940-723-9037, [www.wichitatheatre.com](http://www.wichitatheatre.com)

The neon lights that brighten downtown Wichita Falls belong to this restored historical landmark, built in 1908. The original 400-seat opera house evolved into a state-of-the-art theater while retaining the structure's historic foundation. The theater offers a continually changing lineup of nationally recognized artists.  

## ITINERARIES

### Day 1: Wichita Falls

Start out at the Wichita Falls Waterfall and River Trails along the river, then spend some time at Kell House, Graham Central Station, or the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center. In the evening take in a show at the Wichita Theatre and Opera House.

### Day 2: Abilene, San Angelo

Visitors to Abilene will enjoy the Grace Museums, Paramount Theatre, and the Buffalo Gap Historic Village. In San Angelo stroll along El Paseo de Santa Angela, and be sure to make time for Paint Rock Excursions and the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts and Education Center.

### Day 3: Lubbock

After visiting Texas Tech University, the Buddy Holly Center, the American Wind Power Center, Lubbock Lake Landmark, the National Ranching Heritage Center, or the Science Spectrum, relax over dinner in the Depot District.

### Day 4: Canyon, Amarillo

Canyon features West Texas A&M University, Palo Duro Canyon, and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Witness an Amarillo Livestock Auction or visit the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum, the Amarillo Museum of Art, and the Big Texan Opry at Big Texan Steak Ranch and Motel. You won't want to miss Cadillac Ranch and the Historic Route 66 Antique District either.

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www.conventionsa.com  
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### Destination: San Antonio

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San Antonio, TX 78205  
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Fax: 210-225-5825  
www.destination-sanantonio.com  
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Lone Star Trolley Tours  
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San Antonio, TX 78205  
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www.coachusa.com  
grayline@txdirect.net  
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Pipe Creek, TX 78063  
830-510-4833, Fax: 830-510-4833  
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### Local Arrangements, Ltd.

515 E. Houston, Ste. 2000  
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### People Express Chauffeured Transportation

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San Antonio, TX 78201  
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www.peoplexpress.com  
gopx@hotmail.com  
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### Regent Coach Lines, Ltd.

1700 S. Brazos, Bldg. 7  
San Antonio, TX 78207  
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Fax: 210-212-0512  
www.regentcoachline.com  
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### Rex Stone and Associates, LLC

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Company**  
332 Adam  
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www.sanantonioldmc.com  
rexstone@sanantonioldmc.com  
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### River City Coaches, Inc.

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### San Antonio City Tours

217 Alamo Plaza, Ste. 300  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
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www.sanantoniocitytours.com  
info@SaCityTours.net  
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### Sendero Tours and Travels

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### Star Shuttle and Charter

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Fax: 210-366-1252  
www.starshuttle.com  
amason@starshuttle.com  
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### Texas National Tour Company

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Fax: 210-225-1910  
www.texasvacations.com  
info@texasvacations.com  
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### Ultra Travel

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**The Great Outdoors**  
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Groves, TX 77619  
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www.gosurftran.com  
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mjsattex@tgn.net  
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### Coach USA/Houston

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713-236-1926, 800-256-5223  
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### Sunset Coaches, Inc.

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710 E. Davis, Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
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www.coachusa.com  
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### Coach USA/Kerville Bus Company-Grand Prairie

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www.gladads.com/skylark/index.htm  
skylark@wf.net  
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915-672-7950, Fax: 915-672-6490  
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**Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
1101 N. First, Abilene, TX 79601  
915-676-2556, TX: 800-727-7704  
Fax: 915-676-1630  
www.abilene.com/visitors

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325-672-7531, Fax: 325-672-7553  
tjdm@abilene.com

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972-450-6200, 800-ADDISON  
Fax: 972-450-6225  
www.addisontexas.net

**Albany Chamber of Commerce**  
2 Railroad St., Albany, TX 76430-0185  
325-762-2525, Fax: 325-762-3125  
www.albanytexas.com

**Allen Chamber of Commerce**  
210 W. McDermott Dr.  
Allen, TX 75013-2750  
972-727-5585, Fax: 972-727-9000  
www.allenchamber.com

**Alpine Chamber of Commerce**  
106 N. Third, Alpine, TX 79830  
432-837-2326, 800-561-3735  
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www.alpinetexas.com

**Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce**  
105 W. Willis, Alvin, TX 77512-2028  
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Fax: 281-585-8662  
www.alvinmanvelchamber.org

**Amarillo Chamber of Commerce**  
1000 S. Polk, Amarillo, TX 79105  
806-373-7800, Fax: 806-373-3909  
www.amarillo-chamber.org

**Amarillo Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
1000 S. Polk, Amarillo, TX 79105  
806-374-1497, TX: 800-692-1338  
Fax: 806-373-3909  
www.amarillo-cvb.org

**Andrews County Chamber of Commerce**  
700 W. Broadway, Andrews, TX 79714  
915-523-2695, Fax: 915-523-2375  
www.andrewstx.com

**Angleton Chamber of Commerce**  
445 E. Mulberry, Angleton, TX 77515  
979-849-6443, Fax: 979-849-4520  
www.angletonchamber.org

**Anson Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 351, Anson, TX 79501  
325-823-3259, Fax: 325-823-4326

**Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce**  
130 W. Goodnight Ave.  
Aransas Pass, TX 78336  
361-758-2750, TX: 800-633-3028  
Fax: 361-758-8320  
www.aransaspass.org

**Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
1905 E. Randol Mill Rd.  
Arlington, TX 76011-8214  
817-265-7721, TX: 800-433-5374  
Fax: 817-265-5640  
www.arlington.org

**Athens Chamber of Commerce**  
1206 S. Palestine, Athens, TX 75751  
903-675-5181, TX: 800-755-7878  
Fax: 903-675-5183  
www.athenscc.org

**Athens Visitor Initiative Program & Welcome Center**  
124 N. Palestine, Athens, TX 75751  
903-677-0775, 888-294-AVIP  
Fax: 903-677-0776

**Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
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512-474-5171, TX: 800-926-2282  
Fax: 512-583-7280  
www.austintexas.org

**Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**  
3000 I-35 S., Ste. 305, Austin, TX 78704  
512-476-7502, 800-518-0044  
Fax: 512-476-6417  
www.hispanicaustin.com

**Capital City African-American Chamber of Commerce**  
5407 I-35 N., Ste. 304, Austin, TX 78723  
512-459-1181, Fax: 512-459-1183  
www.capcitychamber.org

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P.O. Box 1967, Austin, TX 78767-1967  
512-478-9383, Fax: 512-478-6389  
www.austinchamber.org

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3000 I-35 S., Ste. 210, Austin, TX 78704  
512-444-5727, Fax: 512-444-4929  
www.tamacc.org

**Women's Chambers of Commerce of Texas**  
P.O. Box 26051, Austin, TX 78755-0051  
512-338-0839, Fax: 512-338-1614  
www.womenschambertexas.com

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Azle, TX 76098  
817-444-1112, Fax: 817-444-1143  
www.azlechamber.com

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www.bairdtexas.com

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915-365-2333, Fax: 915-365-3445  
www.ballingertx.org

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830-796-3045, TX: 800-364-3833  
Fax: 830-796-4121  
www.banderaCowboyCapital.com

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927 Main, Bastrop, TX 78602-3809  
512-321-2419, Fax: 512-303-0305  
www.bastropchamber.com

**Bay City Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 768, Bay City, TX 77404-0768  
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Fax: 979-245-1622  
www.baycity.org

**Baytown Chamber of Commerce**  
4721 Garth Rd., Ste. C  
Baytown, TX 77521  
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www.baytownchamber.com

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Baytown**  
1300 Rollingbrook Dr., Ste. 502  
Baytown, TX 77521  
281-422-6908, Fax: 281-427-8988  
HCCGB@juno.com

**Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
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www.beaumontcvb.com

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Bedford, TX 76095  
817-283-1521, Fax: 817-267-5111  
www.heb.org

**Bee County Chamber of Commerce**  
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www.beeville.net/chamberofcommerce

**Greater SW Houston Chamber of Commerce**  
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www.seebelton.com

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Benbrook, TX 76126  
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www.benbrookchamber.org

**Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
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Big Spring, TX 79721-1391  
432-263-7641, 800-734-7641  
Fax: 432-264-9111  
www.bigspringchamber.com

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126 Rosewood Ave.  
Boerne, TX 78006  
830-249-8000, 888-842-8080  
Fax: 830-249-9639  
www.boerne.org

**Bonham Chamber of Commerce**  
110 E. First, Bonham, TX 75418-4342  
903-583-4811, Fax: 903-583-7972  
www.bonhamchamber.com

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**Brady/McCulloch County Chamber of Commerce**  
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915-597-3491, 888-577-5657  
Fax: 915-792-9181  
www.bradytx.com

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Brazosport, TX 77531  
979-265-2505, 888-477-2505  
Fax: 979-265-4246  
www.tourtexas.com/brazosport

**Southern Brazoria County Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
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Brazosport, TX 77531  
979-265-2508, TX: 800-WET-GULF  
Fax: 979-265-3535  
www.tourist-info.org

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**Bridge City Chamber of Commerce**  
150 W. Roundbunch Rd.  
Bridge City, TX 77611  
409-735-5671, Fax: 409-735-7017  
www.cityofbridgecity.org

**Brownfield Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 152, Brownfield, TX 79316  
806-637-2564, Fax: 806-637-2565

**Brownsville Chamber of Commerce**  
1600 E. Elizabeth, Brownsville, TX 78520  
956-542-4341, Fax: 956-504-3348  
www.brownvillechamber.com

## CVBs/Chambers

### **Brownsville Convention & Visitors Bureau**

P.O. Box 4697, Brownsville, TX 78523  
956-546-3721, 800-626-2639  
Fax: 956-546-3972  
www.brownsville.org

### **Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce**

600 E. Depot St., Brownwood, TX 76801  
915-646-9535, Fax: 915-643-6686  
www.brownwoodchamber.org

### **Lake Buchanan/Inks Lake Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 282, Buchanan Dam, TX 78609  
512-793-2803, Fax: 512-793-2112  
www.highlandlakes.com/chamber

### **Burkburnett Chamber of Commerce**

104 W. Third, Burkburnett, TX 76354  
940-569-2263, Fax: 940-569-4192  
www.burkburnett.org

### **Burleson Chamber of Commerce**

1044 S.W. Wilshire, Burleson, TX 76097  
817-295-6121, Fax: 817-295-6192  
www.burleson.org

### **Burnet Chamber of Commerce**

703 Buchanan Dr., Burnet, TX 78611  
512-756-4297, Fax: 512-756-2548  
www.burnetchamber.org

### **Burleson County Chamber of Commerce**

212-A W. Buck  
Caldwell, TX 77836-0087  
979-567-3218, Fax: 979-567-0818  
www.rtis.com/reg/caldwell

### **Calvert Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 132, Calvert, TX 77837-0132  
979-364-2559

### **Canton Chamber of Commerce**

390 W. Dallas St.  
Canton, TX 75103-9765  
903-567-2991, Fax: 903-567-5708  
www.cantontx.com

### **Canyon Chamber of Commerce**

1518 Fifth Ave., Canyon, TX 79015  
806-655-7815, 800-999-9481  
Fax: 806-655-4608  
www.canyonchamber.org

### **Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce**

1204 Metrocrest Dr.  
Carrollton, TX 75006-5735  
972-416-6600, Fax: 972-416-7874  
www.metrocrestchamber.com

### **Panola County Chamber of Commerce**

300 W. Panola, Carthage, TX 75633  
903-693-6634, Fax: 903-693-8578  
www.carthagetexas.com

### **Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 572, Castroville, TX 78009  
830-538-3142, TX: 800-778-6775  
Fax: 830-538-3295  
www.castroville.com

### **Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce**

1490 E. Whitestone Blvd., Ste. 180  
P.O. Box 805  
Cedar Park, TX 78630-0805  
512-260-7800, Fax: 512-260-9269  
www.cedarparkchamber.org

### **Shelby County Chamber of Commerce**

100 Courthouse Square, A-101  
Center, TX 75935  
936-598-3682, Fax: 936-598-8163  
www.shelbycountychamber.com

### **Centerville Chamber of Commerce**

130 E. St. Mary's, Centerville, TX 75833  
903-536-7261  
www.centervilletexas.com

### **Chappell Hill Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 113, Chappell Hill, TX 77426  
979-277-1122  
www.chappellhilltx.com

### **Childress Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 35, Childress, TX 79201  
940-937-2567, 877-520-4609  
Fax: 940-937-8836  
www.childresstexas.org

### **Clarendon-Donley Chamber of Commerce**

318 S. Kearney, Clarendon, TX 79226  
806-874-2421, 800-579-4023  
Fax: 806-874-2911  
www.clarendonedc.org

### **Cleburne Chamber of Commerce**

1511 W. Henderson  
Cleburne, TX 76033  
817-645-2455, Fax: 817-641-3069  
www.cleburnechamber.com

### **Coleman County Chamber of Commerce & Tourist Bureau**

218 Commercial, Coleman, TX 76834  
915-625-2163, Fax: 915-625-2164  
www.colemantexas.org

### **Bryan-College Station Convention & Visitors Bureau**

715 University Dr. E.  
College Station, TX 77840-1804  
979-260-9898, TX: 800-777-8292  
Fax: 979-260-9800  
www.bryan-collegestation.org

### **Colleyville Area Chamber of Commerce**

6700 Colleyville Blvd.  
Colleyville, TX 76034  
817-488-7148, Fax: 817-488-4242  
www.colleyvillechamber.org

### **The Colony Chamber of Commerce**

6900 Main, The Colony, TX 75056  
972-625-4916, 877-977-8028  
Fax: 972-625-8027  
www.thecolonychamber.org

### **Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce**

157 W. Second, Colorado City, TX 79512  
325-728-3403, Fax: 325-728-2911  
www.coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com

### **Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau**

425 Spring, Columbus, TX 78934  
979-732-5135, 877-444-7339  
Fax: 979-732-5881  
www.columbusstexas.org

### **Comanche Chamber of Commerce**

100 Indian Creek Dr.  
Comanche, TX 76442  
915-356-3233, 877-356-3233  
Fax: 915-356-2940  
www.comanchetx.org

### **Commerce Chamber of Commerce**

1114 Main, Commerce, TX 75429  
903-886-3950, Fax: 903-886-8012  
www.commerce-chamber.com

### **Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Area Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**

505 W. Davis, Conroe, TX 77301  
936-756-6644, 877-4-CONROE  
Fax: 936-756-6752  
www.lakeconroecvb.org

### **Delta County Chamber of Commerce**

41 Westside Square, Cooper, TX 75432  
903-395-4314, Fax: 903-395-4318  
www.deltacounty.org

### **Coppell Chamber of Commerce**

500 S. Denton Tap Rd., Ste. 101  
Coppell, TX 75019-0452  
972-393-2829, Fax: 972-393-7485  
www.coppellchamber.org

### **Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau**

204 E. Robertson Ave.  
Copperas Cove, TX 76522  
254-547-7571, Fax: 254-547-5015  
www.copperascove.com

### **Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau**

1201 N. Shoreline  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
361-881-1888, 800-678-6232  
Fax: 361-887-9023  
www.corpuschristicvb.com

### **Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 5523  
Corpus Christi, TX 78465  
361-887-7408, Fax: 361-888-9473  
www.cchispanicchamber.org

### **Corsicana Area Chamber of Commerce**

120 N. 12th, Corsicana, TX 75110  
903-874-4731, 877-376-7477  
Fax: 903-874-4187  
www.corsicana.org

### **Crane County Chamber of Commerce**

409 S. Gaston, Crane, TX 79731  
915-558-2311, Fax: 915-558-7375  
cranecccc@apex2000.net

### **Crosby/Huffman Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 452, Crosby, TX 77532  
281-328-6984, Fax: 281-328-7296  
tchc@ev1.net

### **Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 233  
Cross Plains, TX 76443-0233  
254-725-7251, Fax: 254-725-6747  
www.crossplains.com/coc.htm

### **Crowley Area Chamber of Commerce**

200 E. Main, Ste. D  
Crowley, TX 76036  
817-297-4211, Fax: 817-297-7334  
www.crowleychamber.org

### **Cuero Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture**

124 E. Church, Cuero, TX 77954  
361-275-2112, Fax: 361-275-6351  
www.cuero.org

### **Daingerfield Chamber of Commerce**

305 Scurry, Daingerfield, TX 75638  
903-645-2646, Fax: 903-645-7847  
www.daingerfield.com

### **Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 967, Dalhart, TX 79022  
806-244-5646, Fax: 806-244-4945  
www.dalhart.org

### **Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce**

2838 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Dallas, TX 75215  
214-421-5200, Fax: 214-421-5510  
www.dbcc.org

### **Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau**

325 N. St. Paul, Ste. 700  
Dallas, TX 75201  
214-571-1000, 800-C-DALLAS  
Fax: 214-571-1008  
www.dallascvb.com

### **Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce**

1201 Elm, Ste. 2000  
Dallas, TX 75270-2014  
214-746-6600, Fax: 214-746-6799  
www.dallaschamber.org

### **Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

4622 Maple Ave., Ste. 207  
Dallas, TX 75219-1001  
214-521-6007, Fax: 214-520-1687  
www.gdhcc.com

### **Oak Cliff Chamber**

660 S. Zang Blvd., Dallas, TX 75208  
214-943-4567, Fax: 214-943-4582  
www.oakcliffchamber.org

### **Decatur Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 474, Decatur, TX 76234  
940-627-3107, Fax: 940-627-3771  
www.decaturtx.com

### **Deer Park Chamber of Commerce**

110 Center, Deer Park, TX 77536  
281-479-1559, Fax: 281-476-4041  
www.deerpark.org

### **DeLeon Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture**

103 S. Texas, DeLeon, TX 76444  
254-893-2083, Fax: 254-893-3702  
www.deleontexas.com

### **Del Rio Chamber of Commerce**

1915 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX 78840  
830-775-3551, 800-889-8149  
Fax: 830-774-1813  
www.drchamber.com

### **Denison Area Chamber of Commerce**

P.O. Box 325, Denison, TX 75021-0325  
903-465-1551, Fax: 903-465-8443  
www.denisontexas.com

### **Denton Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**

P.O. Drawer P, Denton, TX 76202  
940-382-7895, 888-381-1818  
Fax: 940-382-0040  
www.denton-chamber.org

### **Denver City Chamber of Commerce**

120 N. Main, Denver City, TX 79323  
806-592-5424, Fax: 806-592-7613  
www.denvercitytx.cofc.org

### **DeSoto Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**

P.O. Box 220, DeSoto, TX 75123  
972-224-3565, Fax: 972-224-7228  
www.desotochamber.org

### **North Galveston County Chamber of Commerce**

3717 TX Hwy. 3, Dickinson, TX 77539  
281-337-3434, Fax: 281-337-0641  
www.usachamber.com/ngalveston

**Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce**  
115 W. Bedford, Dimmitt, TX 79027  
806-647-2524  
chamber@highplains.net

**Dublin Chamber of Commerce**  
218 E. Blackjack, #B  
Dublin, TX 76446  
254-445-3422, 800-9-DUBLIN  
Fax: 254-445-0394  
www.dublintonline.com

**Moore County Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 735, Dumas, TX 79029  
806-935-2123, Fax: 806-935-2124  
www.dumascofc.org

**Duncanville Chamber of Commerce**  
300 E. Wheatland Rd.  
Duncanville, TX 75137  
972-780-4990, Fax: 972-298-9370  
www.duncanvillechamber.org

**Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce**  
121 N. McCarty, Eagle Lake, TX 77434  
979-234-2780, Fax: 979-234-2780  
www.visitaglelake.com

**Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1188  
Eagle Pass, TX 78853-1188  
830-773-3224, TX: 888-355-3224  
Fax: 830-773-8844  
www.eaglepasstexas.com

**Eastland Chamber of Commerce**  
102 S. Seaman, Eastland, TX 76448  
254-629-2332, Fax: 254-629-1629  
www.eastland.net/eastland

**Eden Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 367, Eden, TX 76837-0367  
915-869-EDEN, Fax: 915-869-5075  
www.edentexas.com

**Edinburg Chamber of Commerce**  
602 W. University  
Edinburg, TX 78539  
956-383-4974, 800-800-7214  
Fax: 956-380-3621  
www.edinburg.com

**Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture**  
P.O. Box 788, Edna, TX 77957  
361-782-7146, Fax: 361-782-2811  
www.ykc.com/jccc

**El Campo Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture**  
P.O. Box 1400, El Campo, TX 77437  
979-543-2713, Fax: 979-543-5495  
www.elcampochamber.com

**Greater Elgin Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 408, Elgin, TX 78621  
512-285-4515, Fax: 512-281-3393  
www.elgintx.com

**El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
El Paso, TX 79901-1188  
915-534-0696, TX: 800-351-6024  
Fax: 915-534-0686  
www.elpasocvb.com

**El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**  
210 E. Main, El Paso, TX 79901  
915-566-4066, Fax: 915-566-9714  
www.elpasohispanicchamber.org

**Ennis Black Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1036, Ennis, TX 75120  
972-875-5421, Fax: 972-878-0068  
ebrad@bigplanet.com

**Ennis Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1177  
Ennis, TX 75120-1177  
972-878-2626, Fax: 972-875-1473  
www.ennis-chamber.com

**Ennis Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 1237, Ennis, TX 75120  
972-878-4748, 888-366-4748  
Fax: 972-875-1018  
www.visitennis.org

**Fairfield Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 899, Fairfield, TX 75840-0956  
903-389-5792, Fax: 903-389-8382  
www.fairfieldtx.com

**Farmers Branch Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
13000 William Dodson Pkwy  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234  
972-247-3131, TX: 800-272-6249  
Fax: 972-247-4836  
www.ci.farmers-branch.tx.us

**Flower Mound Chamber of Commerce**  
700 Parker Square, Ste. 100  
Flower Mound, TX 75028  
972-539-0500, Fax: 972-539-4307  
www.flowermoundchamber.com

**Forney Area Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 570, Forney, TX 75126-0570  
972-564-2233, Fax: 972-564-3677  
www.forneytexas.com/chamber

**Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 378, Fort Davis, TX 79734  
432-426-3015, TX: 800-524-3015  
Fax: 432-426-3978  
www.fortdavis.com

**Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce**  
1000 Railroad Ave.  
Fort Stockton, TX 79735  
432-336-2264, 800-336-2166  
Fax: 432-336-6114  
www.fortstocktontx.org

**Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce**  
777 Taylor, #900  
Fort Worth, TX 76102-4997  
817-336-2491, Fax: 817-877-4034  
www.fortworthchamber.com

**Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
415 Throckmorton  
Fort Worth, TX 76102-7410  
817-336-8791, TX: 800-433-5747  
Fax: 817-336-3282  
www.fortworth.com

**Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**  
1327 N. Main, Fort Worth, TX 76106  
817-625-5411, Fax: 817-625-1405  
rosa.navejar@fwhcc.org

**Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce**  
1150 S. Freeway, Ste. 211  
Fort Worth, TX 76104  
817-871-6538, Fax: 817-332-6438  
www.metrobcc.com

**Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
302 E. Austin, Fredericksburg, TX 78624  
830-997-6523, Fax: 830-997-8588  
www.fredericksburg-texas.com

**Friendswood Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 11, Friendswood, TX 77549  
281-482-3329, Fax: 281-482-3911  
www.friendswood/chamber.com

**Frisco Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture**  
P.O. Box 905, Frisco, TX 79035  
806-250-3491, Fax: 806-250-2348  
fedc@wrtt.net

**Frisco Chamber of Commerce**  
6843 Main, Frisco, TX 75034  
972-335-9522, Fax: 972-335-5654  
www.friscochamber.com

**Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 518  
Gainesville, TX 76241-0518  
940-665-2831, 888-585-4468  
Fax: 940-665-2833  
www.gainesville.tx.us

**Galveston Island Chamber of Commerce**  
621 Moody Ave., Ste. 300  
Galveston Island, TX 77550  
409-763-5326, Fax: 409-763-8271  
www.galvestoncc.com

**Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
2504 Church, Ste. 200  
Galveston Island, TX 77550  
409-763-6564, TX: 888-GALISLE  
Fax: 409-770-0015  
www.galvestoncvb.com

**Garland Chamber of Commerce**  
914 S. Garland Ave., Garland, TX 75040  
972-272-7551, Fax: 972-276-9261  
www.garlandchamber.com

**Garland Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 469002  
Garland, TX 75046-9002  
972-205-2749, Fax: 972-205-3634  
www.ci.garland.tx.us

**Gatesville Chamber of Commerce & Agribusiness**  
2307 TX Hwy. 36 S., Gatesville, TX 76528  
254-865-2617, 888-879-0264  
Fax: 254-865-5581  
www.gatesvillex.info

**Georgetown Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 34  
Georgetown, TX 78627-0346  
512-930-3535, Fax: 512-930-3587  
www.georgetownchamber.org

**Georgetown Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 409, Georgetown, TX 78627-0409  
512-930-3545, 800-436-8696  
Fax: 512-930-2558  
www.georgetown.org

**Giddings Chamber of Commerce**  
171 E. Hempstead, Giddings, TX 78942  
979-542-3455, Fax: 979-542-7060  
www.giddingstx.org

**Glen Rose Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 2037, Glen Rose, TX 76043  
254-897-3081, 888-DINO-CVB  
Fax: 254-898-9055  
www.glen-rose.com

**Glen Rose/Somervell County Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 605, Glen Rose, TX 76043  
254-897-2286, Fax: 254-897-7670  
www.glenrosechamber.com

**Goliad County Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 606, Goliad, TX 77963  
361-645-3563, 800-848-8674  
Fax: 361-645-3579  
www.goliadcc.org

**Gonzales Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 134, Gonzales, TX 78629  
830-672-6532, 888-972-1095  
Fax: 830-672-6533  
www.gonzalestexas.com

**Graham Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 299, Graham, TX 76450-0299  
940-549-3355, 800-256-4844  
Fax: 940-549-6391  
www.visitgraham.com

**Granbury Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
122 N. Crockett  
Granbury, TX 76048-2127  
817-573-5548, TX: 800-950-2212  
Fax: 817-573-5789  
www.granburytx.com

**Lake Granbury Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Center**  
3408 TX Hwy. 377 E.  
Granbury, TX 76049  
817-573-1622, 817-279-1111  
Fax: 817-573-0805  
www.granburychamber.com

**Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce**  
900 Conover Dr., Grand Prairie, TX 75051  
972-264-1558, Fax: 972-264-3419  
www.grandprairiechamber.org

**Grand Prairie Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
2170 N. Belt Line Rd.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050  
972-263-9588, TX: 800-288-8386  
Fax: 972-642-4350  
www.gptexas.com

**Dallas/Fort Worth Area Tourism Council**  
701 S. Main, Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-329-2438, Fax: 817-251-4329  
www.visitdallas-fortworth.com

**Grapevine Chamber of Commerce**  
200 E. Vine, Grapevine, TX 76099-0368  
817-481-1522, Fax: 817-424-5208  
www.grapevinechamber.org

**Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
1 Liberty Park Plaza  
Grapevine, TX 76051  
817-410-3185, TX: 800-457-6338  
Fax: 817-410-3038  
www.grapevinetexasusa.net

**Greenville Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 1055, Greenville, TX 75403-1055  
903-455-1510, Fax: 903-455-1736  
www.greenville-chamber.org

**Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 326, Groesbeck, TX 76642  
254-729-3894, Fax: 254-729-8310  
www.groesbecktexas.org

**Groves Chamber of Commerce**  
4399 Main Ave., Groves, TX 77619  
409-962-3631, Fax: 409-963-0745  
grovescofc@aol.com

**Hale Center Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 487, Hale Center, TX 79041-0487  
806-839-2642, Fax: 806-839-2526

**Northeast Tarrant County Chamber of Commerce**  
5001 Denton Hwy.  
Haltom City, TX 76117  
817-281-9376, Fax: 817-281-9379  
www.netarrant.org

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### Harlingen Chamber of Commerce/ Convention & Visitors Bureau

311 E. Tyler, Harlingen, TX 78550  
956-423-5440, TX: 800-531-7346  
Fax: 956-425-3870  
www.harlingen.com

### Harper Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 308  
Harper, TX 78631-0308  
830-864-5656

### Hearne South Chamber of Commerce

304 S. Market  
Hearne, TX 77859  
979-279-2351, Fax: 979-279-2559  
www.hearnechamber.com

### Sabine County Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 717  
Hemphill, TX 75948-0717  
409-787-2732, Fax: 409-787-2158  
www.sabinecountytexas.com

### Henderson Tourism

400 W. Main, Henderson, TX 75652  
903-657-2119, Fax: 903-657-5329  
www.hendersontx.us

### Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 192, Hereford, TX 79045  
806-364-3333, Fax: 806-364-3342

### Greater Hewitt Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 661, Hewitt, TX 76643  
254-666-1200, Fax: 254-666-3181  
www.hewitt-texas.com

### Hidalgo Chamber of Commerce

611 E. Coma, Hidalgo, TX 78557  
956-843-2734, Fax: 956-843-2722  
www.hidalgo.tx.com

### Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce/ Convention & Visitors Bureau

P.O. Box 358, Hillsboro, TX 76645  
800-HILLSBORO  
Fax: 254-582-0465  
www.hillsborochamber.org

### Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce

1607 Ave. K, Hondo, TX 78861  
830-426-3037, Fax: 830-426-5357  
www.hondotex.com

### Buffalo Bayou Partnership

1113 Vine, Ste. 200  
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### Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

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### Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce

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281-955-1100, Fax: 281-955-0138  
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901 Bagby, Ste. 100, Houston, TX 77002  
713-227-3100, 800-4-HOUSTON  
Fax: 713-227-6336  
www.houston-guide.com

### Houston Asian Chamber of Commerce

7457 Harwin Plaza 2, Ste. 133  
Houston, TX 77036  
713-782-7222, Fax: 713-781-4560  
www.w5.com/acc

### Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce

2808 Wheeler, Houston, TX 77004  
713-522-9745, Fax: 713-522-5965  
www.houstoncitizenschamber.com

### Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

2900 Woodridge, Ste. 312  
Houston, TX 77087-2506  
713-644-7070, Fax: 713-644-7377  
www.houstonhispanicchamber.com

### Houston West Chamber of Commerce

10777 Westheimer, Ste. 916  
Houston, TX 77042  
713-785-4922, Fax: 713-785-4944  
www.hwcc.org

### Humble Area Chamber of Commerce

110 W. Main, Humble, TX 77338  
281-446-2128, Fax: 281-446-7483  
www.humbleareachamber.org

### Huntsville/Walker County Chamber of Commerce/CVB

P.O. Box 538, Huntsville, TX 77342-0538  
409-295-8113, TX: 800-289-0389  
Fax: 409-295-0571  
www.huntsvilletexas.com

### City of Hutto

P.O. Box 280, Hutto, TX 78634  
512-759-1011, Fax: 512-846-2653

### Greater Irving/Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce

3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 100  
Irving, TX 75062  
972-252-8484, Fax: 972-252-6710  
www.irvingchamber.com

### Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau

1231 Greenway Dr., Ste. 1060  
Irving, TX 75038  
972-252-7476, TX: 800-2-IRVING  
Fax: 972-257-3153  
www.irvingtexas.com

### Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 1231, Jacksonville, TX 75766  
903-586-2217, 800-376-2217  
Fax: 903-586-6944  
www.jacksonvilletexas.com

### Jasper/Lake Sam Rayburn Area Chamber of Commerce

246 E. Milam, Jasper, TX 75951  
409-384-2762, Fax: 409-384-4733  
www.jaspercoc.org

### Marion County Chamber of Commerce

118 N. Vale, Jefferson, TX 75657  
903-665-2672, 888-GO-RELAX  
Fax: 903-665-8233  
www.jefferson-texas.com

### Jewett Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 220, Jewett, TX 75846-0220  
903-626-4202, Fax: 903-626-6599  
jacc@glade.net

### Johnson City Chamber of Commerce/Tourism & Visitors Bureau

P.O. Box 485, Johnson City, TX 78636  
830-868-7684, Fax: 830-868-7803  
www.lbjcountry.com

### Kimble County Chamber of Commerce

402 Main, Junction, TX 76849  
915-446-3190, 800-KIMBLE-4  
Fax: 915-446-2871  
www.junctiontexas.net

### Justin Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 825, Justin, TX 76247  
940-648-2438, Fax: 940-648-3087

### Katy Area Chamber of Commerce

2501 S. Mason Rd., Ste. 230  
Katy, TX 77450  
281-828-1100, Fax: 281-828-1150  
www.katychamber.com

### Greater Kaufman Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

P.O. Box 146, Kaufman, TX 75142-0146  
972-932-3118, Fax: 972-932-8373  
www.kaufmanx.com

### Keller Chamber of Commerce

200 S. Main, Keller, TX 76248  
817-431-2169, Fax: 817-431-3789  
www.kellerchamber.com

### Kennedale/South Tarrant County Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 1338, Kennedale, TX 76060  
817-568-2685, Fax: 817-568-8490  
www.southtarrantchamber.org

### Kermit Chamber of Commerce

112 N. Poplar, Kermit, TX 79745  
915-586-2507, Fax: 915-586-2508  
kccoc@sunsetpath.com

### Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce

1700 Sidney Baker, Ste. 100  
Kerrville, TX 78028  
830-896-1155, Fax: 830-896-1175  
www.kerrvilletx.com

### Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau

2108 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, TX 78028  
830-792-3535, TX: 800-221-7958  
Fax: 830-792-3230  
www.kerrvilletexas.cc

### Kilgore Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 1582, Kilgore, TX 75663-1582  
903-984-5022, Fax: 903-984-4975  
www.kilgorechamber.com

### Killeen Chamber of Commerce/ Convention & Visitors Bureau

3601 South W. S. Young Dr.  
Killeen, TX 76543  
254-501-3888, TX: 800-869-TANK  
Fax: 254-526-6090  
www.killeen-cvb.com  
info@killeen-cvb.com

### Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 465, Kingsland, TX 78639  
325-388-6211, Fax: 325-388-5391  
www.kingslandchamber.org

### Kingsville Convention & Visitors Bureau

1501 U.S. Hwy. 77 N.  
Kingsville, TX 78363  
361-592-8516, TX: 800-333-5032  
Fax: 361-592-3227  
www.kingsvilletexas.com

### Krum Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 217, Krum, TX 76249  
940-482-6139, Fax: 940-482-3020  
www.ci.krum.tx.us

### Lago Vista Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 4946, Lago Vista, TX 78645  
512-267-7952, Fax: 512-267-2338  
www.lagovista.org

### La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce

171 S. Main, La Grange, TX 78945  
979-968-5756, TX: 800-LAGRANGE  
Fax: 979-968-8000  
www.lagrangetx.org

### Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 136333, Lake Worth, TX 76136  
817-237-0060, Fax: 817-237-2365  
www.nwtarrantchamber.org

### Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce & Board of City Development

P.O. Box 880  
Lamesa, TX 79331-0880  
806-872-2181, Fax: 806-872-5700  
lacoc@pics.net

### Lancaster Chamber of Commerce

100 N. Dallas Ave.  
Lancaster, TX 75146  
972-227-2579, Fax: 972-227-9555  
www.lancasterx.org

### Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center

P.O. Box 160  
Langtry, TX 78871  
915-291-3340, Fax: 915-291-3366

### LaPorte Bayshore Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 996  
LaPorte, TX 77572-0996  
281-471-1123, Fax: 281-471-1710  
www.laportechamber.org

### Laredo Chamber of Commerce

2310 San Bernardo  
Laredo, TX 78042-0790  
956-722-9895, TX: 800-292-2122  
Fax: 956-791-4503  
www.laredochamber.com

### Laredo Convention & Visitors Bureau

501 San Augustin, Laredo, TX 78040  
956-795-2200, 800-361-3360  
Fax: 956-795-2185  
www.visitlaredo.com

### League City Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

260 Park Ave., League City, TX 77573  
281-338-7339, Fax: 281-554-8103  
www.leaguecitychamber.com

### Frio Canyon Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 743, Leakey, TX 78873  
830-232-5222  
www.friocanyonchamber.com

### Levelland Chamber of Commerce

1101 Ave. H, Levelland, TX 79336  
806-894-3157, Fax: 806-894-4284  
www.levelland.com

### Lewisville Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Bureau

551 N. Valley Pkwy  
Lewisville, TX 75067  
972-436-9571, TX: 800-657-9571  
Fax: 972-436-5949  
www.visitlewisville.com

### Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 1270, Liberty, TX 77575  
936-336-5736, Fax: 936-336-1159  
www.libertydaytonchamber.com

**Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 670, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-7181, Fax: 903-882-1790  
www.lindale-tx.net/lacc

**Linden Area Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 419  
Linden, TX 75563  
903-756-3106, Fax: 903-756-5884

**City of Live Oak**  
8001 Shin Oak Dr.  
Live Oak, TX 78233-2497  
210-653-9140, Fax: 210-653-2766  
www.ci.live-oak.tx.us

**Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce**  
12702 Toepperwein Rd., Ste. 112  
Live Oak, TX 78233-3266  
210-590-2037, Fax: 210-657-2048  
www.rmcc.net

**Polk County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center**  
1001 U.S. 59 N. Loop  
Livingston, TX 77351  
936-327-4929, Fax: 936-327-2660  
www.livingston.net/chamber/

**Llano Chamber of Commerce**  
700 Bessemer Ave., Llano, TX 78643  
915-247-5354, Fax: 915-247-1844  
www.llanochamber.org

**Lockhart Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 840, Lockhart, TX 78644  
512-398-2818, 877-519-7057  
Fax: 512-376-2632  
www.lockhart-tx.org

**East Texas Tourism Association**  
P.O. Box 1592, Longview, TX 75606  
903-757-4444, 800-766-3349  
Fax: 903-236-7541  
www.easttexasguide.com

**Longview Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
410 N. Center, Longview, TX 75601  
903-753-3281, Fax: 903-758-4791  
www.longviewtx.com

**Lubbock Chamber of Commerce**  
1301 Broadway, Ste. 101  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
806-761-7000, TX: 800-321-LUBB  
Fax: 806-761-7010  
www.lubbockbiz.org

**Lubbock Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
1301 Broadway, Ste. 200  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
806-747-5232, TX: 800-692-4035  
Fax: 806-747-1419  
www.lubbocklegends.org

**Lubbock Hispanic Chamber of Commerce-C.O.M.A.**  
P.O. Box 886, Lubbock, TX 79408  
806-762-5059, Fax: 806-763-2124  
lhcc@worldnet.att.net

**Citizens Chamber of Commerce**  
120 Kirksey, Lufkin, TX 75901  
936-632-6322, Fax: 936-632-6114

**Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce**  
1615 Chestnut, Lufkin, TX 75901  
936-634-6644, Fax: 936-634-8726  
www.lufkintexas.org

**Lufkin Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 1606, Lufkin, TX 75902  
936-634-6305, TX: 800-409-5659  
Fax: 936-634-8726  
www.visitlufkin.com

**Luling Area Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 710, Luling, TX 78648  
830-875-3214, Fax: 830-875-2082  
www.lulingcc.com

**Lumberton Chamber of Commerce**  
826 N. Main, Lumberton, TX 77657  
409-755-0554, Fax: 409-755-2516  
www.lumbertoncoc.com

**Mabank Chamber of Commerce**  
131 E. Market, Mabank, TX 75147  
903-887-0010, Fax: 903-887-4288

**Madison County Chamber of Commerce**  
113 W. Trinity, Madisonville, TX 77864  
936-348-3591, Fax: 936-348-3592  
www.madisonvillex.com

**Malakoff Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1042, Malakoff, TX 75148  
903-489-1518, Fax: 903-489-1518  
www.malakofftexas.net

**Marathon Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 163, Marathon, TX 79842  
915-386-4516

**Marble Falls/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce**  
801 U.S. 281  
Marble Falls, TX 78654  
830-693-4449, TX: 800-759-8178  
Fax: 830-693-7594  
www.marblefalls.org

**Marfa Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 635, Marfa, TX 79843  
915-729-4942, TX: 800-650-9696  
Fax: 915-729-4956  
www.marfatx.com

**Marshall Chamber of Commerce**  
213 W. Austin, Marshall, TX 75671  
903-935-7868, 800-953-7868  
Fax: 903-935-9982  
www.marshall-chamber.com

**Mason County Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 156, Mason, TX 76856  
915-347-5758, Fax: 915-347-5259  
www.masoncoc.com

**McAllen Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 790  
McAllen, TX 78505-0790  
956-682-2871, 877-622-5536  
Fax: 956-631-8571  
www.mcallenchamber.com

**McCamey Chamber of Commerce**  
201 E. Sixth, McCamey, TX 79752  
915-652-8202, Fax: 915-652-8202

**McKinney Chamber of Commerce**  
1801 W. Louisiana  
McKinney, TX 75069-0621  
972-542-0163, Fax: 972-548-0876  
www.mckinneytx.org

**McKinney Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 618, McKinney, TX 75070-0621  
214-544-1407, 888-649-8499  
Fax: 972-542-0926  
www.mckinneycvb.org

**Memphis Chamber of Commerce**  
113 S. Sixth, Memphis, TX 79245-3307  
806-259-3144, Fax: 806-259-3144  
www.memphis-tex.com

**Menard County Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 64  
Menard, TX 76859  
325-396-2365, Fax: 325-396-2365  
www.menardchamberofcommerce.org

**Mesquite Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
617 N. Ebrite, Mesquite, TX 75149  
972-285-0211, Fax: 972-285-3535  
www.mesquitechamber.com

**Mexia Area Chamber of Commerce**  
315 N. Sherman, Mexia, TX 76667  
254-562-5569, 888-535-5476  
Fax: 254-562-7138  
www.mexiachamber.com

**Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 50473, Midland, TX 79710  
915-682-2864, Fax: 915-684-6422  
mbce@swbell.net

**Midland Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
109 N. Main, Midland, TX 79701  
915-683-3381, TX: 800-624-6435  
Fax: 915-682-9205  
www.visitmidlandtx.com

**Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 11134, Midland, TX 79702-8134  
915-682-2960, Fax: 915-687-3972  
www.midlandhcc.com

**Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1408  
Mineral Wells, TX 76068-1408  
940-325-2557, TX: 800-252-MWTX  
Fax: 940-328-0850  
www.mineralwellstx.com

**Mission Chamber of Commerce**  
220 E. Ninth, Mission, TX 78572-4157  
956-585-2727, TX: 800-580-2700  
Fax: 956-585-3044  
www.missionchamber.com

**Monahans Chamber of Commerce**  
401 S. Dwight, Monahans, TX 79756  
915-943-2187, Fax: 915-943-6868  
www.monahans.org

**Mount Pleasant-Titus County Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1237  
Mount Pleasant, TX 75456-1237  
903-572-8567, Fax: 903-572-0613  
www.mtpleasanttx.com

**Franklin County Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 554, Mount Vernon, TX 75457  
903-537-4365, 800-256-3195  
Fax: 903-537-4160  
www.mt-vernion.com/~chamber/

**Munday Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box L, Munday, TX 76371  
940-422-4540, Fax: 940-422-4540

**Nacogdoches Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
200 E. Main, Nacogdoches, TX 75961  
936-564-7351, 888-564-7351  
Fax: 936-462-7688  
www.visitnacogdoches.org

**Grimes County Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 530, Navasota, TX 77868  
936-825-6600, TX: 800-252-6642  
Fax: 936-825-3699  
www.navasotatex.com

**Nederland Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 891, Nederland, TX 77627  
409-722-0279, Fax: 409-722-0615  
www.nederlandtx.com

**New Boston Chamber of Commerce**  
100 Worth Center St.  
New Boston, TX 75570  
903-628-2581, Fax: 903-628-2581  
www.newbostontx.org

**Greater New Braunfels Convention & Visitors Bureau/Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 311417  
New Braunfels, TX 78131-1417  
830-625-2385, TX: 800-572-2626  
Fax: 830-625-7918  
www.nbcham.org

**Gruene Tourist Information**  
1601 Hunter Rd.  
New Braunfels, TX 78130  
830-629-5077, Fax: 830-629-6729  
www.gruenehall.com

**Nocona Chamber of Commerce**  
100 E. U.S. 82  
Nocona, TX 76255-2721  
940-825-3526, Fax: 940-825-5389  
noconacc@aol.com

**Odessa Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
700 N. Grant, Ste. 200  
Odessa, TX 79761  
915-332-9111, TX: 800-780-HOST  
Fax: 915-333-7858  
www.odessachamber.com  
www.odessacvb.com

**Olney Chamber of Commerce**  
108 E. Main, Olney, TX 76374  
940-564-5445, Fax: 940-564-3610  
www.brazosnet.com/biz/olney

**Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
803 W. Green Ave., Orange, TX 77630  
409-883-1011, TX: 800-528-4906  
Fax: 409-988-7321  
www.orangetexas.org

**Overton/New London Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 6, Overton, TX 75684  
903-834-3542, Fax: 903-834-3063  
www.ci.overton.tx.us

**Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce**  
502 N. Queen  
Palestine, TX 75802  
903-729-6066, Fax: 903-729-2083  
www.palestinechamber.org

**Palestine Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 2828, Palestine, TX 75802  
903-723-3014, TX: 800-659-3484  
Fax: 903-729-6067  
www.visitpalestine.com

**Panhandle Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1021, Panhandle, TX 79068  
806-537-3517, Fax: 806-537-3546

**Lamar County Chamber of Commerce**  
1125 Bonham, Paris, TX 75460  
903-784-2501, 800-PARIS-TX  
Fax: 903-784-2503  
www.paristexas.com

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**Pasadena Chamber of Commerce**  
4334 Fairmont Pkwy  
Pasadena, TX 77504-3306  
281-487-7871, Fax: 281-487-5530  
www.pasadenachamber.org

**Pecos Chamber of Commerce/  
Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 27, Pecos, TX 79772-0027  
915-445-2406, Fax: 915-445-2407  
www.pecostx.com

**Perryton-Ochiltree Chamber  
of Commerce**  
P.O. Drawer 789  
Perryton, TX 79070-0789  
806-435-6575, Fax: 806-435-9821  
www.perryton.org

**Greater Pflugerville Chamber of  
Commerce**  
P.O. Box 483  
Pflugerville, TX 78691-0483  
512-251-7799, Fax: 512-251-7802  
www.gpc.pflugerville.tx.us

**Pharr Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1341, Pharr, TX 78577  
956-787-1481, Fax: 956-787-7972  
www.pharrchamber.org

**Pittsburg/Camp County Chamber  
of Commerce**  
202 Jefferson, Pittsburg, TX 75686  
903-856-3442, Fax: 903-856-3570  
www.pittsburgtx.com

**Plainview Chamber of Commerce**  
710 W. Fifth, Plainview, TX 79072-6234  
806-296-7431, Fax: 806-296-0819  
www.plainviewtx.com

**Plano Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 860358  
Plano, TX 75086-0358  
972-422-0296, 800-81-PLANO  
Fax: 972-424-0002  
www.planocvb.com

**Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce**  
605 Second, Pleasanton, TX 78064  
830-569-2163, Fax: 830-569-5272  
pleasantoncofc.karnes@cc.net

**Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce/  
Tourist & Convention Bureau**  
421 W. Cotter, Port Aransas, TX 78373  
361-749-5919, TX: 800-45-COAST  
Fax: 361-749-4672  
www.portaransas.org

**Greater Port Arthur Chamber  
of Commerce**  
4749 Twin City Hwy., Ste. 300  
Port Arthur, TX 77642  
409-963-1107, Fax: 409-962-1997  
www.portarthurtexas.com

**Port Arthur Convention  
& Visitors Bureau**  
3401 Cultural Center Dr.  
Port Arthur, TX 77642  
409-985-7822, TX: 800-235-7822  
Fax: 409-985-5584  
www.portarthurtexas.com

**Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce**  
421 E. Queen Isabella Blvd.  
Port Isabel, TX 78578  
956-943-2262, TX: 800-527-6102  
Fax: 956-943-4001  
www.portisabel.org

**Portland Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 388, Portland, TX 78374  
361-643-2475, Fax: 361-643-7377  
www.portlandtx.org

**Port Lavaca—Calhoun County  
Chamber of Commerce**  
2300 TX Hwy. 35  
Port Lavaca, TX 77979  
361-552-2959, 800-556-7678  
Fax: 361-552-1288  
www.calhountx.org

**Post Commerce and Tourism**  
104 S. Broadway, Post, TX 79356  
806-495-3461, Fax: 806-495-3724  
pctbposttx@aol.com

**Presidio Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 2497, Presidio, TX 79845  
915-229-3199, Fax: 915-229-4008  
www.presidiotx.com

**Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 189, Princeton, TX 75407  
972-736-6462  
www.princetontxchamber.com

**Prosper Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 1060, Prosper, TX 75078  
972-346-3397, Fax: 972-347-9601  
www.prospertx.com

**Quanah Chamber of Commerce**  
220 S. Main, Quanah, TX 79252  
940-663-2222, Fax: 940-663-2172  
quanahcc@chipshot.net

**Quitque Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 427, Quitque, TX 79255  
806-455-1456

**Rankin Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 294, Rankin, TX 79778  
915-693-8368, Fax: 915-693-2501  
chamber\_rankin@yahoo.com

**Red Oak Area Chamber of Commerce**  
411 Red Oak Rd., Red Oak, TX 75154  
972-617-0906, Fax: 972-617-0939  
redoakcoc@aol.com

**Richardson Chamber of Commerce/  
Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
411 Belle Grove  
Richardson, TX 75080  
972-234-4141, Fax: 972-680-9103  
www.telecomcorridor.com

**Robstown Area Development  
Commission**  
P.O. Box 111, Robstown, TX 78380  
361-387-3933, Fax: 361-387-7280  
radc@verizon.net

**Rockdale Chamber of Commerce**  
1203 W. Cameron Ave.  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
512-446-2030, Fax: 512-446-5969  
www.rockdalechamber.com

**Rockport-Fulton Area Chamber of  
Commerce**  
404 Broadway, Rockport, TX 78382-2765  
361-729-6445, 800-826-6441  
Fax: 361-729-7681  
www.rockport-fulton.org

**Rosenberg-Richmond Area  
Chamber of Commerce**  
4120 Ave. H, Rosenberg, TX 77471  
281-342-5464, Fax: 281-342-2990  
www.rosrichchamber.com

**Round Rock Chamber of Commerce**  
212 E. Main, Round Rock, TX 78664  
512-255-5805, 800-747-3479  
Fax: 512-255-3345  
www.roundrockchamber.org

**Rowlett Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 610, Rowlett, TX 75030  
972-475-3200, Fax: 972-463-1699  
www.rowlettchamber.com

**San Angelo Chamber of Commerce/  
Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
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