

More Piney Woods Treasures

Henderson is in the heart of the East Texas Oil Field, once the world's largest.

The Depot Museum Complex showcases local history, by-gone lifestyles, and crafts. The Howard-Dickinson House Museum embodies antebellum style.

Annual events include the Heritage Syrup Festival, Sacred Harp Singing

Convention, and Wildflower Trails.

Mount Pleasant is a Texas Main Street City with antique shops and boutiques

downtown--plus Laura's Cheesecake & Bakery and live country music at the

Pleasant Jamboree. Five acres of flowers and pastoral settings enliven

Tankersley Gardens. Outdoor recreation abounds at Lake Bob Sandlin State

Park.

Pittsburg is in lake country, an easy drive to Lake O' the Pines and Lake Bob

Sandlin. In town, the Northeast Texas Rural Heritage Museum offers an

authentic farmstead, plus transportation exhibits and an early flying machine, the

Ezekiel Airship, in a historic depot. Signature eats are at Pittsburg Hot Links cafe

and Carson House Inn & Grille, also a bed and breakfast.

Rusk offers a walk across America's longest footbridge (546 feet), plus heritage

at Jim Hogg Historic Park, site of Governor Hogg's restored birthplace. The

Texas State Railroad makes steam-powered excursions (Mar.-May) from Rusk to

Palestine. Beside the Rusk depot is Rusk-Palestine State Park, with camping,

pedal-boating, hiking, and birding.

San Augustine boasts fine early architecture, including the Ezekiel Cullen

House (open for tours) and Christ Episcopal Church. New is a visitors center at

the Mission Senora del los Delores de los Ais site, recounting 18th-century Spanish ventures here. Nearby are the Angelina and Sabine National Forests and Lake Sam Rayburn.

Woodville is home to Heritage Village Museum, a collection of historic and replica 1800s structures. On the grounds is the Pickett House, serving down-home cooking family style. The town also offers the Shivers Library and Museum, displaying furnishings and mementoes of former Governor and Mrs. Allan Shivers. Nearby is the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation.