

ESSENTIALS **Lake Amistad/Del Rio**

Del Rio is on US 90 approximately 150 miles west of San Antonio. Lake Amistad is 12 miles west of Del Rio on US 90. **Unless noted, the area code is 830.**

The visitor information center of **Amistad National Recreation Area** (775-7491; open daily 8-5) is 5.5 miles west of Del Rio on US 90. The third Saturday of each month at 7:30 p.m., the offers free interpretive programs on nature, history, and archeology. It also offers free Bird Walks at 8 a.m. each third Saturday (Sept-May). Admission to the recreation area is free; camping fees apply. Lake permits are required for motorized boats and fishing (boating and fishing in Mexican waters require separate permits). Hiking is permitted throughout the NRA, with maps and guides available at the visitor information center. Tuesdays and Saturdays, the NRA offers interpretive programs for passengers aboard Amtrak's Sunset Limited train between Del Rio and Sanderson. For information, maps, and guides, contact Lake Amistad NRA, HCR 3, Box 5J, US 90 W, Del Rio 78840-9350 (775-7491; www.nps.gov/amis). Parking, restrooms, and camping are handicapped accessible.

Houseboat and motorboat rentals and marina services are available at **Lake Amistad Resort and Marina** (774-4157; www.foreverresorts.com). Motorboat rentals and marina services are available at **Rough Canyon Marina** (775-877).

EVENTS

Oct. 2, Pro Tournament Trail Open, Lake Amistad, 806/374-5096

Oct. 15-16, Fourth annual Val Verde County Archeology Fair, 10-3, Whitehead Memorial Museum, 1308 S. Main St. (775-7568)

TEXAS HIGHWAYS—L. AMISTAD ESSENTIALS--MALLORY

For area information, visit the **Del Rio Chamber of Commerce**, 1915 Veterans Blvd. (775-3551; www.drchamber.com).

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