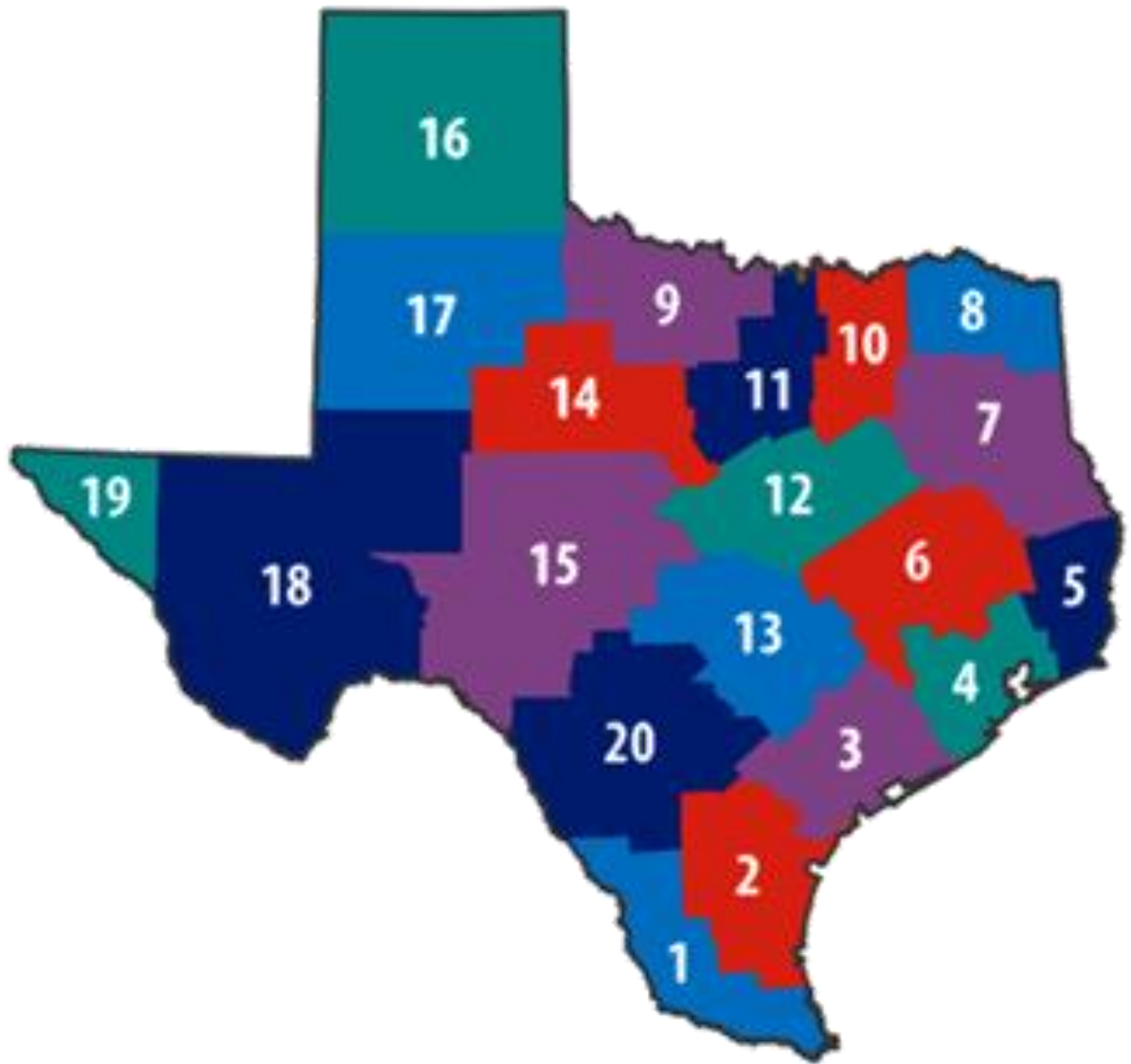


TRAVELING TEXAS AS A TEXAN



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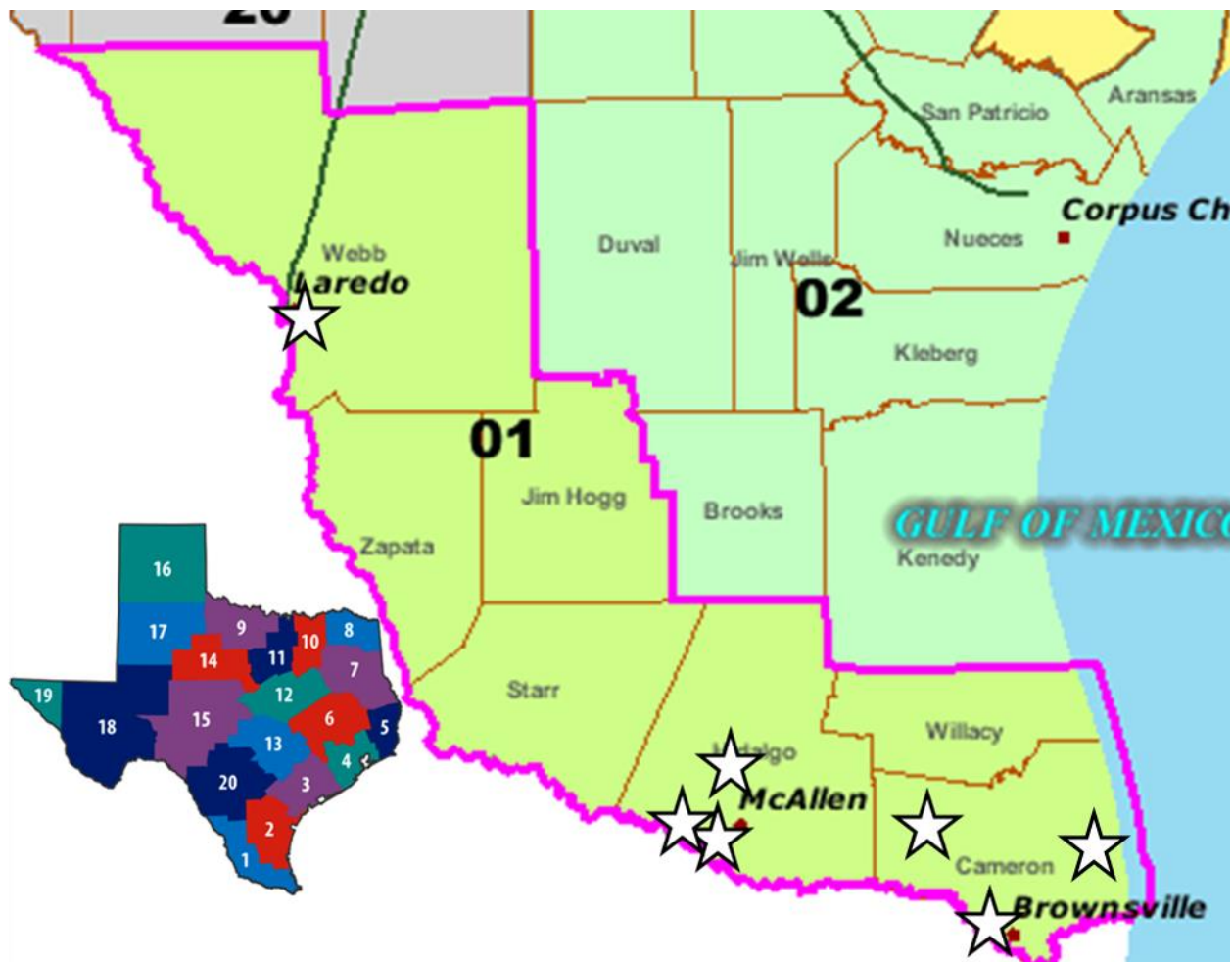
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BROWNSVILLE

Brownsville Heritage Museum

1325 E. Washington Street, Brownsville, TX 78520

<https://www.brownsvillehistory.org/heritage-museum-brownsville-historical-association.html>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Brownsville Heritage Museum portrays visual images of the historical evolution of the city and surrounding regions from discovery and exploration up to the first half of the 20th Century. The photographs, maps, costumes, and artifacts provide a unique perspective on various aspects of Brownsville life, ranging from street scenes and education to transportation and ranching. The museum opened in 2002 and was reinterpreted in 2009 with hands-on interactive displays.

Costumes of the Americas Museum

1004 E. Sixth Street, Brownsville, TX 78520

<https://www.brownsvillehistory.org/costumes-of-the-americas-museum-brownsville-historical-association.html>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Costumes of the Americas Museum opened at its new location in September of 2022. The Museum is located at 1004 E. 6th Street in Brownsville. Visit and learn about the rich cultural history of Mexico, Central America, and South America through textiles on display. Rotating exhibits from a collection of over 600 costumes bring to life the stories of ancient cultures and artistic craftsmanship. Weddings are celebrations of unions around the world. They are the intersection of family, customs, and heritage. Cultures and traditions can vary within the same country and between neighboring regions. In the case of Mexico and Central America, there are diverse wedding attire, ceremonial accessories, and practices. Across Mexico, there are shared religious customs due to the predominant Catholic population, however, some states have unique traditional bridal trajes (dresses) that are drastically different from one another. Nearby countries such as Guatemala and Panama might share similar religious practices and ceremonial customs to those of Mexico due to Spanish colonial influence although, the items that are part of those rituals can typically be made of various types of material and differ in appearance.

Historic Brownsville Museum

641 E Madison Street, Brownsville, TX 78520

<https://www.brownsvillehistory.org/historic-brownsville-museum-brownsville-historical-association.html>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Historic Brownsville Museum is located at the old Southern Pacific Railroad Depot. Built-in 1928, the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot is recognized as a Texas Historical Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Inside the depot, the museum details the events that led to Brownsville's establishment and display temporary exhibits that highlight various topics related to local history. Also included in your admission to the museum are the Simon Celaya building, and the Mary A. Yturria Education Center. An 1872 Baldwin wood-burning, narrow gauge railroad locomotive is located in the Simon Celaya building. This permanent exhibit tells the story of the Rio Grande Railroad which began operating in 1872 between Brownsville and Point Isabel (now Port Isabel). This engine, known as Rio Grande Engine No. 1, is the last of its kind in the world.

Laureles Ranch House Museum Grounds

1501 East 7th Street, Brownsville, TX 78520

<https://www.brownsvillehistory.org/laureles-ranch-house-museum-brownsville-historical-association.html>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Laureles Ranch House Museum once belonged to the founder of Brownsville, Charles Stillman. Now in its new home, located in Linear Park, the fully restored home offers a rustic setting for parties and special events. Largely used for the outside porch space and the grounds outside the home, this house setting is a unique venue.

Palmito Ranch Battlefield State Historic Site

43296 Palmito Hill Rd, Brownsville, TX 78521

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/palmito-ranch-battlefield>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Battle of Palmito Ranch was the final land battle of the American Civil War. It was fought May 12–13, 1865, along the banks of the Rio Grande, 13 miles east of Brownsville and 10 miles from the Union-held seaport of Los Brazos de Santiago at Texas' southern tip. The battle, a Confederate victory, took place more than a month after Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to Union forces

and 13 days before the Army of the Trans-Mississippi under Gen. Edmund Smith surrendered in Galveston on May 26.

Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park

7200 Paredes Line Rd, Brownsville, TX 78526

<https://www.nps.gov/paal/index.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park is the site of the first major battle of the U.S.-Mexican War. Visitors can experience a landscape almost as it existed on the day of the battle. The park enjoys the unique distinction of being the only National Park Service unit to interpret the U.S.-Mexican War. Together with the Resaca de la Palma Battlefield unit, Palo Alto Battlefield provides an opportunity to learn about the war, its causes and consequences, and its impact on the relationship between the U.S. and Mexico.

Rio Grande Valley Wing Flying Museum

955 S. Minnesota Ave., Brownsville, TX 78521

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rio Grande Valley Wing Flying Museum is s. of the airport terminal at 955 S. Minnesota Ave. World War II military aircraft, antique vehicles, military uniforms and models are displayed. A 30-minute video features military aircraft operated and restored by the Commemorative Air Force.

Stillman House Museum

1325 E. Washington Street, Brownsville, TX 78520

<https://www.brownsvillehistory.org/stillman-house-museum-brownsville-historical-association.html>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Surrounded by a black metal fence, the Stillman House Museum is among the oldest surviving structures in Brownsville. The house seen today is the result of additions made by the Trevino family during their time in the house. The original windows, shutters, and doors are still in place and the breezy courtyards enjoyed by the Stillman and Trevino families still offer a respite from the hot Texas sun.

EDINBURG

Museum of South Texas History

200 N Closner Blvd, Edinburg, TX 78541

<https://mosthistory.org/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum of South Texas History is located in Edinburg, Texas. It features exhibits on the history of the Rio Grande Valley, as well as the rest of South Texas and North Eastern Mexican States Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas.

HARLINGEN

Iwo Jima Monument

320 Iwo Jima Blvd, Harlingen, TX 78550

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/iwo-jima-museum-and-monument>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Iwo Jima Monument stands as a powerful tribute to the heroic actions of six Marines on February 23, 1945, who raised an American flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima. Crafted by sculptor Dr. Felix W. de Weldon, the larger-than-life figures perfectly recreate the iconic flag-raising moment captured by photographer Joe Rosenthal. Honoring the sacrifice of Marines throughout history, the monument's black Brazilian granite base bears their names, while the adjacent Iwo Jima Museum educates visitors about their valor. The monument and museum are located on the campus of the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen. Erected through private donations, this enduring symbol of courage and unity continues to inspire generations to embody the unwavering spirit of the Marine Corps. The site also honors Corporal (Cpl.) Harlon Block. He was a flag raiser depicted at the base of the statue, and a native of nearby Weslaco. Cpl. Block was originally buried in the 5th Marine Division Cemetery on Iwo Jima on March 5, 1945 (four days after being killed). A burial service was held on the island on March 26 with Pfc. Ira Hayes (another flag bearer) and other members of E Company. In January 1949, Cpl. Block's remains were re-interred in Weslaco. In 1995, his body was moved to a burial place at the Marine Military Academy near the Iwo Jima monument. It was the family's desire to have him near the statue. The reburial was approved by the Marine Military Academy board as well as the city and county.

Knapp Chevrolet Antique Auto Museum

361 S Stuart Place Rd, Harlingen, TX 78552

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Harlingen branch of the longtime Houston dealership founded by Parker Knapp features a museum opened in 2000 with antique and classic autos, including a 1929 Chevrolet, 1957 Bel Air convertible, and several collectible Corvettes. Butch Cooley's collection of classic Chevys, including a '61 Impala.

LAREDO

Republic of the Rio Grande Museum

1005 Zaragoza St, Laredo, TX 78040

<https://webbheritage.org/Republic-of-the-Rio-Grande-Museum>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Republic of the Rio Grande Museum maintains a permanent and authentic exhibit of day-to-day life in a mid-nineteenth century Laredo home. This includes a kitchen with period utensils and furniture; a bedroom with archival linens, furniture, and accessories; a ranching office of the time with related artifacts; and the museum's front gallery which displays a brand new bilingual exhibit on the Republic of the Rio Grande. The museum provides visitors an authentic historical experience and one which houses artifacts in a secure and accessible environment.

McALLEN

Quinta Mazatlan

600 Sunset Dr, McAllen, TX 78503

<https://www.facebook.com/McAllenQuintaMazatlan/>

ADMISSION: \$2.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Quinta Mazatlan is a historical Adobe mansion and nature and birding center located in McAllen, Texas. Our MissionThe urban sanctuary works to enrich people's lives by sharing knowledge about birds, plants, and environmental stewardship in South Texas.Our VisionQuinta Mazatlan, cherished locally and recognized internationally, is a sanctuary connecting people to the history, beauty and wonder of our natural world.

MISSION

Tom Landry Mural

100 E Tom Landry St, Mission, TX 78572

<https://www.progresstimes.net/2014/07/03/tom-landry-mural-sees-its-fourth-renovation/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

To honor Tom Landry's legacy in 1993, Mission residents Bill and Gen Long commissioned Manuel Hinojosa to create the Tom Landry Mural. The mural measures 95 x 18 feet and was dedicated on September 18, 1995 by legendary Coach Tom Landry himself.

PORT ISABEL

Museums of Port Isabel

Treasures of the Gulf Museum

317 Railroad St, Port Isabel, TX 78578

<http://portisabelhistory.com/>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Port Isabel Historical Museum is housed in the Champion Building. Built in 1899, its façade features a fish mural that was painted in 1906 by a local fisherman. Two exhibit levels covers the history of the Laguna Madre area. Gift Shop.

Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site

421 E Queen Isabella Blvd, Port Isabel, TX 78578

<https://portisabellighthouse.com/lighthouse/>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The lighthouse was built in 1852 due to the great number of shipwrecks that had occurred off Brazos Island in the Gulf of Mexico. By 1905, the lighthouse was decommissioned due to a downturn in maritime traffic caused by changes to the Rio Grande and the growth of railways. Present day, a reconstructed lighthouse keeper's cottage sits in the shadow of Port Isabel's 72-foot lighthouse and serves as a visitor center and museum. In 2022, after 117 years without a light, a 3rd Order Fresnel Lens was fitted in the lantern room. This addition brought the lighthouse back to the glory days it had not seen since 1905. Climb 75 winding stairs, three short ladders, and take in the coastal sights of the South Padre Island beaches at the last Texas lighthouse open to the public.

DISTRICT 2



CORPUS CHRISTI

HERITAGE PARK

1581 N. Chaparral Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

<https://www.ctexas.com/heritage-park>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Dawn to Dusk

Heritage Park is Corpus Christi's historic park which hosts and supports many art and cultural activities, as well as a variety of community events throughout the year. Come and step back in time at this historic cultural center where several Victorian-style homes now stand. There are eleven historical Corpus Christi homes located in Heritage Park. Many of these are recorded Texas Historical Landmarks, the oldest dating back to 1851. Each house pays tribute to the area's ethnic and cultural diversity.

ORIGINAL WHATABURGER REPLICA

4126 S Staples St, Corpus Christi, TX 78411

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Cool little replica of the original Whataburger stand is in the parking lot of a newer store.

Selena Memorial Statue

600 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

[https://www.visitcorpuschristi.com/listing/selena-memorial-mirador-de-la-flor-\(overlook-of-the-flower\)/747/](https://www.visitcorpuschristi.com/listing/selena-memorial-mirador-de-la-flor-(overlook-of-the-flower)/747/)

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn – dusk

Selena Quintanilla-Perez (1971 – 1995) was an acclaimed Corpus Christi Tejano singer whose life and music touched the community and many people around the world. As the Queen of Tejano Music, Selena's legacy lives on through her music! Mirador de la Flor, or Overlook of the Flower, was unveiled in 1997 to honor Selena Quintanilla-Perez and her contributions to music and Corpus Christi. The life-size bronze statue of Selena was sculpted by H.W. "Buddy" Tatum, a Corpus Christi artist. The Mirador de la Flor is located on the Corpus Christi Bayfront Seawall. It's located by the entrance to the People's Street T Head. You can visit the statue at any time and enjoy music and a short story of Selena's life. The Paseo de la Flor is the walkway below the memorial, take the steps down to the water side to enjoy a short sidewalk full of beautiful homemade tiles from South Texas school children and senior citizens. It's filled with hand-painted tiles made of whimsical flowers and music notes!

Selena Museum

5410 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, TX 78408

<https://q-productions.com/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The museum gives fans and visitors a rich and unique glimpse into the life of the Tejano icon, including her most prized possessions, iconic stage outfits, awards, photos, fan art, and other memorabilia.

Tejano Civil Rights Museum

1517 N. Chaparral, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

<https://www.visitcorpuschristi.com/listing/tejano-civil-rights-museum/941/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The mission of the Tejano Civil Rights Museum is to preserve and educate the public about the rich history of the Tejano and Mexican-American culture rooted in the South West. Six rooms in the historic Heritage Park house are filled with artifacts, including historic maps, photos and art. Each month the museum features a collection from a Hispanic artist.

Texas Sealife Center

14220 S. Padre Island Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 75418

<https://www.texassealifecenter.org/>

ADMISSION: \$9.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Interested in seeing our mission unfold first hand? We offer tours to the public Wednesday-Saturday from 10:00-3:30 and Sunday 12:00-3:30. On your tour you will get the opportunity to walk through our nature trail and meet our permanent education ambassadors who live on property. In addition, you will get to see our sea turtle patients currently in care and hear their stories. Once the outside portion of your tour has concluded, you'll be welcomed into our education room where you will be able to meet some of our other education ambassadors, ask questions, and browse our gift shop!

TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM

2710 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78402

<https://www.texasstateaquarium.org/>

ADMISSION: \$44.95

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Get up close and personal with the many animals that call the Gulf Coast home at the Texas State Aquarium. Watch live educational demonstrations with otters and dolphins, feed and touch a stingray and see four species of sea turtles swimming in a lagoon. Along with all the aquatic critters, you'll meet the majestic residents of Eagle Pass, including Grace a bald eagle and Cowboy a crested caracara. The new Caribbean Journey is a must see! While you are there, say hi to Xena and Chico the Linnaeus's two-toed sloths at the exhibit.

Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures

1809 N. Chaparral St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401

<https://texasasianculturesmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$44.95

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Get up close and personal with the many animals that call the Gulf Coast home at the Texas State Aquarium. Watch live educational demonstrations with otters and dolphins, feed and touch a stingray and see four species of sea turtles swimming in a lagoon. Along with all the aquatic critters, you'll meet the majestic residents of Eagle Pass, including Grace a bald eagle and Cowboy a crested caracara. The new Caribbean Journey is a must see! While you are there, say hi to Xena and Chico the Linnaeus's two-toed sloths at the exhibit.

USS LEXINGTON MUSEUM ON THE BAY

2914 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78402

<https://usslexington.com/>

ADMISSION: \$17.95

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pass over Corpus Christi's Harbor Bridge and you'll see a massive Essex-class aircraft carrier just a stone's throw away from the shoreline. The USS Lexington nicknamed "The Blue Ghost" played a key role in battles across the Pacific Ocean during World War II. Today, the warship is a museum full of educational exhibits of uniforms, vintage aircraft, pictures, and more that tell the story of the ship and her crew. Five distinct areas of the ship can be toured, including the flight deck and the lower decks, giving you a sense of the Lexington's size and scale.

FALFURRIAS

Heritage Museum

515 N St Marys St, Falfurrias, TX 78355

<https://heritagemuseum-falfurrias.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Heritage Museum, located right along the famous Chilsom Trail and the Texas Tropical Trail of Texas, is dedicated to the preservation of a frontier heritage in artifacts, relics, records, pictures, maps and personal papers of the early pioneer settlers whose deeds and adventures are so much a part of Texas History.

Veterans & Fallen Heroes Monument

124 N St Marys St, Falfurrias, TX 78355

<https://falfurrias.us/veterans-fallen-heroes-monument/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

In memory of all our fallen heroes that gave all to defend our country.

GEORGE WEST

Geronimo: Stuffed Longhorn On Courthouse Lawn

301 Houston St, George West, TX 78355

<https://www.austinchronicle.com/columns/2020-11-06/day-trips-geronimo-the-longhorn-george-west/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

"Geronimo" was the pride of the George West Ranch, with horns nearly 10 feet across, when he died in 1927. He's been stuffed and on display on the courthouse lawn ever since.

KINGSVILLE

1904 Train Depot Museum

102 E. Kleberg Avenue, Kingsville, TX 78363

<https://kingsvilletexas.com/tour-item/1904-train-depot-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Journey back in time to experience the rich history of the legendary railroad that contributed to the growth and prosperity of Kingsville. There was a deep need for a railroad to connect Brownsville to St. Louis in 1904. King Ranchers and founders, Captain Richard and Henrietta King generously stepped in to donate a large portion of their prized King Ranch to accommodate a site for the railroad to be built. As railroad workers grew as did the population, turning Kingsville into the flourishing town it remains today. Generous volunteers bring each exhibit to life sharing stories of relatives that worked on and rode the rails as you view custom pieces, artifacts, and memorabilia, including an operational telegraph, from the early 1900s exhibited in this exciting and newly restored museum.

King Ranch Museum

405 N 6th St, Kingsville, TX 78363

<https://king-ranch.com/Museum/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Though King Ranch quarter horses are vital to King Ranch's day-to-day operations and are seen by thousands of visitors that tour the ranch each year, they also hold an important place in King Ranch history. Visit the King Ranch Museum to experience how King Ranch Quarter Horses are an integral part of King Ranch's heritage, the Cutting Horse industry and the American Quarter Horse Association alike in the special exhibit, From OLD SORREL to the Present: The History of the King Ranch Quarter Horses. Along

with detailed history of King Ranch quarter horses, this exhibit also showcases awards King Ranch quarter horses won from AQHA and NCHA and international competitions.

ROCKPORT

“CULTURAL INTERFACE” SCULPTURES AT LITTLE BAY

1433 E Laurel St, Rockport, TX 78382

<https://rockportculturalartsdistrict.com/cultural-interface-sculptures-at-little-bay/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The formal unveiling of a major public artwork, “Cultural Interface,” by noted Texas artist Steve Russell was held December 7, 2023, on the shores of Little Bay in Rockport. Spearheaded by the Rockport Cultural Arts District (RCAD), the initiative has been a project with the Aransas County Navigation District (ACND), and privately funded through donations from foundations, businesses, patrons, and fellow artists. The bronze sculptures recognize the multicultural heritage of Rockport, honoring those who have inhabited and explored Aransas County.

FULTON MANSION STATE HISTORIC SITE

317 Fulton Beach Rd, Rockport, TX 78382

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fulton-mansion>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Surrounded by stately live oaks, Fulton Mansion State Historic Site is located in the resort area of Rockport-Fulton. The house must have appeared incredible in 1877, as it does today, with its mansard roof and ornate trim. Interior gas lighting, flush-toilets, and other refinements were progressive and luxurious elements for this part of Texas history. Fulton Mansion is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Learn about George Fulton’s engineering skills, take a walk through a garden inspired by Harriet’s love of flowers, and hear the stories of living in a grand Victorian villa.

TEXAS MARITIME MUSEUM

1202 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX 78382

<https://texasmaritimemuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Texas Maritime Museum started in the late 1970s during the Rockport Seafair Festival. It officially opened in 1989, becoming the State of Texas’ Official Maritime Museum. It earned accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums in 2005, a rare achievement among Texas museums. In 2012, the museum expanded its facilities to enhance education and collections.

SANDIA

Lipantitlan State Historic Site

Lipantitlan Park Rd, Sandia, TX 78383

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/lipantitlan>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Sunday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Located in Nueces County near Sandia, this site was named after the Lipan Apaches that camped in the vicinity. In 1831, a picket fort was constructed by Mexican forces in anticipation of Anglo immigration. In 1835, the small guard force that held the fort surrendered it to the Texan forces without a shot being fired. The site has no interpretation (other than the historical marker).

<https://chisholmtrailmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ride back in time to the era of the Great Cattle Drives. Authentic artifacts – lassoes, saddles, a chuck wagon and more – tell the vivid story of the great cattle drive era, beginning with Thornton Chisholm and Crockett Cardwell's epic 1866 cattle drive from Cuero to St. Joseph, Missouri. Our original movie narrates the true story of life on the trail, straight from the saddle. The Tinker Collection showcases the cultures of the Mexican vaquero, the South American gaucho, and the American cowboy. A select series of photographs by explorer Edward Curtis documents late-19th century Native American culture, a central story of the American West. Our showcase of spurs by well-regarded Texas craftsmen brings the story forward to present-day ranching and riding.

Cuero Heritage Museum

124 E Church St, Cuero, TX 77954

https://cueroheritagemuseum.org/about_chm

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Cuero Heritage Museum, located in the Cuero Federal Building, was the former Post Office built in 1915. The Museum offers many wonders and is dedicated to celebrating the people of Cuero and their unique heritage. Visit the permanent and rotating exhibits to visually explore the history of this quaint, yet fascinating town. Numerous permanent captivating collections include, Cuero made famous by its "Gobbler Pride" and love of the hometown football team, "100 Years of Football - Gobblers & Daule". When you walk through, you may just hear, "Go Mean Green" in the background and the crowd cheering. Another permanent collection upstairs features over 3,600 delightful reamers in every shape and design you can imagine lends way to juicing in a new light. The glamorous and glittery yet infamous "Turkey Trot Exhibit" will leave you in awe, now with a lush Turkish Palace. The Coca Cola Exhibit will leave you craving a coke, and the WWII Exhibit will wow you with local heroes, and model of the Brayton Flying Field. The Martha Sawyers Exhibit, an American Illustrator, will have you ready for an adventure. Learn about the founding of Cuero and the Railroad. A fun scavenger hunt for the kids is available.

DeWitt County Historical Museum

312 E Broadway St, Cuero, TX 77954

https://www.facebook.com/DeWittCountyHistoricalMuseum/?paipv=0&eav=AfY2vIO7yTskLgcOrbJRflgXYAtJWQ39-0KLZtcp7HYID1CN3irD_CpX0dtCm17fLAY&_rdr

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The De Witt County Historical Museum is a "house" museum which represents life in DeWitt County.

Hamilton Oliver House

312 E Broadway St, Cuero, TX 77954

Historical Marker.

Pharmacy and Medical Museum of Texas

114 E Main St, Cuero, TX 77954

<https://www.pharmacyandmedicalmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Pharmacy and Medical Museum of Texas is a dream come true for Mr. Joe Reuss. For decades, Joe and his wife, Wanda had a vision of creating an educational museum focusing on the pharmaceutical and

medical fields and also to preserve Cuero's rich history in these areas. Coming from a multi-generational medical and pharmaceutical family "that never threw anything away," Mr. Reuss acquired a vast collection of material that deserved to be preserved and displayed in an appropriate setting. With the consolidation of the Valumart Pharmacy with Reuss Pharmacy in 2013 the building, already owned by Mr. Reuss, became the ideal location for a museum. The building, built in 1889, by the Heaton Brothers, was designed to be a pharmacy/drugstore and never housed a different type of business until it became a museum. The interior is amazingly intact with the original 1889 wall cabinets, display counters and the pharmacist's preparation bench in their original locations. The first floor has been beautifully restored and houses displays of items from the late 1800's through the early 1900's. Walking through the various displays, one quickly realizes that early pharmacy/drugstores sold just about everything, not just medicines and medical equipment.

Proctor Green House

405 Terrell St, Cuero, TX 77954

<https://chisholmtrailmuseum.org/cuero-tx-event-spaces/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Museum's second floor features three elegant settings, The Wofford, Hamilton and Blackwell Rooms, comprising the Friar Thomas Community Facility Center. Rooms can be rented separately or combined to accommodate up to 190 guests. Amenities include a catering kitchen, tables, chairs and audio/video equipment. In addition, the Museum's exhibit hall is available for rent, as is our lovely outdoor setting, George Bishop Park. Two historic buildings on our campus, the Proctor-Green House and the German-English School, also offer unique, historic venues for special events.

GOLIAD

ANGEL OF GOLIAD: FRANCITA ALAVEZ STATUE

217 US-183, Goliad, TX 77963

<http://www.texasescapes.com/MurrayMontgomeryLoneStarDiary/Angel-of-Goliad.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

She was known, by the Texans, as a "high bred beauty" and the "Angel of Goliad." A tenderhearted Mexican lady who will forever be remembered for her many acts of kindness during those dismal days of the Texas Revolution. Although there is some doubt as to her real name, she is commonly identified as Francita Alavez and history records that she was a compassionate and beautiful woman. She acquired the name, Angel of Goliad, because of her efforts to help Texas soldiers who had been captured at the Battle of Coleto.

GRAVE OF COL. J.W. FANNIN AND HIS MEN HISTORICAL MARKER

382 Loop 71, Goliad, TX 77963

<https://texastimetravel.com/directory/fannin-memorial-monument/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

After "Remember the Alamo," the Texas Revolution's most potent battle cry was "Remember Goliad." A charming community on the San Antonio River now sits where, in 1836, Mexican forces executed Col. James Fannin and his men. Some were killed along roads near Goliad's historic Presidio La Bahía. Others, including Fannin, were executed inside the fort, which had been constructed in 1749 to protect the nearby Mission Espíritu Santo. Fannin and his troops are buried beneath the Fannin Memorial Monument, located next to the fort. Between the Presidio and the Fannin Monument is the statue of the "Angel of Goliad." During the Texas Revolution, a mysterious Mexican woman began appearing in prisons, offering aid – and even freedom – to suffering Texian soldiers. Her name was Francisca Alvarez (also recorded as Francita Alavez and others) – but she would be remembered best as the "Angel of Goliad". In March 2004, the

descendants of Mrs. Alvarez gathered to dedicate this statue in honor of her remarkable courage and compassion, and to memorialize her unique place in Texas history.

HANGING TREE

130 N Courthouse Square, Goliad, TX 77963

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/pioneer-village-living-history-center/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dusk to dawn

Site for court sessions at various times from 1846 to 1870. Capital sentences called for by the courts were carried out immediately, by means of a rope and a convenient limb. Hangings not called for by regular courts occurred here during the 1857 "Cart War" -- a series of attacks made by Texas freighters against Mexican drivers along the Indianola - Goliad - San Antonio Road. About 70 men were killed, some of them on this tree, before the war was halted by Texas Rangers.

MISSION ESPIRITU SANTO / GOLIAD STATE PARK

108 Park Rd 6, Goliad, TX 77963

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/goliad>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The restored Franciscan mission Nuestra Señora del Espíritu Santo de Zuñiga was home to one of the largest ranching operations in Texas in the 18th century. Enjoy the serenity of this Spanish colonial church. Exhibits on the history and daily life of the missionaries and Indian converts include some of the original items they used.

PRESIDIO LA BAHÍA STATE HISTORIC SITE

217 US-183, Goliad, TX 77963

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/presidio-la-bahia>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Presidio La Bahía is across the San Antonio River, ¼ mile south of the park on U.S. highways 183 and 77A. Imagine life at the fort when you check out the exhibits, attend programs and watch reenactments. Spaniards established the presidio on what is now known as Matagorda Bay in 1721. It and Mission Espíritu Santo relocated to the Goliad area in 1749. The presidio protected the mission and the frontier. It later played a major role in the Texas Revolution. Col. James Fannin and his troops (about 350 men) were held here before Santa Anna ordered their execution. This act of infamy was a rallying cry at the Battle of San Jacinto: "Remember Goliad! Remember the Alamo!"

ZARAGOZA BIRTHPLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE

108 Park Rd 6, Goliad, TX 77963

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/general-zaragoza-state-historic-site>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ever wonder why we celebrate Cinco de Mayo? It honors General Ignacio Zaragoza who was born here in 1829. The general and his troops defeated the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Visit his reconstructed birthplace next to the Presidio la Bahía to learn about this Texas-Mexican hero. Don't miss the nearby Zaragoza statue, donated by the citizens of Puebla, Mexico. The settlement of La Bahía grew up around the presidio. Descendants of residents of La Bahía still live in the area today

HALLETTSVILLE

Lavaca Historical Museum

1205 N Texana St, Hallettsville, TX 77964

https://www.facebook.com/lavacahistoricalmuseum?paipv=0&eav=AfZZsPNPtpGcK-E2YoGX3Mi50qf3ovWlzFVmw9jDWupEiYlhmm4MKvSdZDuEA-X3Ac0&_rdr

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Cattle ranching roots run deep in Lavaca County where Washington West moved his family in 1854 from Tennessee. West's son, George, was one of the first to drive cattle to Kansas in 1867. Along with brothers Ike and Sol, he continued to trail herds north through the 1880s. The Lavaca Historical Museum houses the Texas State Championship High School Rodeo Hall of Fame as well as collections of local historic items about ranching and pioneer life in Hallettsville and surrounding areas.

Old Lavaca County Jail

305 N Main St, Hallettsville, TX 77964

<https://www.hauntedrooms.com/texas/ghost-hunts/haunted-old-lavaca-county-jail>

ADMISSION: \$89.00

HOURS: 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Located just over 100 miles east of San Antonio, TX is the Old Lavaca County Jail in Hallettsville TX. One of the oldest jails in Texas, and real small town haunted gem! What was once home to the worst of the worst from all over the county, the Old Lavaca Jail is a real test for the most hardened investigators. You could come face to face with the spirits of the violent criminals and murderers that once called it home! There have been hangings, suicides, murders, and many bad things that have happened here. The negative energy is felt throughout the jail, with the feeling of being watched ever-present. Doors are known to open and slam shut on their own. People often report disembodied voices, and people have even been pushed on their way down the stairs! Some very clear EVPs have been captured, shadow figures have been seen, and intelligent responses to questions have been reported! Are you ready to take on the challenge of the Old Lavaca Jail, and come face to face with the spirits of long-dead violent criminals?

VICTORIA

FANNIN BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE

734 FM 2506, Victoria, TX 77905

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fannin-battleground>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

After Col. James W. Fannin surrendered to Mexican forces, Gen. Santa Anna ordered him and his men executed in nearby Goliad, against the wishes of other Mexican commanders. The surrender, and unanticipated execution, inflamed the Texas cause, spurring the battle cry "Remember Goliad!" Located about 10 miles east of Goliad, visitors today walk the landscaped grounds and view the impressive stone obelisk that honors the spot where Fannin surrendered, taking a moment to remember the men who helped forge Texas' destiny. An interpretive exhibit, group pavilion, and picnic area are also on the 14-acre grounds.

WHARTON

20th Century Technology Museum

3615 N Richmond Rd, Wharton, TX 77488

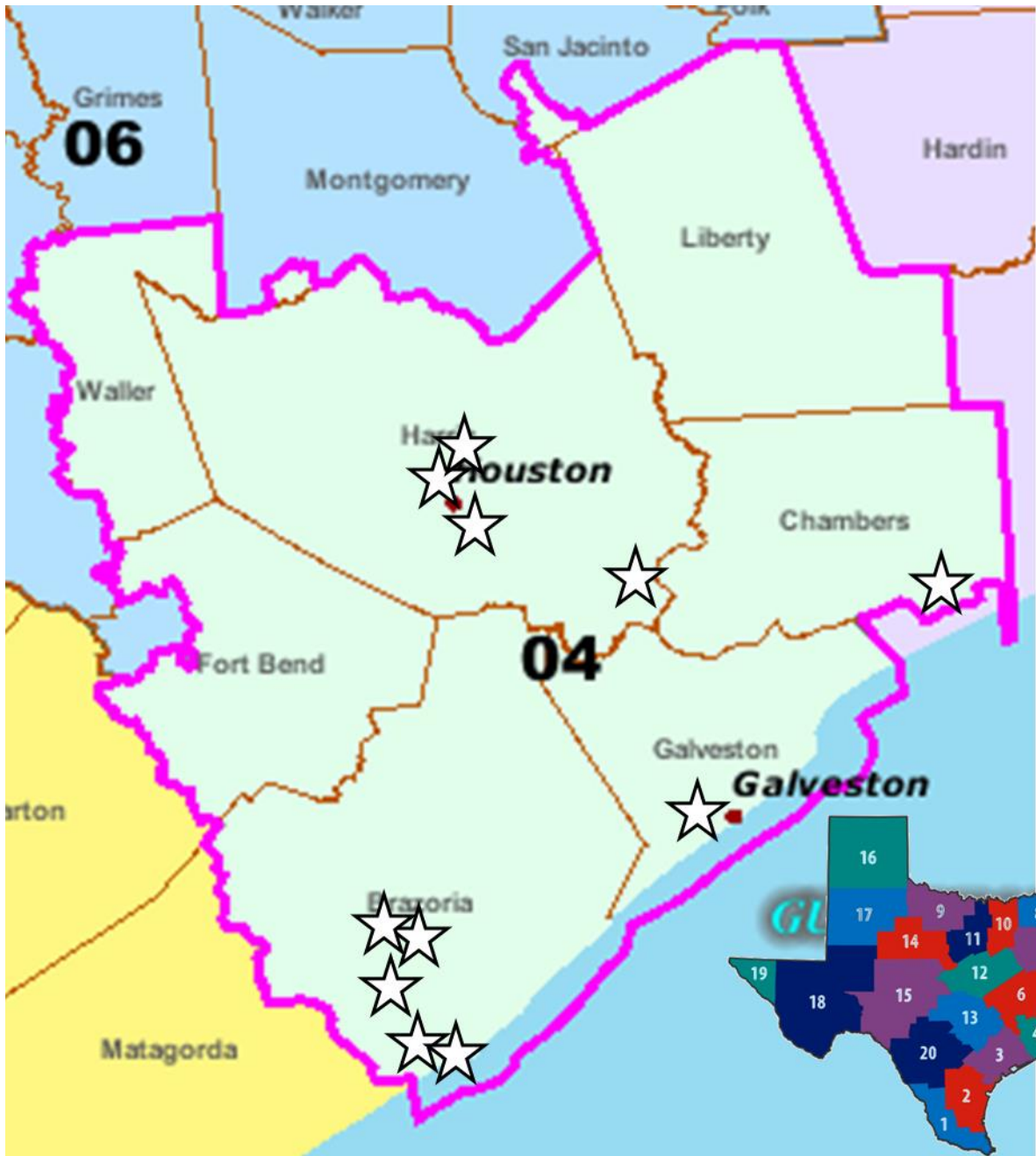
<https://20thcenturytech.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The 20th Century Technology Museum was founded to exhibit items that showcase the highlights of technological developments in the 20th century. While this may seem too recent a subject for a historical museum, with the rapid pace of technological change, items from the first half of the 20th century are truly "museum pieces" at this point. Technology from the latter half of the century may not seem so antiquated, but items from this period help to show how the earlier items relate to current technology.

DISTRICT 4



ALDINE

Giant Head of JFK
14550 JFK Blvd, Aldine, TX 77032
ADMISSION: Free
HOURS: dawn to dusk

The John F. Kennedy head is pretty damn big! Not anywhere to park besides the two gas stations nearby, so might be best to have a passenger snap a quick photo (unless you feel a real urge to bask in the memory of Camelot).

ANAHUAC

Thomas Jefferson Chambers House

200 block of Cummings St, Anahuac, TX 77640

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: ??

One block north of the courthouse square is a remnant of the house of Thomas Jefferson Chambers, for whom Chambers County is named. "Chambersia" is the western portion of a larger house. It is unusual in the context of southeast Texas houses of the pre-Civil War period for its board-and-batten construction. The hoods above the verandas also appear on other houses in Chambers, Liberty, and Jefferson counties, some propped by diagonal braces as at the Chambers House. The round Lone Star window in the west gable is a distinctive feature, although a chimney stack originally rose along this wall. Another unusual element is the exterior spiral stair on the north veranda facing Cummings Street. Chambers was involved in numerous disputes over land claims on the townsite and was murdered in his house in 1865.

ANGLETON

BRAZORIA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

100 E Cedar St, Angleton, TX 77515

<http://www.bchm.org>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Brazoria County Historical Museum is located in the historic 1897 courthouse. The museum has an extensive Austin Colony exhibit. It gives a definitive interpretation of the events leading from the earliest inhabitants to the Anglo-American immigration into Spanish Texas and through and including the Texas Revolution and independence from Mexico.

BRAZORIA COUNTY RING OF HONOR

111 East Locust Street, Angleton, TX 77515

<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=173310>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Ring of Honor is a black granite memorial that features the names of more than 180 Brazoria County service members killed in action since World War I. The memorial is located at the Brazoria County Court at Law 1 near downtown Angleton.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATUE

Henry William Munson Park, 41885 SH 288, Angleton, 77515

<https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=173310>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The 60-foot-tall statue, made in the likeness of Stephen F. Austin, is meant to commemorate the history of the area. Austin played a pivotal role in the colonization of the Brazoria County area by providing land grants to American settlers in the 1820s. The statue is located just south of Highway 35 along Highway 288.

BRAZORIA

LEVI JORDAN PLANTATION STATE HISTORIC SITE

10510 FM524, Brazoria, TX 77422

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/levi-jordan-plantation>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Significant to the antebellum period of Texas history and the tumultuous era of Reconstruction, this site hosted a sizable plantation operation and two-story Greek Revival-style house. Levi Jordan moved his family and enslaved workers to Texas to establish a sugar and cotton plantation on the San Bernard River in the late 1840s. The site highlights the multiple perspectives and evolving relationships of those who lived and worked on the land during the 19th century. Today, the Levi Jordan Plantation provides a unique opportunity to understand the evolving agricultural history of the South and the early African American experience in Texas.

FREEPORT

Freeport Historical Museum

311 E Park Ave, Freeport, TX 77541

<https://www.freeportmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Founded in 2009 by the late Historian and WWII Veteran Nat Hickey, the Freeport Historical Museum is located in Historic Downtown Freeport, Texas and focuses on over 300 years of history and Freeport's impact on the Texas Coast. With a grand re-opening in 2024, the Freeport Historical Museum features original artifacts and bilingual interpretive panels that guide visitors through Freeport's rich and diverse history.

GALVESTON

GALVESTON ISLAND HISTORIC PLEASURE PIER

2501 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77550

<https://www.pleasurepier.com/>

ADMISSION: Pier Walk-On Pass - \$10.00, All Day Ride Pass - \$29.99

HOURS: Monday, 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday, 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Featuring waterfront fun and entertainment like no other Gulf Coast destination, the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier features family-oriented attractions including rides, midway games, a wide selection of food venues and retail shops.

Moody Mansion

2618 Broadway, Galveston, TX 77550

<https://www.moodymansion.org/>

ADMISSION: \$15.00

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Restored to its turn of the century splendor, Galveston's 28,000 square-foot, four-story Moody Mansion is an historic home completed in 1895. The home has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior since 1994 and a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark since 1967. Today, our guests visit 20 rooms on a tour that depicts the home life of a powerful Texas family. The Moodys established one of the great American financial empires. Based on cotton, it grew to include banking, ranching, insurance, newspaper publishing, railroading and hotels. W.L. Moody Jr. bought the Galveston Broadway mansion from the heirs of the original owners soon after the Great Galveston Storm of September 8, 1900. It was designed by British architect William H. Tyndall and decorated by the world-

famous interior design firm of Pottier & Stymus of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Moody and their four children celebrated their first Christmas in the house in December of that year, just three months after the 1900 hurricane. The house remained home to Moody family members until 1983, when Hurricane Alicia caused major damage. Following repairs and restoration, it was opened as a house museum in 1991. Today, its rooms are filled with the furnishings and personal effects of the family. The philanthropic legacy of the Moody family of Galveston is carried on today by the Moody Foundation and the Mary Moody Northen Endowment. Both charitable foundations are major forces in health care, education, historic preservation, and the arts.

TEXAS SEAPORT MUSEUM & ELISSA

2200 Harborside Dr., Galveston, TX 77550

<https://www.galveston.com/whattodo/arts/museums/texasseaportmuseum/>

<https://www.galvestonhistory.org/sites/1877-tall-ship-elissa-at-the-galveston-historic-seaport>

ADMISSION: \$12.00

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

hare the adventure of the high seas at the Texas Seaport Museum, home of the celebrated 1877 tall ship ELISSA. Explore the decks of this floating National Historic Landmark which has also been designated one of America's Treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Walk ELISSA's decks and imagine the days when daring sailors challenged the world's oceans. In the adjacent museum and theater, witness the story of ELISSA's dramatic rescue from the scrap yard and her meticulous restoration.

HOUSTON

Art Car Museum

140 Heights Blvd, Houston, TX 77007

<https://www.artcarmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

PERMANENTLY CLOSED

Founded by Ann Harithas in 1998, the Art Car Museum opened to national fanfare with its audacious profile designed by artist David Best. Soon after opening, it was featured in national newspapers and publications, and has since become a must-see item on tourist itineraries in the Houston area. For more than 25 years the museum has showcased works from both local and international artists. It has provided a showcase for the art car collection of Ann Harithas and the wider US and worldwide art car community, and it has participated in broad community-based events such as Houston's Art Car Parade, and the FotoFest Biennial.

BEER CAN HOUSE

222 Malone St, Houston, TX 77007

<https://www.full.orangeshow.org/beer-can-house>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

John Milkovisch, a retired upholsterer for the Southern Pacific Railroad, started his project now known as the Beer Can House in 1968 when he began inlaying thousands of marbles, rocks, and metal pieces into concrete and redwood to form unique landscaping features. When the entire front and back yard were completely covered because he "got sick of mowing the grass", he turned to the house itself and began adding aluminum siding - aluminum beer can siding. Over the next 18 years the house disappeared under a cover of flattened beer cans for both practical and decorative reasons. Garlands made of cut beer cans hanging from the roof edges not only made the house sing in the wind, but also lowered the family's energy bills. Ripley's Believe It or Not estimated that over 50,000 cans adorn this monument to recycling.

Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

6003 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77007

<https://www.mfah.org/visit/bayou-bend-collection-and-gardens/>

ADMISSION: \$11.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bayou Bend is the MFAH house museum for American decorative arts and paintings. Displayed in the former home of Houston civic leader and philanthropist Ima Hogg (1882–1975), the collection is one of the finest showcases of American furnishings, silver, ceramics, and paintings in the world. The house is situated on 14 acres of organically maintained gardens in Houston's historic River Oaks neighborhood. Open year-round, Bayou Bend welcomes thousands of visitors annually for tours and special programs. Featuring the Lora Jean Kilroy Visitor and Education Center, which includes the Kitty King Powell Library and Study Center, as well as state-of-the-art education and rental spaces, Bayou Bend has established its place in the continually growing cultural arts scene of Houston.

Health Museum

1515 Hermann Dr, Houston, TX 77004

<https://thehealthmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00 / Parking \$8.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, 'til 7:00 p.m.

In the heart of Houston, The Health Museum inspires passion and curiosity in health, the medical sciences and the human body. With over 2.5 million visitors, we are the most interactive and popular science learning center of its kind and a favorite among Houstonians. Our exhibits and programs are designed to engage visitors of all ages, making learning about health and science a fun and rewarding experience.

Holocaust Museum Houston

5401 Caroline St, Houston, TX 77004

<https://hnh.org/>

ADMISSION: \$16.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Charged with educating students and the public about the dangers of prejudice and hatred in society, Holocaust Museum Houston opened its doors in March of 1996. Since that time, impassioned notes, poems, artwork, and other gifts, from school children and adults alike, attest to the life-changing thoughts generated by just one visit to this unique facility. In 1981, Siegi Izakson, a Holocaust survivor and long-time Houston resident, had an epiphany. After attending an international gathering of Holocaust survivors in Israel, Izakson realized his peers were getting older and, as they passed away, their stories and memories of unchecked prejudice would go with them. He returned to Houston convinced that the city needed a Holocaust education center and memorial that would preserve for future generations the memory of those who had perished and the stories of those who had survived. On March 3, 1996, just 15 years after Izakson first dreamed of the idea, Holocaust Museum Houston was officially opened for admission with Izakson proclaiming, "This means the Holocaust story will not go away." After a \$34 million expansion, the Museum reopened in June 2019 after more than doubling in size to a total of 57,000 square feet. Ranked as the nation's fourth largest Holocaust museum and fully bilingual in English and Spanish, the new three-story structure houses a welcome center, four permanent galleries and two changing exhibition galleries, classrooms, research library, café, 187-seat indoor theater and 175-seat outdoor amphitheater. More than 50 screens, mini-theaters and interactive terminals are featured throughout the Museum.

Houston Fire Museum

2403 Milam St, Houston, TX 77006

<https://www.houstonfiremuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Houston Fire Museum engages, educates, and enlightens the community on the importance of fire and life safety and preserves the history and heritage of Houston's diverse fire service.

Howard Hughes Grave Site

Glenwood Cemetery, 2525 Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77007

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Howard Hughes was once known as the richest man in the world. His final resting place lies in a quiet cemetery in Houston, Texas. Many notable Houstonians are buried in the same cemetery.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FUNERAL HISTORY

415 Barren Springs Dr, Houston, TX 77090

<https://www.nmfh.org/>

ADMISSION: \$12.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The National Museum of Funeral History is an educational experience like no other and offers something for everyone. Discover America's largest collection of authentic, historical funeral service items. Learn about caskets and coffins, hearses through history, plus the funerals of Presidents, Popes, celebrities and more while you witness the cultural heritage of the funeral service industry and its time-honored tradition of compassion.

Space Center Houston

1601 NASA Road 1, Houston, TX 77058

<https://spacecenter.org/>

ADMISSION: \$27.95

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Space Center Houston is a science museum that serves as the official visitor center of NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. It was designated a Smithsonian Affiliate museum in 2014. The organization is owned by NASA, and operated under a contract by the nonprofit Manned Spaceflight Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. The Johnson Space Center is the home of Mission Control and astronaut training. The center opened in 1992 replacing the former Visitor Center in Johnson Space Center Building 2. The museum is 250,000 square feet and displays over 400 space artifacts, including the Mercury 9, Gemini 5, and Apollo 17 space capsules.

Water Wall

2800 Post Oak Blvd., Houston, TX 77056

<https://www.heartsmuseum.com/index.html>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

At 64 feet tall, it's fair to say the U-shaped Water Wall is a dramatic sight. No wonder it's a favorite spot for photographers. The Water Wall sits within a grassy three-acre greenspace shaded by 180 live oak trees, providing an idyllic setting for your next set of selfies or a picnic with your family.

LA PORTE

Battleship Texas

3523 Independence Pkwy, La Porte, TX 77571

<https://battleshiptexas.org/>

ADMISSION: ??

CURRENTLY CLOSED ... MAJOR REPAIRS

Battleship Texas was on the front line of innovations in gunnery, aviation, and radar throughout her career. A veteran of both World Wars, today she is the world's last surviving Dreadnought. Over her 34 year career she was home to tens of thousands of sailors and marines from all around the nation, whose history she carries with her.

SAN JACINTO MUSEUM & BATTLEFIELD

One Monument Circle, La Porte, TX 77571

<https://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The San Jacinto Monument is located on the Houston Ship Channel in unincorporated Harris County, Texas, about 16 miles due east of downtown Houston. The Art Deco monument is topped with a 220-ton star that commemorates the site of the Battle of San Jacinto, the decisive battle of the Texas Revolution. The monument, constructed between 1936 and 1939 and dedicated on April 21, 1939, is the world's tallest masonry column and is part of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. The column is an octagonal shaft topped with a 34-foot Lone Star – the symbol of Texas. Visitors can take an elevator to the monument's observation deck for a view of Houston and the San Jacinto battlefield. The San Jacinto Museum of History is located inside the base of the monument and focuses on the history of the Battle of San Jacinto and Texas culture and heritage. The San Jacinto Battlefield, of which the monument is a part, was designated a National Historic Landmark on December 19, 1960.

LAKE JACKSON

Sea Center Texas

302 Medical Dr, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishing/sea-center-texas/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sea Center Texas is a marine aquarium, fish hatchery and education center located on 75 acres in Lake Jackson, Texas.

TOMBALL

TOMBALL DEPOT

201 South Elm Street, Tomball, TX 77375

<https://tomballmuseumcenter.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Check out a collection of train memorabilia, art, antiques, and a model railroad at Tomball's railroad depot. The depot has a gazebo that is perfect for picnics, and it hosts some of Tomball's major annual events such as the Tomball German Heritage Festival and the Honky Tonk Festival.

TOMBALL MUSEUM CENTER

510 North Pine Street, Tomball, TX 77375

<https://tomballtx.gov/343/Railroad-Depot>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday & Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Step back into the first days of Tomball when you visit the Tomball Museum Center. The center is made up of a collection of historical buildings that provide a glimpse at what life was like for the town's settlers in the mid-19th century. Browse the collection of antiques at the 1860 Griffin Memorial House, then get an up-close look at 1800's farm equipment at The Farm Museum. This living history museum also includes a 19th-century Lutheran church, a schoolhouse, fellowship hall, and doctor's office.

WEST COLUMBIA

Columbia Historical Museum

247 East Brazos Avenue, West Columbia, TX 77486

<https://columbiainhistoricalmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$25.00

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This museum pays tribute to the rich history of West Columbia, the first capital of the Republic of Texas. Exhibits include photographs, letters, and other artifacts.

VARNER-HOGG PLANTATION STATE HISTORICAL PARK

1702 North 13th Street, West Columbia, TX 77486

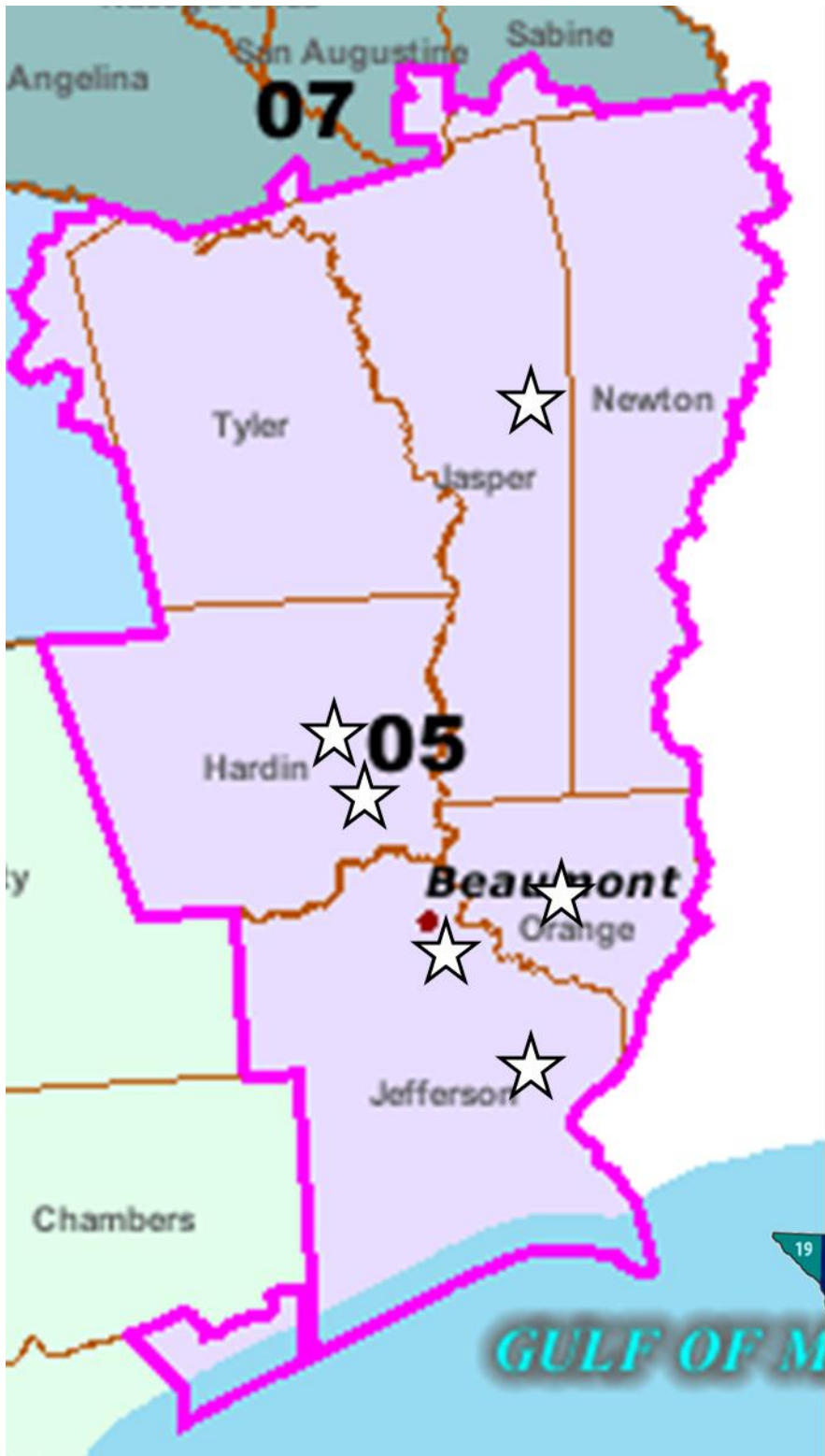
<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/varner-hogg-plantation>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Varner-Hogg Plantation traces its roots back to 1824, making it one of the first settled areas in the state of Texas. The state park consists of an antebellum-style mansion, pecan orchards, and numerous original buildings.

DISTRICT 5



BEAUMONT

Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum & Visitors Center

1750 IH-10 E, Beaumont, TX 77704

<https://bdzfoundation.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum offers a glimpse into the life of the greatest female athlete of all time. Born on June 26, 1911 in Port Arthur, Babe displayed prodigious talents in myriad sports. She excelled in: basketball, track, golf, baseball, tennis, swimming, diving, boxing, volleyball, handball, bowling, billiards, skating and cycling. In 1932, Babe won the national women's AAU/Olympic tryouts with 30 points as an unattached athlete. That's a whopping 8 points over the second place Illinois Women's Athletic Club. This historic win is thought of as the single greatest achievement in a series of events in the history of athletics. The famous sports writer Grantland Price dubbed her "Wonder Girl" after two gold and one silver medal performances in the 1932 Olympics.

Beaumont Police Museum

255 College Street, TX 77701

<https://police.beaumonttexas.gov/community-programs/police-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Appointment ONLY – 490.880.3825

Located in an old jail cell in the basement of the police headquarters at 255 College Street, the mission of the Beaumont Police Museum is to preserve the rich history of our city's law enforcement, as well as, to inform, educate and inspire present and future generations. The Beaumont Police Museum was formally created in 2010 with the assistance of many volunteers and police officers who appreciated the value of this history. Since its inception, the museum has provided over 120 tours and hosted 1,200 visitors of all ages. The museum is extremely popular among scouting and civic groups, clubs, and schools. The jail was first built and used in 1974 to house 44 prisoners. The repurposed space highlights 19th and 20th century photographs of the city and depicts the rich history of our police department with artifacts such as early uniforms, antique weapons and equipment, and mug shots from the 1930s. The museum has goals to improve the experience over the next 3-5 years by adding more displays, maintaining artifacts, and continuing its search for more historical materials and relics to increase public awareness about the department's important role in the community.

Chambers Historical House Museum

2240 Calder Avenue, Beaumont, TX 77701

<https://chambershouse.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. OR 12:00 p.m. OR 2:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. OR 12:00 p.m.

The Chambers House Museum represents a time in Beaumont when both timber and oil were highly successful industries bringing major growth to the area. The Chambers house stands as nearly a sole survivor to tell the tale and is a fine example of what life was like for an upper-middle class family in a city rapidly changed through two successful industries centered around the natural resources of the area. The museum, built in 1907 by a local lumberman, was sold to the Chambers family in 1914. C. Homer and Edith Fuller Chambers moved into the home with their two young daughters, Ruth, 11 and Florence, 16 months old. The house was remodeled extensively in 1924, and never changed or modernized again. Nearly 90 years of family possessions were found in the home upon Florence Chambers' death in 2004, many dating to the time of the 1924 remodel. Not only does the home still stand, but an enormous number of personal items are contained within telling the story of daily life in a time long past.

Clifton Steamboat Museum

8727 TX-124, Beaumont, TX 77705

<https://www.cliftonsteamboatmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Step back and relive the spirit of history featuring "Heroes...Past, Present, and Future," honoring our military and civilian heroes. The Clifton Steamboat Museum is located at 8727 Highway 124, Beaumont, Texas. Our museum consists of a spacious 24,000 square feet, two-story museum that is handicap accessible, and contains various exhibits that are sure to please individuals of all ages. The galleries bring life to the Wars fought in Southeast Texas and Louisiana, as well as the Steamboat era, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The Clifton Steamboat Museum Upper art galleries feature original bronze sculptures, Native American artists, wildlife, and frontier paintings from famous artists. A special gallery in the museum is dedicated to the Boy Scouts with artifacts dating back before the 1960's. Outside the museum is the 1938 tugboat, "Hercules," standing at 36 feet high, 22 feet wide and 92 feet long.

Edison Museum

Edison Plaza, 350 Pine St #1750, Beaumont, TX 77701

<https://www.edisonmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Located in Beaumont, Texas, the museum is dedicated to Thomas Alva Edison and his inventions and innovations. The museum interprets Edison through interactive exhibits with two floors of exhibit space. The museum offers visitors insight into Thomas A. Edison - "America's Inventor." The museum is housed in the historic Travis Street Substation building in downtown Beaumont, Texas. We have more than 1,400 artifacts in our growing study collection and an expanding reference library. The museum is the only facility of its kind west of the Mississippi River.

Fire Museum of Texas

400 Walnut St, Beaumont, TX 77701

<https://www.firemuseumoftexas.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Fire Museum of Texas first opened in 1984 and has been endorsed by the State Firemen's & Fire Marshals' Association of Texas since 1986 as the official fire museum for the State of Texas. Housed in the historic 1927 Central Fire Station for the Beaumont Fire Department, the Fire Museum of Texas exhibits an extensive collection related to the history of fire departments in the state of Texas. Apparatus, equipment, uniforms and photographs trace the evolution of how we fight fires from horse-drawn vehicles to today's modern engine. Objects on exhibit date back to the mid-1800s. Hands on areas include a dress up area with bunker gear, the cab to a modern engine and a Fire Safety House.

John Jay French Museum

3025 French Rd, Beaumont, TX 77706

<https://beaumontheritage.org/john-jay-french-museum/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS (tours): Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

The John Jay French home is the oldest house in Beaumont that has been restored to its original state. Built in 1845, the home has the distinction of being one of the first two-story homes, one of the first made with milled lumber, and one of the first painted homes in the area. The John Jay French Museum demonstrates the life of a prosperous Texas pioneer family from 1845-1865. The historic pioneer settlement, built by John Jay French, tanner and merchant, is furnished with antique furnishings, clothing, and pioneer household

utensils from the period. Outbuildings on the grounds include a blacksmith shop, tannery, privy, and smokehouse.

McFaddin-Ward House Historic Museum

1906 Calder Ave, Beaumont, TX 77701

<https://mcfaddin-ward.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The McFaddin-Ward House was built in 1905-1906 in the distinctive Beaux-Arts Colonial style. The building and its furnishings reflect the lifestyle of the prominent family which lived in the house for seventy-five years. The museum features volunteer docent-led tours of the home, year-round events, a carriage house, and gardens.

Spindletop Gladys-City Boomtown Museum

5550 Jimmy Simmons Blvd, Beaumont, TX 77705

<https://www.lamar.edu/spindletop-boomtown-museum/index.html>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Step back in time to experience life on Spindletop Hill during the early 20th century oil boom days. On January 10, 1901 on Spindletop Hill outside of Beaumont, Texas, the Lucas Gusher roared to life. This spectacle ushered in the petroleum age, changing the course of United States history. Spindletop Boomtown Museum takes visitors back in time to experience what life was like on the hill for the workers, the deal makers, and families who called this area home during the early 20th century boom days.

Texas Energy Museum

600 Main St, Beaumont, TX 77701

<https://www.texasenergymuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Explore the fascinating world of petroleum science & technology from the geological formation of oil to modern refining chemistry. Discover the history of Texas oil as robotic characters share their adventures of the great 1901 Spindletop gusher. The Museum houses a collection of historical photographs, maps, and other materials related to Beaumont and southeast Texas oil fields.

JASPER

Jasper County Historical Museum

165 N Main St, Jasper, TX 75951

<https://www.jaspercountytxmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Wednesday – Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Housed in the former Hancock Drug Store building on the courthouse square, the museum features exhibits that share the rich history of one of Texas' 23 original counties. The many exhibits include the settling and naming of the area, early leaders who played roles in the creation of the Republic of Texas, post-Civil War Freedom Colonies, and the timber industry that built East Texas. There are also exhibits on more contemporary history, including education and business in Jasper County, Jasper and the story of James Byrd, Jr., the photography of African-American photographer Alonzo Jordan, the law practice of Joe Tonahill (one of Jack Ruby's defense attorneys), and other displays on how this area grew and developed over the decades.

KOUNTZE

Kirby-Hill House

210 E Main St, Kountze, TX 77625

<https://www.kirbyhillhouse.com/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Call: 409.246.8000

The Kirby-Hill House was built in 1902 by James L. Kirby, older brother and business partner of the more famous John Henry Kirby. The Kirby family established a lumber empire which dominated the economy of this region for almost 100 years. The house features wrap-around porches with forty-eight columns, four fireplaces, and eight rooms that all open onto the porch through eight-foot, double-sash windows. The most outstanding architectural features include the curved walls and oval grand staircase. Much of the furniture and china is original to the house. On the grounds to the right of the mansion is a state champion Crepe Myrtle tree that is over 100 years old. On the left side of the property is a relocated church building which is the home of the Hardin County Genealogical Society.

Museum of Hardin County

830 S Maple St, Kountze, TX 77625

<https://www.facebook.com/MuseumHardinCounty/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The building itself, which was built to be a bank, is historical itself. But inside the building are amazing photographs, many of which were taken more than 100 years ago.

ORANGE

Heritage House Museum

905 W Division St, Orange, TX 77630

<https://heritagehouseoforangecounty.com/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Step into an authentic piece of Orange history when you visit the Heritage House Museum. A Recorded Historic Texas Landmark, the house provides a glimpse into the lives of an upper middle class family in the early 20th century.

Stark Museum of Art

712 Green Ave, Orange, TX 77630

<https://starkmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Explore one of the finest collections of Western and Native American art in the country on display at The Stark Museum of Art. Landscape paintings and works depicting life in the West, pottery crafted by American Indians, and rare books and manuscripts are among the many items you'll see as you browse the museum.

W.H. Stark House

610 Main Ave, Orange, TX 77630

<https://whstarkhouse.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tours: Tuesday, Noon, 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.; Friday – Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Noon, 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

With its dramatic wrap-around porch and balcony, triangular roofs, and imposing turret, the historic Victorian-era W.H. Stark House stands out. Constructed from 1893 to 1895, it was once the home of prominent local philanthropists William Henry and Miriam Lutcher Stark. Tour the home today and you'll see what life was like for the wealthy in the 1890's and early 1900's. Nine fireplaces reside throughout the house, and each room features antique furnishings faithful to the time period.

PORT ARTHUR

Museum of the Gulf Coast

700 Procter St, Port Arthur, TX 77640

<https://www.museumofthegulfcoast.org/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum of the Gulf Coast houses two floors of exhibits which depict the history and culture of the Gulf Coast region of Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana. While we are best known for our Hall of Fame galleries we also display a wide range of exhibits including history, natural history, and decorative art.

SABINE PASS

Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site

6100 Dick Dowling Rd, Sabine Pass, TX 77655

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/sabine-pass-battleground>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The location of a significant Civil War battlefield, Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site tells the story of Confederate Lt. Richard "Dick" Dowling and his 46 men who thwarted a Union assault on Sabine Pass, a primary Texas port for Confederate shipments of supplies and vital to the war effort. In a battle lasting less than an hour, Dowling and his men destroyed two gunboats, resulting in significant casualties and the capture of nearly 350 prisoners. Thanks to their efforts, area ports escaped capture and Union forces never penetrated the Texas interior in the Civil War.

SILSBEE

Icehouse Museum and Cultural Center

818 Earnest Ave, Silsbee, TX 77640

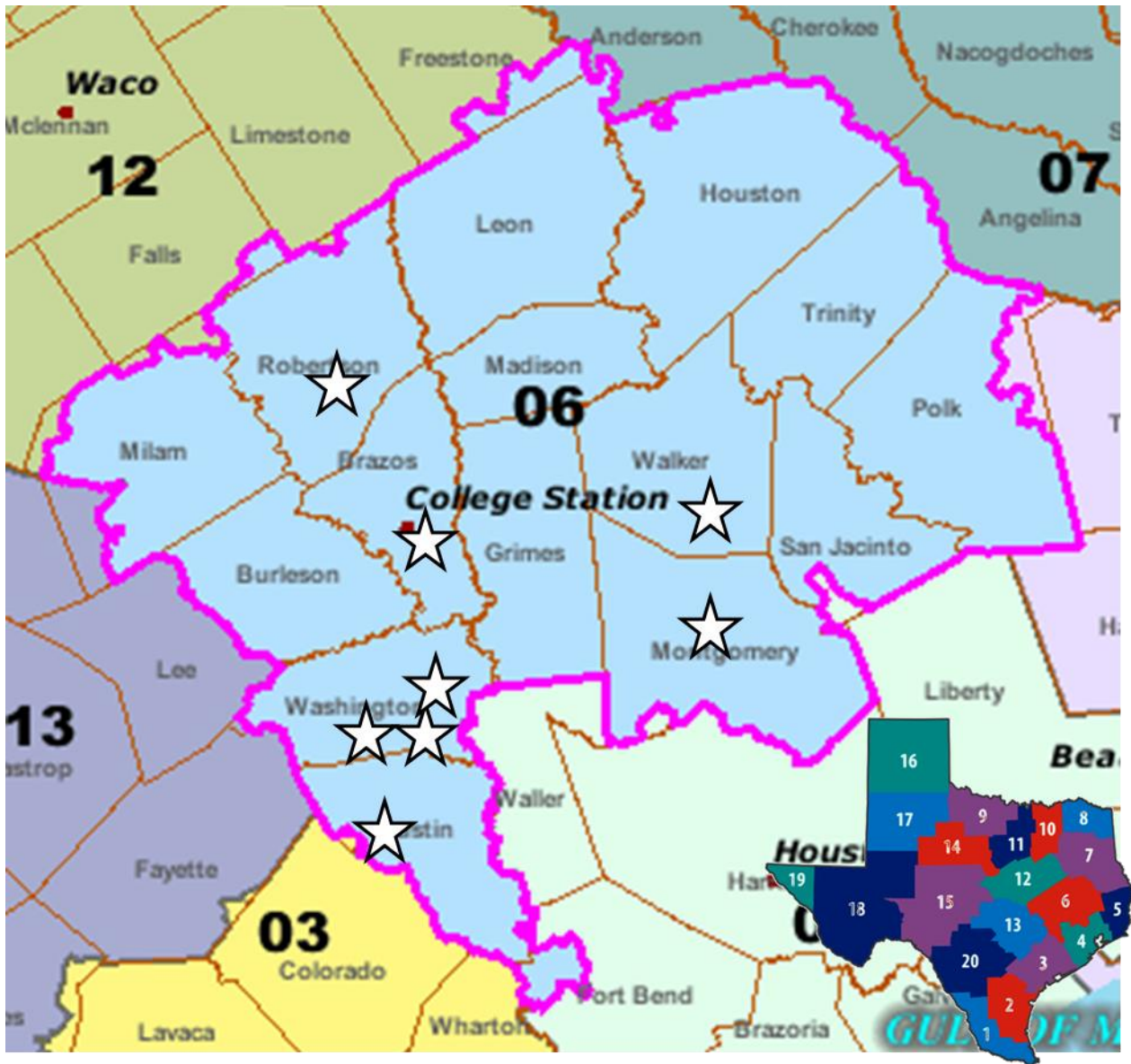
<https://www.icehousemuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Learn about the town's railroad development at the Ice House Museum and Cultural Center. Located in a 1926 icehouse, exhibits illustrate life before refrigeration. It is also one of the most popular venues for displaying work by local artists. Built in 1928, the building was originally an ice house that produced ice for local homes and businesses. Gulf States had ice shipped to area towns by railroad until trucks were utilized for transportation. Ice was delivered to homes by way of horse-drawn wagons and by later on truck. When refrigeration was invented, people no longer needed block ice for their ice boxes so demand slowed. The Ice House continued to produce ice, however, for recreational events and a variety of local companies until 1983.

DISTRICT 6



ANDERSON

Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site

579 S Main St, Anderson, TX 77830

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fanthorp-inn>

ADMISSION: FREE

HOURS: Friday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fanthorp Inn began as a two-room cedar log dogtrot cabin in 1834, when Texas was still part of Mexico. By 1850 it grew to the 17 room complex you can see today. English immigrant, Henry Fanthorp petitioned Stephen F Austin for permission to settle in Austin's colony upon his arrival to Texas in 1832. He bought 1,100 acres and built his house in 1834 on the road that crossed his land, thus bringing travelers to his door

immediately. Henry Fanthorp was appointed postmaster by the provisional Texas government in 1835, and saw the advantage of offering other services and goods to his frequent visitors. Within time, Fanthorp's Inn became a well-known stopping place for both travelers and the community.

BELLVILLE

GIANT HEAD OF STEPHEN AUSTIN

800 W Main St, Bellville, TX 77418

<https://www.roadsideamerica.com/tip/48713>

ADMISSION: FREE

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Bellville is the seat of Austin County, named for Stephen Austin, the "Father of Texas," so it's reasonable that it would have a giant Stephen Austin head.

BRENHAM

BLUE BELL CREAMERIES

1101 S Blue Bell Rd, Brenham, TX 77833

<https://www.bluebell.com/visit-blue-bell/brenham/>

ADMISSION: FREE

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Visit The Little Creamery. Plan a trip to see how we make ice cream at our production facilities located in Brenham, Texas (and Sylacauga, Alabama). You can also treat yourself to a scoop of ice cream and shop our Country Store! For over a century we've been crankin' out more flavors than you can shake a spoon at! We use only the most delicious and highest quality ingredients. And, we top it off with the special skills and knowledge we have developed.

Brenham Heritage Museum

105 South Market Street, Brenham, TX 77833

<https://brenhamheritagemuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Recently renovated, this historic museum housed in a 1915 Federal Post Office building has reopened to showcase existing permanent and rotating family friendly, interactive exhibits that portray Texas and local history.

BURTON

TEXAS COTTON GIN MUSEUM

307 N Main St, Burton, TX 77835

<https://www.texascottonginmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

History comes alive at the Official Cotton Gin Museum of Texas, home of the oldest operating cotton gin in America. The Burton Farmers Gin is powered by a 1925 Bessemer engine- the largest of its vintage still operating in the USA! Recognized by the ASME, Smithsonian Institution, National Trust for Historic Preservation and National Register of Historic Places, museum guests are transported to an era that defined the American Spirit. Thousands of visitors

COLLEGE STATION

GEORGE H.W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station, TX 77845

<https://www.bush41.org/>

ADMISSION: \$9.00

HOURS: Monday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As one of the top attractions in the State of Texas, the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum creates a museum experience that is both educational and entertaining for the whole family. The museum's core exhibits reveal the unique influences and challenges that shaped George Bush's life and presidency, and frequently changing temporary exhibits present visitors new and interesting perspectives on President Bush, his life and work. Through artifacts, film, photographs, documents, music, sound effects and interactive videos, this special museum experience encompasses much of U.S. history since 1941. See a World War II Avenger Torpedo Bomber, a 1947 Studebaker, a slab of the Berlin Wall, and replicas of President Bush's Camp David, Situation Room, and the Oval Office. In addition, a special section is dedicated to First Lady Barbara Bush and her efforts on behalf of literacy, AIDS awareness and prevention, and volunteerism.

CONROE

THE LONE STAR MONUMENT & HISTORICAL FLAG PARK

Interstate 45 N, Conroe, TX 77301

https://cityofconroe.org/business_detail_T34_R34.php

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The monument at the 3.5-acre park is a circular landscaped plaza surrounded by 13 flags that flew in Texas as the region fought for independence during the Texas Revolution. At the center of the plaza is The Texian, a 14-foot-tall bronze sculpture by Conroe artist Craig Campobella. The statue depicts an average volunteer soldier of the Texas Revolution. A bust of Dr. Charles B. Stewart, designer of the Lone Star flag, marks the entrance to the park.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

1506 Interstate 45 N, Conroe, TX 77301

<https://www.heritagemuseum.us/>

ADMISSION: Free/\$1.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Heritage Museum of Montgomery County features exhibits showcasing the county's roots, from the lumber and oil industries to the everyday lives of Montgomery County residents. The Museum is housed in the historic Grogan/Cochran home, built in 1924. Through a fundraiser and generous donors, the Conroe Service League was able to open the museum in 1985 and served as its administrative branch until the museum grew strong enough to stand on its own financially. In 2005, for its 50th anniversary, the League gifted the museum with a Fountain. The Museum is composed of three permanent galleries including Glimpses of Montgomery County, featuring a chronology of the area's history, from prehistoric times to the building of Lake Conroe in the late 1970s. The second gallery, Towns, People & Events, honors those who have impacted the county and distinguishes the first events for the area, such as the first county fair, the first telephone, etc. The third gallery is a Hands-On Children's Room.

HEARNE

HEARNE RAILROAD MUSEUM DEPOT

139 W 9th St, Hearne, TX 77859

<https://hearnedepot.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hearne is and always has been a railroad town. Since the 1870's, the Houston & Texas Central RR (Southern Pacific) and the International Railroad (Missouri Pacific) have crossed paths here. Eventually highway 6 and highway 79 paralleled these rail tracks, and also cross in Hearne. Today, railroaders from Houston (south), Ft Worth (north), Longview (east), and San Antonio (west) begin/end their work day in the Hearne area. Because of its location, Hearne has been, and still is, the center of railroad activity. The H & TC had reached from Houston to Millican (south of College Station) when the Civil War broke out and work was halted. Work was resumed after the war in 1868, and the tracks reached Hearne in 1869. A local farming family named Hearne donated land for a town so it was named after that family. The Hearne Depot was built in 1901 and served both SP and Mopac railroads for over 50 years.

HUNTSVILLE

Christmas Village

1225 Christmas Village Ln, Huntsville, TX 77340

<https://www.thechristmasvillage.com/>

ADMISSION: \$12.00

HOURS: Seasonal - varies

BE THE FIRST TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE! Christmas only comes around once a year and you want to make it extra special for your loved ones. Coming soon in 2025, The Christmas Village offers a unique, festive, and fun-filled experience that the whole family can enjoy. Conveniently located just north of Conroe, off I-45, The Christmas Village is the perfect place to take your family next holiday season. With millions of lights and a variety of Christmas-themed attractions and activities, you can make the 2025 holiday season the best one yet, a Christmas tradition your family will remember forever!

H.E.A.R.T.S. VETERANS MUSEUM OF TEXAS

463 State Highway 75 N, Huntsville, TX 77320

<https://www.heartsmuseum.com/index.html>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HEARTS Museum is a one of a kind Museum. We are not a typical military museum, in fact, we don't consider ourselves a military museum at all. We are a museum about people. Particularly the veterans who have served to protect our nation, preserve our freedom, and to secure the freedom of people around the world.

SAM HOUSTON GRAVE SITE / OAKWOOD CEMETERY

819 9th St, Huntsville, TX 77320

<https://www.huntsvilletx.gov/facilities/facility/details/samhoustongraveoakwoodcemetery-64>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dusk to dawn

Oakwood Cemetery is located in central Huntsville along 9th Street between Sam Houston Memorial Drive and Ryan's Ferry Road. It is owned and maintained by the City of Huntsville. This historic cemetery is the final resting place for a number of prominent persons including General Sam Houston - former U.S. Senator, Governor and President of the Republic of Texas.

SAM HOUSTON MEMORIAL MUSEUM

1836 Sam Houston Ave, Huntsville, TX 77340

<https://samhoustonmemorialmuseum.com/home/index.html>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Sam Houston Memorial Museum is a fifteen-acre complex located on the site of the homestead of General Sam Houston. The museum is a combination of historic buildings, beautiful grounds and traditional museum gallery-style buildings.

SAM HOUSTON STATUE & VISITOR CENTER

7600 TX-75, Huntsville, TX 77340

<https://www.huntsvilletexas.com/148/Sam-Houston-Statue-Visitor-Center>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A visit to the world's tallest statue of an American hero offers a great perspective of Huntsville. A tribute to courage, the Sam Houston Statue was designed and constructed by artist David Adickes. He dedicated the statue to the City of Huntsville on October 22, 1994. It is the world's tallest statue of an American Hero at 67 feet tall on a 10-foot sunset granite base. Within the Visitor Center, you will find an assortment of visitor information including unique videos, brochures, maps, and a friendly Texas ambassador to help plan your day.

TEXAS PRISON MUSEUM

491 TX-75 N, Huntsville, TX 77320

<https://www.txprisonmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Texas Prison Museum offers an intriguing glimpse into the lives of the state's imprisoned citizens. The museum features numerous exhibits detailing the history of the Texas prison system, featuring a look inside the operations behind the fences and wall.

MADISONVILLE

BRAY'S AUTO MUSEUM & PLAYGROUND

11979 I-45, Madisonville, TX 77864

<http://braysmotor.com/museum/>

ADMISSION: \$20.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Embark on a nostalgic road trip through time at our classic car museum, where history, innovation, and elegance merge to create a showcase like no other. With over 100 vintage treasures, our collection spans the finest classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, and an array of memorabilia that tells the story of our automotive past.

MONTGOMERY

FERNLAND HISTORICAL PARK

770 Clepper Dr, Montgomery, TX 77356

<https://www.fermland.org/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fermland Historical park is a unique hands-on educational park, bringing samples of early Texas architecture together with examples of early Texas life. The log homes and cabins presented within the park are some of the oldest remaining structures within Texas.

Nat Hart Davis Pioneer Complex & Museum

308 Liberty St., Montgomery, TX 77356

<https://www.mhs-tx.org/our-locations>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The N.H. Davis Pioneer Complex and Museum showcases period furnishings and memorabilia in a pioneer home. Its original owner was a lawyer who built the first section in 1851 from logs received as payment for legal fees. The museum also houses a replica of the original sketch of the Lone Star Flag and Republic of Texas seal, which were adopted as the state flag and seal in 1839 and were drawn by native son, Dr. Charles Bellinger Stewart.

OLD IRON WORKS

15030 Liberty St., Montgomery, TX 77356

<https://communityimpact.com/houston/business/2017/02/22/old-iron-works/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

From a 1915 Stutz Bearcat to a 2010 Jeep Wrangler, Old Iron Works in Montgomery has touched 95 years of automobile history. The shop has specialized in concourse show car restoration since it opened in August 2012. General Manager Justin Hamaker said the business originally began when its crew started building cars at the home of shop owner Richard Mitchell. Old Iron Works encourages the public to visit its shop and tour the cars that it has on hand.

NAVASOTA

SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS MONUMENT

400 Veteran's Memorial Dr, Navasota, TX 77868

<https://wheretexasbecametexas.org/about/six-flags-over-texas-monument/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Six Flags Over Texas Monument captures almost 500 years of Texas history.

SAN FELIPE

SAN FELIPE DE AUSTIN STATE HISTORIC SITE

220 2nd St, San Felipe, TX 77473

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/san-felipe-de-austin>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Commemorating the location where, in 1823, Stephen F. Austin established a headquarters for his colony in Mexican Texas, San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site and museum share the stories of early settlers in this region. Today, visitors can walk in the footsteps of these early pioneers at what was the social, economic, and political center of American immigration to Texas before independence. San Felipe de Austin didn't survive the war for Texas independence—it was burned by its own residents as they evacuated during the Runaway Scrape of 1836.

WASHINGTON

LA BAHIA HISTORIC PECAN TREE

La Bahia Trail W, Washington, TX 77880

<https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/websites/FamousTreesOfTexas/TreeLayout.aspx?pageid=16066>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Overlooking the historic ferry crossing where the Navasota and Brazos rivers meet in the small community of Washington, the La Bahia Pecan likely was germinated when a nut dropped from the saddlebags of a trader in the early 1800s.

BARRINGTON PLANTATION STATE HISTORIC SITE

12300 Park Road 12, Washington, TX 77880

<https://wheretexasbecametexas.org/about/barrington-living-history-farm/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Experience life in the 1850's at Barrington, a homestead that belonged to the last president of Texas, Dr. Anson Jones. Today, the farm is occupied by costumed interpreters who use methods and materials of the time period to plant, cultivate, and harvest the fields and work with livestock. Visitors are encouraged to help drive oxen, plant or harvest crops, or make soap for a more immersive experience.

Star of the Republic Museum

23400 Park Road 12, Washington, TX 77880

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/star-republic-museum>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CURRENTLY CLOSED ... MAJOR REPAIRS

The Star of the Republic Museum was created by the Texas Legislature and is administered by the Texas Historical Commission as a cultural and educational institution. Its purpose is to collect and preserve the material culture of the Texas Republic (1836-1846) and to interpret the history, cultures, diversity, and values of early Texans.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE HALL

23400 Park Rd 12, Washington, TX 77880

<https://wheretexasbecametexas.org/about/independence-hall/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For Texans, Independence Hall is one of our most significant historic sites. It was here, in the raw frontier town of Washington in 1836, 59 men elected from municipalities across the territory met in an unfinished frame building to determine the fate of this vast land we call Texas! Meanwhile, the forces of General Santa Anna laid siege to the Alamo.

WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS STATE HISTORIC SITE

12300 Park Road 12, Washington, TX 77880

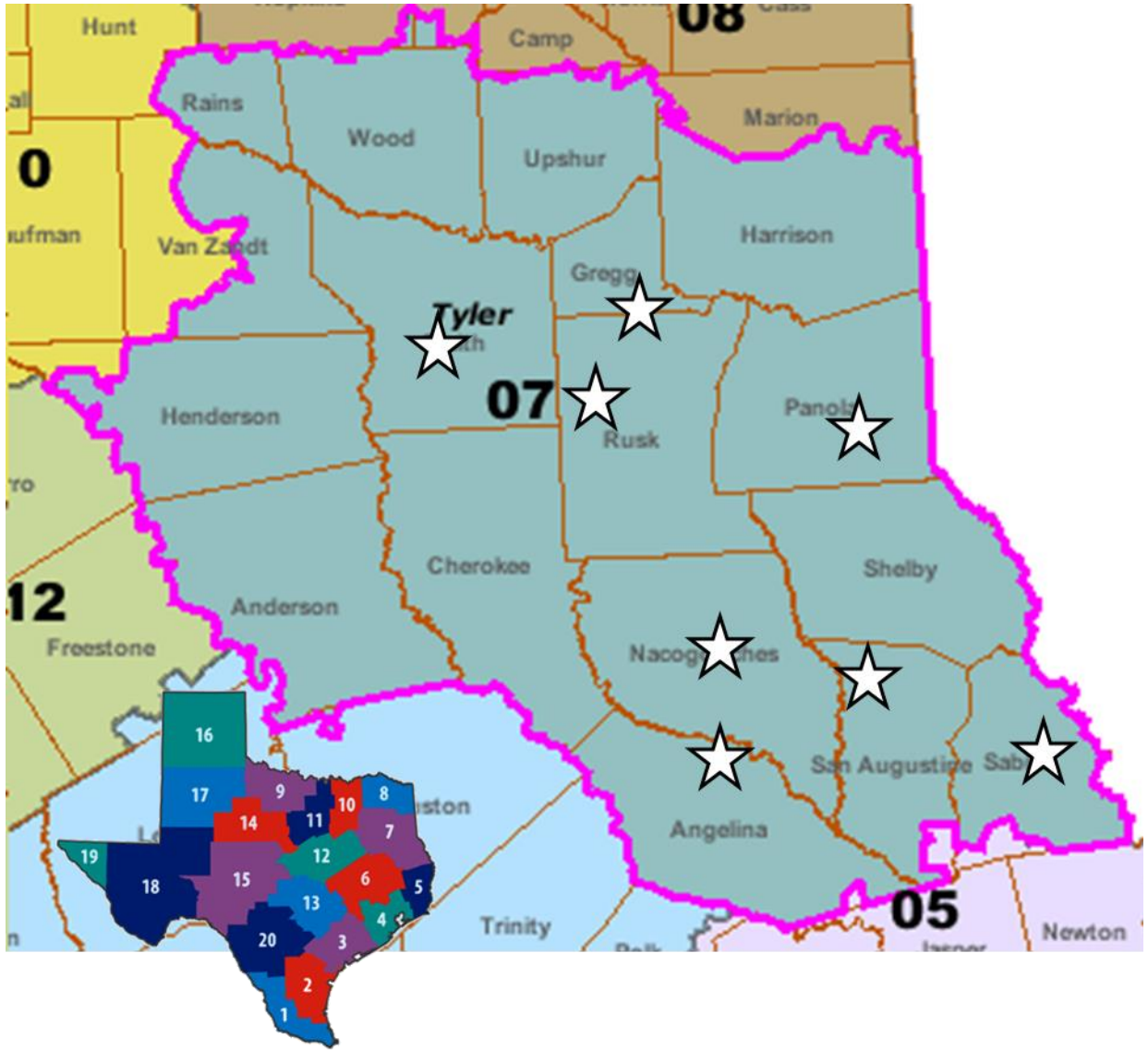
<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/washington-brazos>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Relive the birth of the Republic of Texas while enjoying the scenic beauty of South Central Texas at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, situated on the bank of the Brazos River. The park includes the Star of the Republic Museum, Independence Hall, and Barrington Plantation State Historic Site, once the home of Dr. Anson Jones, the last president of Texas. Various educational programs and guided tours are offered at the Site, and it's the home of the Texas Independence Day Celebration.

DISTRICT 7



ALTO

Caddo Mounds State Historic Site

1649 TX-21, Alto, TX 75925

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/caddo-mounds>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

More than 1,200 years ago, a group of ancestral Caddo built a village and ceremonial center here. Today, three earthen mounds, still considered sacred to Caddo people, rise from the lush Piney Woods landscape.

CANADIAN

Canadian River Historic Wagon Bridge

US-60, Canadian, TX 79014

<https://historicbridges.org/bridges/browser/?bridgebrowser=texas/canadianwagonbridge/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

A 1916 steel bridge built over the waters of the Canadian River now is the focal point for a scenic hike-and-bike trail. The bridge provides a platform for viewing wildlife, including white-tailed deer, wild turkey and waterfowl. The area boasts an abundance of hills and valleys, cottonwoods and hackberries, a stark contrast to the surrounding treeless plains.

CARTHAGE

Footprints in the Sand Monument

1320 Dixie Lake Rd, Carthage, TX 75633

<https://www.facebook.com/footprintsmonument/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Sculptor Bob Harness was at a funeral in 2008 when, on the back of the church program, he saw the poem "Footprints in the Sand." It describes a walk along the beach with Jesus, who occasionally carries the narrator. The story is nowhere to be found in the Bible (it was written in the 1930s), but Harness liked it and wished he could sculpt it.

HEMPHILL

Patricia Huffman Smith NASA Museum

375 Sabine St Suite B, Hemphill, TX 75948

<https://nasacolumbiamuseum.com/about.html>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The PHS Museum tour takes you on a journey through Columbia's first historical flight of STS-1 through its last mission of STS-107. It also provides a glimpse of the recovery of Columbia and the Crew of STS-107, along with the two who lost their lives in the recovery efforts. This museum has many items and artifacts from NASA and its contractors, the families of the crew of STS-107, as well as from other individuals.

HENDERSON

Depot Museum

514 N High St, Henderson, TX 75652

<https://depotmuseum.com/home.html>

ADMISSION: \$2.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The old 1901 Missouri Pacific railway depot was an important link for old-timers in Rusk County, Texas. World and local news, gossip and local business concerns traveled by the train to the citizens. Today The Depot Museum is your ticket to East Texas Heritage. This Living History Museum houses Rusk County History and offers education instruction for Folk Arts. Clustered on 5 acres, twelve historic, restored structures from the past tell the tale of the earliest residents of Rusk County - an intriguing blend of Native Americans, Frontier Pioneers, Southern Farmers and Oil Hungry Wildcatters!

KILGORE

East Texas Oil Museum

1301 S. Henderson Blvd., Kilgore, TX 75662

<https://easttexasoilmuseum.kilgore.edu/>

ADMISSION: \$9.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the East Texas Oil Museum at Kilgore College, located in Kilgore, Texas. This fascinating museum houses the authentic recreation of oil discovery and production in the early 1930s from the largest oil field inside U.S. boundaries. Here, visitors see the people, their towns, their personal habits, their tools and their pastimes – all colorfully depicted in dioramas, movies, sound presentations and actual antiques donated by East Texas citizens. Journey back into the early 1930s to see how people lived. Refresh your memory to the lyrics of a deep-rooted gospel hymn in the church exhibit. Get a lesson in the history of local schools. Imagine how that antique car in the transportation exhibit ever got anywhere on those rough, rutted roads. Then step across the city limits into Boomtown, USA, – a full-scale town of stores, people, animals and machinery depicting the lively activity of a town booming in oil. Stop in at the Arp General Store and browse the shelves. Take the children to the Overton Drugstore. Don't get your feet dirty on those rutted streets walking to the newspaper office for a complimentary copy of the Gusher Gazette. As you pass the barbershop, listen carefully for rumors of a new gusher, then pump your own gas outside the Pistol Hill gas station—make sure to go inside and see the video on drilling an oil well.

LUFKIN

Naranjo Museum of Natural History

5104 S First St, Lufkin, TX 75901

<https://naranjomuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In 1960, Dr. Neal Naranjo began a lifelong quest to find and preserve dinosaur bones. Each new fossil he collected laid the foundation for the Naranjo Museum of Natural History. Today the Naranjo collection contains several thousand fossils and is as comprehensive as it is diverse. It includes a 26-foot tall Hadrosaur and a four-inch long Coelacanth; a nurturing Einosaur mother with her child and ferocious Tyrannosaurus Rex life-size replica; a fully-grown Woolly Mammoth and multiple unhatched dinosaur eggs. With a meticulous eye for rare finds, the Naranjo Family has built a collection that rivals most urban museums. Now with ongoing dinosaur digs in two states and access to new fossils, the collection has outgrown its current space.

Texas Forestry Museum

1905 Atkinson Dr, Lufkin, TX 75901

<https://www.treetexas.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Texas Forestry Museum is home to the story of the forests of Texas. From nature lovers and arborists to history buffs and children of all ages, this is a one-of-a-kind museum that explores the fascinating timeline of the industry that built this thriving area.

MARSHALL

Starr Family Home State Historic Site

407 W Travis St, Marshall, TX 75670

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/starr-family-home>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Nestled in the heart of Marshall's museums and cultural activities, Starr Family Home State Historic Site is composed of several elegant structures that map the 150-year history of the Starr family in Texas. Period

furnishings, clothing, and antiques trace the transition of the buildings through four generations of the Starr family in Texas history.

NACOGDOCHES

Durst-Taylor House & Gardens

304 North Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75961

<https://nactx.us/693/Durst-Taylor-Historic-House-and-Gardens>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Durst-Taylor Historic House and Gardens is a circa 1835 wood-frame house and is the second oldest building in Nacogdoches. The house sits very close to the intersection of the old El Camino Real de los Tejas and La Calle del Norte and was home to many early businessmen, bankers, and political leaders including Thomas J. Rusk, Bennett Blake and William Ochiltree. This hands-on museum includes a fully functioning smokehouse, blacksmith shop and chicken coop as well as heirloom gardens and a sugarcane mill.

Millard's Crossing Historic Village

6020 North Street, Nacogdoches, TX 75963

<https://www.mchvnac.com/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Millard's Crossing is a charming, reconstructed historic village situated on the north side of Nacogdoches, Texas. This remarkable museum complex is named for the railroad track that once crossed through the Millard family property and now borders the north side of the village. Established by the late Lera Millard Thomas, the Village comprises a broad sampling of 19th century East Texas architecture from simple log cabins to Victorian homes. All of the structures were moved from their original sites and restored by Mrs. Thomas. She created the village in an effort to preserve and display early buildings, antiques, tools and memorabilia that are part of the cultural heritage of Texas.

Nacogdoches Railroad Depot

101 Old Tyler Road, Nacogdoches, TX 75961

<https://www.nactx.us/695/Nacogdoches-Railroad-Depot>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Nacogdoches Railroad Depot was built by Southern Pacific Railroad in 1911 after the original wooden depot burned to the ground following a lightning strike. This Depot transported goods, passengers and even soldiers from Nacogdoches to places far and wide before discontinuing passenger service in 1954. The Nacogdoches Railroad Depot was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992 and is now home to a transportation museum that chronicles the rich history of the railroad and its passengers. Inside the Nacogdoches Railroad Depot is a complete museum exhibit that shares the story of the railroad, the passengers and those who worked on the railroad.

Shuttle Columbia Debris Site

N. Fredonia St., Nacogdoches, TX 75961

<https://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/35278>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrated 39 miles above Texas on February 1, 2003, a catastrophe during the ship's landing descent. Debris fell over a long swath of Texas and Louisiana, with over 1,200 pieces

landing in and around the town of Nacogdoches. One chunk the size of a car hood crashed into a downtown parking lot with such force that it was reported to have blown open the doors of nearby buildings. The parking lot was later repaved and redesigned, with a small bronze disc to mark the landing spot. A few feet away, next to the Masonic hall, a monument was built out of bricks to memorialize the Shuttle and its crew.

Sterne Hoya House Museum

211 S. Lanana St., Nacogdoches, TX 75961

<https://www.nactx.us/696/Sterne-Hoya-House-Museum-and-Library>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Sterne-Hoya House Museum and Library is an 1830 dogtrot house built by prominent merchant and Texas Revolution leader, Adolphus Sterne. It was occupied by the Sterne family until 1869 when it was sold to the von der Hoya family. The house remained in the von der Hoya family until it was donated to the City of Nacogdoches in 1958, to be used as a library. The interior of the Sterne-Hoya Museum depicts the history of the Sterne occupancy during the Texas Revolution as well as the Victorian Period of the Hoya family. The house is furnished with period antiques, family heirlooms, a Texas history library and also has one of the earliest wine cellars in Texas.

Stone Fort Museum

1808 Alumni Drive North, Griffith Blvd, Nacogdoches, TX 75962

<https://www.sfasu.edu/stonefort/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Stone Fort Museum celebrates early East Texas history with stories about the people remembered or forgotten, places cherished or destroyed, things made or used, and challenges faced! A legacy of Nacogdoches' Spanish history, the museum is housed in a 1936 reconstruction of Antonio Gil Y'Barbo's eighteenth century stone house and explores the natural and cultural history of the region.

SAN AUGUSTINE

Cullen House

205 S Congress St, San Augustine, TX 75972

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: ??

Built in 1839 by noted architect Augustus Phelps, it eventually became the home of Judge Ezekiel Cullen, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Texas, and a member of the 3rd Congress. The Cullen House is now used as a Community House and Museum. It houses a collection of paintings by the renowned artist, S. Seymour Thomas, a native of San Augustine.

Mission Dolores State Historic Site

701 S Broadway St, San Augustine, TX 75972

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/mission-dolores>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mission Dolores was a Spanish mission built in 1721 in what is now San Augustine County, just 20 miles west of the Texas-Louisiana border. Today, there are no historic above-ground remains of the mission. The mission site has been confirmed by archeological investigations and historical records. Mission Dolores is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a designated State Antiquities Landmark. El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail also passes through the property. Visitors can explore the site's history at the museum where interpretive displays tell the story of Mission Dolores.

TYLER

Bonner-Whitaker McClendon House

806 W. Houston, Tyler, TX 75702

<https://mcclendonhouse.net/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The McClendon House was occupied by descendants of the same family for over 100 years. Many of these descendants were “pack rats” so the collection contains many artifacts, which are periodically put on display.

Brookshire's World of Wildlife Museum & Country Store

1600 W SW Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75710

PERMANENTLY CLOSED ... NEW LOCATION COMING IN 2025

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: ??

More than 450 mounted mammals, reptiles and fish from Africa and North America are displayed. A full-size replica of a 1920s grocery store portrays the grocery industry's development during the early 1900s; exhibits include an old-time gasoline pump and a 1926 Model T Ford delivery truck.

Camp Ford Historic Park

6500 US-271, Tyler, TX 75708

<https://smithcountyhistoricalsociety.org/camp-ford/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Camp Ford was the largest Confederate Prisoner of War Camp west of the Mississippi River during the American Civil War. Established in August of 1863, the camp was not closed until May 19, 1865. At its peak in July 1864, over 5,300 prisoners were detained there. The site of the Camp stockade is now a public park, owned by Smith County, Texas, and managed by the Smith County Historical Society. The park features a kiosk with extensive graphics detailing the history of the camp, a walking trail with more interpretive signage, and a picnic area.

Cotton Belt Depot Museum

210 E. Oakwood St., Tyler, TX 75702

<https://www.cottonbeltdepotmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Cotton Belt Depot was opened to the public in 1905 and continued service until the last passenger train, #8, departed in April 1956. In 1988 the Southern Pacific deeded the depot to the City of Tyler. The City restored the depot to her original beauty in 2003. Today the depot facilitates the Cotton Belt Depot Museum in the old baggage section on the east end of the building. It was opened in 2005 and is staffed by volunteers from the Cotton Belt Rail Historical Society, Tyler Tap Chapter. The Depot Museum has welcomed visitors from all 50 States, the District of Columbia and over 45 foreign countries. Over 300 visitors visit the depot each month and tours are conducted during normal business hours or by special arrangement at other times.

Goodman-LeGrand House & Museum

Goodman Park, 624 N Broadway Ave, Tyler, TX 75702

<https://www.cityoftyler.org/government/departments/parks-rec/facilities/goodman-legrand-museum>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Goodman home was originally built in 1859 as a one-story, four-room house, and it was established on a nine-acre wooded parcel of land. It was known as Bonnie Castle by its first owner and occupant, Samuel Gallatin Smith. The young well-to-do bachelor and attorney sold the house in 1861 when the Civil War broke out. Mr. Smith became a Captain in the Confederacy and was later killed in battle in Louisiana. The next owner who bought the home in 1861 was Franklin N. Gary, a local school teacher. In 1866, a year after the Civil War ended, Dr. Samuel Adams Goodman, a retired country doctor from South Carolina, purchased the house from Mr. Gary. The following year in 1867, his son, Dr. William Jeffries Goodman, a local doctor and Civil War Major and Chief Surgeon, bought the house from his father and moved in with his new bride, Mary Priscilla Gaston. Her brother was William Henry Gaston, a founder of the city of Dallas, and one of Dallas' first millionaires. For 73 years and four generations, this prominent family made the house their family home. Dr. & Mrs. W.J. Goodman raised three children in the home. They added the second story to the house, in the Italianate-style architecture, around 1880. Their oldest child and daughter, Sallie Gertrude Goodman, married James H. LeGrand in October, 1893. She and her husband lived here throughout their lives, and after the deaths of Sallie's parents, siblings and her two year old son who died in 1896. In 1926, Sallie and her husband, remodeled the house to its current state, which is in the Classic Revival-style architecture. The 1926 remodel included the construction of the projecting circular porticos and the massive two-story columns. When Sallie Goodman LeGrand died in 1939, four years after her husband's death, she was the last direct heir to live in the house. Upon her death, she bequeathed the Goodman-LeGrand estate (the land, home and furnishings) to the City of Tyler, with instructions to maintain the historic family home and to keep it open as a public museum. The City of Tyler officially took ownership in 1940.

Historical Aviation Memorial Museum

150 Airport Dr, Tyler, TX 75704

<http://tylerhamm.org/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There's something captivating about watching a plane effortlessly take to the sky. The aviation industry and the many aircraft it has inspired have played a huge role in American history. At the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum, we give you a front seat to understanding exactly how aircraft have shaped our country, and how they continue to play an important role in the military. Located on the ground of Tyler Pounds Regional Airport, your local military museum features real military aircraft, historical memorabilia, hands-on exhibits and a real flight simulator.

Smith County Historical Society Museum

125 S College Ave, Tyler, TX 75702

<https://smithcountyhistoricalsociety.org/museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. BY APPOINTMENT (903.592.5993)

Our museum is the home of the Twentieth Century of Progress permanent exhibit, which has a sampling of many different collections in our holdings. We offer new temporary exhibits every 6 months to a year and encourage everyone to check our upcoming schedule! The museum is located at our office at 125 South College Avenue in downtown Tyler, less than one block off the Square”.

Tyler Museum of Art

1300 S Mahon Ave, Tyler, TX 75701

<https://tylermuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Tyler Museum of Art exists as an educational and cultural center to enrich the lives of East Texas citizens and visitors through the collection, preservation, study, exhibition, interpretation, and celebration of the visual arts.

Tyler Rose Garden

420 Rose Park Dr, Tyler, TX 75702

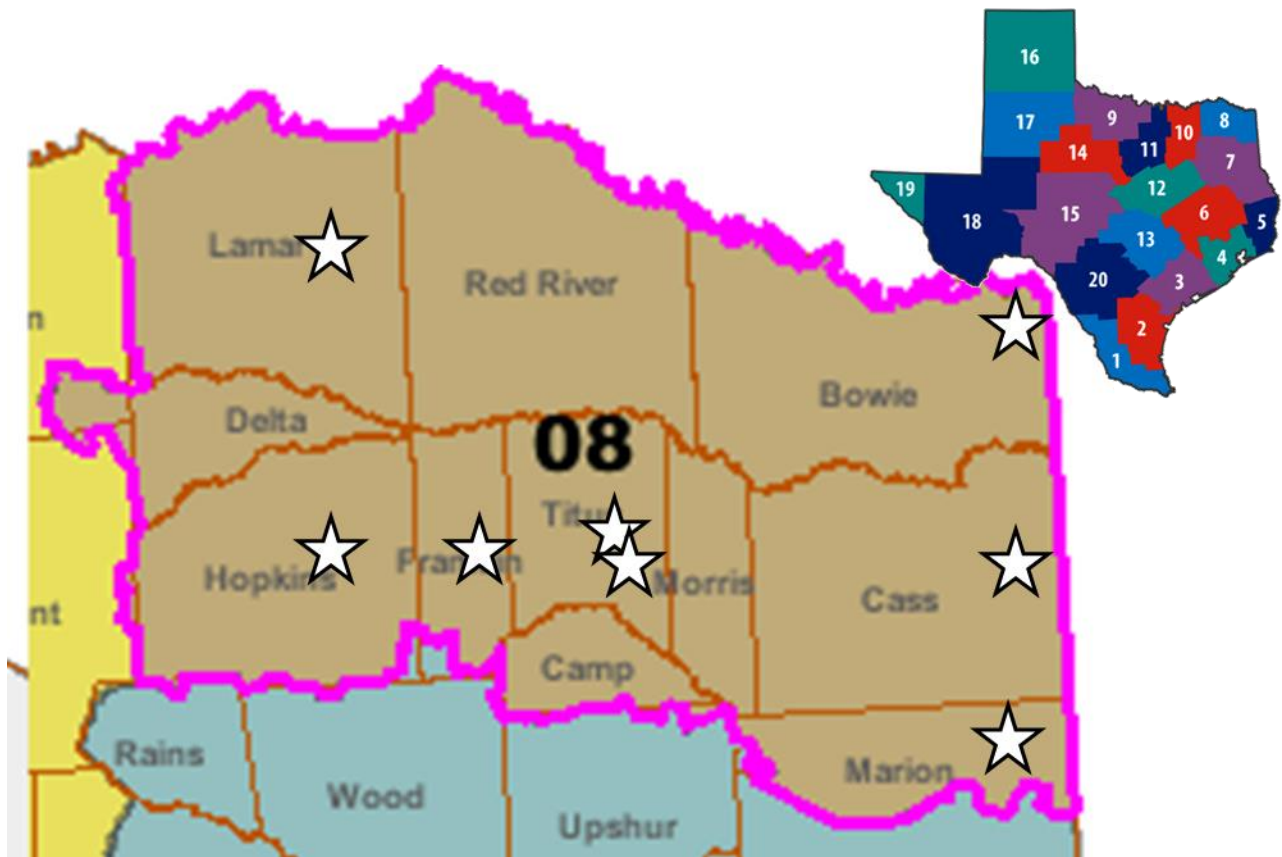
<https://www.cityoftyler.org/government/departments/parks-rec/facilities/rose-garden-center>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (peak bloom window in April and October)

Our enchanting garden invites you to immerse yourself in a world of vibrant blooms, fragrant petals, and tranquil pathways. Whether you're a seasoned horticulturist or simply seeking a serene escape, here's why you should visit the world's largest public collection of roses. Explore the diverse rose collections, showcasing over 38,000 rose bushes representing approximately 600 cultivars. From classic hybrid teas to vibrant floribundas, each variety adds its unique charm. Stroll through meticulously designed formal gardens, featuring geometric patterns, fountains, and well-manicured hedges. These areas provide a serene backdrop for photography and quiet contemplation. Visit the Rose Garden Center, an educational hub with exhibits, workshops, and resources for rose enthusiasts. It also hosts events like the Texas Rose Festival.

DISTRICT 8



ATLANTA

Three Corners Marker: AR/LA/TX

78230 TX-77, Atlanta, TX 75551

<https://www.east-texas.com/ark-la-tex-three-states-usgs-marker.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Most people in this area know about the "Ark-La-Tex", but some do not know where the states of Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas geographically meet. There is a concrete monument about 11 miles southeast of Atlanta Texas on Texas Highway 77 that marks the exact location. It is also the termination point of Louisiana Highway 1, northwest of Zylks and Rodessa, Louisiana, and about 43 miles from Shreveport. The community of Ravanna, Arkansas lies directly to the north.

JEFFERSON

Museum of Measurement & Time

301 N Polk St, Jefferson, TX 75657

<http://www.museumofmeasurementandtime.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum features a large collection of American horology & Clocks. Tools used to survey and divide the land. Devices which measure such as scales, barometers & various meters. Also provided for your enjoyment is a substantial collection of salt & pepper shakers. The exhibits of the museum are representative of the period 1700- 2000. These items began as the personal collection of Johnny & Edith Ingram. The Ingram's are True Texans, raised in west Texas they have lived in Jefferson since the early 1980's. When the decision was made to share their collections with the public; the tourist destination of Jefferson was the ideal venue for them to repay their "adopted home town."

MOUNT PLEASANT

Mid America Flight Museum

602 Mike Hall Pkwy, Mt Pleasant, TX 75455

<https://midamericaflightmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Our goals are simple: honoring this nation's veterans, promoting both aviation and History to our youth, and preserving the uniquely individual histories of our aircraft. This is our mission here at Mid America Flight Museum. Our team has another goal not often found among places where these types of aircraft are located. Our team has the resources, the know-how, but most importantly, the heart to keep these historic aircraft flying. We believe this sets Mid America Flight Museum apart from most other aviation museums.

MOUNT VERNON

Alamo Mission Museum of Franklin County

1714 County Road 4105 SE, Mt Vernon, TX 75457

<https://alamomission.weebly.com/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: ??

Using a replica of the Alamo Mission as the backdrop, the mission mixes history and fun. Learn about Texas history, and bring the family out for family events, such as Chili Cook-off & Bluegrass Festival, Turtle Derby, Halloween Hayrides with pumpkin fun, and Redneck Rendezvous

Old Fire Station Museum

201 S Kaufman St, Mt Vernon, TX 75457

<https://texasimettravel.com/directory/fire-station-museum/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: ??

Texans who love their football will probably appreciate the collection of Don Meredith memorabilia on display at the Fire Station Museum in Mount Vernon, hometown of the pro-football legend. The museum, housed in a 1940's fire station built courtesy of funding from the Works Administration Program, is administered by the Franklin County Historical Association. Other exhibits feature Native American artifacts and a changing roster of special exhibitions on Franklin County history. In addition to football, the museum displays another favorite subject – butterflies. The selection of mounted butterflies, many of which were collected in Texas, includes several extinct subspecies. But perhaps the museum's most intriguing exhibit is its unusual bird egg collection. Once a popular hobby for Victorian Americans, collecting bird eggs is now outlawed in order to protect threatened and endangered bird populations, making the museum's collection all the more unique. The museum's Victorian Bird Egg Collection includes approximately 200 eggs collected during the 1880's. The collection features rarities from the Passenger pigeon and Carolina parakeet, birds now extinct. Alongside each concisely labeled and displayed egg is an image of the corresponding bird, an informative and educational component of the egg collection that will surely appeal to all novice oologists ("oology" being the study of eggs).

PARIS

Eiffel Tower Paris Texas

2025 S Collegiate Dr, Paris, TX 75460

<https://www.paristexas.com/eiffel-tower/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

This replica was built in 1993, the same year as another one in the United States, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Tennessee. Original plans made the construction five feet taller than the one in Tennessee and a cowboy hat added to the top, in a competitive spirit, made the total height 65 feet. It was built by members of the local welders' union and is less than one tenth the height of the 1,063-foot original. A shiny red cowboy hat was added to the top of the spindle in 1998. The tower has 27 thirty-watt LED lights which are programmed by color according to season (red and green at Christmas), and is also available for expectant parents to utilize the lights for gender reveals.

Lamar County Historical Museum

1009 W Kaufman St, Paris, TX 75460

<http://lchsparistx.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The museum includes numerous historical artifacts, including a postcard display with over 200 postcards, a shoe collection, and entire rooms dedicated to the county's African American heritage and military history as well as life in Paris before it was devastated by a major fire in 1916. In addition to the 1916 fire, the museum also documents two other significant disasters in the city's history, an earlier fire in 1877 and a tornado in 1982. Its collections cover both the distant and the more recent past, spanning from the Biard Cabin, which was built in 1846, and reconstructions of a pioneer kitchen and a blacksmith shop to a Sonic Drive-In menu and a neon sign from Staples Jewelry.

Red River Valley Veterans Memorial Museum

2035 S Collegiate Dr, Paris, TX 75460

<https://www.rrvvm.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Red River Valley Veterans Memorial Museum is a place for reflection, remembrance and gratitude. It is our hope that this will also be a place to educate present and future generations of the sacrifice made by a member of their own family and their community to secure the freedoms we all enjoy. And may it be a reminder that "Freedom Is Not Free."

Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site

812 S Church St, Paris, TX 75460

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/sam-bell-maxey-house>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sam Bell Maxey was a Mexican War veteran, former Confederate general, and future U.S. Senator when his family moved into their fashionable, newly built home on the south side of Paris in 1868. In this home, the Maxey family navigated the political and social landscape from Reconstruction Era Texas through the start of the First World War. The home's newly restored interiors showcase original family furnishings, clothing, and letters. These give insight into the lives of the three generations of the family that bore witness to Reconstruction's challenging legacy.

PITTSBURG

Efurd Orchards

4004 Highway 271 South, Pittsburg, TX 75686

<https://efurdorchard.com/>

ADMISSION: Produce for Sale

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Conveniently located at 4004 US-271 Pittsburg, TX 75686. Our famous peaches are in season from mid-May to September. Our pumpkins are available in the fall and we close after pumpkin season is over. Step back in time and taste premium-quality, fresh produce the way it was meant to be enjoyed. Enjoy true Southern hospitality from the dedicated staff at Efurd Orchards today. What started out as a simple family business in a little dirt-floor shed has quickly grown to a national operation with customers all over the country. Our owners, Greg and Amy Efurd, are dedicated to quality and will provide you with the freshest fruits and vegetables you have ever tasted at prices you will not believe.

SULPHUR SPRINGS

Leo St Clair Music Box Collection in Sulphur Spring Public Library

611 N Davis St, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

<https://www.visitsulphurspringstx.org/attractions/music-box-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Wednesday & Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Leo St. Clair Music Box Collection takes you on a magical journey through the wonderful world of music boxes. One of the largest of its kind, the collection ranges from the antique and unique to the commonplace. Leo St. Clair served in the U.S. Navy during both the first and second World Wars, and the Korean conflict. It was during his military service that his interest in music boxes began, when the Queen of Belgium presented him with a box that is still the star of the collection. The displays not only celebrate his interest in music boxes, but his service to his country and fellow man. Once owned by movie stars and soldiers, the famous and the unknown, the collection is a delightful trip for young and old, through time and imagination. Located in the Sulphur Springs Public Library, the Leo St. Clair Music Box Collection offers a collection of more than 150 music boxes, many one-of-a-kind, unique and antique.

Southwest Dairy Museum

1210 Houston St, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

<https://www.southwestdairyfarmers.com/pages/museum>

ADMISSION: Unknown

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The objective of the Museum is to preserve the history of the Southwestern dairy industry for the enjoyment and education of generations to come. This 10,000 square foot facility is a typical dairy-farm style building featuring a five-story silo that houses a conference room. One of our main exhibits is a series of historical vignettes that show the life of a dairy farm family before electricity came to rural America.

TEXARKANA

Four States Auto Museum

217 Laurel St., Texarkana, Arkansas 71854

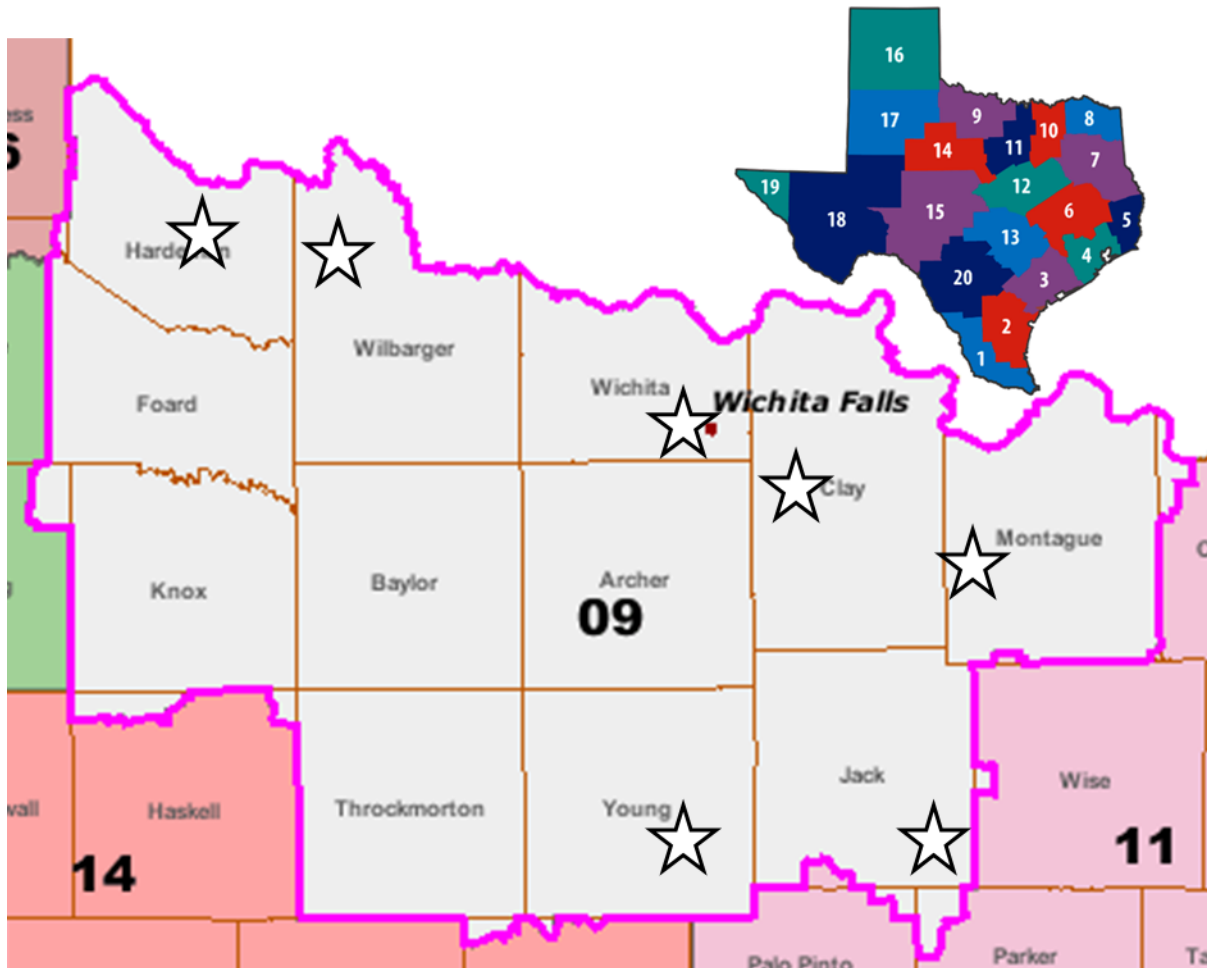
<https://www.fourstatesautomuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Initiated by Tex-Ark Antique Auto Club in 2004, the Four States Auto Museum is nostalgic, educational, and crammed with cool classics. The museum has a rotating collection of 20+ vintage cars, including a couple Model Ts.

DISTRICT 9



BOWIE

World's Largest Bowie Knife

1555-1699 E Wise St, Bowie, TX 76230

<https://bowietxchamber.org/bowie-knife/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

What is the old saying about Texas? "Everything is bigger in Texas!". This saying now includes a particular type of knife, known as the Bowie Knife. The new edition to Bowie, Texas is the World's Largest Bowie Knife, measuring an astounding 20 feet long. The blade itself is 14 feet 5 inches in length and made purely from steel. This spectacular sight weighs in at 3,000 pounds, good luck fitting this in your pocket.

HENRIETTA

Clay County 1890 Jail Museum

116 N Graham St, Henrietta, TX 76365

<http://claycountyjailmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Thursday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Experience the Texas frontier in early Clay County. Sheriff's residence, 1890's decor; jail with gallows; Old West artifacts, ranching and agricultural displays; archives of family histories and photos.

JACKSBORO

Fort Richardson State Park & Historic Site

228 Park Rd 61, Jacksboro, TX 76458

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fort-richardson>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Saturday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Soldiers at Fort Richardson protected settlers along the Texas frontier. Today, you can walk in the footsteps of those soldiers. Several original buildings still stand today at what was once the largest U.S. Army installation.

NEWCASTLE

Fort Belknap Historic Site

114 Fort Cir, Newcastle, TX 76372

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/fort-belknap>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fort Belknap was the northern anchor of a series of U.S. Army Forts stretching from the Red River to the Rio Grande, built to protect the Texas frontier. Troops from Fort Belknap pursued raiding bands of Indians allowing for settlement of the area. The Fort became the hub network of roads, most notably the Butterfield Overland Mail route. Fort Belknap was abandoned during the Civil War, reoccupied briefly after the war, then abandoned for the last time in September 1867. Some buildings have been restored and offer a popular site for group gatherings

QUANAH

Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Depot Museum

100 Mercer St, Quanah, TX 79252

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: ??

he historic Quanah, Acme & Pacific Depot is a remarkably handsome example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture (many consider the depot to be one of the best examples of this distinct style in the state). The depot was constructed in 1909 to serve as a passenger depot and railway offices for the main line of the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railroad. The depot was designed by Page Brothers Architects, the Austin-based architecture firm formed by Charles Henry and Louis Charles Page in 1898. The firm was responsible for designing the Texas Building for the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 as well as over half a dozen courthouses across the state. The firm's modern permutation, Page Southerland Page Inc., continues to design and build from its Austin headquarters today. The depot survives as well, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is under the care of the Hardeman County Historical Society. The depot museum houses an extensive collection of artifacts and exhibits exploring the history of the surrounding region. Items from Hardeman County's pioneer and railroad days as well as artifacts connected to Quanah Parker occupy the first floor of the museum while upstairs exhibits include a Veterans Room, the Quanah Cotton Oil Mill, and a "Space Room" furnished by NASA and the Smithsonian Institute. Recently added is a QA&P train display donated by collector Fred Holland.

VERNON

Red River Valley Museum

4600 College Dr, Vernon, TX 76384

<https://www.rvmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Red River Valley Museum has had three distinct lives. The first life began in 1963 when the museum housed the J. Henry and Ethel Ray Artifacts Collection in an unused cloakroom of the County auditorium. There were no docents, no director, and few on-call volunteers. This continued until 1976, when an old hospital was donated; a director was hired; and the collections expanded. In late 1985 William Bond donated his collection of 130 record-holding wild game trophy mounts from around the world. A 15,000 square foot modern, regional Museum was built adjacent to the Vernon College campus. By late 1987, the Board of Directors resolved to move the museum into a more professional stance. At this time, there was no registration of objects, no Educational Outreach Program, and no Endowment Fund. From 1988 until the present, the museum has redesigned all exhibition halls, refined all exhibits, and instituted an outreach educational program and an Endowment Fund.

Wilbarger County Historical Museum

1826 Cumberland St, Vernon, TX 76384

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Wilbarger-County-Historical-Museum/100063960577001/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Preserves the history of the county and Vernon. The museum features a collection of historical and everyday life artifacts, including a vintage wooden washing machine. Some say the collection is well put together and tells a story

WICHITA FALLS

Kell House Museum

900 Bluff St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301

<https://kellhouseheritagecenter.org/>

ADMISSION: FREE

HOURS: Saturday – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Kell House is one of the most historically and architecturally significant buildings in Wichita Falls. The Museum features distinctive architecture designed by the local firm of Jones and Orlopp, original family furnishings, textiles, decorative arts, and historic costumes. Guided tours of this local, state, and national landmark provide a fascinating history of this area's early settlement and of the Kell family.

Museum of North Texas History

720 Indiana Ave, Wichita Falls, TX 76301

<https://museumofnorthtexashistory.org/>

ADMISSION: FREE

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Museum of North Texas History! Ideally located in Downtown Wichita Falls, it's the perfect place to beat the Texas heat and immerse yourself in local history. From military memorabilia to old-fashioned toys, we've got exhibits for any interest. Marvel at detailed handmade replicas of naval vessels. See a scale replica of a Native American teepee. Snap a photo of Nat's Hats.

Wichita Falls

Wichita River Trail, Wichita Falls, TX 76301

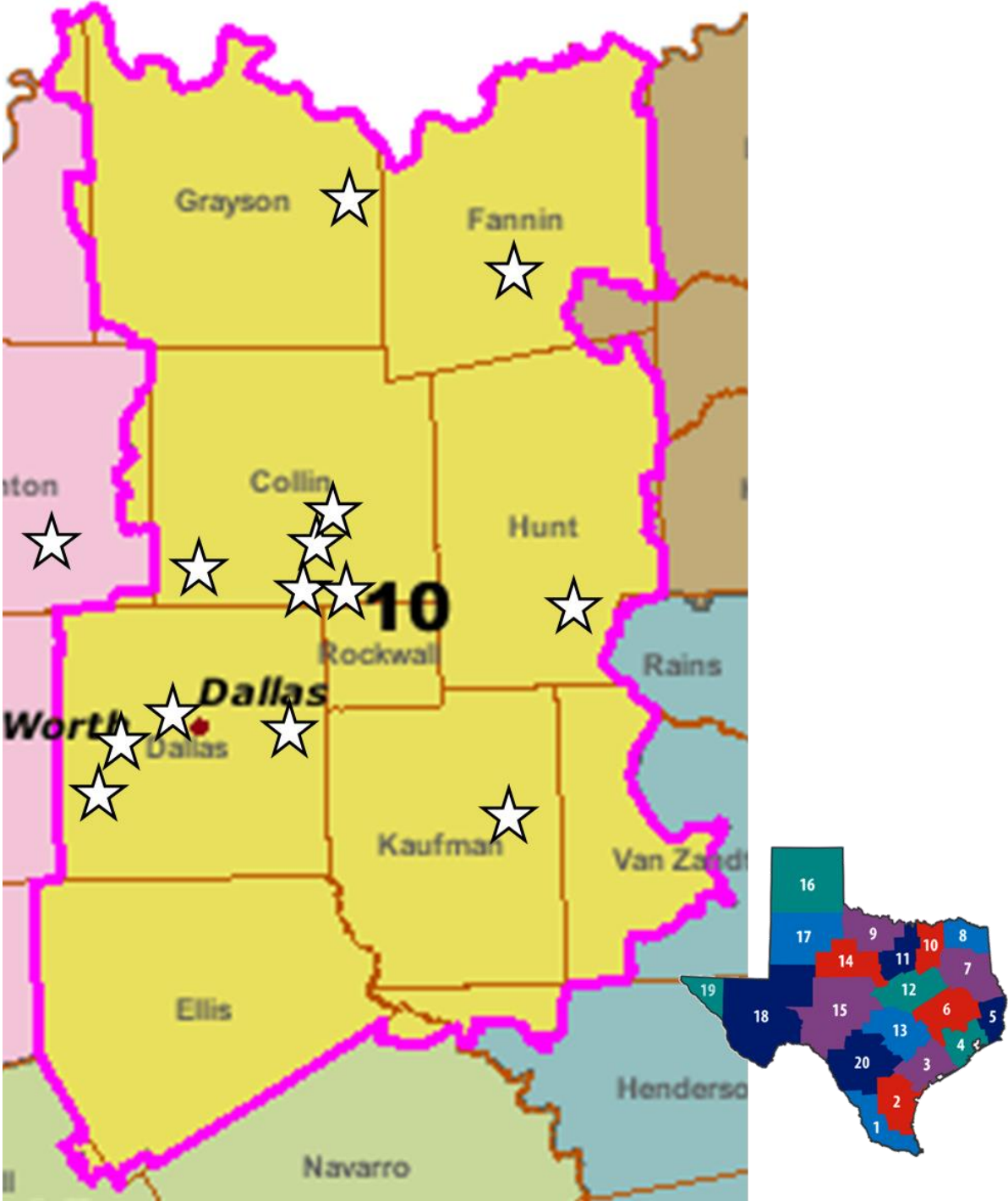
<https://www.wichitafallstx.gov/75/The-Falls>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Daily, 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The city's original falls (the namesake of the city) washed away in a flood in the 1800's. In 1987 a new falls was constructed upstream. The present 54-foot man-made waterfall is a multi-level cascade on the south bank of the Wichita River. The Falls can be seen by southbound motorists on I-44 as they cross the bridge over the river. The Falls provides many wonderful photo opportunities, and it is also the site of many outdoor weddings each year. Parking areas are available just inside Lucy Park on Sunset Drive that have access to the concrete trail. It is about a 1 mile walk to the Falls and back. You can also park along the service road which circles under the I-44 bridge over the Wichita River. The Falls Trail map shows how to access the parking areas.

DISTRICT 10



ALLEN
Dinosaur Company

420 Century Parkway, Allen, TX 75013

<https://www.billingsproductions.com/>

ADMISSION: \$24.50

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Dinosaur Company unites science, technology, engineering, and art to create life-size animatronic creatures. This behind-the-scenes tour is great for older kids to stimulate their interest or for adults who want to reignite the sparks of inspiration. This tour will briefly discuss everything included in our 30 minute tour, as it follows the same path as our other tour.

BONHAM

Fannin County Museum of History

One Main Street, Bonham, TX 75418

<https://www.fannincountymuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fannin County Museum of History tells the story of Fannin County, beginning before the Texas Revolution, through the uncertain years of the Republic of Texas, the Civil War era, the arrival of the railroad and the tumultuous beginning of a new century, the jazz age, and two world wars. All of this is housed in the restored 1900 Texas and Pacific Railway depot.

FORT ENGLISH VILLAGE

800 West Sam Rayburn Drive, Bonham, TX 75418

<https://www.cityofbonham.org/260/Fort-English-Village>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bailey English, founder of Bonham, brought the first settlers to claim homesteads on the rich black land of the Red River Valley in the central part of what was to become Fannin county, in March 1837. As the danger of indian raids began to increase, English encouraged the settlers to erect a fort and stockade to provide safety and comfort for the families. This replica was built in 1976, as a Fannin County Bicentennial project. Three 1830's log cabins from the Fannin County area were relocated surrounding the stockade. They have been furnished to represent a frontier cabin, a trading post, and a blacksmith shop. A school/church a gift shop are recent additions. A doctor's buggy and military wagon have been restored and are on display in the stockade area.

Sam Rayburn House

890 W. State Hwy. 56, Bonham, TX 75418

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/sam-rayburn-house?fbclid=IwAR1xpXbVft5T81T0Hoc5Kstp20qXvkL5JlItRbd9JWmcWS3x8lZ1cqSWkCw>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The late congressman Sam Rayburn was the longest-serving speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and one of America's most powerful 20th-century politicians. The Sam Rayburn House Museum tells his life story inside the modest wood-frame farm home, built by Rayburn in 1916 and still containing all the original furnishings, where he lived until the time of his death in 1961.

Sam Rayburn Museum

800 W. State Hwy. 56, Bonham, TX 75418

<https://briscoecenter.org/visit/sam-rayburn-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Sam Rayburn Museum is the creation of the man who served as Speaker of the United States House of Representatives longer than any other person: Sam Taliaferro Rayburn. It contains exhibits on Sam Rayburn's life and career and features an exact replica of the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives during Rayburn's tenure in that position.

DALLAS

DALLAS ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDEN

8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218

<https://www.dallasarboretum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$18.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden cultivates a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility by providing a safe and beautiful space that welcomes all to enjoy. We inspire people of all backgrounds by creating an open, positive and impactful environment. We continue to build sustainable relationships with people from diverse communities, organizations, and businesses to further our commitment to these principles. The Arboretum has been listed among the top arboretums in the world and the number of honors is so extensive it is listed on our website. The Dallas Arboretum is proud to offer the public an array of popular annual events, educational programs for children and adults, and an emphasis on family-oriented activities. Ground-breaking horticultural research conducted in our Trial Gardens continues to contribute to an important body of knowledge, both regionally and nationally. Located on the shores of White Rock Lake, the Arboretum's 66 acres include a complete life science laboratory with endless potential for discovery.

DALLAS WORLD AQUARIUM

1801 North Griffin St., Dallas, TX 75202

<https://dwazoo.com/>

ADMISSION: \$24.95

HOURS: Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

An old warehouse at 1801 North Griffin Street, near the Historic West End District in downtown Dallas, became the original site of The Dallas World Aquarium, opening to the public in October 1992. Built in 1924, the empty warehouse had been occupied until 1982. During those years it was used for various industries, including the Mohawk Rubber Company and Pioneer Steel Rule and Die. The adjacent building at 1815 North Griffin was purchased in 1996. Built in 1929 as a warehouse for the storage of rubber goods, it was later used by a Venetian blind company in the early 50s and lastly prior to the aquarium's expansion, as a restaurant/bar known as "Tejano Rodeo." As with the first building, the interior was completely demolished, leaving only the brick walls and support structure. The alley between the two buildings became the "channel" between the freshwater and saltwater ecosystems. The ORINOCO – Secrets of the River opened to the public in October 1997. The vacant lot at 1814 Laws Street (behind 1801 North Griffin) was purchased in May 2000 for the first newly constructed portion of the facility. Construction on the Mundo Maya exhibit started in April 2002 and opened to the public in August 2004. The Dallas World Aquarium's Cloud Forest Trek opened in July, 2020. The third-floor rainforest attraction includes a 25' high and 52' wide LED screen that extends the exhibit to the clouds of the Columbian rainforests, integrating display technology within live jungle foliage and unique animal exhibits indigenous to South America.

FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT MUSEUM

6911 Lemmon Ave, Dallas, TX

<https://flightmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Experience the stories of aviation and space flight – from Leonardo da Vinci, to the Wright Brothers, to the spacecraft of the twenty-first century – all here for you in one museum.

GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

2943 SMU Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75205

<https://www.bushcenter.org/>

ADMISSION: \$23.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As the 13th presidential library, the George W. Bush Presidential Library promotes an understanding of the American presidency, examines the specific time in history during which President Bush served, and provides access to official records and artifacts from the George W. Bush Administration.

MUSEUM OF BIBLICAL ART NATIONAL CENTER FOR JEWISH ART MUSEUM OF HOLOCAUST ART

7500 Park Lane, Dallas, TX 75225

<https://www.biblicalarts.org/>

ADMISSION: \$15.00 (MBA), \$8.00 (NCJA), \$8.00 (MHA)

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The most well-known of the 3 museums is the Museum of Biblical Art (MBA) dedicated to teaching and exhibiting artwork with themes related to the Bible. The MBA is especially interested in building bridges between those from Christian background and Jewish background. Exhibitions include rare maps, illuminated manuscripts, contemporary artwork, oil paintings, fine prints, and Biblical Archeology. The National Center for Jewish Art is the only Jewish Art and Culture Museum in this part of the United States, dedicated to teaching about Judaism through exhibiting Jewish Ceremonial Art, Contemporary Jewish Art and the Art of Israel. The museum focuses on education and the appreciation of Jewish life, culture, and heritage. The first museum of its kind to teach the Holocaust through primarily artwork. Traditionally Holocaust museums are historical artifacts in their exhibits. The Museum of Holocaust Art utilizes a difference paradigm by utilizing artwork to educate and teach the Holocaust.

Museum of Illusions

701 Ross Ave, Dallas, TX 75202

<https://moidallas.com/>

ADMISSION: \$19.00

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Museum of Illusions Dallas is a unique and exciting museum dedicated to providing visitors with a fun, interactive and educational experience that challenges perception and inspires creativity. Our museum features a variety of exhibits that use optical illusions, visual tricks, and hands-on interactive displays to create a playful environment that engages visitors of all ages.

OLD CITY PARK

1515 S Harwood St, Dallas, TX 75215

<https://oldcityparkdallas.org/tours/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

City Park, a 22.1-acre special use park, has a long and rich connection with Dallas's history as the first city park, established in 1876. As Dallas's first and oldest park, the greenspace maintains a collection of historic buildings and furnishings that date back to 1840.

PEROT MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

2201 N Field St, Dallas, TX 75201

<https://www.perotmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$25.00

HOURS: Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Known for its stunning features and eco-friendly designs by world-renowned architect, Thom Mayne, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a jewel in the heart of Downtown Dallas. Once you're inside, you'll discover hands-on-activities, interactive kiosks, eleven permanent exhibits and a state-of-the-art 3D theater. Even though the Victory Park museum was founded in 2012, its history dates back to 1936 when the Dallas Museum of Natural History opened in Fair Park. That institution, along with The Science Place and The Dallas Children's Museum merged to create what is now The Perot Museum of Nature and Science. The four-story building features an eye-catching T. Rexcalator (an escalator on the outside of the building with clear views of downtown on the ride up). The best way to see the museum is by taking the ride to Level 4 then exploring each floor until you reach the main level again.

SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM AT DEALEY PLAZA

411 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202

<https://www.jfk.org/>

ADMISSION: \$23.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum, located within the former Texas School Book Depository building, chronicles the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. The main exhibit, John F. Kennedy and the Memory of a Nation, is on the sixth floor.

DE LEON

Terrill Antique Car Museum

500 N Texas St., De Leon, TX 76444

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100032389162385&name=xhp_nt_fblite_profile_tab_bar&profile_tab_item_selected=about

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Terrill Antique Car Museum displays a remarkable collection of antique cars that have been lovingly restored, including 18 drivable vintage vehicles (1901–41), a 1915 REO Speedwagon, and a rare steam-powered 1901 Coffin carriage. Also exhibited are 90 vintage hubcaps from the 1920s.

DENISON

Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site

609 S. Lamar Ave., Denison, TX 75021

<https://www.thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/eisenhower-birthplace-state-historic-site>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Located in the heart of Denison, the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site showcases the home where the 34th U.S. President Dwight David "Ike" Eisenhower was born in 1890. Antique furnishings fill the modest frame house, illustrating the working-class life of the Eisenhowers. The visitor center celebrates Ike with memorabilia and exhibits featuring his many accomplishments as president and war hero.

FRISCO

Museum of the American Railroad

8004 Dallas Pkwy #400, Frisco, TX 75034

<https://www.historictrains.org/>

ADMISSION: \$18.00

HOURS: (Tours) Wednesday – Friday, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m., Saturday, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Tour giants of the rails, expand your horizons, and have fun exploring life-sized real trains & G-scale model trains! | Founded in 1963, the Museum of the American Railroad is a not-for-profit Texas corporation dedicated to celebrating the heritage and exploring the future of railroads through historic preservation, research, and educational programming. The museum collects artifacts and archival material from the railroad industry to exhibit and interpret their significance in American life and culture. Exhibits and general programs are provided year-round. Educational programs are available to local schools and universities through study trips, in-class programming & outreach, and online resources. In its most ambitious project to date, the Museum closed its location in Dallas' Fair Park to relocate its collections and operations 30 miles north to Frisco, Texas. The Frisco site is currently under construction and access to the locomotive and rolling stock collection is limited to scheduled tours. Additionally, the Museum currently maintains interim offices, exhibits, and retail at the Frisco Heritage Museum located a few hundred yards north of the new, permanent site.

National Videogame Museum

8004 Dallas Pkwy, Frisco, TX 75034

<https://nvmusa.org/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As gamers, we all demanded it: A place where we can learn about the videogame industry's rich history, where it's heading next, and how we can all be a part of it. A place where we can meet and expand our vast community of creative and competitive minds. A place that exudes FUN in a permanent home where on any given day we can play the games of yesterday, today AND tomorrow.

GRAND PRAIRIE

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

601 E Palace Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

<https://www.ripleys.com/attractions/ripleys-believe-it-or-not-grand-prairie>

ADMISSION: \$35.99

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT! ODDITORIUM: Sure to entertain the entire family, adults and children alike will be astounded by incredibly hard to believe, but undeniably true stories from around the world! Admire hundreds of artifacts, incredible art, animal oddities, pop-culture memorabilia, interactive games, and more that you won't find anywhere else!

RIPLEY'S 7D MOVING THEATER: Our state-of-the-art theater will leave you hanging at edge of your seat! Let your senses run wild as you experience every bump, drop, and turn with our motion simulator. We offer high-impact 3D films sure to get your adrenaline pumping!

LOUIS TUSSAUD'S WAXWORKS: With more than 200 lifelike wax figures, you'll be able to strike a pose and get a selfie with your favorite superstar. From horror villains and superheroes to powerful politicians and Hollywood's elite, there's someone for everyone in Grand Prairie!

GREENVILLE

AUDIE MURPHY / AMERICAN COTTON MUSEUM

600 I-30 East, Greenville, TX 75401

<https://cottonmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Nestled among ten acres of land in the heart of Hunt County, the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum has explored the rich and fascinating history of this region for over 20 years. Join us on a journey of discovery that will take you through the heyday of the cotton fields in the 1800's to the battlefields of the 20th century.

IRVING

Ruth Paine House Museum

801 W Irving Blvd, Irving, TX 75060

<https://www.irvingarchivesandmuseum.com/ruth-paine-house-museum>

ADMISSION: \$7.00 (Reservation Required: 972.721.3700)

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Restored suburban 1960s house & museum where JFK's assassin spent the night before the shooting.

McKINNEY

Collin County History Museum

300 E Virginia St, McKinney, TX 75069

<https://www.collincountyhistorymuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Collin County History Museum is a treasure trove of our community's rich heritage. Our mission is to preserve, interpret, and promote the history of Collin County through engaging exhibits and educational programs. Step back in time and experience the stories that shaped our present and inspire our future.

MESQUITE

Opal Lawrence Historical Park

711 E Kearney St, Mesquite, TX 75149

<https://www.cityofmesquite.com/201/Opal-Lawrence-Historical-Park>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Opal Lawrence Historical Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, and recognized as a Century Family Farm by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Don't miss the rare painted ceilings in the Opal Lawrence house, the centerpiece of the Opal Lawrence Historical Park, depicting the agricultural lifestyle of one of Mesquite's earliest families. Stephen Decatur Lawrence, son of John P. Lawrence of Maryland and Fannie Coats Lawrence of Tennessee, began building the Mesquite landmark Lawrence house in 1874 when he completed three rooms. In 1882, contractor Charley Florrer made an additional 14 rooms. The home, which is considered Texas prairie vernacular styling, is basically in the same condition as it was originally built, with few modifications over the years. Outbuildings include a smokehouse, brick-lined root cellar, a wash house, a large livestock barn (also made by Mr. Florrer in 1887), and a mule barn. Assorted chicken coops also still are intact. See a late 1800s barn, a log cabin, and a nature trail. The park is also the location for the headquarters of Historic Mesquite, Inc. in the historic Noah Range Farmhouse.

PLANO

Heritage Farmstead Museum

1900 W 15th St, Plano, TX 75075

<https://www.heritagefarmstead.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00 (\$5.00 more for Ammie Wilson House)

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Walk the historic 4-acre farmstead and view farm animals and historic buildings. There is a decomposed granite walking path through the farm.

WYLIE

In Sync Exotics Rescue Center

3430 Skyview Dr, Wylie, TX 75098

<https://www.insyncexotics.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Saturday – Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In-Sync Exotics is more than a place to spend a few hours on the weekend. It is a destination to explore and learn all about exotic cats. We have plenty of volunteers placed throughout the facility who are available to answer any questions you might have about any of our cats. The story of each cat is posted on their enclosure, and information about each species is placed near the enclosures so you can learn about the animals that call In-Sync Exotics their forever home.

ARLINGTON

International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame

621 Six Flags Dr, Arlington, TX 76011

<https://www.bowlingmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$7.50

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Discover the region's premier sports museum brimming with one-of-a-kind bowling artifacts, a unique bowling experience and a cutting-edge glimpse at the far-flung future of this global pastime. Pass through Bowling's Hall of Fame where rare photos and vintage film clips tell the stories of bowling's greatest legends. The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame collects, preserves and exhibits the 5,000-year history of the worldwide sport of bowling. From the ancient Egyptians to British monarchs to an enterprising German immigrant, follow the sport's journey from archeological digs... to American taverns... to today's cutting-edge computer assisted training centers. No visit to the International Bowling Campus is complete without experiencing the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame is located within the International Bowling Campus. The IBC is the educational, scientific and governing home of the sport. In addition to the museum, on campus you will find the Bowling Proprietors Association of America, The United States Bowling Congress, the International Training and Research Center.

CLEBURNE

CHISHOLM TRAIL OUTDOOR MUSEUM

BIG BEAR NATIVE AMERICAN MUSEUM

101 Chisholm Trail, Cleburne, TX 76033

<https://www.thechisholmtrailoutdoormuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Chisholm Trail Outdoor Museum. Tepees and life-size cattle drive silhouettes greet you as you enter the museum, along with the "WELCOME TO CLEBURNE" ON THE CHISHOLM TRAIL" eighty-foot stone wall. These unique museum features are fast becoming one of the most recognized and photographed landmarks in this part of Texas.

Gone With the Wind Museum

305 E 2nd St, Cleburne, TX 76031

<https://www.gwtwremembered.com/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In Cleburne, Texas (just outside of D/FW), the Gone With the Wind Remembered museum contains one of the most comprehensive and extensive GWTW collections.

Layland Museum of History

201 Caddo St, Cleburne, TX 76031

<https://www.cleburne.net/1560/Layland-Museum-of-History>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Layland Museum is comprised of multiple buildings located on Caddo St. and Main St. in downtown Cleburne. The museum's gallery is located in the Carnegie Library building. The Smith History Center holds the research library and kitchen classroom. Many of the museum's public programs will place in the Studio, located in the Cleburne Railroad Museum.

DECATUR

1930s Sinclair Station

300 E. Walnut St., Decatur, TX 76234

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

An old Sinclair gas station is now a collectibles gift store. Has all the pumps out front with working lights. A real neat place to stop by and see.

DENTON

Bayless-Selby House Museum

317 W Mulberry St, Denton, TX 76201

<https://www.discoverdenton.com/things-to-do/attractions/bayless-selby-house-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Denton's Bayless Selby House Museum is a Victorian-era house that sits in Denton's Historical Park and provides a beautiful backdrop to the Denton Community Market. The interior of the house itself is furnished with items and artifacts that give a glimpse in to what life was like in Denton County during the turn-of-the-century, from a music room featuring a Gabler & Bro. grand piano to an old-fashioned doctor's office that includes antique pacemakers, rib cutters, and more. The property is also home to the Bayless-Selby Victorian Garden. This project, maintained by the Denton County Master Gardener Association, is another educational piece in Victorian living, showcasing period-authentic herbs, flowers, and vegetables that were commonly found around North Texas homes in the early 1900's.

Florence Nightingale

307 Administration Dr, Denton, TX 76201

<https://libguides.twu.edu/Nightingale>

ADMISSION: Free in Library

HOURS: (Tours) Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Texas First Ladies Historic Costume Collection

307 Administration Dr, Denton, TX 76201

<https://twu.edu/gown-collection/>

ADMISSION: Free in Library

HOURS: (Tours) Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Collection is much more than a chronology of fashion. Progressing from the 1800s through industrialization of the 1900s, the First Ladies of Texas have become icons of grace and compassion. Each woman leaves her own legacy, but all share common threads that seamlessly stitch together Texas' First Ladies' assorted patchwork of experience.

FORT WORTH

AMON CARTER MUSEUM

3501 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76107

<https://www.cartermuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Amon Carter Museum of American Art explores the diversity and complexity of American creativity through our expansive collection and exciting exhibitions.

Forest Park Miniature Railroad

1700 Colonial Pkwy, Fort Worth, TX 76110

<https://forestparktrains.com/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In the late 1950s, carnival owner Bill Hames set forth to open a miniature train at Forest Park. The miniature train was the latest addition to the park which already had several amusement rides and a train with a smaller track layout. When the new train opened, it was the longest miniature railway in the world. On opening day, over 1,500 people rode the train, 70 to 100 passengers at a time. The following day, the crowd grew to over 4,000 riders and attracted so many patrons that there was a traffic jam in Forest Park. Due to the popularity and limited amount of operating hours, 5,000 patrons rode the train while over 3,000 were given refunds because there were not enough hours in the day. At the time, a ride on the train cost 35 cents per rider. The railroad operated for years with the Texas Chief as the main engine, but was retired in April of 1973 when a new line of Chance CP Huntington Trains were introduced. Forest Park was one of the first miniature railroads to take delivery of the CP Huntington Model. Over 60 years later, the miniature railway has established itself as a local tourist destination and Fort Worth Landmark. Since its opening day, riders have flocked to the Forest Park Miniature Railway for a peaceful retreat around Ft. Worth's Trinity Park. From the depot, the train heads east and then cuts north to cross the Trinity River on one of the train's longest trestle bridges. Throughout its 5-mile journey, the train travels under the highway and proceeds into the tranquil Trinity Park. The complete 5-mile circuit features two depots and six bridges.

KIMBELL ART MUSEUM

3333 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth, TX 76107

<https://kimbellart.org/>

ADMISSION: \$16.00 (special) & Free (collection)

HOURS: Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our collection is comprised of Antiquities, European Art, Asian Art, Art of the Ancient Americas, and African and Oceanic Art. The Kimbell's permanent collection is small in size, comprising around 350 works of art, and is distinguished by an extraordinary level of artistic quality and importance.

Log Cabin Village

2100 Log Cabin Village Ln, Fort Worth, TX 76109

<https://www.logcabinvillage.org/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Six log houses, dating back to the mid 1800s, were selected from the North Texas region, moved to the present site, and restored in the 1950s to early 1960s. The Village was then donated to the City of Fort Worth, and it opened to the public in 1966. The Foster Cabin, an impressive 1850s plantation log house, was added in 1974 and the 1870s Marine School in 2003. The restoration of the Reynolds Smokehouse, relocated to the Village in 2004 from Azle, was completed in 2005.

National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame

1720 Gendy St, Fort Worth, TX 76107

<https://www.cowgirl.net/>

ADMISSION: \$9.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame is the only museum in the world dedicated to honoring women of the West, and from around the world who have displayed extraordinary courage and pioneer spirit

in their trailblazing efforts. It includes interactive exhibit galleries that feature artifacts of the permanent collection, a traveling exhibit gallery, two theaters, gift shop, a research library and archives, and a NEW second floor. Currently, the museum's archives house more than 4000 artifacts and information about more than 750 remarkable women.

Sid Richardson Museum

309 Main St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

<https://sidrichardsonmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Sid Richardson Museum, a Fort Worth art museum located in historic Sundance Square, features permanent and special exhibitions of paintings by the premier Western artists, Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell. The works, reflecting both the romance and reality of the American West, are the legacy of the late oilman and philanthropist, Sid Williams Richardson. Most were acquired by him from 1942 until his death in 1959. The collection also includes works by Oscar E. Berninghaus, Charles F. Browne, Edwin W. Deming, William Gilbert Gaul, Peter Hurd, Frank Tenney Johnson, William R. Leigh, Peter Moran, and Charles Schreyvogel.

Stockyards Museum

131 E Exchange Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76164

<http://www.stockyardsmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$2.00

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Stockyards Museum showcases the rich history of the Fort Worth Stockyards and the north side of Fort Worth. There is a growing collection of artifacts, photos and exhibits that document everything from our Native American connections, the Chisholm Trail, the livestock market/stockyards to the Swift and Armour Packing plants. Visitors can experience why Fort Worth is known as "Cowtown" and learn how the Stockyards helped make Fort Worth the Texasmost city.

Thistle Hill - Ball-Eddleman-McFarland House

1110 Penn St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

<https://historicfortworth.org/mcfarland-house-museum/>

ADMISSION: \$15.00

HOURS: (Tours) Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Step back in time when cattle barons ruled. Experience the opulence of the finest Victorian residence in North Texas, the elegant, 1899 Ball Eddleman McFarland House.

WATER GARDENS

1502 Commerce St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

<https://www.fortworth.com/things-to-do/attractions/fort-worth-water-gardens/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Fort Worth Water Gardens is a beautiful and refreshing oasis adjacent to the Fort Worth Convention Center. Designed by Philip Johnson, the Fort Worth Water Gardens is an architectural and engineering marvel to be enjoyed any time of the year. Visitors can experience a variety of water features as they wander through this relaxing urban park.

GAINESVILLE

Medal of Honor Park

SEQ, W California St, Gainesville, TX 76240

<https://medalofhonorhostcity.com/medal-of-honor-park/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Medal of Honor Host City Program Park honors our Medal of Honor recipients and recognizes Gainesville as the only Medal of Honor Host City in America. A bronze eagle with the ribbon and Medals of Honor clasped in his talons majestically sits atop a granite monument listening intently to the cascading waterfall feature.

Morton Museum of Cooke County

210 S Dixon St, Gainesville, TX 76240

<https://www.mortonmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Housed in an 1884 building in downtown Gainesville, the Morton Museum possesses a proud past. Opened in 1968 as a result of dedicated citizens wishing to save it from demolition, the building itself is its own best exhibit. Originally erected as Gainesville's combination city hall, fire station and calaboose, the preservation and restoration of the structure was made possible by Granville and Gladys Morton.

Santa Fe Depot Museum

605 E California St, Gainesville, TX 76240

<https://www.mortonmuseum.org/santa-fe-depot-museum>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Appointment only – 940.668.8900

A collection of railroad, Coca Cola, Harvey Girls and Gainesville Community Circus memorabilia, plus a Cooke County timeline are on exhibit at the Santa Fe Depot Museum.

GLEN ROSE

Creation Evidence Museum of Texas

3102 FM 205, Glen Rose, TX 76043

<https://www.creationevidence.org/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Creation Evidence Museum of Texas has an impressive collection of artifacts, fossils, and displays which provide evidence for a young earth.

Dinosaur Valley State Park

1629 Park Rd 59, Glen Rose, TX 76043

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/dinosaur-valley>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Daily, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

"Dinosaur Capital of Texas." 113 million years ago, hundreds of dinosaurs used the nearby Paluxy Riverbed as a pedestrian highway. Their footprints were captured in thick mud that hardened over time, leaving an abundance of tracks and trails that still are visible today when you visit the Dinosaur Valley State Park. There are five main sites within Dinosaur Valley State Park where visitors can see two types of visible

tracks. The first is named Sauropod, which are large elephant-like tracks believed to have been made by *Sauroposeidon proteles*. The second, Theropod, has smaller tracks which show a distinct three-toed pattern, believed to have been made by *Acrocanthosaurus*. Visitors can locate tracks using a map on the park's website, with Sauropod footprints marked in blue and Theropod tracks in red.

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center

2299 County Road 2008, Glen Rose, TX 76043

<https://fossilrim.org/>

ADMISSION: \$29.95

HOURS: Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Load into your car and take the whole family on a self-guided drive along our 7.2 miles of Texas hill country. See endangered antelope and get the chance to feed giraffes all from the comfort of your own vehicle. Stop for a break at the Overlook to visit our nature store, café and more. This drive is a minimum of 1.5 hours.

GRANBURY

Acton State Historic Site

167 Granbury Ct, Granbury, TX 76049

<https://www.visitgranbury.com/listing/acton-state-historic-site/61113/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Acton State Historic Site is Texas' smallest state park and is located within Hood County. The total acreage of the state park is .01. The Park is the burial site of Elizabeth Crockett, second wife of Davy Crockett, who married him in Tennessee in 1815. Since Crockett fought for Texas and died at the Alamo, his heirs were eligible for a land grant. The Monument was erected at Acton Cemetery by Legislative appropriation in 1911. In 1949, legislation moved control of the site to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The gravesite of Elizabeth Crockett is located near the center of the Cemetery which surrounds the Park.

Granbury Depot

109 E Ewell St, Granbury, TX 76048

<https://www.granburydepot.org/home/HCGShomePage.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Built in 1914, the Granbury Historic Railroad Depot offers visitors a glimpse into the frontier days when railroads were a vital transportation link for towns.

Hood County Jail Museum

208 N Crockett St, Granbury, TX 76048

<https://hctxhs.org/Museums/jail.htm>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Friday – Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Built in 1885 and operated as the Hood County Jail from 1886 to 1978, this building served as the only jail for both city and county prisoners. Texas law was eventually changed that all capital punishment would be carried out by the state in a centralized location, so no gallows were ever erected and the large open room was used as a meeting place for the prisoners and their attorneys. The first floor contains four rooms and a bathroom intended as the Sheriff's living quarters. Throughout the years, records indicate that Sheriffs, City Marshals, or Deputies actually lived downstairs, depending on the needs of the individuals. The Second floor has three rooms; the gallows, the single cell (used for women and the insane), and the main cell. The main cell has within it a freestanding iron "cage" designed as 2 cells with up to 4 beds per cell. Within the cage and outside the cells is a common toilet and wash basin. Behind the jail building is the kitchen, where

the wife of the resident official would cook the inmates meals, a required 2 per day in the early years. The space between the kitchen and the jail was later closed in. Although the building was state of the art when it was built (it had plumbing on both floors!), hard use and lack of funds allowed the building to fall into disrepair. Several offices like city police, county sheriff, and eventually DPS, including dispatch, moved into the lower floor. Long before the Brazos River was dammed in the 1970s and Lake Granbury was formed, the old stone jail was starting to show its age. No major improvements had been made since it was wired for electricity in the 1930s. When the County built their new Law Enforcement Center and moved, the Chamber of Commerce used the building. During their tenure, the Chamber received a grant to renovate the first floor, as it can be seen today.

GRAPEVINE

Funeral Home Artifacts / Foust Funeral Home

523 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

There is a glass case that displays an antique horse-drawn hearse loaded with a Confederate coffin. There are also undertaker tools and children's coffins in the display case. There is an informational plaque that reads: "J E Foust & Son Funeral Directors John E. Foust (1861-1926) Moved to Grapevine in 1880 and started a general merchandise store which stocked coffins. He gradually added other services and with the help of his wife Daisy (Hutt) (1876-1963) Established a funeral company, a civic leader, Foust also assisted in the development of other area businesses. His son John E. Foust, II (1898-1978), Joined the firm in 1923, following his fathers death he managed the funeral home and mercantile store until the 1960s, for over 100 years Faust family members have served in the business and civic activities of Grapevine."

Vintage Railroad

707 S Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051

<https://www.gvrr.com/>

ADMISSION: Depends upon Excursion/Tour

HOURS: Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Grapevine Vintage Railroad in Grapevine, Texas where history and hospitality combine to create unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime. Climb aboard and you'll immediately be swept back in time inside authentic, luxury 1920s coaches while enjoying modern conveniences such as air-conditioning during the warm summer months. These rides also offer live entertainment! While on board, enjoy laughs and exciting adventures with Grapevine Vintage Railroad's Theatrical Players. Shows vary throughout the season. For more than thirty years, the Grapevine Vintage Railroad has delighted visitors looking for an authentic, premium, rail experience. Whether you're a returning guest or visiting for the first time, we look forward to you joining us on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad!

MINERAL WELLS

CRAZY WATER

209 NW 6th Street, Mineral Wells, TX 76067

<https://drinkcrazywater.com/the-source/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00 (Tours)

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 11:00 a.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Still unconvinced just how crazy our water is? Head over to sip and see the historic property that has drawn in folks from all over the globe for over 100 years. A little crazy never hurt anyone (in fact, it could help). Visitors are welcome any time to come sample the water for free. Drop in any time. Daily walking tours are available. The walking tour is \$5 for 60 minutes, covering three blocks. We don't do tours if temps are below

40 degrees Fahrenheit or above 95 degrees Fahrenheit or if regular water is falling from the sky. All tours provide one bottle of Crazy Water per person.

STEPHENVILLE

Stephenville Historical House Museum

525 E Washington St, Stephenville, TX 76401

<https://stephenvillemuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The mission of the museum is to collect, preserve, interpret, and maintain historical buildings and educational exhibits representing the cultural heritage and history of Erath County and the Cross Timbers region consisting of Erath County and surrounding counties.

WEATHERFORD

Museum of the Americas

216 Fort Worth Hwy, Weatherford, TX 76086

<https://www.experienceweatherford.com/business/museum-of-the-americas>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum of the Americas presents the colorful and diverse heritage of native peoples of the Americas through a representative collection of late 19th and 20th century artifacts, crafts, and folk art. The rich cultural traditions of these peoples are reflected in the intricate and distinctive designs of the objects they make for daily use, for religious ceremonies and for trade. The goal of the Museum of the Americas is to nurture understanding of and appreciate for diverse peoples, their history, the beauty they create, and their struggles to survive and preserve their culture when adapting to a changing and often harsh world. Explore the carvings of Northwest Coast Indians, the graphics of the Plains Indians, colorful costumes of the Seminole Indians of Florida, intricately designed molas from the Kuna Indians of Panama, a complete miniature Mexican village, santos, retablos, and a 19th century altar from Mexico. Take a visual trip through the Western Hemisphere of the past and the present.

National Vietnam War Museum

12685 Mineral Wells Hwy, Weatherford, TX 76088

<https://www.nationalvnwarmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The museum has been designed to tell the unbiased story of the approximately 2.7 million servicemen and women who served there; the civilian contractors who supported their efforts; the Vietnamese people, their culture and history; and those on the home front, both those who supported and those who protested the war.

Vintage Car Museum & Event Center

100 Fort Worth Highway, Weatherford, TX 76086

<https://vintageweatherford.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The museum houses many of Moncrief's own cars and also a rotating collection of one-of-a-kind classic automobiles. Tom and his wife Therese have always been community-minded and charity-minded and continue to put others at the forefront of their businesses and lives. Weatherford feels lucky to have them

here with such a wonderful and unique venue that feature some of Tom's cars, as well as Guest cars on loan for display

WHITE SETTLEMENT

TEXAS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

760 Jim Wright Fwy North, Fort Worth, TX 76108

<https://www.facebook.com/texascivilwarmuseum/>

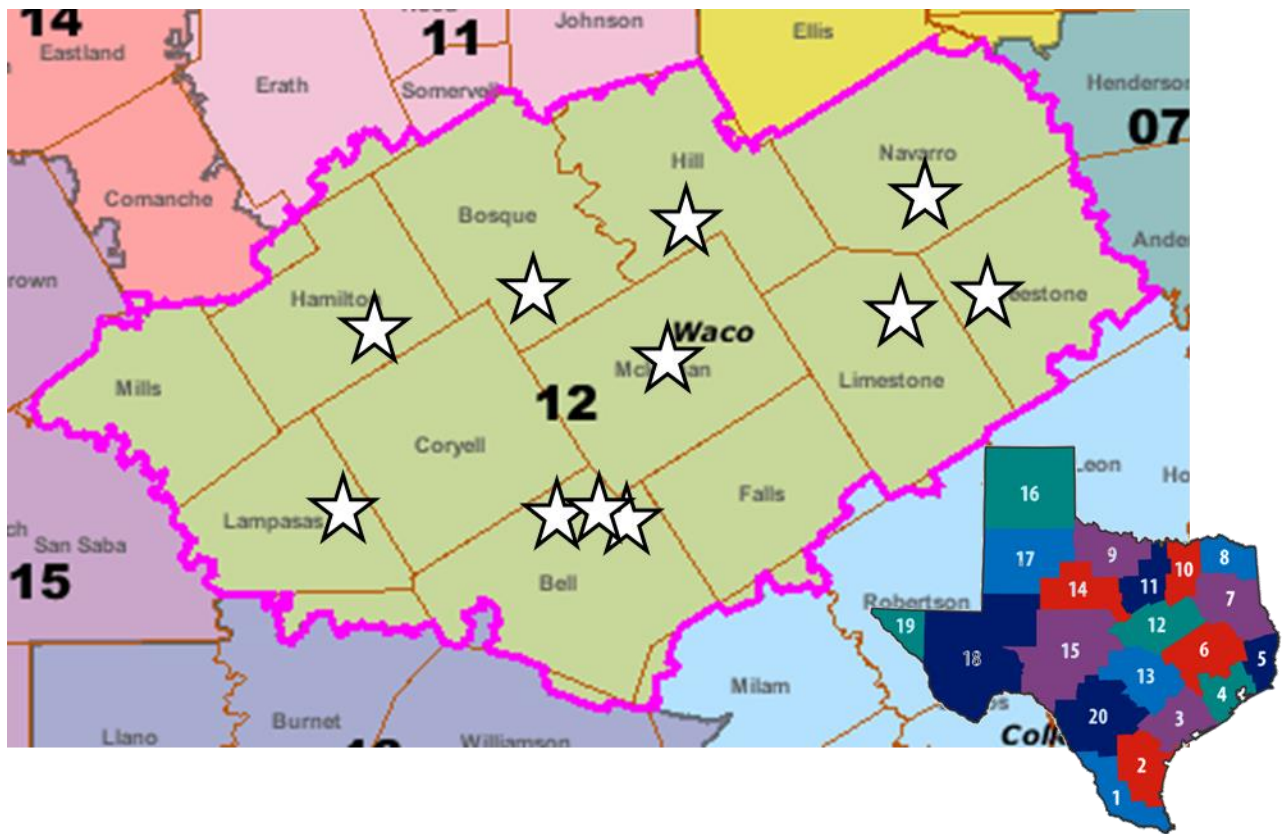
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ADMISSION: \$12.00

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Texas Civil War Museum is not only the largest civil war museum west of the Mississippi but it also houses one of the most comprehensive collections of Civil War artifacts in the country, including the largest number of historical Texas battle flags in the state. The museum is also home to the Judy Richey Victorian Dress collection.

DISTRICT 12



BELTON

BELL COUNTY MUSEUM

201 N. Main St., Belton, TX 76513

<https://www.bellcountymuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Featured in an episode of the hit Travel Channel show "Mysteries at the Museum", this local museum tells the rich history of Bell County and has plenty of fascinating artifacts. Recognizing that our past profoundly influences our future the Bell County Museum collects, preserves and interprets the historic and prehistoric cultural heritage of the Bell County region, for all citizens, and provides quality traveling exhibitions for their enjoyment and education.

CLIFTON

Bosque Museum

301 S Avenue Q, Clifton, TX 76634

<https://www.bosquemuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The museum's current collection grew out of the early collection of Jacob Olson, an early immigrant to Bosque County. Mr. Olson collected the important artifacts of that time and saved them for his own

enjoyment. In 1924 he gave his collection to Clifton Lutheran College with the proviso they be housed in a fireproof building and should never leave Bosque County. When the college merged with Texas Lutheran College in 1953, a new home had to be found for the collection. A log cabin, Jacob Olson's childhood home, was moved to the museum ground in 1985 and received a Texas Historical Marker the following year..

Clifton Classic Chassis Auto Museum & Golden Age Gallery of Art

406 W. 5th St., Clifton, TX 76634

<https://cliftonclassicchassis.org/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Friday. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A 22,000 sq. ft. classic auto museum, featuring 35 cars from the 1940s through 1980s. There are Corvettes, Thunderbirds, Buicks, Pontiacs, Chryslers, as well as vintage scooters. Besides autos, you will visit the Clifton Memories Room which has Clifton/Bosque County memorabilia from the 1950s through 1970s. Also inside the auto museum you will visit the newly added "Golden Age Gallery of Art & Artifacts." You will see a wide variety of modern art, classic Spanish & Mexican oil paintings dating back to the 1700s, modern paintings by Clifton and Bosque County artists, and most notably a rare collection of artifacts dating back to the Olmec, Aztec, and Mayan eras.

Edwin Olsen Railroad Museum

204 N. Avenue E, Clifton, TX 76634

<https://cityofclifton.org/visit-living/attractions/museums/edwin-olsen-railroad-museum/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The depot building was constructed in 1901 for the AT&SF railroad. It closed in 1983. In 1984 it was moved to its current location where it served as the headquarters for the police department until about 2010. The depot building was renovated and opened as a museum in May 2017. "The museum has a multitude of exhibits including various Santa Fe dining car china patterns and other serving items and a host of other rail memorabilia including kerosene lanterns, timetables, photos, train orders and many other items such as a drumhead from the AT&SF Ranger and a late 1880's potbelly stove. The focus is on the AT&SF but with some items from other railroads that serviced Texas and nearby communities such as the Missouri Pacific, the Katy and the Southern Pacific."

Heritage Plaza

411 W. 5th St., Clifton, TX 76634

<https://cityofclifton.org/visit-living/attractions/heritage-plaza/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk.

Upon entering Historic Downtown Clifton, you will discover Heritage Plaza, featuring "On the Banks of the Bosque," the life-sized Bruce Greene bronze sculpture of a rider on his horse, pausing for refreshment.

Ringness House Museum

7621 FM-219 ·Clifton, Texas 76634

<http://ringnesshouse.org/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: call for details: (254) 597-2478

At the center of Bosque County lies the historic Ringness House Museum, which draws visitors from around the world. The City of Clifton is officially recognized as the Norwegian Capital of Texas. The towns of Clifton, Cranfills Gap, and Meridian combine to uphold Norwegian traditions beyond the county lines and to continue to honor our past and reach into the future as so many people discover this haven of Norwegian heritage.

CORSICANA

PEARCE COLLECTIONS MUSEUM

3100 W Collin St, Corsicana, TX 75110

<https://www.pearcemuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Pearce Museum is a museum in Corsicana, Texas, containing two galleries, Western art and American Civil War sections.

PIONEER VILLAGE

912 W Park Ave, Corsicana, TX 75110

<https://www.cityofcorsicana.com/995/Pioneer-Village>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pioneer Village is a city park in Corsicana, Texas that interprets the city's early history. It's located at 912 West Park Avenue, on the site of the "Watering Hole" where early settlers would circle their wagons for protection from Indians. The park features a collection of reconstructed pioneer buildings, some over 140 years old, made from materials taken from the county's earliest settlements. The buildings are filled with period artifacts, including furniture, kitchenware, and heirlooms from early settlers. The park also has an office and archives building with antique furnishings from the era.

FAIRFIELD

Freestone County Historical Museum

302 East Main Street, Fairfield, TX 75840

<https://freestonecomuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Freestone County Historical Museum is conveniently located near the intersection of i-45 and US Hwy 84 crossroads, one block from the county courthouse. We have 8 historic buildings on our campus ranging from the Pioneer Telephone Museum room, 1881 county Jail, 1850s log cabins, 1900s Littlejohn Farm house, and a 1930s church. We also have a large collection of genealogical research books and information. Group and classroom tours are available, as well as private led curator tours."

FORT CAVAZOS (Fort Hood)

1st Cavalry Division Museum

105 Trooper Loop, Fort Cavazos, TX 76544

<https://coryellmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: ??

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The 1st Cavalry Division, also known as the 'First Team', is a significant part of the United States Army's history. This division is one of the most decorated and renowned, with its headquarters located in Fort Hood, Texas. Visitors to the 1st Cavalry Division Museum can learn about the division's rich history and its significant contributions to various wars and peacekeeping missions.

GATESVILLE

Coryell Museum & Historical Center

718 E Main St, Gatesville, TX 76528

<https://coryellmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This museum showcases the history of Texas and the region, including rare artifacts and exhibits on daily life. The museum is known for its collection of over 10,000 spurs, earning Gatesville the nickname "Spur Capital of Texas".

HICO

BILLY THE KID MUSEUM

114 N Pecan St, Hico, TX 76457

<https://www.billythekidmuseumhico.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

One legitimately could wonder why the rural town of Hico, Texas cares if a long-dead outlaw receives a pardon from the New Mexico governor. But if you wonder out loud in Hico, someone surely will bend your ear about the biggest thing this town has going for it — a link with the most notorious outlaw in American history, a character so big that he didn't need a last name. Not only will you learn all about Billy the Kid and his crazy tales at Billy The Kid Museum but it is also home to many authentic artifacts. It really is a must see museum if you have any interest in the old west and the stories surrounding the outlaws. Visit a museum and town that claims the history books got it wrong and that the notorious outlaw Billy the Kid actually survived his famous gun fight and hid in Hico, Texas the last seventeen years of his life.

HILLSBORO

Roadside America Museum

212 E Elm St, Hillsboro, TX 76645

<http://roadsideamericatx.com/>

ADMISSION: Call Owner (Carroll Estes) first – 972.291.2958

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Carroll Estes is the owner and Operator of Roadside America Museum. The museum is a privately owned collection of the 40s and 50s advertising memorabilia, classic cars, and nostalgic Americana.

LAMPASAS

Hanna Springs Sculpture Garden

501 E North Ave, Lampasas, TX 76550

<https://www.lafta.org/sculpture-garden.html>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Garden is a wonderful place to go stretch your legs and clear your mind. It is family and pet friendly, and free to the public. So drop by and see what new things may have happened since the last time you were here. Each year Lampasas Association for the Arts hosts the Art in the Park Event. We curate a small group of artists and their work to come exhibit for a year. The sculptures from the previous year are moved out if they have not been purchased. It's really easy. Not all the sculptures are for sale in the Garden, however, the sculptures that are for sale provide a great way to help fund the Garden, support the artists and let you have your very own sculpture!

Lampasas County Museum

303 S Western Ave, Lampasas, TX 76550

<https://www.lafta.org/sculpture-garden.html>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Lampasas County Museum is to preserve, display, and share the unique history and culture of Lampasas County through a variety of exhibits that include ranching, home life, black-smithing, business, military, and schools. Special exhibits are presented at different times throughout the year.

Worlds Largest Spur

1906 US-281, Lampasas, TX 76550

<https://www.facebook.com/worldlargestspurLampasas/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Created by artist Wayland Dobbs in Cherokee, the spur was erected in 2016. It weighs about 10,000 pounds and is comprised of steel, copper, and iron. The spur stands at 35-feet high, 20-feet wide, and was placed on a concrete slab weighing 40,000 pounds. The rowel is at the top of the spurs and is outlined with neon lights at night. The Guinness Book of World Records has verified that the spur is the largest in the world. The official paperwork marking the achievement is held in the office where the spur is located.

MEXIA

CONFEDERATE REUNION GROUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE

1738 FM2705, Mexia, TX 76667

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/confederate-reunion-grounds>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On the edge of the Navasota River, Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site commemorates a place where Confederate Civil War veterans and families reunited from 1889–1946. Today, it remains a gathering place for events and family reunions, and features a 1902 dance pavilion, Civil War-era cannon, and ruins of structures from the “Roaring ‘20s” and Mexia Oil Boom.

TEMPLE

Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center

119 W. French Ave., Temple, TX 76501

<https://czechheritagemuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the latter half of the 19th century, a wave of Czech immigrants settled in towns across Central Texas, forever changing the cultural makeup of the Lone Star State. The story of these immigrants is retold in the Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center in Temple. This museum houses artifacts and exhibits that examine Czech culture and history from the sixth century through the Cold War.

TEMPLE RAILROAD & HERITAGE MUSEUM

315 W Avenue B, Temple, TX 76501

https://www.templeparks.com/facilities_rentals/temple_railroad_heritage_museum/index.php

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum is located in the historic Santa Fe Depot in Temple, Texas. The museum offers permanent and changing exhibits, education programs, event rentals, school tours, special events, and is co-located with Amtrak so you can learn the history of the railroad in Temple as well as experience it first hand.

WACO

DR. PEPPER MUSEUM

300 S 5th St, Waco, TX 76701

<https://drpeppermuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$12.00

HOURS: Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Dr Pepper Museum opened to the public in May 1991 and has hosted over 2.5 million visitors. It is located in Waco, Texas and is the home of the Nation's oldest major soft drink. The Museum is housed in the 1906 Artesian Manufacturing and Bottling Company building located in downtown Waco. The 100 year-old building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the "Home of Dr Pepper." The Museum receives the support of Keurig Dr Pepper and its affiliated bottlers but is not owned or operated by them.

Earle-Harrison House & Pape Gardens

1901 N. 5th Street, Waco, TX 76708

<https://www.earleharrisonhouse.com/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Tours by appointment only

Completed in 1858 for Dr. Baylis Wood Earle, wife, Eliza Harrison Earle and family, this side-entry Greek Revival style home is Waco's only restored antebellum building. With nine cypress columns and longleaf heart pine exterior sheathing, the 5,000 square foot structure has fourteen foot first-floor ceilings, walk-through windows onto verandas, and spacious rooms. Its collection of fine Victorian furnishings and artifacts were gifts from Waco citizens, and Earle & Harrison descendants. Earle-Harrison House served as the home of the Earle and the Harrison families until 1891, when its second owner, General Thomas Harrison (Eliza's brother) died. The house was sold upon settlement of the Harrison estate, and it passed out of the family's hands before the beginning of the 20th century. Eventually becoming subdivided into apartments and falling into disrepair, the building was slated for demolition in order to build a motel (the Clarion Inn, itself demolished to make room for In-n-Out Burger). Relocation and restoration began in 1967, with the impassioned vision of local residents, Nell Jurney Pape and her friend Lavonia Jenkins Barnes. Columns and the roof were removed, and its oak timberframe structure was cut in half with a chainsaw in order to lift the upper and lower sections on to trailers for the 1.9 mile ride to its present site. A three-year restoration of the building was completed with architect Rayford Stripling's guidance. Public tours were first offered in 1970. A plaque was awarded to Earle-Harrison House in 1970 by the Texas Historical Commission.

Magnolia Market

601 Webster Ave, Waco, TX 76706

<https://magnolia.com/visit/shop/magnolia-market/>

ADMISSION: see below

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Magnolia Story Tour [\$25]

Join us for a 45-minute guided tour of the Silos grounds to hear the story of how Magnolia came to be, the history behind the Silos property, and behind-the-scenes notes from Fixer Upper. Plus, visit the roof of Magnolia Market for the best photo op on the grounds!

Castle Tour [\$50]

Enjoy an hour-long guided tour through Chip and Jo's renovation of the one-of-a-kind home featured on Fixer Upper: The Castle. Knowledgeable tour guides share the history, design inspiration, and behind-the-scenes details inside this century-old castle in the heart of Waco, Texas.

Gristmill Tour [\$75]

Join us for a one hour guided tour of The Gristmill - this historic building located in Valley Mills, TX was renovated by Chip and Joanna in 2019 and now serves as the set of Jo's cooking show, Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines. This tour will take you behind the scenes of the show and share what a day in the life of filming looks like for Joanna and the crew. Located just 30 minutes from the Silos in Waco, this 1800s stone structure holds so much history and plenty of stories that we look forward to sharing with you! This tour experience includes a sweet treat and a refreshment for each guest.

McCulloch House

407 Columbus Ave., Waco, TX 76706

<https://destinationwaco.org/places/mcculloch-house-museum/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The original two room structure was built by Dr. Josiah H. Caldwell as a home for his wife and five children. In 1870, the house was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Champe Carter McCulloch who expanded the structure to its present size. The house was occupied by family members of the McCulloch family until 1971. Along with many family heirlooms, the house showcases fine examples of early Texas artists, as well as, a large painting of Ann Pamela Cunningham; frequently credited as the person responsible for the restoration of Mount Vernon.

RESTORED 1929 GULF STATION

1425 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

It's easy to find this throwback service station. Definitely worth the couple of minutes detour off the highway. The restoration is complete with four period gas pumps. They also have a driveway hose with accompanying bell signal. FYI- there is no neon lighting anywhere on or around the station.

TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

100 Texas Ranger Trail, Waco, TX 76706

<https://www.texasranger.org/Home>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco, Texas, is the state-designated official historical center of the famed Texas Rangers law enforcement agency.

Texas Sports Hall of Fame

1108 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76706

<https://www.tshof.org/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Texas Sports Hall of Fame & Museum is located in Waco, Texas. The Museum was opened in 1993 and is home to over 6,000 pieces of sports memorabilia. The TSHOF Museum is the FIRST hall of fame in the nation with memorabilia from each inductee, dating back to the first induction class in 1951.

WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT

6220 Steinbeck Bend Dr, Waco, TX 76708

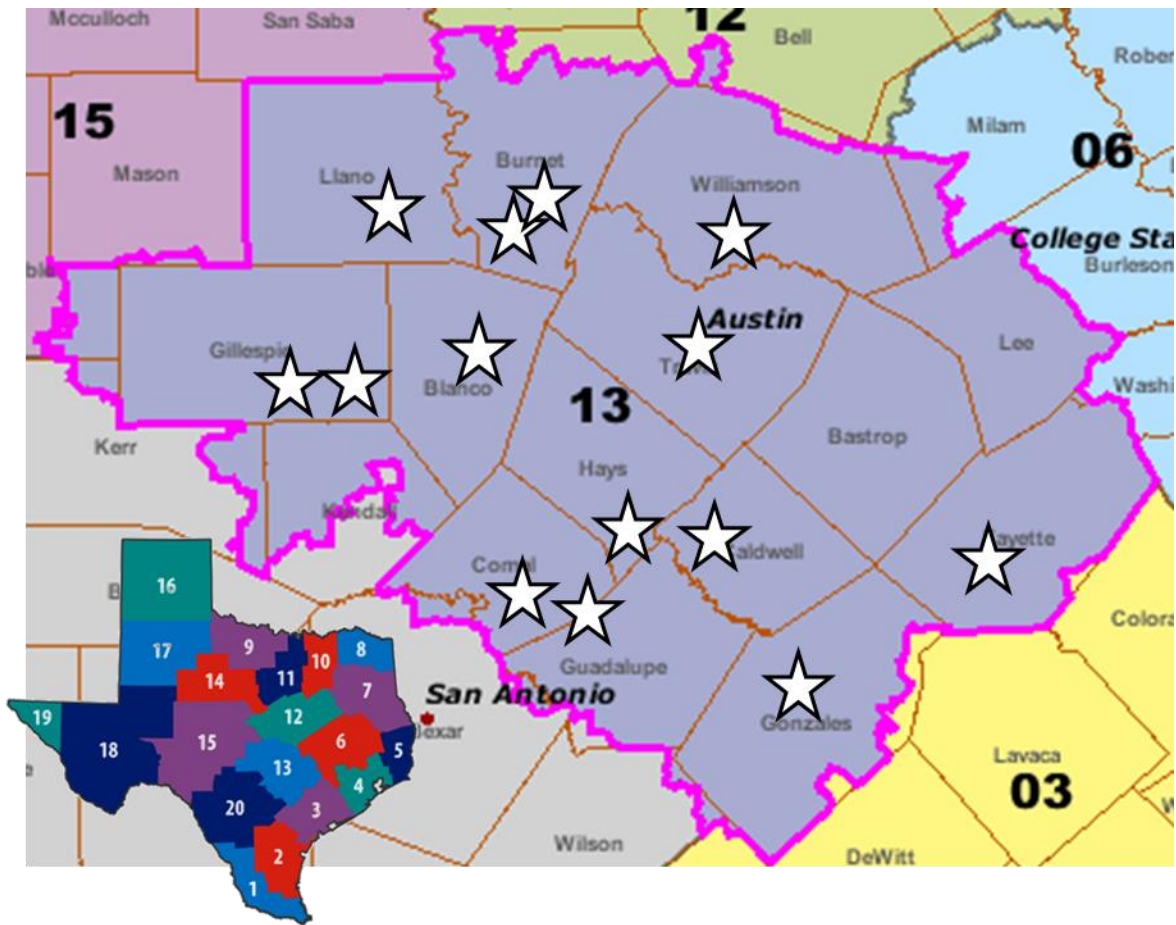
<https://www.nps.gov/waco/index.htm>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Waco Mammoth National Monument is a paleontological site and museum in Waco, Texas, United States where fossils of 24 Columbian mammoths and other mammals from the Pleistocene Epoch have been uncovered.

DISTRICT 13



AUSTIN

Austin Rock & Roll Car Museum

3901 Todd Ln Bldg 2 Unit #205, Austin, TX 78744

<https://www.austincarmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Austin Rock & Roll Car Museum is a true gem in the city of Austin. It's a celebration of the harmony between music and cars, and it boasts an impressive collection of vehicles and rock and roll memorabilia. Whether you're a lifelong car enthusiast or a music lover, the museum is sure to leave a lasting impression. Don't miss the opportunity to visit this unique destination and immerse yourself in the rich history of rock and roll.

Austin Troll Malin / Pease Park

1100 Kingsbury St, Austin, TX 78703

<https://peasepark.org/pease-park-troll>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Danish artist, Thomas Dambo, has created Malin's Fountain, a troll sculpture in Pease Park. Malin is a female troll holding a bowl. She reminds us that we should share the water and resources with the animals that live here with us. Hear from Thomas Dambo about our beloved Austin Troll.

Bullock Texas State History Museum

1800 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/>

ADMISSION: \$11.00

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Our core values of Leadership, Excellence, Accessibility, Diversity, Engagement, and Relevance are woven throughout the Story of Texas—the richness of hundreds of artifacts, its culture, and groundbreaking innovations are revealed for all ages in exhibitions, films, symposiums, community events, field trips, and fun, family-centered programs. We steward the display of Texas artifacts from around the world, building relationships with museums, archives, and private lenders to help us explore our dynamic stories; something new is always on view. We also collect and archive first-person stories about Texas through the Texas Story Project, because the memories and experiences of Texas people, places, and objects contribute to a better understanding of the generations that came before us.

French Legation State Historic Site

802 San Marcos St, Austin, TX 78702

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/french-legation>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

One of the oldest houses in Austin, the French Legation opened in 1841 as a home and diplomatic outpost for the French chargé d'affaires to the Republic of Texas, Alphonse Dubois, after France recognized the Republic of Texas as a sovereign nation. The site tells the story of Texas' settlement and the growth of one of the capital city's most vibrant neighborhoods.

JOSEPH AND SUSANNA DICKINSON HANNIG MUSEUM

411 E 5th St., Austin, TX 78701

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/susanna-dickinson-museum>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday - Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The 1869 home of Joseph and Susanna Dickinson Hannig was saved and deeded to the City of Austin in 2003. Joseph Hannig built this home in 1869 for his new wife, Susanna Dickinson. She survived the Battle of the Alamo and carried the news of its fall to Sam Houston, which ultimately led to Houston's defeat of Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto and won independence for the Republic of Texas. For this deed, Susanna Dickinson became known as the "Messenger of the Alamo." Her home was saved, restored and opened as a museum on March 2, 2010, Texas Independence Day. The museum is the only remaining residence of Susanna Dickinson. The home is considered a "rubble-rock" house, a style of architecture brought to the Texas Hill Country by German immigrants. Inside the museum are rare Dickinson family artifacts, as well as furniture produced by Hannig. The couple lived in this house for six years, until 1875, at which point they moved into the area of town known as Hyde Park. Please stop by and let our docents show you the house and recount the vivid stories of the survivors of the Battle of the Alamo.

LBJ PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

2313 Red River St., Austin, TX 78705

<https://www.lbjlibrary.org/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The LBJ Library houses more than 45 million pages of historical documents as well as an extensive audiovisual collection, including more than 650,000 photos, 12,000 hours of audio recordings, more than 2,000 oral history interviews, and 7,500 motion picture film and video recordings.

Museum of the Weird

412 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

<https://www.museumoftheweird.com/>

ADMISSION: \$12.99

HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Explore the mysterious and the unexplained! Monsters, zombies, mummies, shrunken heads & the fiji mermaid await you at the Museum of the Weird! We are one of the last “dime museums” popularized by P.T. Barnum in the 1800’s. See wax figures of famous monsters -- we even have a life-size giant gorilla you can take your picture with in the SFANTHOR’S CHAMBER OF HORRORS! Our museum is the combined force of over 20 years in the oddity business. Owners of Lucky Lizard Curios & Gifts shop, Steve and Veronica Busti, opened the museum because “Some of the oddities in the store were just too weird and too interesting to justify selling”. Safe to say that visitors are grateful for the opportunity to gaze on the ghastly! Look for the classic Lucky Lizard gift shop sign on 6th street and head inside...if you dare!

O. HENRY MUSEUM

409 E 5th St., Austin, TX 78701

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/o-henry-museum>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The O. Henry Museum is the former residence of William Sydney Porter, otherwise known as O. Henry, the short story writer who authored such classics as “The Gift of the Magi,” “The Ransom of Red Chief,” and “The Last Leaf.” The mission of the museum is to collect, preserve, and interpret artifacts and archival materials relative to Porter for literary, educational, and historical purposes. Through exhibits, programs, and tours, the museum focuses on Porter’s Austin years, during which he wrote his earliest stories. The museum is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

TEXAS MILITARY FORCES MUSEUM

3038 W 35th St, Austin, TX 78703

<https://texasmilitaryforcesmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The 45,000-square foot Texas Military Forces Museum explores the history of the Lone Star State’s militia and volunteer forces from 1823 (date of the first militia muster in Stephen F. Austin’s colony) to 1903 when the Congress created the National Guard. From 1903 to the present the museum tells the story of the Texas Army and Air National Guard, as well as the Texas State Guard, in both peacetime and wartime. Permanent exhibits utilize uniforms, weapons, equipment, personal items, film, music, photographs, battle dioramas and realistic full-scale environments to tell the story of the Texas Military Forces in the Texas Revolution, the Texas Navy, the Texas Republic, the Mexican War, the Battles along the Indian Frontier, the War between the States, the Spanish-American and Philippine-American Wars, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, Peace Keeping Deployments and the Global War on Terror. Living history programs, battle reenactments and other special events take place throughout the year.

Texas State Cemetery

909 Navasota St., Austin, TX 78702

<https://cemetery.tspb.texas.gov/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the website of the Texas State Cemetery. Just blocks east of the State Capitol, the Cemetery is the final resting place of Governors, Senators, Legislators, Congressmen, Judges and other legendary Texans who have made the state what it is today. Efforts to establish the Texas State Cemetery began in 1851, with the death of General Edward Bureson. Bureson served with Sam Houston in the Battle of San Jacinto and as Vice President of the Republic of Texas. Throughout the years other notable Texans have been buried on Cemetery grounds including: Stephen F. Austin, General Albert Sidney Johnston, Governor Allan Shivers, Governor John Connally, and Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock. Since 1851, the Texas State Cemetery has witnessed many changes. The most significant being, when Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock initiated an extensive restoration project from 1994 to 1997. Another change made was the establishment of a three-member Texas State Cemetery Committee, which was appointed by Governor George W. Bush. Their goal is for the Cemetery to serve as a tribute to the many people who have made Texas famous throughout the world.

Texas Toy Museum

312 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701

<https://austintoymuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$13.00

HOURS: Sunday – Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The museum features a huge collection of toys from the 80, 90, and various other decades in huge dioramas including a 24 foot Gijoe display, a huge Star Wars battle and various other scenes. we also have arcades and pinballs on freeplay, and a selection of local craft beers, wines and cider!

BLANCO

Buggy Barn Museum

1915 Main St, Blanco, TX 78606

<https://www.buggybarnmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Buggy Barn Museum is located in the beautiful hill country of Blanco, Texas. Just 50 miles from almost all surrounding areas; the museum makes it a great place to escape for the day. The museum is dedicated to providing a unique educational opportunity to step back in time. Expansion of the museum's collection and promoting the preservation of these modes of horse drawn transportation in history are two of the museums primary goals. There are over 250 unique buggies, carriages and wagon with no two the same! Dating from the 1840s-1900s, you'll be sure to step back in time! We have buggies from 11 different countries! Several buggies were used in movies such as the remake of True Grit, Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter, There Will Be Blood, The Redemption of Henry Myers, Deliverance Creek, Killers of the Flower Moon; the television series: Revolution, Underground, 1883, Bass Reeves, Killers of the Flower Moon, and so much more! Come see our newest addition of the wagons/carriages from the television series The Chosen! There are many things happening all the time at the museum. Come and tour the museum at your own pace. Each buggy has the history on it, so you can spend as much time here as you'd like. We also welcome schools and other groups, and we will gladly give guided tours as well. We have buggy rides available by appointment only. There is a fully furnished gift shop to remember your trip by.

BURNET

Fort Croghan Museum

703 Buchanan Dr, Burnet, TX 78611

<https://www.fortcroghan.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There are 8 historical structures that date to the 1850's. You can look inside them and take a peek at how life was lived back then. There are some buildings that pertain to the fort and some are original 1850s cabins that were rescued and brought to the fort grounds for preservation. This includes a great dog-trot cabin. Also on site, is a great collection of antique agricultural machinery from John Deere to McCormick-Deering to so many more.

FREDERICKSBURG

Fort Martin Scott State Historic Site

1606 E Main St, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fort-martin-scott>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fort Martin Scott provides visitors with an immersive experience through a blend of replica structures and original historic buildings, including the guard house and jail, enhancing the site's interpretive value. Its walking trail, scheduled programs, and guided tours offer engaging opportunities for exploration and learning. Recognized as a State Archeological Landmark and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Fort Martin Scott stands as a testament to the rich history of the region and offers a glimpse into the past for all visitors.

National Museum of the Pacific War

311 E Austin St, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

<https://www.pacificwarmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$16.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Monday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Combat Zone to 3:00 p.m.

Immerse yourself in history with a vast collection of artifacts and the personal stories of real people who lived and died during the Pacific War. Here, you can find the connection between the Allied victory in WWII and the world we live in today, and the hope it brings for the future.

Pioneer Museum

325 W Main St, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

<https://www.pioneermuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pioneer Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas is home to ten historic structures, staged to showcase different aspects of life in Gillespie County history. Enjoy hundreds of artifacts, as well as audio and virtual experiences connecting visitors to descendants of our original German settlers.

GEORGETOWN

INNER SPACE CAVERN

4200 S I-35 Frontage Rd, Georgetown, TX 78626

<https://innerspacecavern.com/>

ADMISSION: \$24.95

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hidden for over 10,000 years, Inner Space Cavern is one of the best-preserved caves in Texas. It was discovered by a Texas Highway Department core drilling team in the spring of 1963 and was opened to the

public in the summer of 1966. Since that time, hundreds of thousands of visitors have seen this beautiful cave. Our amazing cave has beautiful formations, large rooms, prehistoric animal bones, and a truly unique discovery story. It remains a constant 72 degrees (but feels like 80 degrees with the humidity) year round and it does NOT flood during rains.

GONZALES

Eggleston Log House

1256 Saint Louis Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/the-eggleston-house/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Take a gander at what life was like in Texas in the 1800's at the Eggleston House, a dog-run style cabin built in the 1840's. The home, situated across the street from the Gonzales Memorial Museum, is furnished with period furniture that demonstrates what daily life looked like in Texas' earliest days.

Gonzales County Jail Museum

414 Saint Lawrence Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/gonzales-county-jail-museum/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Explore the history of law and order on the Texas frontier at the Gonzales County Jail Museum, housed within the original structure that was built in 1887. Tour the sheriff's and jailer's quarters, step inside of the original cells, and check out the rebuilt gallows.

Gonzales Memorial Museum

414 Smith Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

<https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/departments/gonzales-memorial-museum>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Gonzales Memorial Museum tells the story of the prominent role the town, and its citizens, played in the Texas War of Independence. Exhibits of memorabilia from the founders of Gonzales, as well as the famous "Come and Take It" cannon that fired the first shot of the war, are on display at the museum.

GONZALES PIONEER VILLAGE LIVING HISTORY CENTER

2122 N St Joseph St, Gonzales, TX 78629

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/pioneer-village-living-history-center/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Gonzales Pioneer Village Living History Center, often referred to as "The Village," houses a collection of 1800s and early 1900s era houses and buildings from Gonzales County. Visitors strolling through The Village often feel as if they have just stepped into the same era as that of the original occupants of these buildings and that the inhabitants have merely stepped out for a while. Each structure has been donated to our association and has carefully relocated to the grounds of The Village for its preservation. Most of the furnishings and equipment found within these structures were either loaned or donated to help represent the cultural lifestyle of the pioneers who settled this area.

INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

St. Joseph St. & St. George St., Gonzales, TX

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/independence-square/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Independence Square is located downtown, in the heart of Gonzales. It is the primary location for Come & Take It Celebration, Main Street events, and more. Local historians found the name was Jail Square prior to the 1835 burning of the city, and, before that, Market Square. After it was Jail Square, it was Confederate Square until a vote to change it in 2021.

TEXAS HEROES SQUARE

St. Joseph St. and St. Louis St., Gonzales, TX

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/texas-heroes-square/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Texas Heroes Square, located just southwest of Confederate Square, was built to honor the men of Gonzales who fought in the Texas Revolution. The centerpiece of the public square is a monument that was sculpted in 1910.

J.B. Wells House Museum

829 Mitchell Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/j-b-wells-house-museum/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: appointment only – 830.519.4048

Step inside the J.B. Wells House Museum, a gorgeous 15-room mansion built in 1885 on the southern outskirts of Gonzales. The home was constructed with indoor plumbing, fire escapes, and lightning rods, making it one of the town's first "modern" homes.

World War I German Krupp 105mm Cannon

498 N. Fair St., Gonzales, TX 78629

<https://tourgonzales.com/stay-play/listing/1912-krupp-german-105mm-cannon/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Krupp German 105mm cannon, situated on East Avenue, stands as one of three Krupp cannons seized from German forces during World War I and transported to Texas. Dedicated on April 21, 1926, by the DuBose family, the Gonzales Krupp cannon holds a piece of history. Interestingly, there is speculation that the cannon was captured before seeing any actual use in combat.

LA GRANGE

Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historic Sites

414 TX-92 Spur, La Grange, TX 78945

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/kreische-brewery>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Sunday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In 1849, German immigrant Heinrich Ludwig Kreische purchased 172 acres of land including the Dawson/Mier tomb, now known as Monument Hill State Historic Site. Master stonemason Kreische built a three-story house for his family. In the 1860s, he utilized the spring water from the ravine below his house and started one of the first commercial breweries in Texas. Walk the ruins of this once-bustling brewery and envision how Fayette County citizens would come and enjoy a pint of Kreische's Bluff Beer while looking out toward the beautiful Texas landscape.

LLANO

Llano County Museum

310 Bessemer Ave, Llano, TX 78643

<https://llanomuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Historical Museum was originally Bruhl's Drugstore, founded in 1900 by Louis H. Bruhl. It was given to the Historical Society in 1965 by the A.H. Bruhl family. During renovations, the facade was altered, but the interior, including the marble soda fountain and leather fountain stools, remains intact. An annex to the building was originally an early day grocery store.

LOCKHART

Caldwell County Historical Museum & Jail

314-315 East Market Street, Lockhart, TX 78644

https://www.lockhart-tx.org/page/history_caldwell_museum

ADMISSION: \$2.00

HOURS: Saturday – Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Caldwell County Museum, built in 1908-09 to serve as the Caldwell County Jail, represents a rare example of the Norman castellated style of architecture. Located on the site of the county's first log jail (1855-1858), this five-story red brick structure contains nine main cells, each divided into smaller compartments on the upper three floors. A basement was used for storage and the ground floor was the residence for the County Sheriff.

MARBLE FALLS

DEAD MAN'S HOLE HISTORICAL LANDMARK

Co Rd 401, Marble Falls, TX 78654

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/dead-mans-hole>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Dead Man's Hole, located south of Marble Falls in southern Burnet County, is a deep, well-like hole probably caused by gas pressure. It was discovered in 1821 by entomologist Ferdinand Lueders while he was in the area to study night-flying insects. The cave achieved notoriety during the Civil War as a dumping place for the bodies of Union sympathizers. The remains of several bodies were recovered from the cave in the late 1860s, but the presence of gas prevented extensive exploration. The gas evidently dissipated over time, for in 1951 a group of spelunkers from the University of Texas successfully descended the hole. They reported that Dead Man's Hole was seven feet in diameter at the surface and about 160 feet deep; at its base, the hole split into two "arms," one extending straight back for about fifteen feet, and the other sloping downward at a 45° angle for about thirty feet.

NATURAL BRIDGE CAVERNS

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26495 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd., Natural Bridge Caverns, TX 78266

<https://naturalbridgecaverns.com/>

ADMISSION: \$31.50

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Explore ancient underground wonders below and experience new heights above at Natural Bridge Caverns, home to several attractions in one place. Start with a guided tour of the caverns and see dramatic, other-

worldly formations. Then, head to a four-story ropes course that kids and adults can traverse with the help of safety ropes. Top things off by panning for gems and minerals in the Discovery Village Mining Company.

NATURAL BRIDGE WILDLIFE RANCH

26515 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd., Natural Bridge Caverns, TX 78266

<https://www.wildliferanchtexas.com/>

ADMISSION: \$31.99

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tour 450 acres of rolling hills to see more than 500 animals up close and personal! The well-tended creatures represent 40 exotic, native, and endangered species worldwide. Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch features self-guided and guided tours, as well as themed experiences focused on dinosaurs, birds, and more.

NEW BRAUNFELS

New Braunfels Railroad Museum

302 W. San Antonio St., New Braunfels, TX 78130

<https://newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/nbrr/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The museum has a variety of artifacts and photographs from the golden age of railroading on display. Many of them are directly related to operations of the International & Great Northern (IGN), Missouri Pacific (MOPAC), and Missouri, Kansas and Texas (MKT) railroads all of which operated in New Braunfels. During your self-guided tour, you can view displays in our renovated 1907 International & Great Northern depot, an 0-6-0T locomotive, boxcar, caboose, and a 1922 Pullman passenger car which has been renovated into a dining car and is available for rental. Other displays include railroad china, a rare late 1800's velocipede, restored baggage carts, railroad signals, local area railroad photos, lanterns, and other tools required of the railroad employee to get his job done.

Sophienburg Archives & Museum of History

401 W. Coll St., New Braunfels, TX 78130

<https://sophienburg.com/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

New Braunfels presents its history proudly, and the Sophienburg Archives & Museum of History is a great place to get to know it. The museum is located on a lush hilltop near downtown and is filled with exhibits that tell the story of the city's founding. Trace different eras of New Braunfels' development through artifacts, letters, documents, photographs and more. The archives are a premiere resource for those researching German emigration.

SAN MARCOS

Calaboose African American Museum

200 Martin Luther King Dr., San Marcos, TX 78666

<https://www.calaboosmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Discover the trials, tribulations, and experiences of African Americans in the earliest days of Texas at the Calaboose African American Museum. Letters, books, photographs, and antiques make up the permanent collection at the museum, and rotating exhibits related to the Civil Rights era, World War II Military, and more are available throughout the year.

Commemorative Air Force Central Texas Wing

1841 Airport Dr Bldg. 2249, San Marcos, TX 78666

<https://www.centraltexaswing.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Wednesday – Friday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Central Texas Wing Museum houses seven CAF aircraft for which the Wing has maintenance and restoration responsibility: a very-rare flying Bell P-39Q Airacobra Miss Connie, the NAA B-25J Yellow Rose, a Vultee BT-13 Valiant, and a Cessna U-3A Administrator, Beech C-45 Expeditor Lone Star Lady, the NAA AT-6 Texan, and the Douglas Sktrain C-47 That's All Brother. You can also visit our museum and gift shop or attend one of our events.

LBJ Museum

131 N Guadalupe St, San Marcos, TX 78666

<https://lbjmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos commemorates the formative role LBJ's years as a college student and school teacher played in the landmark Great Society legislation he passed as the 36th president of the United States between Nov. 1963 and Jan. 1969.

WONDER WORLD CAVE & ADVENTURE PARK

1000 Prospect St, San Marcos, TX 78666

<https://www.wonderworldpark.com/>

ADMISSION: \$26.95

HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday – Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

About Enjoy a guided tour and discover the nation's only true example of an EARTHQUAKE-FORMED CAVE. Go deep underground and see up close the devastation of a major quake. Be amazed by the Topsy-Turvy World of the Anti-Gravity House where everything is backwards, even water flows up hill! Board the train and splash through the waterfalls of Mystery Mountain on your way to the Texas Wildlife Petting Park. Gift shops, free picnic grounds, free parking and much more await your visit! We encourage guests to stay at the park as long as you'd wish! We offer free park space, concession, picnic area, macaw watching, shopping and an arcade for your enjoyment!

SCHULENBURG

Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum

311 Baumgarten St, Schulenburg, TX 78956

<http://www.stanzelmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Wednesday – Friday – Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Experience the ranch that Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United One can learn all about the Stanzels and their amazing flying machines at the Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum located in Schulenburg, Texas. Meet the Stanzel Brothers from Schulenburg, designers and manufacturers of some of the most popular 20th century model airplane kits in the world. Tour the Main Museum where exhibits include static and interactive displays exploring the Stanzels' love of flight. Next door, enter the Factory Wing and learn about the development and manufacturing of model aircraft during the modern mid-century, the peak period of Stanzel production and a dramatic era of aviation and rocket technology evolution. Then cross the museum complex grounds to the Stanzel family homestead where Grandma and Grandpa Stanzel kept a

tidy, turn-of-the-century home. The restored farmhouse is complete with late-1800's furnishings. Stop by and walk through the museum yourself or book a guided tour. Guided tours give schools and visitors insight into the world of the Stanzel model aircraft. The docents will gladly share their knowledge of the exhibits in our three museums and answer any questions about the Stanzel products.

STONEWALL

LBJ National Historical Park/State Park & Historic Site/Sauer-Beckmann Farm

199 State Park Road 52, Stonewall, TX, 78761

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson>

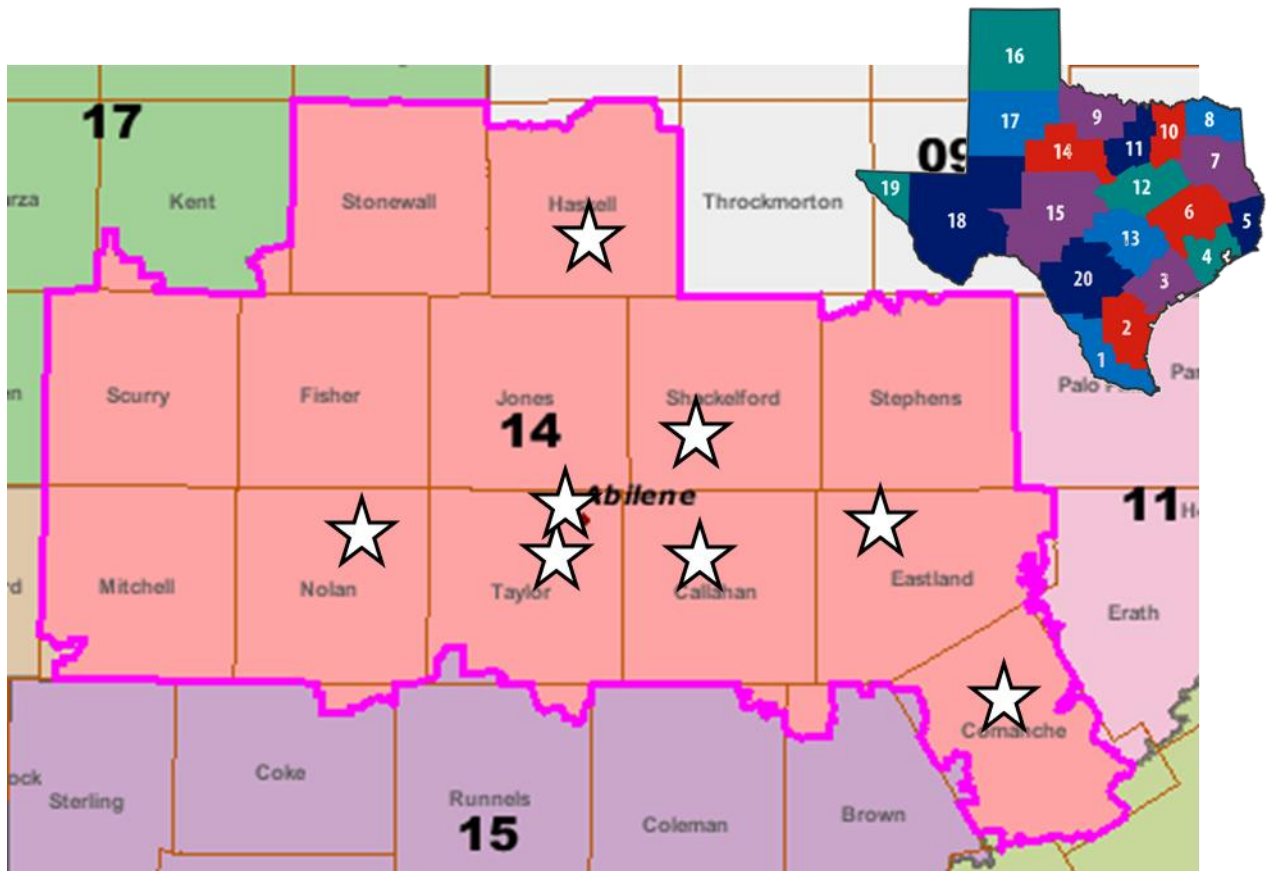
<https://www.nps.gov/lyjo/index.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Experience the ranch that Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United States, loved so much. The National Park Service operates the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park and offers public access to the LBJ Ranch, the grounds of the Texas White House, LBJ birthplace, Johnson family cemetery, old Junction School, LBJ's grandparents' home and the LBJ ranch show barn.

DISTRICT 14



ABILENE

12th Armored Division Memorial

1289 N 2nd St, Abilene, TX 79601

<https://www.12tharmoreddivisionmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The primary mission of the United States Twelfth Armored Division Memorial Museum will be to serve as a display and teaching museum for the study of World War II and its impact on the American people. The Museum will accomplish its mission under direction of the Museum Board of Directors through exhibition and education programs using the Museum's owned and borrowed Historical Collection as a resource. This collection is chiefly 12th Armored Division World War II archives, memorabilia, and oral histories, along with selected equipment and material loaned or donated by others.

Big Bull Skull

1507 S 1st St, Abilene, TX 79601

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

A big, white, broken bull skull lies on a patch of grass, apparently abandoned on an old cattle trail by one of Abilene's Bunyan-size pioneers. In fact, it was sculpted by local artist Joe Barrington, who learned to build

things while playing in his dad's welding shop. Big as it is, the skull ranks only second in Abilene, which has a buffalo skull that's even bigger.

Dino Bob Statue

133 Cedar St, Abilene, TX 79601

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

*Artist Bob "Daddy-O" Wade probably knew he'd ruffle some feathers when he created "Dino Bob," a sculpture based on the 1988 children's book *Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family Lizardo*. Bob (the artist) sculpted Bob (the dinosaur) as if nibbling on an old VW Beetle, suggesting both Bob the dinosaur's fondness for chewing automobiles and Bob the artist's fondness for reworking old junkers into art. Dino Bob was perched on the roof of a parking garage overlooking Abilene's highbrow Grace Museum. His foes threatened him with demolition in 2007, saying he was an inappropriate neighbor for a historical building. But the schoolchildren of Abilene mounted a "Save Dino Bob" campaign, and the sculpture was moved to the roof of another parking garage, this one overlooking the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature.*

Dr. Suess Park in Everman Park

1007-1099 N 1st St, Abilene, TX 79601

<https://www.abilenecac.org/arts-organizations/evermanpark>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The original town lots for Abilene were sold from Everman Park in 1880. The park has adapted with changing times, from cowboys racing horses to the home of modern artwork and Dr. Seuss sculptures. The park was named in 1914 after John Everman, an officer of the rail company. Today, it hosts community events, serves as a backdrop for family photos and attracts tourists year round.

Frontier Texas!

625 N 1st St, Abilene, TX 79601

<https://www.frontiertexas.com/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Frontier Texas is a world class interactive museum and visitor center located in downtown Abilene, Texas that allows visitors to relive the Old West through the magic of state-of-the-art technology. Frontier Texas brings the frontier to life and lets visitors meet people who played out their lives on the Texas frontier. Frontier Texas also serves as the official visitor center for Abilene and the Texas Forts Trail Region.

Grace Museum

102 Cypress St, Abilene, TX 79601

<https://thegracemuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00, Free Thursday nights

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The historic building that currently houses The Grace Museum was built in 1909 as the Hotel Grace, a large full service hotel and the finest located on the railroad line between Fort Worth and El Paso. The hotel was renamed The Drake in 1946 and flourished until the 1960s as downtown Abilene declined, and as passenger train travel greatly diminished. The hotel closed permanently in 1973. By the 1980s, the building was in ruin and inhabited by rats, vagrants, and cats. In the mid-1980s, a group of local visionaries sought to revitalize downtown Abilene, starting first with the historic Paramount Theater, then focusing on a plan to restore the old Hotel Grace.

Historic Fort Phantom Hill

10818 FM600, Abilene, TX 79601

<https://fortphantom.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dusk to dawn

Located in present-day Jones County, Fort Phantom Hill is one of the most pristine historic sites in Texas. It was one of the second line of forts laid out in the early 1850's to protect the westward-moving frontier of Texas settlement. Today, Fort Phantom Hill is part of the Texas Forts Trail, a 650-mile highway tour of historic Texas forts in West Central Texas. Originally known as the "Post on the Clear Fork of the Brazos," the fort was occupied by the U.S. Army from 1851 until 1854. Shortly after the army abandoned Fort Phantom Hill, fire destroyed most of the log walls and thatched roofs of the post's buildings. However, much remains of the old fort for visitors to explore, inspect and study, including three original stone buildings (an intact stone powder magazine, a stone guardhouse and an almost-intact commissary or warehouse), more than a dozen stone chimneys, and stone foundations from the original fort.

Swenson House

1726 Swenson St, Abilene, TX 79603

<https://www.swensonhouse.com/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Call to schedule tour: 325.232.8454

The historic Swenson House is a magnificent setting for weddings, receptions, parties, teas, meetings retreats, workshops, conferences and other gatherings. After two years of stabilization and restoration work, the Swenson House is now available for events. Built in 1910 by W.G. and Shirley Swenson, the home was built on 58 acres owned by the family. Today the grounds cover a two acre city block. In 1928 the Swenson family completed a major remodeling of the home, adding brick veneer, a grape arbor and many Spanish Colonial Revival architectural features. The Swenson home is unique because so many of the original features have been preserved.

World's Largest Buffalo Skull at Frontier Texas!

625 N 1st St, Abilene, TX 79601

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/iwo-jima-museum-and-monument>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Frontier Texas is calling their newest 4,000 pound outdoor sculpture the "world's largest buffalo skull". Related City of Abilene garbage truck driver who struck, killed... Bangs plans to install new water meters Experts weigh in on the best educational toys for kids... Anthony Domol: Weather remains quiet into midweek IMPORTANT: KTXS responds to DISH Network's distorted claims The distance from one tip of the buffalo horn to the next curves a span of 26 feet. It was designed so that children could crawl inside through the eyes of the skull. "It's still a piece of art," said Jeff Salmon, Executive Director of Frontier Texas. "It's not exactly to the level of a piece of playground equipment so it's not exactly perfect for kids but we believe it is safe to climb through and climb out of. Make this a stop on your US 83 "road to nowhere" road trip. If this giant skull isn't an ominous reminder of how desolate this stretch of road is, I don't know what is.

ALBANY

Flying A Car Museum

100 S Main St., Albany, TX 76430

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Beautiful restored vintage cars, gas pumps, pump advertising signs.

Fort Griffin State Historic Site

1701 US-283, Albany, TX 76430

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fort-griffin>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Sunday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Remnants of the fort remain today at Fort Griffin State Historic Site, which is also home to the Official State of Texas Longhorn Herd and offers camping, hiking, stargazing, and living history.

Giant Texas Longhorn Skull

US 283, Albany, TX 76430

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Giant steel longhorn skull is next to the TE Jackson warehouse. The eye sockets appear to light at night. Down the street from the Sinclair Gas Station.

Restored Sinclair Gas Station

240 S Main St, Albany, TX 76430

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

1935 Sinclair service station restored to prime condition, though not in operation. Built in 1935, it closed in the 1960s and was used as a bus station and bait shop and sat vacant for many years until brothers Hank and Ted Paup purchased and restored it in 2004.

BUFFALO GAP

Buffalo Gap Historic Village

133 William St., Buffalo Gap, TX 79508

<https://www.buffalogaphistoricvillage.org/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

It's hard to say exactly when the Buffalo Gap Historic Village came into being. One could say it got its start in 1956 when Ernest "Ernie" Walter Wilson purchased the old stone courthouse. It had been turned into a residence sometime since Taylor County abandoned it in 1886, and Ernie used it to display his collection of artifacts. He named the building "The Ernie Wilson Museum of the Old West." During his tenure, he purchased an original log cabin (The Knight-Sayles Cabin) and the first house in Abilene built with lumber (The Marshal Tom Hill House) and moved these early structures to the property. But we actually claim 1977 as our founding date, when Dr. R. Lee Rode and his wife, Ann, purchased the courthouse and the initial property from Ernie's heirs. He renamed the site "Buffalo Gap Historic Village" and spent the next two decades adding other buildings from West Texas communities along with artifacts from the time period to the museum. His goal was to build a major regional tourist destination in addition to a historical museum. By the time he retired in 1999 and sold the Village, it had nearly 20 structures and more than 9,000 artifacts.

CISCO

CONRAD HILTON COMMUNITY CENTER & MEMORIAL PARK

309 Conrad Hilton Blvd., Cisco, TX 76437

<https://www.conradhiltoncenter.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In 1919 Conrad Hilton came to Cisco in hopes of purchasing a bank. However, when the owner of the bank increased the price, he declined the offer. That evening Hilton came down to the Mobley Hotel to spend the night. He noticed the lobby was completely packed and that the hotel was switching occupants in the rooms every eight hours, reason being the oil boom that was taking place in the area. The owner of the Mobley, Henry Langford Mobley, coincidentally was ready to get out of the hotel business. He and Conrad came to an agreement, so Conrad contacted home. Getting several investors on board, including his mother, Conrad was able to purchase the Mobley Hotel. The world's first ever Hilton.

COMANCHE

Comanche County Museum

402 Moorman Rd, Comanche, TX 76442

<https://www.comanchecountytxmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Comanche County Historical Museum is renowned for its fascinating history and impressive collection of artifacts. With fourteen rooms dedicated to preserving and showcasing the heritage of Comanche County, visitors can delve into the intriguing past of the region. The museum proudly exhibits items associated with notable figures such as John Wesley Hardin, a notorious outlaw, and Robert Thomas Hill, who is considered the Father of Geology in Texas. Additionally, visitors can learn about the Cunningham family and beloved Uncle Mart Fleming and their contributions to the local community.

CROSS PLAINS

Woody's Classic Cars & Baseball Museum

500 SW 5th St, TX-36, Cross Plains, TX 76443

<https://www.woodysmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Woody's Museum features Classic Cars from the early 1900's, the 50's, 60's, & 70's with some up to 2014 1/2. We have Baseball memorabilia from as early as Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth to the present day. And you never know what will come in to Woody's Museum in the future.

HASKELL

Fort Sam Military & Antique Vehicles Museum

209 S Ave E, Haskell, TX 79521

<https://fortsammuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This one-of-a-kind museum features a large selection of military vehicles, particularly jeeps from each year that have been rebuilt to perfection. It also features several mustang cars from different years and body styles. You will also find other military paraphernalia, antiques, and Haskell County information. The museum also features a beautiful mural by CAL.

SWEETWATER

PIONEER MUSEUM

2501 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77550

<https://www.pioneermuseumtx.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Pioneer City County Museum is a historic house museum serving the citizens of the City of Sweetwater and Nolan County, Texas. We are situated in the historic Ragland House, built in 1906. The home is decorated in the style of the period of the Ragland family's residency. In addition to the main house, a funeral chapel, built by the A.O. Patterson and Melvin McCoy families, houses permanent collections and an art gallery. That leaves FOUR additional levels to EXPLORE in this unique west Texas home.

NATIONAL WASP WWII MUSEUM

210 Avenger Field Rd. Sweetwater, Texas 79556

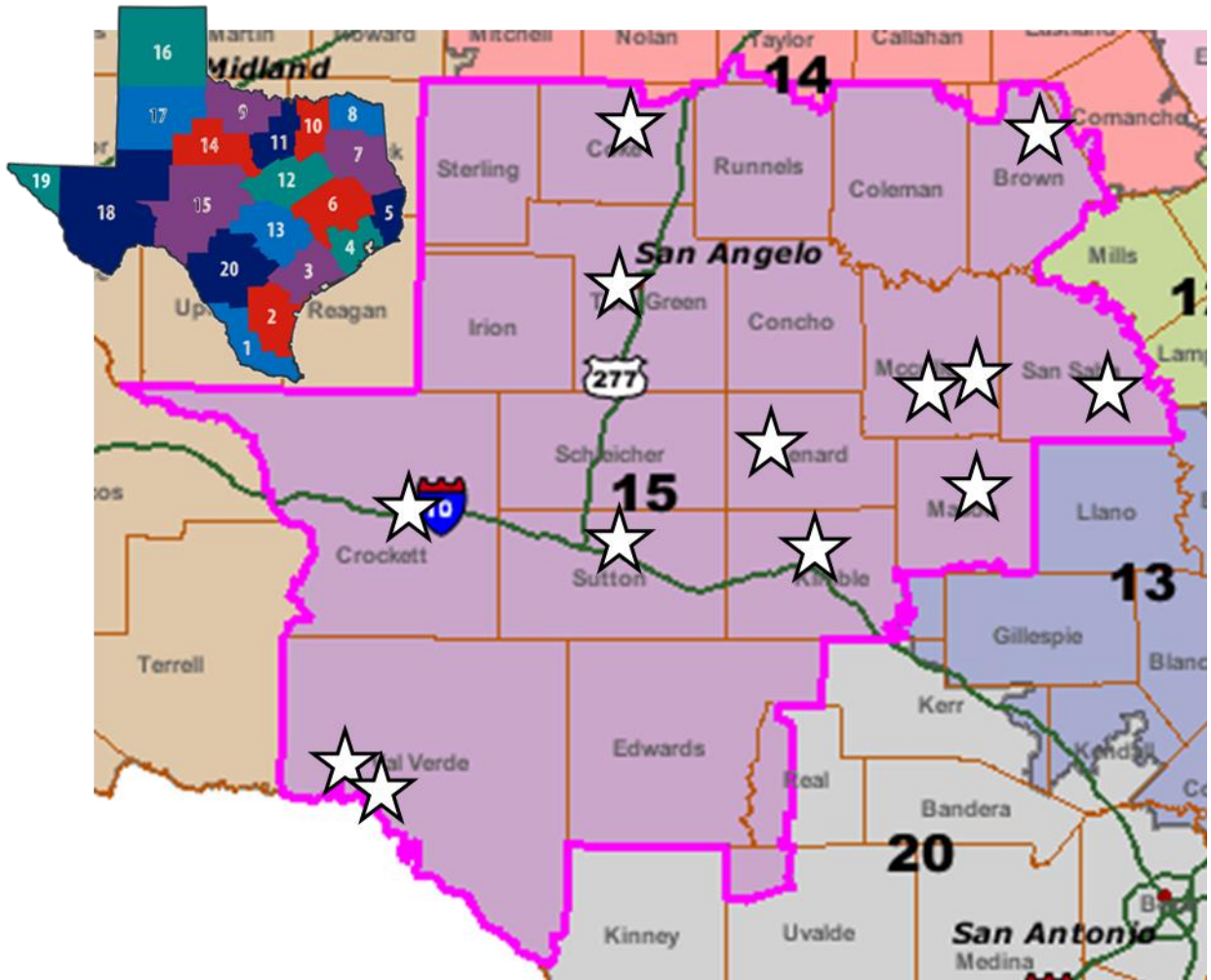
<https://www.waspmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum campus is located on Avenger Field which consists of 15 acres of land backing up to the Sweetwater Airport. Two hangars, a 1929 original, known as Hangar 2, and a replica of Hangar 1, used by the WASP at Avenger Field, are located on the property. Hangar 1 holds exhibits depicting WASP leadership, the training experience, and life in Sweetwater. Additionally, it educates the visitor on duty base assignments, deactivation, fight for the veteran's status and Legacy Pilots from the 1970s – today. A highlight of the Museum is the WASP in the Spotlight exhibit series. Changing quarterly, this exhibit displays collections of individual WASP. Collections vary in size and scope, but all highlight their WASP and post service experiences. Learn more about current collections here. Hangar 2 – As of October 2023, the Museum has installed all-new interactive exhibits in our historic Hangar 2. Highlights include a new film, a virtual WASP trainee named Betty, and a WASP database where visitors can find biographies of individual WASP and their instructors. A new AT-6 is housed here, too, making our fleet of training aircraft complete. This hangar houses one of only five flying UC-78 Bobcat in North America, a BT-13 Vultee, and a PT-17 Stearman. Visit the hangar to talk with Betty, learn more about the rigors of pilot training and earn your silver wings. Guests are encouraged to visit the Wishing Well, an original structure, located between Texas State Technical College (TSTC) and the Sweetwater Airport, approximately one mile from the museum campus. This well became the focus of a pilot training tradition. When a pilot completed her first solo flight, cohorts would toss her in as a rite of passage. If you stand at the flag poles overlooking Avenger Field, there are fifteen WASP ashes spread out on the old runway that was used during the WASP training in 1942-1944. These WASP chose to return to Avenger Field as their final resting place. On the concrete ring bordering around the flag poles, there are nameplates of the thirteen WASP.

DISTRICT 15



BRADY

Heart of Texas Museum

117 N High St, Brady, TX 76825

<http://www.heartoftexasmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Thursday – Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Once called the "best small museum in Texas" by the Fort Worth Star Telegram, the museum is housed in the former McCulloch County Jail. The three-story structure was constructed in 1910 and served as the county's correctional facility until 1974 when it was deeded to the historical society as a museum. Recently the Curtis Field Control Tower, which was located at Curtis Field during WWII, was donated to the museum, restored and dedicated to the 10,000 men and women who trained there and to veterans of all branches of military service from McCulloch County.

BRONTE

Fort Chadbourne

651 Fort Chadbourne Rd, Bronte, TX 76933

<https://fortchadbourne.org/index.html>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The military history of Fort Chadbourne, a north central Texas frontier post established in 1852, may have ended after a brief sixteen years, but the Fort's remarkable story had actually only just begun. Providing safe stopover for the Butterfield Overland Mail Company stagecoach four times a week, Fort Chadbourne helped to secure Anglo movement westward in an environment hostile to settlement efforts. But by the late 1800s, the region had become largely ranch land and Fort Chadbourne's military force was no longer necessary. As cattle grazed where skirmishes with local Native Americans once dominated the countryside, the Fort's stone structures slowly crumbled and collapsed, leaving nothing but ruins by the late 1900s. Aware that an important part of Texas history was being lost, a group of concerned individuals formed the Fort Chadbourne Foundation and set about managing, preserving and protecting this registered national historic site. Under the supervision of professional archeologists, volunteers and Foundation staff have stabilized all existing ruins and restored a number of military structures over the past decade, including an officer's quarters and the Butterfield Stage Station. The restoration for some of the buildings involved a total reconstruction, essentially returning the structures to their original states based on archeological findings and, in some cases, archival photographs. Throughout this process, the Foundation has been able to uncover over five hundred thousand artifacts that help tell the entire story of the Fort and many of them can be seen in exhibits at the Fort's new visitor center.

BROWNWOOD

Lehnis Railroad Museum

700 E Adams, Brownwood, TX 76801

<https://www.brownwoodtexas.gov/228/Lehnis-Railroad-Museum>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Located across the street from the historic Brownwood Santa Fe Depot and Fred Harvey House, the Martin & Frances Lehnis Railroad Museum exhibits the railroad history of Brownwood, Central Texas, and the American Southwest. The Lehnis Railroad Museum also serves as the Brownwood Visitor Center. Exhibits include a variety of railroad memorabilia and equipment, photos and stories of early railroads while vividly interpreting the importance of the railroad to this area and American life. Also on display are running model trains of every size.

DEL RIO

Laughlin Heritage Foundation Museum

309 S Main St, Del Rio, TX 78840

<https://www.laughlinheritagefoundationinc.org/>

ADMISSION: ??

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Located on Del Rio's South Main Street across from the Val Verde County courthouse, the Laughlin Heritage Foundation Museum houses an archive of information and artifacts from nearby Laughlin Air Force Base and the early years of aviation in Val Verde County. The museum was created by the Laughlin Heritage Foundation with a mission to "inform and educate the public on the important role of air power in sustaining the national security of the United States". The foundation has made a concerted effort to populate its museum space with items and exhibits of historical significance, including artifacts related to the Cold War Era Cuban Missile Crisis. In addition, visitors can examine an aircraft engine from a U-2 aircraft (an ultra-high altitude reconnaissance plane), a seal from Laughlin Air Force Base's flight control tower, and small scale models of aircraft. One of the organization's founders, retired Colonel Victor Milam, served three

tours in Vietnam as a U-2 “Dragon Lady” pilot. Milam explained some of the inspiration for the museum’s creation in a 2006 interview. “We had all of these great items in storage just collecting dust,” Milam said, “This space was donated to us by a local businessman and gave us a way to show these great pieces of history to the public.” In addition to the engine associated with the U-2, the museum collection includes its ejection seat, camera cart, and maps featuring flight paths. With history in mind, the museum also displays the scroll carried by a Kamikaze pilot, enemy of the American air soldiers.

FORT MCKAVETT

Fort McKavett State Historic Site

7066 FM 864. Fort McKavett, TX 76841

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fort-mckavett>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Standing atop a windswept remote hill, the remains of a 150-year-old West Texas fort beckon curious visitors to the site that is now considered one of the best preserved and most intact examples of a Texas Indian Wars (1850–1875) military post. Take in the spectacular Hill Country vistas and experience the history of early West Texas life through the real stories of the infantrymen, Buffalo Soldiers, women, and children who lived at what Gen. William T. Sherman once described as “the prettiest post in Texas.” Restored structures include the officers’ quarters, barracks, hospital, school house, dead house, sink, and post headquarters. In addition, there are ruins of several buildings, most notably the commanding officer’s quarters, which burned in 1941, and the barracks along the north side of the parade ground, which once was the longest building west of the Mississippi River.

JUNCTION

Kimble County Historical Museum

130 Hospital Dr, Junction, TX 76849

<https://www.kimblecountymuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The museum chronicles county history through a genealogy library and wide-ranging photo exhibits. Interesting artifacts include an 1890s “peep sight” surveyor’s compass, a 1930s folding pump organ and an early 1900s leather automobile license plate. Historic photos depict early 1900s local sports teams and Junction during the devastating Llano River flood of 1935. This historic and eclectic collection on the rich heritage of Kimble County is worth the visit - if for no other reason than to meet and listen to the “sage” of Kimble County history - Fredricka Wyatt, Director of the Museum.

LANGTRY

Judge Roy Bean Museum and Langtry Travel Information Center

526 Texas Loop 25, Langtry, TX 78871

<https://texastimettravel.com/directory/judge-roy-bean-visitor-center/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Folklore legend Judge Roy Bean arrived in Texas during the Civil War, showing up in San Antonio after troubles booted him out of Chihuahua, Mexico, then California (both San Diego and San Gabriel), and finally Mesilla, New Mexico. Bean spent a number of years on South Flores Street in the Alamo City, earning the location the nickname “Beanville,” and avoiding both creditors and the law, and all the while annoying his business competitors. An escape across the Pecos River landed him at the heart of the railroad construction boom where tracks from the east were moving at a furious pace (courtesy of Chinese labor) to meet tracks arriving from the west. Ever the opportunist, Bean established his Jersey Lilly saloon, helping to stir an

already roiling pot of lawlessness, before capturing the position of justice of the peace, permanently securing his place in Texas folklore. Today, the Jersey Lilly and the opera house Bean built in honor of his long-distance, unrequited (and one-sided) romance with English singer Lillian Langtry, combine to create the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center, a Texas Department of Transportation rest stop for travelers tackling the long stretch of Highway 90 between Del Rio and Sanderson. While there, visitors can also enjoy a stroll through the Cactus Garden that bloom during the spring and summer.

MASON

Mason Square Museum

130 Fort McKavitt St, Mason, TX 76856

<https://historicmason-texas.com/mason-square-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Mason Square Museum provides a self-guided overview of the events and people that formed the history of Mason County, Tx. Exhibits include the geology of the Llano Uplift, fossils & mammoths, Native Americans, German immigrants, Fort Mason, and the HooDoo War. Its all laid out in easy to follow displays that include actual artifacts, tools, and weapons used by those inhabitants of Mason.

Seaquist House

405 Broad St, Mason, TX 76856

<https://seaquist.org/>

ADMISSION: \$15.00

HOURS: 1st Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In 1887, Rev. Thomas A. Broad began constructing a handsome, two-story sandstone house north of Mason's courthouse square on Comanche Creek. The house was later purchased in 1891 by Edward M. Reynolds, a banker from New York, who hired the German architect Richard Grosse to remodel and enlarge the house. In 1919, the property was sold to Swedish immigrant Oscar Seaquist, after which the family made several improvements to the house. Oscar Seaquist died in 1933, leaving his widow, Ada, to care for the mansion until her death in 1972. The Seaquists' son and daughter-in-law, Garner and Clara Seaquist, began the first major refurbishment of the house in 1972. Work was completed in the summer of 1973 and for the first time the mansion was opened to the public for tours. It received a Texas state historical marker in 1974 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Seaquist House Foundation purchased the house in January of 2015 and continues to restore the property.

OZONA

Crockett County Museum

408 11th St, Ozona, TX 76943

<https://ozonamuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Stop by for a visit, and casually walk the three floors of memories as you embark on a historical journey of West Texas settlers. Walk through exhibits from fossils, to Native American artifacts, to items from the early 19th century living and more.

David Crockett Monument

Town Square, Ozona, TX 76943

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

David Crockett was born in Tennessee on August 17, 1786 and he died, a hero, at the Battle of the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas on March 6, 1836. A memorial to David Crockett stands at the south end of Ozona's town square. Our county, formed in 1875, was named in honor of the Texas hero. The statue was placed on its base on December 31, 1938. The granite statue was carved from 2 slabs of granite weighing nearly 20 tons. Inscribed at the base of the statue is Crockett's motto, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead."

ROCHELLE

Geographical Center Of Texas

US-377, Rochelle, TX 76872

<https://texashighways.com/travel-news/roadside-oddy-the-geographic-center-of-texas-between-brady-and-brownwood/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The Texas Highway Department placed this marker on Hwy. 377 between Brady and Brownwood. The cracked marker explains that the actual geographic center of Texas is five miles from this spot on private property. About 500 yards south of the marker is a rest stop.

SAN ANGELO

Cactus Hotel

36 E. Twohig Ave., San Angelo, TX 76903

<https://www.cactushotel.net/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: (operating hotel)

A San Angelo landmark for almost 90 years, the Cactus Hotel is the tallest - and by popular opinion, the prettiest - building in San Angelo. An elegant ballroom and mezzanine make it a favorite wedding destination in town, with ceremonies also held in the "Top of the Cactus" or even the lobby by the Grand Staircase. Though it no longer functions as an overnight hotel, swing by to take in this piece of local history, browse the shops and art galleries, and have a meal in the Mesquite Bean Cafe located inside.

Fort Concho National Historic Landmark

630 S Oakes St, San Angelo, TX 76903

<https://fortconcho.com/>

ADMISSION: \$2.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Fort Concho Museum seeks to preserve extant fort period structures, site features, and archeological information; maintain and develop the museum/ interpretive center illustrating fort period history, its presence and its effects; and serve a functional and educational purpose benefiting the San Angelo community, the state of Texas and the nation at large.

Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum

18 E Concho Ave, San Angelo, TX 76903

<https://misshatties.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Thursday, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Friday – Saturday, 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The building that houses Miss Hattie's was constructed in 1896. It is still the original ceiling, floors, and as you will hear, stairs that take you back in time. The bordello began in 1902 after it was bought by the Hattons. They were a younger couple who bought the house as an upstairs and downstairs. Where the

jewelry store is now (Legend Jewelers) was Mr. Hatton's business, a saloon, and they lived and entertained their guests upstairs. Shortly after their marriage, the couple filed for divorce. In the divorce, it was decided they would split the house. Mrs. Hatton would live upstairs and Mr. Hatton would continue to run his business downstairs. With all the extra room, and the booming business of the numerous other bordellos on Concho Avenue, it was only natural that Mrs. Hatton turned to the oldest of professions for women. The bordello itself remained in operation until it was closed for the last time by the Texas Rangers in 1952. In the 1970's the building was reopened as a museum. Some of the building's furnishings are original to the bordello, including all of the bedframes! Almost everything is original to the time period of the bordello (1902-1952).

Railway Museum of San Angelo

703 S Chadbourne St, San Angelo, TX 76903

<https://www.sanangelorailway.org/>

ADMISSION: \$4.50

HOURS: Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On September 30, 1888, the first train pulled into San Angelo, arriving at the new depot where a crowd of locals had prepared a celebration of the event featuring artillery, a commemorative parade, and a dance. The Santa Fe Railroad considered the community's location an ideal site for shipping due to the juncture of the North, South, and Middle Concho Rivers and the excellent surrounding farmlands. The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad agreed and followed in 1909. After a fire destroyed the original depot, the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad financed a new, two-story depot, the largest of the company's depots, serving as headquarters for the KCM&O state offices as well as providing segregated waiting rooms, ticket office, baggage handling area, men's smoking room and a women's parlor. A square tower with pyramidal roof located on the track side of the structure housed the dispatcher. The red brick building, accented by cast stone detailing, was likely designed by the railroad company's engineering department. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company purchased the KCM&O in 1928, thus the depot became known as the Santa Fe Passenger Depot, located alongside its companion freight depot. Very few original Orient structures survive in Texas thus, when Santa Fe announced plans to demolish both the passenger and freight depots, San Angelo citizens initiated a campaign to preserve the buildings. Today, visitors may tour the passenger depot, now home to the Railway Museum of San Angelo. The museum features railroad artifacts, model railroad layouts and displays, and historic photos and documents. Outside, a collection of rolling stock includes several locomotives and a Santa Fe caboose.

SAN SABA

San Saba County Historical Museum

271 S Thomas Stewart Dr, San Saba, TX 76877

<https://www.sansabamuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Saturday – Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

From its early beginnings as a Native American home to the flourishing creation of the Texas pecan industry, San Saba County has a rich history. Museum visitors, both young and old, will enjoy the journey of these first settlers and how they managed to not only survive the oftentimes harsh environment but thrive and build a strong foundation for a lasting community.

SONORA

Caverns of Sonora

1711 PR 4468, Sonora, TX 76950

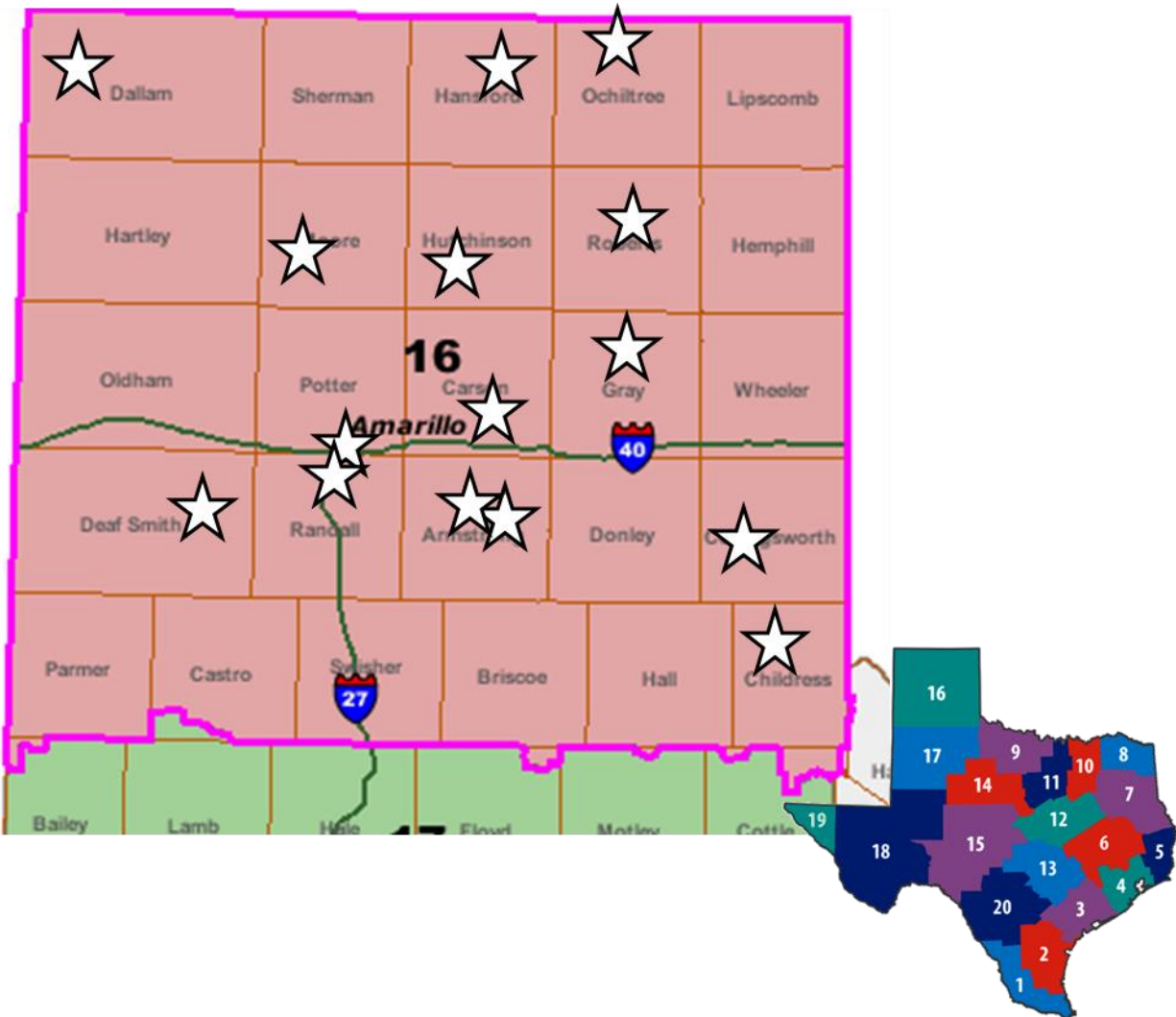
<https://www.cavernsofsonora.com/>

ADMISSION: \$28.00

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where the Texas Hill Country meets the Chihuahuan Desert sits thousands of acres of limestone-rich ranch country. Found below the boots and hooves of those who inhabit and work the land is one of Earth's most revered underground treasures, The Caverns of Sonora. The Caverns of Sonora is internationally recognized as one of the most beautiful show caves on the planet. Located 15 miles southwest of Sonora, Texas on I-10, the Caverns of Sonora marks the halfway point between San Antonio, TX and Big Bend National Park. Visitors come close and personal with this highly decorated cave system on intimate guided tours. The ranch-inspired grounds and gift shop offer a place to relax in nature, pan for gemstones, hike, or even indulge in homemade fudge. We invite you to bring your tent or RV and rest atop our crystal kingdom.

DISTRICT 16



DRIVING ROUTE 66 THROUGH TEXAS

Known as the Panhandle because of the way it juts north from the rest of Texas, this part of our Route 66 drive is a nearly 200-mi (320-km) stretch of pancake-flat plains. Almost devoid of trees or other features, the western half, stretching into New Mexico, is also known as the Llano Estacado or “Staked Plains,” possibly because early travelers marked their route by driving stakes into the earth. The Texas Panhandle was the southern extent of the buffalo-rich grasslands of the Great Plains, populated by roving bands of Kiowa and Comanche people as recently as 100 years ago. Now oil and gas production, as well as trucking and Route 66 tourism, have joined ranching as the region’s economic basis.

Even more than in New Mexico or Oklahoma, old Route 66 has been replaced by I-40 most of the way across Texas, though in many of the ghostly towns, like Shamrock, McLean, or Vega, and the sole city, Amarillo, old US-66 survives as the main business strip, lined by the empty remains of roadside businesses. A select few are still open for a cup of coffee and a sharp taste of the living past. Originally

spanning 178 miles (290 km) through Texas, today's Route 66 is about 150 miles (24 km) that are actually drivable.

TOP ROUTE 66 ATTRACTIONS IN TEXAS

- **Tower Station and U-Drop Inn Café in Shamrock:** This former Conoco station is a must-see landmark, both architecturally and historically.
- **Devil's Rope Museum and Old Route 66 Museum in McLean:** This museum entirely dedicated to barbed wire has more than 450 types on display.
- **Palo Duro Canyon State Park in Canyon:** This second-largest canyon in the United States is known as the "Grand Canyon of Texas".
- **Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo:** This surreal public art installation consists of 10 vintage Cadillacs buried upright in a wheat field.

AMARILLO

2nd Amendment Cowboy

2601 Hope Rd, Amarillo, TX 79124

https://www.facebook.com/cadillacranchshop/?paipv=0&eav=AfbxIBdW0bAoVvy0GOrUGVZSIL2RiOMKHV7m3nGJ7Z9PG7uW09kyj_f2A37-7sMO3il&_rdr

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dusk to dawn

Funky roadside cowboy statue set near the famous Cadillac Ranch art exhibit & a novelty gift shop.

American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum

2601 E Interstate Dr, Amarillo, TX 79104

<https://www.aqha.com/foundation-overview>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum showcases the colorful history and modern activities of the world's most popular breed of horse and the people who have played a major role in its history.

Changing, one-of-a-kind exhibits are on display year-round. Don't miss the gift shop inside the Hall of Fame & Museum for all sorts of items for the horse lover. They even have a gallery featuring western art.

Big Gun

5250 Cliffside Rd., Amarillo, TX 79124

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

This is slightly off the beaten path. The gun is huge. It's on a quiet road with a turn-out for parking, if you don't mind parking on a rutted patch of dirt. The gun is pointing in the direction of a large bicycle, so make sure you turn around.

Bill's Backyard Classics

5309 S Washington St, Amarillo, TX 79110

<https://www.billsbackyardclassics.com/>

ADMISSION: \$12.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bill's Backyard Classics has vehicles that will take you back in time! Our current inventory consists of over 90 vehicles. Those include cars and trucks, of all makes and models that span a period from the 1920's to

2012. We even have Model A's (from 1928), Street Rods, Military Jeeps, Power Wagons, Corvettes, and so much more. Our full time custom repair facility ensures that not only are the cars well maintained, but they are actually enhanced. Who knows? Maybe we can even encourage you to restore a classic for yourself. History comes alive while strolling among our cars. Remember simpler times, while you create happy memories for your family. Take your time and enjoy the personalities of these classic treasures. For everyone who has a place in their heart for fine old cars, get your motor started, grab your family and head this way to see some of America's history and craftsmanship.

Cadillac Ranch

13651 I-40 Frontage Rd, Amarillo, TX 79124

<https://www.facebook.com/1974cadillacranch/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dusk to dawn

Cadillac Ranch is a public art installation and sculpture in Amarillo, Texas, US. It was created in 1974 by Chip Lord, Hudson Marquez and Doug Michels, who were a part of the art group Ant Farm. The installation consists of 10 Cadillacs buried nose-first in the ground.

Harrington House Historic Home

1600 S Polk St, Amarillo, TX 79102

<https://www.harringtonhousehistorichome.org/>

ADMISSION: Free ... schedule tour ON LINE

HOURS: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The turn of the century saw rapid development in the Texas Panhandle, ranging from the growth of the cattle industry to the discovery of oil and gas. Harrington House represents both eras. Built in 1914 by cattlemen John and Pat Landergin, the House was acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington, leaders in the oil and gas industry and generous contributors to numerous philanthropic causes. Harrington House is a fine example of the Neoclassical style, with exquisite materials and workmanship prevalent throughout the home. The Reception Hall is resplendent with original tapestry wall covering, 18th century parquet de Versailles flooring.

Helium Time Columns Monument

1200-1348 Streit Dr, Amarillo, TX 79106

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/helium-time-columns-monument>

ADMISSION: \$11.00 (Don Harrington Discovery Center)

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Helium Time Column Monument is a six-story, stainless steel structure erected in 1968 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the discovery of helium. It's mounted in Amarillo, Texas which hosts a major helium plant and played a key role in the US Government's helium reserve and gas production dating back to 1927. In 1982, the monument was lifted by a helicopter to its current site at the Don Harrington Discovery Center. The monument has four time-capsule columns that hold exceptional books, artifacts, and documents that will tell the future generations about what life was like in 1968, and to remind them of the importance for efficiently utilizing natural resources. The contents, welded into four helium-filled columns, are meant to establish a rounded example of the period in which they were created. In May 1993 the first time capsule was opened during a two-day celebration. In fifty, one hundred, and one thousand years from the time of filling, the remaining three columns will be opened, assuming we haven't run out of natural resources, and there is anyone left to open them.

Jack Sisemore Traveland RV Museum

14501 Interstate Hwy 27, Amarillo, TX 79110

<https://www.rvmuseum.net/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to the RV Museum at Jack Sisemore Traveland. Jack (father) and Trent (son) Sisemore began collecting and restoring unusual vintage RV's over 25 years ago and have built a museum to house their collection. These include the Flexible Bus from the movie RV, the first Itasca motor home ever built, and the oldest Fleetwood in existence. And many other RV's from the 1930's through the 1970's. Step back in time, reminisce and enjoy the progression of the RV industry from its inception till now. Just walk in the main showroom and tell the friendly staff you want to see the RV Museum. They will point the way.

Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian & the Kwahadi Dance Theater

915 I-40 East, Amarillo, TX 79120

<https://www.kwahadi.com/>

ADMISSION: \$4.00

HOURS: Saturday – Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The building mimics the design of an Indian Pueblo and the exterior glows a beautiful pink in the sunset. Included is the Thomas Mails collection of Native American culture, the fine bronze castings of Tom Knapp, the Cunningham Navajo Rug Collection, the Perry Null Game Animal Exhibit, and the Bob and Sally Jones Indigenous Birds of the Plains display.

Slug Bug Ranch

1415 Sunrise Dr, Amarillo, TX 79104

<https://www.bigtexan.com/slugbugranch/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dusk to dawn

The Slug Bug Ranch, originally an iconic installation near Conway, Texas, has been relocated to a new, prominent position along Interstate 40, in front of the Big Texan RV Ranch in Amarillo. This move brings the whimsical display of half-buried Volkswagen Beetles closer to a larger audience, enhancing its visibility and accessibility.

Texas Air & Space Museum

10001 American Dr, Amarillo, TX 79111

<http://www.texasairandspacemuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Texas Air & Space Museum's goal is to establish and maintain a premier aviation museum to honor the servicemen, servicewomen, aviators and astronauts of northwest Texas and to provide the youth of this five state area an opportunity to see and touch the technology of tomorrow's world. The museum's board includes the most experienced and dedicated aviation professionals in the Amarillo and Texas Panhandle regions, and they bring with them a dedication to country and freedom that has its beginnings prior to World War II. Texas Air & Space Museum (TASM) board members have demonstrated a hope to "plant trees under which they may never sit to enjoy the shade" - exhibiting selfless dedication to this effort. In doing so, they have borrowed on the better parts of past efforts regionally in order to bring to northwest Texas a museum of national prominence. TASM plans to include air shows, aviation events, locally supported gatherings, events with Boy and Girl Scouts, Big Brothers /Big Sisters, Civil Air Patrol, Commemorative Air Force, Boys Ranch and Girls Town, to name but a few. While much is known about the dedication or service records of TASM's board members, modesty precludes sharing some of the cost with which our freedom came. One of our board members is Florene Miller Watson. In the late 1930's, Florene Miller Watson's father purchased a Luscombe Silvaire airplane to teach his two sons and daughter to fly. His neighbors and the community expressed concern at this unusual act. He responded to them that we would be at war and he wanted his children to be able to contribute to the effort. The children did learn, and as adults, they

contributed greatly to the war effort in helping to preserve our freedom. That "sacrifice" cost Mr. Miller and one son their lives in that same aircraft before the war began. But, one of his children, Florene Miller Watson, "qualified for the original Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron, later known as the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). In January, 1943, she was made Commanding Officer over the WASP stationed at Love Field, Dallas, Texas. Watson later served as a test pilot, and, in 1944, tested radar equipment before its general use in the war. By the time the war was over, Watson had flown every kind of aircraft used by the Air Corp except for the B-29."* We do not want to forget those, nor the many sacrifices made by the men, women, and families on the ground, in the air, and in space for the freedoms and opportunities that we, as Americans, and many other countries enjoy today. The sacrifices of these and countless others, plus the rich histories and dreams of northwest Texas, need to be chronicled and made available to future generations and a grateful nation. The Texas Air & Space Museum will now provide a full range of services tailored to the vintage, warbird and collectible aircraft owner. Aircraft purchased as investments, restorations, maintenance, care and display of rare aircraft can all be managed "under one roof."

BORGER

Hutchinson County Historical Museum

618 N Main St, Borger, TX 79007

<https://hutchinsoncountymuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Museum was dedicated in 1977 and highlights the history of the county from primitive, prehistoric times through current post boomtown life. The museum is in a 1927 building and additional exhibits are housed in adjacent buildings. Highlighted are 64+ long-term exhibits plus special event and blockbuster traveling exhibits.

CANYON

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

2503 4th Ave, Canyon, TX 79015

<https://www.panhandleplains.org/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where else can you cover 26,000 square miles in a day on foot? From dinosaurs to conquistadors, you'll find it all in Texas' largest history museum. Relive the stories of courage and hardship, victory and defeat over the past 14,000 years. Step in and step back to the Old West in a life-size Pioneer Town, view one of the Southwest's finest art collections, experience the exciting history of the petroleum industry, and more.

CHILDRESS

Childress County Heritage Museum

210 3rd St NW, Childress, TX 79201

<https://www.childresscountymuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Located in the 1935 post office building, and tells the stories of the history and heritage of their Panhandle community and county.

CLARENDON

Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch State Historic Site

2000 US-287, Clarendon, TX 79226

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/goodnight-ranch>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., House Tours at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Charles Goodnight was an innovator, entrepreneur, and true cowboy. Mary Ann Goodnight was an equal partner in their business ventures and marriage, serving as educator, doctor, and mother to much of the Panhandle. These two dynamic people shaped the imagination of generations. Molly was a cattlemaster in her own right, educated much of the Panhandle, and spurred the conservation movement to save the Southern Bison Herd. Charles served as a Texas Ranger scout, invented the chuckwagon, formed cattle drives, and with business partner John Adair, established the JA Ranch, the first cattle ranch in the Texas Panhandle in 1877 in the Palo Duro Canyon area. In 1887, Goodnight established the Goodnight-Thayer Cattle Company in present Armstrong County and built a spacious Folk-Victorian-style two-story ranch house. The Goodnight home is restored on its original site and features a 268-square-foot second floor sleeping porch with spectacular views of the countryside and the nearby bison herd that are actual descendants of the herd preserved and raised by Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight.

Saint's Roost Museum

610 Harrington St, Clarendon, TX 79226

<https://www.saintsroostmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saints' Roost Museum, housed in the 1910 Adair Hospital, preserves the unique heritage of Donley County pioneer life, and is a monument to the people of the Texas Panhandle, then and now. Come experience the past, where the pioneer spirit and the history of the Texas Panhandle is captured in exhibits remembering namesake Cornelia Adair, her husband John Adair, legendary cattlemaster Charles Goodnight, and the historic JA Ranch and the cowboys who called the first cattle ranch in the Panhandle home.

CLAUDE

Armstrong County Museum

120 Trice St, Claude, TX 79019

<https://www.armstrongcountymuseum.net/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

From the days native people lived and hunted in nearby Palo Duro Canyon to the arrival of the cowboy, trains and the establishment of the JA Ranch, the history of Armstrong County is told through our impressive collection of artistic, cultural and historical objects at the Armstrong County Museum.

Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch State Historic Site

4989 Co Rd 25, Claude, TX 79019

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/goodnight-ranch>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Charles Goodnight was an innovator, entrepreneur, and true cowboy. Mary Ann Goodnight was an equal partner in their business ventures and marriage, serving as educator, doctor, and mother to much of the Panhandle. These two dynamic people shaped the imagination of generations. Molly was a cattlemaster in her own right, educated much of the Panhandle, and spurred the conservation movement to save the Southern Bison Herd. Charles served as a Texas Ranger scout, invented the chuckwagon, formed cattle drives, and with business partner John Adair, established the JA Ranch, the first cattle ranch in the Texas Panhandle in 1877 in the Palo Duro Canyon area. In 1887, Goodnight established the Goodnight-Thayer

Cattle Company in present Armstrong County and built a spacious Folk-Victorian-style two-story ranch house. The Goodnight home is restored on its original site and features a 268-square-foot second floor sleeping porch with spectacular views of the countryside and the nearby bison herd that are actual descendants of the herd preserved and raised by Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight.

DALHART

XIT Museum

108 E 5th St, Dalhart, TX 79022

<https://www.xitmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Following a fire in 1881 that burned the state capitol building to the ground, the State of Texas, finding itself land-rich and cash-poor, granted three million acres of land at one dollar per acre to a Chicago corporation to pay for the construction of a new state capitol building. This new ranch, the XIT, covered parts of 10 counties across the Texas Panhandle, and was fenced with over 3,000 miles of barbed wire. A ranch the size of the historic XIT deserves a museum all its own, a courtesy provided by the Plains Trail Region community of Dalhart. Appropriately named the "XIT Museum", the historic venue is sponsored by the Dallam-Hartley County Historical Association and archives a remarkable collection of XIT Ranch artifacts and interpretive exhibits. In addition, the museum features several period rooms including an early pioneer kitchen, a living room, and chapel. Other permanent exhibits highlight the area's wildlife, a history of the railroad in the Panhandle, and a special exhibition on the long line of Dallam-Hartley county Sheriffs. But the XIT doesn't end with the past. The museum sponsors a robust schedule of education and community outreach programs designed to bring history alive.

DUMAS

Window on the Plains Museum

1820 S Dumas Ave, Dumas, TX 79029

<https://www.dumasmuseumandartcenter.org/museum.html>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Window on the Plains Museum began in 1976 as Moore County Historical Museum. The facility was housed in the ballroom of a landmark hotel until 2001, when it was moved to its permanent home and became Window on the Plains Museum. In addition to extensive displays centered around farming and ranching, industry, business, family life and wildlife, the museum houses a research and archives center.

GROOM

Leaning Tower of Texas

Groom, TX 79039

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/the-leaning-tower-of-groom-texas>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

This water tower lies right alongside the former path of Route 66, which has since been paved over to create US Interstate 40. During the early and mid 20th century, passersby on the Mother Road were intrigued by the severe tilt of the tower, asking themselves what on Earth could have caused it.

HEREFORD

Deaf Smith County Historical Museum

400 Sampson St, Hereford, TX 79045

<https://www.deafsmithcountymuseum.org/index.php>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Deaf Smith County Museum was organized in 1967 by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society. It is housed in a red brick school building built by the Catholic church for its first school, and is listed as an Official Texas Historical Site. The museum is dedicated to preserving the heritage the Pioneer implanted in this county, exhibiting the theme of "How Our Pioneers Lived, Worked and Played". The museum offers educational trunk programs on Pioneers, Indians and Cowboys, which are given to schools and local clubs and organizations. School or group tours are given by appointment. An annual Christmas Open House offers entertainment, special activities and refreshments for the holiday season. Other special events are hosted to commemorate certain occasions.

E.B. Black Historical House

508 W Third St, Hereford, TX 79045

<https://www.deafsmithcountymuseum.org/historical-house.php>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tours ONLY ... contact Deaf Smith County Museum

The spacious Victorian house was built in 1909 by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Black. Mr. & Mrs. Black moved to Hereford in 1901 with their three older children and started the E. B. Black Furniture Company. The youngest son was born in Hereford. Over the years Mr. Black purchased farm land and raised cattle. Their home is a tribute to the gracious living of pioneer families in Hereford. Mrs. Black prepared and served many meals to her family and guests in the large dining area.

McLEAN

Devil's Rope Museum

100 Kingsley St, McLean, TX 79057

<https://www.barbwiremuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Mar-Nov)

Our exhibits include a photographic History of the Dust Bowl, entanglement wire used in warfare, different styles of barbwire and fencing tools. Our Western side of the museum includes Evolution of the Cowboy, Branding and Ranching History. An old wagon. Our exhibits of Old Route 66 include a map of Route 66 through Texas, photos, vintage gas pumps, vintage signs and a 50's diner display.

MIAMI

Roberts County Museum

120 E Commercial St, Miami, TX 79059

<https://texastimettravel.com/directory/roberts-county-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Roberts County Museum, located in Miami, archives and displays the history (and pre-history) of the surrounding region. In fact, the museum's collection resides in a building with its own share of history. The structure, erected in 1888, first served as a railroad depot for the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas (later purchased by the Santa Fe Railroad). When the line arrived in Roberts County in 1887, a campsite for workers - complete with kitchen and tent hotel - developed at the end of the track, giving rise to the community of Miami before the construction of the depot. Once completed, the depot remained in use by the railway line for almost one hundred years. Today the restored depot features the local history of pioneers and Native Americans interpreted through surviving artifacts. The museum also houses a portion of the Mead Collection, an archive of prehistoric archaeological artifacts excavated in Roberts County. In

1934, J. A. Mead, a Miami local, amateur archaeologist and fossil collector, instigated a full-scale excavation by scientists from the University of Texas of an unusual site discovered by Charles Puckett on the C. R. Cowan Ranch. The excavation led to the discovery of a bone bed containing the remains of five mammoth and several projectile points from the Clovis culture, a prehistoric Paleo-Indian population that appeared after the last glacial period almost 12,000 years ago.

PAMPA

Freedom Museum USA

600 N Hobart St, Pampa, TX 79065

<https://www.facebook.com/WoodyGuthrieFolkMusicCenter/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

he Freedom Museum USA, located in Pampa, Texas, is a museum dedicated to preserving and showcasing the history of the United States military and its role in safeguarding the nation's freedom. It houses a diverse collection of artifacts, documents, and exhibits that chronicle the stories of American servicemen and women from various conflicts, including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The museum serves as a tribute to the sacrifices made by those who have served in the armed forces and provides a valuable educational resource for visitors of all ages.

Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center

320 S Cuyler St, Pampa, TX 79065

<https://www.facebook.com/WoodyGuthrieFolkMusicCenter/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In 1929, eighteen-year-old aspiring singer/songwriter Woody Guthrie arrived in Pampa, Texas, from Oklahoma at the behest of his father, an Oklahoma businessman down on his luck and working in Pampa to pay off debts. Guthrie, already a determined musician and an accomplished harmonica player with little interest in the conventions of rural Panhandle life, spent more time busking on Pampa streets and reading in the local library than attending school, dropping out of Pampa High before completing his final year. In Pampa, Guthrie quickly acquired an amazing skill wit the guitar and fiddle. At nineteen, he married and worked at jobs in Pampa while continuing to hone his musical skills. In 1937, Guthrie left Pampa (and his family) behind, joining the throngs of Midwesterners driven from farmlands across America by the advent of the Dust Bowl and working their way west to California in the hopes of a better life. Guthrie, considered an icon of American folk music, authored the nation's folk anthem "This Land is Your Land," among other distinctly American classics. Guthrie may have left Pampa, but Pampa never quite left Guthrie. Pampa locals Thelma Bray and Glenna Lea Miller established the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in 1991. Housed in Pampa's historic Harris Drug Store, one-time Guthrie employer, the Center serves as musical venue for live events throughout the year and a museum of relics that chronicle Woody's life and music. The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center strives to keep Woody's words and music alive and to provide a place for the public to visit a little part of Woody's world. Anyone may come to learn about, talk about, sing about, and add to Guthrie's legacy. The Center has a variety of books, recordings, drawings, and pictures from Woody's life. For those who might desire to play and sing, the Center is open on Friday nights for jams, stories, and fellowship. These evenings are open to the public, and visitors are welcome to pull up a chair to listen and learn.

White Deer Land Museum

112 S Cuyler St, Pampa, TX 79065

<https://whitedeerlandmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The White Deer Land Museum, located in downtown Pampa, Texas, was authentically restored from the 1916 office of the White Deer Land Company. The museum, originally opened in 1970, is a true walk into the past as you get to experience the history of the White Deer Land Company as it was when in function, as well as the history of Gray County. The museum features exhibits representing the lives of the early inhabitants of the county up to the present.

PERRYTON

Museum of the Plains

1200 N Main St, Perryton, TX 79070

<http://www.museumoftheplains.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The museum proudly displays the lengthy history of the Southern Great Plains ranging from prehistoric fossils to 1950's small town America. You can explore the remains of the Dutcher Mammoth, the Buried City, and antique tractor collection or examine the creative beauty of American Brilliant Cut Glass to name just a few of the many exhibits housed here.

SPEARMAN

J.B. Buchanan Windmill Park

TX-207 S, Spearman, TX 79081

<https://texastimetravel.com/directory/jb-buchanan-vintage-windmill-collection/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Take a walk through this large windmill collection in Spearman. Most of the vintage windmills are located in Windmill Park, but many specimens are also standing throughout the city.

Stationmaster's House Museum

30 Townsend St, Spearman, TX 79081

<https://texastimetravel.com/directory/stationmasters-house-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The museum is housed in the former cottage built for the railroad stationmaster and his family. Also on site is the Spearman Santa Fe depot, a windmill and a replica of the first building built north of the Canadian river by settlers.

TURKEY

Bob Wills Museum

602 Lyles St, Turkey, TX 79261

https://bobwillsday.com/bob-wills-museum/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFk_2hleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHY024-i0n7g0f-0BUrAdTpgZaCKDrE7D3nQ0VOzr5hEsFR_asXWDRjDITw_aem_SIXtJstkopQilp9Jwdbbww

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

James Robert Wills, born in 1905 near the Texas community of Kosse, learned to play frontier fiddle music from his father and grandfather. But he also learned to play blues and jazz, picking up the style from African Americans coworking the cottonfields with him in west Texas. Wills combined these styles to create one all his own called western swing and in the process transformed American folk music. The achievement earned him the title of "King of Western Swing" and his influence can clearly be heard in musical greats of the 20th century including Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Eric Clapton, and Willie Nelson. Wills' contribution to music

was recognized with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007, awarded over three decades after his death. The unique sound created by Wills and his Texas Playboys has endured decades of dramatic changes in American musical styles, a remarkable achievement documented among the memorabilia and artifacts catalogued in the Bob Wills Museum. Wills spent much of his childhood around the Texas Plains Trail community of Turkey where citizens, in return, created the museum. Turkey goes one step further as well, sponsoring the annual Bob Wills Day with live music and a celebratory atmosphere.

Restored Phillips 66 Gas Station

Hwy 86 Main St, Turkey, TX 79261

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/iwo-jima-museum-and-monument>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Restored with non-working old pumps and signage. This was the first Phillips 66 station in Texas; it opened on July 27, 1928.

WELLINGTON

Collingsworth County Museum

824 East Ave, Wellington, TX 79095

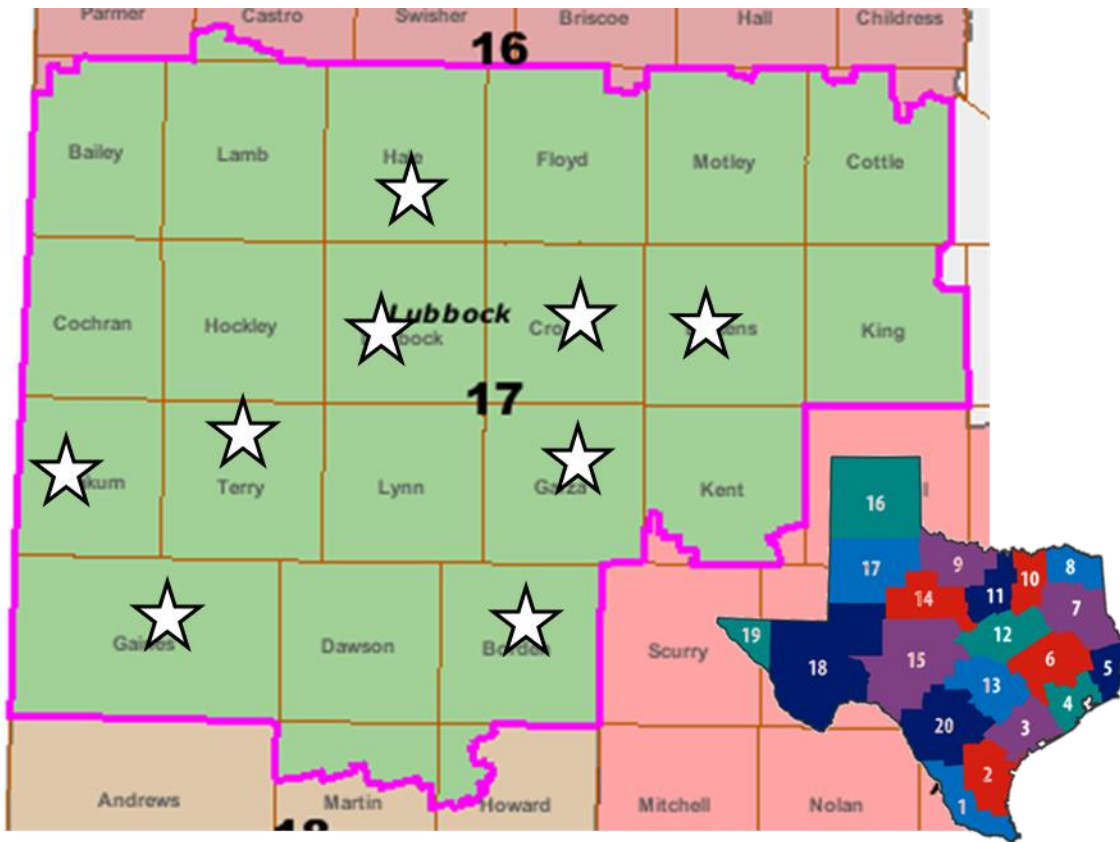
<https://www.collingsworthcountymuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum collection is housed in three historic buildings on the square in Wellington, across the street east of the courthouse. The Pruden Building houses the Ellis Art Center which features the work of local artists, special exhibits, or works from the permanent collection. The center currently features around two hundred pieces of original art. The Pruden Building was a gift of Wellington State Bank and previously the Pruden Drug Store. The Sullivan Buildings were the gift of the Sullivan Family and were used by Sullivan Hardware and Furniture from 1934 until the mid-1980s. The Sullivan Buildings house the main collection of historical items from the settlement of the county in about 1880. Included are items from the Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow's plunge into Salt Fork of Red River, a schoolroom, Templeton Law Office, soda fountain, Mothuskek square piano, military gear from all twentieth century campaigns, a wise men collection (seasonal), quilts, crocheted items and other handwork. Oil paintings by local artist Henry Sullivan depict the settlement of the county from the day of buffalos to present-day tractors. The museum's first home at 1404 15th Street was a gift of R. H. and Mildred Tyler and is now devoted to storage. On the grounds is the bell from the Wellington East Ward School.

DISTRICT 17



BROWNFIELD

Terry County Heritage Museum

600 E Cardwell St, Brownfield, TX 79316

<https://terrycoheritagemuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Take a trip back in time by visiting the Brownfield's local museum and view exhibits of Native Americans, cowboys, wildlife, agriculture and more.

CROSBYTON

Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum

101 W Main St, Crosbyton, TX 79322

<https://ccpmmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To educate and enrich the local community and out-of-town visitors in Crosby County History; to provide facilities for educational, recreational, benevolent, and civic uses; to faithfully tell the story of Crosby County history by displaying historical artifacts and information related to Crosby County; to preserve for posterity

historical records of Crosby County and residents; to offer public programs that fulfill those purposes; and to operate with integrity on a non-profit basis, for the betterment of our community.

DENVER CITY

Denver City Heritage Museum

117 N Ave B, Denver City, TX 79323

https://denvercitytexas.org/resources/denver_city_museum.php

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The dream of the late Hazel Akin and Billy Ray Moore, the Denver City Heritage Museum began in 1984 in one room of the former elementary school. It was incorporated on March 11, 1985, and as interest and the number of donated artifacts grew, the Museum was moved in 1991 to the east end of the building and given five showrooms, a quilting room, storage room and office. As interest grew and the condition of the building began to be a concern, a new independent site was erected in the fall of 2015 at 117 N. Ave B. Also located outside the building is a giant arrow depicting the Quannah Parker Trail. Exhibits include oil field items, farm and ranching equipment, dentist tools, pharmacy items and other memorabilia important to the history of Denver City.

GAIL

Borden County Museum

U.S. 180 at F.M. 669, Gail, TX 79738

<https://www.facebook.com/bordencounty/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Reservation Required (325.234.8049)

Housed in a building adjacent to the courthouse, the Borden County Museum features pictures, records, newspapers, furniture and clothing from the pioneer days in Borden County.

LUBBOCK

American Windmill Museum

1701 Canyon Lake Dr, Lubbock, TX 79403

<https://windmill.com/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The largest windmill museum in the world, the American Windmill Museum, showcases these beautifully restored structures in a unique Lubbock experience.

Buddy Holly Center

1801 Crickets Ave, Lubbock, TX 79401

<https://ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/buddy-holly-center>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitions and programs reflect the diverse cultural characteristics of the region and encourage interaction between artists and the community. The Center collects, preserves and interprets artifacts relevant to Lubbock's most famous native son, Buddy Holly, as well as to other performing artists and musicians of West Texas. Changing exhibitions in the visual arts provide an arena for celebrating the technical virtuosity and creative talents of fine artists at work in a region distinguished by vast distances and a rich tradition of creative resources. The West Texas Walk of Fame, featuring the Buddy Holly statue, by sculptor Grant Speed, is located inside the Buddy and Maria Elena Holly Plaza, just west of the Center, on the corner of

Crickets Avenue and 19th Street. The Plaza is open to the public dawn to dusk, year round. The West Texas Walk of Fame, and its induction process, are a project of Civic Lubbock, Inc. The Buddy Holly Center, a historical site, has dual missions; preserving, collecting and promoting the legacy of Buddy Holly and the music of Lubbock and West Texas, as well as providing exhibits on Contemporary Visual Arts and Music, for the purpose of educating and entertaining the public.

Caviel Museum of African American History

1719 Avenue A, Lubbock, TX 79403

<https://www.lbkrootshistoricalartscouncil.com/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy exhibits dedicated to celebrating art, culture, and identity with artwork from Africa and antiques donated by community members. Fun fact: the museum is named after the former owners of the building, Alfred and Billie Caviel, the first African American husband and wife to own and operate their own pharmacy in the U.S.

Lubbock Lake National Historic Landmark

2401 Landmark Dr, Lubbock, TX 79415

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/museumttu/lll/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For thousands of years, across hundreds of generations, people have come to Lubbock Lake. Hunter-gatherers, from Clovis to Protohistoric peoples, the Apache and Comanche nations, and the founding of a modern city are each a part of the history of this National Historic Landmark that is one of the premier archaeological and natural history sites in North America. In 2023, the Landmark celebrated its 50th year of continuous field research and public programming at the Lubbock Lake Landmark. Dr. Eileen Johnson, building upon previous pioneering work, began the Lubbock Lake research program in 1972 with the first field season in 1973.

National Ranching Heritage Center

3121 4th St, Lubbock, TX 79409

<https://ranchingheritage.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The National Ranching Heritage Center serves as both a tribute to the resilience of those who shaped the ranching legacy and an educational destination that fosters a deep appreciation for this integral aspect of American history. OUR MISSION: Preserve and interpret the history of ranching in North America and address contemporary ranching issues.

Prairie Dog Town

MacKenzie Park Rd, Lubbock, TX 79401 (601 E Municipal Dr)

<https://visitlubbock.org/listing/prairie-dog-town/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The vision of Prairie Dog Town was conceived and implemented by K. N. Clapp in 1935. In the 1930's the government's poisoning program was becoming effective, and he was alarmed that the extinction of the black-tailed prairie dog would result. Mr. Clapp designed this enclosure and, with his friend Ross Edwards, trapped two pairs of black-tailed prairie dogs to be the original residents. He oversaw Prairie Dog Town's care and operation until his death in 1969.

Silent Wings Museum

6202 N. I-27, Lubbock, TX 79403

<https://ci.lubbock.tx.us/departments/silent-wings-museum>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At the Silent Wings Museum, step into the inspiring story of the Allied World War II Military Glider Program and the American Glider Pilot. Under the wing of a rare bird, the fully restored CG-4A glider, explore the experience of the American Glider Pilots as they learn to fly huge cargo gliders into the combat zones of World War II. Exhibits showcase artifacts that spark imagination and awe, bringing to life the story of a truly unique military pilot.

PLAINVIEW

Jimmy Dean & Llano Estacado Museum

1900 W 7th, Plainview, TX 79072

<https://texasimetravel.com/directory/jimmy-dean-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“THIRTY YEARS OF SAUSAGE, FIFTY YEARS OF HAM”: Born to a working-class family near Plainview, Texas, in 1928, Jimmy Dean learned to play piano at an early age from his mother. By the time of his death in June 2010, he had recorded more than forty albums, scored a #1 Billboard hit song (with “Big Bad John” in 1960), starred in numerous television shows and movies and hosted his own TV variety show, founded a Plainview-based sausage company that still bears his name, and been nominated to the Country Music Hall of Fame. An artfully envisioned museum, opened in 2016 on the campus of Wayland Baptist University, honors Dean’s life and legacy follows his rise from Depression-era poverty in West Texas to his national celebrity as a popular entertainer, and later his success in the sausage business.

POST

Garza County Historical Museum

119 N Ave North, Post, TX 79356

<https://texasimetravel.com/directory/spur-dickens-county-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Throughout the first decade of the 20th century, the informal difference between a “sanitarium” and a “hospital” were defined in the starkest of terms; patients who entered a sanitarium did so to receive medical care and improve their health while those who entered a hospital did so to die. In 1912, Post graciously received their first “sanitarium”, reportedly the best equipped medical facility west of Fort Worth. The native stone building, adorned with large white stone columns, featured a laboratory, x-ray room, operating room, and twenty five private rooms for patients. The handsome structure survives intact today (fortunately, however, medical practices have far surpassed the rudiments of early 20th century medicine), earning a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. It is also home of the Garza County Historical Museum and houses a thorough collection of regional history. The museum features twenty-six rooms encompassing “a virtual time capsule of artifacts and historic data, from 225 million years B.C. to the present” or, as the span is referred to by museum staff, “from B.C. to the PC”.

OS Ranch Museum and Fine Art Gallery

127 E Main St, Post, TX 79356

<https://www.facebook.com/OSRanch/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The OS Museum was built to house the art and artifact collection gathered from around Texas and the world by the late Mr. and Mrs. Giles McCrary of Post. The museum's current owner is the founder of the OS Ranch Foundation, Giles Connell McCrary, whose grandfather was an early proprietor of the nearby ranch for which the museum is named. But the museum's exhibits range much further in scope than the OS Ranch itself. During Easter, for instance, eggs by Fabergé, Waterford Crystal, and Lalique are displayed. Christmas exhibits include nativity scenes, crèches, ornaments, brass statues, and sculpture. The museum includes the works of many artists of the Southwest who have depicted Texas in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The gallery is located in the room that was designed as the meeting room for the community, in the building C. W. Post built in 1911 as offices of his Land and Cattle Company.

SEMINOLE

Gaines County Museum

700 Hobbs Hwy, Seminole, TX 79360

<https://www.facebook.com/GainesCountyMuseumSeminole/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Gaines County Museum showcases the history of this agricultural and petroleum-producing county, depicting the stories of five major cultures that contributed to it: Comanches; early Anglo pioneers; Hispanics; Black Americans from whom the city of Seminole derived its name; and the German-speaking community (Mennonites). The museum showcases iron artifacts, blacksmithing equipment, saddles and other household items used by early Texas pioneers. Visitors are also presented with the history of a 1935 oil field discovery.

SPUR

Spur–Dickens County Museum

327 Burlington Ave, Spur, TX 79370

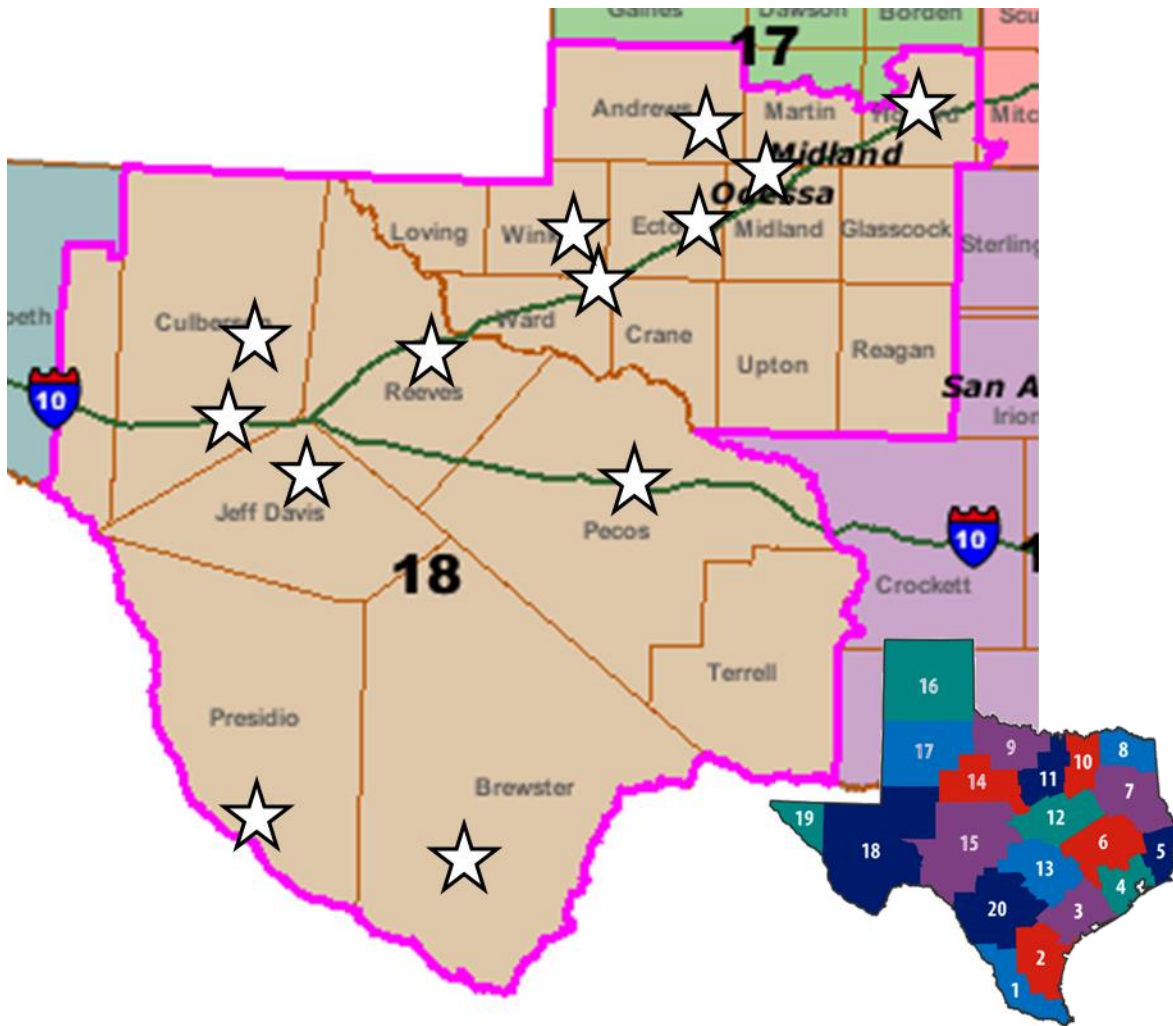
<https://texastimettravel.com/directory/spur-dickens-county-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Spur–Dickens County Museum, formerly located in the old lumberyard in the county seat of Dickens, is now located on the main commercial block of Spur. Exhibits focus on early pioneer and ranching heritage.

DISTRICT 18



ALPINE

Border Patrol 9/11 Memorial

3003 US-90, Alpine, TX 79830

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/iwo-jima-museum-and-monument>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Installed and dedicated on Sept. 11, 2011, featuring a Homeland Security seal and gnarled steel beam from the World Trade Center, picked up and hauled back from New York by two border patrol agents. The plaque notes the bizarre timing of the Marfa Sector border patrol building groundbreaking ceremony: Sept. 11, 2001.

ANDREWS

Andrews County Veterans Memorial

700 W Broadway St, Andrews, TX 79714

<https://texastimetravel.com/directory/andrews-county-veterans-memorial/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

A memorial in the truest sense, Andrews County Veterans Memorial was built in 2006 to honor Andrews Americans whose profound sacrifices for the nation can never be recognized by mere words. With its heroic eagle sculpture and detailed picture artwork, the memorial is a distinctive American interpretation of classic greatness. As you walk through the front entrance, six-foot granite tablets are to the left and right of the entrance sidewalk. Beginning with the American Civil War and through the Fight Against Terrorism, each war is listed on a granite tablet stating the time period, history, conflict, and conditions our Veterans were faced to reckon with. The detail and beauty of the memorial and its true artwork depiction featured on the war tablets is a sight to see. The amazing detailing of Ray A. Simon artwork for the wars are also set in the granite tablets of the memorial, features war images from the war period and era. The memorial truly honors those who fell, celebrating those who returned, and acknowledges the service and sacrifice of all United States Veterans.

Legacy Park Museum

700 W Broadway St, Andrews, TX 79714

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: ??

Learn about Andrews, TX unique history at Legacy Park Museum. Close to the center of town, the museum features the J.S. Ranch House, one of the oldest homes in Andrews County, along with other interesting artifacts. Some of these artifacts planned to be showcased include a woolly mammoth tooth and early war medals from Andrews' residents who served.

BIG SPRING

Hangar 25 Air Museum

1911 Apron Drive, Big Spring, TX 79720

<http://www.hangar25airmuseum.org/main/index.asp>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum is housed in a fully restored WWII era hangar. The mission of Hangar 25 Air Museum is to promote education through the collection, preservation and exhibition of the history of the Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base while honoring all veterans, past and present. Often our museum is staffed by retired veterans and civil service employees who are ready to share their memories of the hangar when it was a hub of activity, first, during WWII as a part of the Big Spring Bombardier School and later as a part of Webb Air Force Base, supporting the training of over 10,000 pilots from 1952 to 1977.

Heritage Museum of Big Spring

510 Scurry, Big Spring, TX 79720

<https://bigspringtxhistorymuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Heritage Museum holds in trust a variety of permanent collections that are significant to our community's historic preservation. Permanent exhibits and a temporary gallery space showcase the stories of West Texas and engage the audience in a uniquely noteworthy experience. The temporary gallery is used to feature local and distinguished artists, culturally diverse subject matter, significant historical events and anniversaries, community events and fundraising projects, local arts and crafts from our area schools

and organizations, and more. It is a vital part of our mission to explore new and exciting subject matter to present, keeping the museum fresh and relevant for the community we serve. The permanent exhibit area includes the Texas Longhorn exhibit, the West Texas Oil and Refinery Industry exhibit, Vintage Toy and Doll exhibit, the T&P Railroad exhibit, the Pioneer Medical exhibit as well as many more. Throughout the museum's existence there has been pride taken in representing all facets of West Texas including the people, the history and the lifestyle while being the heartbeat of our community.

Potton House

200 Gregg Street, Big Spring, TX 79720

<https://texastimetravel.com/directory/potton-house/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Appointment Tours – 432.267.8255

THE RESTORED 1901 VICTORIAN HOME of Joseph Potton, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a showcase for turn-of-the-century furnishings. Potton was a master mechanic for the Texas & Pacific Railroad, an early civic leader, and the proud owner of the first car in Big Spring. Mrs. Potton was active in St. Mary's Episcopal Guild and served tea in the English tradition every afternoon in her charming, ornate, quasi-mansion. The house was kept in the family after the Pottons' death; in 1975 it was purchased with a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation and the Tourist Development Council of the City of Big Spring.

FORT DAVIS

Fort Davis National Historic Site

1504 State St, Fort Davis, TX 79734

<https://www.nps.gov/foda/index.htm>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fort Davis is one of the best surviving examples of an Indian Wars' frontier military post in the Southwest. From 1854 to 1891, Fort Davis was strategically located to protect emigrants, mail coaches, and freight wagons on the Trans-Pecos portion of the San Antonio-El Paso Road and on the Chihuahua Trail. Sun

Old Overland Trail Museum

511 Fort St and, 3rd St, Fort Davis, TX 79734

<https://texastimetravel.com/directory/overland-trail-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A stretch of the original San Antonio-El Paso Road still runs through Fort Davis. The dirt lane passes the Overland Trail Museum, housed in the 1883 home and office of eccentric justice of the peace and photographer Nick Mersfelder. The museum displays memorabilia of frontier times donated by pioneer descendants.

FORT STOCKTON

Historic Fort Stockton

300 E 3rd St, Fort Stockton, TX 79735

<https://www.historicfortstockton.org/>

ADMISSION: \$2.50

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This important Indian Wars Fort was active from 1867-1886. It was strategically placed at the life-saving waters of Comanche Springs to protect the San Antonio-to-El Paso mail, freight wagons, cattle drives, and emigrants. The fort was garrisoned by the 9th Cavalry, known as "Buffalo Soldiers". It also provided

employment for freighters, laborers and a market for farmers, stockmen, and merchants. Today the fort is managed by the Fort Stockton Historical Society and is opened to visitors. Four of the original buildings still stand, including three officers quarters and the original Guard House. Two barracks and two kitchens were rebuilt from the original blueprints, and these structures house a fort museum and visitor center.

MIDLAND

Bush Family Home State Historic Site

1412 W Ohio Ave, Midland, TX 79701

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/bush-family-home>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Bush Family Home is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the residence of an exceptional political family who shaped state and national politics in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. This home has been restored to the early 1950s and reflects the lives of the young family through exhibits and furnishings.

Haley Memorial Library & History

1805 W Indiana Ave, Midland, TX 79701

<https://haleylibrary.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and J. Evetts Haley History Center is a highly esteemed institution that serves an important purpose in facilitating the study of Southwestern Texas history. It provides a valuable resource for individuals who are interested in learning more about the rich history of our region.

Museum of the Southwest

1705 W Missouri Ave, Midland, TX 79701

<https://www.museumsw.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Museum of the Southwest will immerse its visitors in experiences that will transform their universe and reveal new possibilities. We inspire exploration and interaction with the arts, science, history and culture.

Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial

9900 Wright Dr, Midland, TX 79706

<https://www.midlandtexas.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Permian-Basin-Vietnam-Veterans-Memorial-53>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Daily, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a specialty park located near the Midland International Airport.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum & Chaparral Gallery

1500 I-20, Midland, TX 79701

<https://petroleummuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$8.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A visit to the Petroleum Museum is an amazing journey through over 230 million years of history. Located in the heart of the Permian Basin, the Petroleum Museum offers interactive education and entertainment for adventurers of all ages.

Susie's South Forty Candy Factory

401 S. Marienfeld, Midland, TX 79701

<https://susiesouthforty.com/>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: Call for tour information – 432.570.4040

Susie's South Forty Candy Factory has long been a favorite among visitors and locals alike. Owner Susie Hitchcock-Hall started her business in 1991 on 40 acres south of Midland and the business has quickly grown to a large candy factory and retail store. This Midland candy factory holds the Guinness World Record for making the world's largest piece of toffee — shaped like the state of Texas, of course — and has been featured on Food Network's "Unwrapped."

MONAHANS

Million Barrel Museum

1300 E 5th St, Monahans, TX 79756

1500 E Sealy, Monahans, TX 79756

<https://aoghs.org/energy-education-resources/monahans-oil-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

When you hear of the Million Barrel Museum you might imagine a museum featuring a million barrels or perhaps a museum composed of a single giant barrel that displays a million artifacts. But neither would be true. The main attraction of the Million Barrel Museum, located in of Monahans, is its cement oil tank the size of three football fields. Built in the late 1920s during a big oil boom in the region, the reservoir was designed to store the mass quantities of crude coming in from the oilfields in an era with few pipelines or existing oil tanks. Construction workers used mule-drawn equipment to excavate the enormous hole in the ground then covered the packed earth with wire mesh before pouring concrete to create the floor and sides of the reservoir. A domed roof was constructed from creosote-soaked timbers, redwood, and tar paper to cover the tank. In theory, the reservoir, designed to actually hold five million barrels worth of oil, appeared to work but in application the weight of just one million barrels of oil created four hundred million pounds of pressure to bear down on the concrete. Leaking began almost immediately. And despite the covered dome, oil also evaporated. The engineering marvel is now the heart of the Million Barrel Museum, a Monahans attraction opened in 1987. Today, the grounds include the mammoth reservoir as well as the historic 1909 Holman House, moved to the site for preservation, and the Rattlesnake Bomber Base Museum, telling the story of the nearby World War II-era Pyote Air Force Base. A section of the concrete reservoir wall also serves as the Meadows Amphitheater, venue for musical concerts and performances.

Rattlesnake Bomber Base Museum

1500 E Sealy, Monahans, TX 79756

<https://www.co.ward.tx.us/page/ward.Pyote.RattlesnakeMuseum>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Rattlesnake Bomber Base Museum, relocated from Pyote to Monahans at the Million Barrel Museum, houses artifacts, photos, military uniforms, and part of the original base post office in a brand new state-of-the-art building adjacent to the 1928 Million Barrel. The museum preserves the legacy of the Rattlesnake Bomber Base and World War Two history in West Texas.

ODESSA

Chris Kyle Memorial

8050 E TX-191 Frontage, Odessa, TX 79765

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Memorial plaza & statue honoring a decorated US Navy SEAL veteran & renowned military sniper.

Odessa Meteor Crater & Museum

5599 Meteor Crater Rd., Odessa, TX 79766

<https://odessameteorcratermuseum.wordpress.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Currently 550 ft. across, 15 ft. deep. Originally 394 ft. across, 115 ft. deep. It is a vanishing landmark, due to high wind and heavy rain erosion. We are #27 out of 29 Impact Craters in the U.S. in terms of size. In 1965, this site earned the title of Registered Natural Landmark by the Dept. Of Interior. The Crater has been featured in several publications such as Texas Curiosities (Kelso & Buckner) and Mysterious America (Loren Coleman). The crater is home to many species of wildlife including: bobcat, badger, ground squirrel, burrowing owl, coyote, rabbit, and deer. We also have Texas Horned Frogs and Jack Rabbits. All wildlife is protected inside the fence line.

Permian Basin Stonehenge

Preston Smith Rd, Odessa, TX 79762

<https://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/13129>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

The officially titled "University of Texas of the Permian Basin Stonehenge" was built in the summer of 2004 by stoneworkers Connie and Brenda Edwards. The University thought that a nearly-full-size Stonehenge would make a good teaching tool -- and an alluring Druidic tourist attraction for the city. Although the original Stonehenge took 2,000 years to complete, this one went up in only six weeks. Connie Edwards reportedly said at the time that he'd be happy just to build Stonehenges for the rest of his life. Made of limestone slabs up to 19 feet tall and 20 tons apiece, Permian Basin Stonehenge is slightly shorter than the original, but it's exact in horizontal size and astronomically accurate. Although a plaque in front of the 'henge claims that the replica is "as it appears today in England," that's not exactly true. The slabs are blocky leftovers donated by a quarry, so they're approximations, not duplicates; the Stonehenge stands in a circle of reddish Texas gravel, not the green Salisbury Plain; and the Heel Stone, which marks the summer solstice, had to be stuck in the ground across a street. Still, it's a good replica, and the space-and-time-warp experience of any visit is enhanced by this Stonehenge's very visible neighbors,

PECOS

Memory Lane Car Museum

301 S Oak St, Pecos, TX 79772

PERMANENTLY CLOSED

You can trace the history of the automobile as you stroll through the Memory Lane Car Museum of well-preserved exhibits. Everyone will find something of interest and enjoy a nostalgic trip down memory lane.

West of the Pecos Museum

120 E. Dot Stafford St., Pecos, Tx 79772

<http://www.westofthepecosmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The West of the Pecos Museum was established in Pecos, Texas in 1962 by a committee of local citizens interested in a project that would promote the conservation of local history and inspire community involvement. Since 1963, the museum has been located in the Orient Hotel, a turn-of-the-century structure abandoned in the late 1950's. The museum consists of the "Number 11" Saloon, built in 1896, and the Orient Hotel, built in 1904, which offers 3 full floors with more than 50 rooms of exhibits and activities. Exhibits include pioneer and Indian artifacts, a rodeo & ranching collection, railroad memorabilia, African-American and Mexican-American heritage displays, replicated school rooms, doctor's offices, and parlors, and much more. Outdoor exhibits include Centennial Park, Clay Allison's Grave, Judge Roy Bean's Courthouse and Saloon Replica, Mesquite House, Frying Pan Ranch Chuckwagon, Orient Hotel, and Historical Markers.

PRESIDIO

Fort Leaton State Historic Site

FM170, Presidio, TX 79845

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fort-leaton>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Sunday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The original adobe structure was a private residence dating back to the early 19th century. It was purchased in 1848 by Benjamin Leaton, who adapted it as a fortress. Fort Leaton was the Presidio County original seat of government. Through murders, financial difficulties and abandonment, the structure changed hands numerous times. In 1967, it was deeded to the state of Texas and opened to the public in 1978 as a Texas State Historic Site.

SALT FLAT

Frijole Ranch Museum

400 Pine Cyn, Salt Flat, TX 79847

https://www.nps.gov/places/gumo_frijole_ranch_museum.htm

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Explore the sequential human history of the Guadalupe from Native Americans and ranchers to park visitors at the Frijole Ranch.

SHEFFIELD

Fort Lancaster and Battlefield State Historic Site

629 Lancaster Rd, Sheffield, TX 79781

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fort-lancaster>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Spanning 82 acres in the Pecos River valley, Fort Lancaster and Battlefield State Historic Site commemorates the vestiges of one of several posts established in the 1850s that played an important role in westward expansion by providing escorts for mail carriers, wagon trains, and settlers on the San Antonio–El Paso Road en route to California. Today, visitors wander through ruins imagining the once-impressive establishment of over 30 permanent buildings—including a blacksmith shop, hospital, sutler's store, and bakery—and enjoy the sights, sounds, and wildlife of West Texas.

VAN HORN

Clark Hotel Museum

112 W Broadway St, Van Horn, TX 79855

<https://www.facebook.com/clarkhotelmuseum>

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Van Horn's oldest building is an adobe saloon and post office built in 1901. Later enlarged, it served as the county courthouse when Culberson County was organized in 1911. In 1920, local resident Fred Clark converted the building to a hotel, which also became the town hub, hosting theatrical programs and school graduations. Today, the Clark Hotel Museum features a massive antique bar, plus early farm and ranch implements, a century-old kitchen and an ore car from the Hazel Silver Mine, once the second-largest producing mine in the state.

WINK

Roy Orbison Museum

213 Hendricks Blvd, Wink, TX 79789

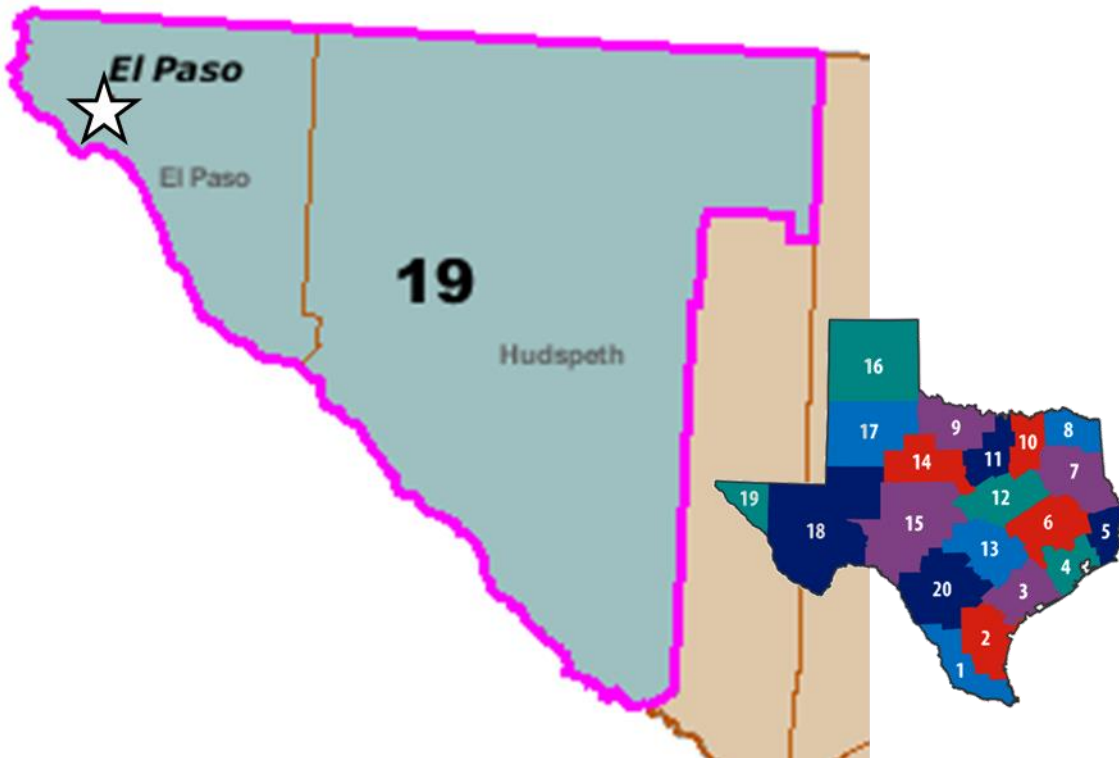
<https://texastimetravel.com/directory/roy-orbison-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Reservations Required (432.634.4873)

This small museum is dedicated to rock-n-roll legend and singer-songwriter Roy Orbison, who lived in Wink as a child and performed with various country-western bands during the 1950s before heading on to pop stardom.

DISTRICT 19



EL PASO

1919 Vintage Gas Station

2871 Grant Ave, El Paso, TX 79930

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

An iconic gas station located in a neighborhood in the Manhattan Heights District in central El Paso has been donated to the El Paso County Historical Society. The former Texaco Service Station is located at 2871 Grant Avenue. The Davenport family who owned the 101-year-old building said they wished to preserve the station as a gift to the community. The gas station was built in 1919 and later served as the site of the Radio-TV Hospital. In 2007, Mr. Davenport purchased the service station and spent the next year and a half restoring it. As decoration around its exterior, he added from his product line four reproduction gas pumps in the style of the 1930's. He also purchased two streetlights dating to the 1920s that once lit Texas Avenue. The streetlights were placed in the pocket park next to the building.

Centennial Museum and Chihuahuan Desert Gardens

500 W University Ave, El Paso, TX 79968

<https://www.utep.edu/centennial-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The oldest museum in El Paso is part of the University of Texas at El Paso, and also serves the binational community of the Chihuahuan Desert region. View our exhibits on display. A botanical garden dedicated to

the flora of the Chihuahuan Desert and adjacent regions in the United States and Mexico. The hand-carved and hand-painted Lhakhang is a gift from the people of Bhutan to the people of the United States and entrusted to the University's care.

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Chamizal National Memorial

800 S San Marcial St, El Paso, TX 79905

<https://www.nps.gov/cham/index.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Chamizal is more than just an urban park to recreate or enjoy a quiet afternoon. These grounds are a reminder of the harmonious settlement of a 100-year boundary dispute between the United States and Mexico. We celebrate the cultures of the borderlands to promote the same mutual respect that helped to diplomatically resolve an international disagreement.

El Paso Holocaust Museum & Study Center

715 N Oregon St, El Paso, TX 79902

<https://elpasoholocaustmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday & Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center conveniently located in the museum district of downtown El Paso. We are proud to be the only fully bilingual Holocaust museum, and one of only 13 free-standing Holocaust museums in the United States. The mission of El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center is to teach the history of the Holocaust in order to combat prejudice and intolerance through education, community outreach, and cultural activities.

El Paso Museum of Archaeology

4301 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Dr, El Paso, TX 79924

<https://epmarch.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The El Paso Museum of Archaeology presents 14,000 years of prehistory in the El Paso area, the greater Southwest, and northern Mexico. You'll see dioramas and exhibits of American Indian lives and their material culture, from the Paleoindian hunters of the Ice Age to their modern descendants. The exhibits are periodically changed to reflect the scope of the Museum's collections and the interests of the community. Special exhibits are located in the auditorium and the North Gallery. The auditorium also houses explore-able drawers of artifacts from across the US.

El Paso Museum of History

510 N Santa Fe St, El Paso, TX 79901

<https://epmuseumofhistory.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Presenting and preserving the border region's intercultural and multinational history.

Franklin Mountains State Park

Tom Mays Park Access Rd, El Paso, TX 79911

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/franklin-mountains>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Franklin Mountains provided most of the basic necessities of life for early people here. Today, the mountains meet a different human need – our need for time in nature. Come explore these high-desert mountains, just 15 minutes from El Paso.

Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site

6900 Hueco Tanks Road No. 1, El Paso, TX 79938

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/hueco-tanks>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Daily, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There's plenty to do at Hueco Tanks. Visitors can hike, rock climb, bird-watch, enjoy nature, gaze back at history, have a picnic and stargaze. There also are excellent guided tours of pictographs and petroglyphs in the park.

Keystone Heritage Park and the El Paso Desert Botanical Garden

4200 Doniphan Dr, El Paso, TX 79922

<https://keystoneheritagepark.com/newsite/>

ADMISSION: \$2.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Keystone Heritage Park and the El Paso Desert Botanical Gardens is an archeological site, an archaic wetlands and a botanical garden. The 58-acre park in El Paso's Upper Valley is a City-owned property leased to a volunteer Board of Directors who are charged with preserving and developing the Park. The Archeological Site was first discovered in the late 1970s by the Corps of Engineers during the construction of flood control dams. Runoff from a thunderstorm washed away the bank of a shallow arroyo revealing a cut-away of an ancient pitch house. Preliminary research revealed the hut was part of a larger village. Carbon dating indicated the site was 4000+ years old. According to National Geographic Magazine, it may be one of the largest and oldest villages of its kind in the United States. Keystone Wetlands is home to many species of birds and is a stop on a migratory route for even more. Over 220 species of birds have been spotted there, including 22 species considered rare by the Audubon Society. These archaic wetlands, protected by Federal Law, depict the wetlands/Bosque that once lined the Rio Grande. The Botanical Garden at Keystone is a project adopted by the Junior League of El Paso in the year 2000. In 2003, the Rotary Club of El Paso committed to building Phase Two of the garden. The Garden encompasses features such as a Xeric demonstration garden, a children's garden, an amphitheater, a moonlight garden, an ethnobotanical garden and more. This Garden represents an approximate \$1.2 million investment in our community and is the result of donations and volunteer work by individuals, youth and Eagle Scouts and businesses on both sides of our border. We are always open to working community groups with projects to help enhance, preserve and protect the Park. The now maturing garden is available for events such as weddings, reunions and corporate gatherings.

Magoffin Home State Historic Site

1120 Magoffin Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/magoffin-home>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A striking adobe structure, Magoffin Home State Historic Site explores the stories of a multicultural family who actively participated in U.S. expansion and settlement, military service, trade on the Santa Fe–Chihuahua Trail, Civil War turmoil, and U.S.–Mexico relations. Built in 1875 for pioneer, politician, and civic leader Joseph Magoffin, the nineteen-room adobe home containing original family furnishings is El Paso’s only historic house museum and a prime example of Territorial style architecture.

National Border Patrol Museum

4315 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Dr, El Paso, TX 79924

<https://borderpatrolmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The National Border Patrol Museum is the only one of its kind in the United States. It is a private, not for profit, museum where exhibits cover the history of the United States Border patrol, from the old West, Prohibition, and WWII, right up to current operations, through displays of weapons, paintings, documents, equipment, photos, artifacts, and “hands-on” vehicles such as the Jeep, Helicopter, Scarab boat, snowmobile and ATV.

San Jacinto Plaza

114 W Mills Ave, El Paso, TX 79901

<https://www.elpasotexas.gov/parks/aquatics/spray-parks/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The purchase of two acres of land in 1881 was for the use as a town square and became a fully functional plaza by 1883. It was named, San Jacinto Plaza, after the battle for Texas Independence in 1903. The original design and layout was like that of many urban gathering spots in the late 1880’s, a centralized open area in the middle with sidewalks, trees and benches spreading out from the center. A sundial design at the center of the Plaza was eventually added around the “Los Lagartos” Fountain with Alligators. Alligators were introduced into the existing central pond in the 1880’s and were the main attraction to visitors. The alligators were removed in 1974 for humane reasons. A commemorative statue of three alligators was commissioned and placed in the central fountain in 1995 to honor the 80-year presence of alligators in the Plaza. San Jacinto Plaza has always been at the heart of the great and colorful history of the El Paso community. From a military outpost established three decades before El Paso was incorporated, a meeting place for citizens to discuss current events, viewing the troops as they paraded around the square, art exhibitions during the 1930’s, holiday festivities, watching the alligator’s that once resided in the center of the park, to weekly history dissertations in the summer month. In the beginning horse drawn carriages surrounded the plaza. In 1950 it became a major boarding area for city buses and taxicabs. Recently, San Jacinto Park and El Paso were recognized for their importance to our southern neighbors Mexico, when they placed the historical marker, “First Meeting of Presidents Taft and Diaz” which echo’s our sentiments that this park was and remains a legacy to the heritage of our great state, the southwest and El Paso. There are 16 plaques of national, state, county and local significance dispersed throughout San Jacinto Plaza representing historical events as well as local donations and memorials. Six of these plaques provide recognition for national, state and county level historic designations. A complete renovation of San Jacinto Plaza began in late 2013 following a Quality of Life Bond approved by voters in 2011. The renovation cost is 5.3 million and is anticipated to be done in the Spring of 2015. The renovations enlarge the footprint of the plaza, adding new irrigation, new sidewalks, an updated performance stage, a full service cafe, an interactive water

splash-pad and reflecting pools. This new modern landscaped park will also have new tables, benches and chessboards. Bridges have been built to cross over an arroyo that runs through the plaza and will be better exposed and adorned with boulders. And, of course, the Los Largartos statue will be returned to the center of the Plaza.

SOCORRO

Old Socorro Mission State Historic Site

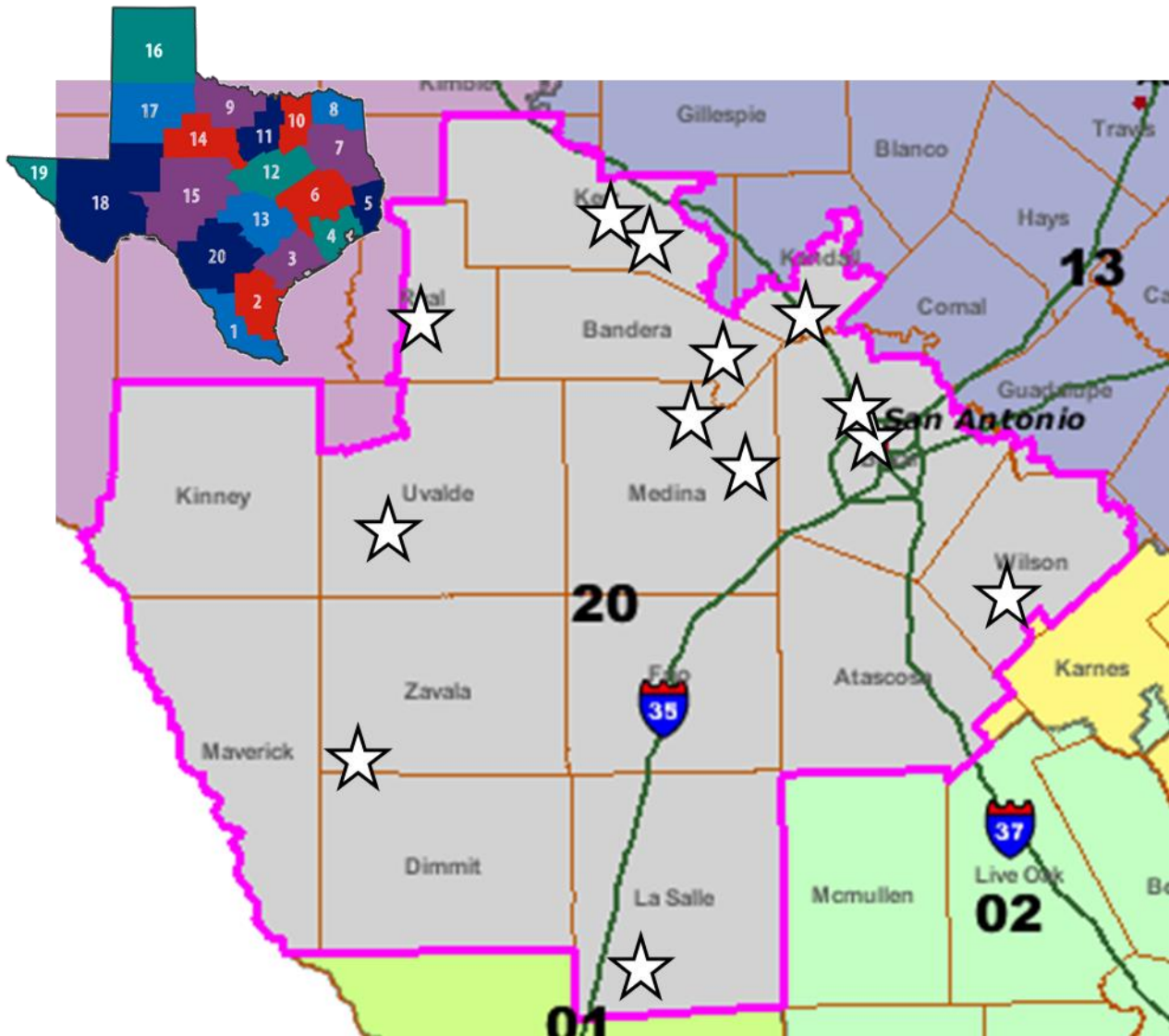
10551 Nicholas Rd, Socorro, TX 79927

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/old-socorro-mission>

ADMISSION: Closed to the Public

The Old Socorro Mission site is a Franciscan mission named Nuestra Señora de La Limpia Concepción de los Piro de Socorro del Sur, founded in 1682 to serve Spanish families and Native American communities displaced from New Mexico during the Pueblo Revolt. The historical records detail not only the mission, but the Piro Pueblo that was established alongside it. Rebuilt at least four times, the mission was destroyed in 1829 by the flooding of the Rio Grande and was ultimately relocated. Nearby, the present-day mission and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, home of the descendants of the Puebloans, provide a direct link between the former site and the contemporary community.

DISTRICT 20



ALAMO HEIGHTS

JFK's Happy Texas Motorcade

101-119 Ogden Lane, Alamo Heights, TX 78209

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

JFK had an open-car motorcade in Texas in November 1963 in which he wasn't shot and killed. It happened right here, the day before his assassination, when he was driven past Cambridge Elementary School in his familiar convertible. On November 21, 2019, the 56th anniversary of the Alamo Heights motorcade, a monument was erected to mark the spot. Six feet high and 12 feet wide, it incorporates a physical "gap" between a bronze-etched photo of JFK's happy motorcade here -- the familiar convertible with the foursome of JFK, Jackie, Governor and Mrs. Connally can be clearly seen -- and a plaque describing his tragic

motorcade in Dallas the following day. The plaque is titled, "24-Hour Gap Separated Happiness From Tears."

BANDERA

Bandera Natural History Museum

267 Old San Antonio Rd, Bandera, TX 78003

<https://www.banderanhm.org/>

ADMISSION: \$10.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The 18,000 sq. ft. facility houses the Juan Infante International Hall, six dioramas, New Spain Art Collection, a conference room, Museum Gift Shop, and Café Twiga. The Juan Infante International Hall is a showcase of international wildlife and their habitats. It features exotic taxidermy animals from Africa, Asia, Australia, and North America. The six dioramas showcase Texas Hill Country wildlife and their habitats. The New Spain Art Collection displays art pieces from colonial Mexico, including paintings, sculptures, and pottery.

Frontier Times Museum

510 13th St, Bandera, TX 78003

<https://www.frontiertimesmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Welcome to Frontier Times Museum, a historical gem nestled in the heart of Bandera, Texas. Step back in time and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of the frontier days, where legends were born and history was made. Our museum has been a revered landmark in the community for the past ninety-one years, preserving and showcasing the captivating stories of the American West. Explore our vast collection of artifacts, exhibits, and memorabilia that paint a vivid picture of life on the frontier. From Native American artifacts to cowboy paraphernalia, each display tells a unique story of courage, ruggedness, and the pioneering spirit that shaped the West.

BOERNE

Cascade Caverns

226 Cascade Cavern, Boerne, TX 78015

<https://www.cascadecaverns.com/>

ADMISSION: \$19.95

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Lipan Apache people discovered Cascade Caverns® in the 1700s. They left behind artifacts which are still visible today. In the 1840s, Kendall County youth rediscovered the cave and carved their initials into stalactites in the first room. Cascade Caverns® became the first "private-touring" cave in Texas back in the 1870's, and we opened to the public in 1932.

KUHLMANN-KING HISTORICAL HOUSE

402 East Blanco Road, Boerne, TX 78006

<https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/1441/Kuhlmann-King-Historical-Complex>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: 2nd & 4th Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Visit one of the oldest homes in Boerne, the Kuhlmann-King Historical House. The home, built in the 1880's by German immigrant William Kuhlmann, has a historic kitchen and a historical marker.

CASTROVILLE

Landmark Inn State Historic Site

402 Florence St, Castroville, TX 78009

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/landmark-inn>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Landmark Inn tells the story of migration, industry, and preservation in Texas on the banks of the Medina River in the historic town of Castroville, known as "The Little Alsace of Texas." The site is a unique part of the San Antonio Metropolitan Area. Castroville, planned in 1844 as an exurb of San Antonio, is just one day's wagon ride west (today just 25 minutes by car).

COTULLA

Brush Country Museum

201 S Stewart, Cotulla, TX 78014

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100047722821747>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cotulla's Brush Country Museum rekindles La Salle County history in a small white house and adjacent school building. A replica parlor, bedroom, kitchen and doctor's office recall early-20th-century life. The schoolroom features displays on education, including segregated Hispanic and Anglo schools, plus the Welhausen School where Lyndon B. Johnson first taught and served as principal.. Hundreds of photos offer a glimpse of ranch life in the first half of the 20th century.

CRYSTAL CITY

POPEYE STATUE

101 E Dimmit St. Crystal City, TX 78839

http://www.texasescapes.com/SouthTexasTowns/Crystal-City-Texas.htm#google_vignette

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

A statue of Popeye was erected with the blessing of the sailorman's creator in 1937. It ranks high in the pantheon of less-than-serious statues in Texas. Today the pipe-smoking sailor stands in front of city hall – sharing the same banishment of other tobacco users.

FLORESVILLE

Deweese-Remschel House

County Rd 206, Floresville, TX 78114

<https://www.wilsoncountyhistory.org/pg-deweese-remschel-house>

ADMISSION: ??

HOURS: ??

The Deweese Remschel House is located in southern Wilson County, five miles southwest of Poth, off of FM 541 and CR 206 on a 130 acre park. The Deweese Remschel Home was willed to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C. by Claribel Deweese Remschel, a direct descendent of the original owners of the ranch. The NTHP felt the home was too difficult to manage from Washington, D.C. and transferred the title to the Wilson County Historical Society. The home is used for social functions and contains a museum that documents the Deweese Ranch history and its contributions to early ranching in Texas.

Wilson County Jailhouse Museum

1140 C St, Floresville, TX 78114

<https://www.wilsoncountyhistory.org/pg-jailhouse-museum>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: 2ND/4TH Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

From the days of the Spanish missions until today, rich grasslands have made Wilson County prime real estate for grazing cattle. Floresville's famous John Oatman Dewees, who with partner James S. Ellison moved 400,000 cattle up the Chisholm Trail between 1869 and 1877. As the county grew, the need for a new, larger jailhouse grew as well. In 1877, a jailhouse was constructed out of stone and would house prisoners for the next century. Today, the Wilson County Historical Society operates a museum in the jailhouse.

HONDO

Medina County Museum

2202 18th St, Hondo, TX 78861

https://www.facebook.com/medinacountymuseumtexas/?profile_tab_item_selected=about&paipv=0&eav=AfaCCJiWMcYg3ih2qolrb_BCCIXZWq4tkmd1nfGMbOX1ibYFXN_qRTiSmz8-pXaLu3Y&_rdr

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Medina County Museum (housed in the old Southern Pacific Depot, has over 2,000 items on display portraying the frontier beginnings of Medina County. Among the items displayed are: the Rothe School House, the steam engine and much more!

INGRAM

Stonehenge II and East Island Heads

120 Point Theatre Rd S, Ingram, TX 78025

<https://www.hcaf.com/stonehenge-ii>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: dawn to dusk

Stonehenge II was erected as an amusing art project by the late Al Shepperd and his friend and neighbor, Doug Hill. Hill had offered a limestone slab to Shepperd in 1989, unused in his recently completed back patio. Shepperd stood the rock up monolith-style, and then odd thoughts started to seep into his head. He was gripped by what we've observed as a rare but not unknown malady -- Stonehenge Fever.

KERRVILLE

Museum of Western Art

1550 Bandera Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028

<https://www.museumofwesternart.com/>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The attraction of Kerrville's Museum of Western Art lies as much in its outside walls as in the artwork found inside. The structure's heavy timbers and rugged retaining walls of stacked limestone, created to resemble a fortified hacienda, is the work of Texas architect O'Neil Ford. The handsome building design, destined to join the status of many of the works hanging on the walls as "classics", combines a traditional Southwestern style with a modernization of Hill Country vernacular. Established in 1983 with a mission to celebrate the art in western heritage, the Museum and its building boasts a fourteen thousand square foot facility with end-cut mesquite wood and Saltillo tile floors. Visitors are treated to an exhibition of the genre's finest artwork by both period and contemporary artists. The permanent collection includes approximately 150 sculptures and 250 paintings featuring examples of painters E. I. Couse and Oscar Berninghaus, both members of the historic Taos School. An extensive research library of over 3000 volumes compliments the work on display.

In addition, a changing roster of curated exhibitions helps to keep the collection, art in western heritage, and the genre's connection to the modern age relevant.

Schreiner Mansion

222 Earl Garrett St, Kerrville, TX 78028

<https://www.caillouxfoundation.org/schreiner-mansion>

ADMISSION: \$7.00

HOURS: Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Charles Schreiner served in the Texas Rangers from 1854 – 1857. During this time he also purchased ranch property in Kerr County and married Mary Magdalena Enderle. After serving in the Confederate Army for 3 1/2 years during the Civil War, Captain Schreiner rejoined his family in Texas in 1865. Just a few years later he started the mercantile business that would culminate in one of the largest mercantile-banking empires of its time in the Southwest. Wealth encouraged philanthropy, and in 1917 Schreiner founded the Schreiner Institute, now Schreiner University. The Cailloux Foundation now operates Schreiner's turreted 1878 downtown mansion as a historic event center. Period furnishings and distinctive architectural details recall Kerrville's boom days at the turn of the 20th century.

LEAKEY

Real County Historical Museum

151 Evergreen St, Leakey, TX 78873

<https://realcountyhistoricalmuseum.com/>

ADMISSION: \$2.00

HOURS: Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Real County Historical Museum preserves pioneer ways through a replicated log-cabin parlor, kitchen and bedroom, all furnished with pieces donated by local families. A large collection shows local stone dartpoints used by prehistoric Native Americans. There is also an ornate 1880s horse-drawn hearse pulled in local parades. An adjacent former blacksmith shop houses ranch relics, including a hand-powered wool and mohair shearing machine. Outside exhibits show farm implements, a log corn crib and jail cells from the 1910s.

SAN ANTONIO

ALAMO

300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205

<https://www.thealamo.org/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Uncover 300 years of history at the Alamo, an awe-inspiring story that's more intriguing than you might imagine. Established in 1718 as Mission San Antonio de Valero, the former mission now known as the Alamo has been a crossroads of history. Having existed under five flags of independent nations and served as a garrison for five different armies, the Alamo has a rich history and a heritage to inspire. Best known as the site of the 1836 Battle of the Alamo, the rest of the 300 year history is vital to understanding why the Battle happened and its importance.

Casa Navarro State Historic Site

228 S Laredo St, San Antonio, TX 78207

<https://thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/casa-navarro>

ADMISSION: \$3.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A rancher, merchant, and one of only two native-born Texans to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence, José Antonio Navarro was a leading advocate for Tejano rights. Casa Navarro State Historic Site celebrates his life at his original 1850s adobe and limestone home, a historic jewel among its urban surroundings.

Mission Nuestra Senora de la Purisima Concepcion de Acuna

807 Mission Rd, San Antonio, TX 78210

<https://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/concepcion.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Enduring time and elements for more than 250 years, Mission Concepción stands as one of the country's oldest remaining original stone churches. But mortar and stone are not all that remain of the vibrant mission community. Though the mission served as a religious center, missionaries provided much more than spiritual guidance. They instructed Indigenous inhabitants to function as a European community. Spanish settlers made rapid, fundamental, and permanent change most dramatically among the Indigenous groups. This new society, neither wholly Indigenous nor wholly Spanish, has continually evolved to become the predominant culture of South Texas. Look closer and enter a portal to our past and a connection to our present.

Mission San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo

6701 San Jose Dr, San Antonio, TX 78214

<https://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/sanjose.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Known as the "Queen of the Missions", this is the largest of the missions and was almost fully restored to its original design in the 1930s by the WPA (Works Projects Administration). Spanish missions were not churches, but communities with the church the focus. Mission San José captures a transitional moment in history, frozen in time. Here you can explore native family quarters, soldier's quarters, the stone arches of what remains of the historic convento, the granary, grist mill and more.

Mission San Juan Capistrano

9101 Graf Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214

<https://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/sanjuan.htm>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Originally founded in 1716 in eastern Texas, Mission San Juan was transferred in 1731 to its present location. In 1756, the stone church, a friary, and a granary were completed. A larger church was begun, but was abandoned when half complete, the result of population decline. This serene rural setting seems to silence voices of the past. Yet if you linger, you may sense those voices echoing from the limestone walls. On any day, it is common to hear the inhabitants of San Juan's still active community. They continue to visit the mission grounds, enjoying the natural and spiritual elements of their neighborhood mission. Mission San Juan was a self-sustaining community. Within the compound, Indigenous artisans produced iron tools, cloth, and prepared hides. Orchards and gardens outside the walls provided melons, peaches, and pumpkins. Beyond the mission complex Indigenous mission farmers cultivated maize (corn), peppers, beans, squash, sweet potatoes, and sugar cane in irrigated fields. Over 20 miles southeast of Mission San Juan was Rancho de Pataguilla, which, in 1762, reported 3,500 sheep and nearly as many cattle. These products helped support not only mission communities, but also the local settlements and presidial garrisons in the area. By the mid 1700s, Mission San Juan, with its rich farm and pasture lands, was a regional supplier of agricultural produce along the historic trading route, El Camino de Real de los Tejas.

San Antonio Fire Museum

801 E Houston St, San Antonio, TX 78205

<https://www.sanantoniofiremuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$6.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The San Antonio Fire Museum is, as many visitors say, one of San Antonio's hidden gems. What began as a dream of five firefighters assigned together at old #19's station in 1997, has become one of the most notable Fire Museums in the country. Today, the Museum is located at San Antonio's original Central Fire Headquarters at 801 E. Houston Street next door to the world famous Alamo. At the San Antonio Fire Museum, visitors will see antique fire trucks and fire-fighting equipment, artifacts dating back to the mid-1800s and beautifully archived documents and photos. A 1953 International fire truck, built by the Simms Fire Equipment Company, is available for kids to climb on and dress up in authentic replicas of firefighters' turnout gear!

SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK

San Antonio, TX 78205

<https://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/>

ADMISSION: Free (boat rides, etc. have additional costs)

HOURS: Daily

The San Antonio River Walk is a city park and special-case pedestrian street in San Antonio, Texas, one level down from the automobile street.

Texas Air Museum-Stinson Chapter - Museum with Historic Aviation and Military Exhibits

1234 99th St, San Antonio, TX 78214

<https://www.texasairmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$5.00

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Since 1999, the Texas Air Museum at Stinson Field has been dedicated to telling the story of Texas and San Antonio's vital role in the development of military air power. It also pays tribute to aviation pioneers, technical achievements in the realm of aviation, and above all, pays respect and honor to those who gave their lives to defend freedom. Most attention in the area of vintage aircraft centers around World War II, and the Pacific and European theaters of that conflict. The Texas Air Museum not only represents that era, but is unique in also covering in detail the early period and "golden-age" of aviation. Here you can also learn about the famous "Flying Stinson Family", and why San Antonio is considered to be the birthplace of American military aviation.

Texas Transportation Museum

11731 Wetmore Rd, San Antonio, TX 78247

<https://www.txtransportationmuseum.org/>

ADMISSION: \$9.00

HOURS: Saturday – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Texas Transportation Museum, located in San Antonio. For over 50 years, our volunteer-run museum has been presenting railroad equipment, automobiles, model railroads, and artifacts for all to enjoy! From our beginning with the Texas Transportation Company Railroad to our own Longhorn and Western Railroad, we are passionate about keeping transportation moving for all to see! Take a step back in time by visiting us today.

Tower of the Americas

739 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78205

<https://www.toweroftheamericas.com/>

ADMISSION: \$15.00

HOURS: Sunday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Located in downtown San Antonio, the 750-foot-tall Tower of the Americas provides guests the most spectacular view of the Alamo City. Enjoy the gorgeous panorama from the Tower's revolving Chart House Restaurant, take in the scenery from the Observation Deck or experience the thrilling 4D Theater Ride. For a taste of the best dining and fun that San Antonio Riverwalk restaurants have to offer, come take a flight with the Tower of the Americas.

UVALDE

Briscoe-Garner Museum

333 N Park St, Uvalde, TX 78801

<https://briscoecenter.org/briscoe-garner-museum/>

ADMISSION: Free

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Briscoe-Garner Museum is dedicated to sharing the remarkable lives and legacies of two of the most influential 20th century political leaders from the Lone Star State: Vice President "Cactus" Jack Garner and Governor Dolph Briscoe. Many prominent politicians have gathered at Ettie and John Nance Garner's home, a National Historic Landmark designed by Atlee Ayres and built in 1920. As a museum, the Garner home offers a place for students, families, scholars, and history enthusiasts to learn about the significant impact of two of Uvalde's native sons.