#### TEXAS HIGHWAYS--PRAIRIES & LAKES--WWH--MALLORY

#### **PRAIRIES & LAKES ATTRACTIONS**

The central section of Texas from the Oklahoma border to the coastal plains is comprised of rolling blacklands dotted with lakes. The region's many picturesque small towns and vibrant cities offer diverse visitor attractions. For details on admission and specific performance dates, times, and prices, contact each venue. Most attractions are wheelchair accessible; call to be sure. For information on state parks, write the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin 78744 (800-792-1112; web site--www.tpwd.state.tx.us). For lake or further attraction information, contact the appropriate chamber of commerce.

## WASHINGTON

Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park, which includes the Barrington Living History Farm, is located 8 miles southwest of Navasota off Texas 105 and FM 1155. Hours: 8 a.m. until sundown daily. For information write to Box 305, Washington 77880; 936/878-2214. Sept. 16-17, the Barrington Farm hosts an old-fashioned corn shucking bee. Also within the park is the Star of the Republic Museum. Hours: 10-5 daily (Mar-Aug) and Wed-Sun (Sept-Feb). For details, write to Box 317, Washington 77880 (936/878-2461; web site--www.starmuseum.org).

#### COLLEGE STATION

**George Bush Presidential Library and Museum** is open 9:30-5 Mon-Sat and 12-5 Sun and is located on the southwest corner of Texas A&M University campus at 1000 George Bush Dr. West, College Station 77845 (969/260-9552; web site-www.bushlibrary.tamu.edu).

# **ROUND TOP**

To reach Round Top (area code 979 and zip code 78954), take US 290 to Texas 237 and go south 7 miles. On the square is **Henkle Square** (Box 82, Round Top; 249-3308; open 12-5 Thu-Sun; no admission) and **Royers Round Top Cafe** (Box 207; 877/866-PIES; open 11-9 Thu, 11-9:30 Fri-Sat, 12-7 Sun, and 12-3 Labor Day; web site--www.royersroundtopcafe.com). **Winedale Historical Park** (Box 11, Round Top; 278-3530) is open 9-5 Mon-Fri for self-guided tours (guided tours available 10-5 Sat and 12-5 Sun). The 30th season of **Shakespeare at Winedale** (512/471-8367) features *As You Like It* at 7:30 Oct. 21. The **International Festival-Institute** (Box 89, Round Top; 249-3129; web site--www.festivalhill.org) features a museum forum Sept 23-24, *American Clocks: 200 Years of Marking Time.* At 3 p.m. on Sept 30, the festival concert hall presents Ensemble Amarcord, a German vocal quintet.

# **SCHULENBURG**

Located on IH 10 halfway between San Antonio and Houston, Schulenburg's main attractions include the four painted churches at Ammannsville, Dubina, High Hill,

and Praha. Contact the chamber of commerce (101-B Kessler, Schulenburg 78956; 979/743-4514) for a map and details.

#### **SALADO**

Located on IH 35 between Temple and Austin, historic Salado is home to the **Stagecoach Inn** restaurant and hotel, located at #1 Main St., Salado 76571 (800/732-8994 or 254/947-5111). Dining room hours: 11-4 and 5-9 daily. For information on local shopping, contact the Salado Business Association, Box 1161, Salado 76571 (254/947-5040; web site--www.salado.com).

#### **WACO**

The **Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum** is located in Fort Fisher Park (exit 335B off IH 35). Hours: 9-5 daily. Write to Box 2570, Waco 76702-2570 (254/750-8631; web site--texasranger.org).

## **GRANBURY**

Downtown Granbury (area code 817) offers many attractions. The **Granbury Opera House** (573-9191; web site--www.granburyoperahouse.org) presents the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* Aug 10-Sept 4 and *The Cemetery Club* Sept 8-Oct 1. Call for times and reservations. **Granbury Live** (573-0303; web site--www.granburylive.com) stages musical productions *Lost in the Fifties* July 4-Sept 24 and *Jukebox Gold*, 6 *Plays* 25¢ Sept 29-Nov 19. Located in the Nutt House is the **Nutt House Hotel** (279-9457) and **Hennington's Cafe** (573-8400). For horse-drawn carriage rides, contact **Granbury Carriage Co**. (279-6272). For information on shopping, contact the Granbury Convention & Visitors Bureau, 100 N. Crockett, Granbury 76048 (800/950-2212; web site--www.granburytx.com).

## **GLEN ROSE**

**Dinosaur Valley State Park** (Box 396, Glen Rose 76043; 254/897-4588) straddles the Paluxy River. From Glen Rose take US 67 west to FM 205 for 4 miles to Park Rd. 59; then go one mile. Hours: 8-10 daily. **Fossil Rim Wildlife Center** is located at 2155 CR 2008, Glen Rose 76043 (254/897-2960). Go approximately 3 miles southwest of Glen Rose on US 67 and follow the signs. Open daily 9 a.m. until two hours after sunset. Call ahead for guided tours, weekend events, safari camp, and the Lodge at Fossil Rim.

#### **FORT WORTH**

The area code for Fort Worth is 817. The Stockyards' zip code is 76106. For **Stockyards National Historic District** information, write the North Fort Worth Business Assn., 131 E. Exchange Ave., Ste. 100-B (626-7921; web site--www.ftworthstockyards.com). Events include the **Stockyards Championship Rodeo**, Sept 1-2, 8-9, 22-23, and 29-30 and **Pioneer Days**, Sept 15-17. For hours and information on shopping in the **Stockyards Station**, write 130 E. Exchange (625-9715; web site--www.stockyardsstation.com). The **Tarantula Railroad** runs a Wed-Sun schedule to Stockyards Station. For times and rates, write to 140 E Exchange Ave. (625-RAIL; web site--www.tarantulatrain.com). The **Cowtown Coliseum**, 121 E.

Exchange, (888-COWTOWN; web site--www.cowtowncoliseum.com) features a rodeo at 8 p.m. Fri-Sat and a Wild West show at 2:30 and 4:30 Sat-Sun. Also in the Stockyards, **Billy Bob's Texas** (2520 Rodeo Plaza; 624-7117; web site--www.billybobstexas.com) is open 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Mon-Sat and noon-2 a.m. Sun. Call or check the web site for show schedules and prices.

**Joe T. Garcia's Mexican Restaurant** is at 2201 N. Commerce St., Fort Worth 76106 (626-4356; web site--www.joets.com). Hours: 11-2:30 and 5-10 Mon-Thu,11-11 Fri-Sat, and11-10 Sun.

Many attractions are concentrated in the Cultural District, including: the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth (1309 Montgomery St., 738-9215; open 10-5 Tue-Fri, 11-5 Sat, and 12-5 Sun; web site--www.mamfw.org); the Fort Worth Museum of Science & History (1501 Montgomery St., 732-1631; open 9-5:30 Mon-Thu, 9-8 Fri-Sat, and 12-5:30 Sun; web site--www.fwmuseum.org; call for Omni and planetarium times); the Amon Carter Museum (closed until 2001 for renovations); the Kimbell Art Museum (3333 Camp Bowie Blvd., 332-8451; open 10-5 Tue-Thu and Sat, 12-8 Fri, and 12-5 Sun; free admission; web site--www.kimbellart.org); the Fort Worth Zoo (1989 Colonial Pkwy; 871-7050; open 10-5 daily; web site--www.fortworthzoo.com); the Fort Worth Botanic Garden (3220 Botanic Dr.; 871-7686; free garden admission but fee for conservatory; open 8-11 daily); and the Will Rogers Memorial Center (3300 W. Lancaster Ave., 871-8150; call for events).

## **ARLINGTON**

**Six Flags Over Texas** is located at IH-30 and Texas 360 (Box 90191, Arlington 76004; 817/640-8900; web site--www.sixflags.com/texas/). Hours beginning Aug 19: 10-8 Sat and 11-7 Sun, except 10-8 Sept 2-4.

**Hurricane Harbor** (1800 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington 76006; 817/265-3356; web site--www.sixflags.com/hurricaneharbordallas) is located across IH-30 from Six Flags Over Texas. Hours beginning Aug 19 until the season ends on Sept 4: 10:30-6 Fri-Sat and Labor Day, Sept 4.

**The Ballpark in Arlington** is located adjacent to Six Flags Over Texas at 1000 Ballpark Way (817/273-5222; web site--www.texasrangers.com). Ballpark tours (817/273-5098) leave on the hour 9-4 Mon-Sat and 12-4 Sun on non-homestand days and 9-1 Mon-Sat on homestand days; no tours on game days. Located inside the ballpark complex, the **Legends of the Game Baseball Museum and Learning Center** (817/273-5600) is open 9-6:30 Mon-Sat and 12-4 Sun.

#### **DALLAS**

The area code for listed Dallas attractions is 214.

For general information on the **West End Historic District** (and on events such as the annual West End Cattle Drive, 11-11 Sept 9), contact the West End Association (2200 N. Lamar St., suite 110, Dallas 75202; 741-7185; web site--www.dallaswestend.org). The **Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza** (411 Elm St., Dallas 75202; 888/485-4854; web site--www.jfk.org) is open 9-6 daily. The **John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza** is located at Market and Main Sts., across Elm St. from the Sixth Floor Museum.

Dallas' Arts District features the **Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center** (2301 Flora St. at Pearl St., Dallas 75201; 670-3600); the **Dallas Museum of Art** (1717 N. Harwood St., Dallas 75201; 922-1200; web site--www.dm-art.org; free admission; open 11-5 Tue-Sun and until 9 on Thu); and the **Dallas Theater Center**'s Arts District Theater at 2401 Flora St. at Fairmount (for details write to 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas 75219-5598; 526-8210; web site--www.dallastheatercenter.org).

**Fair Park** is located at 1300 Robert B. Cullum Blvd. at Grand Ave. For a list of museums, performances, and events, write to: Box 159090, Dallas 75315; 670-8400; info line 421-9600; web site--www.fairparkdallas.com. Sept 29 to Oct 22, Fair Park hosts the **State Fair of Texas** (Box 150009, Dallas 75315; 565-9931; web site--www.bigtex.com).

## **ATHENS**

Athens' **Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center** is located at 5550 Flat Creek Rd. (FM 2495), Athens 75751 (903/676-2277) and is open 9-4 Tue-Sat. and 1-4 Sun.

## **GREENVILLE**

For directions and guided group tours of **Clymer Meadow** prairie, contact the Texas Nature Conservancy, Box 26, Celeste 75423 (903/568-4139).