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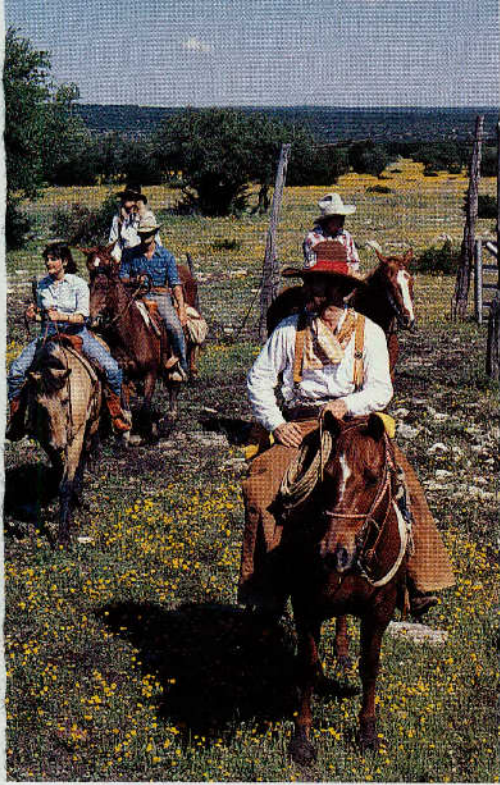
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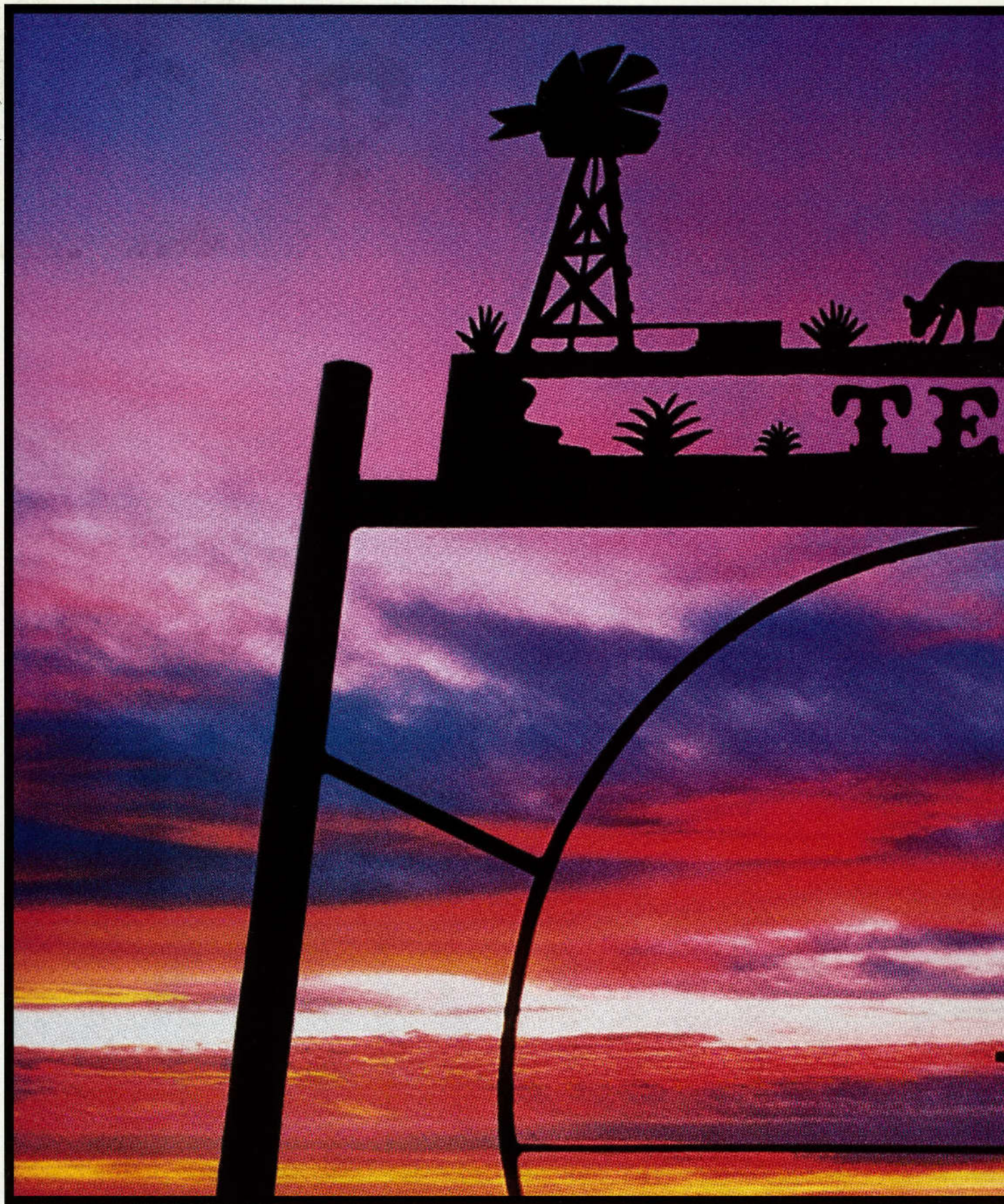




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# HERE'S YOUR INVITATION TO THE COUNTRY THAT'S TEXAS



**L**ike the song says, the stars are "big and bright deep in the heart of Texas." The Lone Star from the Texas flag symbolizes the Texas mystique—a proud heritage found in every corner of the state. As far back as 1835, folks referred to Texas as the "Lone Star State." On your trip, look for the five-pointed star and see how creative Texans have used it...in architecture, clothes, jewelry, art, and so on. You might even discover stars on manhole covers in the streets. Mother Nature even graced us with starfish on the Gulf Coast, and stars appear on petals of some wildflowers. Photographers Pat Berry of Houston and Michael Murphy of the Texas Department of Transportation, found these stars shown on the cover.



*It's not so exaggerated to think of Texas as a whole country— 800 miles wide and nearly that far north to south. Sunny seacoast to mile-high mountains; dense forests to cactus-studded desert; great cities and towns!*

## HOW TO USE THIS TEXAS GUIDE

**IMPORTANT:** The first part of this guide book tells what to see and do in seven special sections (through page 85). Those sections summarize attractions around major Texas cities. See the Table of Contents on next page.

We hope these special sections make it easier to explore complex metropolitan areas and enrich your trip. For instance, when visiting DALLAS-FORT WORTH, one might not know about other prime visitor attractions just minutes from your DALLAS-FORT WORTH headquarters. So, each section groups cities that are very near the main metro hub—places with interesting visitor features.

Notice that each of the special sections has a colored stripe down the edge of the page—a different color per section. And, a simplified map is in each special section.

 **Austin/  
Centex Area**

 **Corpus Christi and  
the Coastal Bend**

 **Dallas/Fort Worth  
Metroplex Cities**

 **El Paso,  
City in the Sun**

 **Houston/Galveston and  
the Bay Cities of Texas**

 **San Antonio,  
Alamo Country**

 **The Lower  
Rio Grande Valley**

## THE REST OF THE BOOK

Beyond the special sections, beginning page 86, just thumb through alphabetical listings of hundreds more Texas cities and towns. Each city's "Map" code shows grid coordinates to locate it on the Texas Official Travel Map. Along with this book, the maps are free from any Texas Travel Information Center, or by mail: P.O. Box 5064, Austin, Tx 78763-5064.

Highway designations in the book include I- for Interstate highways, U.S. for U.S. Highways, Texas for state highways, and F.M. and R.M. for Texas Farm or Ranch Roads, all of which are fine paved routes. Populations listed are the latest available official census figures. Altitudes are in feet above sea level.

In the Table of Contents, note other subjects of travel interest toward the end of this book, especially "Need Additional Information?"

Updated annually, details in this guide were correct at time of printing. Changes, of course, do occur. Therefore, verification with a local chamber of commerce or attraction may be wise before actual arrival.

Let this guide be your companion as you discover the country that's Texas!



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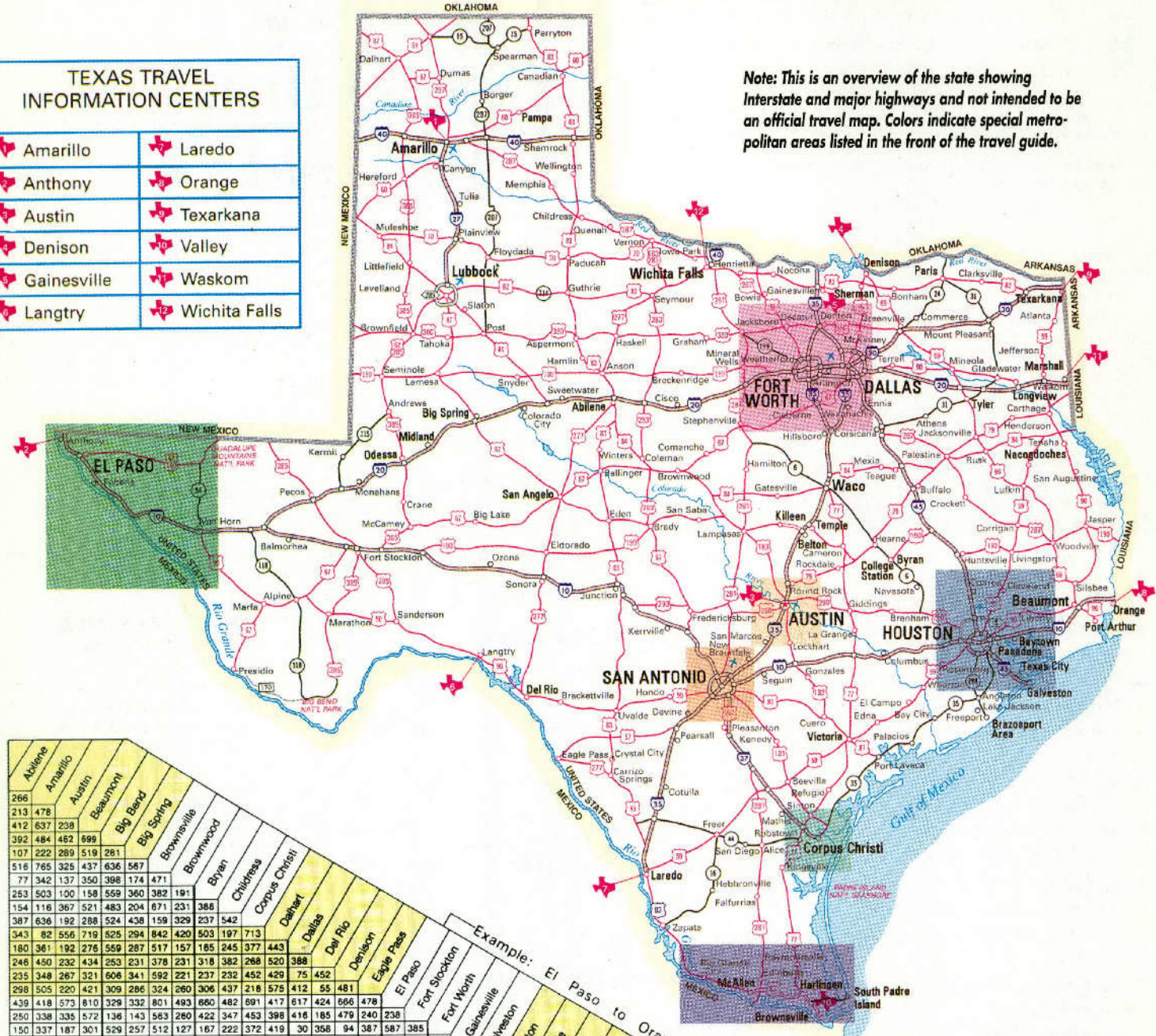


# MAP OF TEXAS

## TEXAS TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTERS

Amario	Laredo
Anthony	Orange
Austin	Texarkana
Denison	Valley
Gainesville	Waskom
Langtry	Wichita Falls

Note: This is an overview of the state showing Interstate and major highways and not intended to be an official travel map. Colors indicate special metropolitan areas listed in the front of the travel guide.



Abilene	266
Amarillo	213 478
Austin	412 637 238
Beaumont	392 484 462 699
Big Bend	107 222 289 519 281
Big Spring	516 765 325 437 636 567
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Dalhousie	246 450 232 434 253 231 378 231 318 382 288 520 388
Dallas	235 348 267 321 606 341 592 221 237 232 452 429 75 452
Del Rio	298 505 220 421 309 286 324 260 306 437 218 575 412 55 481
Denison	439 418 573 810 329 332 801 493 660 482 891 417 617 424 666 478
El Paso	250 338 335 572 136 143 563 260 422 347 453 398 416 185 479 240 238
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Fort Worth	398 648 206 76 851 493 374 336 145 531 219 726 288 383 361 380 774 536 309 358
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# CLIMATE OF TEXAS

**L**ike other attributes of the state, Texas climate is varied, but with one predominant characteristic—sunshine. Texas is sun land from the Gulf Coast to mile-high mountains, and in every season of the year. Native and visitor alike enjoy the vitamin D

abundance—living keyed to the great outdoors—places to go, miles to cover, and things to see.

## WINTER

Winter comes late to Texas, and leaves before wearing out its welcome. Only January and February can really be called winter, and depending on when and where you are, you might not recognize it. This is the season of “northers”, cold fronts that sweep rapidly through the state bringing sudden drops in temperature. Then, within a day or two, warming trends under sunny skies. Snow may powder the High Plains, but down in the Border Tropics they seldom see a snowflake, and it’s sport-shirt weather beneath swaying palms. Texas “winter sports” include golf, fishing, sailing, shuffleboard, and picnics on the beach.

## SPRING

Spring in Texas is a Sigmund Romberg musical: “Blossom Time.” During March and April, bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush and a thousand other wildflowers splash meadows with carpets of color. Temperatures are warm, bringing out shorts and bikinis that were hardly packed away from the previous sun season.

## SUMMER

With a minimum of fanfare, spring blends into summer. Long, lazy days stretch from horizon to horizon. Silvery bass drift beneath lily pads, awaiting a tempting lure. Swimmers plunge into cool lake depths, and bronze themselves along uncrowded beaches beside the Gulf of Mexico.

Sure, temperatures climb on a summer afternoon. After all, this is sun land. Living’s casual, and Texans revel in the ultimate season of the sun. Comes time to relax with a frosty glass, there’s always air conditioning. In Texas, almost every place under roof is air conditioned.

## FALL

Delightful! October through December feature mild, sparkling days under the bluest skies, and cool nights accented by the notes of a Spanish guitar.

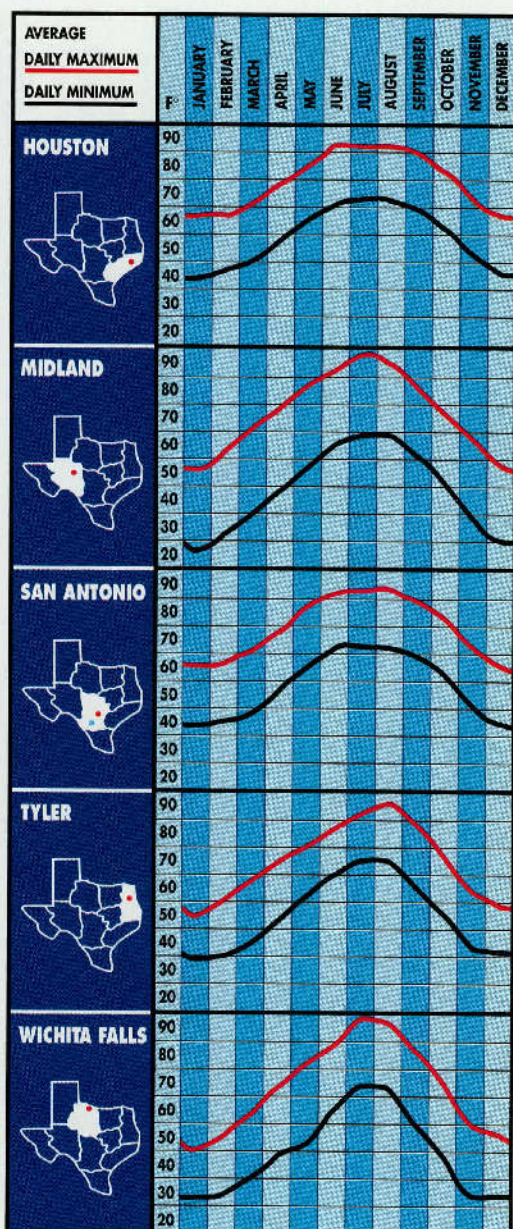
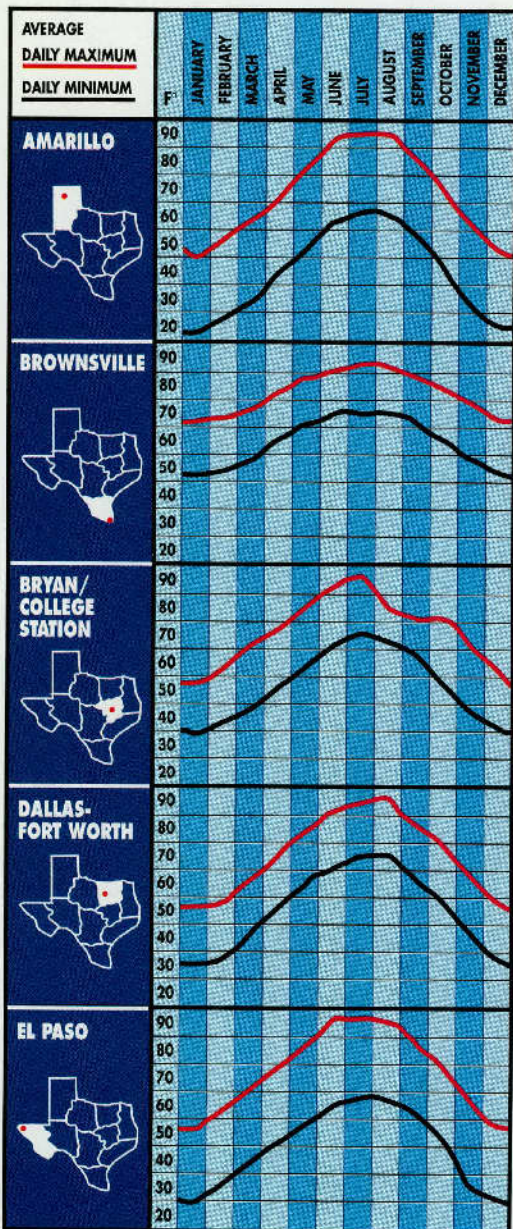
This is another season of color—golden in the woodlands, and green on Astroturf gridirons. You’ll want a sweater or light jacket for evenings at hillside theaters. And if a norther arrives around Christmas, so much the better for tradition.

## “OTHER” WEATHER

You’ve heard about Texas hurricanes and tornadoes. Relax. An occasional good, salty hurricane gives Gulf Coast residents something to talk about—sort of breaks the monotony of perfection. But if you’d just as soon pass up that kind of spice, there’s always plenty of warning so you can travel inland. Of course if you do, you’ll miss the beachcombing and fishing. Beachcombing is best after a hurricane, and fishing is absolutely fantastic.

Without question, tornadoes are fierce, but this is one category Texas can’t claim the top spot. In fact, on an average square-mile basis, Texas ranks well below Florida and Oklahoma; and usually behind Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana and Mississippi as well. Texans respect tornadoes, and heed any warning, but otherwise don’t spend much time worrying about them.

Enjoy the Texas sun land. Enjoy the place where the good old summertime really is. Enjoy the freshness of spring and fall. Enjoy winter that’s not a battle for survival. Enjoy the climate that’s a way of leisure life.





# TRAVEL INFORMATION AND HIGHWAYS

## TRAVEL INFORMATION CENTERS

**T**he Texas Department of Transportation operates travel information centers for the convenience of the traveling public. Uniformed, professional travel counselors welcome visitors and provide a wealth of free literature, information, and suggestions to make

every Texas trip more pleasant.

Working with the Official Travel Map, counselors expertly chart routes to any area of Texas. They point out the most convenient short-line directions, or leisurely scenic drives to your destination. They supply comprehensive statewide travel publications, plus detailed brochures about points of interest, attractions, and recreational areas along the way. All of those services are free. The centers are open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except New Year's, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the day before.

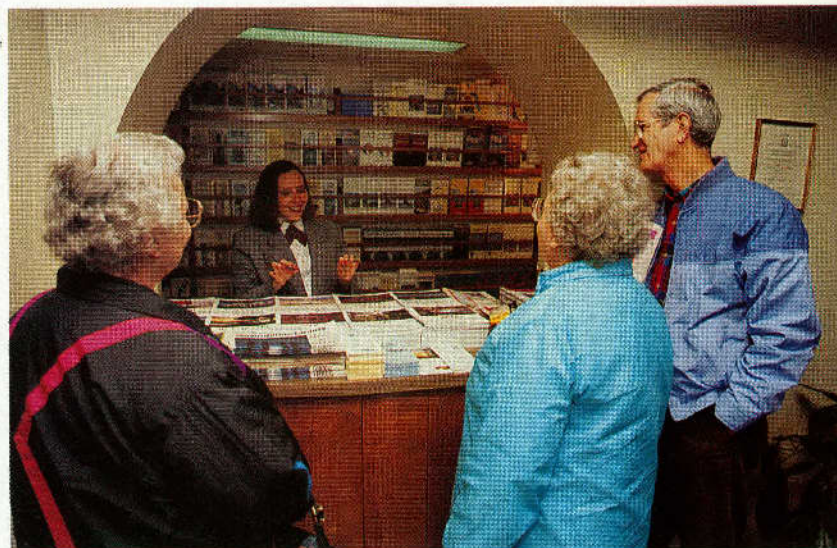
In addition, travel information, literature, and emergency road condition information may be obtained by calling 1-800-452-9292.

<b>Amarillo</b>	I-40 (from Oklahoma & New Mexico)
<b>Anthony</b>	I-10 (from New Mexico)
<b>Austin</b>	(Capitol Complex)
<b>Denison</b>	U.S. 75/69 (from Oklahoma)
<b>Gainesville</b>	U.S. 77, I-35 (from Oklahoma)
<b>Langtry</b>	U.S. 90, Loop 25
<b>Laredo</b>	I-35 (from Mexico)
<b>Orange</b>	I-10 (from Louisiana)
<b>Texarkana</b>	I-30 (from Arkansas)
<b>Valley</b>	Jct. U.S. 77 & U.S. 83 in Harlingen
<b>Waskom</b>	I-20 (from Louisiana)
<b>Wichita Falls</b>	I-44, U.S. 277/281 (from Oklahoma)

## HIGHWAY REST AREAS

Throughout the superb system of Texas highways, motorists find bonuses of travel pleasure in highway rest areas. Texas pioneered the concept of miniature parks along travelways, an idea that has been adopted nationally.

Today more than a thousand Texas rest areas, picnic areas, and scenic turnouts invite motorists to pause and relax from the concentration of driving. Often the site has been selected for its impressive landscape views, and each of the small parks is landscaped to complement its individual surroundings. All are equipped with shaded arbors, tables, benches, and cooking grills. Remaining in a rest area for more than 24 hours, or erecting any kind of structure is prohibited by law.





## INFOBORDS

InfoBords are attractive exhibits at more than 100 major rest areas scattered along many of the routes visitors to Texas most often travel. These displays summarize tourism features that lie just off the highway lanes—invitations to stop and visit instead of just driving through.

Each InfoBord location includes a highway map, with panels devoted to nearby attractions. Still others tell of features down the road ahead.

The panels feature local visitor attractions, such as museums and other historical points of interest; state and national parks; caverns that are open for tours; lakes and other recreational opportunities; and major visitor attractions such as San Antonio's River Walk, Houston's Astrodome/Astroworld, and Galveston's Strand. Other panels detail special features: freshwater and saltwater fishing, public campgrounds, and facts about Texas.

As you travel Texas highways, be sure to stop a moment at our major rest areas (the ones with rest room facilities, drinking water and picnic areas) and read the InfoBords. You may discover a point of historical interest, a fun-filled family attraction, or a pleasant campground that you might have overlooked—just down the road. Enjoy!



*Unusual picnic shelters on F.M. 170, with mountains of Mexico beyond*





## SPEED LIMITS

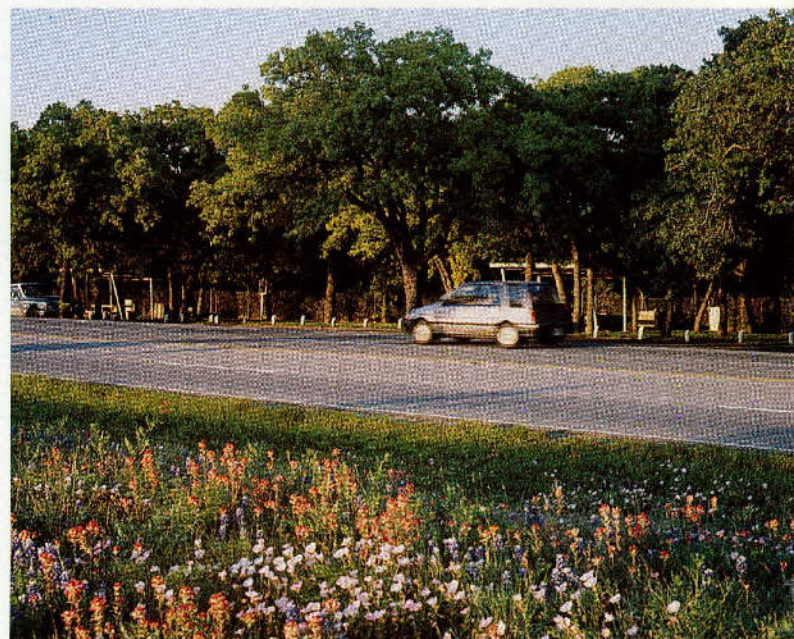
Speeds, caution areas, stops and directions are marked along 76,900 miles of Texas highways by over half a million signs. Passing is illegal when there is a continuous yellow stripe on the driver's side of the center line. Center lines are yellow dash stripes. White dash stripes separate dual lanes of traffic in the same direction. Painted or reflectorized pavement arrows often show approved directions or turns. Arrows pointing toward you or showing red reflectors indicate you are driving the wrong way on a freeway ramp or one-way street. In Texas, the maximum speed limit for cars and light trucks (pickups, panels, vans, etc.) on most *rural* interstate and some federal and state highways is 65 miles per hour, *where posted*. All other highways, including *urban* interstates, are 55 miles per hour, or *lower* as posted.

## AUTO SAFETY BELTS AND CHILD SEATS

Texas law requires front seat occupants must be buckled up while riding in cars and light trucks. Further, the law requires children under age four be secured whether in front or back seat. Infants under age two must be secured in a federally approved child safety seat; children between two and four may use such a seat or be secured in standard safety belts. Fines of \$25 to \$50 may be levied for failure to use safety belts and child safety seats as prescribed. The driver and all passengers of a motorcycle may not operate the vehicle unless each is wearing a safety helmet of approved design.

## AUTO INSURANCE

A motor vehicle may not be operated in Texas unless a policy of liability insurance is in effect. Evidence of insurance must be furnished when requested by a police officer.



# MEXICO

## Entrance and Exit Regulations

**T**he enchantment of Mexico is but a bridge away from much of Texas. Visitors find Mexican shops and markets colorful and fascinating, filled with a variety of gift, handicraft and art items at attractive prices. The people of Mexico are gracious and friendly.

Border crossing is easy and simple, there are no fees other than for auto insurance or special permits such as hunting and fishing licenses, bridge tolls, and U.S. Customs duties as mentioned below.

## General

U.S. citizens must carry proof of citizenship when crossing into Mexico. Officials of the National Immigration Institute, posted at border entry points, require a passport, birth certificate, voter registration card, or any other document that proves citizenship. This is a change from the past. The law applies to all border cities, and is an attempt to implement uniform immigration laws on both northern and southern borders.

On returning to Texas from Mexico, a stop at U.S. Customs is required, stating nationality and declaring Mexican purchases.

A Mexican tourist card is required for visiting Mexico beyond the border cities, or for stays longer than 72 hours. The free tourist cards are available from Mexican immigration authorities at the border, and also from Mexican consulates and Mexican government tourist offices in the U.S. A birth certificate or other proof of U.S. citizenship, such as voter registration, military I.D. showing place of birth, or passport, is required to obtain the tourist card.

Canadian citizens who visit Mexico from Texas should have a passport or birth certificate. Other foreign nationals should have a passport and appropriate visas both for entering Mexico and returning to the U.S.

## Driving Into Mexico

An automobile permit is required when driving into the interior of Mexico beyond the border cities. The permits, good for up to 180 days, may be obtained at the border after the tourist card has been stamped by Mexican immigration officials. A \$10 fee must be paid by the vehicle's owner using a major credit card on whose face the word "bank" appears. Vehicle Title of Ownership is required. If the vehicle owner is not in the party, written permission from the owner for a specific time period must be presented. The individual to whom the car permit is issued will have his tourist card stamped to that effect, and it is mandatory that he accompany the auto and surrender the permit upon leaving Mexico.

Auto tourists must stop at Mexico's Federal Inspection Points located on all principal highways to the interior, usually about 12 miles from the border. There the auto permit must be presented for inspection, and baggage inspection may also be required.

## Mexican Auto Insurance

According to Mexican civil statutes, it is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle in Mexico without automobile insurance issued by a Mexican insurance company. In the past, most U.S. insurance companies offered provisions to adjust claims arising from auto accidents in the immediate border cities of Mexico (Endorsement 74). Although that endorsement may still be carried on U.S. policies, Mexican authorities no longer recognize it, and their law is explicit: drivers must be covered by Mexican insurance. Auto accidents are considered criminal offenses in Mexico, and regardless of fault, involved vehicles are usually impounded.

Short-term Mexican auto insurance is available from numerous agencies and travel services on the Texas side of the border.

## Returning to the U.S.

Each U.S. citizen may bring back Mexican purchases valued to \$400 retail, duty free every 30 days. Federal duty fees will be assessed on the value of articles above the \$400 exemption. NOTE: Many items of Mexican manufacture, such as handicrafts and jewelry, may qualify for exemption even above the \$400 limit; ask for GSP brochure from U.S. Customs.

Federal law permits only one liter of duty-free alcoholic beverages to be brought back by each adult U.S. citizen each 30 days. Alcoholic beverages in



excess of the limit are subject to duty and internal revenue tax. In addition, Texas law requires a state tax on all alcoholic beverages brought in from Mexico.

## Foreign-Made Articles Taken Into Mexico

Foreign-made articles such as cameras, watches, and jewelry previously acquired in the U.S. or elsewhere, should be registered with U.S. Customs before entering Mexico. Without proof of prior possession, such articles may be dutiable when brought back into the U.S.

## Mexican Currency

Visitors to Mexican border cities will seldom need Mexican currency. U.S. dollars are readily accepted at the current exchange rate. Mexican banks, large hotels-motels and tourist service facilities provide currency exchange if needed.

## Pets

Both Mexico and the U.S. enforce rather stringent regulations about animal pets, and many visitors to Mexico find it more convenient to leave pets at veterinary boarding facilities in Texas border cities. For pets taken into Mexico and returned to the U.S., owners must present a rabies vaccination certificate dated not less than one month nor more than 12 months previously, and International Health Certificate (form 77-043) signed by a veterinarian no more than 72 hours before the pet enters Mexico. The certificate can be stamped (fee \$20) at the border or at a Mexican consulate where tourist cards are obtained.

## Prohibited Imports

Upon entering the U.S. from Mexico, certain articles are either prohibited or subject to various quarantines, limitations or special permit requirements. Those articles include all narcotics or drugs, weapons, certain trademarked articles, most fruits, vegetables, plants, animals, birds and meats, and products made from the hides, shells, feathers, or teeth of endangered species. If you are unsure of regulations governing the import of a wildlife product, check with local authorities of U.S. Embassy before making a purchase. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 28006, Washington, D.C. 20005, or TRAFFIC (U.S.A.), World Wildlife Fund, 1255 23rd St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, can provide information.

## Hunting and Fishing In Mexico

Mexican authorities must be contacted for current regulations, hunting and fishing licenses, and procedures for taking in firearms and ammunition. Any game legally taken in Mexico may be brought into Texas, but must be accompanied by a statement, issued by U.S. Customs at the border, that the game originated in Mexico. There are no restrictions on bringing fish caught in Mexico into Texas, but they must be declared at the Texas port of entry.

## NOTE

The above information is only a general summary of primary travel regulations between the U.S. and Mexico. For further details or significant changes that may have been effected since this printing, contact the Immigration and Customs authorities of the appropriate country.

# AUSTIN

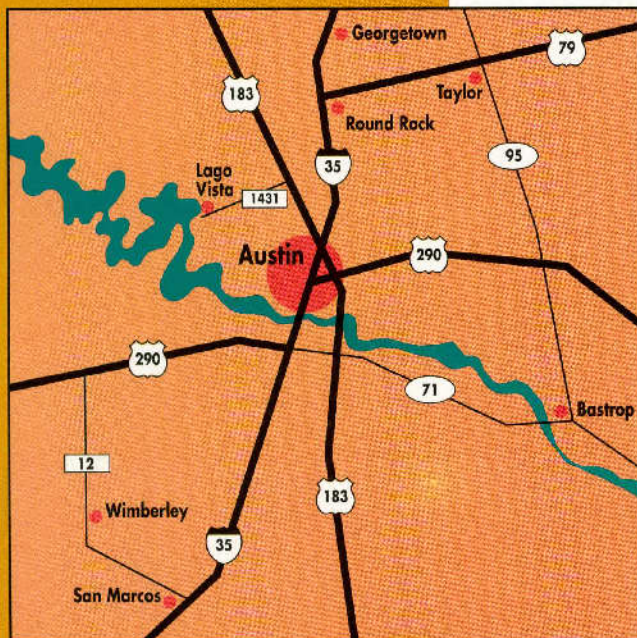
## CEN-TEX AREA

The Austin metropolitan area is the northeastern gateway to the Texas Hill Country where skyscrapers yield to the rolling hills teeming with white-tailed deer and other native wildlife. Here visitors find the Capitol complex and the heart of state government...only a few blocks from historic Sixth Street, known for its diverse music—blues, country/Western, reggae, jazz, swing, and rock—performed in various clubs along the renowned street and around the city. Here, too, visitors may discover an underwater theater at Aquarena Springs in San Marcos, retrace the steps of the notorious outlaw Sam Bass, buried in Round Rock Cemetery, or visit a village of the Old West in Wimberley—all within easy driving distance of Austin.

The Austin Cen-Tex area comprises multiple cities under its name. Refer to the section map for locations of the following cities and towns grouped in this special Austin Cen-Tex section:

- Austin • Bastrop • Georgetown
- Lago Vista • Round Rock • San Marcos
- Taylor • Wimberley

After several special sections like this at the front of this book, see page 86 where alphabetical listings of other Texas cities and towns begin, each with fascinating attractions to enrich your travels anywhere in the Lone Star State.



### AUSTIN

Pop. 477,227

Alt. 550

Map P-17



**General**—In 1839 five mounted scouts ranged over a broad area of wilderness seeking a site for a new capital city for the Republic of Texas. Location on north bank of Colorado River was chosen, where rich blacklands meet scenic hills. Site occupied at the time by a four-family settlement called Waterloo. Name honors Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of

Texas." About the first of Sept. 1839, archives and furniture of Texas government were transported from Houston to Austin by 50 ox-drawn wagons.

Institutions of higher learning include Austin Community College, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Concordia Lutheran College, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Huston-Tillotson College, St. Edward's Univ., and The Univ. of Texas at Austin.

Major annual event is Aqua Festival held late summer.

Widely known for its diverse music community and live music scene, Austin has it all—blues, country/Western, reggae, jazz, swing and rock. Performed in various clubs around city and at night spots along Sixth Street (see below).

The city is home to nation's largest urban bat colony found under the Congress Ave. bridge during the summer. A kiosk on north shore of Town Lake's hike-and-bike trail near Four Seasons Hotel and one on the south shore inform visitors when and where to watch for the nocturnal mammals.

The Greater Austin Area offers more than 20 bed and breakfast establishments. For information, contact the Austin Visitor Center. (See below.)

**Austin Children's Museum**—Children of all ages can touch, play, and climb to their hearts' content. Museum activities relate to three themes: how different people live, the human body, and everyday science and technology. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 1501 W. Fifth St. Admission.

**Austin Nature Center**—Exhibits of science, natural history and botany. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 301 Nature Center Dr.

**Austin Visitor Center**—For details about events and city attractions stop by the visitor center operated by the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau at 201 E. 2nd St. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; or at information booth in Robert Mueller Municipal Airport. 512/478-0098.

**Celebration Station**—Youngsters love the entertaining games and amusements that include go-cart tracks, batting



**Austin Children's Museum**

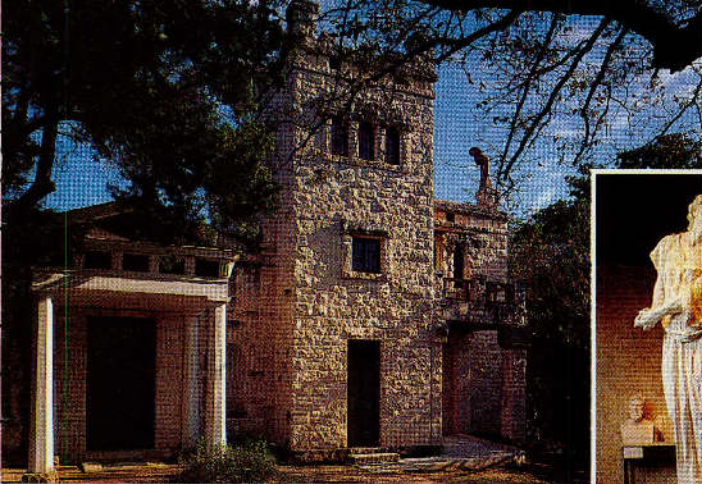
cages with fast and slow pitching, bumper boats, and lots more. Challenging miniature golf course. Food court. Open 10 a.m. daily Memorial Day - Labor Day; winter hours Sun. - Thurs. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. - midnight. All games priced individually. 4525 South I-35 (south of Ben White Blvd.). For information, 512/448-3533.

**Celis Brewery**—What was once a dream for Belgian brew master Pierre Celis to open a brewery in America is a reality. Brewery produces three brews: Celis White, Celis Pale Bock, and Celis Golden. Tours normally on Tues. - Sat. 2 and 4 p.m. Tours limited; reservations recommended; call 512/835-0884 for confirmation. 2431 Forbes Dr.

**Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museum**—Exhibits of Republic of Texas memorabilia. 510 E. Anderson Lane. 512/339-1997.

**Dougherty Arts Center**—Offers a variety of visual and performing arts programs, as well as a fine arts school with multi-disciplinary classes and workshops. Gallery features works in all media and subject matter. Open Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1110 Barton Springs Rd. For performance information, 512/397-1472.

**Elisabet Ney Museum**—National Historic Site and studio of famed German sculptress who immigrated to Texas in the 1870s. Her works stand in European palaces, the Texas and National Capitols, and the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art.



**Elizabeth Ney Museum, Austin**

Largest collection at her studio here; open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 304 E. 44th St.

**French Legation**—Built 1840 by Comte Alphonse de Saligny, French charge d'affaires to the Republic of Texas; a gem of Creole architecture with a superb collection of period furnishings. Open Tues. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 802 San Marcos St. Admission.

**George Washington Carver Museum**—Changing exhibits of black history and culture of Austin and Travis County; photos, artifacts, folk craft and art. Open Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. noon - 5 p.m. 1165 E. Angelina St. by Carver Library.

**Good Day Ranch**—Delightful children's zoo in southwest Travis County offers children of all ages hands-on encounter with many different animals. Pony rides, picnic area, and party barn. Open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; closed Christmas. Take U.S. 290 west to Circle Dr.; right on Circle Dr. to Rawhide Trail; right at ranch entrance. 10807 Rawhide Tr. 512/288-1490. Admission.

**Governor's Mansion**—Dignified white-columned mansion built 1856. The Governor occupies a private second-floor apartment. Other elegant rooms and antique furnishings may be seen on public tours Mon. - Fri., every 20 minutes, 10 to 11:40 a.m. Groups and official functions control schedule. 1010 Colorado St.

**Hamilton Pool Preserve**—Long a treasured swimming hole for Austinites and Univ. of Texas students, this grotto-like pool is one of Texas' most beautiful. 60-ft. waterfall spills into a deep, jade-green pool. (Note: Water quality carefully monitored and swimming not allowed when bacteria too high. Call ahead.) Other activities include picnicking and nature study. Guided nature tour by reservation. No drinking water available; no pets, glass containers, fires or cooking allowed. Take Texas 71 west approximately 16 miles to F.M. 3238, south 13 miles. For additional information, call 512/264-2740. Admission.

**Hill Country Flyer**—Steam excursion train runs through Hill Country from Cedar Park City Hall near U.S. 183 and R.M. 1431 to Burnet. Train pulled by Engine No. 786, a 75-year-old steam locomotive once displayed in downtown Austin. Ride is two hours through scenic countryside. Following short layover in Burnet, it's two hours back. Departures are Sat. and Sun. at 10 a.m. For information: 512/477-8468. Fare.

**Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farm**—Outdoor museum recalls story of rural life in central Texas. Help pick cotton and see it spun into yarn, or gather around the fire and sing old time favorites played on pump organ. Costumed interpreters share the past as they do the work of early Texans. Open Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. year round; Sep. - May Mon. - Wed. 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.;



Jun. - Aug. Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. 11418 Sprinkle Cut-off Rd. From North I-35, take Exit 243 east to Dessau Rd; turn left 1/2 mile on Sprinkle Cut-off and right to farm. 512/837-1215. Admission.

**Laguna Gloria Art Museum**—Home of Texas Fine Arts Association in Italianate villa on shore of Lake Austin at site first chosen by Stephen F. Austin for his home. Changing exhibitions of 20th Century American art; classes, films and lectures. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Thurs. 9 p.m.); Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 3809 W. 35th. Admission.

**Lake Cruises**—Capital Cruises: Excursions on Town Lake and Lake Austin take two to eight people on family outings, sunset cruises, bat-watching excursions, or private getaways for an hour or longer. Catering available. Also, pontoon, paddle boat, canoe and kayak rental. Open Mar. - Oct. Mon. - Fri. 3 p.m. - dusk; Sat. - Sun. 9 a.m. - dusk; (Nov. - Feb. as weather permits by reservation). Reservations recommended. Departs from Hyatt Regency dock on Town Lake, 208 Barton Springs Rd. Cruise/rental fees. Call 512/480-9264.

*Lone Star* paddle wheeler offers sight-seeing excursions on Town Lake from Mar. - Nov. (charter cruises year round). Departs from dock between Hyatt Regency Hotel and South First Street Bridge on Town Lake; 1.5-hr. cruise under city bridges, past mouth of Barton Creek and Zilker Park, "wilderness" scenery of limestone cliffs, huge bald cypress and native pecan trees, waterfowl and great blue herons. Tour fee. Call 512/327-1388 for schedule.

**Lakes**—Austin, Town, Travis, Walter B. Long. See LAKES listing.

**Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum**—Archives/museum relating to LBJ and office of presidency in general; colorful highlights of political campaigns. Exhibits include gifts from foreign heads of state, a moon rock, replica of Oval Office and changing exhibits. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 2313 Red River St.

**McKinney Falls State Park**—At confluence of Onion and Williamson Creeks with quiet pools, occasional rapids and waterfalls. Excellent visitor center, hiking and interpretive trails, campsites, playground, ruins of homestead of Thomas F. McKinney, one of Stephen F. Austin's original 300 colonists. Situated about 13 miles southeast of downtown. From U.S. 183 south, take Scenic Loop Rd. west to park entrance; admission.



**Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum, Austin**

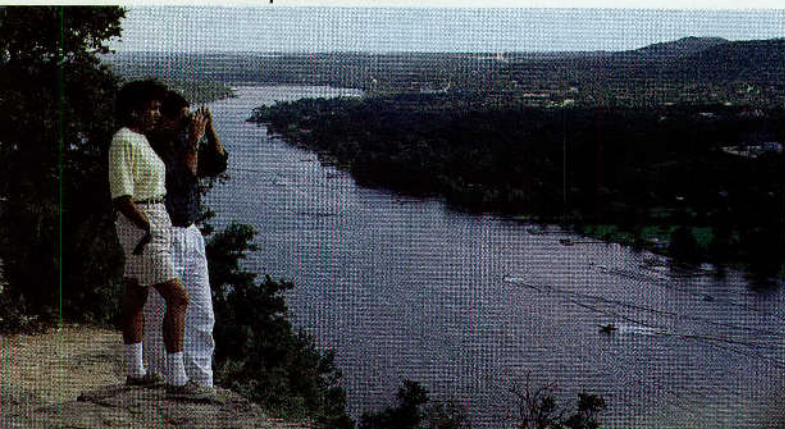
**Manor Downs**—Quarter Horse pari-mutuel racing is held during spring and fall just minutes from Austin. Take U.S. 290 east to Manor and Manor Downs Rd. For racing information, 512/272-5581.

**Mount Bonnell**—At western edge of city overlooking Lake Austin; dramatic views of city and Hill Country. Mount Bonnell Rd. reached via W. 35th and Old Bull Creek Rd.

**National Wildflower Research Center**—Founded by Lady Bird Johnson in 1982, the Center moved in 1995 from a former hay field to a 42-acre site in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. The spacious facility includes a 240-seat auditorium and five classroom-sized meeting areas. The grounds include numerous research display gardens, landscaped areas, and themed gardens. The Center is the only national nonprofit research and educational organization committed to the preservation and reestablishment of native plants in planned landscapes. Visitor center with museum quality exhibits. Especially colorful during spring. Open Tues. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. In southwest Austin; from I-35, take Slaughter Ln. Exit 227 west to Loop 1; south .8 mi.; left to 4801 La Cross Ave. 512/929-3600.

**Neill-Cochran House**—Domicile of National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Texas. Greek Revival architecture circa 1853. Antique furnishings and historic documents. Open Wed. - Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Closed holidays and Aug. 2310 San Gabriel St. Admission.

**Lake Austin from top of Mount Bonnell**





**Daily guided tours of the Capitol**

**O. Henry Home**—Residence of William Sydney Porter, eminent short story writer who signed his works "O. Henry." Porter lived in Austin 1885-95. Desk, writing materials and other furnishings of the period. Open Wed. - Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 409 E. 5th St.

**Old Bakery and Emporium**—Built as bakery by Swedish immigrant Charles Lundberg in 1876; now craft shop selling handicrafts and baked goods by senior citizens. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Summer and Dec., Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 1006 Congress.

**Parks**—Eight major park areas of more than 5,600 acres, including four municipal golf courses, 42 playgrounds, 21 swimming pools, 39 tennis court areas, four community recreation centers and 71 athletic fields.

Walter E. Long Lake and Metropolitan Park include all lands around 1,300-acre lake; fishing, sailing. About 5 miles east of downtown, Blue Bluff Rd. off Webberville Rd. Admission.

Fiesta Gardens on Town Lake; displays of exotic flora and lagoon.

Emma Long Metropolitan Park, beside Lake Austin about 17 miles northwest via R.M. 2222. Swimming, fishing and camping; admission.

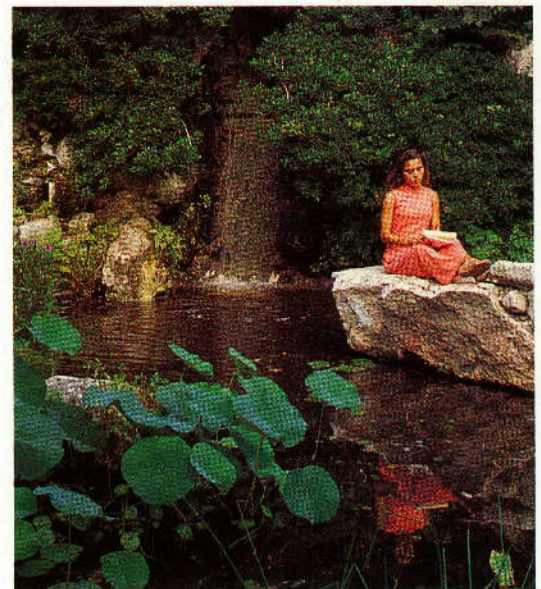
Zilker Park in southwest Austin includes popular Barton Springs swimming pool (open late Mar. - Oct. 31; fee), Zilker Hillside Theater and Austin Area Garden Center. Free Zilker Hillside Theater presents shows under the stars, early June - Aug. Austin Area Garden Center is a free, beautiful showcase of flowers, shrubs and trees; also a pioneer log cabin furnished in the frontier style. Tours of dinosaur tracks found at Zilker Botanical Gardens offered every Sat. May - Thanksgiving weekend. Hours May - Jun. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; otherwise, 9 - 11 a.m. For information, 512/477-8672.

Other popular facilities of Austin parks are hike and bike trails in scenic areas along Town Lake, Shoal Creek, and Blunn Creek.

**Sixth Street (Old Pecan Street)**—Before the Capitol was built and shifted the center of commerce to Congress Avenue, Old Pecan Street was Austin's main street. Neglected for years, it's been reborn with restaurants, clubs, shops and art galleries occupying the Victorian and native stone-buildings. Carnival atmosphere especially apparent on weekends. Registered Historic District. Seven blocks between I-35 and Congress Ave.

**Slaughter Leftwich Winery**—Native-stone facility, built in tradition of early Texas architecture, transforms grapes grown at vineyard near Lubbock into award-winning wines. Tours of winery Thurs. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. (Sept. - Jun. on weekends only 1 - 5 p.m.); wine tasting room open daily 1 - 5 p.m. Has panoramic view of Lake Travis and the Hill Country. From Austin, R.M. 2222 west to R.M. 620, south past Mansfield Dam 1 mile to Eck Lane.

**Japanese Garden in Zilker Park, Austin**



**State Capitol Complex**—46 acres of immaculate, landscaped grounds, stately shade trees and flowering gardens. The Capitol itself, a massive, classic statehouse of famous Texas pink granite, dominates the park-like area. The handsome building underwent a major renovation during 1993-1994 when it was restored to original splendor. Included in the renovation is a new underground Capitol extension. Daily tours include both facilities. Striking state office buildings surround the Capitol.

Capitol Complex Visitors Center is housed in the renovated General Land Office building constructed around 1857. Exhibits include a pictorial history of the Capitol's renovation and a 22-minute informational video. Gift shop. Information about points of interest in the Capitol, city, and entire state is available at the Travel Information Center operated by Texas Department of Transportation, also in the Old General Land Office. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 112 East 11th St.





Westcave Preserve near Austin

**State Cemetery**—The “Arlington of Texas” where monuments mark resting places of nearly 2,000 patriots, statesmen, and heroes of Texas, including tombs of Stephen F. Austin and Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston. E. 7th and Comal Sts.

**Texas Military Forces Museum**—Camp Mabry was established in 1892 as a summer base for the Texas Volunteer Guard and continues its military tradition as home to the Texas National Guard. Museum features artifacts, dioramas, aircraft, weapons, and vehicles. Open Wed. 4 - 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. West 35th St. and MoPac Freeway (Loop 1). For information, 512/409-6967.

**Texas State Library**—Documents and books dealing with all phases of Texas history. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. Just east of State Capitol.

**Theatre**—Austin’s blessed with stage productions year round at local playhouses. The restored Paramount Theatre on Congress Ave. features stage productions, musicals, and classic films throughout the year. Other stages include Zachary Scott Theatre, Live Oak Theatre, St. Edward Univ.’s Mary Moody Northern Theatre, Univ. of Texas Performing Arts Center, Capitol City Playhouse, and Hyde Park Theater. Be sure to check out “Esther’s Follies” musical comedy revue on Sixth St. For information, visit Austin Visitor Center (above) or check with each theatre.

**Umlauf Sculpture Garden**—One of world’s few exhibits devoted to a single sculptor; museum displays some 150 examples of works by Charles Umlauf, nationally acclaimed sculptor. Indoor exhibits in modern museum; others scattered along walks throughout tree-shaded garden. Open Thurs. - Sun. 1 - 4:30 p.m. 605 Robert E. Lee Rd. (near Zilker Park). Admission.

**University of Texas, The**—From its original 40 acres near the State Capitol, the school has grown to become a major institution known nationally for the quality of its academic programs, research, and public service. Today, it has a main campus of 357 acres and some 120 buildings. Information Centers in Arno Nowotny Building, a restored 19th-Century structure at I-35 and MLK Blvd., and in Sid Richardson Hall, adjacent to the LBJ Library and Museum, provide information and maps for campus attractions. Both centers open weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Archer M. Huntington Art Gallery, The**—A teaching gallery with exhibits changed monthly. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Thurs. 9 p.m.); Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 23rd and San Jacinto Sts.

**Harry Ransom Center**—Contains a Gutenberg Bible printed in 1455, exhibits of photography, theater arts, American art and collections, as well as the James and Mari Michener Collection of 20th-Century American Art, the C.R. Smith Collection of Western American Art, and the John and Barbara Duncan Collection of Contemporary Latin American Art. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. On Univ. of Texas campus, 21st and Guadalupe.

**Texas Memorial Museum**—Historical, archaeological and geological collections. Exhibition items range from gems and minerals to fossils and the original “Goddess of Liberty” statue from atop the Texas State Capitol. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Closed major holidays. 2400 Trinity St.

**Walking Tours—Congress Avenue Tour:** Stroll down the avenue with informed guides and hear interesting tales of what went on behind the limestone and brick facades. The 1 1/2-hour tour also includes Sixth Street, the popular entertainment district. Tours available Mar. 1 - Nov. 30; leave from south steps of the State Capitol promptly at 9 a.m. Thurs. - Sat.; Sun. 2 p.m. Comfortable walking shoes recommended.

**Bremond Block Tour:** The Bremond Block Historic District is a rare collection of homes in the midst of downtown where an entire block of houses belonging to members of a single family have survived. Tour includes a walk by the Governor’s Mansion. Tours available Mar. 1 - Nov. 30; the 1 1/2 hour tour leaves from the south steps of the State Capitol (weather permitting) on Sat. & Sun. promptly at 11 a.m. Comfortable walking shoes recommended.

**Hyde Park Tour:** Self-guided tour; Victorian and bungalow-style homes along tree-shaded streets in historic neighborhood. Elisabet Ney built her studio here. (See above.) Hyde Park is just north of downtown and the Univ. of Texas, roughly between 38 1/2 St. and 45th St.

A step-by-step booklet is available from the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau for these self-guided. See address above. Tours free. 512/478-0098.

**Westcave Preserve**—30-acre natural area home to many rare and endangered plants; also sanctuary for golden-cheeked warbler and other birds. Two ecosystems: upper half grassland savannah with wild flower meadows and stands of ashe juniper and live oak; lower half created millions of years ago by collapse of roof of an immense limestone cave now flourishing as a natural terrarium canopied by giant cypress trees. Weather permitting, tours are Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m.; noon, 2 & 4 p.m. Tours limited to first 30 visitors; no reservations. About 45 minutes west of Austin. Take Texas 71 one mile past Bee Cave; left on F.M. 3238 17 miles. First gate on right after crossing Pedernales River. 210/825-3442.

**Wild Basin Preserve**—Scenic Hill Country wilderness west of city. The 220-acre preserve is home to two endangered bird species: Golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo. Four miles of hiking trails and a special trail for the mobility impaired. Open daily sunrise to sunset. On Loop 360, 1.25 miles north of Bee Cave Rd. (R.M. 2244). For special guided tours, call 512/476-4113.

## BASTROP

Pop. 4,235

Alt. 374

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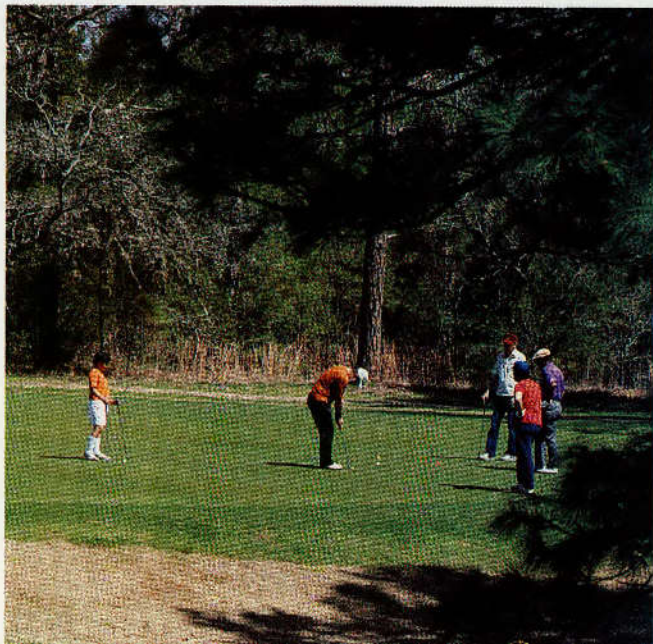


**General**—One of Texas’ oldest settlements, first called *Mina*, the town’s name was changed about 1837 to honor a man of fame and influence in early Texas. The man was *Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop*, a

prominent Dutch nobleman—or so the colonists thought.

Actually, he was a flamboyant imposter whose real name was Philip Hendrik Nering Bogel, born not of Holland’s nobility, but in Dutch Guiana of ordinary Dutch parents. Appointed a tax collector after he and his parents returned to Holland, he was accused of embezzlement and fled the country.

### Golfers enjoy course at Bastrop State Park



Appearing in Texas as Baron de Bastrop in 1805, he obtained a colony grant, established a freighting business, and was appointed second alcalde of San Antonio in 1810. He was a primary negotiator with the government of Mexico for Stephen F. Austin's original Anglo-American colony. He was elected representative to the Mexican state of Coahuila (which included Texas), secured passage of a further immigration act, and was instrumental in establishing the port of Galveston.

Of impressive physical stature, dashing and energetic, the counterfeit baron's enterprises resulted in little profit. At his death in 1827, he did not leave enough funds for burial expenses; fellow legislators contributed the cost. In Holland, unclaimed for 20 years, was a reward of 1,000 gold ducats for return of the accused embezzler.

More than 125 historic structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, with 31 displaying a Texas Medallion marker. Main street is lined with century old structures housing antique shops, restaurants, and specialty stores.

Main Street and Fisherman's Park follow the scenic Colorado River for great places to picnic, fish, and canoe. The old historic Iron Bridge crossing the river has been converted to a park with picnic tables, benches, and walkways above the Colorado River.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

**Bastrop Advertiser**—Oldest weekly newspaper in Texas, established 1853. 908 Water Street.

**Bastrop Museum**—Frontier tools, artifacts, pictures, documents, and furnishings in restored house, built 1850. Open Sat., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 702 Main St. Admission.

**Bastrop Opera House**—Circa 1889, features a wide variety of year-round dinner theater productions in an informal Victorian setting. Performances usually Fri. & Sat. evening. First Thurs. of the month features audience participation in "Mister Ree Murder Production," at 9 a.m. Call 512/321-6283 for schedule. 711 Spring St.

**Bastrop State Park**—3,550 acres of quiet, rolling parkland shaded by the strange "Lost Pines"—an isolated area of stately pine trees far from the vast piney woods of East Texas. Camping and group camp facilities, cabins, trailer sites, picnicking, fishing, swimming, golf, nature study, hiking. One mile east of intersection of Texas 21/71; admission. Scenic Park Road 1 connects with Buescher State Park 15 miles to east. (See SMITHVILLE).

**1911 Napier, one of many vintage cars in Central Texas Museum of Automotive History near Bastrop**

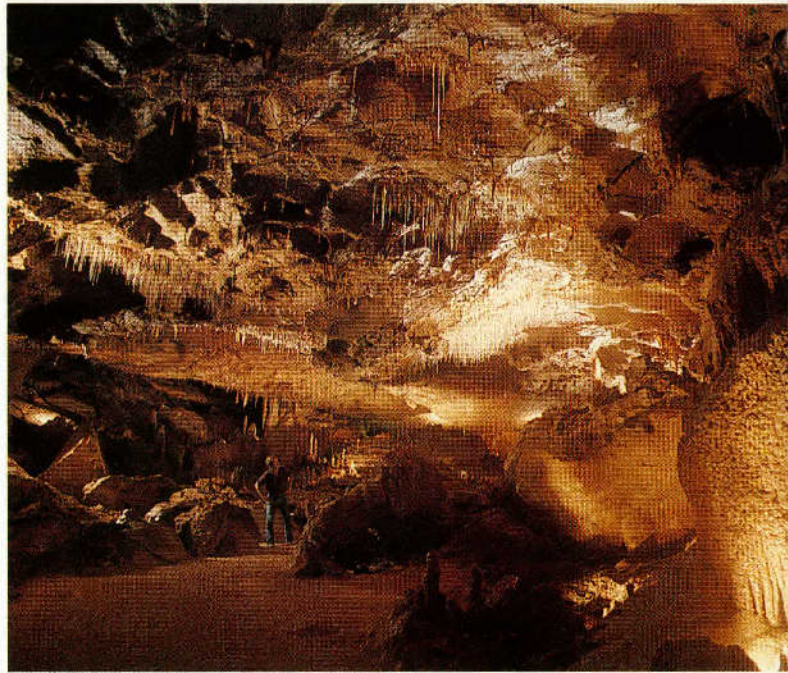


**Central Texas Museum of Automotive History**—Nearly eight decades of automotive history in some 85 vintage cars from Model Ts to a Duesenberg; some old, some rare, all beautiful. Open Apr. - Oct. Wed. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.; Nov. - Mar. Fri. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Some 12 miles south on Tex. 304 (see map). Call 512/237-2635. Admission.

**Lake**—Bastrop. See LAKES listing.

**Lock's Drug**—Like stepping back into history; furnishings and equipment of a 19th-Century doctor's office and drug store, along with old-fashioned ice cream parlor. 1003 Main St.

**Visitor Center**—For information about events, attractions, or places to dine, stop by the Chamber of Commerce Office at 1009 Main St. There's also brochures for self-guided walking and driving tours. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. during the summer.



*Inner Space Cavern lies beneath I-35 in Georgetown*

**GEORGETOWN**

Pop. 15,188

Alt. 750

Map O-17



**General**—Established 1848 as trade center for agricultural region. Seat of Williamson County at edge of black, fertile farmland and Hill Country ranch lands. Participation in Main Street Project has resulted in

preservation and restoration of downtown Victorian commercial architecture; gracious square is cited on National Register of Historic Places; site of Southwestern Univ., prestigious Methodist school founded in 1840.

Visitors may tour a factory that produces more than a thousand kinds of colorful, decorative candles.

**Inner Space**—Texas' newest and most accessible cavern; subterranean beauty of stalactites, stalagmites and flowstones plus remains of prehistoric mastodons, wolves and Ice Age animals. Creative lighting and acoustics dramatize the natural beauty. Average temperature, 72 degrees year round. On I-35, one mile south. Admission.

**Lakes**—Georgetown, Granger. See LAKES listing.

**Mood Heritage Museum**—Indian and Texana displays; changing exhibits. Open Tues., Thurs. afternoons, Fri. morning. On Southwestern Univ. campus.

**LAGO VISTA**

Pop. 2,199

Alt. 1,230

Map P-16



**General**—Originally a lakeside resort development with homes, condominiums, and golf courses; incorporated in 1984. Name in Spanish means "Lake View." The community encompasses more than eleven miles of

shoreline on Lake Travis. There's year-round golfing, boating, fishing, hunting, and tennis.

F.M. 1431 west offers exceptional scenery through Hill Country. Especially pretty during spring with bluebonnets and other wild flowers.

**Lakes**—Austin, Georgetown, Granger, and Travis. See LAKES listing.

**Lago Vista Airpower Museum**—Dedicated to preservation of military aircraft and memorabilia. Collection includes more than 150 model aircraft of all nations from World Wars I & II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. Aircraft include L-4 Grasshopper and RF-4C Phantom Jet. Also displays of uniforms, guns, diaries, medals, photographs, and books from 1914 through Desert Storm. Open Sat. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. In Hanger 9 at Lago Vista Airport. From I-35, take Exit 256 (F.M. 1431) to Lago Vista, right at Bar-K Ranch Rd. to airport.

## ROUND ROCK

Pop. 34,170

Alt. 720

Map P-17



**General**—Established 1850, named for large round rock in bed of Brushy Creek. Site of historic St. Charles Hotel, built 1850. Best known as site of killing of notorious outlaw Sam Bass, now buried in Round Rock Cemetery.

Bass's gang plagued stagecoaches, trains and banks in area and was object of intensive chase by Texas Rangers. An informer warned Rangers and Round Rock lawmen of planned raid on a local bank. Bass gang was ambushed there on July 18, 1878. Wounded in the gun battle, Bass died two days later.

**Lakes**—Austin, Georgetown, Granger, and Travis. See LAKES listing.

**Palm House Museum**—Restored founding-family home with authentic furnishings; elegant parlor, Swedish kitchen. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 212 E. Main St.

## SAN MARCOS

Pop. 29,883

Alt. 581

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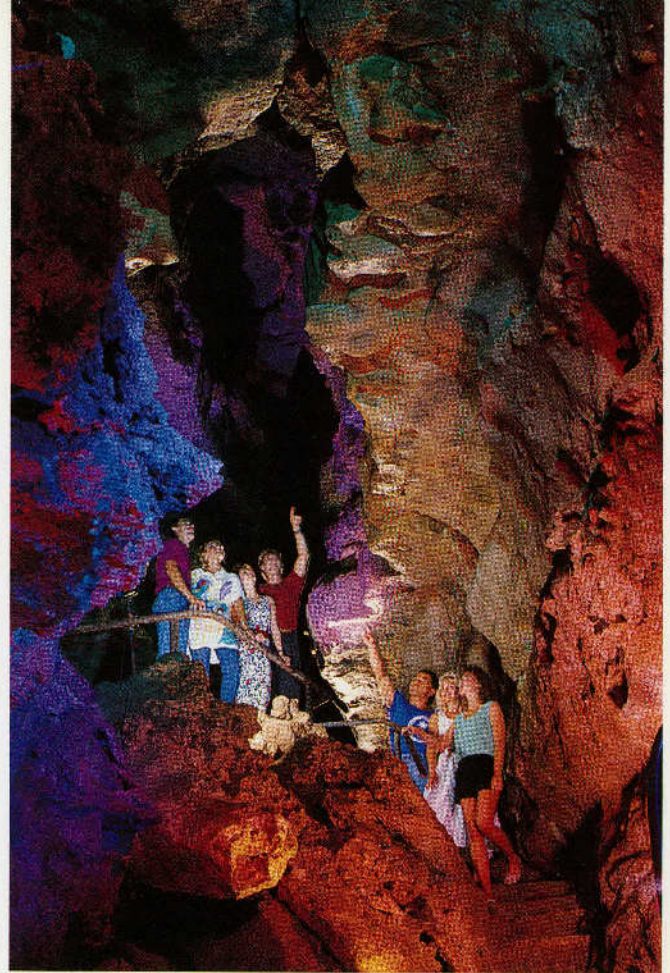
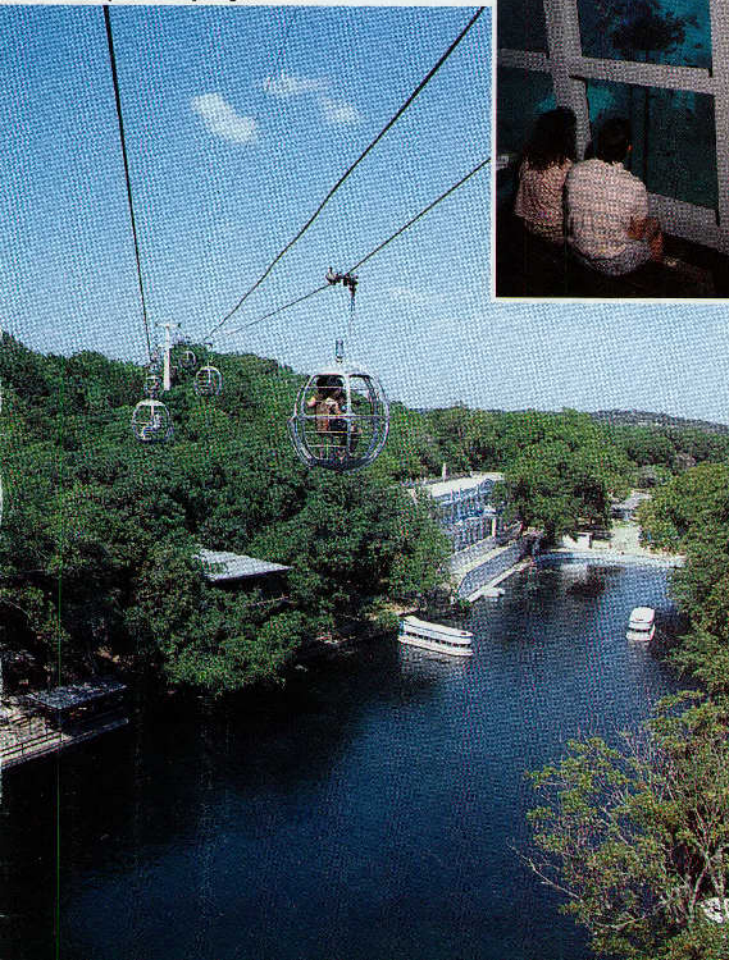


**General**—Seat of Hays County at edge of the Hill Country; was once temporary site of two Spanish missions being relocated from East Texas because of French and Indian difficulties. Laid out for Anglo-American settlers in

1851. Clear, cold San Marcos River rises from mammoth springs within town; noted for profusion of both plant and animal aquatic life, river is ranked among world's most fertile. White-tailed deer are numerous in Hill Country. Hunters also take dove, quail, squirrel, fox and an occasional bobcat. Fishing is enjoyed year round in the San Marcos and nearby Blanco Rivers.

Home of San Marcos Baptist Academy and the alma mater of Lyndon B. Johnson, Southwest Texas State Univ., whose campus commands an impressive view of city.

### Aquarena Springs, San Marcos



Earthquake-formed Wonder World Cave in San Marcos

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic district.

Shoppers find bargains of 25% to 70% off name brand labels daily at San Marcos Factory Shops and Tanger Outlet Center south on I-35 at exit 200.

**Aquarena Springs**—One of Texas' most popular commercial attractions, on Spring Lake that forms beginning of San Marcos River. "The Legend of Many Springs" evolves around early Indians settling near springs; rediscovered in underwater shows viewed from submarine theater. Pepsi "River Theater" shows award winning film, "The River of Innocence," telling the story of the San Marcos River and its 200 plus springs. Glass-bottomed boats cruise over an aquatic wonderland on the crystal lake; aerial tramway lifts visitors over lake and cliff to hillside gardens featuring Mexican market, old mill. Re-created frontier village with authentic structures, mission ruins and nature trail; 220-foot Sky Spiral tower provides panoramic views. Historic inn overlooks the beautiful setting. Open year round. Admission.

**Belvin Street Historic District**—Superb examples of 19th-Century homes along street shaded by huge live oaks. Well worth a drive or stroll (only a few blocks) in southwest San Marcos. All are private residences not open to public except during Tours of Distinction, first weekend in May.

**Lake**—Canyon. See LAKES listing.

**San Marcos River Walkway**—Unites three city parks along the picturesque river, accented by lush landscaping. Access from Juan Veramendi Plaza, C.M. Allen Pkwy. at Hopkins St.

**Scenic Drives**—R.M. 12 northwest to junction with R.M. 32, the winding ridge route called the "Devil's Backbone," offers exceptional views of Hill Country scenery.

**Visitor Information Center**—Details about San Marcos attractions and events, accommodations, and the Texas Hill Country. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed major holidays. North side of city on southbound I-35, exit 206.

**Wonder World**—Earthquake-formed cave showing unique exhibition of Balcones Fault line; includes wildlife park, observation tower, gift shop. Cave tours every 15 minutes; Anti-Gravity House, elevator from cave to Tejas Tower that offers impressive overlook of town and Hill Country. Miniature train through wildlife park; animal feeding and petting areas. Open daily Mar. 1 - Oct. 31 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; spring and fall hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bishop St. within city. Admission. 512/392-3760.

## TAYLOR

Pop. 11,904

Alt. 583

Map O-17



**General**—Originally named *Taylorville* to honor *Edward M. Taylor*, an official of *Houston Belt and Terminal RR* when townsite laid out in 1876 in southeastern *Williamson County*. **First public school in 1883**, first

water works in 1882 and first churches in 1878; incorporated in 1882. Today town is center for agribusiness and industrial area with plants making furniture, clothing, bedding and many other products.

Two municipal parks provide swimming pools, picnic areas, and other recreational activities. Taylor Country Club's 9-hole golf course is open to the public.

**Lake**—Granger. See LAKES listing.

**Moody Museum**—Housed in restored birthplace of Texas governor, Dan Moody, who gained fame by prosecuting Ku Klux Klan in Williamson Co. Built in 1887, the Victorian house contains many original furnishings donated by the Moody family. Open Sun. 3 - 5 p.m. 114 W. Ninth St.

## WIMBERLEY

Pop. 2,447

Alt. 967

Map Q-16



**General**—Established 1848, the picturesque village today is a resort and retirement area on *R.M. 12* in beautiful *Central Texas Hill Country* north of *San Marcos*. **Visitors are entranced by cool, shady pools beneath**

towering cypress trees, frothy cascades on Blanco River and sparkling Cypress Creek, green meadows and majestic hills; abundant white-tailed deer. Recreational communities, vacation resorts and youth camps dot area. Climbing, hiking, fishing, swimming, boating, golf, tennis, arts and crafts, and camping are popular activities. Many artists and authors make their homes here.

Twelve miles north on R.M. 12 is Billie Bob's Knob, an unusual shop with 12 display rooms featuring arts, country crafts and out-of-the-ordinary merchandise.



Visitors find antiques, art and crafts in Wimberley

**Arts and Crafts Galleries**—Hill Country scenes captured in oils; hand-crafts, hobbies and souvenirs, all available in several quaint shops and studios clustered on and around Wimberley's "town square" at a casual joining of several roads.

**Devil's Backbone**—One of Texas' most scenic drives, officially R.M. 32, the "Devil's Backbone" is a winding, razor-backed ridge overlooking Hill Country vistas. Extends from R.M. 12 just south of Wimberley, west some 24 miles to near Blanco.

**Lake**—Canyon. See LAKES listing.

**Pioneertown**—A village of the Old West re-created at 7-A Ranch Resort on the Blanco River. Furnishings and details of saloons, general store, post office, hotel, opera house, log fort and other buildings. Medicine shows and old-time melodramas are regular summer fare. Art gallery features impressive collection of Remington bronzes and Western paintings. Open daily 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. summer; winter Sat. - Sun. 1 - 5:30 p.m. 7-A Ranch Resort, one mile S. of Wimberley.



"Blue Hole" on Cypress Creek in Wimberley



# CORPUS CHRISTI

## AND THE COASTAL BEND

### ARANSAS PASS

Pop. 7,167

Alt. 20

Map V-18



**General**—Named for pass between Mustang and St. Joseph Islands; on mainland but connected to Mustang Island and Port Aransas by causeway and ferry. Shrimping, commercial and sport fishing are top area industries. Waterfowl hunting in season. Guide service available.

Visit Conn Brown Harbor, south from Stapp Ave.; at harbor entrance,

see Seamen's Memorial Tower, dedicated to fishermen lost at sea.

**Fishing**—Area is mecca for fishermen. Countless bait and tackle shops supply all angling needs, including rental equipment. From shore, wharves, piers, and jetties, anglers may expect to catch redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheephead, flounder, croaker, skip-

jack, and drum. Group boats provide bay and deep-sea fishing for half or full days; charter cruisers are available for offshore sport. Species caught from group or charter boats may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper, warsaw, and others.

### BEEVILLE

Pop. 13,710

Alt. 214

Map T-17



**General**—On Poesta Creek, originally named Maryville for Mary Hefferman, only survivor of a family massacred by Indians in 1853.

Became seat of Bee County, 1860, and renamed "Beeville-on-the-Poesta."

Largest retail center in six-county area. Home of Bee County College, Texas Dept. of Corrections McConnell Unit, and various aviation and

manufacturing industries.

Hunters take deer, wild turkey, quail, dove, and javelina when in season. Freshwater fishing in area rivers.

For information on area events, accommodations, and attractions, contact the Bee County Chamber of Commerce; 512/358-3267.

**Beeville Art Gallery and Museum**—Housed in historic Esther Barnhart House, originally home of the Hodges family, early Beeville settlers. Antique furnishings from Barnhart family and other area residents; paintings and sculptures from Barnhart family collection.

### Gulf of Mexico Shrimp harvest at Aransas Pass



Village Exchange (museum gift shop) offers books, prints, and souvenirs. Open Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 401 E. Fannin St. 512/358-8615.

**Lakes**—Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon. See LAKES listing.

**Parks**—Among eight city parks is 200-acre Veterans Memorial Park that offers picnicking, playground, pavilions, 9-hole golf course. Off F.M. 351 north of U.S. 59.

Texas' coastal bend spans an arc of some 115 miles along the state's middle Gulf Coast from the southern end of Matagorda Peninsula to Baffin Bay. One of America's great playgrounds, it is a treasure trove of things to see and do, places to go. In this sunny land of palm trees, blue waters, golden sands, and happy people, Texas' tropical coast is a jewel of endless beaches and sunny skies. Recreational opportunities lure visitors to vast sport-fishing bays, piers, and beaches, while campers enjoy tree-shaded state parks and campgrounds.

Here, too, visitors discover denizens of the deep at the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, beachcomb for driftwood and seashells along the sands of Padre Island, visit historic Fulton Mansion, marvel at many museums, or ride the range on the famed King Ranch. Refer to the accompanying map for locations of the following cities and towns grouped together in this special Coastal Bend section:

- Aransas Pass • Beeville • Corpus Christi
- Kingsville • Mathis • Port Aransas
- Portland • Rockport-Fulton • Sinton
- Taft

After several special sections like this at the front of this book, see page 86 where alphabetical listings of other Texas cities and towns begin, each with fascinating attractions to enrich your travels anywhere in the Lone Star State.





**Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

Pop. 262,092

Alt. 35

Map V-17



**General**—City is major deep-water port and one of Texas' most popular seacoast playground cities. First European to have visited area is believed to have been Spanish explorer Alonzo de Pineda in 1519.

First settlement began as frontier trading post founded 1839 by empresario-colonizer Col. Henry Lawrence Kinney; obscure settlement until about 1845 when accelerated growth began. Institutions of higher learning are Del Mar College and Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Seawall, with steps to the water, was built in the late 1930s as part of a major landfill that created Shoreline Boulevard and the popular "T" head docks for pleasure boats. Corpus Christi Beach, north of downtown over the bridge, is the site of the USS *Lexington* and Texas State Aquarium, and offers park areas, picnic tables, showers, and rest rooms. For maps and current information on Corpus Christi attractions see Visitor Centers (below).

In keeping with the city's image of having glistening waterways, Corpus Christi's Watergarden at Bayfront Arts and Science Park sparkles for visitors who see, hear, and touch the garden's water. Some 108 fountains form nucleus of park, which is lighted at night.

**Aquarium, Texas State**—Experience undersea adventure upon entering through cascades of water above glass-enclosed tunnel. Close-up views of the wonders of the Gulf of Mexico in a wide variety of marine habitats: an artificial reef community created by the massive leg of an offshore oil rig; the color and beauty of the Flower Gardens Coral Reef; 132,000-gallon deep-water exhibit where visitors talk to the diver; other exhibits. More than 250 species of the Gulf's most interesting creatures. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. noon - 6 p.m. 2710 N. Shoreline Blvd. (Surfside Exit from U.S. 181). Water taxi available from Bayfront Arts Complex (see below). Admission. 512/881-1200 or 1-800-477-GULF.

**Art Center of Corpus Christi**—Exhibits of work by area artists. Main gallery exhibits change monthly. Artist-in-residence studios let visitors view artisans while they work; tearoom. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. Closed Mon. 100 N. Shoreline Blvd. 512/884-6406.

**Bayfront Arts and Science Park**—Focal point of city's entertainment at north end of Shoreline Blvd. at foot of harbor bridge; includes convention center, and the following:

**Art Museum of South Texas**—Strikingly designed building directly on bay houses significant permanent collection; other displays frequently change. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. Donations accepted. 512/884-3844.

**Bayfront Plaza Auditorium**—Home of Corpus Christi Symphony, community concerts, road shows, musicals.

**Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History**—Treasure house of natural history, Gulf Coast shells and artifacts, wildlife dioramas, pictures, documents, weapons, and memorabilia highlighting varied, colorful past. "Shipwreck!" exhibit houses artifacts from 16th-Century shipwrecks off Padre Island. Full-size replica of Spanish treasure ship. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 1900 N. Chaparral. Admission. 512/883-2862.

**Harbor Playhouse**—Texas' oldest continually performing theater; community productions and summertime melodramas. 1 Bayfront Park. 512/888-7469.

**Heritage Park**—Eight restored turn-of-the-century homes in "Old Irishtown" section. Open for visitation is the Sidbury House, a Victorian house that recalls elegance of late 19th Century; open Tues. - Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Also, the Galvan House that houses the Multicultural Center, featuring changing art exhibits depicting the city's heritage; open

Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 1500 block of N. Chaparral St. Guided tours Sat. 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. 512/883-0639.

**Centennial House**—City's oldest existing home built in 1848 of the then-popular "shellcrete" construction. Was once a Civil War hospital. Now restored, furnished, and opened to public. Open Wed. 2 - 5 p.m., when flag is flying. 411 N. Upper Broadway. Admission. 512/882-8691.

**Columbus Fleet**—Re-creations of famous vessels of Christopher Columbus, authentic in detail and construction, and built by the government of Spain. The *Niña*, *Pinta*, and *Santa Maria* moored at Port of Corpus Christi at James C. Storm Pavilion (Cargo Dock One) under the Harbor Bridge. Ashore are Spanish exhibits, Las Carabelas Gift Shop, and food court. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Christmas. Admission. 512/886-4492.

**Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens**—300-acre natural area featuring wild and domesticated species. Hiking trail through virgin mesquite brushland with more than 1,000 native plants. Small lake; resident flocks of herons, cranes, and roseate spoonbills. Information center and gift shop; picnic area. Open Tues. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Mon. South of city on S. Staples St. at Oso Creek. Admission. 512/852-2100.

**Corpus Christi Marina**—Two "T" heads and "L" head thrust from bay front at heart of downtown; hundreds of pleasure craft moor at neat, modern docks and slips. Water sports equipment rental in season. Excursion boats ply bay from docks; fishing boats based here, too (below). Excellent view of sailboat races Wed. evenings.

**Dolphin Connection**—Boat trip provides first-hand look at sleek and beautiful creatures in the wild. Visitors view and feed dolphins in their natural habitat in Corpus Christi Bay. Seasonal; reservations required. 512/882-4126.

**Fishing**—Free fishing from numerous municipal piers, jetties, miles of beach, and seawall. Bait and tackle shops (tackle may be rented by the day) are abundant. Arrangements and reservations for group-boat fishing may be made at Corpus Christi Marina or through private operators. Among species anglers may expect to take, depending upon season and proverbial luck of the moment, are (in the bay) sheepshead, sand and speckled trout, redfish, flounder, catfish, whiting, drum, pompano, and Spanish mackerel. Deep-sea anglers cruising Gulf waters from Port Aransas may take tarpon, sailfish, wahoo, king mackerel, bonito, and many others, plus red snapper and jewfish over offshore reefs.

**Water Garden at Bayfront Arts & Science Park in Corpus Christi**



**Greyhound Race Track**—Year-round racing on 60-acre facility. Evening races Tues. - Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Wed., Sat. and Sun. 1:30 p.m. matinees. Visitors can see greyhounds in their handling pens; 18 on-premise kennels. Track has both full-service restaurants and food court. Adjacent to I-37 between Navigation Blvd. and McBride Ln. 512/289-9333 or 1-800-580-RACE.

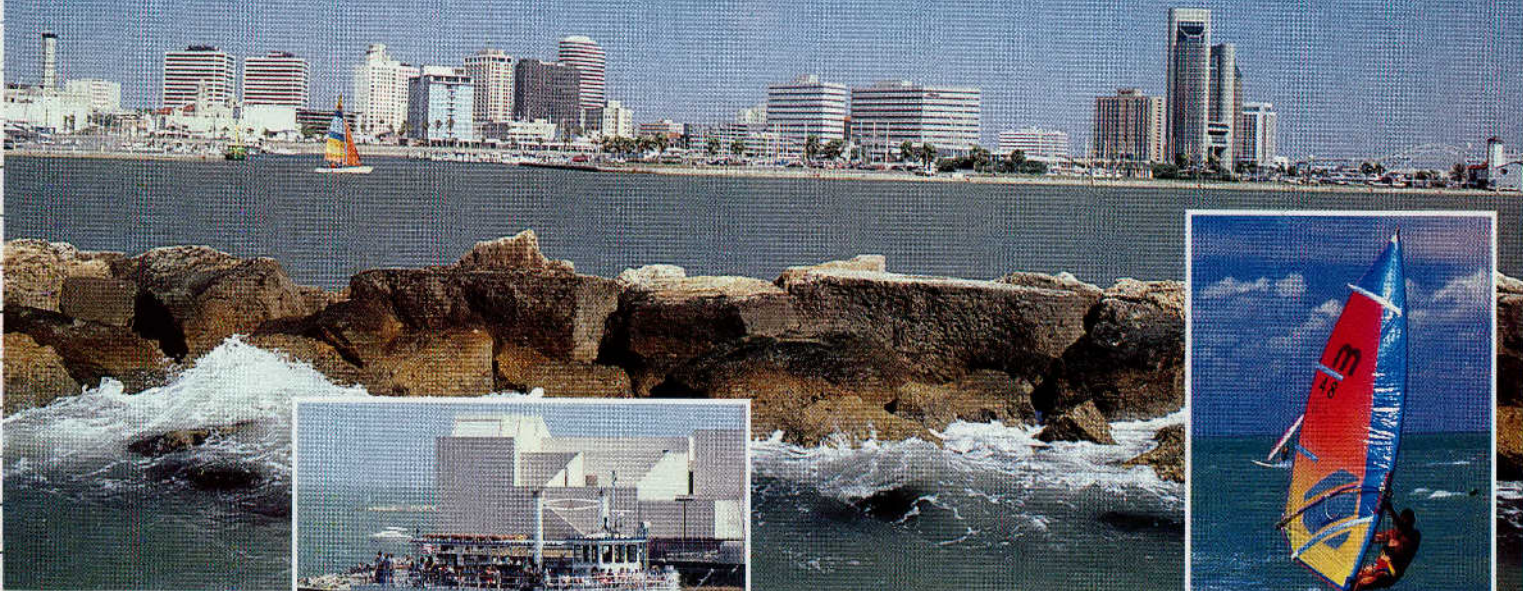
**International Kite Museum**—History of kites through displays and video from earliest Chinese kites more than 2,000 years ago. Includes fascinating story of kites used in scientific discoveries. Open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. In Best Western Sandy Shores Resort at 3200 Surfside. 512/883-7456.

**Lake**—Corpus Christi. See LAKES listing.

**Lake Corpus Christi State Park**—About 35 miles northwest of Corpus Christi. (See MATHIS.)

**Museum of Oriental Cultures**—Features Japanese and other Oriental art, scale models of famous pagodas, shrines, and temples; sculpture, furniture, paintings, and largest U.S. collection of handcrafted Hakata dolls. Also library, films, slides, and floral art studies. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 418 Peoples St., Suite 200; admission. 512/883-1303.

**Mustang Island State Park**—About 10 miles east of Corpus Christi. (See PORT ARANSAS.)



**Paddle Wheeler  
"Flagship" cruises  
Corpus Christi Bay**



**Sand, surf and seaside fun...Corpus Christi**



**Paddle Wheeler Flagship**—Narrated cruises of Corpus Christi Bay and Harbor (see Port of Corpus Christi listing). Hour-long morning, afternoon, and evening cruises. Summer weekend evening cruises feature jazz band. Schedule varies by season (512/884-1693). Departure from Peoples St. "T" Head. Fee.

**Padre Island National Seashore**—110-mile-long Padre Island offers one of the last natural seashores in the nation. Each end of the narrow sand island is developed with parks and resorts. But in between, the National Seashore preserves an unblemished 80-mile stretch (Accessible only by 4-wheel drive vehicles). Information about swimming beaches and extensive primitive beach-camping areas and nature trails at ranger station. Visitor center with gifts and concessions, bathhouse, and picnic area. Beachcombers may collect seashells, driftwood, perhaps prized glass floats from Portugal or the Orient, and other items washed in by tides. Federal law prohibits collecting historical artifacts like flint points, antique coins, or any other item more than 100 years old. Use of metal detectors is prohibited on the National Seashore. Admission.

City is connected with the north end of Padre Island by John F. Kennedy Causeway. Office of the Superintendent is at 9405 S. Padre Island Dr., Corpus Christi 78418. For information, call the visitor center at 512/949-8068.

**Parks, City**—Ten major city parks offer variety of outdoor attractions and facilities, including picnicking, playgrounds, swimming, tennis, softball and other sports, and fishing pier. Corpus Christi Beach, north of Harbor Bridge, has pavilion, playground, showers, rest rooms, and picnicking.

Cole Park on bay front features pier, playground, amphitheater, and Kid's Place recreation area for children and families. Outdoor concert series in summer. 1526 Ocean Dr.

The Hans A. Suter Wildlife Park along Oso Bay features a viewing tower for watching birds, especially flocks of heron, cranes, and roseate spoonbills. Boardwalk, hike-and-bike facilities, jogging trail. Accessible by Ocean Drive or take South Padre Island Dr., exit at Nile.

For more information, call City Parks & Recreation; 512/884-7275.

**Parks, County**—Nueces County Parks offer exceptional recreational facilities. John J. Sablatura Park, near Banquete on Texas 44, has picnic, barbecue and camping facilities, and small zoo with animals of South Texas. J.P. Luby Surf Park on Park Road 22 offers a surf pier for wave generation. To the south, Padre Balli Park (512/949-8121) features overnight camping hookups, covered picnic areas, pavilion, park ranger station, and 1,200-ft. Bob Hall Pier (512/949-8425) with snack and tackle shop. Packery Channel Park, on Padre Island near junction of Texas 361 and Park Road 22, is excellent day-use park with good fishing. Padre Island Park, on Gulf side from Park Road 22, has bathhouse, sandy swimming beaches, overnight camping facilities, fishing pier, and small Beachcomber's Museum in park office with nautical and unusual items found along beach. Port Aransas Park, at northeast end of Mustang Island on Gulf side, has similar facilities.

**Pirates of the Gulf**—Family theme park featuring 18-hole championship miniature golf course complete with waterfall. April - Aug., daily 11 a.m. -

11 p.m.; Sept. - March, Fri. 4 - 10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun. noon - 9 p.m. 2901 W. Surfside; 512/884-4774.

**Playland at the Beach**—Outdoor family park featuring Supertrack Grand Prix go-cart races, bumper boats, bumper cars, children's playground, and largest redemption game room in South Texas. Open seasonally, weather permitting: April - Oct., daily 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Nov. - March, Thurs. and Fri. 4 - 10 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun. noon - 8 p.m. 3001 Seagull Blvd.; 512/884-7251.

**Port of Corpus Christi & Harbor Bridge**—Port is sixth busiest in nation with ships from nearly every country in the world. Major cargoes are oil and refined products, grain, cotton, and chemicals. The harbor entrance is spanned by an impressive bridge (U.S. 181) that arches 235 feet above the water. Beneath the bridge is an observation platform offering close-up views of ships entering and leaving the port.

**U.S. Naval Air Station**—Home of U.S. Navy's Air Training Command. On peninsula at southeastern edge of city, naval air activities share site with Corpus Christi Army Depot. Tours every Wed. at 1 p.m. from north gate on Ocean Dr. 512/939-2674.

**USS Lexington Museum on the Bay**—Vintage wartime aircraft carrier is floating naval museum. Commissioned in 1943, USS Lexington CV-16 served longer and set more records than any carrier in the U.S. Navy. During World War II, the "Lady Lex" saw action from Tarawa to Tokyo and was first U.S. carrier to enter Tokyo Bay after treaty was signed with Japan in 1945. Tours include the hangar deck, foc'sle, commanding officer/admiral quarters, sick bay, galley, flight deck, and bridge. Among aircraft on display are vintage SNJ Texan and Yellow Peril, F2 Banshee, PV-2D Harpoon, F-4 Phantom, F9F Cougar, A-4 Skyhawk, OY-1 Sentinel, and Avenger. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Christmas. Adjacent to aquarium, 2914 N. Shoreline Blvd. (Surfside Exit from U.S. 181). Admission. For additional information, 512/888-4873, or 1-800-LADY LEX (523-9539).

**Visitor Centers**—For information on city attractions, accommodations, and events, visit the area visitor bureau, 1201 N. Shoreline Blvd. during business hours; the Tourist Information Center in Nueces River Park at the Nueces River crossing of I-37 at west edge of city, open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., or Visitor Information Center at 9405 S. Padre Island Dr., open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**USS Lexington in Corpus Christi Bay**





King Ranch Tour

**KINGSVILLE**

Pop. 25,719

Alt. 66

Map W-16/17



**General**—Established on Fourth of July 1904 with arrival of first train over St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad; land for townsite, in the heart of the King Ranch, was donated by Mrs. Henrietta King. Mrs. King

was interested in the settlement of the region between Corpus Christi and Brownsville. She also constructed the First Presbyterian Church building, donated land for Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal and Methodist churches, built a high school and presented it to the town, and provided land for South Texas State Teachers College (now Texas A&M Univ.-Kingsville). Kingsville became Kleberg County seat in 1913.

Today the city is center for agriculture, oil and banking. Kingsville is also home of Naval Air Station Kingsville.

**Ben. P. Bailey Art Building Gallery**—Displays of student and faculty artworks, along with traveling exhibits. Open long term Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; summer (mid-May through mid-August) Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. On Texas A&M Univ.-Kingsville Campus. 512/595-3901.

**John E. Conner Museum**—Hall of South Texas History has displays of Indian, Spanish, Mexican, and pioneer Texan cultures; ranching and agriculture equipment, railroads, and land promotion. Gallery of changing exhibits. Kleberg Hall of Natural History features plants and animals of South Texas in natural habitats; Discovery Area has specimens for "hands-on" examination. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Next door is Peeler Hall of Horns featuring 264 mounts of North American game. Open Tues. - Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. Santa Gertrudis St. on campus of Texas A&M Univ.-Kingsville just west of Armstrong St. 512/595-2819.

Vintage hunting car at King Ranch Museum in Kingsville



**King Ranch**—Largest ranch in continental U.S.; established in 1853 when Capt. Richard King purchased 75,000 acres that had been Spanish land grant called Santa Gertrudis. Upon King's death, Mrs. Henrietta King inherited the estate along with a \$500,000 debt. Through her leadership, the debt was cleared and the ranch increased in size. Holdings today comprise some 825,000 acres spreading over Nueces, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties. Robert J. Kleberg, attorney and legal counsel for early ranch, married Captain King's youngest daughter; King-Kleberg descendants still control gigantic enterprise. Famous Running W brand known worldwide; however, origin not known. Originally based on Texas Longhorns, ranch led in introducing purebred cattle such as Hereford, Shorthorn, and Brahman. Now-

famous Santa Gertrudis breed, first strain of cattle originating in Western Hemisphere, was developed here. Guided tours stop at old cow camp for *pan de campo* and coffee, a walk through historic set of cattle pens, and view of ranch headquarters. Tours usually conducted Mon. - Sat. on the hour 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. (Tours may vary during summer.) Entrance is immediately west of Kingsville off Texas 141. Admission. 512/592-8055.

**King Ranch Museum**—In restored downtown ice plant, museum features excellent ranch photos by award-winning photographer, Toni Frissell. Also collections of antique coaches, vintage cars, saddles, and other historic ranch items. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 405 N. Sixth St. Admission. 512/595-1881.

**King Ranch Saddle Shop**—Unsuccessful in purchasing quality saddles and leather goods in the marketplace, King began operating own saddlery shop more than 120 years ago for use of his men, the "Kinenos." Through the years, the shop has outfitted governors, presidents, and foreign heads of state. Today shop offers a variety of leather goods. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. In historic Raglands Building, downtown, 201 E. Kleberg. 512/595-5761 or 1-800-282-KING.

**Parks**—City parks include swimming pools, tennis courts, picnic areas, and playgrounds. Dick Kleberg Park, 211 acres in grove of trees beside a lazy creek, features picnic tables, grills, swimming pool. Loop 428 near south edge of city. 512/595-8591.

J.K. Northway Exposition Center/Park has tennis courts, ball fields, and playground. Off U.S. 77 at south edge of city.

Kaufer-Hubert Memorial Park & Sea Wind RV Resort, Riviera Beach, and Loyola Beach are saltwater recreational areas on upper reaches of Baffin Bay southeast of Kingsville. Baffin Bay opens into Laguna Madre along Gulf Coast, renowned for saltwater trout and red drum fishing. Kaufer-Hubert Memorial Park & Sea Wind RV Resort has boat ramp, 134-unit campground, recreation room, swimming beach, picnic shelters, tables, grills, playground, fishing pier, and other amenities (512/297-5738). Fishing pier and bait-tackle shop also available at Riviera Beach Park. From U.S. 77 south, access to parks via F.M. 628 and F.M. 771.

**Sellers Market**—Marketplace featuring handmade treasures, home-baked goods, crafts, paintings, jewelry, workshops, demonstrations, and tearoom. 205 E. Kleberg, under old Flato Opera House. 512/595-4992.

**Visitor Centers**—For information on city attractions, accommodations, and events, visit the area visitor bureau, U.S. 77 at Corral St., Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., or at King Ave. at Third St. Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. call 1-800-333-5032 or 512/592-8516; Sat. and Sun. 512/592-4121.

**MATHIS**

Pop. 5,703

Alt. 161

Map U-16/17



**General**—Established in 1885, town is commercial center for agricultural area featuring livestock and cotton, also producing large quantities of grain sorghum, flax, and varied truck crops. San Patricio County has

extensive oil production, many petrochemical plants. Mathis is major gateway to Lake Corpus Christi and to a popular state park (see below) on its shores.

**Lake**—Corpus Christi. See LAKES listing.

**Lake Corpus Christi State Park**—On the southeastern shore of the 14,000-acre lake, the state park offers a wide variety of land and water recreation. Facilities on 350 acres of parkland include utility-equipped campsites, rest rooms and showers, and screened shelters. Visitors enjoy fishing, swimming, and boating. Park Road 25 off Texas 359 about 6 miles south of Mathis. Admission. 512/547-2635.

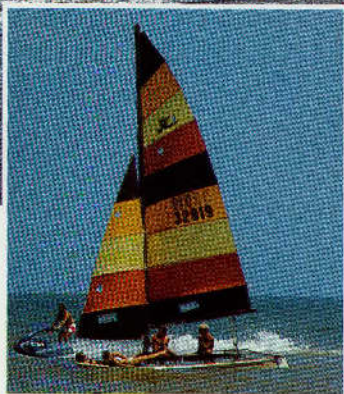
Lake Corpus Christi near Mathis is noted for catfishing







**Beach activities at Port Aransas**



## PORT ARANSAS

Pop. 2,274

Alt. 20

Map V-18



**General**—On Mustang Island, reached by causeway and free, 24-hour ferry service; one of the most popular tourist destinations on Gulf Coast. English settler built ranch house on site 1855; later developed as

fishing village. Summer visitors swell population by thousands. Hotels, motels, resorts, bait and tackle shops, superb beaches, shrimp boat port, U.S. Coast Guard Station.

**Fishing**—Advertised as place "where they bite every day," each season offers variety of species to tempt anglers. Free fishing available from beaches, south jetty, and Station Street Pier; catches may include redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheepshead, flounder, croaker, skipjack, and drum. Group boats provide bay and deep-sea fishing; charter cruises available for offshore sport seeking tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper, warsaw, and others. For boat owners, docking facilities and several free launching ramps.

Series of fishing tournaments span calendar from Jun. to Sept., including tarpon, billfish, and surf fishing tournaments.

**Historic Inn: Tarpon Inn**—Vintage wooden structure dates from 1886; still popular and now 80 percent restored. Famous guests have included Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Duncan Hines who spent his honeymoon here. Seafood restaurant; 26 rooms with baths. 512/749-5555.

**Mustang Island State Park**—3,474 acres of sand dunes, sea oats, and beach morning glory with five miles of Gulf beach frontage offering the best of seaside camping, surfing, fishing, swimming, and shell collecting! Multiuse campsites with hookups plus large beach area for primitive camping. Other facilities include picnic arbors, rest rooms, showers, dump station, nature trail, and fish-cleaning station. Rewarding bird-watching for abundant shore and migratory birds. Fourteen miles south of Port Aransas on Texas 361; admission.

**University of Texas Marine Science Institute**—Laboratory and research facility. Displays include Gulf marine life, plants, and fascinating introduction to oceanography. Along ship channel between Mustang and San Jose Islands. Open weekdays 8 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. 512/749-6729.

**Jetty fishing at Port Aransas**

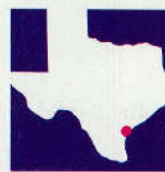


## PORTLAND

Pop. 12,950

Alt. 40

Map V-17



**General**—In southeastern San Patricio County on bluff overlooking Nueces and Corpus Christi Bays. Town was dream of John G. Willacy who effectively merged the New England Land Co. of Portland, Maine, New

England Real Estate Co., and Portland Harbor and Improvement Co. of Wichita, Kansas, into working unit and purchased 1,920 acres of land from Coleman-Fulton Pasture Co. in 1891. Post office authorized on March 9, 1891; incorporated in 1949. City forms almost perfect triangle with Portland, Maine, and Portland, Oregon.

**Indian Point Park and Pier**—55-acre city park attracts both nature lovers and anglers. 720-ft. pier with 280-ft. "T"-head over Corpus Christi Bay featuring some of the best saltwater fishing grounds in the Coastal Bend. Two raised boardwalks extend more than one thousand feet into wetlands; home to 36 bird species, 33 sea creatures, and 35 plant species, several listed as endangered. Wade fishing area, picnic area. Concession building with restaurant, rest rooms, live bait and other fishing necessities (512/643-5483). Admission to pier; no fee for use of park. Open 24 hours. On U.S. 181, northbound side. 512/643-6501.

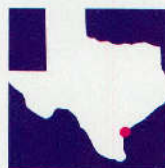
**Parks**—More than 188 acres of city parkland with playing fields for soccer, baseball, and softball, and tennis and volleyball courts.

## ROCKPORT-FULTON

Pop. 5,707

Alt. 20

Map U-18



**General**—Although separate municipalities, towns share heritage, business, and recreational areas. Abundant access to saltwater recreational opportunities; on peninsula between Copano Bay and Aransas Bay, sheltered from Gulf of Mexico by St. Joseph Island.

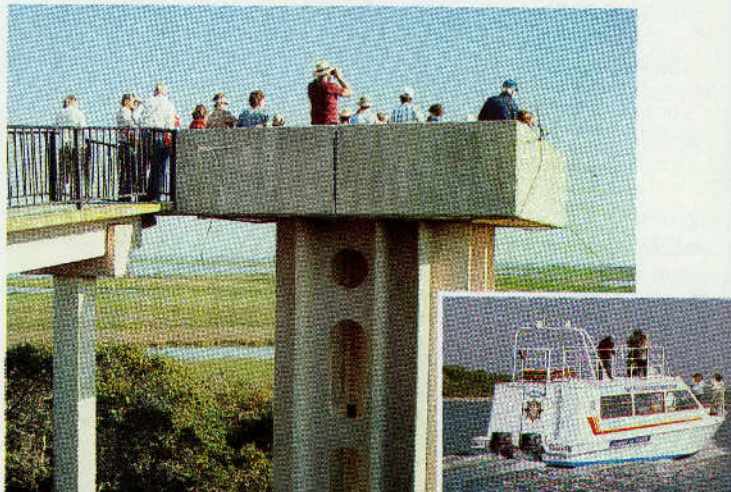
Rockport established 1867 as shipping point for wool, hides, bones, and tallow. Became seat of Aransas County in 1871; today important commercial fishing area. Tourists, boaters, and anglers gather to enjoy mile-long swimming beach.

Fulton settled in 1866 and named for James C. Fulton, who built a feudal castle four miles north of Rockport. Coleman-Fulton Pasture Co. ranched in area and promoted efforts toward a deep-water pass and railroads in order to market their beef; now a tourist community.

Chamber of Commerce office at 404 Broadway St. in Rockport has information for local events, accommodations, dining, and points of interest. Self-guided historical driving tour available; audiocassette tape can be rented to accompany tour.

**Aransas National Wildlife Refuge**—Famed as principal wintering ground for near-extinct whooping crane, refuge is on broad peninsula about

**One of best ways to view wildlife, especially Whoopers, is from boats in the intercoastal canal**



12 miles across bay northeast of Rockport. Administered by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as refuge for protection and management of various species of wildlife inhabiting this coastal area. Some 300 species of birds—Canada geese, pintail and bald-pate ducks, sandhill cranes, and more have been recorded. Other inhabitants include white-tailed deer, javelinas, and raccoon. Sight-seeing, nature observation, hiking, and photography permitted along designated public-use roads, trails, and at observation towers; also picnic areas. Most rewarding time to view wildlife is Nov. through Mar., when greatest numbers of species are at refuge (including whoopers). Refuge is open daylight hours. Wildlife Interpretive Center features mounted specimens, slide show on whooping cranes, literature. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. At refuge headquarters, about 35 miles northeast of Rockport via Texas 35 north; F.M. 774 east, and F.M. 2040 south. 512/286-3559.



Near-extinct whooping crane

One of the best ways to view wildlife, especially whoopers, is from boats in the intracoastal canal. From early November through early April, boats from the Rockport Yacht Basin and Sandollar Marina cruise past tidal flats and salt marshes (where many species may be seen) into the whoopers' habitat. Fares vary.

**Bird Garden and Wetlands Pond**—Community project to promote understanding of functions and values of plants as a natural resource worthy of protection and survival, and to promote development of low cost, low maintenance landscapes that provide food for birds, in particular, hummingbirds. Great place to picnic. In Texas Department of Transportation's rest area on east side of Texas 35 N. in Rockport.

**Copano Bay Causeway State Park**—Former highway causeway across bay north of Rockport (replaced by a modern span); now excellent fishing piers administered by Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. Piers extend from north and south sides (not connected); total length of both over mile and a half. Concessions on both sides provide tackle, bait, food; public boat ramp south side. Near the present Texas 35 causeway. Modest fee.

**Fishing**—Jetty sheltering Rockport Yacht Basin is popular spot for bay fishing; dawn hours generally most productive. Many hotels and motels on bayfront maintain private fishing piers for guests. Depending upon season of the year and proverbial luck, catches may include redfish, sand and speckled trout, catfish, croaker, sheepshead, flounder, and drum. Group-boat bay fishing available at yacht basin. Offshore species may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, ling, wahoo, king mackerel, bonito, pompano, red snapper, warsaw, and others. Public fishing piers are the Fulton Harbor Pier and public piers at north and south ends of Rockport State Park.

**Fulton Mansion State Historical Structure**—Completed in 1876 after four years of construction at cost of \$100,000, the ornate four-story house was a showplace of its time. Included many innovations: central air conditioning, forced air heating, hot and cold running water. Restored house and grounds open Wed. - Sun. 9 - 11:30 a.m., 1 - 4 p.m. (Groups of ten or more need to call in advance, 512/729-0386). Fulton Beach Rd. just south of Fulton. Admission.

**Goose Island State Park**—307 acres on peninsula between Copano and St. Charles Bays. Rest rooms, showers, picnic sites, open shelters, children's play area, fishing pier, fish cleaning table, boat ramp. Tent and trailer camping permitted; unsupervised bay swimming beach. Site of "Big Tree," an immense live oak certified as largest in Texas, estimated 2,000 years old. About 12 miles north of Rockport; Texas 35, Park Road 13. Admission. 512/729-2858.

When completed in 1876, the ornate Fulton Mansion included many innovations: central air conditioning, forced air heating, hot and cold running water



State champion Live Oak at Goose Island State Park near Rockport



Texas Maritime Museum in Rockport

**Paws and Taws Recreation Hall**—Waterfront facility offering square dances, arts and crafts shows, and other activities for winter visitors and area residents. On Fulton Beach Rd. in Fulton.

**Rockport Center for the Arts**—Restored 19th-Century Bruhl-O'Connor home redesigned to house studio classrooms and gallery display areas. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. 902 Navigation Circle, at Rockport harbor. 512/729-5519.

**Texas Maritime Museum**—Recounts the state's maritime development: Alonso de Pineda's discovery of desolate coastline in 1519; the boom and bust of steamboat traffic on Texas rivers; Texas's brief experience as a naval power; and development of Texas commercial fishing industry. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. noon - 4 p.m. Closed major holidays. Admission. Near center of Rockport on Texas 35. 512/729-1271.

**SINTON**  
Pop. 5,602

Alt. 48

Map U-17



**General**—San Patricio County seat established 1885 as station on San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad. Greatest population surge came in 1909 when several large ranches divided into smaller farms; resulting

diversity of agriculture still apparent. Small downtown park with picnic area. 300-acre Rob and Bessie Welder Park with playground, golf, tennis, swimming pool, and small lake; east of U.S. 181 north.

**Welder Wildlife Refuge**—Largest privately endowed wildlife refuge in world; provisions for sanctuary made in rancher Rob Welder's will. Acreage and large administration-museum building occupy portion of Welder Ranch established from Spanish land grant more than 150 years ago. Tours on Thurs. 3 p.m. Group and special tours may be requested from tour director, 512/364-2643. Refuge north of city off U.S. 77.

**TAFT**  
Pop. 3,244

Alt. 34

Map U-17



**General**—Established in early 1900s on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass RR in east central San Patricio County. Town named for Charles Taft of the Coleman-Fulton Pasture Co. for which the station was a shipping

point. Other partners in the enterprise were named Mathis, Fulton, and Sinton—all of whom have towns named for them also. Today's economy is based on agriculture and diversified industries.

**Taft Blackland Museum**—Housed in building once headquarters of the giant Coleman-Fulton Pasture Co. Exhibits range from antique farm and ranch equipment to personal and household items of early settlers. Museum also contains valuable memorabilia from the Taft Ranch. Open Thurs. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 301 Green Ave. 512/528-2206.



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METROPLEX CITIES

**ADDISON**  
Pop. 9,068

Alt. 643

Map RR-7



**General**—City dates back to the Republic of Texas when settled as part of Peters' Colony as early as 1846. Village was established when the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad arrived in early 1880s. Named for Addison Robertson, the postmaster. Today, surrounded by Dallas to the north and east and Farmers Branch and Carrollton to the west,

the city offers abundant opportunities for shopping, lodging and dining within a five-mile radius.

Addison Airport is the third busiest general aviation airport in the country.

**Addison Centre Theatre**—The Addison Conference and Theatre Center is a 48,000-square-foot meetings and cultural facility and home to nationally recognized Addison Centre Theatre. ACT offers year-round performing arts schedule. Unique facility allows productions to completely transform the seating and performance area, creating a fresh experience for audiences with each production.

For information and schedule, call the box office at 214/404-0228, 15650 Addison Rd.

**Cavanaugh Flight Museum**—Enjoy history from World Wars I & II and Korea. You'll see aircraft refurbished to the condition they were when rolled off the assembly line, such as the Fokker D VII; Sopwith Camel; P-51 Mustang; Spitfire; the MIG 15 and others. One of the largest collections of signed print art in the Southwest. All aircraft in comfortable, fully enclosed hangars. Also gift shop. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. At Addison Airport, 4572 Claire Chennault. Tel. 214/380-8800.

**G**eographically in the northern sector of Texas, the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex spans 100 miles and encompasses a population of close to four million. For the convenience of visitors, this special section groups the Metroplex cities, towns and visitor attractions. You'll find each city's highlights, plus nearby features you might otherwise overlook—like Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose, Traders Village in Grand Prairie, and Scarborough Faire in Waxahachie—all within easy driving distance of your base in the Metroplex.

**ARLINGTON**  
Pop. 270,655

Alt. 616

Map K-17



**General**—First settlement in Caddo Indian territory was Bird's Fort on Trinity River; in 1845 a trading post was established at Mary le Bone Springs. About 1876 town moved to present site when railroad was built through.

**Agriculturally oriented until World War II, the strategic area**

between Dallas and Fort Worth has since experienced mushrooming growth from business, industrial and recreational factors. Arlington State College (founded 1895) became the Univ. of Texas at Arlington in 1965.

**Air Combat**—Flight simulators allow visitors to experience thrill of being military fighter pilots! Simulators are actual jet aircraft cockpits mounted on hydraulic motion base that "pilots" control. Flights start with short ground school and mission briefing before suiting up in complete flight gear. Simulation takes about 1 1/2 hours. Reservations required. Open daily. Minimum height, 4'8". At 921 Six Flags Dr. #117. Tel. 817/640-1886.

**Antique Sewing Machine Museum**—Quaint museum features some 145 different sewing machines, 24 dating during and before the War Between the States. Oldest is 1853 Wheeler and Wilson. Also exhibits on sewing patterns, buttons, and sewing tools that have been used for more than 100 years. Kids allowed to sew on Singer treadle machine. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. At 804 W. Abram St. Tel. 817/275-0971. Admission.

**Arlington Museum of Art**—Dedicated to encourage education, appreciation, and creation of art featuring works of Texas artists. Special exhibits throughout year. Open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 201 W. Main St. Tel. 817/275-4600.

**Ballpark in Arlington, The**—Home for the American League Texas Rangers. Home games played from Apr. through Sept. with most starting at

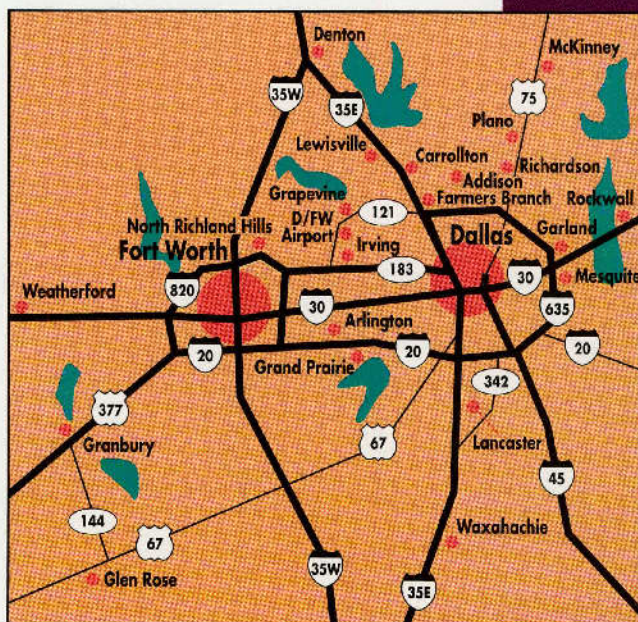
7:35 p.m. More than a ball park, it's also part of a 270-acre entertainment complex featuring a river walk with shops and restaurants and an amphitheatre for concerts and special events. Noted sports artists from around the country have murals, reliefs,

Refer to the adjacent section map for locations of the following cities and towns grouped in this special D/FW section:

- Addison • Arlington • Carrollton
- Dallas • Denton • Farmers Branch
- Fort Worth • Garland • Glen Rose
- Granbury • Grand Prairie
- Grapevine • Irving • Lancaster
- Lewisville • McKinney • Mesquite
- North Richland Hills • Plano

- Richardson • Rockwall
- Waxahachie
- Weatherford

After several special sections like this at the front of this book, see page 86 where alphabetical listings of other Texas cities and towns begin, each with fascinating attractions to enrich your travels anywhere in the Lone Star State.





**Ball Park in Arlington**

and freeze sculptures throughout the facility. Exit at Stadium Exit or Ballpark Way from I-30 midway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

**Family Golf Center**—Provides recreational and instructional activities on golf for entire family. Features practice driving ranges, sand bunkers, instructional classes, two 18-hole miniature golf courses, and video arcade. Driving range, tee boxes and miniature golf courses lighted for night play. Open Sun. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. (11 p.m. Fri., Sat.). At 1301 Green Oaks Blvd. 817/261-6312. Admission.

**FunSphere**—Wet 'n Wild's year-round family entertainment fun center features two 18-hole miniature golf courses, batting and fielding cages for various skill levels; Slick Track, a slightly oveled, banked track with slick surfaces for specially constructed vehicles; Desert Storm Tanks with mechanized tanks pitted against each other, as well as infantry gunners along perimeter of "battle zone;" kids' go-carts, bumper cars, and bumper boats. A 10,000-sq.-ft. arcade provides latest in electronic games. Snack bar and multipurpose facility for parties; catering available. Open daily. Hours seasonal. All activities priced individually. Adjacent to Wet 'n Wild. Exit Texas 360 North from I-30. 817/265-3356.

**Lakes**—Arlington and Joe Pool. See LAKES listing.

**Mountasia Fantasy Golf**—A 54-hole miniature golf course takes golfers through caves, waterfalls, and other obstacles. Can accommodate 500 golfers. 7,000-sq.-ft. clubhouse includes latest video games available. At 1111 Wet 'n Wild Way off I-30. Tel. 817/460-3600. Admission.

**Parks**—48 parks, 4 multipurpose recreation centers, 6 public swimming pools, 20 ball fields, 26 lighted tennis courts, and 3 municipal golf courses. River Legacy Park in northern part of city along Trinity River is a 370-acre nature park with picnic facilities, jogging and bike trails.

**Six Flags Over Texas**—The famed 200-acre theme park features fun and fantasy in settings of lavish landscaping. Rides include breathtakers like the Texas Giant, a massive wooden roller coaster that climbs 143 feet into the sky, then takes off for a ride reaching a top speed of 62 mph (voted twice the top roller coaster in the world), the Texas Chute-Out, a 17-story parachute drop, the Texas Cliff Hanger whose gondolas drop like falling elevators, and the huge Shock Wave double-loop roller coaster. Then, there's the Flashback, a roller coaster ride that drops from a 125-ft. tower and careens through three loops at speeds of 55 mph, and just when you think it's over, you relive the experience—this time backwards! Elegant mid-1920s carousel, The Silver Star, restored to all its grandeur with some 66 prancing wooden horses, welcomes visitors just behind the park's landmark flags and fountain.

**Kids love the mechanized tanks at FunSphere in Arlington**



**Wet 'n Wild in Arlington**

Roaring Rapids offers white-water boating thrills. Looney Tunes Land is a charming area of "soft play" fun especially for younger kids; even facilities for infants. More than five hours of special shows, musical revues, the popular Batman stunt show, and puppet theater are available with all the rides on an all-inclusive admission ticket. Food, beverages and souvenirs extra. Two-day and season tickets available. Open weekends spring and fall; daily during summer. From I-30 between Dallas and Fort Worth, exit on Texas 360 south.

Fright Fest at Halloween (three weekends in Oct.) features ghoulish decorations, ghosts and goblins, haunted houses and special shows for the entire family.



**In 1993, readers of "Inside Track" voted Six Flags' Texas Giant the World's Top Roller Coaster**

"Holiday in the Park" features Christmas musicals, ice show, and Bugs Bunny holiday show. Giant sledding hill, complete with "snow," and holiday lights transform park into a glittering wonderland. Park open weekends starting Fri. after Thanksgiving; nightly Dec. 16-31 except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For exact dates call 817/640-8900.

**Texas Rangers Baseball Club**—See Ballpark in Arlington.



**Downtown Dallas...Reunion Tower, a modern Dallas landmark**

**Texas State Museum of History**—In brick prairie-style house once home of Arlington community leader James Park Fielder. Permanent exhibits include turn-of-the-century barbershop, general store, bedroom, and basement with root cellar that includes laundry and train exhibit. Other exhibits of Arlington and area history, plus traveling exhibits. Open Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. - Sun., 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Nearby historic cabins open by appointment. 1616 W. Abram at Fielder Rd. Tel. 817/460-4001. (Exit south off I-30 at Fielder Rd.)

**University Art Gallery**—Exhibits of art and architecture. Open Mon. - Wed. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thurs. 6 - 8 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Weekend and extended hours during special shows. Fine Arts Building, 600 S. Cooper St.

**Visitor Center**—Directions and details for local sites, events, hotels, restaurants and retail stores; open daily (hours vary by season). Near entrance to Six Flags Over Texas at 921 Six Flags Dr.

**Wet 'n Wild**—The state's largest water-oriented family recreation park features 10 separate entertainment areas. The park features rides such as the Black Hole, a futuristic ride through 500 twisting feet of completely enclosed black tubes accompanied by spaceship sound effects, and the Kamikaze slide that plunges down a 300-ft. water speedway from 60 feet high. Experience ocean-sized waves in Surf Lagoon, dive into the bubble machine, ride a water trolley, experience the Raging Rapids through waterfalls, rain tunnels and whirlpools. Abundant water games for adults and kids of all ages; all-inclusive admission ticket. Open weekends spring and fall; daily during summer. From I-30 between Dallas and Fort Worth, take exit Texas 360 north or Texas 157 north to Lamar Blvd. Tel. 817/265-3356.

**CARROLLTON**

Pop. 84,016

Alt. 470

Map J-18



**General—Settlers from Carrollton, IL, and at least one from Carrollton, MD, built a camp in 1844 at near the present site of today's Farmers Branch Elementary School, but an Indian raid forced a move north to the**

present site; established 1872 as a stop on the MK&T Railroad. Growth has paralleled other Metroplex cities, growing from 1,610 in 1950 to the status of a city today.

The gazebo-centered square of Old Downtown Carrollton is location of antique and craft shops.

A highly rated public golf course (Indian Creek) offers two 18-hole courses to challenge golfers of every handicap and expertise.

**A.W. Perry Homestead Museum**—Built in 1909 from material salvaged from the first Perry home built in 1857, the home stayed in the family until donated to the community in 1975; restored as a bicentennial project. Furnishings and tools from the turn-of-the-century homestead afford visitors a nostalgic look at a nearly forgotten life-style. Open Tues. and Thurs. 1 - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1:30 - 4 p.m. 1509 Perry Road, just north of Belt Line Road east of I-35.

**DALLAS**

Pop. 1,016,106

Alt. 512

Map J-18



**General—First Anglo-American settler at site of present metropolis built a single cabin in 1841. Two years later "town" consisted of two log cabins. By mid-1870s, Dallas had become a thriving business town and market**

center with cosmopolitan, urbane air unmatched anywhere on the frontier at the time, primarily due to several immigrations of skilled and cultured groups of French, German, Swiss, English, and other Europeans.

Today Dallas, second in size to Houston, is regarded by many as Texas' most metropolitan and cosmopolitan city. Southwest's largest banking center, leader in wholesale business, second in nation for insurance company home offices, third in the nation in terms of "million-dollar" companies, and number two in convention sites.

"If it doesn't sell in Dallas, it won't sell," say buyers who come to some 32 wholesale fashion and home furnishing markets each year. Beginning with the Dallas Market Center in 1957, today multibuilding complex includes Homefurnishings Mart, INFOMART, World Trade Center, Trade Mart, Apparel Mart, Decorative Center District, and Menswear Mart.

Citizens pursue culture with almost as much enthusiasm as business. Any day or night of the year, one may choose from a lavish variety of events.

Excellent major symphony orchestra and a steady stream of visiting groups: opera and ballet, theatre and musical comedy, literary societies, and debating groups. Visit flower shows, horse shows, art shows, bird shows, dog shows, and cat shows. Noted for abundant gourmet dining opportunities.

Summer musicals are held Jun. - Aug. at Music Hall in Fair Park, nightly Tues. - Sat., and weekend matinees.

An excellent climate where fair skies, predominant year round, encourage outdoor activities, especially water sports.

State Fair of Texas in fall draws more than 3 million annually to 200-acre Fair Park. Traditional fair exhibits, plus Broadway musicals, extravaganzas, prize livestock and horse show performances, a huge midway that features the Texas Star—largest Ferris wheel in the Western Hemisphere—and grid-iron rivalry between Texas and Oklahoma. Big Tex, gigantic cowboy symbol, looms over all festivities.

Professional sports are presented throughout year; teams include pro football's Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers baseball, Dallas Stars National Hockey League, Dallas Mavericks basketball, Dallas Freeze Central Hockey League, and Dallas Sidekicks soccer.

For game schedules and other tourist details, stop at a city Visitor Center (which see in this Dallas section).

Dallas and satellite cities are home of Amber Univ., Baylor Univ. College of Dentistry, the Univ. of Texas Health Science Center, Dallas Baptist College, Dallas Theological Seminary, Paul Quinn College, Southern Methodist Univ., the Univ. of Dallas, the Univ. of Texas at Dallas, and seven units of Dallas County Community College enrolling more than 75,000 undergraduates.

**Biblical Arts Center**—Splendid nondenominational showcase of biblical arts accented by soaring arched ceilings, massive stone columns, an atrium courtyard; galleries with great religious art from around the world—paintings, sculptures, icons, clerical artifacts; replicas of the tomb of Christ and St. Paul's "Gate at Damascus." Highlight of the center is enormous oil painting, 124 feet long by 20 feet high, depicting the Miracle at Pentecost, interpreted by dramatic sound-and-light program. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Free access to the center and its galleries; fee for the "Miracle at Pentecost" presentation. Closed New Year's, Thanksgiving and Christmas. 7500 Park Lane at Boedeker.

**Bryan Cabin**—In Dallas County Historical Plaza; reconstructed log cabin of John Neely Bryan who, in 1841, was area's first settler. North of Kennedy Plaza at Main and Record Sts.

**Churches**—Hundreds of all faiths. Of particular interest are five churches, each of which is world's largest in its denomination; Highland Park Methodist, First Baptist, Highland Park Presbyterian, Cathedral Catholic, and East Dallas Christian.

**Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden**—A 66-acre haven of natural beauty only minutes from downtown Dallas. Headquarters is in the Camp Estate, designed by Texas' most famous residential architect, John Staub, and completed in 1938. Also on grounds is historic DeGolyer House, a magnificent Spanish Colonial-style mansion built in 1940 by Texas oil man Everett DeGolyer. Mansion of 21,000 square feet has 13 rooms, 7 baths, 16th- and 17th-Century antiques, and artworks; surrounded by Old English garden, footpaths, rolling lawns, and woodlands on White Rock Lake.

Gardens, with succession of blooming plants throughout the year. More than 2,000 varieties of azaleas in the 5.5-acre Jonsson Color Garden provide color during spring and summer, and a garden with more than 30 species of ferns pack the one-acre Palmer Fern Dell, kept damp with a concealed fog system that pumps submicroscopic water drops into the air. Gardens open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; (Nov. - Feb. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.). At 8525 Garland Rd. (Texas 78) overlooking White Rock Lake. Admission. For tour schedules call 214/327-8263.



**Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden**

**Dallas Cowboys/Texas Stadium**—See IRVING this section.

**Dallas Firefighters Museum**—Housed in old 2-story fire station, c. 1907, features more than 100 years of Dallas history, including 1884 horse-drawn steamer, last to be used in city. Also, a 1936 Texas Centennial ladder truck and other fire memorabilia. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. At 3801 Parry Ave., across from Fair Park.

**Dallas Memorial Center for Holocaust Studies**—Photographs, artifacts, and documentary films. Also includes videotapes of local survivors, memorial room, library. Open Sun. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Thurs. till 9 p.m.) 7900 Northaven.

**Dallas Museum of Art**—Superb core collection of pre-Columbian artwork plus major European and American art, including Church's "The Icebergs" and Oldenburg's astonishing "Stake Hitch." Choice examples by Monet, Sargent, and Matisse; sculptures of Rodin and Henry Moore, plus special traveling exhibits. Museum of Americas houses extensive collection of American art together with long-term loans to contrast all the arts of the Western Hemisphere. Open Tues., Wed., Fri. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Thurs. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sat., Sun., some holidays 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Mon. 1717 N. Harwood at Ross St. Telephone 214/922-1200.



**Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas**

**Dallas Nature Center**—360-acre park in southwest Dallas County near Joe Pool Lake offers seven miles of hiking trails, picnic areas, visitor center and gift shop. Habitat for black-capped vireo and other birds, variety of Texas mammals, reptiles, fish, and insects. Mary Alice Perkins Bland Butterfly Garden attracts a variety of native butterflies with wild flowers and reflecting pools. Open daily 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Take I-20 to Mountain Creek Pkwy exit; south 2.5 miles to 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy. Tel. 214/296-1955.

**Dallas Symphony Orchestra**—See Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

**Dallas Theatre Center**—Of great architectural interest, Frank Lloyd Wright's only direct contribution to the dramatic stage. Permanent repertory company plays 154 performances over 8-month season (Oct. - May). 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd.

**Dallas World Aquarium**—Showcases sea life from around the world. Some spotlighted splendors of the ocean include Bahamian Acropora corals, giant Tridacna clams, bonnet-head sharks, and stingrays. Open Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. noon - 6 p.m. In the West End District at 1801 North Griffin St. Admission.

**Dallas Zoo**—Thousands of animals represent more than 1,400 species; reptile house has one of world's largest rattlesnake collections; exotic birds in walk-through tropical rain forest; hoofed animals from antelope to zebra; excellent specimens of simians and great apes; lions, tigers, elephants, and more. Miniature train; picnic areas.

Within zoo is 25-acre Wilds of Africa exhibit. Features some 90 species of African birds, mammals, and reptiles roaming in naturalistic replications of native habitat. Monorail takes visitors on one-mile journey rising and descending to different levels to view animals. Other features include a 1,500-ft. nature trail; the Jake L. Hamon Gorilla Conservation Research Center; and African Plaza with shops, restaurant, and learning center. Open daily. 621 E. Clarendon Dr.; admission.

**Deep Ellum Historic District**—Just east of downtown Dallas is the popular Deep Ellum area. In early 1900s this was center for African-American business, entertainment, and center for popular blues music and artists. Today, the old two-story stores have become home of shops, restaurants, and clubs featuring music from country/Western to rock. Several block area bounded by Elm, Commerce, Oakland, and Good Latimer Sts.

**DeGolyer Estate**—See Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden, above.

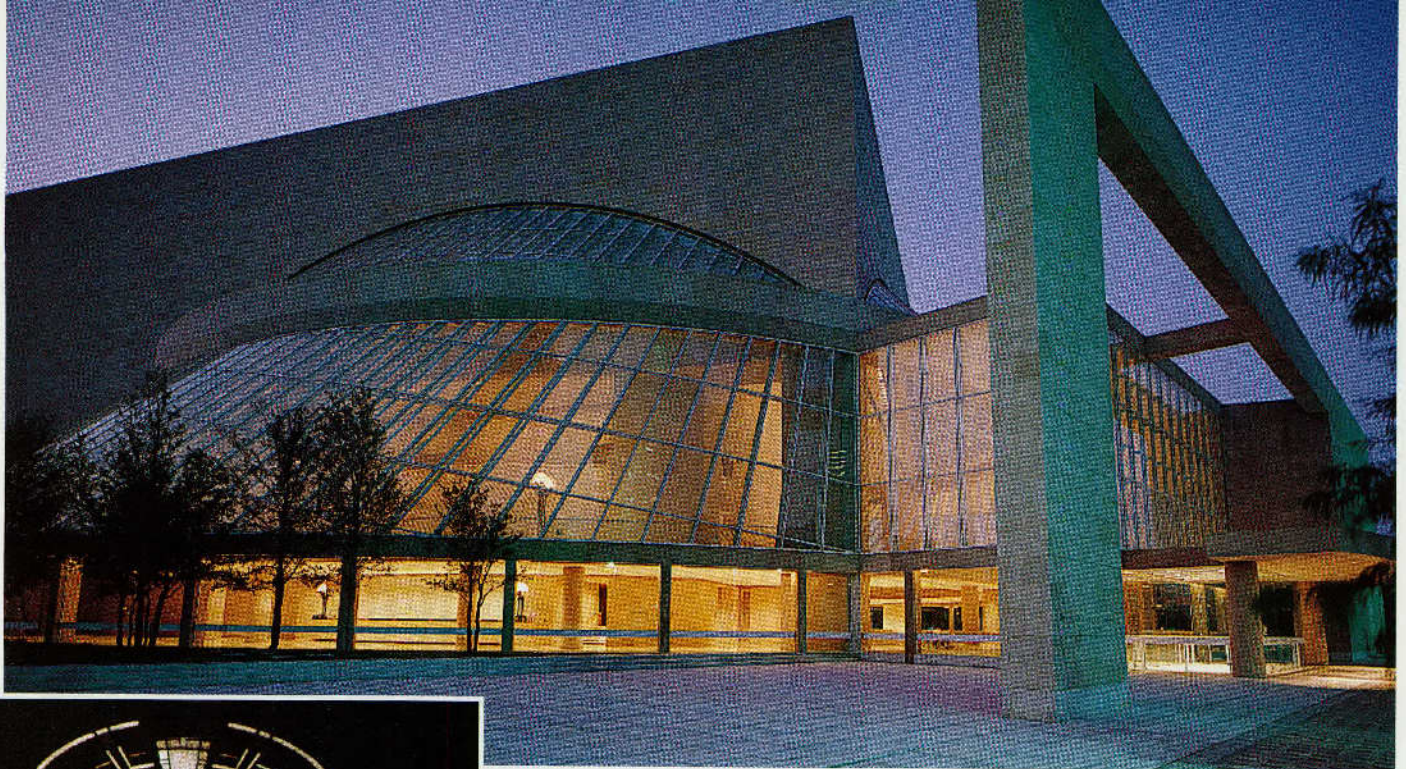
**Farmer's Market**—One of few remaining and one of largest markets in nation. Some 1,000 farmers bring fresh produce for sale. During the year special crafts, plants and flowers are featured for holiday occasions. Open daily 5 a.m. - 7 p.m. Cadiz and Harwood Sts.

**Frontiers of Flight Museum**—History of Aviation collection formerly at Univ. of Texas at Dallas, now at Love Field. Museum's artifacts chronicle history of flight from primitive balloon launches in the 1800s to today's Stealth bomber and space shuttle. Exhibits include fur parka worn by Adm. Richard E. Byrd during first flight to the South Pole in 1929, engines from early airplanes, and a Hindenberg collection that includes original radio operator's chair and silverware recovered from the crash. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Love Field, 2nd Floor; Cedar Springs at Mockingbird Ln. Admission.

**Horseback Riding**—Several ranches offer Western-style hospitality for day trips in the D/FW Metroplex.

**Park Lane Equestrian** in the heart of Dallas features campfires, hayrides, horseback riding, dances. 8615 Inwood. 214/349-2002.

**Texas Lil's Diamond A Ranch** in rustic setting has horseback riding, swimming, hayrides. Reservations required. In Justin. 817/430-0192.



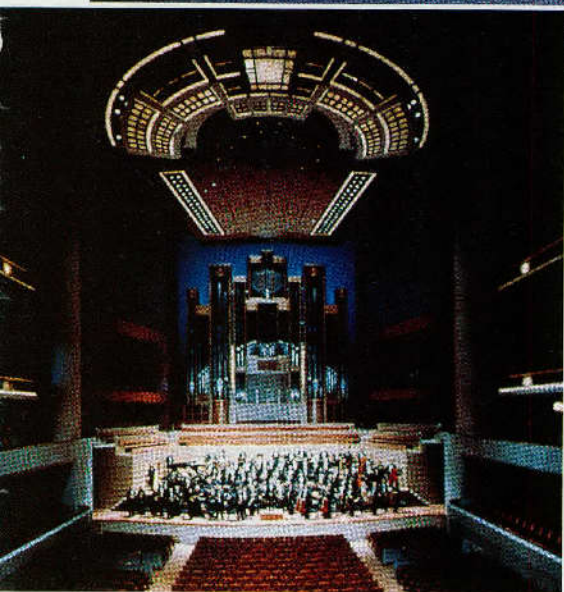
**Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas**

**Meadows School of the Arts**—Virginia Meadows Museum: 15th- through 20th-Century collection of Spanish art, paintings by international masters, sculpture court, and gardens. It is the most comprehensive collection of Spanish art in the U.S. Nearby is Caruth Music Auditorium with famous pipe organ; Pollock Galleries with monthly art exhibit. Open Mon., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; closed Wed. SMU campus.

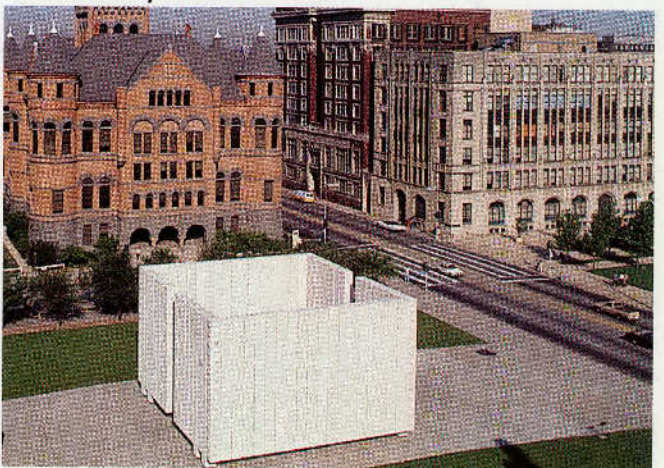
**Medieval Times**—Step back to the Middle Ages and cheer for your favorite knight. As you dine, enjoy all the pageantry of a medieval feast, including horsemanship, swordplay, falconry, sorcery, and an authentic jousting tournament. For information, reservations and show times, 214/761-1800. At 2021 N. Stemmons Fwy. (I-35E).

**Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center**—Multimillion-dollar facility designed by architect I. M. Pei with acoustics by Russell Johnson. 260,000-sq.-ft. facility home of Dallas Symphony Orchestra, which plays full schedule of both home performances and tours. Symphony's consistent excellence rates it among nation's top 10. Public facility utilized by numerous groups. Available for group tours. Open for scheduled performances; 2301 Flora St.

**Museum of African-American Life and Culture**—Founded in 1974 as part of the Bishop College Library, the museum houses one of the largest collections of African-American folk art in the nation. The 36,000-square-foot facility is dedicated to the preservation and display of African-American artistic, cultural, and historical materials. Also includes an African-American women's archives and a religious center. Open Tues. - Thurs. noon - 5 p.m.; Fri. noon - 9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun., noon - 5 p.m. 3536 Grand Ave. at Fair Park entrance. 214/565-9026.



**John F. Kennedy Memorial in Dallas**



**Wagon Wheel Ranch** has horseback riding, group night rides, hayrides, and riding lessons on 300 acres. Two locations in Coppell and Grapevine. Reservations required. 214/462-0894 or 817/481-828.

**International Museum of Cultures**—Reflects work of organization that creates written language for "hidden" peoples who have no written language. Museum focuses on life-styles and cultures of those peoples, with artifacts and exhibits. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat., Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m. 7500 W. Camp Wisdom Rd.

**John F. Kennedy Memorial**—See The Sixth Floor.

**Lakes**—Bachman, Grapevine, Joe Pool, Lavon, Lewisville, Mountain Creek, Ray Hubbard, White Rock. See LAKES listing.

**McKinney Avenue Trolley**—Nostalgic early 20th-Century trolley cars recommissioned to take visitors from downtown to uptown McKinney Ave. for a variety of antique shops, restaurants, and clubs, including the Hard Rock Cafe. Trolley runs from Ross Ave. and St. Paul St. up St. Paul to McKinney Ave. and back. Schedule posted along route. Fare.

**Malibu Grand Prix & Castle**—Entertainment complex featuring sprint racing tracks and vintage racing cars; miniature golf, bumper boats. Castle has more than 100 video games. Open daily at 11130 Malibu Dr.

**Market Center International Sculpture Garden**—Outdoor collection of contemporary sculpture by international artists. 2000-2300 Stemmons Freeway.

**Mary Kay Museum**—Its display cases are replete with mementos that tell the story of the famous cosmetics firm, from its earliest, struggling beginning to its present successful corporate operation. Lavishly appointed with granite, exotic woods, and brass, the 3,000 sq.-ft. museum is in Mary Kay's international headquarters at 8787 Stemmons Fwy. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tel. 214/905-5720.



**Thanks-Giving Square in Heart of Dallas**

**Old City Park**—A favorite people place where the nostalgia of yesteryear lingers in furnished log cabins, turn-of-the-century shops, a Victorian bandstand on the village green, a drummer's hotel, and Southern colonial mansions. Grounds open dawn to sunset. Guided tours (fee) Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. At 1717 Gano St. immediately south of downtown business district.

**Palace of Wax/Ripley's Believe It or Not!**—See GRAND PRAIRIE this section.

**Parks**—Dotted throughout city are 271 parks covering more than 20,000 acres including the Elm Fork Nature Trail.

**Pioneer Plaza**—4.2-acre plaza between historic Pioneer Cemetery and Dallas Convention Center features world's largest bronze monument—70 Texas Longhorn steers being driven by three cowboys on horseback. Features landscape of native plants and flowing river. Between Young and Griffin Sts.

**Reunion Tower**—Focal point of the Reunion area, which was a settlement of French immigrants in the 19th Century. Fifty-story tower features observation deck (fee), restaurant and revolving lounge; adjacent to glass-tower Hyatt Regency. Nearby, restored Union Station, c. 1914. Reunion Arena schedules sporting events, circuses, ice shows, concerts, and rodeos. Just off I-35 at southwest edge of downtown; Houston St., Reunion Blvd., Sports St.

**Six Flags Over Texas**—See ARLINGTON this section.

**Sixth Floor, The**—Permanent, educational exhibition on the life, death and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. Exhibits feature photographs, artifacts, 30-minute audio tour and six films. Visitor center at the former Texas School Book Depository has elevators up to the 6th floor. Open Sun. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Ticket sales stop one hour before closing. At Houston and Elm Sts. Admission.

Other Kennedy Memorials include historical marker on Houston St. near Elm St. which marks the spot where President Kennedy was assassinated during motorcade, Nov. 22, 1963. Cenotaph and Memorial Park at Main and Market Sts. is landscaped city block with open-style monument dedicated to the slain President.

**Southfork Ranch**—See PLANO this section.

**State Fair Park**—Recognized in 1986 as National Historic Landmark for its Art Deco architecture. Home of huge annual state exposition; grounds host millions during three weeks in Sept. and Oct. Rest of the year (except two weeks before the fair opens) area serves as popular city park, including attractions listed below:

**Age of Steam Museum** offers a nostalgic look at the heyday of railroad- ing. See some of the largest, most powerful locomotives, including the Union Pacific "Big Boy" No. 4018 steam locomotive; Union Pacific "Centennial" No. 6913, diesel-electric locomotive; and the Pennsylvania Railroad GG-1, No. 4903, electric locomotive. Also Pullman sleeping cars and lounge cars. Gift shop in 1905 vintage Houston and Texas Central Depot. Museum owned



**West End Historic District in Dallas**

and operated by Southwest Railroad Historical Society. Open Thurs. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat. - Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission. 1105 Washington St. For information, 214/428-0101

**Aquarium** is home to a varied collection of more than 375 species of aquatic animals, including marine and freshwater fish, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. Special attractions include shark and piranha feedings daily, except Mon., at 2:30 p.m. on alternating days, and the "World of Aquatic Diversity" exhibit that features nearly invisible glass catfish and camouflaged leaffish. Open daily 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission.

**Cotton Bowl Stadium** seats 70,030 for major collegiate football, including traditional Texas-Oklahoma game during State Fair in Oct., and the Cotton Bowl each New Year's.

**Civic Garden Center**, one of most notable in U.S.; includes 500-seat auditorium, botanical collections, and 7-acre Southwestern garden. Garden for the Blind features raised beds of herbs and other plants noted for scents and textures. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.

**Hall of State** is majestic shrine that depicts Texas historical greats in epic-scale marble and mosaics. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.

**Museum of Natural History** presents wide collection of native animal life in authentic habitat groups. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Science Place** is filled with more than 250 hands-on exhibits, classes and programs. Exhibits include the "Gossamer Penguin," the first solar-powered aircraft; also energy, health, and anatomy exhibits. Includes planetarium. Open Tues. - Sun. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. At Grand Ave. entrance to Fair Park. Admission, and fee for planetarium shows.

**Starplex Amphitheater**, outdoor amphitheater featuring top entertainment. For information call 214/421-1111.

**State Fair Coliseum**, seating 7,000, hosts rodeos, horse shows and sporting events throughout year.

**Telephone Pioneer Museum**—Past, present and future of telephone technology captured in such displays as an animated audiovisual presentation, huge talking telephone, nostalgia exhibits. Open Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. One Bell Plaza (208 S. Akard).

**Thanks-Giving Square**—Opened 1977, the interfaith Chapel of Thanksgiving is regularly site of worship services. Waterfall and landscaping provide quiet retreat in center of city. Within corners formed by Akard, Bryan, Pacific and Ervay Sts.



**Visitor Centers**—The Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau operates visitor centers offering abundant details about local events, accommodations, dining and points of interest. Visit the information office in the Renaissance Tower, 1201 Elm St., Ste. 2000, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri., or the visitor center at 1303 Commerce St. Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Also at West End MarketPlace Mon. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun. noon - 8 p.m.

**West End Historic District**—Early-day business district revived and restored with shops, push-cart traders, craftsmen, restaurants, and clubs occupying modern facilities within the original architecture. Here also is 1892 red sandstone courthouse, one of Dallas' oldest buildings at Main and Houston Sts. Carriage rides, entertainers. Several block area, centered around Market St. from Pacific to McKinney. Served by DART Hop-a-Bus.

**West End MarketPlace**—A festival market with dozens of restaurants, clubs and boutiques; occupies three adjoining buildings. Street entertainers, many special events. 3.5-million-dollar Dallas Alley features several night clubs with variety of music, entertainment. In Historic District at north end of Market St. at Munger Ave.

## DENTON

Pop. 67,473

Alt. 620

Map H-17



**General**—Established 1857, seat of Denton County, named for John B. Denton, pioneer lawyer, preacher, and soldier. His grave is on the courthouse lawn. The city and county are a blend of agricultural and modern

industries. Recreational activities include intercollegiate sports, golf, hunting, and a wide range of water sports at nearby reservoirs. Denton is a Main Street City.

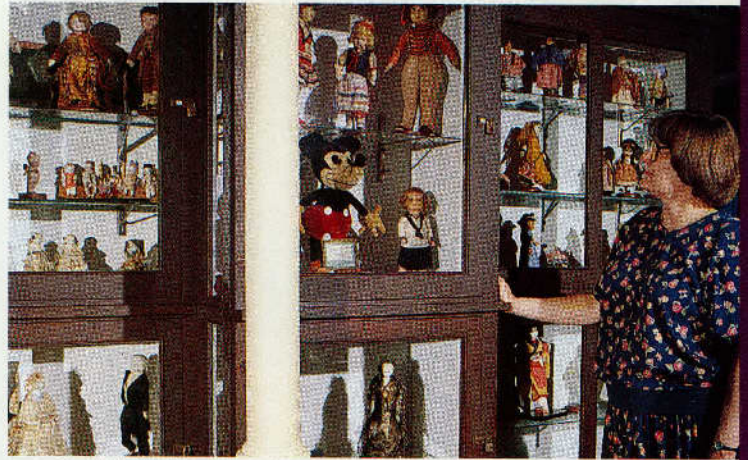
Standing guard over the city is the stately Denton County Courthouse. Designed in 1895, it was restored in 1987. With its massive limestone walls and soaring clock tower, it's been called "the most picturesque pile of rocks in North Texas."

Cultural attractions center around Arts Complex and two major state universities: The Univ. of North Texas and Texas Woman's Univ. TWU is largest university for women in the nation.

Shoppers find bargains at the Exposition Mills Factory Stores on I-35, Exit 471.

Bed and breakfast accommodations are available.

### Denton County Courthouse houses Historical Museum on first floor



Doll Display in Denton County Historical Museum

**Art Galleries**—Craft media, paintings, sculptures, and other works may be found in two galleries at the Center for Visual Arts. Local and national artists featured. Open Sun. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. At corner of Bell and Hickory Sts. Several other galleries offer a variety of exhibits throughout the year at both Univ. of North Texas and Texas Woman's Univ.

**Denton County Historical Museum**—A variety of exhibits depicting Denton County history; life-style displays of a century ago include a country kitchen, a Victorian parlor, farm tools, and numerous special collections. Rotating displays examine Texas and local history along with seasonal and thematic exhibits. Open Mon. - Sat. 1 - 4:30 p.m.; First Floor of Denton County Courthouse.

**Evers Hardware**—Old-time hardware store complete with original displays and products sold since the store's founding a century ago. It still remains in the original family. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. On the downtown square at 109 W. Hickory.

**Gowns of the First Ladies of Texas**—Inaugural gowns of wives of presidents of the Republic of Texas and state governors. Dresses worn by the wives of two Presidents of the U.S. and the wife of a Vice President. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. during fall and spring semesters; open Mon. - Thurs. during summer semesters. On TWU campus at 117 Bell Ave.

**Isle du Bois State Park**—1,397-acre scenic playground among wooded area on south side of Ray Roberts Lake; camping, boating, swimming, and fishing. Overnight group pavilion and day-use group picnic area also available. 12-mile multiuse trail for hiking, bicycling, and equestrian use (your horse). Take I-35 north to Sanger; east on F.M. 455. Admission.

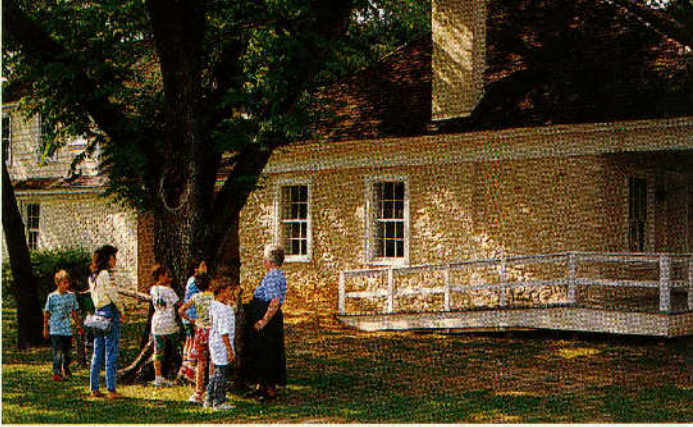
**Lakes**—Lewisville, Grapevine, Ray Roberts. See LAKES listing.

**Little Chapel-in-the-Woods**—Designed by O'Neil Ford, chapel completed in 1939. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt attended dedication ceremonies. The small chapel blends nature and art in wooded setting on Texas Woman's Univ. campus. Ten stained glass windows, designed by students, depict the theme "Woman Ministering to Human Needs." Although constructed for private meditation, the chapel has become the setting for many weddings in the community. Open during school hours on Texas Woman's Univ. campus.

**Oak-Hickory Historic District**—Victorian homes on W. Oak St. are fine examples of Victorian cottages with generous porches, jigsaw work and tall narrow windows.

**Schoppaul Hill Winery and Tasting Room**—Winery is 80 miles northeast of Denton in wooded countryside near Ivanhoe in Fannin County. Tours available by calling 903/583-2846. Tasting room features wine, gourmet food, and gift baskets. One block south of downtown square at 301 S. Locust. Open Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tel. 817/380-9463.

**Visitor Information**—For information on lodging, dining, events, and points of interest, visit the Denton Chamber of Commerce at 414 Parkway, or stop by the Visitor Information Center at Exposition Mills Denton Factory Stores, 5800 N I-35. 817/382-7895.



One of several vintage structures, Historical Park in Farmers Branch

**FARMERS BRANCH**

Pop. 24,212      Alt. 633      Map J-18



**General**—Extensive advertising by Texas Land and Emigration Co. in 1845-50 made this part of Peters' Colony, perhaps the best-known of all Texas settlements at the time. Many Dallas County firsts credited here,

including first church, school, blacksmith shop. Population in 1946 was 800; city's growth parallels most Dallas suburbs. More than 60 Fortune 500 companies office here. Home of Brookhaven College.

**Historical Park**—The 22-acre, tree-shaded park includes historic buildings relocated and restored, including 1877 depot, oldest rock house in Dallas County, the Gilbert House that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Also, a turn-of-the-century, one-room school, a church built in 1891 in Renner, and a typical home of the 1930s and 1940s era that houses a visitor center. Tours Tues., Thurs. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 1st and 3rd Sun. 1 - 3 p.m. Park open Apr.- Oct. Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat. - Sun. noon - 8 p.m. (Nov. - Mar. same hours, but close at 6 p.m.). Farmers Branch Ln. at Denton Dr.

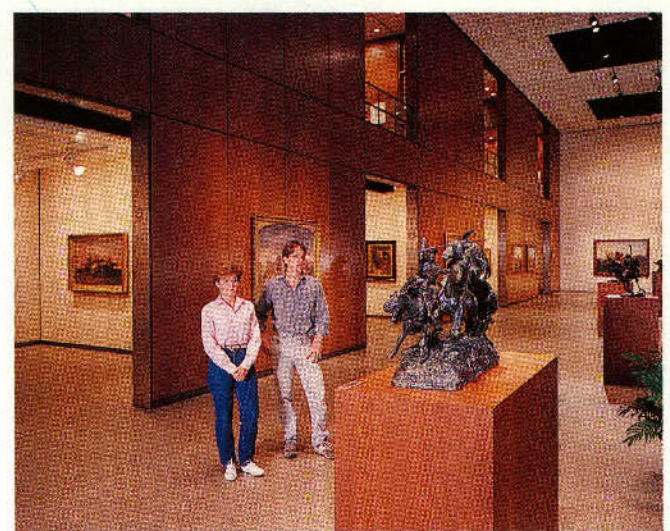
**FORT WORTH**

Pop. 450,450      Alt. 670      Map J-17



**General**—Grew from military camp established at close of Mexican War by Gen. Winfield Scott, and named for Gen. William Jenkins Worth who saw action in that war. Forty-two men of Company F, 2nd Dragoons,

established the camp on June 6, 1849. Fort Worth to Yuma, AZ, stage line established 1850. Became seat of Tarrant County 1860. After the Civil War,



Amon G. Carter Museum in Fort Worth

became major shipping and supply depot for cattlemen. Today Fort Worth is one of Texas' major cities with a wide range of industries including Lockheed, American Airlines, and Burlington Northern. The impressive Fort Worth/Tarrant County Convention Center spans an area of 14 downtown blocks. Culturally, Fort Worth is known for an outstanding group of museums, plus a season of summer musicals, winter theater, symphony concerts, opera, ballet, and art galleries.

City is home of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Tarrant County Junior College, Texas Christian Univ., Univ. of North Texas Health Science Center, and Texas Wesleyan Univ.

Vast green parks and surrounding network of major lakes offer abundant opportunities for water sports and outdoor recreation. Burnett Park at Lamar and Texas Sts., on land donated by cattle baron Samuel Burk Burnett, features four sculptures by Henri Matisse entitled "Backs"; a restful spot with fountains, pools, and granite walkways.

There's a calendar full of annual events, including the Southwestern Exposition and Live Stock Show and Rodeo in late Jan. - early Feb. (one of the nation's best); Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival in April; Mayfest in May; Chisholm Trail Roundup and Chief Quanah Park Comanche Pow Wow in June; Pioneer Days in Sept.; and Oktoberfest in Oct.

**American Airlines C. R. Smith Museum**—This is an "airline" museum, not an "aircraft" museum; dedicated to C. R. Smith, the "father of American Airlines." Through interactive displays, films, videos, and hands-on exhibits, visitors see the operation of an airline—today and in the past. More than 80 small airlines merged to become American Airways in 1930; that named changed to American Airlines in 1934. A vintage Douglas DC-3, flagship *Knaxville*, meticulously restored by retired AMR pilots, mechanics and employees, was flown to Fort Worth and hoisted into its place of





**Cattle Raisers  
Museum  
in Fort Worth**

prominence. Open Wed. - Sun. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Adjacent to American Airlines Flight Academy at Texas 360 and FAA Rd. southwest of D/FW Airport. 817/967-1560.

**Amon G. Carter Museum**—Fabulous collection of pictures, sculptures, books and objects of American art, featuring permanent collections of Remington and Russell, plus frequent traveling exhibits. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5:30 p.m. At 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd.

**BC Vintage Flying Museum**—Features WWII memorabilia and a B-17 Flying Fortress. Gift shop. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. At 505 NW 38th St., Hanger 33 South (Meacham Field). For information, 817/624-1935.

**Billy Bob's Texas**—World's largest honky-tonk with a 4,800-sq.-ft. rodeo area, 600 feet of bar rails, a 1,650-sq.-ft. stage for country/Western entertainment with top stars, shops, games, and restaurants. 2520 Rodeo Plaza in Stockyards Area. Open daily; hours vary.

**Botanic Garden**—A showcase of 150,000 living plants representing 2,500 species, displayed in both formal and natural settings. 10,000-sq.-ft. glass conservatory planted with more than 2,500 tropical plants native to Central and South America. Small waterfalls, ponds, and pathways throughout give visitors an idea what might be encountered in tropics. Garden Center open daily 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. Conservatory open Apr. - Oct. Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 1 - 6 p.m.; Nov. - Mar. same hours but close at 4 p.m. on Sat., Sun. In wooded southwestern section of Trinity Park. Conservatory at 3220 Botanic Dr. open daily. Entrance to botanic gardens free; fee for conservatory.

**Casa Mañana Playhouse**—Under a geodesic dome, one of nation's most notable theaters-in-the-round. Setting for drama, musical comedies. 3101 Lancaster.

**Cattleman's Museum**—History of the colorful Texas ranching industry portrayed in film, photos, and cowboy memorabilia. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 1301 W. 7th St.

**Cowtown Rodeo**—Top-notch rodeo cowboys and cowgirls compete most Saturday nights in air-conditioned comfort of Cowtown Coliseum in the Stockyards (see Stockyards below). Also features Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show. 123 E. Exchange. For information, tickets, tel. 817/625-1025.

**Eddleman McFarland House**—Elegant Victorian residence. Open for tours 1st and 3rd Sun. each month. 1110 Penn St. Fee.

**Fire Station No. 1**—"150 Years of Fort Worth" traces city's colorful history. Open 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Second & Commerce Sts.

**Fort Worth Museum of Science & History/Omni Theater**—100,000 artifacts and specimens for research, exhibition. Traveling exhibits, and permanent areas that include Man and His Possessions, Human Physiology, History of Medicine, Calculators and Computers, Geology and Paleontology, and Texas History.

KIDSPACE is an indoor discovery area designed for young museum visitors age two to six years. Through activities such as Puppet Theater, Water Works, and Build-a-House, children learn about science by doing.

Omni Theater's curved screen engulfs viewers' entire field of vision to plunge beneath ocean, soar through clouds, or possibly witness the awesome launch of a space shuttle; 50 varying shows a week.

Astronomy programs are presented in the Noble Planetarium. For information and schedule for Omni Theater and Noble Planetarium call 817/732-1631. Shows are presented regularly; during school year theater and planetarium periodically closed to public for schoolchildren.

DinoDig allows visitors to the museum to become amateur paleontologists and dig for dinosaur bones in large outdoor discovery area. Three dig areas; bones range in size from a four inch vertebra of a Tenontosarus to a six foot leg bone of a large sauropod.

Museum is open Mon. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tues. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri., Sat. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sun. noon - 8 p.m. Wheelchair accessible. 1501 Montgomery St. Admission.

**Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge**—Growing from 35-acre Greer Island Nature Center, current 3,500-acre refuge offers interpretive center, hiking and self-guided nature trails. Bison herd intermingled with white-tailed deer often seen. Prairie dog town offers excellent opportunity to observe these little animals in their communal setting. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m.; 10 miles northwest of downtown (2 miles past Lake Worth bridge) on Texas 199.

**Fort Worth Zoo**—Mammals, birds, and reptiles from around the world; featured exhibits include:

African Savannah at edge of a forest with groups of endangered black and white rhinos, giraffes, and African birds in a natural setting.

TEXAS!—a new look at old Texas features a one-room schoolhouse, reconstructed ranch house, an operating blacksmith shop and livestock corral. Prairie dogs, javelina, pronghorn antelope, and American bison, along with rural livestock are in this unique exhibit. Includes multipurpose center, Yellow Rose Saloon.

Herpetarium acclaimed for naturalistic exhibits and collection of frogs, turtles, crocodiles, and hundreds of snakes.

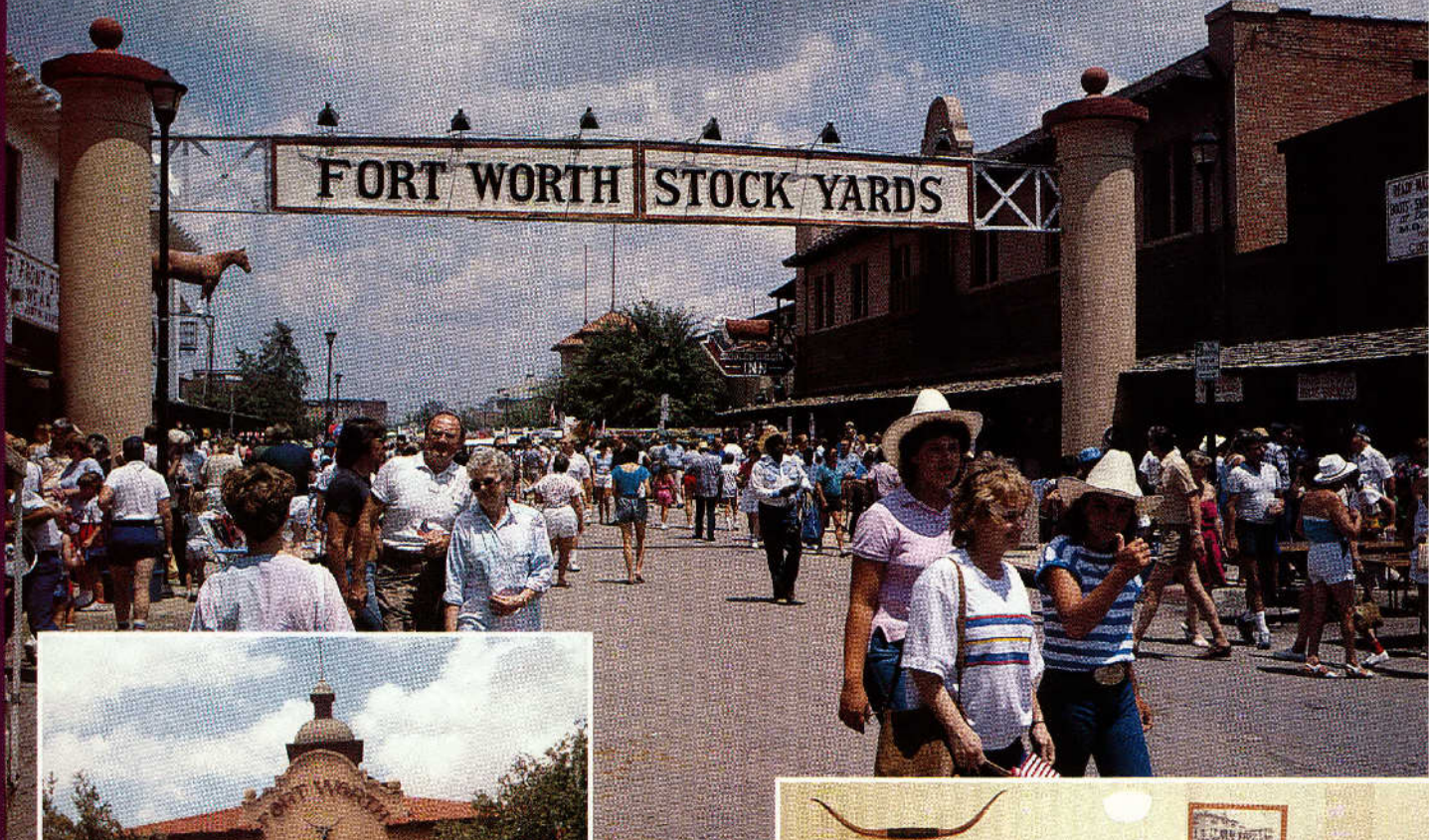
Asian Falls, carved out of existing hillside, is natural setting of grassy hills, waterfalls, and trees, where guests stroll along raised boardwalk to view Sumatran tigers, including the zoo's famous white tiger, "Neela." Exhibit also includes bears.

World of Primates has representatives of all Great Ape species and includes indoor tropical rain forest housing lowland gorillas, colobus monkeys and free-flying tropical birds. Connecting outdoor exhibit features various primates including chimpanzees, orangutans, gibbons, bonobos (pygmy chimpanzees), and others.

Raptor Canyon features seven species of raptors, including andean condors, king vultures, bateleur eagles, and bald eagles.

Asian Rhino Valley includes Asian greater one-horned rhinos, cranes, and deer.

Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; extended hours seasonally. Forest Park. Admission. For information, 817/871-7050.



**Fort Worth's Stockyards Historic Area**



**Stockyard Collections & Museum in Fort Worth**

**Japanese Garden**—An enchanting six-acre garden of Oriental design featuring a pagoda, moon-viewing deck, teahouse, and meditation garden amid lush exotic plants. Open Nov. - Mar. Tues. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Apr. - Oct. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. At 3220 Botanic Garden Dr. Admission.

**Kimbell Art Museum**—Based on philanthropist Kay Kimbell's collection of 18th-Century portraits and old masters, multimillion-dollar collection now includes works from prehistoric to Picasso. The \$6.5-million innovative building of cycloid vaults by architect Louis Kahn provides unexcelled lighting

**Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth**



and display areas. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed holidays. 3333 Camp Bowie Blvd.

**La Buena Vida Vineyards**—Vineyards and winery are near Springtown, some 20 miles north on Texas 199. Wine tasting room, visitors center and gift shop, open daily 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m., are at Texas 199 at F.M. 1886, just north of the Lake Worth bridge.

**Lakes**—Arlington, Benbrook, Eagle Mountain, Grapevine, Joe Pool, and Worth. See LAKES listing.

**Log Cabin Village**—Seven authentic pioneer homes built during 1850s. Frontier tools, implements, furnishings. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sat. 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4:30 p.m. University Dr. and Colonial Parkway in Forest Park. Admission.

**Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth**—Painting and sculpture by contemporary artists; special traveling exhibits. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 1309 Montgomery St., Amon Carter Sq.

**Pate Museum of Transportation**—See CRESSON.

**Sid Richardson Collection of Western Art**—Free downtown museum featuring 55 paintings from collection of the late Texas oil man, Sid Richardson, whose favorite artists were Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. 309 Main St. in Sundance Sq.

**Six Flags Over Texas**—See ARLINGTON this section.

**Stockyards Collections & Museum**—Photos and memorabilia from early stockyard days, including sections on the Swift and Armour packing companies. Small railroad display emphasizes connection with stockyard. Women's area features crown and scepter of 1920 Stock Show Queen and quilt made from satin costumes female performers wore in 1936 Centennial show at old



**Tarantula Railroad in Fort Worth**

outdoor Casa Mañana. Sesquicentennial artifacts collected by wagon train through Texas in 1886 also featured. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Jun. - Aug. open Sun. noon - 5 p.m.) In Livestock Exchange Building at 131 E. Exchange Ave.

**Stockyards Historic Area**—Feel of the Old West recaptured by merchants along Exchange Ave. on city's North Side. Renovated Western-style stores and restaurants front traditional boardwalks. In season, Old West Amusement Park features a 1930s cowboy carousel.

Stockyards Station, a 165,000-sq.-ft. market center includes stop for Tarantula Railroad (see below) and Western festival market in the renovated hog and sheep pens. Restaurants, shops, and galleries feature a variety of Western and Indian crafts. 140 E. Exchange Ave.

A Visitor Information Center provides details about area features, shopping and dining opportunities, along with Cowtown Rodeo schedule. Info center open Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sun. noon - 6 p.m. 130 E. Exchange Ave.

**Sundance Square**—Named for the Sundance Kid, who, with Butch Cassidy, once hid out in Cowtown. The downtown renovation project of turn-of-the-century architecture features dining, art gallery, entertainment, and Clydesdale-drawn carriage rides. Bounded by Second, Fourth, Commerce and Throckmorton Sts.

**Tandy Archaeological Museum, A. Webb Roberts Library**—On campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Archaeological items from the Holy Land, including artifacts uncovered at Tel Batash-Tinnah; interpretation of early Biblical periods. Seminary history area. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 2001 W. Seminary Dr.

**Tarantula Railroad**—Steam excursion line rolls along nine-mile course from Eighth Avenue depot to 19th-Century-styled Stockyard Station. Three steam engines, dating from 1896 to 1929, pull classic coaches through city's tree-lined Trinity River valley area, crossing the Clear Fork of the Trinity

**Frontier implements, furnishings at Log Cabin Village in Fort Worth**



River, skirting the west side of downtown. Three round-trips daily; depot ticket office at 2318 Eighth Ave. and in Stockyards Station at 140 E. Exchange Ave. 817/625-7245. Fare.

**"The Last Supper"**—A life-sized wax figure interpretation of the Last Supper. At the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Open Mon. - Sat. noon - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 2500 Ridgmar Plaza.

**Thistle Hill**—Last surviving mansion of cattle baron era, restored to 1910 appearance. Opulent decor. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. 1509 Pennsylvania. Admission. Renovation may vary days open.

**Trinity Meadows Race Track**—Pari-mutuel racing is held during spring and fall just minutes from Fort Worth. Take I-30 west to Willow Park and Trinity Meadows. For racing information, 817/441-9240.

**Water Garden**—Spectacular park features water in all its aspects—sparkling, gurgling, bubbling, flowing, sprinkling, pouring—fountains, channels, cascades and pools amid geometric architectural features. Adjacent to convention center downtown.

**Will Rogers Memorial Center**—Complex is site of Fort Worth's major exhibitions and one of nation's premiere equestrian centers. Mounted statue of Will Rogers, famous cowboy humorist, on entrance grounds. Amon Carter Sq.



**Water flows through fountains, cascades and pools at Fort Worth's downtown Water Garden**

**William Edrington Scott Theater**—A showcase for the performing arts; features modern technical equipment to complement drama, jazz, chamber music, and ballet. A four-and-a-half level theater with main auditorium seating nearly 500. On Amon Carter Sq. adjacent to Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth.

**Visitor Centers**—The Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau operates visitors centers offering abundant details about local events, accommodations, dining, and points of interest. Visit the information center at 415 Throckmorton in the historic Sanger Building in Sundance Square, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri., or in Stockyard Historic Area at 130 E. Exchange Ave.

**GARLAND**

Pop. 181,641

Alt. 551

Map J-18



**General**—Suburban city adjoining Dallas grew from farming community incorporated 1891. Several industries established during WW II. Long-established Resistol Hat Factory provided head ware for "J.R. Ewing." Center

for Performing Arts, Fifth & Austin Sts., is home to Garland Symphony, Civic Theater, Big G (country music), and summer musicals. Home of Amber Univ.

Firewheel Golf Park provides a challenging 36-hole municipal golf course. For information and tee time, 214/205-2795.



**Garland's Landmark Museum, housed in former Santa Fe Depot, includes antique rail car**

**Lakes**—Ray Hubbard and Lavon. See LAKES listing.

**Landmark Museum**—Displays early settlers' artifacts, old newspapers, farm implements, and quilts. Housed in former Santa Fe depot. Antique rail car on grounds. Also Lyles House, restored "matchbox style" home; exterior views only. Museum open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. In Heritage Park, 4th & State Sts.

**Surf and Swim**—Ride four-foot waves in Garland's municipal wave-action pool surrounded by grass beaches and pecan trees. Open daily Jun. - Sept. 440 Oates Dr. off I-635.

**Texas Queen**—On Lake Ray Hubbard; 105-foot double-deck paddle wheel-er offers dinner cruises Wed. - Fri., Sun. Reservations required. Departs from Elgin B. Robertson Park. Dalrock Rd. exit south off I-30 East. 214/771-0039.

**Wet 'n Wild**—Dozens of splashing activities—slides, wave pool, body flumes, special children's areas and adventures. Open weekends May and Sept.; daily in summer. LBJ Freeway (I-635) at Northwest Highway. Admission.

**GLEN ROSE**

Pop. 1,802

Alt. 680

Map L-16



**General**—Establishment of a trading post at site in 1849 was beginning of this present seat of Somervell County. Located at a picturesque spot on the Paluxy River, just above its confluence with the Brazos River. Several

bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings. Squaw Valley Golf Course, owned by the county, is one of top municipal courses in the area.

Expo Center features events scheduled throughout year. For schedules, 817/897-4509.



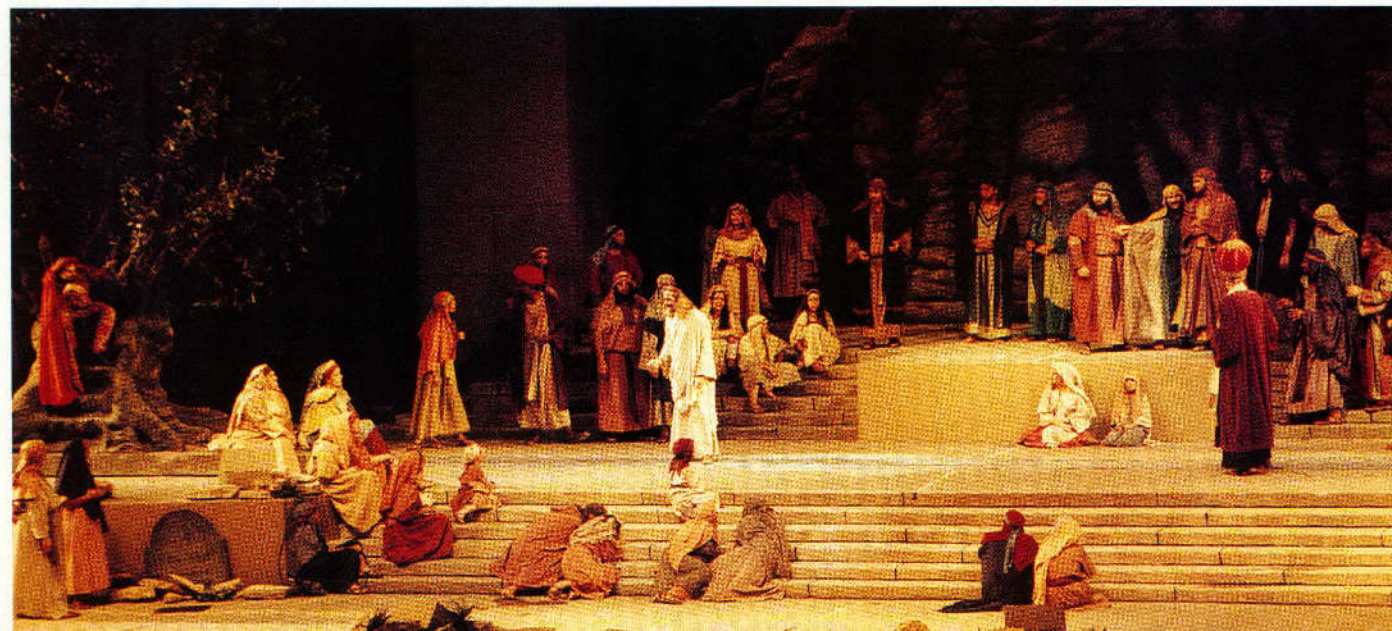
**Giant replicas of dinosaurs dwarf surroundings in Dinosaur Valley State Park near Glen Rose**

**Comanche Peak Information Center**—Tours of nuclear power plant site; exhibit of control room simulator, film, and tick-tack-toe quiz. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. F.M. 56 north.

**Creation Evidences Museum**—Includes artifacts and fossil displays, Acrocanthosaurus bones, dinosaur footprint casts, and more. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Approximately four miles west via U.S. 67, F.M. 205. Admission. 817/897-3200.

**Dinosaur Valley State Park**—Unique, picturesque park on scenic area of Paluxy River. The Paluxy flows over solid rock that contains the best-preserved dinosaur tracks in Texas. It was here the first sauropod tracks in the

**"The Promise" is presented in Glen Rose's open-air Texas Amphitheatre**





**Fossil Rim Wildlife Ranch near Glen Rose**

world were discovered. The sauropods were plant-eating reptiles more than 60 feet long, weighing 30 tons. Two other tracks are also found in the riverbed, those of the duckbilled dinosaurs, only 30 feet long, and theropods, 12-foot-tall meat-eaters. Interpretive exhibits give visitors a glimpse of how Texas might have looked 100 million years ago. The 1,204-acre park also offers camping, picnicking, and nature trails. Approximately five miles west via U.S. 67, F.M. 205. Admission. 817/897-4588.

**Fossil Rim Wildlife Center**—Discover some of the world's most endangered animals, like white rhino, cheetah, and Grevy's zebra, among some 30 species that roam free on 2,900 acres of valleys and savannahs. Other activities include petting pasture, restaurant, nature store, picnic area, nature trail, education center, horseback trail rides, and overnight horse camp. The Foothills Safari Camp is a 3-day, 2-night safari by advance reservations. Open daily except Christmas and Thanksgiving. Off U.S. 67, 3.5 miles west. Admission. 817/897-2960.

**Lakes**—Granbury, Pat Cleburne, Squaw Creek, Whitney. See LAKES listing.

**The Promise**—An historical, yet contemporary, re-enactment of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. The musical drama with a cast of 80 is presented in open-air Texas Amphitheatre. Performances usually Fri. - Sat. evenings Jun. - Oct. For exact dates, 817/897-4341.

**Somervell County Historical Museum**—Items depicting local history, fossils, relics. Open June - Labor Day, Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; Labor Day - May, Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Elm and Vernon Sts.

## GRANBURY

Pop. 4,223

Alt. 725

Map K-16



**General**—Picturesquely situated on Lake Granbury; seat of Hood County. Settled 1854 by Thomas Lambert who united it with the settlement called Stockton to form nucleus of Granbury. Square is on National Register of

Historic Places. Historical tours available. Hood County is usually largest pecan producer in state.

Granbury Cemetery is final resting place of Jesse James.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings; Convention and Visitors Bureau offers list.

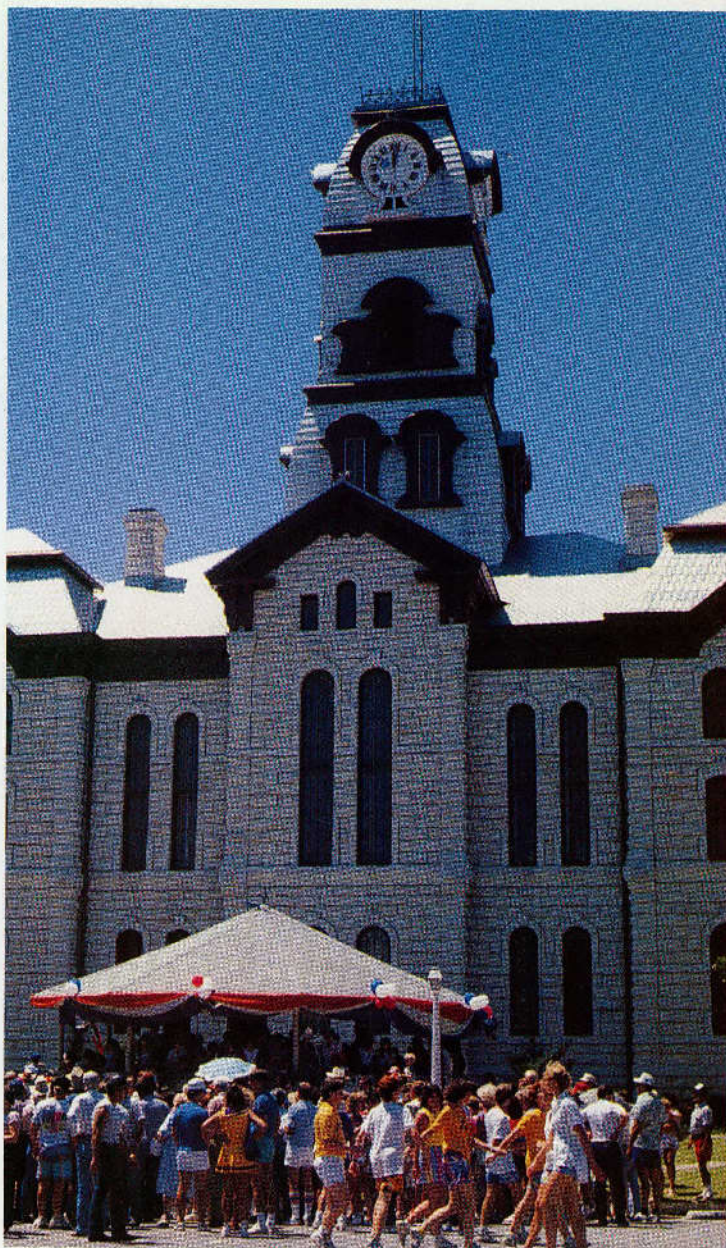
Detailed area information available at Convention & Visitors Bureau's Visitor Center at 100 N. Crockett St. or call 817/573-5548.

**Action State Historical Site**—Texas' smallest state park is gravesite of Elizabeth Crockett, second wife of Davy Crockett. Monument erected by act of Texas Legislature 1911. About 6 miles east, U.S. 377, F.M. 167.

**Brazos Drive-in Theater**—Authentic 1950s drive-in movie, one of 12 still in operation in Texas. Open Fri. - Sun. at 9 p.m. during daylight savings time; otherwise, 7:45 p.m. For movie schedule, 817/573-1311. Admission.

**Granbury Opera House**—Built 1886; restored and reopened 1975. Plays, musicals, presented weekends Feb. through Dec. On square. Call for performance schedule, 817/573-9191.

**Granbury Queen**—Sightseeing cruises on Lake Granbury on 73-foot replica of Mississippi River paddle wheeler. Sightseeing cruises Sat., Sun. at 2 and 4:30 p.m. For information, 817/573-6822. Departs from river landing on Texas 144 1 mi. south of U.S. 377. Fare.



**Courthouse Square in Granbury**

**Gulch at Granbury, The**—Family entertainment park offers par 70 miniature golf course along with batting cages, arcades, and driving ranges. Hours seasonal: Sun. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - midnight; (winter, Mon. - Thurs. noon - 10 p.m.; Fri., Sat. noon - midnight.) 3800 U.S. 377 East. 817/579-1515.

**Historic Homes Tours**—Many of city's fine old homes are open during candlelight tour in December.

**Dabney House**—Built in 1907 by prominent banker Dan Cogdell as wedding gift to his daughter. Later owned by Dr. T. H. Dabney who practiced medicine. Early 1900s charm with stained glass, antiques, and woodwork. Tours Thurs., Fri. at 11:30 a.m.; Sat. noon and 2 p.m. Tour fee. 817/579-1260.

**Iron Horse Inn, The**—Home built in 1900 by D. C. Cogdell, local banker, who chartered First National Bank of Granbury in 1887, which is still in operation. Features include wide front door with coppered glass transom and slide lights. Tour Thurs. at 2 p.m. 616 N. Thorp Springs Rd. Tour fee. 817/579-5535.

**Pearl Street Inn**—Prairie-style home built in 1912 by lawyer B.M. Estes who fought for prohibition in 1887. A city councilman and mayor, Estes died in 1938; daughter lived here until 1954. Tour Thurs. at 1:30 p.m. Tour fee.

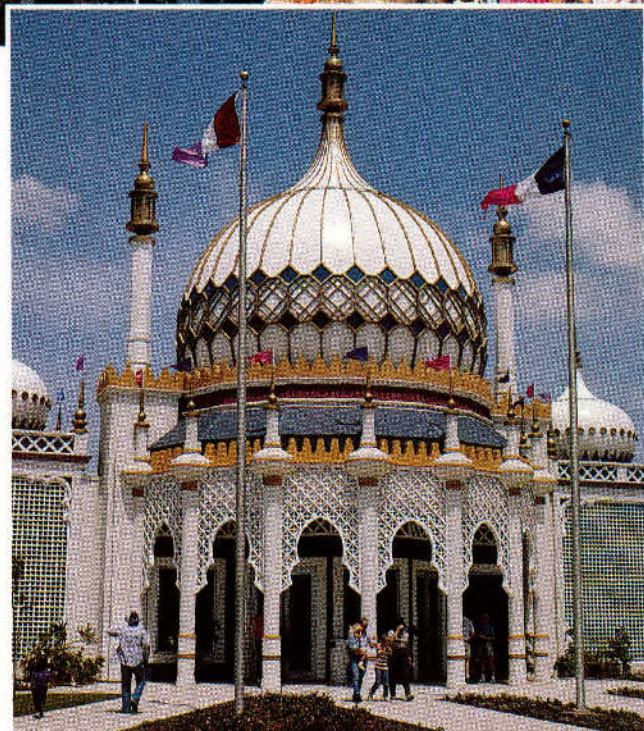
**Historic Inn: Nutt House**—Noted restaurant and restored country inn dates from 1893. Family-style foods feature old-fashioned favorites like chicken and dumplings, crispy hot-water cornbread. Eight guest rooms furnished c. 1919. On the square downtown. For information, 817/573-5612.



**Traders Village...Huge Flea Market in Grand Prairie**



**Visitors often see resident sculptor at work at Palace of Wax in Grand Prairie**



**Palace of Wax/Ripley's Believe It or Not! in Grand Prairie**

**Hood County Jail**—Old West-type jail, built 1885, now houses chamber of commerce. Original cell block, hanging tower. Tours Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Lakes**—Granbury, Squaw Creek. See LAKES listing.

**Railroad Depot Museum**—Restored to its 1914 splendor, depot is representative of early 20th Century rural Texas train stations. Open Tues. noon - 4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. At 109 E. Ewell.

## GRAND PRAIRIE

Pop. 101,361

Alt. 528

Map J-18



**General**—Established at close of Civil War on Texas & Pacific Railroad with original name of Deckman. Renamed in 1873; incorporated 1902. Population spurred by large defense plants during World War II. Public recreation

facilities include playgrounds, picnic areas, athletic fields, swimming, boating and golf (Great Southwest Golf Course has gold in sand traps, assaying about \$2.85 per ton).

**Cedar Hill State Park**—1,850-acre park on east shore of Joe Pool Lake amid rolling cedar-covered hills; camping, trailer facilities, picnicking, shelters, swimming, rest rooms and showers, hiking and fishing. Although considered an urban park because of its location, the beauty of the woods makes it a popular destination for D/FW residents. At night, the metroplex skyline lights are reflected softly in the lake. Four miles southeast of Grand Prairie on F.M. 1382. For information, reservations, 214/291-3900.

**Lakes**—Joe Pool and Mountain Creek. See LAKES listing.

**Palace of Wax & Ripley's Believe It or Not!**—Following a disastrous fire in 1988, reconstruction of a bigger and better facility began immediately. New building dubbed an "Arabian Fantasy" because of huge onion domes, minarets and exotic detailing.

The unusual, bizarre, and unbelievable displays in Ripley's Believe It or Not! are from the collection of a man who collected world's most interesting artifacts. Enter overgrown ruins of mystic temple and discover arts and weapons of primitive people, or walk over a bed of firey coals, if you dare! Visitors experience an earthquake, find themselves on the ocean floor in undersea world of Atlantis, and hold onto their hats as they step into a Texas tornado and emerge safely to inspect the unbelievable things 200-mph winds can do.

Exhibits in wax museum feature all new collection of wax figures in environmental settings. Themed areas include Hollywood, history, horror, childhood fantasy, and religion. Visitors also see the resident sculptor at work in his studio. Open 10 a.m. daily. 601 E. Safari Pkwy. (Belt Line Rd. exit from I-30 between Dallas and Fort Worth.) Admission.

**Traders Village**—106-acre flea market and shoppers' bazaar with hundreds of dealers in novelties, handmade goods, plants, arts, crafts, and antiques of every description. Special events include rodeos, antique auto swap meets, chili cookoff, Indian powwows. Restaurant, RV park. Open Sat. - Sun., 2602 Mayfield Rd. off Texas 360. Parking fee; free admission.

**Visitors Center**—The Grand Prairie Convention and Visitors Bureau operates a visitor center offering abundant details about local events, accommodations, dining and points of interest. Open daily. 605 Safari Pkwy, Suite A-6. 214/263-9588.



## GRAPEVINE

Pop. 31,510

Alt. 650

Map J-18



**General**—Prior to settlement in 1850, this well-watered location on the blackland prairie was site of important negotiations with Indians, including a treaty signed here by Sam Houston in 1849. Population was

1,813 in 1950; growth parallels that of most Metroplex cities, and location of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport here has stimulated growth.

Much of Main Street is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A walking map tour of the historic renovated downtown area is available at convention and visitors bureau in re-created Wallis Hotel building. The original 1891 hotel was near railroad depot; closed in 1926, the building was demolished in the 1930s. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. One Liberty Park Plaza.

Three championship public golf courses are open daily.

**Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport**—One of the world's largest airports with over 2,000 scheduled domestic and international flights daily. Group tours available through D/FW Airport Public Relations Office.

**Grapevine Heritage Center**—Originally site of Cotton Belt Railroad depot and cotton docks. Three-acre site is being developed as heritage education center. The brick building houses artisans who demonstrate and teach their craft. Gifts and custom orders available. Open Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 701 S. Main St.

**Grapevine Historical Museum**—Housed in restored railroad depot. Built in 1901, the depot served the city as a railroad station until abandoned by the railroad and moved off site in 1973. The Grapevine Heritage Foundation purchased this building, its original site, and moved it back. Museum displays local and pioneer history exhibits. Open Fri. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 707 S. Main St.

**Grapevine Opry**—Showcase of country and Western entertainment in historic Palace Theatre. There's a foot-stompin', hand-clappin' family-style show every Fri. & Sat. night featuring local, regional, and national artists. 308 S. Main St. Admission.

**Lake**—Grapevine. See LAKES listing.

**Wagon Wheel Ranch**—see Horseback Riding in DALLAS this section.

### Las Colinas Flower Clock



Irving is the home of Texas Stadium and the Dallas Cowboys

## IRVING

Pop. 158,110

Alt. 470

Map J-18



**General**—Established 1902 by J.O. Schulze and Otis Brown as site to begin a watermelon farm. In 1906, Schulze and Brown donated much of Irving to the Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf Railroad for depot and

switching yard. Irving has had a growth surge from a population of 2,575 in 1950 to more than 100,000 today. The thriving commercial, industrial, and residential city borders on western edge of Dallas and the eastern boundary of D/FW International Airport. Home of North Lake College and the Univ. of Dallas.

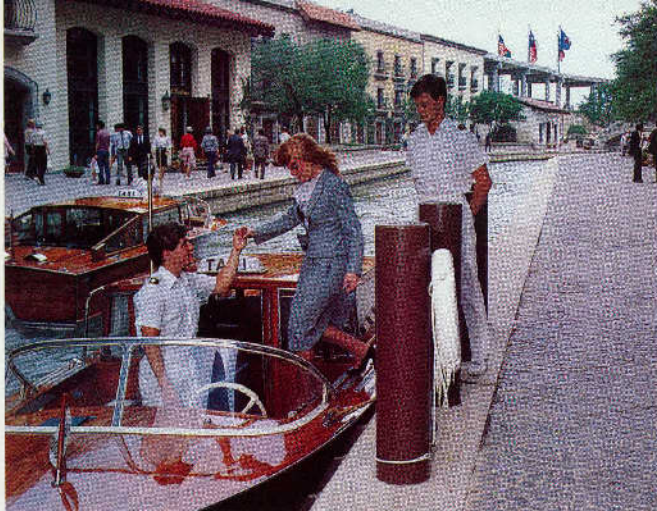
A herd of five marble cows, sculpted by Harold Clayton, makes an unusual setting along Texas 114 near Rochelle Rd. Perfect photo of an urban cow!

**Dallas Cowboys Football Club/Texas Stadium**—Stadium tour includes exclusive Stadium Club, elegant private boxes, press box, dressing room, and playing field. Tours Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (no tours Sat. before game and on game day). Loop 12 at Carpenter Freeway. Admission.

**Las Colinas Complex**—Ultramodern multiuse complex on 12,000 acres includes Equestrian Center, farmer's market center, movie studio, business facilities, residential villages, hotel, restaurants, and shops.

The Mustangs of Las Colinas in Williams Square, Irving





**Mandalay Canal at Las Colinas in Irving features water taxis**

Don't miss the spectacular Las Colinas Flower Clock at Texas 114 and O'Conner Rd. Flowers are planted at least eight times a year for perfect color year round. Great photo spot.

Mandalay Canal Walk, one level below street, is European-styled canal walk featuring Venetian-built water taxis.

Centerpiece of Williams Square is striking Mustangs of Las Colinas sculpture, nine mustangs that appear to be splashing through a stream of water. The complex is northwest of Texas Stadium, 2 mi. on Texas 114.

**Studios at Las Colinas**—Studio tour gives glimpse of behind the scenes at a working motion picture and television sound stage where such blockbusters as "Silkwood," "Robocop," and "JFK" were filmed. Also, the National Museum of Communications features large collection of communications memorabilia from the pen to the satellite. Open daily; tours at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Sun. tours start at 12:30 p.m.) 6301 N. O'Connor Rd., Building One. 214/869-3456.

**LANCASTER**

Pop. 22,684

Alt. 512

Map K-18



**General**—For years, Lancaster (Lank-aster) was the second largest city in Dallas County. It still retains the look and feel of a small town although only minutes from metropolitan Dallas. Some of the finest Victorian

homes in the county are preserved here. Extensive restoration of the downtown area was accomplished in the late 1970s; then, on April 25, 1994, a tornado struck the city doing extensive damage to the downtown and residential areas. Friends, neighbors, and citizens joined force for the massive cleanup, and today Lancaster is rebuilding and restoring.

During the War Between the States, a pistol factory here produced the huge Colt .44 Dragoon revolver that collectors call the "Tucker & Sherrod Confederate Colt." Memorabilia of the CSA foundry and gun factory are preserved in the city library. Volunteers from the city formed a company of cavalry that served with the 5th Texas Cavalry—the Ross Brigade.

**Confederate Air Force Wing**—The Dallas-Fort Worth Wing of the CAF is housed at Lancaster Airport. Among WWII warbirds on display are an F4U Corsair, a T-33 jet, an R4D submarine hunter, and others, plus collection of WWII artifacts. The prize of the collection, one of two remaining flyable Japanese Zeros, is usually here Feb. - Apr. for maintenance checkup. Open Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Airport is on F.M. 1382 (Belt Line Rd.), six miles east of I-35E in southeast Dallas County.

**LEWISVILLE**

Pop. 47,846

Alt. 490

Map J-17/18



**General**—First settlers at present townsite were John and Augustus King, 1844, who received land through the Peters' Colony, jointly owned by U.S. and British businessmen. The colony was plagued by lawsuits

and disputes, once leading to a mob attack and burning of the land office. In 1855 town got its first mill, trading post, dry goods store, and the first cotton

gin in Denton County. The Dallas and Wichita Railway arrived in 1881 and city became significant trading post. Today's growth is stimulated by the expanding Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

Many original buildings in the Old-West style remain on Main Street housing antique and specialty shops. The city has 17 parks, many of which are on Lake Lewisville (see LAKES listing) developed for camping, fishing and recreation.

**Lake Lewisville Park**—638 acres on east shore of the huge lake, a haven for water-sports enthusiasts from the metroplex. Lake noted for excellent fishing opportunities (see LAKES listing). Park facilities include boat ramp, dock, fish-cleaning station, bait and tackle concession, multiuse campsites, screened shelters, rest rooms, showers, dump station, playground, and picnic areas. Access via Texas 121 east, then F.M. 423 north. Admission.

**McKINNEY**

Pop. 22,309

Alt. 612

Map H-18



**General**—Settled 1845, seat of Collin County. City and county named for Collin McKinney, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence and leader in establishment of the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) in

Texas. A wide variety of local industries contributes to city's economy.

**Bolin Wildlife Exhibit**—Mounted animal trophies from several states and foreign countries; Mobil Oil Co. memorabilia centered around turn-of-the-century storefront, along with 1913 Model T, 1928 Model A truck and roadster, pioneer life and early transportation exhibits. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m. 1028 N. McDonald (Texas 5).

**Chestnut Square**—Five quaint Victorian and Greek Revival-style houses, built between 1853 and 1910, are open Tues. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mar. - June and Sept. - Nov. The houses are furnished in period attire. Just south of the square on Chestnut St. Admission.

**Collin Co. Youth and Farm Museum**—Dedicated to preserving Collin Co. agriculture heritage. Features collection of antique farm equipment and artifacts from North Texas farms from the 1930s. Open Tues. 1 - 5 p.m. North on U.S. 75 to U.S. 380, west to F.M. 7461, north on county road 166. Approximately 4 miles northwest of city.

**Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary**—Natural history exhibits of flora, fauna and geology. Native live animal exhibits. Nature store and classes for all ages. Nature trails through 275-acre wildlife sanctuary. Scenic picnic area. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. South 2 mi. on Texas 5; east 1 mi. on F.M. 1378. 214/542-5566.

**Lakes**—Lawn, Texoma. See LAKES listing.

**Old Post Office Museum**—Built in 1911 at cost of \$60,000, handsome building includes walkways and peepholes used by postal inspectors. Local and pioneer history exhibits related to Collin County, plus traveling exhibits. Open Tues. 1 - 5 p.m. Chestnut and Virginia Sts.

**Parks**—Wilson Creek Park incorporates Towne Lake Recreation Area, a 20-acre lake with paddleboats, sailboats, food concessions, fishing and sand volleyball. Park also includes softball and soccer complexes, bike trails and community center. Between Eldorado Pkwy and Louisiana St. east of U.S. 75.

Finch park offers tree-shaded picnic areas, playgrounds, sports fields, swimming pool, and restored historic home of town namesake, Collin McKinney. South edge of town off Kentucky St.

**Lake Lewisville is popular for water sports in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex**





**Championship rodeos every weekend, April-September, in Mesquite's all-weather arena**

## MESQUITE

Pop. 105,049

Alt. 491

Map J-18



**General**—One of fastest-growing cities in state (1950 population was 1,684). Adjacent to east city limit of Dallas. Established 1872 as stop on T&P Railroad, named for nearby Mesquite Creek. More than 1,115 acres of

parks, 2 golf courses, 4 public swimming pools and recreation centers.

Hot air balloonfest in July attracts some 250,000 to see hot air balloons from all over the U.S. along with aircraft flyovers, parachute jumps, arts, crafts, and musical entertainment.

**Celebration Station**—Kids of all ages, one to one hundred and one, love the entertaining games, shows, and challenging rides. Food court. Open 10 a.m. daily Memorial Day to Labor Day; winter hours Mon. - Thurs. 2 - 9 p.m.; Fri. 2 - midnight; Sat. 10 a.m. - midnight; Sun. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. 4040 Towne Crossing Blvd. For information, 214/279-7888.

**Devil's Bowl Speedway**—One-half-mile racetrack features all types of vehicle races, including sprint cars, super modifieds, modifieds, and motorcycles. Races Fri. - Sat. Mar. - Nov. U.S. 80, exit Lawson Rd. Admission. For racing information, 214/222-2421.

**Lakes**—Cedar Creek, Lavon, Ray Hubbard and Tawakoni. See LAKES listing.  
**Mesquite Championship Rodeo**—Established in 1958 as an experiment in ongoing rodeo; has become popular attraction with coverage on The Nashville Network. Facilities include grandstand seating for 6,500, restaurant, air-conditioned suite that can be rented for parties and rodeo viewing. Pony rides and Kiddie Korral for youngsters. Performances Fri., Sat. nights Apr. - Sept. Near IBJ Freeway (I-635) and Military Parkway Exit. For schedule, 214/285-8777.

**Mesquite Opry**—Specializing in family entertainment, Opry features classic country music from nationally known stars and local talent and guest performers. Every Sat. night. 214 W. Davis. Admission. For information, 214/285-8931.

**Samuell Farm**—340-acre farm features a variety of animals to experience life on a working farm. Maintained to recall farming days of 1800s to early 1900s. Features include ponds for fishing, picnic tables, hayrides, hiking and horse trails. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 100 E. U.S. 80 East, exit Beltline Rd.

## NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

Pop. 46,252

Alt. 650

Map SS-4



**Pioneer W.S. Peters brought first settlers as part of a land grant in 1848. Dairy farms flourished here prior to World War II. City established in 1953 when the North Richland Hills Civic League was denied annexation to**

neighboring Richland Hills. As with most towns in the Metroplex, city flourished in recent years, making it the third largest in Tarrant County. Home of Tarrant County Jr. College Northeast Campus. Iron Horse Golf Course is a

challenging 18-hole municipal course designed by Dick Phelps that traverses through hardwood forest, meandering creeks, and under a railroad trestle. Train depot-styled clubhouse. For information and tee time, 817/485-6666. 6200 Skylark Cir. (Meadow Lakes exit off N.E. Loop 820.)

For information on shopping, dining, and points of interest, call the city's Economic Development Department at 817/581-5567.

**Channel Cat Fish Ponds**—Try your luck! Ponds stocked weekly for public fishing. Open daily from daylight until dusk. 7712 Davis Blvd. Tel. 817/428-6608. Admission and fees per pound of catch.

**Mountasia Family FunCenter**—A 36-hole miniature golf course takes golfers through caves, waterfalls, and other obstacles. Also features Can-Am go-cart racetrack, bumper boat ride, and baseball & softball batting cages. 7,000-sq.-ft. clubhouse includes latest video games available. 8707 Grapevine Highway. Tel. 817/788-0990. Admission.

**North Richland Hills Gallery**—Contemporary art gallery. Hosts major exhibits in association with schools, libraries, and businesses through the D/FW region. Open Tues. - Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 6515-1 Smithfield Rd. (Historic Smithfield, see below). For information, 817/281-5991.

**Parks**—Five parks are found throughout the city offering places to picnic, swim, and play. Most noted is the Adventure World Park, a 10-acre facility fully handicapped accessible. Playground offers recreational play while teaching skills to children. Included is a mock train and helicopter; a fitness section with sit-up and pull-up bars; and abstract equipment. Adventure World is on Starnes Rd. between Holiday and Douglas Lanes.

**Smithfield**—Historic community annexed by city in 1958. Community named for Eli Smith, on whose land the townsite was located. Cattle trails to the north went through the area prior to the arrival of the St. Louis and Southwestern of Texas Railroad. Historical markers at Smithfield Depot, cemetery, Masonic Lodge and other building along Main St. and Smithfield Rd.

## PLANO

Pop. 136,340

Alt. 655

Map J-18



**General**—First settled in 1845; named Fillmore for Millard Fillmore. Name changed in 1851 when post office was granted. In 1881 most of city was destroyed by fire. Another major fire in 1895 also destroyed

many businesses. Many early buildings survived and are described in historical guide available at chamber of commerce. Historic downtown with brick streets has undergone a revitalization project with brick sidewalks, turn-of-the-century lampposts, and plaza to enhance specialty shops, boutiques, galleries, and restaurants. With the growth of nearby Dallas, city grew from 3,695 in 1960 to 72,331 in 1980.

City has become known as "Balloon Capital of Texas" with hot-air balloon races scheduled last weekend in Sept. Large arts and crafts fair held in conjunction with balloon festival.

### Heritage Farmstead Museum (Farrell-Wilson Farmstead) in Plano



**Fairview Farms**—It's been more than 100 hundred years since Clinton Haggard moved to Plano from Kentucky. Today, the Haggard family is still active in farming and has created an area to bring farm life to the city. There's a farmer's market, arts barn, museum, general store, farm animals, party pavilion, and restaurant. Seasonal demonstrations held throughout the year include sheep shearing, horseshoeing and other events depicting farm life. Open daily. U.S. 75 at Parker Rd. (exit 30).

**Heritage Farmstead Museum (Farrell-Wilson Farmstead)**—Built in 1891, was center of working farm until 1972. Four-acre site includes preserved windmill and outbuildings. Listed in National Register of Historic Places. Guided tours. Open June - Aug. Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun., 1 - 4 p.m. Sept. - May open Thurs. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Sun., 1 - 4 p.m. (Note: Last tour leaves 1 hour before closing time.) 15th St. at Custer Rd. Admission.

**Interurban Railway Station Museum**—Between 1908 and 1948 the Texas Electric Railway ran from Denison to Waco, linking Dallas to smaller cities. Plano's Interurban Station was completed in 1908. Building, restored to its original condition, contains memorabilia of railway history. Taller portion of building housed large transformers that converted AC power generated in McKinney to the 600 volt DC power used by interurban cars. Outside, not open to public, is electric car being restored. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. In Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St.

**J C Penney Museum**—Home office of one of the largest retailers in the world. Beautiful campus; tours usually Tues., Wed., and Thurs. at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tour includes company's fitness center, mail room, and historical museum. Museum features re-created first store James Cash Penney opened in Kemmerer, WY, in 1902 called the Golden Rule Store. Merchandise selection taken from original inventory; logos on boxes derived from invoices of original suppliers, and the pine counter is the first actual counter used in the first store. Other exhibits trace history of the store through the present. From U.S. 75, take exit 31 Spring Creek west to Preston Rd.; turn north to Legacy Dr., then west on Legacy Dr. to headquarters. Park in north parking garage on level one. For museum information, 214/431-7927.

**Lake**—Lavon. See LAKES listing.

**Mountasia Fantasy Golf**—A 54-hole miniature golf course takes golfers through caves, waterfalls, and other obstacles. Can accommodate 500 golfers. 7,000-sq.-ft. clubhouse includes latest video games available. At 2400 Premier Dr. off U.S. 75 (between Park and Parker Rd.). Admission.

**Parks**—Award-winning park system includes two indoor and one outdoor pools, 21-court tennis center, municipal golf course, outdoor learning center, playground, playground for handicapped children, and a hike-and-bike trail system 15 miles long connecting seven park sites.

**Southfork Ranch**—Many visitors to D/FW enjoy a visit to Southfork Ranch, made famous by the "Dallas" TV series, a number one hit in 83 countries where shown. Visitors can tour mansion and grounds, a museum dedicated to history of the TV show, and see horses and Longhorns. There's also Miss Ellie's Deli restaurant and "Lincolns and Longhorns" Western store featuring original Lincoln Continental Jock Ewing drove in the show. Open daily. From U.S. 75 North, take exit 30 and drive east on F.M. 2514/Parker Rd. about six miles; turn right on F.M. 2551 (Hogge Rd.) and there's the ranch. 214/442-7800. Admission.

## RICHARDSON

Pop. 76,164

Alt. 630

Map J-18



**General**—Settlement called Breckenridge before Civil War, town grew around new station on T&NO Railroad when built through area in 1872; renamed for railroad official. Remained a rural village until affected by

enormous Dallas growth, distinguishable from Dallas only by city limit markers. Industry includes more than 400 high tech and telecommunications companies.

City has 27 parks covering 1,014 acres offering fitness trails, swimming pools, and tennis courts. Most residents live within a one-half mile radius of a park.

**Owens Spring Creek Farm**—Commercial sausage-making firm maintains a showcase farm and small museum with old-time blacksmith shop, farm kitchen, antiques, and vintage sausage-making equipment. Belgian horses, Shetlands, and small farm animals. Miss Belle's Place, a two-story farmhouse, c. 1887, one of oldest houses in Richardson, is furnished to reflect turn-of-the-century era when house contained a private school conducted by Miss Belle. Self-guided tours daily 9 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Off Texas 5, 2 miles NE of its intersection with U.S. 75, at



Visitors at Spring Creek Farm in Richardson with giant Belgian horse

1403 E. Lookout Dr. For information, 214/235-0192.

**Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library**—Stamp hobbyists will find "The Language of Philately" display panels intriguing, along with stamp collection exhibits and over 18,000 books and journals. Open Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. In Eugene McDermott Library, Univ. of Texas at Dallas, 2601 N. Floyd Rd.

## ROCKWALL

Pop. 10,869

Alt. 596

Map J-19



**General**—Founded 1854, became seat of Rockwall County (the smallest county in Texas) in 1874. Named for subterranean rock formation that has been the subject of

speculation the wall was built by prehistoric man, geologists believe the phenomenon is a finger of the Balcones Fault with the "wall" formed when geologic stress split the formation. A scenic golf course is near Lake Ray Hubbard.

**Lake**—Ray Hubbard. See LAKES listing.

**Rockwall County Historical Museum**—Housed in Manson-La Mareaux-Hartmen House, oldest house in Rockwall, portions of which date to 1850. Exhibits include dental tools of Texas' first formally trained woman dentist, other medical artifacts, furniture, books and pictures. Antique farm equipment and a windmill are displayed outside. Open Sat. 1 - 4 p.m. In Harry Myers Park at 901 E. Washington St.

**Texas Queen**—Paddle wheel excursion boat on Lake Ray Hubbard; see GARLAND this section.

## WAXAHACHIE

Pop. 18,855

Alt. 585

Map K-18



**General**—Name derives from Indian word meaning "cow (or buffalo) creek." Now seat of Ellis County, town was once squarely on the Chisholm Trail. Town is noted for abundance of elaborate Victorian-style homes

with "gingerbread" trim. Several movies have been made in the city featuring its old buildings and homes. For a map of historic homes and buildings and where movies have been shot, visit the chamber of commerce, Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 102 YMCA Dr., or call 214/937-2390.

**Chautauqua Auditorium**—Built 1904, rare survivor of the Chautauqua circuit that brought live talent for religious and cultural events to rural towns around the turn of the century. With advent of radio, Chautauqua waned and ended in 1930s. Today site of city events, restored structure is on National Register of Historic Places. Situated in 55-acre Getzendenaner Park on S. Grand Ave. off W. Main.

**Ellis County Courthouse**—Elaborate structure of red sandstone and granite, built 1895 for then-lavish cost of \$150,000. Italian artisans were imported

**Italian artisans were imported for stonecarving on Ellis County Courthouse in Waxahachie**



for exterior stone carving. (Recurring face said to be Mabel Frame, railroad telegraph operator with whom one sculptor became enamored.) Clock uses windup mechanism weighing 250 pounds; bell-striker weight exceeds 800 pounds.

**Ellis County Museum**—Historical artifacts, photos, household furnishings and toys depict history of the region. In restored 19th-Century building on courthouse square. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m., closed Mon.

**Lakes**—Bardwell and Joe Pool. See LAKES listing.

**Nicholas P. Sims Library**—Original structure built 1904, is classic example of Roman Doric architecture. Gold leaf and Carrara marble used in interior; exterior features enameled brick, copper cornices and carved replica of the Greek torch of knowledge. Contains over 33,000 volumes. 515 W. Main.

**Scarborough Faire**—Springtime Renaissance fair features arts, crafts, foods, and medieval entertainment—wizards, jugglers, jesters, and puppet shows. Costumes of royalty and rascals, poets and peasants. In rural setting eight weekends mid-Apr. through early June on F.M. 66, 1.6 mi. west of I-35E. Admission.



**Ellis County Courthouse in Waxahachie**

## WEATHERFORD

Pop. 14,739

Alt. 1,052

Map J-16



**General**—*Originated in 1850s when selected as seat of Parker County. Named after Jefferson Weatherford, member of the Texas Senate when county was created. In early years town was last settlement on the*

Western frontier, on route of wagon trains operating between Fort Worth and Fort Belknap. Southwest area of town boasts many Victorian-style residences built in late 1800s. Industries include oil field equipment, silicone and plastic products. Home of Weatherford Junior College, established 1869, oldest continuing two-year college in Southwest.

Stop by the chamber of commerce in the old Santa Fe Depot (see below) to receive map for driving and walking tours around the city. The chamber also has information on restaurants, accommodations, and events.

**Costumes of royalty and rascals, poets and peasants found at Scarborough Faire in Waxahachie**



**First Monday**—Evolving from trades day held when court was in session on first Monday of each month when farmers and ranchers brought produce and livestock to town; event now features variety of "trash and treasures," produce, and still some livestock. Held on Sat., Sun. preceding first Monday every month. At U.S. 80/180, three blocks east of courthouse.

**Holland Lake Park**—Municipal park is 10-acre living museum of nature with marked nature trail that explores three different ecosystems. Site of G. A. Holland's double-log cabins that were awarded a Texas Centennial Historical Marker in 1936. Playground and picnic facilities. Off Clear Lake Rd., exit 409 from I-20.

**Lake**—Weatherford. See LAKES listing.

**Oliver Loving's Grave**—Known as "Dean of Texas Trail Drivers," Loving came to Parker County from Kentucky about 1855. Wounded by Indians during a drive with Charles Goodnight, he died at Fort Sumner in 1867 after traveling in secret without food for five days. Loving's son and Goodnight returned his body over 600 miles by wagon for burial in Weatherford. State historical marker granted in 1977 for his grave in Greenwood Cemetery at Front & Mill Sts.

**Parker County Courthouse**—After three previous structures were destroyed by fire, present courthouse was begun in 1884 and dedicated in 1886. Designed by architect Wesley Clarke Dobson of Waco who designed nine other Texas courthouses, the Victorian building is constructed of limestone quarried locally at a cost of \$55,555.55. Seal inside marks the exact center of the county. A good photo opportunity for visitors. Junction of U.S. 80/180 and Texas 171.

**Peter Pan Statue**—Bronze statue sculpted by artist Ronald Thomason honors Weatherford native Mary Martin who created the role of Peter Pan on Broadway. (Miss Martin's childhood home is at 314 W. Oak St.; not open to the public.) Statue stands in front of library at 1214 Charles St. where room contains some original musical scores, costumes, and other memorabilia on Miss Martin.

**Santa Fe Depot**—Restored 1909 all-brick structure was one of first in area to be built with concrete floors. Now houses chamber of commerce office and visitors center. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Three blocks east of courthouse at 401 Ft. Worth St.

**Trinity Meadows Race Track**—See FORT WORTH this section.

# EL PASO

## CITY IN THE SUN

**D**renched by the suns of a thousand years, nestled in an ancient mountain pass surrounded by mile-high peaks, El Paso is Texas' westernmost city. Today's modern mountain metropolis has its roots in antiquity, for cave-dweller remains indicate the presence of man here from prehistoric times.

Cabeza de Vaca is believed to have passed this way about 1525. The city grew from four settlements first established by Juan Maria Ponce de Leon in 1827, although area missions thrived for nearly 150 years before civil settlement.

Superb climate, scenery, and proximity to Mexico's largest border city, Juarez, make El Paso one of Texas' most popular tourist destinations. And there's plenty to see and do! Cool off at Wet 'n Wild Water World in nearby Anthony, hike through rustic trails in Franklin Mountains State Park, or discover centuries-old missions right in the heart of Sun Country.

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### ANTHONY

Pop. 3,378

Alt. 3,800

Map L-1



**General**—One of Texas' newest towns (incorporated in 1952); a two-state city. On Texas 20, which in this area follows historic route of "El Camino Real", Spain's royal highway that connected Mexico with Texas, California, and Florida. In 1598 Don Juan de Onate and band of colonizers traveled this road to settle Santa Fe, at rate of only 40 miles

in 15 days. Economy now keyed to food canning and packing, cotton, and federal correctional institution.

**Travel Information Center**—One of the centers provided by state at key highway entrances to Texas, in State Capitol complex, and at Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Centers are operated daily except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's. Staffed by uniformed, professional travel counselors, free services to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part

of state, and expert assistance in charting routes. Located on I-10 at New Mexico state line; operated by Texas Department of Transportation.

**Wet 'n Wild Water World**—Water-oriented recreation park pumps a million gallons a day to provide "volcano" with water slides. Includes a lazy water tube float, barbecue restaurant, and picnic area. Open daily, May - Aug.; weekends in Sept. On I-10 near Texas Travel Information Center. Admission.

### EL PASO

Pop. 530,797

Alt. 3,762

Map L-1



**General**—Grew from earlier settlements dating back to the Juan de Onate expedition in 1598 and a settlement by Juan Maria Ponce de Leon 1827, although area missions predate that civil settlement by almost 150 years. Largest U.S. city on Mexican border; neighboring Juarez (below), is Mexico's largest border city. Combined populations are about two million.

Located in ancient mountain pass from which the name derived; surrounded by mile-high peaks.

Symphony orchestra, theatre, museums, libraries, and diversified sporting activities including horse and greyhound racing, polo, tennis, football, and basketball. Home of Univ. of Texas at El Paso, noted for Bhutanese-style architecture and Sun Bowl Stadium.

For full details and literature on city attractions, visit El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1 Civic Center Plaza.

**Border Patrol Museum**—Presents the rich heritage of the U.S. Border Patrol. Equipment, documents, books, and memorabilia available to the casual visitor or the scholar. Open Tues. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 4315 Transmountain Rd. (Loop 375).

**Chamizal National Memorial**—Cites amicable settlement of longstanding border dispute between U.S. and Mexico, in an area by the Rio Grande where a new channel marks adjusted international boundary. Visitor center, exhibits, films in Spanish and English on Chamizal and

border history. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Paisano and San Marcial Sts.

**El Paso Centennial Museum**—Archaeology, anthropology, geology; photos and maps show historical development of El Paso. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Campus, Univ. of Texas at El Paso, University Ave. and Wiggins Rd.

**El Paso Museum of Art**—Multimillion-dollar Kress Collection and Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington; frequent exhibits of classical and contemporary Mexican and Southwestern art. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 1211 Montana Ave.

**El Paso Museum of History**—U.S. Cavalry mementos; valuable charro costumes and saddles; Southwestern history from the conquistadores to Pancho Villa in pictures. Open Tues. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.; 1-10 at Loop 375 (Avenue of The Americas).

**El Paso/Juarez Trolleys**—An easy and fun way to cross the border to shop and sightsee in Juarez, Mexico, (see below) is by trolley. Air-conditioned rubber-tired trolleys depart from the Civic Center on the hour from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wed. - Sun.

**Fort Bliss**—U.S. Army post established 1848 as defense against hostile Indians and to assert U.S. authority over lands acquired after the Mexican War. Headquarters for Confederate forces in Southwest during Civil War, later refitting post for military efforts against the wily, much-feared Apache chief, Geronimo. Today a U.S. Army Air Defense Center and combat training for allied nations.





**Old Fort Bliss Museum, El Paso**

**Air Defense & Artillery Museum**—In Building 5000, Pleasanton Rd. near Robert E. Lee Rd., is the U.S. Army Air Defense & Artillery Museum, only one of its kind in the country, with hands-on displays and dioramas about the history of air defense. Open Wed. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

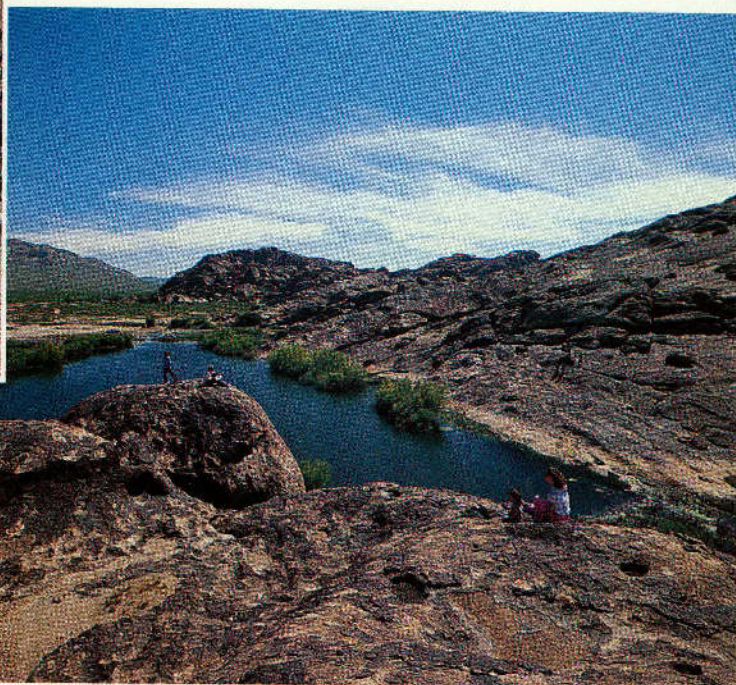
**Fort Bliss Museum**—Replica of original adobe fort maintained as museum of frontier military era; Pleasanton Rd. and Sheridan Dr. Open daily 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Museum of the Noncommissioned Officer**—Traces history of the U.S. NCO corps with artifacts dating from the Revolutionary War. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., Sun. noon - 4 p.m. Biggs Army Airfield, Bldg. 11331, Barksdale & 5th Sts.

**3rd Armored Cavalry Museum**—In Building 2407, Forrest Rd., is the 3rd Cavalry Museum, the "Regiment of Mounted Rifles" that fought in Mexican War and Indian campaigns. Open Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Hueco Tanks State Park**—Precious water from infrequent rains "stored" in natural rock basins; for centuries a strategic travel stop in this arid region. Ancient Indian pictographs, plus names of '49ers on way to California. Picnicking, hiking, climbing, and camping. Off U.S. 62/180 26 miles east of El Paso. Admission.

**Insights - El Paso Science Center**—Features educational, hands-on exhibits about science and technology: solar power, motion, light illumina-



**Desert panorama at Hueco Tanks State Park east of El Paso**

tion, electricity, space science, computers, energy, and the human body. All exhibits designed to make learning about science and technology an active experience. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. except major holidays. 505 N. Santa Fe St.

**Juarez**—Mexico's fourth largest city, and that country's largest city on the U.S. border (pop. 1.5 million), linked to El Paso by three bridges over the Rio Grande. Visitors find variety of shopping such as the Pueblito Mexicano Shopping Mall, an indoor mall that is a recreation of Mexican village or pueblito to traditional Mexican markets. Also beautiful accommodations, night clubs, famous Juarez Race Track and Museo de Arte e Historia that displays excellent collection of pre-Columbian art, historic and contemporary, art and artifacts. (See MEXICO, at back of book.)

**Magoffin Home State Historic Structure**—Guided tours of homestead

**El Paso, Texas, in the foreground, and Juarez, Chihuahua, are the largest border cities of Texas and Mexico**





**Texas' oldest mission, Corpus Christi De La Isleta in El Paso, dates from 1681**

built in 1875 as replica of earlier home destroyed in 1868 flood. Was political and social center of Magoffinsville community (later named El Paso). Walls average 2 1/2 feet thick; timber cut in Sacramento Mountains of New Mexico, 80 miles from El Paso. Traditional enclosed patio; much original furniture. Open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. 1120 Magoffin St. Admission.

**Old Missions**—El Paso's Lower Valley is site of several graceful old Spanish missions that are older than the better-known missions of California. Open daily, daylight hours, tour mapped by El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau includes the following:

**Nuestra Senora del Carmen**, established in 1681, and later dedicated Corpus Christi de la Isleta, 1690; damaged by both floods and fires, but restored and maintained in original style and now familiarly called Ysleta Mission. Oldest mission in Texas, established for Tigua Indians (see below). When founded, the mission pueblo was south of the Rio Grande, but has been left on the Texas side by changes in the river channel. Some mission land has been in constant cultivation since 1682, over 300 years! 100 block of Old Pueblo Rd. (Zaragosa exit from I-10 east).

**Nuestra Senora de la Concepcion del Socorro** established in 1682 as mission for Piros, Thanos, and James Indians. Originally located about 12 leagues from Guadalupe Mission at Paso del Norte and about 7.5 leagues from Ysleta. However, when a group of Indians threatened to revolt, mission moved to new location about one league from Isleta Mission. Early 19th Century flood changed course of Rio Grande and left village and mission on Texas side. Present village of Socorro adjacent to southeast El Paso, F.M. 258 south.

Village of San Elizario served as El Paso County seat for years and was location of a presidio (fort) of the same name. **San Elizario Presidio Chapel** was founded 1777 to serve Spanish military garrison and government. Still in daily use, chapel stands as built 200 years ago, preserving a type of architecture that supplanted more austere styles of Ysleta and Socorro missions. F.M. 258 south.

**Mission Tour**—Hop aboard the "Trolley on a Mission" for mission tours. Visit Mission Ysleta, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, Socorro, and San Elizario. 4 1/2-hour tour includes lunch at Tigua Indian Reservation or Old Adobe

Horseshoe, as well as shopping. Tour Thurs. during summer at 10:30 a.m. For information/reservations, 915/544-0062. Departs from Civic Center, 1 Civic Plaza. Fare.

**Parks**—Many parks, plus Franklin Mts. State Park, are popular picnic areas. During year, a variety of stage productions is presented in an amphitheater in McKelligon Canyon Park.

**Scenic Drives**—Scenic Drive traces a winding course on southern flank of Mount Franklin above downtown El Paso, with view of Juarez across the river. Reached from Richmond St. on the east, from Rim Rd. on the west.

El Paso is "V" shaped, divided by imposing steepes of Franklin Mountains. Connecting top ends of "V" is Loop 375 (Transmountain Road) that climbs through mile-high Smugglers Gap with impressive views of rugged mountain-desert scenery. Accessible from I-10 northwest of city and from U.S. 54 northeast.

**Sierra de Cristo Rey**—The Mountain of Christ the King looms above El Paso at point where territories of Texas, Mexico, and New Mexico meet. Prominent on the 4,576-foot summit is a massive monument of Christ on the Cross by artist Urbici Soler, built of Cordova cream limestone quarried near Austin. Not recommended to climb except during Pilgrimage last Sun. in Oct.

**Tigua Indian Reservation: Ysleta del Sur Pueblo**—Oldest community in present boundaries of Texas, now part of the city of El Paso, was established in 1681 by refugees from a bloody Indian uprising that expelled Spanish and Christian Indians from present New Mexico. Spanish missionaries and loyal Tigua Indians settled here at El Paso del Norte and built Isleta Mission (see previous "Old Missions" entry). The mission church is still the religious focal point of the Tigua Indian community. Today the Tiguas offer a fascinating visitor program and arts and crafts center in their extensive adobe complex, which has been reconstructed in traditional pueblo style. Museum and restaurant open daily except Mon., Tues. in winter. Among a variety of foods, the restaurant features several Tigua specialties including gorditas (a kind of Indian taco with spicy filling), pungent Tigua Indian chili (both red and green varieties), and delicious, fresh Indian bread. Features include the pueblo, work areas where beautiful pottery is made, the adobe-oven bakery, an old stagecoach stop, and Indian dance performances. Open daily. 119 S. Old Pueblo Rd.

**Speaking Rock Bingo Entertainment Center**—Handsome bingo facility

**El Paso's Tigua Indian Reservation offers excellent visitor program with authentic Indian dances, arts and crafts**

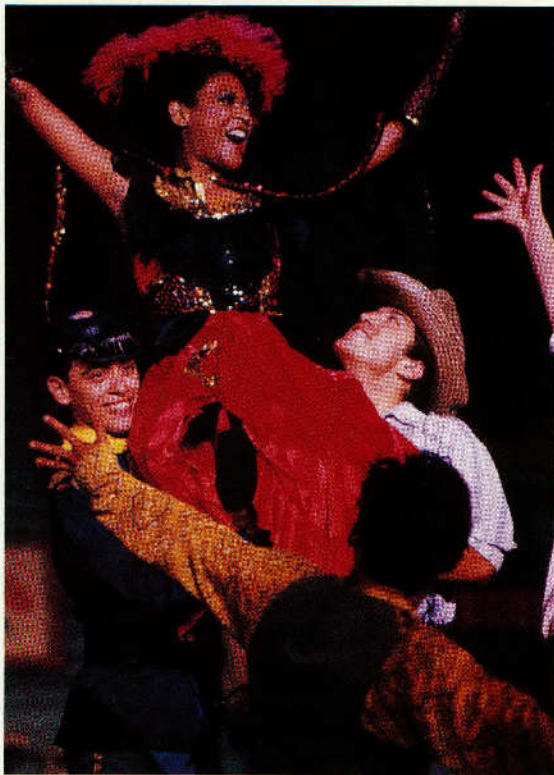


operated by the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo. Sessions daily, except Mon. Visitors must be 21 yrs. old to enter bingo hall. Three levels of play; jackpots vary. State-of-the-art equipment with electronic display boards. Next to Isleta Mission on Tigua Indian Reservation. 122 Old Pueblo Rd. (Exit Zaragosa Rd. from I-10 east, turn right to Alameda, turn left. One block and turn right.) For information, 915/860-7777.

**Travel Information Center**—I-10 west. See ANTHONY.

**Viva El Paso!**—Outdoor drama that captures the culture and heritage of the Southwest. Spectacular Franklin Mountains serve as a backdrop at open-air McKelligon Canyon Amphitheater. Traces El Paso's history through four eras: Indian, Spanish, Mexican, and Western. Thurs. - Sat. performances Jul. - Aug.





**Viva El Paso!**



**Wilderness Park Museum near El Paso**

**PINE SPRINGS**

Alt. 5,634

Map L-4



**General**—The tiny community on U.S. 62/180 just south of the New Mexico state line was the location of a station on famous stage-coach run, Butterfield Overland Mail Route.

**Station** was established in 1858; tumbled

stone ruins and a granite historical marker are all that remain today.

**Guadalupe Mountains National Park**—Dedicated 1972, the park contains 76,293 acres with elevations ranging from 3,650 to 8,749 feet at the summit of Guadalupe Peak, highest point in Texas. Four of the state's highest peaks are in the park, as well as many other unnamed peaks over 8,000 feet, along with deep canyons and a rare mixture of plant and animal life. The barren, desert outer mountain slopes belie a wooded, game-rich interior of great scenic beauty. Forests of ponderosa pines mingle with aspens, maples, mountain junipers and madronas. Abundant deer and elk graze upland meadows.

Most access to the park's rugged, majestic interior is by hiking and backpack camping along 80 miles of marked trails. The National Park Service advises that only experienced, well-equipped backpackers should enter the primitive back country for extended stays. Permits are required for overnight trips and camping is allowed in designated areas only. All should check in and out at the visitor center on U.S.62/180 near Pine Springs.

Visitors may drive near mouth of McKittrick Canyon, where easy hiking trails lead into enchanting scenery (day use only).

Tent and self-contained RV camping at Pine Springs campground near the ruins of historic "Pinery" stage station. Water, rest rooms, evening camp-fire programs. Containerized fuel stoves (gasoline, propane, alcohol) only. On U.S. 62/180. Fee.

**Western Playland**—25-acre amusement park with dozens of rides, including the Splashdown Log Ride and El Bandito Roller Coaster. Games, shops, and foods. Open Mar. - May, Fri. 7 - 11 p.m., Sat., Sun. 2 - 10 p.m.; June - Aug., Mon. - Fri. 7 - 11 p.m., Sat., Sun. 2 - 11 p.m.; Sept. - Oct., Sat., Sun. 2 - 8 p.m. On landscaped grounds adjacent to lake in Ascarate Park, 6 mi. east of city off I-10; Trowbridge Exit, south to Delta Rd. Admission.

**Wilderness Park Museum**—Dioramas depict ancient Indian tribes of the Southwest, their survival in the desert, and adaptation to changing civilization. Also interpretation of Hucoco Tanks (see above) as a cultural site. Open Tues. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 2000 Transmountain Rd. (Loop 375).

**Zoo**—Birds and reptiles exhibited in beautiful botanical environment. Known for exotic reptile and colorful primate collections. Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and Jan. 1. Evergreen & Paisano Sts. (across from county coliseum). Admission.

**El Capitan and Guadalupe Mountains from desert floor**



# HOUSTON. GALVESTON

## AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS

**W**hen pirate Jean Laffite established a settlement on Galveston Island in 1817 he had no more idea of what was to come than did the Allen brothers when they set up a small riverboat landing on Buffalo Bayou in 1836.

Those settlements have grown: Galveston—into a major recreational, medical, port and trade center; Houston—becoming the largest city in Texas with attractions and amenities for the most demanding aficionados of culture, commerce, climate, and cheerful days.

These cities, along with some neighbors along the Gulf Coast, share a common happy outlook, where pleasure is a major ingredient of lifestyle. Relax and enjoy the visitor amenities of this region's cities, grouped in this special section and listed below. And by the way, it's OK to wear your cowboy boots to the opera.

- Alvin • Baytown • Clear Lake Area
- Conroe • Deer Park • Galveston • Houston
- Humble • La Porte • Pasadena
- Richmond-Rosenberg • Spring
- Texas City-La Marque

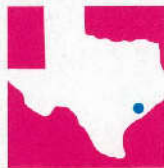
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### ALVIN

Pop. 19,657

Alt. 51

Map R-21



**General**—In northeastern Brazoria County, city founded in 1876 when railroad built through connecting Galveston with Richmond. It's named for founder Alvin Morgan. City has survived hurricanes, notably the 1900 and 1915 storms, and a disastrous fire in 1902. Agriculture and oil-related products sustained the economy for years, but, with its

strategic location on the southeastern Houston metropolitan area and close proximity to NASA, today Alvin is center for diversified industries.

Cultural aspects are influenced by Alvin Community College. An abundance of parks offers places for picnicking; for those looking for sandy beaches, Alvin is just minutes from the Gulf Coast.

**Bayou Wildlife Park**—A variety of exotic wildlife

in natural settings roam freely through prairies and woods. Guided tram ride stops frequently in 86-acre habitat allowing visitors to meet and feed animals. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Apr. - Aug.; Sep. - Mar. closed Mon., otherwise 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Christmas and New Year's. Also subject to closing during inclement weather. Approximately 4 miles east on F.M. 517. For information, 713/337-6376.

### BAYTOWN

Pop. 65,274

Alt. 26

Map Q-22



**General**—Grew from small sawmill and store settlement in 1824; among early settlers was Nathaniel Lynch who set up Lynchburg Ferry in 1822. (See below.) Confederate shipyard established nearby at mouth of Goose Creek in 1864; oil discovered 1916. Industries today feature oil refineries, petrochemicals, and synthetic rubber. Recreational facilities for sailing,

saltwater fishing, and water sports activities. Home of Lee College.

**Baytown Historical Museum**—Artifacts pertaining to local and pioneer history. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 220 W. Defee St.

**Houston Raceway Park**—A 440-acre drag racing complex with races every Wed. and Sat. night (Dec. - Mar., Wed. & Sun.). At 2525 F.M. 5656 South. For information call 713/383-2666.

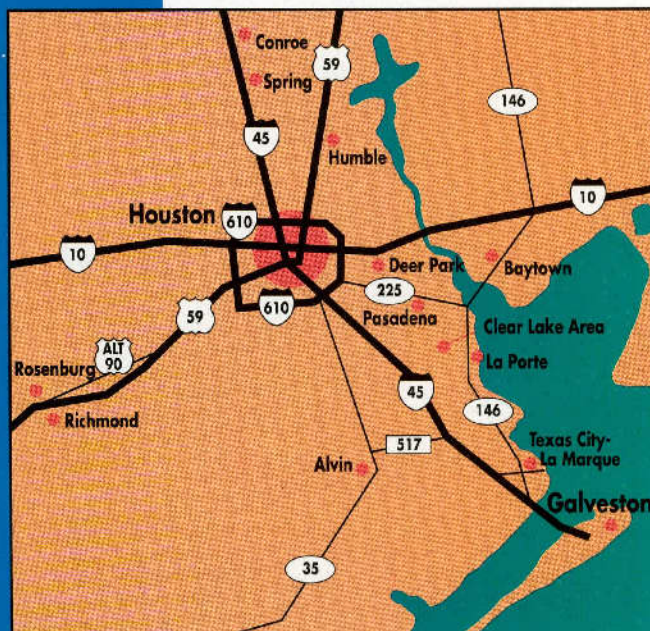
**Lynchburg Ferry**—Shuttles travelers across the mouth of the San Jacinto River. In operation since 1822. West of city.

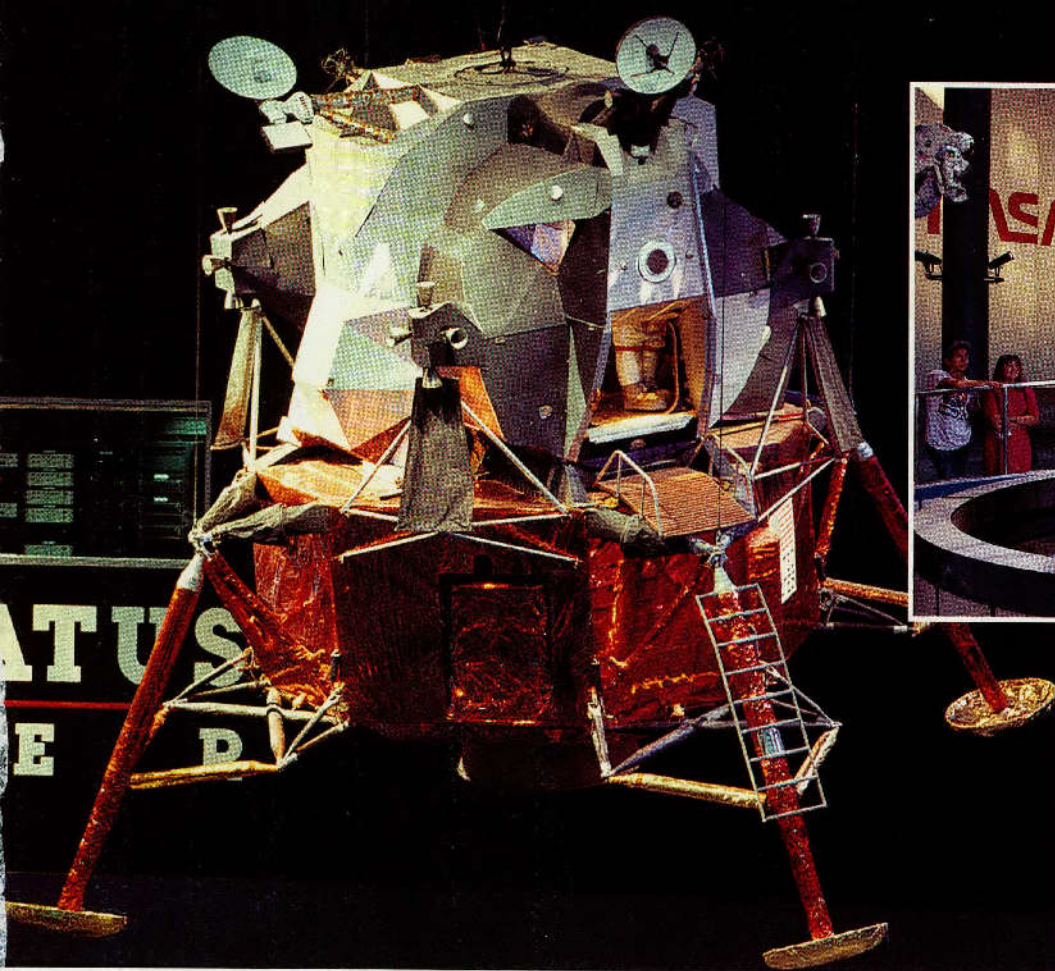
**Parks**—Bicentennial Park features outdoor theatre and hosts annual July 4th celebration and other outdoor concerts. Lee Drive and Market Sts.

Gray Sports Complex includes lighted ballfield, lighted tennis courts, nature trails, picnic area and playground. 5200 East Rd.

Republic of Texas Plaza was dedicated during the sesquicentennial and features statue of Ashbel Smith, one of city's early settlers and leader for advancement of education in Texas. Historical marker in city identifies Smith's home "Evergreen," overlooking Tabbs Bay.

**Wallisville Heritage Park**—Displays and artifacts of Spanish Mission Nuestra Senora de la Luz and Presidio San Agustin de Ahumada, 1756 - 1771; vintage saddle-making tools, hardware; area history. Adjacent restored 1869 school contains genealogical/historical library. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 13 mi. east on I-10 at Trinity River, Exit 807.





**Space Center Houston** is "the closest thing to space on earth"

5 p.m. (till 7 p.m. during summer); Sat., Sun., and holidays, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Located 20 miles southeast of downtown Houston, 3 miles east of I-45 on NASA Road 1. For information, 713/244-2105, or 1-800-972-0369. Admission.

**Star Gazer Yacht**—Elegantly appointed 100-ft. yacht offers dinner/dance cruises on

Fri. & Sat. nights and Sun. brunch while leisurely cruising along the shores of Clear Lake. Night cruises depart at 8 p.m.; Sun. at 11:30 a.m. Boarding one-half hour prior to departure time. Reservations required. Call 713/334-4692. At South Shore Harbour Marina on Clear Lake. From I-45, exit at F.M. 518 and head east onto F.M. 2094 (Marina Bay Dr.); turn left on South Shore Boulevard to marina. Berthed next to Pier #1.

**Visitor Information Center**—Maps, brochures, literature and schedule of events available at visitor center operated by the Clear Lake Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed Christmas. 1201 NASA Rd. 1. 713/488-7676 or 1-800-844-5253.

## CLEAR LAKE AREA

Pop. (comb.) 57,013

Alt. 15-32

Map TT-21/22



**General**—125-sq.-mile area within surrounding Harris and Galveston Counties encompassing the Johnson Space Center. The area is a combination of business, industry, technology, education, and waterfront

living where residents and visitors enjoy the waters of Clear Lake and Galveston Bay. Included are such communities as Clear Lake Shores, El Lago, Kemah, League City, Nassau Bay, Seabrook, Taylor Lake Village, Webster, and the Clear Lake City community, now a part of Houston. This area has 19 marinas with more than 7,000 boat slips.

**Armand Bayou Nature Center**—See PASADENA this section.

**Clear Lake Queen**—2 1/2-hour narrated excursion ride on Clear Lake offered Sat., Sun. and holidays at 3 p.m. No reservation required. Dinner cruises available Thurs. & Fri. at 8 p.m.; Sat. at 7:30 p.m. (Reservations required by 3 p.m. day of cruise.) Boarding starts one hour prior to cruises. Boat docked at Clear Lake Park, just past NASA on NASA Rd. 1. For reservations, 713/333-3334.

**Lakes**—Clear Lake. See LAKES listing.

**Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center**—Visit headquarters of America's manned space program, the famous "Mission Control" that guided pioneering astronauts, and directs the Space Shuttle project. See Space Center Houston below.

**Space Center Houston**—A state-of-the-art education and entertainment complex that serves as the visitor center for NASA/Johnson Space Center (JSC). Billed as "The Closest Thing To Space On Earth," the Center provides an adventure into the past, present, and future of NASA's manned space flight program with interactive exhibits, a large-format film, and behind-the-scenes tram tours of JSC, home of America's astronauts. Original space hardware, such as a Mercury capsule, Gemini spacecraft, and Apollo 17 command module are displayed in simulated natural settings. Try on space helmets, touch a moon rock, operate computer simulators to practice landing a shuttle or retrieving a satellite, or participate in demonstrations of how astronauts eat, sleep, and handle routine tasks while living in space. Up-to-the-minute information about space flight and training activities provided through special monitors and presentations. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. -

## CONROE

Pop. 28,664

Alt. 213

Map P-21



**General**—Seat of Montgomery County on southern edge of Big Thicket area. Towering pines, rolling hills, and woodland lakes offer abundant outdoor recreational opportunities; 10 area golf courses, resorts and marinas on

Lake Conroe. The old (1931), but still-producing, Conroe Oil Field southeast of city is of interest, and historic locations are marked. Storied community of Cut 'n Shoot is 5 miles east of Conroe. Shoppers find bargains at the Conroe Outlet Center at I-45 and League Line Rd.

**Crighthead Theatre**—Restored vaudeville theatre, built in 1934, is home to a variety of stage plays, music performances, opera, ballet and special events. At 234 N. Main. Call 409/756-1226 for performance schedule.

**Fish Pond**—Four-acre fishing facility stocked with hybrid catfish; provides gear and bait to catch your own. From I-45 North, exit Shepard Hill Rd. to Texas 75. Admission. 409/244-2434.

**Heritage Museum of Montgomery County**—In restored home of a pioneer timber family. Permanent exhibit features life of Charles B. Stewart, designer of the Texas Lone Star flag and the Texas state seal; other historical miscellanea and traveling exhibits. Open Thurs., Fri., Sat 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Candy Cane Park, I-45 access road north of Texas 105.

**J-Mar Farms**—Petting farm with Indian village, pony rides, hayride, fishing, cow-milking, and more. Open. Apr. - Nov. Tues. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Dec. - Mar., Sat. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Exit 91 off I-45, League Line Rd. to Longmire; right to Calfee Rd. Admission. 409/856-8595.



**Lake Conroe is edged by Sam Houston National Forest**

**Joe Roughneck Statue**—Commemorating George William Strake, who brought in the 19,000-acre Conroe Oil Field in 1931 and became Houston's first oil millionaire. In front of city hall, 505 West Davis St.

**Jones State Forest**—Five miles southwest via I-45 and F.M. 1488. Birdwatcher's haven with over 150 species identified; boasts highest density of rare red cockade woodpecker. Sweet Leaf Nature Trail, self-guided tour. (See STATE FORESTS at end of book.)

**Lakes**—Conroe. See LAKES listing.

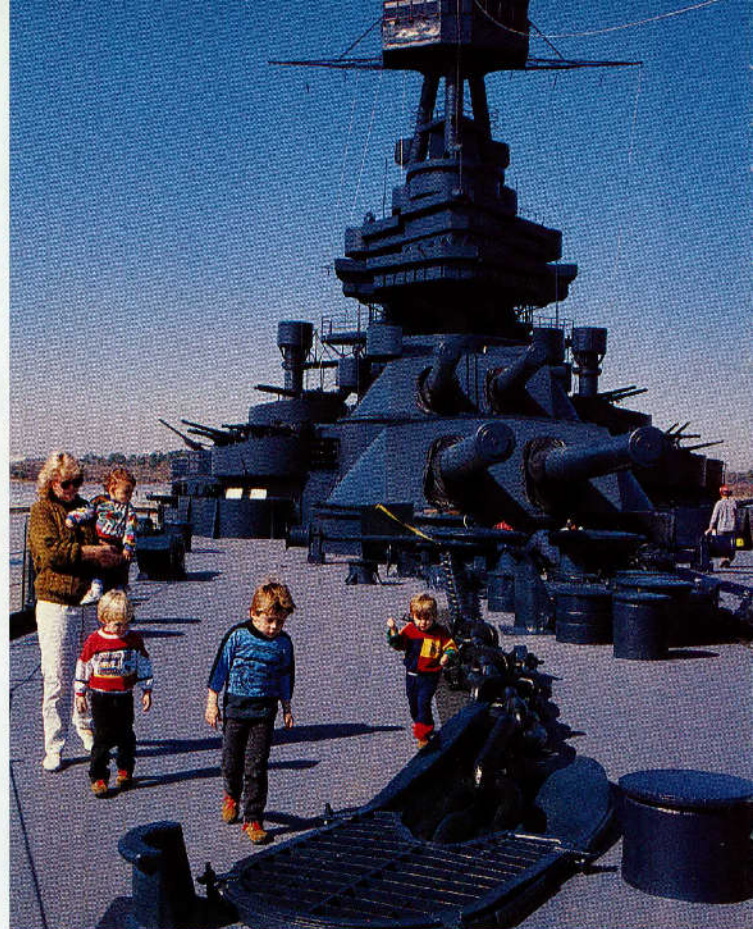
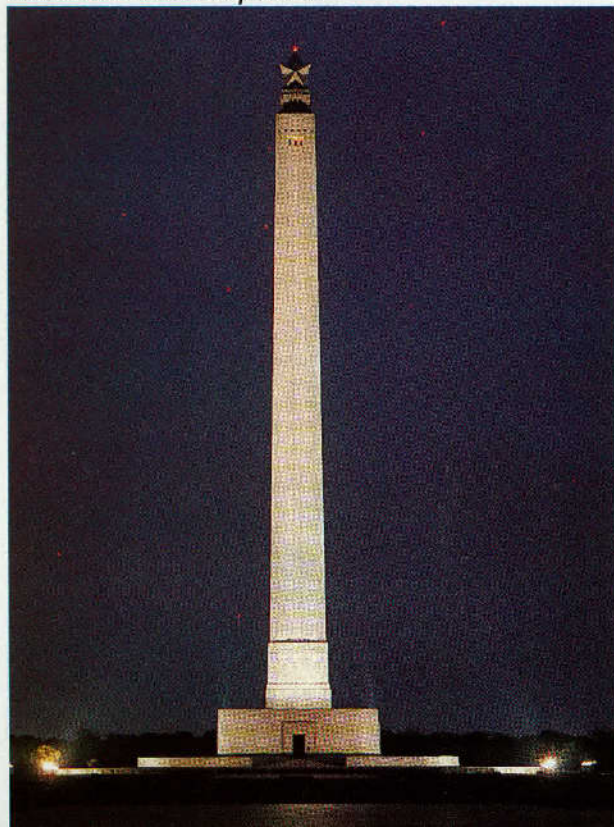
**Scenic Drive**—Texas 105 west through piney woods to Montgomery 15 miles; driving tour of historic homes dating back to 1850s.

**Paddle Wheeler Southern Empress**—Ply the waters of Lake Conroe while dining and dancing. Dinner cruises offered Thurs. - Sun. Reservations required. Departs from Del Lago Resort and Conference Center. Tex 105 west to Walden Rd. 409/588-3000.

**Visitor Center**—A re-created railroad depot serves as tourist information center for city and county attractions. Also has recreational maps and marina guides; open daily; closed on holidays. At I-45/F.M. 2854 intersection.

**Worldwide Safari**—Drive-through exotic game preserve on 225 acres. Animals from addax to Zambesi sitatunga; petting zoo and unusual gift shop. Open daily 8 a.m. - dusk; off I-45 just south of Conroe, at F.M. 1488 exit. Admission.

**570-foot San Jacinto Monument marks site of final battle for Texas Independence**



**Battleship "Texas" at San Jacinto Battleground State Park near Houston**

**DEER PARK**

Pop. 28,341

Alt. 33

Map Q-21



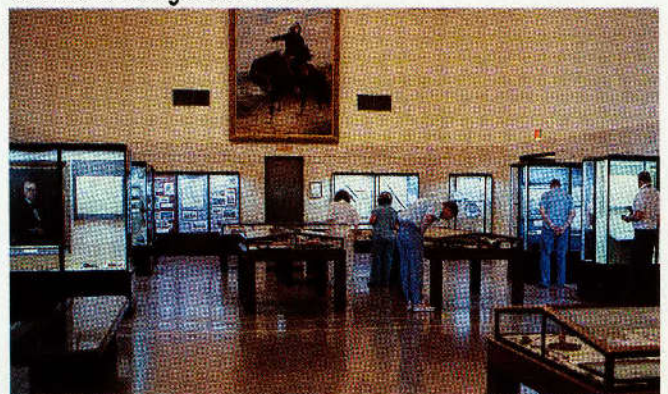
**General**—Founded in 1892 by Simeon West, was named for abundance of deer in area; post office established 1902. Has grown from population of 100 in 1940, largely by establishment of industry along Houston Ship

Channel. Population grew from 736 in 1950 to 12,773 in 1970.

**Dow Park & Botanical Gardens**—A 40-acre downtown park with picnic grounds, swimming pool, athletic facilities; also includes botanical gardens with more than 180 flower species, including 50 wild flower varieties. Gardens have colonial light fixtures, brick walks, wooden arch bridges, gazebo. P Street between Center & Luella.

**Patrick Cabin**—Replica of cabin in which the peace treaty between Texas and Mexico was drawn up after the Battle of San Jacinto. Constructed in 1986, using building techniques of 1830, including hauling logs to site with horse team. Authentic furnishings, garden. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 3009 Center St.

**San Jacinto Battleground Museum**



**San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park**—Site where Texas won independence from Mexico on April 21, 1836, at the Battle of San Jacinto. After retreats and disasters halfway across Texas, Sam Houston's small army turned on Mexican Gen. Santa Anna's superior forces and routed them. Commemorating the decisive battle, San Jacinto Monument rises 570 feet above flat coastal plain. Famous monument is constructed of reinforced concrete faced with Texas fossilized buff limestone. At base of shaft is San Jacinto Museum of Texas History; exhibits trace region's history from Indian civilization encountered by Cortez, to Texas as a state. "Texas Forever! The Battle of San Jacinto" is a 35-minute history lesson reliving Texas history from the days of Spanish rule in Mexico to the expansion of the American West in 1848. The multi-image presentation utilizes 42 projectors. Show fee. Museum open daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; elevator and observation deck open daily 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Elevator fee. Closed Dec. 24 & 25.

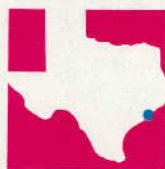
Another landmark of the park is Battleship *Texas*, moored in permanent slip at battleground. One of few monuments of its kind in the world, it is only survivor of the pre-World War I dreadnoughts. Battleship was presented to State of Texas by U.S. Navy. Commissioned shortly before World War I, the venerable warship served in that conflict and in World War II as flagship in 1944 D-Day invasion commanded by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, a native of Denison, TX. Open Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. East of downtown Houston 22 miles via Texas 225, Texas 134. Admission.

## GALVESTON

Pop. 60,472

Alt. 20

Map R-22



**General**—When first explored by Europeans, island was Karankawa Indian site. Pirate Jean Laffite established earliest settlement in 1817. Early years gave city many firsts in Texas: first Roman Catholic convent, first

electric lights, and first medical college. Disastrous Galveston storm of 1900, when entire island was inundated during a hurricane, claimed 5,000 to 7,000 lives. A seawall begun soon afterwards, presently 10 miles long, has proved its staying power several times.

Galveston Island offers 32 miles of beach and also is a treasure trove of things historically Texan. Details from Visitor Information Centers (see below).

Many city parks, picnic areas and recreation centers offer playground equipment, athletic fields, tennis courts, and golf courses.

**Pleasures are found along Galveston's Seawall Boulevard**



Seat of Galveston County, major port, tourist, and convention center. Home of Univ. of Texas Medical Branch, Texas A&M Univ. at Galveston, and Galveston College.

**American National Observation Area**—Panoramic views of Galveston Island from the 20th floor. Also exhibits on history of Galveston, the Moody family of Galveston and their founding of American National Insurance Co. Open daily, Sep. - Apr. Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. noon - 4 p.m., (till 5 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day). One Moody Plaza. Admission.

**Center for Transportation and Commerce (Railroad Museum)**—On once-active tracks are over 35 vintage railroad cars and steam engines; historic Santa Fe depot restored to 1932 art deco style, HO-gauge working model of Port of Galveston with tracks, ships, and port activities. A People's Gallery with dozens of life-sized figures (some of which "speak" to visitors) re-create a busy depot scene of the 1930s. Six multimedia theaters present history of Galveston shipping, railroading, and commerce. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Rosenberg St. at foot of the Strand. Admission.

**Churches, Historic**—First Lutheran Church, constructed by one of earliest Lutheran groups in Texas, 1868. 2415 G St.

First Presbyterian Church, magnificent Gothic structure, houses what is believed to be oldest church organization in Galveston, dating from Jan. 1, 1840. Present church building constructed 1873. Church St. at 18th.

Grace Episcopal Church, founded as a mission of Trinity Church in 1874, parishioners moved into present structure in 1895. Gothic-style building designed by architect Nicholas Clayton. Many original furnishings including stained glass, hand-carved reredos and altar. At 36th and Avenue L.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, founded 1884 was designed by Jesuit priest in 1904 after original church was destroyed in 1900 storm. Opposite Bishop's Palace at Broadway & 14th St.

St. Mary's Cathedral, first Catholic cathedral in Texas, retaining original splendid architecture, built in 1848. 2011 F St.

Trinity Episcopal Church, built in 1857 to serve parish that was organized in 1841. Traditionally repaired and put in use immediately after any hurricane damage, never missing a service. 2216 H St.

**Colonel, Excursion Boat**—Modern triple-deck paddle wheeler recaptures the romance of 19th Century river steamboats on daily 1-hour sightseeing cruises, morning and afternoon, of Galveston Bay and port; evening dinner cruises, and moonlight dance cruises on Sat. nights. Sightseeing trips include

"Colonel" excursion boat in Galveston





**Surf fishing on jetty in Galveston**



**32 miles of public beaches edge Galveston Island**

interpretive narration, live band, buffet on dinner cruises, rooms for private parties, and charter cruises available. The *Colonel* departs from Moody Gardens at One Hope Blvd. Cruise fee. Phone 409/740-7797.

**David Taylor Classic Car Museum**—Collection divided into three categories: antiques, classics, and muscle cars. Museum in three restored buildings emulating car dealerships of the 1930s. There are no imports; collection is tribute to American automobile. Featured cars include a '29 Chevrolet convertible, '37 Cord convertible, '31 Cadillac, and '55 Thunderbird. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1918 Mechanic St. Admission.

**Ferry Rides**—Diesel ferries operate every 20 minutes between Galveston and Port Bolivar, Texas 87. Ferries are part of Texas highway system, operated toll-free by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Fishing, Deep-Sea**—Exciting varieties of food and game fish are found in Gulf waters off Galveston Island. Fishermen may join one of the many party boats for bay or offshore action. Many free public and commercially operated launching ramps and marinas for private craft available. Offshore species are

sailfish, marlin, ling, wahoo, king mackerel, bonito, pompano, red snapper, warsaw, dolphin, and other "big league" species. Reservations at Piers 18, 19 and Galveston Yacht Basin.

**Fishing Piers**—Surf fishermen try their luck almost anywhere along beach; free municipal jetties and rock groin piers are along Seawall Blvd. at 10th, 17th, 30th, 37th, and 61st Sts. Commercial fishing piers are on Seawall Blvd. at 25th, 61st, and 90th Sts., and at Seawolf Park on Pelican Island. Flanking ship channel between Galveston and Bolivar Peninsula are South Jetty (extreme east end of Galveston Island), and North Jetty (from Bolivar Peninsula). Fishermen take flounder, speckled trout, redfish, croaker, tarpon, sheepshead, catfish, and other species.

**Galveston County Historical Museum**—Displays from one of Texas' most historic cities plus variety of changing exhibits. Housed in former private bank building of W.L. Moody, Jr., circa 1919; especially impressive interior. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. (Extended hours Memorial Day - Labor Day.) 2219 Market St. Donations requested.

**Galveston Island Beach**—Thirty-two miles of sand beach washed by Gulf of Mexico. Within city, beach is edged by hotels, condos, restaurants, and amusement attractions. Camping is permitted in designated areas and commercial facilities only, and at Galveston Island State Park. Parking fees are charged at certain beach recreation areas; free parking available elsewhere along the 32-mile beachfront.

**Galveston Island Outdoor Musicals**—1,700-seat outdoor theater in Galveston Island State Park alternates Broadway musicals nightly except Sun. from early June through late Aug. Shows 8 p.m.; free park admission for theater-goers. Dinner is available 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. show nights. Six miles south on F.M. 3005 at 13 Mile Rd. 409/737-3440. Admission.

**Galveston Island State Park**—Spanning Galveston Island from Gulf to bay, the 1,935-acre park includes much salt marsh, rich in birdlife. Viewing from elevated boardwalks and observation platforms. Campsites with hookups, dump station, screened shelters, rest rooms and showers. Picnicking, fishing, swimming, and nature trail. From early June through late August outdoor musicals are presented nightly except Sun. Six miles south on F.M. 3005 at 13 Mile Rd. Admission.

**Galveston Yacht Basin**—With complete marina services, the yacht harbor provides slips for hundreds of pleasure craft. . . an elegant sight! Boaters find gas, repair and mechanical services, fishing tackle and bait shops, radar weather reports, and 24-hour security guards. Adjacent motel and mall shops along the eastern end of the Strand (see below) between 2nd & 6th Sts.

**Garten Verein**—Octagonal structure, circa 1870, still in use as city recreation building. Victorian accents evident in trim of two picturesque roof levels. City park at 27th St. & Ave. O.

**Historic Homes and Buildings**—As Texas' earliest prominent city, literally scores of fascinating historic structures were built by sea captains, merchants, businessmen, and prominent officials. Among most notable are:

**Ashton Villa**, showplace of Galveston Historical Foundation in restored 1859 Italianate house-museum reflecting opulence of era in carved moldings, elaborate mantel-work, and lavish furnishings. Guided tours plus slide program about 1900 storm and seawall construction. Open daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Extended hours Memorial Day - Labor Day.) 2328 Broadway. Admission.

**Bishop's Palace**, probably Galveston's most celebrated landmark, is state's only structure on list of nation's 100 outstanding buildings by American Institute of Architects. "Palace" was built as private home by Col. Walter Gresham in 1886, purchased 1923 for the bishop of Galveston-

**David Taylor Classic Car Museum in Galveston**





**Elegant stairway in Bishop's Palace**

Houston Diocese. Showplace furnishings include mantel that was first-prize winner at 1876 Philadelphia World's Fair, Venetian crystal chandelier, damask wall coverings from London, and grand staircase of rosewood, satinwood, and mahogany. Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day; 1 - 5 p.m. balance of year. Closed Tues. 1402 Broadway. Admission.

**Fort Crockett** was a primary artillery defense installation built 1897. Closed 1947, several buildings remain in use by Galveston College, Texas A&M Univ. at Galveston, and National Marine Fisheries Service. Massive coastal artillery bunkers can still be seen. Seawall Blvd. between 45th and 53rd Sts.

**Grand Opera House**, a performing arts hall built in 1894. Multimillion-dollar restoration returned the ornate structure to its original grandeur. Stage productions frequently scheduled; tours available through Galveston Arts Council. 2020 Post Office St.

**Moody Mansion and Museum**—Historic home built, circa 1892, is prime example of transitional Victorian architecture. It is the former home and center of the business empire of Texas entrepreneur W.L. Moody, Jr. from 1900 until his death in 1954. With a steel frame, construction is of red

**Opulent Moody Mansion and Museum in Galveston**



**Dining room in Ashton Villa**

brick, Texas limestone and terra cotta tile. The interior includes stained glass, custom-designed carved woods, tile work, fancy plaster work, and stencils in 42 rooms covering 28,000 square feet. Collections include antiques, silver, photographs, and other works of art. Gift shop and restaurant (by reservation only). Open Mon. - Sat. with first tour at 10 a.m. - last tour 4 p.m.; Sun. first tour at 1 p.m. - last tour 4:30 p.m. At 2618 Broadway. Admission.

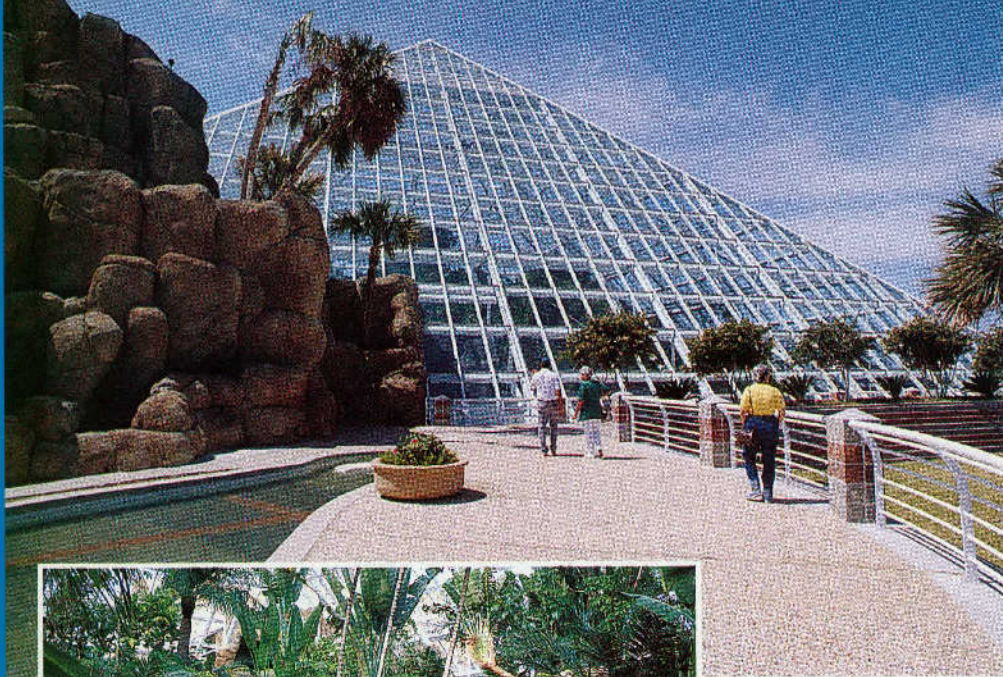
**Powhatan House**, circa 1847, is showplace of Galveston Garden Club. Graceful Greek Revival structure fronted by 40-foot Doric columns, hand-hewn from Maine pine and shipped to Texas by schooner. Open Fri. - Mon. 1 - 5 p.m. 3427 Ave. O. Admission.

**Samuel May Williams Home**, built 1839, struck an unusual compromise with building conditions in frontier seaport. House was framed of northern white pine and hemlock in Saccarappa, Maine. With parts carefully numbered, it was dismantled and shipped to Galveston by schooner and reassembled. Interpretation by audiovisual program. Open daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 3601 Ave. P. Admission.

**Visitor Information Center offers insight into Galveston's historic Strand District**



**The Strand**, once the "Wall Street of the Southwest," is one of the finest concentrations of 19th-Century iron-front commercial buildings in the U.S. Lined with gaslights, now restored and readapted, The Strand features art galleries and studios, specialty shops, restaurants, pubs, delicatessens, historical exhibits, and even an old-fashioned candy factory. Often site of annual city festivals, especially Dickens on The Strand each Dec. and Mardi Gras celebrations in early spring. National Historic Landmark District is on Strand and Mechanic Sts. between 20th and 25th Sts. Start tour with information from Strand Visitor Information Center (see below).



**Rainforest Pyramid in Galveston**

**Lone Star Flight Museum**—The golden age of aviation is recalled by more than two dozen vintage aircraft, from a meticulously restored B-17 Flying Fortress to spindly liaison aircraft. There's a "razorback" P-47 Thunderbolt, a P-38 Lightning, a Spitfire, plus other bombers, trainers, and wartime "executive" aircraft, all in flying condition. There's also the Conoco Hall of Power, with historic engines, photos, air combat memorabilia, and wartime vehicles. Open daily, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. except four major holidays. 2002 Terminal Dr. (at Scholes Field Municipal Airport). Admission.

**Moody Gardens**—142-acre eight phase project of Moody Foundation. Existing now are:

**Rainforest Pyramid**, rising 10 stories, represents rainforests of Asia, Africa, and South America. Experience the exotic rainforest; butterflies abound among waterfalls, cliffs, caverns, Mayan Colonnade, and an ever-changing array of tropical plants. Clear, blue pools are filled with tropical fish; quiet ponds with exotic wading birds. Open daily 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Admission.

**IMAX Theater/Visitor Center** features both 3D and 2D films, and theater is designed for presentation of conventional movies as well as slide shows and lectures. Within complex is Visitor Center and Gardens Restaurant overlooking Gulf waters and a nightly presentation of Dancing Waters.

**Palm Beach**, Texas' only white sand beach with freshwater swimming lagoons, whirlpools, volleyball, a 400' pier/dock, and paddleboats. Yellow Submarine and Octopus Slide features 30-ft. submarine with fully operational periscope, water gun, and dive horn. Octopus is three slippery slides with stairways in the creature's arms. Open weekends in May, daily mid-May - Labor Day. 409/744-PALM.

**Moody Gardens Convention Center**, a multipurpose convention/conference center set in tropical surroundings. At One Hope Blvd. at municipal airport.

Formal gardens, Japanese Garden of Life, the Vietnam Memorial, Hope Rose Garden, Horticulture Terraces, the Vineyard, plus nature/walking trails.

**Parks**—Largest is Stewart Beach Park on Seawall Blvd. at Broadway, offering pavilion, beach service, bath houses, restaurants, concessions, with attractions such as mini-golf, water slides, and bumper boats.

R. A. Apffel Park, east of Stewart Beach at Boddecker Dr., is wide beach with boat launching, jetty and surf fishing, bath house, concessions, and rest rooms.

Dellanera Beach Park offers beach activities, RV hookups, showers, rest rooms, picnic area, grocery store, and laundry room. West of Seawall on F.M. 3005.

Three "pocket" parks are along F.M. 3005 and offer beachfront picnic areas, rest rooms, and playgrounds. They're at 7 1/2 Mile Rd., 9 1/2 Mile Rd., and 11 Mile Rd.

**Pelican Island**—Just across channel from Port of Galveston, island is site of industrial and recreational development. Todd Shipyards Corp. and Texas A&M Univ. at Galveston on south edge. On northern point is Seawolf Park (see below) where port's federal quarantine station once stood. Scenic location edged by palms and banks of oleanders with picnic facilities and excellent fishing.

**Port of Galveston**—First major port in Texas, was commercial link of Texas Republic with rest of world; for years was state's largest city. Modern port handles ships from throughout world. Unique in operation, it is nation's only port where all facilities, from railroad switching to crating and labeling of individual

items, are coordinated under one management. So successful is operation that Galveston is only major port facility in United States not supported by public funds. Visitors will be fascinated by Fisherman's Wharf area along Ave. A between 17th and 23rd Sts. Fish markets, seafood restaurants, and charter/group boat docks.

**Rice Straw Museum**—Unique museum dedicated to preserving ancient art of using natural colors of the rice plant to create mosaics. Visitors see materials used and how they are used. Narrow strips of differently colored rice straw are selected and sorted out; each piece is then glued onto cloth base with gum arabica sap from a tree in India. No color, paint, or dye is added. At 510 23rd St. above the Star Drug Store. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Rosenberg Library**—Texas' first free public library, contains many original manuscripts and letters of Samuel May Williams, Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, and other prominent figures in Texas history. Rare books, artifacts, art collection. Open Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 2310 Sealy Ave.

**Seawolf Park**—Picturesque location provides close look at ocean-going vessels entering and departing port and yacht basin. Excellent fishing from commercially operated pier. Striking three-level pavilion with snack bar; picnic facilities and children's playground. Main attraction is naval exhibit featuring tours of WW II submarine USS *Cavalla*, destroyer escort USS *Stewart*, Navy jet, and military vehicles. Open daily on Pelican Island. Admission.

**Texas Heroes Monument**—Gift to State of Texas by Galveston philanthropist Henry Rosenberg, commemorates great achievements of men and women of Texas. It is 74 feet high, 34 feet square, with four monolithic granite columns rising to support 22-foot bronze figure of "Victory." Erected in 1900, stands at intersection of Broadway and Rosenberg Ave.

**Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston**







**The 1877 Bark Elissa sails again**

**Texas Seaport Museum**—Home of the *Elissa* square-rigged, 400-ton barkentine built in Scotland in 1877. A visitor to Galveston during her sailing/working days, *Elissa* has returned as a museum of 19th-Century maritime technology. Opened in 1982 after eight years of restoration. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (extended hours in summer). *Elissa* is sometimes away from Galveston on sailings. Check locally for dockside schedule.

Museum also includes multiprojector slide presentation giving visitors a simulated experience of sailing on board *Elissa*. Pier 21 at north end of Kempner (22nd) St. Admission.

**Tours**—Besides tours cited previously under Historical Homes and Buildings—Ashton Villa, and The Strand—other specialized tours for individuals and groups are available as follows; details from Visitor Information Centers (see below).

Galveston Yellow Flyer is trolley-replica offering narrated tour and shuttle transportation. Hourly pick-up and the option of getting on and off at any stop. Ticket good all day. Originates at 21st and Seawall. Fee.

Carriage and buggy rides are available through historic districts and The Strand. Departures from Strand Visitors Center (below).

Treasure Isle Tour Train operates on regular schedule from 2106 Seawall Blvd., touring both old and new sites on Galveston Island in the little train with the fringe on top. June through Aug. daily at 9 and 11 a.m., 1:30, 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.; Sept. through Nov. and Mar. through Apr. daily (except Mon.) at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; daily in May at 9 and 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Literature and directions for self-guided historical tours are provided free at Visitor Information Center and Strand Visitors Center.

**Trolley Cars**—Nostalgic trolley cars connect the beach at seawall to the historic Strand/Bay area. Replica 1900 vintage cars glide for 4 1/2 miles along tracks much like those in city's early days. Schedule posted along route.

**Visitor Information Centers**—Details on activities, events, tours, recreation facilities and historic sites; free maps and literature. In Moody Civic Center, Seawall Blvd. at 21st St. Also, Strand Visitor Center: Information, free film on Galveston Island, self-guided historical tours, Ticketron outlet. 2016 Strand.

## HOUSTON

Pop. 1,657,504

Alt. 55

Map Q-20/21



**General**—Named after Sam Houston, general of Texas army that won independence from Mexico, and president of Republic of Texas. The city, largest in Texas and fourth largest in nation, has experienced phenomenal

growth since a small riverboat landing was established on Buffalo Bayou by Allen brothers in August 1836. Today metropolis is industrial and financial hub for much of the state. It is one of nation's largest seaports, and headquarters of Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center.

Houston lies on I-10, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

Institutions of higher learning include Baylor College of Medicine, Houston Baptist Univ., Rice Univ., South Texas College of Law, South Texas Junior College, Texas Southern Univ., Univ. of Houston, Univ. of Houston Downtown, Univ. of St. Thomas and Univ. of Texas Health Science Center.

Major annual events include the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in late Feb. and early Mar., largest livestock exposition in state with championship cowboys and popular entertainers.

Professional sports are presented throughout the year. Teams include the Houston Astros, baseball; Houston Oilers, football; Houston Rockets, basketball; Houston Hotshots, indoor soccer; and the Houston Aeros, hockey.

Houston International Festival each April celebrates the performing and visual arts with 10-day outdoor festival of multicultural music, dance, arts and crafts, and food.

For full details about Houston's abundant attractions and events, stop at the city's Visitor Information Center (below).

**Adventure Bay**—12 acres of water highlighted by Houston's only Master Blaster™, a water coaster that defies gravity and sends its riders uphill! Explore Pirates Cove childrens area with its huge interactive pirate ship. Brave the waves in Paradise Bay wavepool, or relax and unwind in Rio Lento, the laziest of rivers. For the daring, there are plenty of thrills in the Lost Falls Speedslides and Slidewinders Tube Rides. Relax at the Galley and full service food and beverage court. Open Memorial Day - Labor Day. At 13602 Beechnut on the corner of Beechnut and Eldridge in southwest Houston. For information, 713/498-SWIM (498-7946).

**Alkek Velodrome**—Site of 1989 Texas Track Championships. The 33,334 meter track is banked nine to 33 degrees. Bicyclists may ride Mar. - Oct.





**World's first indoor stadium, Astrodome, home of major-league sports in Houston**

Tues., Thurs. 5 - 9 p.m., Sat., Sun. 4 - 8 p.m.; Nov. - Feb. Mon., Wed., Fri. 5 - 9 p.m., Sat., Sun. 2 - 6 p.m. In Cullen Park at 19008 Saums Rd.

**Allen's Landing; Old Market Square**—Park on Buffalo Bayou where Allen brothers arrived in 1836 to promote new real estate venture: Houston. General area, now Old Market Square, became center of new city. Several important 19th-Century buildings restored; now devoted to dining and entertainment, including quaint bar in Houston's oldest commercial building. Bounded by Travis, Milam, Congress, and Preston Sts.

**Alley Theater**—See Civic Center below.

**Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour**—Tour one of largest breweries in state and see brewing process from start to high-speed packaging lines. Tours Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For additional information, 713/670-1695. From downtown, I-10 east to Gellhorn. 775 Gellhorn.

**Astrodome Convention Center**—Complex includes Astrodome, Astrohall and Astroarena. Superlatives are required to describe the Astrodome, or Harris County Domed Stadium, its official name. An 18-story building would fit inside the Astrodome. It is world's first air-conditioned domed stadium for baseball and football, and also accommodates basketball, boxing, conven-

**Bayou Bend in Houston**



tions, rodeos, and almost any other entertainment or sporting event. Visitors on tour of facility see film, "Astrodome: The Original," an historic viewpoint of the stadium, its concept and construction. The film also places the viewers in a "you are there" perspective: Sitting on the bench with the Astros, on the sidelines with the Oilers, backstage at a concert, in the chutes with the bronco and bull riders, and more. Tours daily at 11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m. unless pre-empted by an event. Parking and tour fees.

Astrohall is one of the world's largest exhibition centers and the Astroarena contains 6,000 theater-type seats. To reach the Astrodome, take Kirby Dr. at Loop 610 South and enter gate #2 on Kirby Dr. For tour information telephone 713/799-9544; or write P.O. Box 288, Houston 77001-0288.

**Battleship Texas**—See DEER PARK this section.

**Bayou Bend Collection**—Operated as branch of Houston Museum of Fine Arts; 28-room Latin Colonial structure was home of the late Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of James Stephen Hogg, first native-born governor of Texas. The collection consists of more than 4,800 works from colonial period to early 19th Century, including furniture, paintings, metals, ceramics, glass, and textiles. The gardens consist of 14 acres bounded on three sides by Buffalo Bayou. They are made up of natural woodlands and eight cultivated formal gardens with imported and native plants. The collection is open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (mornings reserved for school and group tours); Sat. 10 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Tours of the house open to children 10 and above accompanied by an adult. Admission. Gardens are open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Admission. 1 Westcoff St. For more information, call 713/520-2600.

**Burke Baker Planetarium**—See Houston Museum of Natural Science.

**Celebration Station**—Youngsters love the entertaining games and amusements that include go-carts, bumper boats, and lots more. Challenging miniature golf course. Food court. Usually open daily; however, hours vary with the seasons. Call to verify hours. Two locations: 6767 Southwest Frwy., 713/981-7888; or I-45 at Rankin Rd, 713/872-7778.

**Children's Museum**—Variety of hands-on exhibits for children 4 months to 14 years in areas of science, history, culture, and the arts. Other features include outdoor discovery garden and greenhouse. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 1500 Binz in the Museum District. Admission.

**Christ Church Cathedral**—Founded 1839, is Houston's oldest church on original site. Contains handcarved woodwork and fine stained-glass windows including one designed by Tiffany. Open by request. Noon Eucharist in Golding Chapel. 1117 Texas Ave.

**Civic Center**—Centerpiece is Tranquility Park, bounded by Smith, Rusk, Bagby and Walker Sts. Commemorates Apollo flights with two-block-long, 32-level fountain and towers resembling rockets. Bronze plaques in 15 languages tell the Apollo story. Restful oasis; occasional outdoor events.

**Jesse H. Jones Hall for Performing Arts**, Louisiana and Capitol Sts., houses both offices and performances of Houston Symphony Orchestra. Dramatic grand lobby features Richard Lippold's "Gemini II" sculpture floating in gleaming curve toward 66-foot ceiling. Open only during scheduled events.

**Nina Vance Alley Theater**, 615 Texas St., is ultramodern facility called "one of most striking theaters in the world" by the *New York Times*. Tours by appointment (713/228-9341). Fee.

**The Children's Museum in Houston**





**Wortham Center in Houston**



**Tranquility Park in Houston's Civic Center**

**Sam Houston Coliseum and Music Hall** host Broadway shows, concerts, performances and sporting events; 810 Bagby St.

**Wortham Center** contains two theaters for home to the Houston Grand Opera and Houston Ballet, also hosts productions of the Society for the Performing Arts, the Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Texas Chamber Society, and others. The Grand Foyer, a 12,000-square-foot public space is actually built above Prairie St. The 3.2-acre site is bounded by Texas, Smith and Preston Sts. and Buffalo Bayou.

A 2,000-car underground parking garage is welcome feature of Civic Center.

**Sesquicentennial Park**, on Buffalo Bayou, is adjacent to the Wortham Theater. Three-story pavilion is surrounded by cascading waterfall to pool at monument's base. Hike and bike trails switch back from lower bayou waterfront boat landing to street level promenade. Gardens of azaleas and crape myrtle trees accent magnificent view of Houston's striking skyline.

**Contemporary Arts Museum**—A non-collecting museum dedicated to bringing the cutting edge of contemporary art to the city through its nine exhibitions yearly. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. - Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 5216 Montrose Blvd. 713/526-0773.

**Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion**—A 10,000-seat outdoor performing arts center surrounded by lush, green forest. Located in The Woodlands, performances held Apr. - Oct. From Houston, I-45 north, exit either on Woodlands Pkwy. or Lake Woodlands Dr. Follow signs to pavilion parking. For performance information, 713/363-3300.

**Funeral Service Museum, American**—Nation's largest collection of funeral service memorabilia, including two dozen vehicles; horse-drawn hearses, a funeral sleigh, 1941 hearse/ambulance, and of special interest, a 1915 Packard "mourning bus" that carried the casket, pallbearers, and 20-

mourners at a top speed of 15 mph. Also displayed are Civil War cast iron caskets, and turn-of-the-century embalming artifacts, plus video presentations. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. noon - 4 p.m. Take I-45 north to Barren Springs Dr. 415 Barren Springs Dr. Admission.

**FunPlex**—Indoor complex includes a roller rink, bowling, miniature golf, arcade areas, rides, three movie screens, and food in air conditioned comfort. Hours vary; call for information 713/530-7777. 13700 Beechnut.

**Gallery of Texas History**—See Sam Houston Historical Park.

**Houston Arboretum and Nature Center**—Environmental education center with classes for children and adults. A preserve for native Harris County plants and animals. Botanical hall contains discovery room and gift shop. Over five miles of nature trails wind through 155 acres of woodlands, ponds, and prairie. Trails open 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Building open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5:30 p.m.

**Houston Fire Museum**—Visitors see evolution of firefighting, from "bucket brigade" to modern firefighting vehicles. Collection includes late 19th-Century hand-drawn and operated pumper and hose reel, 1892 steam fire engine, early 20th-Century motorized pumper, and other memorabilia. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. In former Houston Fire Dept. Station No. 7 at Milam and McIlhenny Sts. Admission.

**Houston Garden Center**—Garden trails, rose garden and center headquarters. Building open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; trails and gardens open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. summer) Sat., Sun. and holidays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (10 a.m. - 8 p.m. summer). North edge of Hermann Park, 1500 Herman Dr.

**Houston Museum of Natural Science**—Exhibits feature space science plus geology, archaeology, and natural history. In Hermann Park. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. noon - 6 p.m. 1 Hermann Circle Dr. Admission. Of special interest are:

**Burke Baker Planetarium**—Called most sophisticated science-teaching device in the world, 232-seat planetarium can reproduce celestial patterns as they would be seen from any point on earth or in space. Fly into a black hole! Zoom through constellations faster than the speed of light! Celestial shows (fee) Mon. - Fri. 1, 2, & 3 p.m.; Sat., Sun. every half-hour 1 - 3:30 p.m. Weekend evenings feature entertaining rock and roll laser shows (fee). Planetarium also houses an array of scientific exhibits. For ticket and show information, 713/639-4629.

**Cockrell Butterfly Center**—A six-story glass cone houses some 2,000 live butterflies flying freely amid a tropical rainforest. Visitors can stroll within the 25,000 square-foot area to view flowers, medicinal plants, giant trees, a 40-ft. waterfall, and scores of exotic butterflies. Open daily. For information, 713/639-4600.



**Houston Museum of Natural Science**

**Lillie and Roy Cullen Gallery of Earth Science**—Displays the Sams Collection of more than 600 rare mineral specimens and hundreds of gemstones which are among the finest specimens in the world. Also the Cockrell Hall of Minerals with some of the world's best examples of gems and minerals from around the globe. There's a Hall of Fluorescent Minerals, and a Hall of Gems and Jewelry.

**Wortham IMAX Theatre**—Features exciting films projected onto six-story-tall screen. Shows are hourly Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Fri. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun., noon - 8 p.m. Information, 713/639-4629.

**Hall of Health**—Transparent anatomical manikin displays various organs: lungs, heart, teeth, etc.; hands-on exhibits, audio explanations.

**Houston Underground**—A 4-mile system of underground pedestrian tunnels that includes a variety of shops and restaurants. Maps available in banks along route and at Visitor Information Center (see below).

**Houston Zoological Gardens**—One of most unusual zoos in U.S., features Tropical Bird House resembling Asian jungle with more than 200 exotic birds flying freely through aviary rain forest; hippo-dome; gorilla habitat; large cat facility housing rare white tigers; small cat facility; large collection of reptiles, and vampire bats. Wortham World of Primates is a 2.2-acre rainforest and naturalistic habitat for the zoo's primates. In Hermann Park, zoo is open Tues. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission.

**Japanese Garden**—Designed by Ken Nakajima, world-renowned Japanese landscape architect who designed gardens in Moscow, Montreal, and Rome. Features Yukimi Stone Lantern, Azumaya (Tea House), and waterfalls amid winding paths and lush exotic plants. Open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. In Hermann Park. Admission.

**Lake**—Houston. See LAKES listing.

**Menil Museum**—Collection of John and Dominique de Menil includes contemporary, surrealistic and 20th-Century art, antiquities, Byzantine and



**Ships from all around the world dock at the Port of Houston, among the top three seaports in the United States**

medieval art, and tribal art. Housed in architecturally significant 100,000-sq.-ft. building designed by renowned architect Renzo Piano of Italy. Open Wed. - Sun. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. 1515 Sul Ross.

**Miller Outdoor Theatre**—Performances feature a variety of entertainment from grand opera to jazz, ballet to Shakespeare, musical comedy to symphonic concerts. Outdoor theatre in Hermann Park seats 1,750 under unusual polygon roof; additional seating on grass hillside.

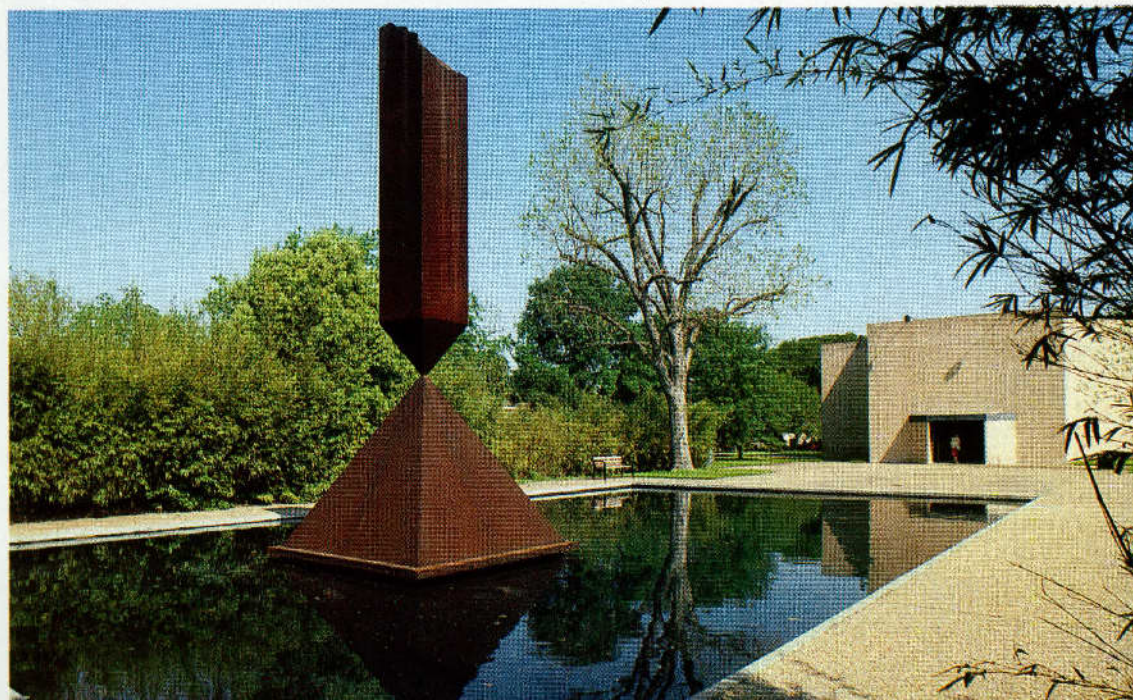
**Museum of Fine Arts**—The city's finest collection of art objects, paintings and sculpture, visited by more than a half-million people each year.

Accredited by American Association of Museums. Among superb displays is Finnigan collection of ancient art from Egypt, Greece and Rome. Straus collection features Renaissance paintings and bronzes. Noted Kress collection displays High Renaissance art from Italy and Spain, and the Beck collection includes master paintings from impressionist, postimpressionist and early modernist periods. Visitors will find Indian art of Southwest, plus Frederic Remington's robust masterpieces. Native arts from Africa, Australia and South Pacific, plus special Junior Gallery with changing exhibits of appeal to youngsters. Open Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 12:15 - 6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Closed Mondays. Restaurant open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1001 Bissonnet. Fee.

**The Cullen Sculpture Garden**, displaying fine sculpture outdoors, is across from the museum. Open 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Oil Ranch**—Day ranch activities include pony rides, hayrides, petting zoo, picnicking, swimming, and much more. Take U.S. 290 30 miles northwest. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. hours seasonal. Reservations recommended. 713/859-1616.

**Orange Show**—Virtually impossible to describe, the construction of a Houston eccentric over 26 years. A labyrinth of outdoor and indoor passages, stairs, and platforms amid astonishing whirligigs, wrought-iron gewgaws, colored tiles, folk antiques, junk, and naive art embellished with odd mottoes and parables. Colorfully bizarre! Open Mar. - Dec. noon - 5 p.m. Sat. & Sun., Memorial Day to Labor Day Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2402 Munger St. Admission. 713/926-6368.



**Menil Museum, Houston**

**Port of Houston**—Among top three seaports in the United States, sixth largest in the world in total tonnage. The port is connected to Gulf of Mexico by 50-mile-long ship channel. Nearly 5,000 ships and 40,000 barges transit the channel yearly. World Trade Center Building is hub of Houston's international commerce, and location of many foreign consuls assigned here. Visitors may view famous Houston Turning Basin from observation deck reached through Gate 8 at 7300 Clinton Dr. Observation deck open daily 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Railroad Train Museum**—Antique railroad cars and equipment. Open Mar. - Dec., 1st & 3rd Sun. 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 7390 Mesa Rd.

**Rothko Chapel**—Interfaith chapel houses canvasses of the late Mark Rothko. Open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 3900 Yupon.

**Sam Houston Historical Park**—Project of Harris County Heritage Society, a monument to early history of Houston; 19-acre park features seven restored historic buildings ranging from oil field pioneer Henry T. Stait's 17-room house built in 1905 to the 1826 Old Place, depicting early life in Harris County. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (last tour at 3); Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. (last tour at 4).

Museum of Texas History is sampler of Heritage Society's collection, covering Lone Star history since 1519. Frequently changing exhibits range from Spanish treasure to space exploration.

Housed in the adjacent building is the Long Row, a reconstruction of a shopping strip built in 1837 that houses gift shop and tearoom that's open for lunch Mon. - Fri. Across from Texaco Heritage Plaza at 1100 Bagby.

**Sam Houston Race Track**—Class I race track offers pari-mutuel wagering on live Thoroughbred and quarter horse races and on off-track races simulcast from other tracks. Beautiful 30,000-capacity grandstand incorporating luxury suites, a private Turf Club, and track-view dining. Racing season: Thoroughbreds usually Jul. - Sept.; quarter horses, usually Sept. - Apr. On the Sam Houston Tollway (toll road) near F.M. 249. For information, call 713/807-7223.

**San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park**—Site is adjacent to city's northeast city limits. Four historical markers on Battleground Rd. (Texas 134) within city attest to city's claim as "Birthplace of Texas." See DEER PARK for park description.

**Six Flags AstroWorld/WaterWorld**—Part of Six Flags family and one of nation's great amusement centers, AstroWorld features over 100 shows, rides and attractions for the entire family. Some rides that remain favorites: the Texas Cyclone, rated one of the best roller coasters in the world; Thunder River's simulated white-water ride; and on Ultra Twister, visitors dive 92 feet straight down before making a 360-degree rotating turn forwards, then backwards. Adventure Rivers of Texas stretches 60 feet in the air and has four chutes, each named for Texas rivers, that send yellow rafts twisting and turning before plunging into a refreshing pool. Children enjoy Bugs Bunny's Enchanted Kingdom.

Batman: The Escape takes guests through the Batcave, Arctic Park, and Gotham City before sending them on the ride of a lifetime: Texas' only stand-up roller coaster, which travels through a 360-degree loop, tight hair-pin turns, and a tunnel.

A popular feature is WaterWorld with a host of water slides, swings, surfing and children's water play area. The fantasyland is open on weekends in spring and fall; daily in the summer. Loop 610 at Kirby Dr. Admission.

**Texas Air Aces**—See SPRING this section.

### AstroWorld/WaterWorld in Houston

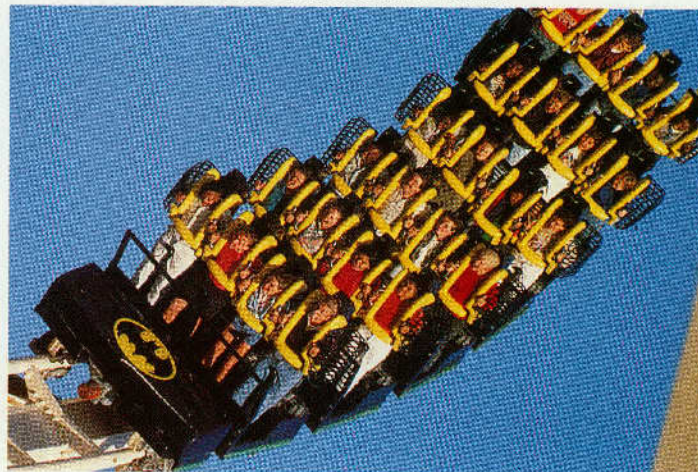


Texas Medical Center in Houston



**Texas Medical Center**—Organized in 1945, an immense complex of hospitals, medical and nursing schools, and research institutions whose purpose is total coordination of health education, patient care and research. More than 100 buildings occupy 650 acres in southwest Houston south of Herman Park. Major units now operating at Texas Medical Center include Albert B. Alkek Institute of Biosciences and Technology of Texas A&M Univ., Baylor College of Medicine, City of Houston Health and Human Services, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Hermann Hospital, Harris County Psychiatric Center, The Hospice at Texas Medical Center, Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, Houston Community College System's Health Services, Houston ISD's High School for Health Professions, Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, Institute of Religion, Harris County Medical Examiners' Office, LifeGift Organ Donation Center, Methodist Hospital, Prairie View A&M College of Nursing, Ronald McDonald House, St. Luke's

### The Batman roller coaster at AstroWorld in Houston



Episcopal Hospital, Shriners Hospitals, Texas Heart Institute, Texas Woman's Univ. Houston Center, Univ. of Houston College of Pharmacy, Univ. of Texas Health Science Center (which includes Dental Branch, Division of Continuing Education, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Medical School, School of Allied Health Sciences, School of Nursing, School of Public Health, and Speech and Hearing Institute), Univ. of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, and the YMCA Child Care Center in the Texas Medical Center.

Free tours; for information and reservations call 713/790-1136. Assistance Center in Texas Medical Center is at 1155 Holcombe, just east of Fannin.

**Traders Village**—The largest market and RV park on the Texas Gulf Coast! Over 700 dealers every weekend. It's everyone's favorite marketplace where shoppers find novelties, handmade goods, plants, arts, crafts and antiques of every description. Rides for the kids; stroller and wheelchair rental available. Special events held throughout year. Free admission; nominal parking fee. Market open every Sat. & Sun.; RV park open daily. 7979 N. Eldridge. For information, 713/890-5500.

**Tranquility Park**—See Civic Center, above.

**Visitor Information Center**—Maps, brochures, literature and schedules of Houston events available at visitor center operated by the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau. Free parking. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 801 Congress St. Tel. 713/227-3100 or 1-800-231-7799.

## HUMBLE

Pop. 12,714

Alt. 96

Map Q-21



**General**—15 miles east of Houston  
**Intercontinental Airport, town was named after founder, postmaster and Justice of the Peace, P. S. Humble in 1886. In 1904, oil was discovered; by 1905, town was a**

"boom town." In 1909, local feed store owner Ross Sterling along with a few others founded Humble Oil & Refining Co. (now Exxon).

Drilling for oil in 1912, artesian water was discovered. The precious water was used in bathhouses for oil field workers and piped to nearby houses. Today site of historic Lambrecht Town & Artesian Well.

**Humble Historical Museum**—Features oil field equipment, farming tools; home furnishings and clothing of early families; historic photographs. Open Tues., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thurs. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at 219 Main St.

**Lake**—Houston. See LAKES listing.

**Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens**—214-acre facility featuring formal gardens, arboretum, picnic area and five miles of garden and nature trails. Open daily 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Closed Christmas. 22306 Aldine Westfield Rd.

**Recreational opportunities at Armand Bayou Nature Center include hiking, canoeing and birding in Pasadena**

## LA PORTE

Pop. 28,538

Alt. 28

Map Q-21/22



**General**—Given its name "The Door" by French settlers in 1889 when the city was founded on upper Galveston Bay. Deep-water port and petrochemical industries coexist in harmony with pleasant residential

environment and bayshore resorts.

Home of Houston Yacht Club, second oldest yacht club in the U.S.

Details about events, free maps, directions, literature, accommodations and dining information provided daily by the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce, 731 S. Broadway St. Telephone 713/471-1123.

**Parks**—City parks offer several swimming pools, athletic complexes and a rodeo arena. Little Cedar Bayou park, on 8th St., has picnicking, sports fields, and swimming pool with 6-foot-deep wave pool with 10-minute intervals of wave action.

**Sylvan Beach Park**—32-acre county park at site of famous resort/dance pavilion of the 1920s-30s. Modern air-conditioned pavilion overlooks Galveston Bay; fishing pier, launch ramp, playground, picnic areas for families or large groups. At park entrance, caboose and depot from old Houston-Galveston-San Antonio railroad serves as Heritage Society's showcase for memorabilia of city and area. Depot open 2nd Sun. of month 2 - 5 p.m.

## PASADENA

Pop. 122,805

Alt. 35

Map Q-21



**General**—Name is Spanish for Land of Flowers, chosen for blooming meadows along Vince's Bayou. Bayou figured prominently in Battle of San Jacinto. Now a residential community closely tied to the

petrochemical and shipping industries along the Houston Ship Channel. Town became a rural post office in 1900, mushroomed into bustling residential suburb and continued to grow with rise of Houston. Home of San Jacinto Junior College and Texas Chiropractic College. Northeast is site of capture of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna at Battle of San Jacinto.

**Armand Bayou Nature Center**—1,900 acres in southeast Harris County with the local plant and animal life in their natural states in three major ecosystems: hardwood forest, tall grass prairie and the estuarine bayou. Includes the Jimmy Martyn Farm, a working farm operated as it was at the turn of the century. Recreational opportunities include hiking, canoeing (you supply canoe), birding. Self-guided tours. Open Wed. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Fri. 9 a.m. - dusk; Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Closed major holidays. 8500 Bay Area Blvd. (7 mi. east of I-45.) Call 713/474-2551.



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**Old tractor on the Jimmy Martyn Farm, a typical turn-of-the-century working farm at Armand Bayou Nature Center in Pasadena**

**Historical Museum & Strawberry House**—Museum features local history from pioneer times to present; displays of industrial development, changing exhibits. Open Wed. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Strawberry House: Historic 8-room house features furnishings from 1890s to mid-1940s. Open Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. In Pasadena Memorial Park, 201 Vince St. (Texas 225 at Richey St. exit.) Phone 713/477-7237.

## RICHMOND-ROSENBERG

Pop. (combined) 32,026 Alt. 104

Map R-20



**General**—Although separate municipalities, twin towns share heritage, business and living areas. Earliest settlement 1822 by members of Old Three Hundred (Stephen F. Austin's colony), later supplemented by

unusual variety of ethnic and cultural groups—Southern plantation owners, Confederate veterans, carpetbaggers, Czech immigrants, blacks, railroad and oilmen. Post-Reconstruction era brought "Jaybird-Woodpecker War" with heavy casualties between rival political factions 1888-90; a city-hall obelisk is topped with a jaybird. Carrie Nation's crusade against "demon rum" began in Richmond. Silver-domed Fort Bend County Courthouse dates from 1908 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; historical markers on grounds, 500 Jackson St., Richmond.

Morton Cemetery contains graves of many early pioneers of Texas.

Fertile coastal plains devoted to farming, ranching. Industries include oil, salt, sulphur production, steel fabrication and diversified manufacturing. Richmond-Rosenberg Chamber of Commerce at 4120 Ave. H (U.S. 90A/59) offers information on historic sites and recreation throughout area.

Ft. Bend Opry features country and Western music every Fri. night at Cole Theater in Rosenberg.

**Brazos Bend State Park**—4,897 acres of Gulf Coastal Plain includes Brazos River bottomlands, beautiful live-oak woodlands draped by wild grape vines and Spanish moss, oxbow lakes and marsh. Abundant wildlife includes white-tailed deer, coyotes, Russian boar, migratory waterfowl, shore- and wading birds, and large population of American alligators. Tent and RV camping, picnic sites, screened shelters, rest rooms, showers, dump station. Fishing pier, hike and bike trails, wildlife observation platforms.

George Observatory within park features 36-inch telescope. Sat. nights open to public for star-gazing. Observatory is joint project of Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., the George Foundation, and Houston Museum of Natural Science. Access via F.M. 762, 20 miles south. Admission.

**Confederate Museum**—Displays include weapons and swords, pictures of battles, artifacts; tape-recorded histories of antebellum era. Open Tues. and Thurs. 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 4 p.m. 2740 F.M. 359 north of Richmond.

**Decker Park**—Historic buildings include 1901 railroad depot, log-cabin replica of original Fort Bend, McNabb House, c. 1850, (Carrie Nation's daughter's home) and 1896 county jail. Also modern gazebo. 500 block of Preston, Richmond.

**Fort Bend County Historical Museum**—Cited as one of state's best small museums; features developmental eras from first colonists of 1822; special exhibit on local resident Jane Long, "the mother of Texas"; the Texas Revolution; the plantation era; the Civil War; the ranching era, and the sugar industry. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 500 Houston St., Richmond. On museum grounds are the Long-Smith Cottage and Moore Home (see below).

**George Ranch Historical Park**—470-acre living history site where visitors stop back in time and experience Texas history. Guests visit the 1820s Jones farmstead, tour 1890s Victorian mansion, and see cowboys working cattle in 1930s working ranch area. Open Apr. - mid-Dec. Sat. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. On F.M. 762 eight miles south of Richmond. Call 713/545-9212 for weekday schedules and group tours.

**Long-Smith Cottage**—Built in the 1840s, home originally on land owned by Jane Long, the Mother of Texas, whose land grant covered most of present-day Richmond. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 500 Houston St.

**McFarlane House**—Built in 1882-83 by merchant Isaac McFarlane, the restored house is open as a visitor center. The historic building played a significant part in the 1889 Jaybird/Woodpecker clash. Open Fri. 1 - 4 p.m., Sat., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 410 Jackson St., Richmond.

**Moore Home**—Graceful, white-columned Victorian mansion, c. 1883, home of Texas Congressman John N. Moore of early 1900s. Restored and furnished with period antiques. Open Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. on grounds of Fort Bend County Historical Museum, 500 Houston St., Richmond.

### Fort Bend Museum in Richmond



## SPRING

Pop. 34,268

Alt. 101

Map P-21



**General**—Settled by German immigrants in 1840. Served as a railroad center in early 1900s, but population thereafter declined until caught in the surging growth of Houston in the present day.

**Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center**—Nestled in heavily wooded area; 5-mile hiking trail meanders through woods across boardwalks over pond, ending at sandy shores of Spring Creek. Programs and exhibits on plant and animal life and special children's program in Nature Center building. Open daily, except Christmas, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (8 a.m. - 7 p.m. daylight saving time).

Pioneer Homestead Museum developed to accurately represent 1830s pioneer homestead and Indian homestead. Buildings include log cabin, smoke house, root cellar, corn crib and shed, log barn, and other facilities one would find on typical homestead. Two dwellings represent Akokisa Indian homestead. Dwellings open Wed., Sat. 1 - 4 p.m. At 20634 Kenswick Dr. off F.M. 1960 east. 713/446-8588.

**Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens**—A 214-acre facility with formal gardens; arboretum with picnic area, garden and nature trails. Open daily except Christmas, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. At 22306 Aldine Westfield.

**Old Town Spring**—Restored railroad village of early 1900s with some 150 shops featuring antiques, art, crafts, clothing, and restaurants. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. I-45 at Spring Cypress Road, Exit 70A, one mile east. For information, 713/353-9310.

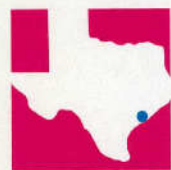
**Texas Air Aces**—Wannabe pilots, ages nine to 99, can try their hands in air combat. It's the real thing, not a simulator. Amateur "aces" fly in the front seat of T-34A Mentor aircraft while an air combat instructor supervises the mission from the rear seat. Aircraft feature infrared laser gun systems, gun-sights, threat-detection/warning systems, and a four-camera video recording system. Video of the "mission" included. Flight experience not required; must be at least 4-ft. 8-in. to fly. Reservations required. D.W. Hooks Airport, 8319 Thora Lane #A-5. Call 713/379-ACES (2237) or 1-800-544-ACES (2237).

**Splashtown USA**—Catch a wave in enormous wave pool...experience a waterfall on Shot Gun Falls...or splash into the Blue Lagoon, a two-level activity pool. There's something for everyone at the 46-acre park. Open daily June - Aug.; weekends in May and Sept. On northbound I-45 at Holzwarth Rd., exit 68. Admission.

## TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE

Pop. (combined) 55,458 Alt. 12

Map R-22



**General**—Although separate communities, twin cities share heritage, business and living areas. Texas City was originally called Shoal Point; real growth began in 1891 when financiers from Minnesota purchased

site for real estate, rail, and port development.

La Marque was originally known as Highland; name changed in 1882 when post office was granted. It became a station on the International-Great Northern Railroad in 1896.

Today the two cities between Houston and Galveston are both a pleasant residential area and site of major industrial and port facilities. Industries include tin smelter, oil refineries, metal fabrication and chemical plants. Port ships grain, cotton, sulfur, petroleum and chemical products. Location of College of the Mainland.

Recreational opportunities include boating, fishing, swimming, sailing and picnicking; municipal golf course and all-weather municipal shooting range.

Shoppers find bargains at the Lone Star Factory Outlet Stores on I-45 at Delany Rd. in La Marque.

For a list of special events, dining opportunities, or additional information for both cities, visit the chamber of commerce office Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 8419 Emmett F. Lowry Expwy., Suite 105, or call 409/935-1408 or 713/280-3917.

**College of the Mainland Art Gallery**—Exhibits of art by regional and national artists. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. during exhibitions. 8001 Palmer Highway. For information, 409/938-1211, ext. 348.



Greyhound racing in La Marque

**Dike and Marina**—Texas City Dike extends five miles into Galveston Bay with 600-foot fishing pier beyond tip of dike. Pier offers the deepest water for pier fishing in state where anglers often take speckled trout, redfish, flounder, and tarpon. Visitors also find beach, boat launching and service facilities, bait, camping, and motel accommodations.

**Frank B. Davison Home**—1897 Victorian structure with period furnishings and archives dating back to Karankawa Indians and Jean Lafitte's pirates. Tours 1st Sun. each month, 2 - 5 p.m. 109 Third Ave. N. Admission.

**Gulf Greyhound Park**—Greyhound racing year round. Air-conditioned grandstand facility features four levels, each offering dining and viewing options. Evening racing Tues. - Sun. with post time at 7:30 p.m. Matinee racing is Wed., Fri., Sat., Sun. with post time at 1:30 p.m. Gates open 30 minutes prior to post time. One block west of I-45 South at Exit 15 in La Marque. For racing information, 409/986-9500 or 1-800-ASK 2 WIN (275-2946) outside 409 Area Code.

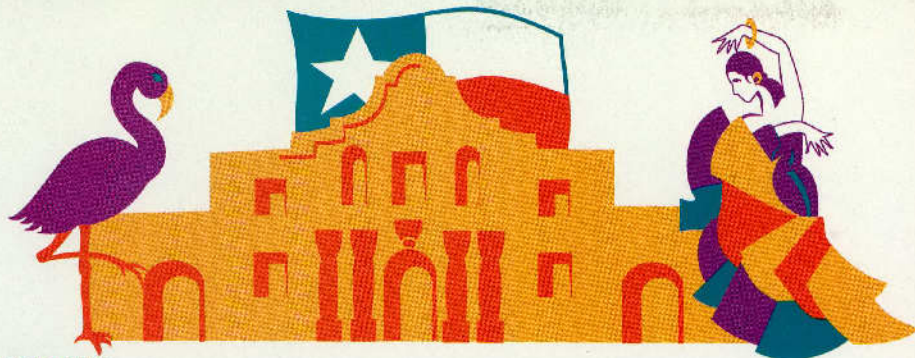
**Parks**—Twelve municipal parks offer playgrounds, 2 swimming pools, baseball diamonds, tennis courts and picnic grounds.

**Visitor Center**—Gateway Visitors Center, operated by Galveston County, offers information on events, accommodations, dining and points of interest for Galveston County. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. At 1849 Gulf Freeway South (I-45), Exit 22. 1-800-264-2684 or 713/332-8822.

## Old Town Spring







## BANDERA

Pop. 924

Alt. 1,258

Map Q-14



**General**—Founded 1852 as a cypress shingle camp, and site of a Mormon colony established 1854. One of the oldest Polish communities in the U.S. An authentic Western town surrounded both by working and guest ranches. Horseback riding available, plus swimming in resort pools or clear Hill Country lakes and rivers. Fine year-round fishing; hunting in

seasons for wild turkey and white-tailed deer; camping, hiking, rodeos, horse races, two 18-hole golf courses, and country/Western dances. Contact Bandera Convention & Visitors Bureau for details on historic sites, area attractions and special events at 1206 Cypress; phone 210/796-3045 or 1-800-364-3833.

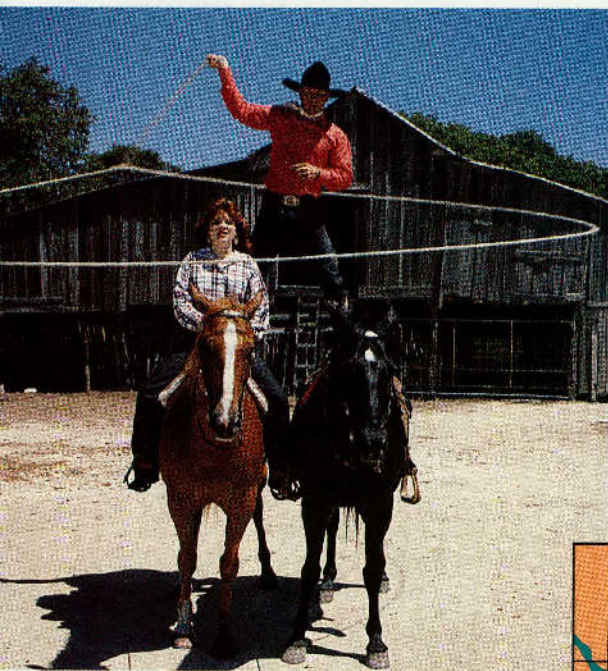
**Frontier Times Museum**—Old West relics, Western art and antiques, plus Indian artifacts. Variety of items ranges from centuries-old Chinese temple bells to Buffalo Bill Wild West Show posters. Open daily 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m. and Sun. afternoon. Admission.

**Hill Country State Natural Area**—Minimum development characterizes this 5,369-acre park in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. Primitive camping is permitted in a 20-acre designated site. Horseback riding, backpacking, and hiking are popular activities. On F.M. 1077, 10 miles west.

**Lake**—Medina. See LAKES listing.

**St. Stanislaus Catholic Church**—Built 1876, serves Polish settlement dating from 1855, one of oldest Polish parishes in U.S.

**Scenic Drives**—Beautiful Hill Country landscapes in almost any direction: Texas 173 north winds through scenic vistas to Camp Verde and Kerrville. Texas 173 south rolls to southern edge of hills and enters lower South Texas Plains. Texas 46 east explores steep-shouldered scenery through community of Pipe Creek to German-accented town of Boerne. Texas 16 and F.M. 470 west is one of the best—dramatic blue hills unfold small green valleys threaded by sparkling creeks.

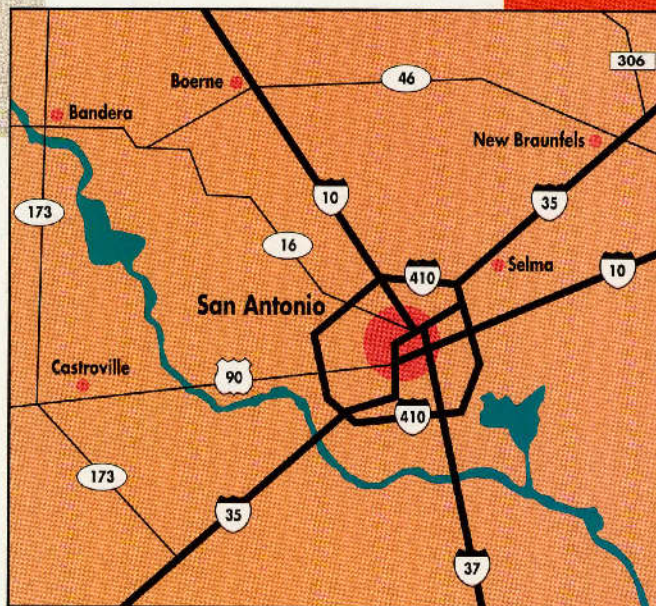


Trick roper lassoes a "Dude" at a Bandera dude ranch

Top rodeo stars and country/Western celebrities know that the best spurs are made here. Sims Spur Co. makes about 15 styles of spurs and some 200 styles of bits. Check it out at 1108 Main St.

**Bandera Downs**—Just 30 minutes north of San Antonio, race track offers pari-mutuel wagering on Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing. Weekend races spring through fall. Call for specific dates and times; 210/796-7781. On Texas 16, two miles south of town.

**Dude Ranches**—Whether you call them guest ranches or dude ranches, Bandera has plenty. Some are rustic; others are equipped with all modern conveniences. Check with Convention & Visitors Bureau (see above).



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# ALAMO COUNTRY

**W**hen Spain established a mission near spring-fed streams at the southern edge of the Hill Country in 1718, mission priests had no idea of what was to come in this new world. Other missions were built and growth followed, but not without a fight. Striving to free themselves from Mexican rule, a vastly outnumbered band of determined Texans took their stand for freedom within the Alamo mission compound in 1836. To this day, the Alamo is known around the world as a symbol of Texas' indomitable spirit.

Today, those early mission settlements have grown into a city, with almost a million people, with unique attractions and amenities.

San Antonio and her nearby neighbors share rich history and warm lifestyles, along with touches of the German, Hispanic, Alsatian, and other cultures that serve to enrich the area and its people. Relax and enjoy the warm greetings of this region's cities, grouped in this special section and listed below. Just about anytime, anywhere, there's a fiesta under way. ¡Ole!

- Bandera • Boerne
- Castroville
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After several special sections like this at the front of this book, see page 86 where alphabetical listings of other Texas cities and towns begin, each with fascinating attractions to enrich your travels anywhere in the Lone Star State.



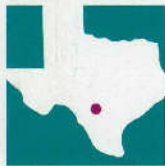
Trail riders in the Hill Country near Bandera

**BOERNE**

Pop. 4,476

Alt. 1,405

Map Q-15

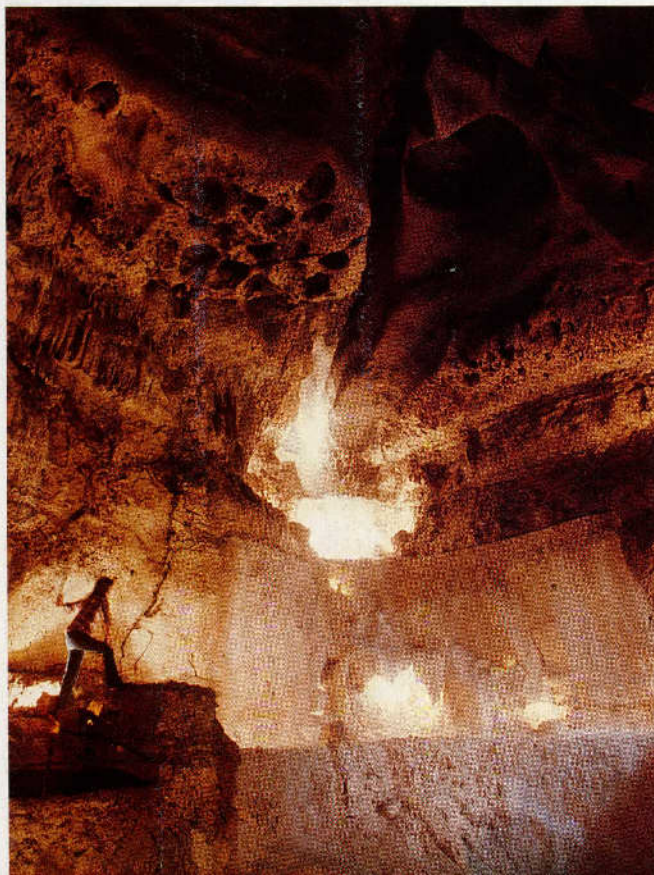


**General**—Boerne (*BUR-nee*) grew from village called Tusculum laid out in 1849; formally established by German pioneer settlers in 1851, and named for German political writer. Fishermen find fortune in Hill Country

lakes and streams; hunters seek white-tailed and axis deer, wild boar, turkey, native and migratory game birds.

**Agricultural Heritage Center**—Indoor and outdoor exhibits of antique farm machinery, implements and equipment, including an 1896 threshing machine; operating blacksmith shop. Open Wed. and Sun. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., and upon request for tour groups (210/249-8000). Closed last 16 days of Dec. and first 15 days of Jan.; adjacent to city park on Texas 46 east.

**Cascade Caverns near Boerne**



**Cascade Caverns**—Popular visitor attraction since 1932. Skilled guides provide one-hour interpretive tours every 30 minutes; well-lighted, comfortable walking trails. A wet, active cave with huge rooms and crystal pools laced by profuse cave growth; 90-foot underground waterfall. Swimming pool, dance pavilion, meeting hall, and camping facilities for RVs, trailers, and tents. Open daily Memorial Day - Labor 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; in winter 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat. and Sun.; 14 mi. N.W. of San Antonio, Exit 543 on I-10; admission.

**Cave Without a Name**—When the cave was opened in 1939 a contest to name it was won by a little boy who said, "This cave is too pretty to name." Stalagmites and stalactites, soda straws, and dozens of imaginative formations grow from the walls and dangle from the roofs of the several rooms in this 98% active cave. Closed Tues. Northeast 6 mi. on F.M. 474; right on Kreuzberg Rd. 4.6 mi. Admission.

**Cibolo Wilderness Trail**—65-acre inner-city greenbelt with three separate and distinct ecosystems. Includes walking trails, estuary, and year-round offering of environmental awareness programs.

**Guadalupe River State Park**—1,900 acres of scenic Hill Country landscapes bisected by the beautiful, cypress-edged river that flows over natural rapids in the park. Wildlife includes white-tailed deer, coyotes, foxes, and armadillos; juniper thickets offer nesting habitat for rare golden-cheeked warbler. Tent and RV camping, rest rooms, showers, picnic sites. Fishing, canoeing, swimming, and hiking. Access via Texas 46, 13 miles east; admission.

**Kronkosky Hill**—Commanding the highest hilltop in Boerne; original homestead of Albert Kronkosky family, built between 1911-17. Currently St. Albert's Early Learning Center (infant - 13 years, including kindergarten and pre-first) and convent for Benedictine Sisters. Most prominent structure is stone Kronkosky Tower, now the school library, superb lookout site over scenic Hill Country landscapes of the Boerne area. Visitors welcome on the grounds during daylight hours.

**Kuhlmann-King Historical House**—General history exhibits in historic building. Open Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. and upon request for groups; 210/249-2030. 402 E. Blanco St.

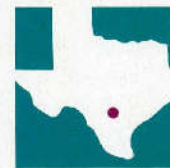
**Ye Kendall Inn**—Stagecoach inn built in 1859; Texas historic landmark listed on National Register of Historic Places. Served as gathering place for lawmen, army officers, cattle drovers, and frontier celebrities. Today offers elegant bed and breakfast accommodations, and includes dress shop, boutique, restaurant, courtyard and meeting hall. Downtown plaza.

**CASTROVILLE**

Pop. 2,264

Alt. 760

Map R-14



**General**—"The Little Alsace of Texas" rich in European appearance and traditions, founded in 1844 by Henri Castro, an empresario of the Texas Republic who brought a group of Alsatian settlers. Today in this quaint

Texas village, past and present intermingle within a curve of the Medina River. Watch especially for examples of German-style country cottages, whose roofs are unequally pitched (usually on the back side) in a manner similar to lean-to design. Some buildings and houses are registered as historic. Center for agribusiness, widely known for genetic research and artificial breeding of livestock.

Castroville Regional Park on Medina River has picnicking, swimming pool, fishing, athletic courts, and camping with hookups (fee). South off U.S. 90 at west edge of city. 210/538-2224.

**Lake**—Medina. See LAKES listing.

**Landmark Inn State Historic Structure**—Tranquility of the past preserved at inn that first served stagecoach travelers; restored to 1940s era with ceiling fans, rocking chairs on galleries, no radio or TV intrusion. Interpretive center, exhibit of artifacts found in restoration, old water-powered grist mill, other structures. Limited rooms for rent; advance reservations advisable. 210/538-2133. Florence and Florella Sts. just off U.S. 90.

**Mt. Gentilz/Cemetery**—Known as Cross Hill, the hill above cemetery offers a panoramic view of the Medina Valley. Buried in cemetery is Amelia Castro, wife of the founder of the city. U.S. 90 and Alsace St.

**St. Louis Catholic Church**—The “new” church was built in 1868-70. Nearby still stands a tiny chapel built by the colonists themselves as the first community project of the Alsatian pioneers. The chapel is on grounds of adjacent Moye Retreat Center, former convent and boys’ military school. St. Louis Day church festival is celebrated yearly, usually on closest Sunday to Aug. 25. Visitors welcomed. U.S. 90 and Angelo St.

#### Landmark Inn dates from stagecoach days in Castroville



## NEW BRAUNFELS

Pop. 28,686

Alt. 720

Map Q-16



**General**—Seat of Comal County, established 1845 on Comal River by German settlers led by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels. Successful farming, ranching, abundant water from large springs contributed to early prosperity

of settlement. German influence in tradition, culture and language still prominent; famous for sausages, breads, and popular river resorts.

New Braunfels Factory Stores is one of state’s first factory-direct shopping centers with some 50 manufacturers selling direct. Open at 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily except 6 p.m. Sun. Exit 187 or 189 on I-35.

Wurstfest (Sausage Festival), 10 days early Nov., salutes the “best of the wurst.” Features singing societies, traditional German bands, dancing groups and sausages of every description. Historical exhibits, art shows and special events.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

**Alamo Classic Car Museum**—Take a trip down memory lane among one of the finest private collections of classic vehicles in the state. These restored vehicles depict more than eight decades of automotive history. Other collectibles also on display. Gift shop. Open daily 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. On I-35 south near city limits, exits 180 or 182. For information, 210/606-4311. Admission.



Hummel Museum in New Braunfels

**Baetge House**—Good example of fachwerk construction, two-story house was built in 1852. Furnishings on first floor predate 1860; second floor allows inspection of construction technique. Open Sat., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 1370 Church Hill Dr. Admission.

**Children’s Museum, The**—Children of all ages enjoy hands-on exhibits, which include CMN-TV studio, a puppet palace, and other creative areas. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 183 I-35, McQueeney Exit (Exit 187). Admission.

**Gruene**—German immigrants established village before 1850; now part of New Braunfels. Historic structures, both ruins and restored, include old homes, stores, art gallery, winery, ice cream parlor, and rustic beer hall, circa 1880, still popular for weekend dances. On Guadalupe River, Gruene Rd. off N. Loop 337.

**Guadalupe Valley Winery**—No vineyard; grapes purchased from Texas vineyards and brought to winery in restored cotton gin, listed on National Register of Historic Places. Tasting room and gift shop open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Tours of winery offered during summer months Sat., Sun. noon - 4 p.m.; Sept. - May, third Sat. of month. Group tours of 10 or more year round by appointment. Tour fee. 1720 Hunter Road in Gruene. 210/629-2351.

**Historic Inns: Faust Hotel**—Restored 1920s hotel with ornate, decorative tile, ceiling fans, and candlestick telephones in each room. Veranda Restaurant features Texas and German-style fare; 62 rooms with baths. 240 S. Seguin St.

**Prince Solms Inn**—Small, plain-Texan exterior; exquisite antique furnishings, 14-foot ceilings, orange bronze hardware, garden, and patio flagged with huge stones from a 19th-Century prison. Wolfgang’s Keller restaurant in basement. Eight rooms with baths and two suites. 295 E. San Antonio St.

**Hummel Museum**—More than 300 paintings and drawings on display, all originals of Sister M.I. Hummel, the artist and inspiration for the famous figurines. Seasonal displays for holidays, and from time to time, artisans from the porcelain factory in Germany will be on hand for demonstrations. Gift

#### Alamo Classic Car Museum in New Braunfels





**Old-world flavors are found in New Braunfels sausage**

**The German heritage of New Braunfels is prevalent everywhere**

shop with full line of figurines, calendars, and plates. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 199 Main Plaza. 1-800-456-4866 or 512/625-5636. Admission.

**Lake**—Canyon. See LAKES listing.

**Landa Park**—Exceptionally scenic city park around crystal springs heading the Comal River. Towering trees, spring-fed swimming pools, tubing, picnicking, boating, bicycling, hiking and golf. Largest springs in state (more than 8 million gallons an hour) form state's shortest river—2.5 miles. Miniature train ride through park.

**Lindheimer Home**—Ferdinand Jakob Lindheimer (1801-1879) was first to classify much of native Texas flora; more than 30 varieties bear his name. The house, circa 1852, displays the fachwerk construction German settlers adapted to Texas cedar and limestone. Many original furnishings. Open May - Aug., daily except Wed., 2 - 5 p.m.; Sept. - Apr., Sat., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 491 Comal St. Admission.

**Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture**—Housed in historic (1858) Andreas Breustedt home; displays include dozens of furniture pieces handcrafted in Texas during 1800s. English ironstone, pewter, and other artifacts

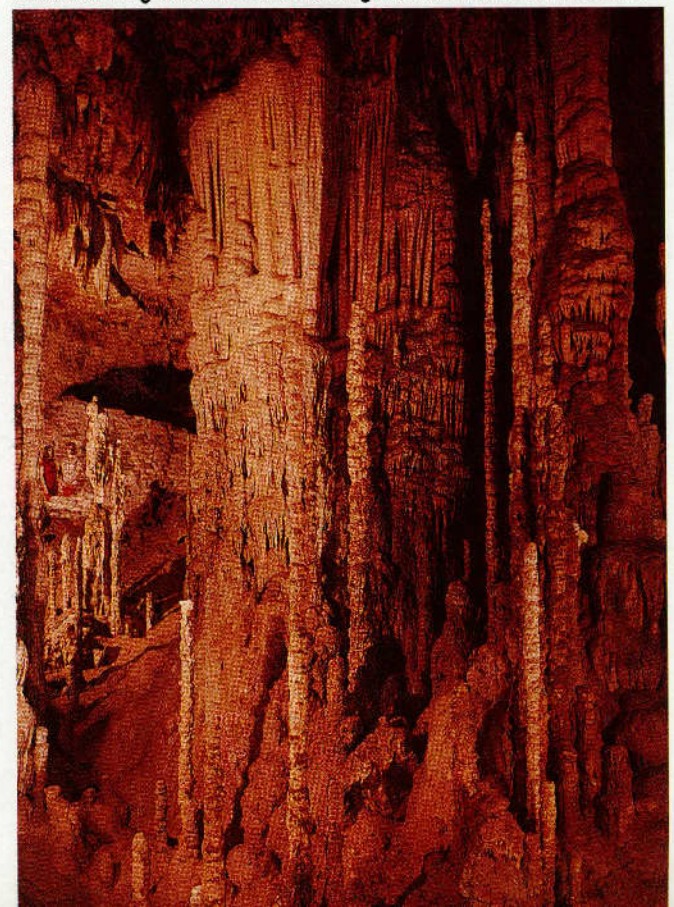
**Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture in New Braunfels**



from 1700s. One-room log cabin features furnishings and tools. Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m.; Labor Day - Memorial Day, Sat., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. 1370 Church Hill Dr. Admission.

**Natural Bridge Caverns**—Vast subterranean maze on ranch land some 17 miles west, designated a U.S. Natural Landmark. Gigantic rooms and corridors stretch more than a mile, leading to underground Purgatory Creek and awesome cave formations. 12 mi. west via Texas 46 and F.M. 1863.

**Subterranean grandeur at Natural Bridge Caverns near New Braunfels**



Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's; tours every half-hour. Admission.

**Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch**—200-acre drive-through preserve spreading over picturesque Texas Hill Country where exotic animals, birds, and Texas wildlife roam freely. Be sure to get container of complimentary food; some animals (African ostrich, sable antelope, yak and others) will actually put their heads into car window for their treat. Extra feed sold in visitor center for two petting zoos. Snack bar, picnic area. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Jun. - Aug. 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.); closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Near Natural Bridge Caverns on F.M. 3009. Admission.



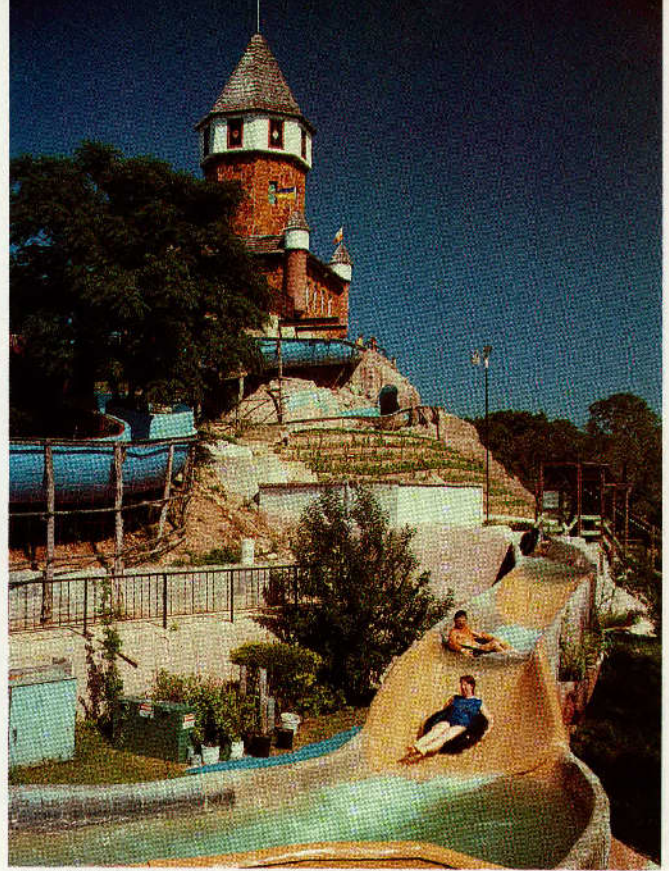
*Landa Park in New Braunfels*

**River Camps**—River camps/resorts have been popular for decades. Clear, cool spring-fed pools, tubing chutes, rapids, and exceptionally scenic settings for family recreation. Family groups abundant during summer; visitors from northern states during winter. See Visitor Information (below) for details.

**River Guides, Outfitters**—Several New Braunfels outfitters provide raft and canoe rentals, plus guided float trips here and in Big Bend region of far West Texas. See Visitor Information (below).

**Scenic Drives**—Any of several highways into the Hill Country are scenic. R.M. 32, the "Devil's Backbone," northwest of Canyon Reservoir is exceptionally beautiful, as is county road from New Braunfels to Sattler along Guadalupe River.

**Schlitterbahn**—(Slippery Road) Water amusement park highlighted by water slides from German-style castle tower; also tube chutes, swimming lagoon, sand beach, bumper boats, giant hot tub, and children's water play



*The Schlitterbahn (Slippery Road) Water Park with German-style castle tower in New Braunfels*

areas. Open weekends in May and Sept., daily Memorial Day - Labor Day; 400 N. Liberty St. Admission.

**Sophienburg Museum**—On hilltop site where Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels built a log fortress. Displays many of the nobleman's personal effects, Indian artifacts and household items of pioneer era. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 401 W. Coll St. at Academy Ave. Admission.

**Visitor Information**—Details and free literature about New Braunfels historic sites, river camps and river outfitters, accommodations, and current local events available at chamber of commerce, 390 S. Seguin St. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tel. 1-800-572-2626.



*The Guadalupe River below Canyon Dam near New Braunfels is popular with tubers*



*The Alamo, Texas' most famous shrine, in San Antonio*

**SAN ANTONIO**

Pop. 958,273

Alt. 701

Map R-15



**General**—In 1718, at an Indian village in a pleasant wooded area of spring-fed streams at the southern edge of the Texas Hill Country, Spain established Mission San Antonio de Valero (later called the Alamo).

A customary accompanying presidio (fort), San Antonio de Bexar (Bay-er), protected mission endeavors. Today's city and county names derive from those 18th-Century Spanish beginnings that predate founding of the United States by more than half a century.

Several other Spanish missions soon followed, but the city's real growth dates from establishment of a villa (civil settlement) in 1731, Spain's first step to colonize Texas. Original colonists were Spanish Canary Islanders, to whom many Texas families proudly trace their roots. San Antonio remained the chief Spanish, then Mexican stronghold in Texas until the Texas Revolution.

Among many nationalities, German builders and businessmen were prominent settlers in the 19th Century. Today, San Antonio is colorfully accented by its multicultural heritage.

Institutions of higher learning include Incarnate Word College, Our Lady of the Lake Univ., St. Mary's Univ., National Univ. of Mexico, Trinity Univ., San Antonio College, Palo Alto College, St. Philips College, Univ. of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and the Univ. of Texas at San Antonio.

Art museums and theaters are among the state's finest; its symphony orchestra rates with the nation's best, and San Antonians' love for fiestas is unsurpassed!

Some of those popular events include the Great Country River Festival in Sept., the Holiday River Festival in Dec., the Texas Folklife Festival in Aug., the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo in mid-Feb., and at Easter the Starving Artists Show held at La Villita and along the River Walk.

Fiesta San Antonio spans 10 days the third and fourth weeks of Apr. This major event includes art exhibitions, coronation of King Antonio, Pilgrimage to the Alamo, concerts, band festivals, Battle of Flowers Parade, King's River Parade, Fiesta Night Parade, flower and fashion shows, musical productions, balls and street dancing, fireworks, and the fabulous series of "Nights in Old San Antonio."

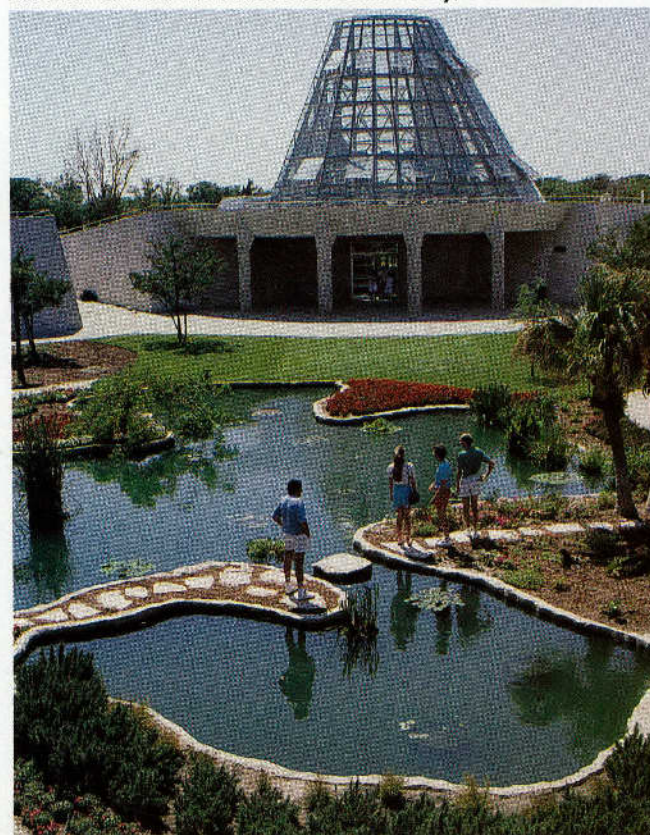
For literature and details about city attractions and events, and for a schedule of the San Antonio Streetcars—an inexpensive, fun way to get to many of the city's downtown attractions—see Visitor Information (below).

Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, built as part of 1968 HemisFair, features 241,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, banquet halls, meeting rooms, and

international conference center; arena for sporting and entertainment, and theatre for the performing arts. "The Confluence of Civilizations" mural on facade of theater is by Juan O'Gorman of Mexico. With extension of San Antonio River actually flowing into heart of the center, river boats provide an unusual means for convention delegates to travel from riverside hotels to meetings.

**The Alamo**—Mission San Antonio de Valero, later to become famous as the Alamo, was established in 1718, the first of five Spanish missions founded in San Antonio to Christianize and educate resident Indians. As the mission grew, the church structure that stands today in midtown was begun about 1755. Its mission role completed, the old buildings were abandoned by 1836

**Botanical Gardens and Lucile Halsell Conservatory, San Antonio**



when the site, by then known as the Alamo, became the "Cradle of Texas Liberty." Rebellng against repressions of Mexico's self-proclaimed dictator, Santa Anna, a band of 189 Texas volunteers defied a Mexican army of thousands for 13 days of siege (Feb. 23 to Mar. 6). The Alamo defenders died to the last man, among them such storied names as William Travis, Davy Crockett, and Jim Bowie. Cost to the Mexican forces was dreadful. While Santa Anna dictated an announcement of glorious victory, his aide, Col. Juan Almonte, privately noted: "One more such 'glorious victory,' and we are finished." (The finish came Apr. 21 when Sam Houston's Texans routed the Mexican army at the Battle of San Jacinto near Houston, and captured "the Napoleon of the West," as Santa Anna billed himself.)

The Alamo is open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Alamo Plaza.



Music, dancing, and thrilling rides at Fiesta Texas

**Alamo Cenotaph**—Dominating the plaza in front of the Alamo, the monument was designed by Pompeo Coppini, eminent Italian-born sculptor who adopted Texas as his home. Names of those who died at the Alamo are inscribed in marble.

**Alamodome**—160,000-sq.-ft. building provides facilities for basketball, football, concerts, and other events. It is the only domed stadium in North America with two permanent ice rinks. It's home for the Alamo Bowl, college football, and home games of the San Antonio Spurs. Tours Tues. - Sat. at 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. (No tours if event is scheduled.) From I-37, take Durango & Alamodome exit. For information, call 210/207-3600. Tour fee.

**Alamo Farms Winery and Vineyard**—Small, boutique-style winery with grape varieties selected following extensive research. Tours visit all aspects of wine production, including unusual underground wine cellar. Open from first Mar. weekend through third weekend in Dec.; Fri., Sat., Mon. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Vineyard tours 2 and 3 p.m.; winery tours, 2:30 and

3:30 p.m. Tour fee. About 25 miles southeast of the Alamo; from Loop 1604, take F.M. 3432 east 3.3 mi.; south 1.3 mi. on Wood Valley and Live Oak to Shady Grove, then east to winery. 210/947-3331.

**Alamo Museum - D.R.T. Library**—Located on grounds that surround the Alamo. On view are relics of famous Battle of the Alamo, and other artifacts associated with days of early colonization and Republic of Texas period. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Botanical Gardens**—33 acres of formal gardens, pools, fountains, and natural areas; Native Texas Area, South Central Xeriscape, Endangered Species Project, Formal Gardens, Biblical Garden, Garden for the Blind, Japanese Garden, and Children's Garden. (All walkways accommodate handicapped.)

Also featured are several Texas houses, reconstructed on the site to help illustrate and interpret the regional theme of the Native Texas Area.

Included is the Lucile Halsell Conservatory, a 90,000-square-foot complex of below-ground greenhouses that use the earth's insulation to limit plant exposure to the elements. Only the pyramidal glass roofs are visible from above ground. Sixteen feet below ground several different ecosystems surround a courtyard and pond.

Gardens are open Tues. - Sun. and holidays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 555 Funston (just north of Fort Sam Houston). Admission.

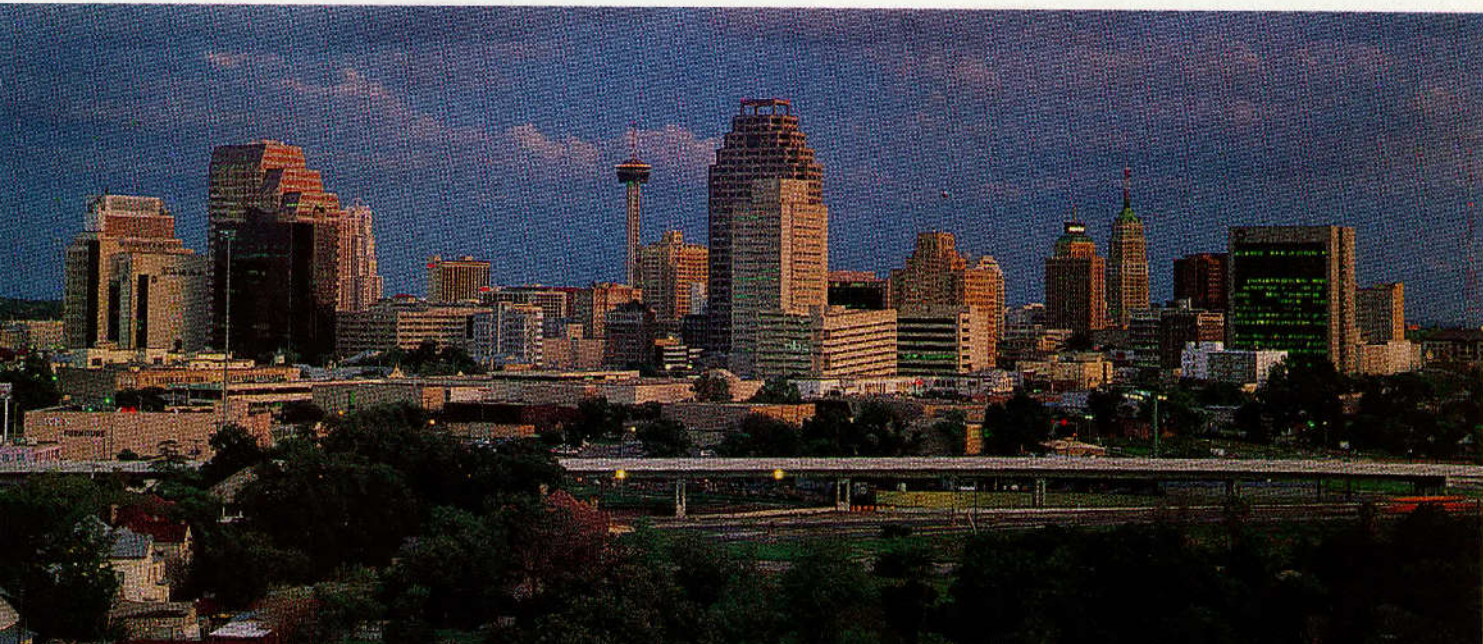
**Buckhorn Park**—Includes rustic stone bridges and winding walks, gleaming pools, and Japanese Tea Garden. On occasion the Sunken Gardens Theater presents entertainment. Also an aerial skyride and the Brackenridge Eagle, one-fifth scale model of diesel train. Innumerable picnic spots; bridle paths. Adjacent to San Antonio Zoo (see below).

**Buckhorn Hall of Horns**—Formerly downtown, the vintage Buckhorn Saloon developed one of world's finest collections of animal horns. Today the old saloon's famous horn and mounted animal collection is displayed at the Lone Star Brewery along with comparable Hall of Fins, Hall of Feathers, a collection devoted to famous marksman Ad Topperwein, and a superb aggregation of antique and custom firearms. Hall of Texas History wax museum recalls Texas history events from Cabeza de Vaca to Teddy Roosevelt (see below). Also preserved is house in which O. Henry lived while he published "The Rolling Stone" newspaper in San Antonio. Open daily at the brewery, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 600 Lone Star Blvd. Admission.

**Carver Cultural Center**—Center traces its historic roots back some 85 years. Facility is both a gallery for contemporary art exhibits and a theater for performing artists. 226 N. Hackberry. 210/225-6516.

**Cowboy Museum and Gallery**—Full-size re-creation of an 1870s false-front trail town built from salvaged materials includes Bella Union Saloon, general store, jail, and cavalry fort. Exhibits recall days of cowboys and Indians, gunfights, trail drivers, cattle barons, and gunfights. Western art gallery. Open daily, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. 209 Alamo Plaza. Admission.

**Fiesta Texas**—200-acre theme park highlights Texas culture and music in four themed areas: **Los Festivales**, a nonstop fiesta atmosphere featuring the strong roots of San Antonio's Mexican and Spanish heritage with two theaters and restaurant; **Crackaxle Canyon** recalls days of 1920s boom town, including narrow gauge railroad and train station, two theaters, rapid-river ride, a world-class wooden roller coaster, *the Rattler*, and restaurants featuring traditional Texas-style barbecue; **Spasburg** ("Spas" means "fun"), reflects German influences in Texas Hill Country with Sangerfest Halle, restaurant and music hall, early 1900s-style carousel, train station, and



children's rides; **Rockville** salutes nostalgic days of Texas in the 1950s with everything from high school gym to corner malt shop. "Rockin' at Rockville High" show is consistently named one of the top entertainment theme park shows in America.

**Fiesta Bay Boardwalk** is a '50s-'60s-era boardwalk that features a 90-ft. Ferris wheel, an activity pavilion with roller skating, an ADA-approved 18-hole miniature golf course, a wading pool, paddle boats, a swinging lifeboat, and a wipe-out ride.

"**Lone Star Spectacular**" shouldn't be missed! This high-tech show tells the story of Texas past and present on a cliff-wall "screen" the size of a football field. Fireworks, lasers, and a surround sound system bring out the "oohs" and "aahs" nightly from the crowds.

The park, set in a limestone quarry surrounded by 100-foot cliffs, also features 13 rides, including giant log flume with 100-ft diagonal drop. In addition to daily shows, special musical events throughout season. For information, call 1-800-IS FIESTA (473-4378). Open daily summer; weekends spring and fall. Closed Dec. - Feb. Special holiday programs and hours late Nov. - Dec. Off Loop 1604 and I-10.

**Friedrich Wilderness Park**—Operated by city of San Antonio as a nature preserve. Provides nesting habitat for black-capped vireo and golden-cheeked warbler. Five miles of hiking trails. Open Wed. - Sun. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. I-10 west to Camp Bullis exit; west on frontage road to park. Donations accepted.

**General Cos House**—Outstanding example of early San Antonio dwelling, in La Villita (see below). Was scene of signing on Dec. 9, 1835, of Articles of Capitulation by Gen. Perfecto de Cos after Texans had captured San Antonio from Mexican forces. Interior not available for public viewing.



**King William District in San Antonio, settled by prominent German merchants in late 19th century, is Texas' first historic district**

**Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center**—Dedicated to the development, preservation, and promotion of Mexican-American arts. Six programs include dance, literature, media arts, theatre arts, and visual arts. Home of annual Tejano Conjunto Music Festival and the Cine-Festival Film Festival. 1300 Guadalupe St. 210/271-3151.

**Hall of Texas History & Wax Museum**—Collection of life-size dioramas depicting epic moments in the state's colorful history—from the coming of first Spanish missionaries in the early 1700s, through the turmoil of frontier violence, revolution, years as an independent republic, and union with the United States. Open daily at the Lone Star Brewery, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 600 Lone Star Blvd. Admission.

**HemisFair Park**—Site of 1968 Texas World's Fair, now a focal point of downtown entertainment and recreation. The 750-foot Tower of the Americas offers two sky-high dining levels plus an observation deck with panoramic view of the city; open daily; admission. Location of Institute of Texan Cultures and Mexican Cultural Institute. (See individual listings of each.) A water garden, around Tower of the Americas, features calm water flowing into rushing waterfalls. Walkways, wading ponds, and observation decks.

**Hertzberg Circus Museum**—Vividly depicts, for "big top" fans of all ages, evolution of "the greatest show on earth." Festive oil paintings, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thumb's carriage, antics of a mechanical Viennese clown! It's all in

miniature, but would win P.T. Barnum's unqualified approval. Open daily except Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Also holidays and Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. June - Labor Day. 210 W. Market St.

**IMAX Theatre**—"Alamo . . . The Price of Freedom"—45-minute docudrama sponsored by Luby's begins with arrival of William B. Travis on Feb. 3, 1836, in San Antonio, and tells story of the 189 defenders who chose to die for freedom. IMAX Theatre screen, six stories tall. Other IMAX features shown along with 70mm conventional films. Theater opens daily at 10 a.m. In Rivercenter Mall, 803 E. Commerce St., across from rear entrance to the Alamo. For schedule of films, call 210/225-4629.

**Institute of Texan Cultures**—Here's history not concerned with dry events, but with the people who accomplished them—people who created the robust kaleidoscope that is Texas today. Twenty-six ethnic and cultural groups featured in a rich variety of exhibits—where they came from and what they did, their food and clothing, their music and festivals. Don't miss the multimedia show four times daily in the Institute's central dome. It's a great place to discover the roots of Texas, and it's free; open Tues. - Sun., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. HemisFair Park.

**Jose Antonio Navarro State Historic Site**—Three limestone structures, circa 1850—the home, office, and separate kitchen of Navarro, prominent Mexican-Texan patriot who was among signers of Texas Declaration of Independence. Restored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.; authentic period furnishings, personal memorabilia. Open Wed. - Thurs. 1 - 4 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 228 S. Laredo St. Admission.

**King William District**—Area settled by prominent German merchants in late 19th Century, designated state's first Historic District. Virtually all homes and mansions have been or are being restored. The Steves Homestead, preserving elegant furnishings in Victorian mansion of 1870s, is open daily 10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. 509 King William St. Admission.

The Guenther House was built by Carl Hilmar Guenther, founder of Pioneer Flour Mills, in 1860. Restored by the company as a museum, restaurant, and retail store. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Restaurant hours similar. 205 E. Guenther St. Tel. 210/227-1061.

District walking tour available from Conservation Society office, 107 King William St.

**Lakes**—Braunig, Calaveras, Canyon, Medina. See LAKES listing.

**La Villita**—(The Little Village) Restored Mexican village captures charm of the past amid narrow streets, shaded patios, and authentic adobe houses with small restaurants, arts, and craft shops. Beside the river in heart of downtown, a romantic setting for city fiestas and cultural events. Bounded by S. Alamo and Nueva Sts.

Ameson River Theatre in the open air presents Latin-flavored and other performances several times weekly during much of the year.

**McNay Art Museum**—Works of artists who charted course of 20th-Century painting. Once occupied by Marion Koogler McNay, patroness of modern art, museum houses post-Impressionistic paintings of Cezanne, Gauguin (one a self-portrait), Toulouse-Lautrec, and Van Gogh. Winslow Homer and John Marin number among Americans, but the international collection also includes works of Diego Rivera and El Greco. Two galleries devoted to Indian arts and crafts from New Mexico. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 6000 N. New Braunfels St.

**Majestic Theatre**—Opened in 1929; closed in 1974; reopened in 1989 as a performing arts center, the Majestic is said to be one of the finest "atmospheric" theatres ever built. Completely restored, and entered on the National Register of Historic Places, the theatre combines Baroque, Spanish Mission, and other motifs from Greek and Roman traditions to create a fantasy environment. For performance schedules call 210/226-3333. 212 E. Houston St.

**El Mercado**—Like a typical market from the interior of Mexico: local handi-crafts and imports including wrought iron, pottery, wood carvings, leather and straw goods, and colorful stalls featuring farm-fresh produce. Santa Rosa and Commerce Sts.

**Mexican Cultural Institute**—Exhibits of work by contemporary Mexican artists. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sat., Sun. noon - 6 p.m. HemisFair Park.

**Military Bases Complex**—Since San Antonio's founding as a presidio more than two centuries ago, the military has been an integral part of the city. Most military installations require a visitor's pass, which usually may be obtained at the gate. For security reasons, some areas are restricted.

**Brooks Air Force Base**—Founded in 1918 and scene of history's first mass paratroop drop. Headquarters of Aerospace Medical Division with USAF School of Aerospace Medicine, first institution of its kind in world, and USAF Occupational and Environmental Health Laboratory, and the USAF Human Resources Laboratory.

**Hangar 9/Edward H. White II Memorial Museum** is Air Force's oldest wooden hangar and is its sole remaining hangar from World War I construction inventory. Named for the first man to walk in space and native





**1731 Mission Concepcion in San Antonio**

San Antonian. Museum covers history of Brooks, the development of manned flight and evolution of aerospace medicine. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays. Group tours available Mon. - Fri. Call 210/536-3234 for reservations.

**Fort Sam Houston**—Established 1876, has witnessed evolution of military from infantry and cavalry to airborne and motorized forces. Dominated by famous watchtower, historic quadrangle that once detained Geronimo and his renegade Apaches, now confines only tame deer and peacocks. Fort Sam headquarters both the U.S. Fifth Army and Brooke Army Medical Center.

**Fort Sam Houston Medical Museum**—More than 200 years of U.S. Army medicine is displayed in the Army Medical Department Museum, moved in 1989 to San Antonio from Washington where it was founded in 1862. From the small staff in the Continental Army to today's technology, the museum captures the spirit of the doctors, nurses, and medics who performed selflessly in wartime. Open Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bldg. 1046 at Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Rds.

**Fort Sam Houston Museum**—Chronicles the story of Fort Sam Houston and the U.S. Army in the San Antonio area from 1845 to the present. Individual exhibits and audiovisual programs highlight 10 important periods, from the post's origin through Sherman's concentration policy, the "Rough Riders" of the Spanish-American War, military aviation, the troubled Mexican border, World Wars I and II, and through the cold war. Self-guided tour maps of the fort available here. Open Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bldg. 123 on S-4 Rd.

**San Jose, the "Queen of Missions," in San Antonio**



**Kelly Air Force Base**—Young aviator named Charles Lindbergh trained here, as did Billy Mitchell and "Hap" Arnold. Both the Air Logistics Center and the Air Force Electronic Security Command are headquartered at Kelly, nation's oldest military airfield.

**Lackland Air Force Base**—History and Traditions Classroom, the small air museum at Lackland, is open free to the public daily. Collections include aircraft equipment dating from World War I to current jet engines and aircraft displays. "Gateway to the Air Force" aptly describes Lackland, where many airmen first train.

**Randolph Air Force Base**—Official Air Force Records Center, also provides pilot training. The base's famous landmark, dubbed the "Taj Mahal," has become a symbol of professional flight training to thousands of Air Force pilots.

**Missions of San Antonio**—In addition to the Alamo, four other San Antonio missions were established by Franciscan friars in the early 18th Century. A map for the "Mission Trail" driving route (signed on city streets) is available from the Visitor Information Center (see below). El Dia de las Misiones (The Day of the Missions) is a colorful, annual salute to these historic structures on the first Sun. in Aug. All missions are open daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Apr. - Sept.; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. - Mar.

**Mission Nuestra Senora de la Purisima Concepcion**—Established in 1731, more than 20 years under construction. Massive church with twin towers and cupola is oldest unrestored stone church in U.S., standing as completed in 1755. Adjacent cloister arcade is partly restored. Church acoustics are equated with the Mormon Tabernacle. 807 Mission Rd.

**Mission San Francisco de la Espada**—Also established 1731, favorite of many students of Spanish period in Texas, and popular with photographers. The little church building, restored several times, is still in use. Ruins of walls that once surrounded the mission compound; foundations of a granary, baluarte, or fortified tower, can still be seen. Espada Rd. south. Near the mission is an aqueduct over Piedra Creek, part of mission's irrigation system built in 1740s. System includes dam on San Antonio River and *acequia* (irrigation ditch) still in use after more than 200 years. The aqueduct is a National Historic Landmark.

**Mission San Jose y San Miguel de Aguayo**—Known as the "Queen of Missions," is both a State and National Historic Site. Founded 1720; church built between 1768-82. Entire mission compound has been restored, including outer wall with Indian dwellings, granary and workshops. Old flour mill outside north wall was built about 1790, first in Texas. Visitors are fascinated by rich facade of domed church, and by sculptured exterior of sacristy window known as "the Rose Window," or "Rosa's Window." In granary is model of mission as it looked in late 1700s. 6539 San Jose Dr. at Mission Rd.

**Mission San Juan Capistrano**—Like both Espada and Concepcion, established 1731. Extensive restoration work has been carried out. Besides charming little chapel with open bell tower, there are ruins of a larger church that was never completed. Restored missionary residence displays artifacts from Spanish colonial period. Church still serves community of Berg's Mill, now part of city. Graf Rd. off Mission Rd.

**Pear Apple County Fair**—Family fun center with a turn-of-the-century ambience, like old-fashioned county fairs. Indoor activities include a Ferris wheel, bumper cars, and 24,000-sq.-ft. game area with more than 160 games; outside, two miniature golf courses, half-mile go-cart track. No admission; all games priced individually. Many attractions wheelchair accessible. Open daily. 5820 NW Loop 410 (between Bandera & Ingram Rds). 210/521-9500.

**Pioneer Hall**—The "Trail Drivers" collection of artifacts recalls the days of the great trail drives between 1886 and 1895 when more than 10 million cattle were driven north out of Texas; saddles, branding irons, spurs. "Pioneer Room" reflects the lifestyle of early Texas settlers. "Rangers" collection honors those early lawmen. Outdoor sculptures depict a Texas Ranger (by Richard Cook) and a trail driver (by Gutzon Borglum). Open May - Aug. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sept. - Apr. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 3805 Broadway. Admission.

**Plaza Theater of Wax**—More than 200 wax figures in several theme settings. The Texas History section emphasizes the heroes of the Alamo; the Theatre of Horrors features the Frankenstein monster, Count Dracula, the Wolfman and a dozen more in a participatory environment; the movie section's lifelike figures are drawn from such popular films as "Ben Hur," "The King and I" and "Dr. Zhivago." Open daily except Christmas and New Year's, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. in winter; till 10 p.m. in summer. Across from the Alamo at 301 Alamo Plaza.

**Ripley's Believe It or Not!**—More than 500 exhibits let visitors explore eight major theme galleries containing unique artifacts and oddities from original collection of Robert Ripley. See scale miniature of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth with more than 1,000 hand-carved pieces. Open daily except Christmas and New Year's, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. in winter; till 10 p.m. in summer. Across from the Alamo at 301 Alamo Plaza.

**River Walk**—One level below the busy streets of downtown, the *Paseo del Rio* is San Antonio's premier visitor experience! Meanders several miles through midtown beneath giant cypress trees and palms, accented by tropical foliage and flowering shrubs. Edged by popular hotels, art and gift shops, restaurants and sidewalk cafes, boutiques, and cabarets. Half-hour scenic riverboat cruises (fee). Access from Alamo Plaza, Rivercenter Mall, and city streets including South Alamo, South Broadway, Presa, Navarro, St. Mary's, Market, Commerce and Crockett.

**San Antonio Museum of Art**—Six-building complex of renovated historic (1883) brewery. Opened 1981 to house art of the Americas: pre-Columbian, American Indian, Spanish Colonial, 18th-20th Century American paintings, and sculpture; photography, furniture, and decorative arts. Works by Hans Hofmann, William Merritt Chase, Ernest Lawson. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Tues. 9 p.m.); Sun. noon - 6 p.m. 200 W. Jones Ave. off Broadway. Admissions, except free Tues. 3 - 9 p.m.

**San Antonio Zoo**—An oasis inhabited by more than 3,000 animals of over 700 different species; the third largest animal collection in North America. It is a sanctuary for various endangered species like the whooping crane, snow



**Governor's Palace in San Antonio was seat of Spanish government**

leopard, and white rhino. Shaded by towering oak, pecan, and cypress trees, there are natural habitats with rocky cliffs and moats. An Australian walkabout offers face-to-face viewing of koalas, kangaroos, and other animals from Down Under. Africa's Rift Valley exhibit displays an array of African wildlife, and a children's zoo features a tropical boat tour of animal and plant exhibits from around the world. Live animal exhibitions from cages to seals. Elephant and camel rides are scheduled most days in summer. Two aquariums display sharks, moray eels, reef fish, assorted marine specimens. Wheelchair access, restaurant. Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (till 6:30 Apr. - Nov.). Near downtown at 3903 N. St. Mary's at Brackenridge Park. Admission.

**San Fernando Cathedral**—Because of Catholic influence in San Antonio, the cathedral and city have shared a long history since its foundation was laid in 1738 by Canary Island colonists who were given land and title in New Spain (San Antonio) by King Phillip V of Spain. San Fernando faced series of disasters from 1828-1868: fire in 1828; dome shattered, wall pockmarked from artillery bombardment, 1835; Gen. Santa Anna raised flag of "no quarter," 1836, during siege of Alamo; roof collapsed in 1858; and fire damage again at end of Civil War. In 1926 San Antonio raised to an archdiocese, making cathedral home for bishop. After undergoing renovation, was rededicated in 1977. Site of historic papal visit in 1987. Between West Market & West Commerce Sts. downtown.

**Sea World of Texas**—Even in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, lumbering walrus, playful otters, lovable dolphins, and giant killer whales find Texas as homey as the Pacific or Atlantic Oceans at Sea World's \$140-million

**Sidewalk cafes, cabarets, boutiques and hotels line the River Walk in San Antonio**



park. Five performing stadiums for marine animal shows. The undisputed star is Shamu, the killer whale whose intelligence, grace, and beauty have won the hearts of millions. In addition to marine animals, there is a 12.5-acre lake for the graceful water-skiers show; playground for children; aquariums displaying sharks, rays, sawfish and hundreds of vibrantly hued fish; colorful waterfowl, including bright pink flamingos, competing for color with the park's floral beauty. The Texas Splashdown flume ride twists 1/2 mile through water rapids, dropping five stories at one point. *Rio Loco*, Spanish for crazy river, aptly describes this wet and wild ride down an 1,800 ft.-long raging stream. "Shamu's Happy Harbor," features sand sculpting, face painting, and other entertaining activities for children. "Lost Lagoon" features a 5-acre adventure with surf, sand, and fun. "Tropical Aviary" is a spacious, walk-through area with colorful birds that roam in a lush, free-flight environment. "Alligator Habitat" lets guests come "eye to eye" with nature's menacing-looking reptiles in a naturalistic setting.

Nights become magical as the sun goes down. "Mermaids, Myths and Monsters" is a must for park visitors. The "mistical" extravaganza features images of King Neptune, mermaids, sea monsters, and others materializing on a screen of water 40 feet high and 80 feet wide at Sea World's Water Ski Lake. The larger-than-life images emerging from the dark waters at night are spectacular. Fireworks and full-color laser light displays enhance the show.

Open weekends spring and fall; daily during summer. Superstar concerts feature top recording artists; for schedule and information call 1-800-527-4757. At Ray Ellison Dr. & Westover Hills Blvd. off Texas 151, 15 miles NW of downtown. Admission.

**Shooting Star Ranch**—Experience cowboy country! A full evening of Old West entertainment featuring Indian dances, cowboy story telling and poetry, wagon rides, children's Old West activities area, and chuck wagon supper. Open Tues. - Sat. Jun. - Aug.; Fri. and Sat. May, Sept., and Oct. Gates open at 5 p.m. Take I-10 West to Loop 1604; west six miles to F.M. 1560; right one mile to gate. Reservations recommended; call 210/695-2553.

**South Texas Medical Center**—Organized in 1947 by San Antonio Medical Foundation to create a world-class medical center for patient care, education, and research. Today, the 700-acre complex includes Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital, Cancer Therapy and Research Center, Humana Hospital-San Antonio, Humana Women's and Children's Hospital, Medical Center Hospital, Santa Rosa Northwest Hospital, Southwest Neuropsychiatric Institute, Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital, St. Luke's Lutheran Hospital, Villa Rosa Hospital, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital. Take I-10 west to Wurzbach Rd.; south on Wurzbach Rd. to complex.

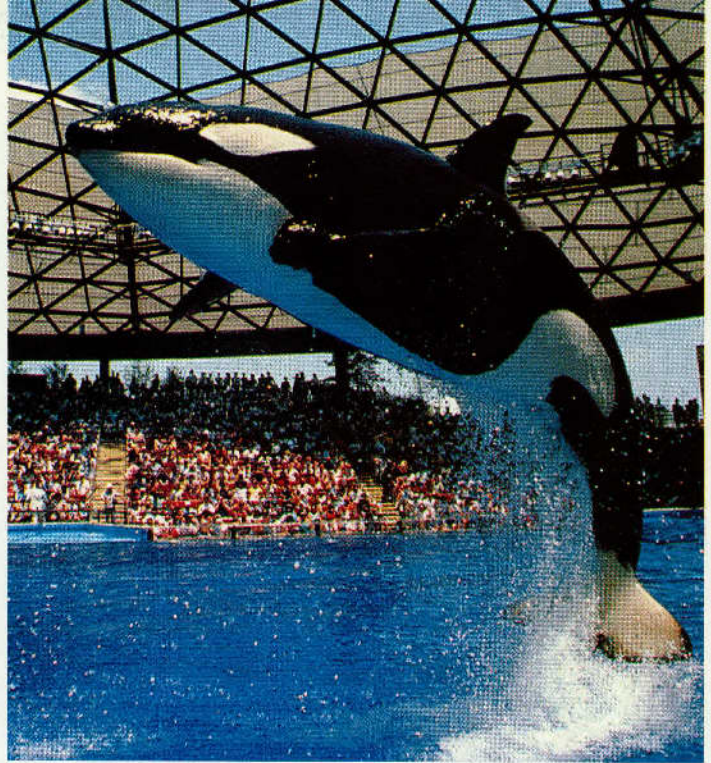
**Southwest Craft Center**—Housed in restored 1851 Ursuline Academy, city's only remaining example of French Provincial architecture. Craft Center established alternative art school at site in 1971. The compound houses the Emily Edwards Gallery featuring seven exhibitions annually, and the Ursuline Sales Gallery featuring a variety of arts and crafts. Visitors welcome to explore grounds. Copper Kitchen restaurant open Mon. - Fri. 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Galleries open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tel 210/224-1848. 300 Augusta St.

**Spanish Governor's Palace**—In 1772, San Antonio became seat of Spanish government in Texas, headquartered at 10-room Spanish Governor's Palace on Military Plaza. It was to this adobe-walled structure that Moses Austin came in 1820 for permission to bring a colony of U.S. citizens into Spanish Texas. Many commandants of Presidio de Bexar and Spanish governors lived and ruled here. Building is typical of colonial Spain with carved doors, low-beamed ceilings, grape arbor and mosaic-tiled patio. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Camaron St. at Military Plaza. Admission.

**Splashtown**—San Antonio—15-acre water recreation park features water slides, the world's largest surf-tech pool, a sandy beach, a restful river, and children's activities. Open Apr. - Sept. I-35 at Coliseum Rd. Admission. Tel. 210/227-1100.

**Streetcars**—Utilizing rubber-tired replicas of antique cars, four routes of VIA San Antonio Streetcars reach historic districts and other sites of visitor interest. Route maps available at hotels and Visitor Information Center (see below). Small fare.

**Texas Adventure, The**—Some visitors call it a 200-seat time machine! It's the first Encountarium F/X Theatre™ of its kind where special effects bring ghost-like images to life reliving the struggle for Texas Independence with the Alamo drama as its centerpiece. A cannon fires and a cannon ball races overhead; muskets shoot and a lamp shade on a wall across the room falls; the sky erupts with fire much like it did during the legendary battle. Other items include historical displays, souvenir store, and snack bar. Open daily 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. in summer (till 6 p.m. in winter). For information, 210/227-8224. 307 Alamo Plaza. Admission.



**Shamu the Whale stars at Sea World of Texas in San Antonio**

**Texas Transportation Museum**—Features antique pedicabs, horse-drawn and gas-powered vehicles, three model railroads, and other railroad memorabilia. Static display of business, Pullman, and steam locomotive. Train rides Sun. 1 - 3 p.m. Open Thurs., Sat., Sun. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11731 Wetmore Rd. Group tours for train ride require advance notice. 210/490-3554. Admission.

**The Texas Star Trail**—Historical 2.6-mile walking tour designated by blue disks in sidewalks, with 80 historic sites and landmarks identified. Brochure/map available from the San Antonio Conservation Society, 107 King William St.

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial**—Depicts a scene from the Battle for Hill 881 South—a radio man calling for help for a wounded comrade. At corner of E. Martin and Jefferson Sts. in front of Municipal Auditorium.

**Visitor Information Center**—Details about San Antonio attractions and events, free maps, directions, literature, accommodations, and dining information. Provided daily 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. by the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day, and at noon day of Battle of Flowers Parade during Fiesta San Antonio in April. 317 Alamo Plaza. Tel. 210/270-8748 or 1-800-447-3372.

**Witte Museum of History and Science**—Extensive exhibits covering natural history and natural science of Texas; dioramas of Texas flora and wildlife. Rebuilt on grounds are four early Texas houses and furnished log cabin. Slide presentation about San Antonio's history and contemporary scene. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Tues. 9 p.m.); Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 3801 Broadway. Admission, except free Tues. 3 - 9 p.m.

**Yturri-Edmunds Historic Site**—One of few adobe buildings remaining in city, homestead built c. 1850, is part of complex that includes historic mill (sometimes used for corn-grinding demonstrations), Oge Carriage House from King William District, and 1855 Postert House. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. noon - 4 p.m. 257 Yellowstone at Mission Trail.

## SELMA

Pop. 546

Alt. 875

Map FF-8



**General**—Settled in 1847 in a region that was open range country. A post office was established in late 1870s, but San Antonio's growth eclipsed that of all other Bexar County communities.

**Blue Bonnet Palace**—County/Western entertainment complex includes dance hall, indoor bull-riding arena, outdoor sports, and rodeo arena. Big name country stars, professional cowboys, special events, and entertainers. Open at 7 p.m. Fri., Sat. Garden Ridge Exit off I-35 north of San Antonio; south on access road. Admission.

# THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

It's not really a valley, but when Texans say "The Valley" everybody knows where they mean. It's a flat alluvial plain that stretches along the Rio Grande at the state's southern tip. Mexico is just across that river, and Hispanic influences are strong along the Texas side, too.

Visitors like the colorful, bicultural influences—the throb of Spanish guitars, the spicy tang of Mexican cuisine, soft syllables of the Spanish language intertwined with everyday English.

From the cities grouped in this special section and listed below, Mexico is just a bridge away, and few travelers to The Valley leave without making the brief foreign crossing. Prized souvenirs include hand-blown glass, embroidered Mexican shirts and dresses, wrought iron, ceramics, large or small items of brass, and jewelry to prompt second looks "back home."

The population swells every winter when throngs of Winter Texans from frozen northlands choose this subtropical region as an escape from wintry blasts. But whatever the season, The Valley offers sights to see and things to do that are different, and fun. ¡Bienvenido, y'all!

- Alamo • Brownsville • Donna
- Edinburg • Harlingen • McAllen
- Mission • Pharr • Port Isabel
- Port Mansfield • Raymondville
- Rio Grande City
- Rio Hondo • Roma
- San Benito • San Juan
- South Padre Island
- Weslaco

After several special sections like this at the front of this book, see page 86 where alphabetical listings of other Texas cities and towns begin, each with fascinating attractions to enrich your travels anywhere in the Lone Star State.



## ALAMO

Pop. 8,474

Alt. 99

Map Z-16



**General**—In irrigated area of southern Hidalgo County; incorporated 1924 and named for Alamo Land and Sugar Co. Abundant vegetables, citrus, and winter resort-retirement area; also one of Valley's gateways to Mexico. (Via U.S. 281; McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge.)

### Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

—About 2,000 acres of thick, brushy growth, typical of Valley before agricultural development. Preserves and protects abundant wildlife and plant species, many found nowhere else in U.S. Rare birds prominent during winter season. Interpretive wildlife tram rides operate late Nov. - mid-Apr.; fee. Private cars use 7-mile wildlife drive on days when tram isn't operating. Walk-through access any time during daylight hours. Three self-guided nature walks; one for wheelchairs. Visitor center open weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed federal holidays). Entrance 0.4 mile east of U.S. 281/F.M. 907 intersection, some 7.5 miles south of Alamo.



Sunderland Cactus Garden at Alamo

**Sunderland's Cactus Garden**—Five acres of native and exotic cacti and succulents; among thousands of plants, one is the largest nursery-grown cactus in Texas, a 25-foot specimen of *Pachycereus pringlei*, native to small area of Baja California. Many

rare species propagated here from seed. Cactus shop and gardens open Sun. - Fri.; guided group lecture tours by appointment on Sunday. North of Alamo 0.7 mile on F.M. 907 at F.M. 495.





**Bargains and treasures await shoppers in Matamoros, Mexico**

**BROWNSVILLE**

Pop. 102,895

Alt. 57

Map Z-17



**General**—Texas' southernmost city, international seaport, airport and railroad interchange point on Mexican border. Area dates from colonial days of Imperial Spain, covering periods of exploration, wars,

revolutions, and colorful, though infamous, banditry.

City began in 1846 when Gen. Zachary Taylor established Fort Brown to confirm Rio Grande as national boundary after Republic of Texas became a U.S. State. Regrettably, that very incident touched off U.S.-Mexican War, 1846-48. Several existing buildings of Fort Brown are now part of Texas Southmost Jr. College (below). Another institution of higher learning on same campus is Univ. of Texas-Pan American.

Brownsville is the Rio Grande Valley's largest city whose industries

include electronics, food processing and petrochemicals. Vacationers are attracted by subtropical climate, proximity to Mexico, excellent golf courses, and access to South Padre Island.

Major annual event is Charro Days, a spectacular four-day costume fiesta, usually late Feb., that features parades, music, dancing, and foods of this colorful two-nation region.

**Brazos Island State Park**—Although state-owned, park is actually an undeveloped beach on the Gulf of Mexico—beautiful beach, but no facilities. And it's not an island, but a small spit of land (Boca Chica) just south of South Padre Island. Permitted activities include camping, surfing, fishing, swimming, picnicking, and nature study. Half-mile-long stone jetty at northern end provides Gulf fishing. About 22 miles east of Brownsville via Texas 4.

**Brownsville Art League Museum**—In historic Neale House built in 1834; moved to present location in 1950. Gazebo once was the Fort Brown bandstand. Art exhibits. Open Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. In Ft. Brown area at 230 Neale Dr.

**Brownsville Visitor Center**—Beside U.S. 77/83 (F.M. 802 exit) in north Brownsville. Detailed visitor information, maps and tourist literature about local attractions and Matamoros, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande. Historic trolley sightseeing tours start here; call for schedule. Open Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; closed holidays. 210/546-3721.

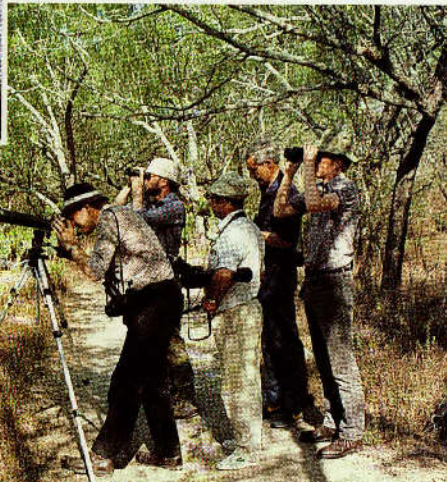
**Confederate Air Force Rio Grande Valley Wing**—World War II aircraft and memorabilia displayed. Popular Air Fiesta held in fall. Open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport. 210/541-8585.

**Fort Brown/Texas Southmost Jr. College**—Established 1846, fort housed troops during Mexican War, defended border, changed hands during Civil War. Noted for work of William C. Gorgas, later U.S. Army Surgeon General, whose studies led to eventual control of yellow fever. Original hospital now administration building of Texas Southmost Jr. College, a municipal coed facility. Other remaining buildings are post headquarters, medical lab, guardhouse, and morgue. At terminus of Taylor Ave.

**Gladys Porter Zoo**—Elaborate zoological park without bars or cages. Rare exotic animals displayed in natural settings on a multitude of small islands; close-up views through one-way glass in a series of "caves" adjacent to animal dens. Zoo divided into four "worlds": Africa, Asia, Australia/Indonesia, and South America. Open daily, Ringgold and Sixth Sts. Admission.

**Historic Brownsville Museum**—Photo exhibits, data, exhibits of local history. Housed in restored Southern Pacific depot. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 641 E. Madison. Admission.

**Bird watching is popular at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge near Alamo**





**Siberian Tiger, Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville**

**Matamoros, Mexico**—Just across Rio Grande from Brownsville, caters to hosts of U.S. visitors with night clubs, restaurants, cocktail rooms, and gift shops. Bargains in pottery and wealth of handicrafts in Mexican market area. Access via Gateway Bridge (toll) at terminus of E. 14th St. or via B&M Railroad Bridge (toll). (See MEXICO: Entrance and Exit Regulations, at end of book.)

**Palmito Hill Battlefield**—Last land engagement of Civil War fought near Brownsville at Palmito Ranch. Confederates commanded by Col. John S. Ford, not having heard of Lee's surrender at Appomattox a month earlier, routed and captured Federal force in running encounter on May 12-13, 1865. After battle, Confederates learned from their prisoners of South's capitulation. Victors then became formal captives of their former prisoners. An historical marker is 12 miles east on Texas 4.

**Palo Alto Battlefield National Park**—North of Brownsville near intersection of F.M. 1847/F.M. 511 is site where artillery duel opened Mexican War May 8, 1846. Cannon under command of Gen. Zachary Taylor proved superior to that of Mexican Gen. Mariano Arista. Dedicated national park May 8, 1993, the 147th anniversary of the battle. Given unique mandate by Congress when it was created—exhibits must cover war from both

**Brownsville's Gladys Porter Zoo**



countries' perspectives from the causes of the war to its effects today.  
**Port of Brownsville**—On ship channel connecting to Gulf of Mexico, port hosts ships from exotic foreign lands and large fleet of shrimp boats. Huge offshore drilling rigs fabricated here. About 5 miles east off Texas 48.  
**Sabal Palm Grove Wildlife Sanctuary**—One of the best preserved Sabal Palm forest in the U.S. 172-acre wildlife sanctuary owned by the National Audubon Society; self-guided tours permitted. Nature trail and visitor center. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. From International Blvd. 5.7 miles southeast on F.M. 1419 (Southmost Rd.); follow sign. Admission. 210/541-8034.  
**South Padre Island**—Some 25 miles northeast of Brownsville, access to island is from Port Isabel by causeway across Laguna Madre. See SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, this section.  
**Stillman House Museum**—Residence was built about 1850 by Charles Stillman, founder of Brownsville. Museum contains his possessions, mementos of early Brownsville, furnishings, heirlooms, books, coins, and pictures. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon, 2 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 3 - 5 p.m. 1305 E. Washington. Admission.



**Donna Hooks Fletcher Museum is housed in Nation's oldest American Legion Hall, Donna**

**DONNA**  
Pop. 12,895

Alt. 88

Map Z-16



**General**—Founded as station on St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railroad in 1906; named for Donna Hooks, daughter of a townsite promoter. Today a retail center for ranching and intensive agriculture of

Rio Grande Valley; hosts abundant winter visitors.  
**Donna Hooks Fletcher Museum**—Memorabilia, photos and artifacts from town's founding; vintage furniture, hand tools, farm and household articles, restored bar from early-day Blue Goose Saloon. Housed in historic American Legion Hall (oldest in nation), 3rd block of S. Main. Open Wed. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Sept. - May.

**EDINBURG**  
Pop. 30,393

Alt. 91

Map Y-16



**General**—First named Chapin for townsite promoter; renamed Edinburg 1911. Hidalgo County seat and western gateway to Lower Rio Grande Valley; center of vast vegetable and citrus culture. Industries include food

processing, furniture, foundry products, fertilizers, oil, and dairy products. Home of Univ. of Texas-Pan American.  
**Edinburg Municipal Waterpark**—Family fun at three-pool swimming facility featuring 125-foot figure-eight water slide, water basketball, sand-pit volleyball, barbecue grills, and picnic tables. Open each Sat. - Sun. from Apr. through Aug. at 123 E. Palm Drive. Admission.



**Hidalgo County Historical Museum, Edinburg**

**Hidalgo County Historical Museum**—Excellent interpretation of the Hispanic-accented area's colorful history; includes pioneer ranch and home items, clothing, early documents, and photos. Housed in restored county jail. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 121 E. McIntyre St. Admission.

**International Racetrack Association**—Drag racing every other Sat. Feb. - Nov. Nine miles north on U.S. 281; adjacent to Edinburg airport. For information, 210/318-0355 or 687-5702.

**Lake**—El Sal del Rey—See LAKES listing.

**Sheriff's Posse Rodeo**—Rodeo cowboys demonstrate calf roping, bull riding, and quarter horse racing every Saturday evening at rodeo arena 2 miles south of Edinburg via U.S. 281; 0.5 mile west on Wisconsin Rd.; free admission except during full-performance rodeos.

## HARLINGEN

Pop. 50,067

Alt. 36

Map Y-17



**General**—Named for a city in The Netherlands; incorporated in 1905. From its beginning, city has been a transportation and distribution hub for the rich lower Rio Grande Valley. In the subtropical tip of

Texas, visitors are lured by balmy temperatures throughout most of the year, landscapes edged by palm trees and flaming bougainvillea, the nearness of enchanting Old Mexico, and proximity to surf-washed Gulf beaches. There's almost always a harvest in progress: Peas, carrots, lettuce, spinach or cabbage, and in winter, a bounty of oranges and prized Texas Ruby Red Grapefruit is returning after the disastrous 1989 freeze. In summer, tons of cotton, sugar cane and grain are harvested.

Visit the chamber of commerce at 311 E. Tyler St. for details about area attractions and activities. The Harlingen Visitor Center, 201 E. Madison St., is the social headquarters for winter visitors from mid-Nov. to mid-Apr.

Near city's Industrial Air Park is the Marine Military Academy, a prep school dedicated to U.S. Marine Corps traditions, and the Rio Grande campus of Texas State Technical College.

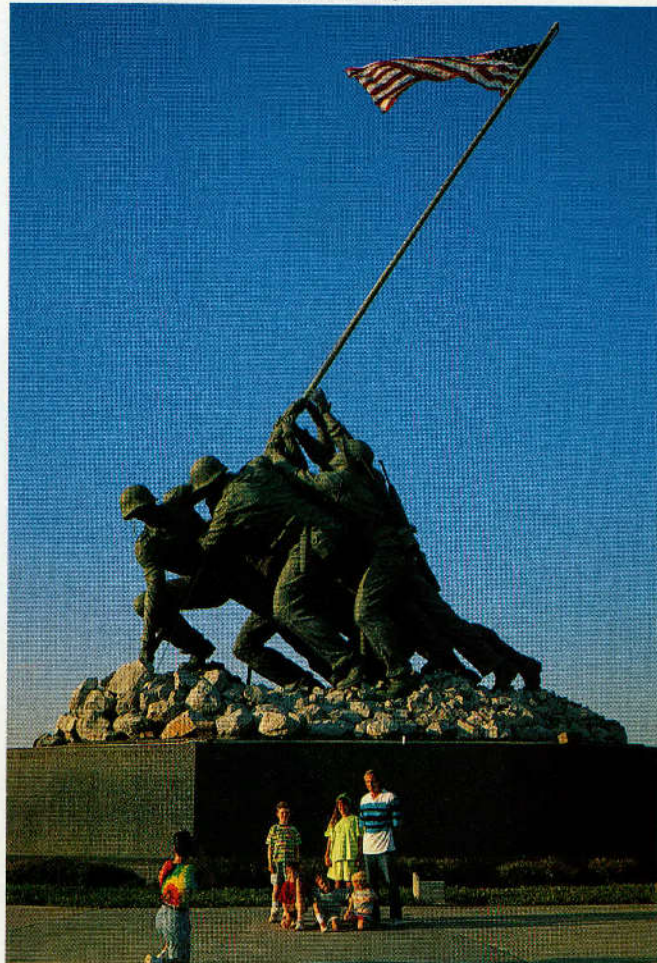
### Texas Travel Information Center for the Valley at Harlingen



**Visitors enjoy several RV Parks in Harlingen**

**Iwo Jima War Memorial**—The original working model of the famous bronze statue at Arlington National Cemetery was donated by sculptor Dr. Felix W. de Weldon to the Marine Military Academy. It depicts the raising of the U.S. flag during World War II. A visitor center includes a museum, focusing on the battle and features a 30-minute film, "The Battle for Iwo Jima." Also, there are scrapbooks with pictures of Iwo Jima veterans who have visited the museum. Military and Texas items available in gift shop. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Next to Harlingen International Airport at 320 Iwo Jima Blvd. For information, call 210/412-2207.

### Original working model of Iwo Jima War Memorial seen at Marine Military Academy in Harlingen



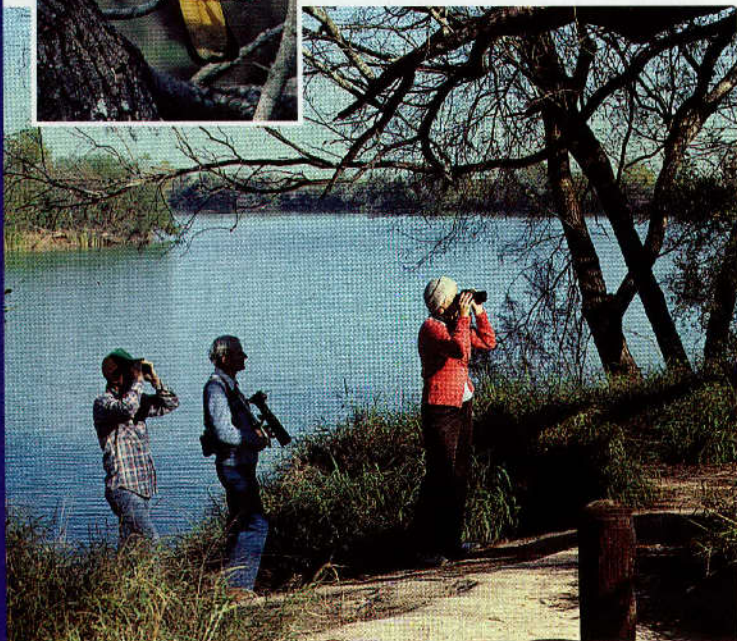


**Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge**—See RIO HONDO this section.

**Parks**—Spacious city parks provide recreational facilities for both visitors and residents. Hill Park preserves old plantation headquarters of Lon C. Hill, founder of Harlingen and pioneer Valley developer. Pendleton Park offers tennis courts, swimming, sports fields, playground, grills and picnic tables; 27-hole Harlingen Municipal Golf Course is off U.S. 77/83 at southwest edge of city.



*The Valley is wintering grounds for many species of birds making birding a popular pastime at **Bentson-Rio Grande Valley State Park near Mission***



**Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge near Rio Hondo**

**Port of Harlingen**—Barge facility on Arroyo Colorado primarily handling incoming cargoes of oil, gasoline, fertilizers, sand and gravel. Fishing excellent on Arroyo Colorado from port to Gulf. Off F.M. 106 about 5 miles east.

**Rio Grande Valley Historical Museum Complex**—Compound includes Paso Real Stagecoach Inn, c. 1850, with period furnishings; original Harlingen Hospital with vintage medical equipment, dental and medical offices of the 1920s, and the Lon C. Hill Home, built by "father" of Harlingen. The Hill home has many original possessions of the family. Open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Boxwood and Raintree Sts.

**Texas Travel Information Center**—Trained, professional bilingual travel counselors offer free maps, literature about every part of Texas, and expert help in charting routes. Free tourism video shows, lavish tropical landscaping. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. year round, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The center is operated by the Texas Department of Transportation. At intersection of U.S. 77/U.S. 83 in town;

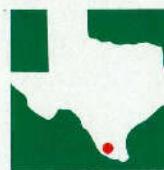
**Valley Greyhound Park**—Greyhound racing year round in air-conditioned grandstand. Facilities include restaurant, clubhouse dining, and concessions. Races: Tues. - Sat. 7:30 p.m. Sun. 4 p.m. Matinees usually offered Sat. and Wed. during winter at 1:30 p.m. Live satellite racing daily. Take Ed Carey Dr. south from U.S. 83. For racing information, 210/428-0161.

**McALLEN**

Pop. 85,701

Alt. 122

Map Z-16



**General**—In Texas' lush lower Rio Grande Valley, noted for subtropical climate, access to Old Mexico and tourist facilities catering to thousands of summer and winter visitors.

**Many Midwesterners and Canadians spend**

entire winter here, strolling amid blossoming citrus groves. Tourist clubs cater to visitors with planned daily activities such as dances, tours, bridge, domino and shuffleboard tournaments, shows, and concerts. Economy based on tourists, citrus, vegetables, oil, gas, international trade with Mexico and conventions that enjoy extensive facilities.

**McAllen International Museum**—Variety plus! Mexican folk art, colorful masks, and costumes in Ethnography Gallery. Museum also features paintings and sculptures, plus traveling exhibits. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 1900 Nolana.



**Reynosa, Mexico**—Charming Mexican city of over 500,000 just 8 miles south of McAllen, just across the Rio Grande. Several fine restaurants long famed for elaborate wild-game dinners; occasional Sun. afternoon bullfights. Gift shops cater to U.S. visitors with wealth of handicraft items in the Zona Rosa (tourist area), and in traditional Mexican market in midtown. Several hotels offer van service to and from Reynosa. Access via Texas 336 to McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge. (See MEXICO: Entrance and Exit Regulations, at end of book.)

**Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge**—About 16 miles southeast. See ALAMO, this section.

**MISSION**

Pop. 29,759

Alt. 134

Map Z-16



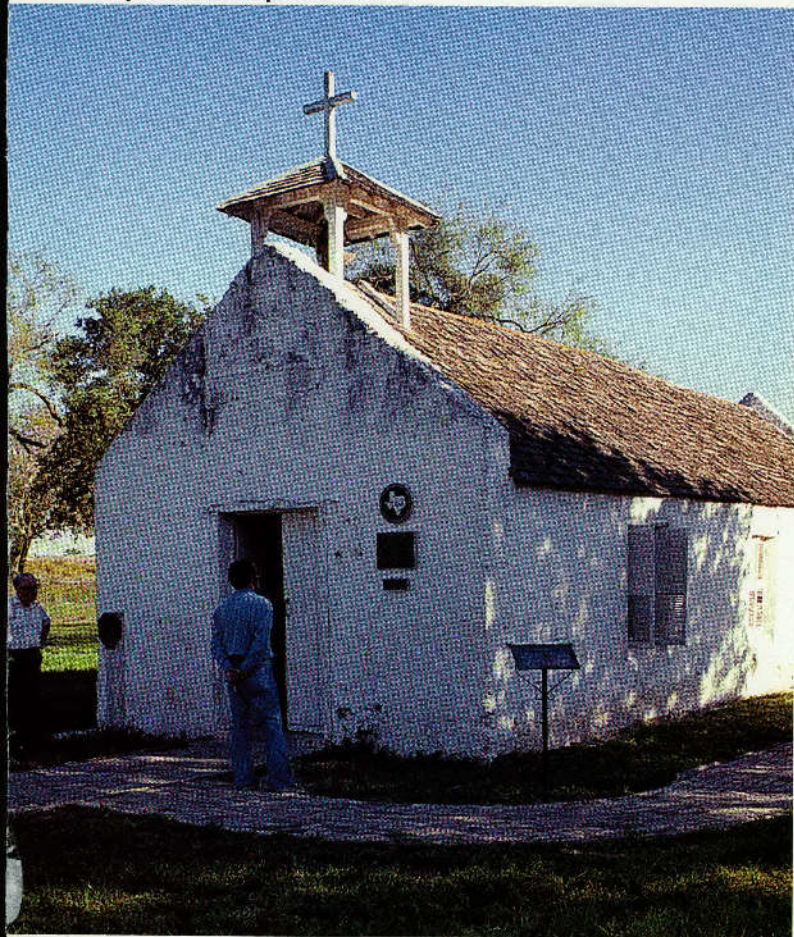
**General**—Established in 1824 by Oblate Fathers on site three miles south of present town; priests said to have planted orange grove that was one of first experiments with citrus culture in lower Rio Grande Valley.

Mission advertises itself as "Home of the Grapefruit," the particular grapefruit being the famed Texas Ruby Red. City is commercial center for vast citrus-truck-crop area and more than 30 industrial plants.

Nowhere in Texas does the Christmas season blossom more colorfully than at the annual Poinsettia Show in Mission. Only all-poinsettia show in U.S. has been held in Dec. for more than 25 years, employing permanent theme of "Tropical Christmas." In even-numbered years, the banks of Mission are settings for profuse floral displays; in odd-numbered years, settings are in public buildings and private homes. Show coincides with annual meeting of American Poinsettia Society, whose national headquarters are in Mission.

**Anzalduas Park**—Hidalgo County park at Anzalduas Dam on the Rio Grande. Rest rooms, covered bird-observation pier, pavilion, boat dock, and paved roads. Picnicking in shady wooded area; grills available. About three miles south, near La Lomita Chapel (see below).

*Tiny La Lomita Chapel near Mission*



*Visitors cross the border from McAllen for shopping in Reynosa, Mexico*

**Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park**—600-acre area set aside to preserve native flora and fauna of lower Rio Grande Valley. On banks of Rio Grande, park offers camping, picnicking, rest rooms and showers, group shelter, fishing, bird-watching, and nature study. Some 200 species of birds have been sighted, including such rare specimens as Audubon's oriole, hooded oriole, zone-tailed hawk, and redbelted cowbird. Route of the Old Military Road of U.S. Army from Fort Ringgold to Brownsville was near the present park entrance; evidence of thoroughfare still visible. About 6 miles southwest via U.S. 83, F.M. 2062 and Park Road 43. Admission.

**La Lomita Chapel**—Hidden away in Texas mesquite, La Lomita (Little Hill) Chapel was first built in 1865, an adobe overnight way station for Oblate padres who regularly traveled on horseback between Brownsville and Roma. Tiny (12 by 25 feet) structure rebuilt of sandstone in 1889, still exhibits original brick floors, rough, heavy-beamed ceilings shaped from native trees, an outdoor "beehive" oven, and original water well. Chapel still used for private services such as weddings. Surrounding seven-acre park provides picnic facilities, cooking grills, rest rooms, brick walkways, and historical site signs. Three miles south via F.M. 1016.

**Los Ebanos Ferry**—Only existing hand-operated ferry on U.S.-Mexican border. Carries three cars at a time. In 1975 ferry was recognized with state historical marker. Crosses Rio Grande from area of ebony trees (*los ebanos*). Fourteen miles west on U.S. 83; 3 miles south on F.M. 886. Operates 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily.

**Shary Estate**—Was home of John H. Shary, known as father of Texas citrus industry, first to grow fruit commercially. Across from house is Shary Memorial Chapel and park, maintained as memorial to Shary; pioneer and wife interred in chapel. No public tours, but grounds are quite beautiful and well worth the trip. Four miles north, on Shary Rd. (F.M. 494).



Smitty's Juke Box Museum in Pharr

**PHARR**

Pop. 33,650

Alt. 107

Map Z-16



**General**—Established in 1909, named after Henry N. Pharr, sugar planter from Louisiana. Center for winter vegetables, citrus and cotton. Visitors find modern RV resorts and tourist-related activities. Access

to Mexico (11 miles) via U.S. 281 and the McAllen-Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge. (See Reynosa, Mexico, under McAllen.)

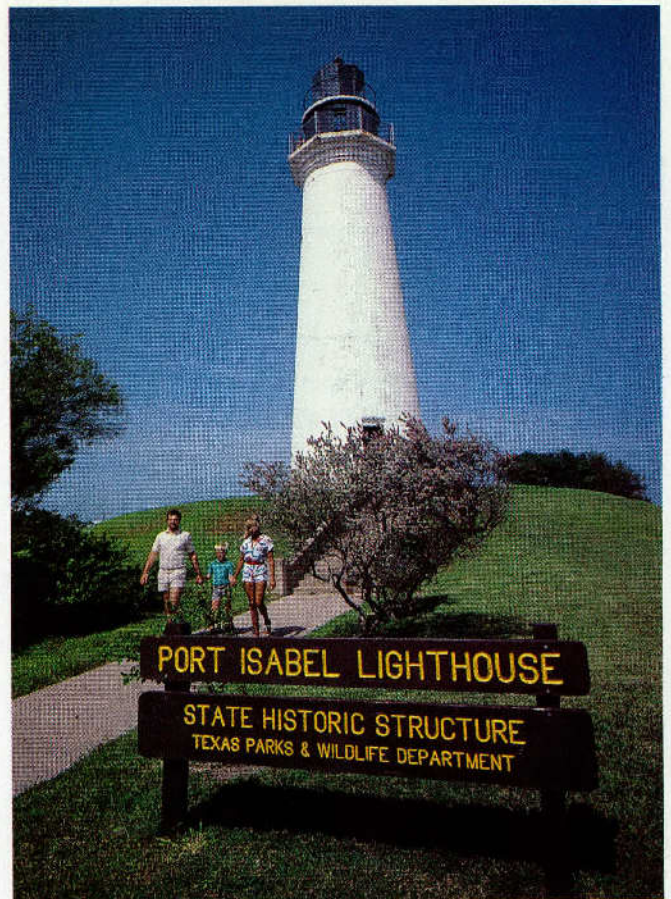
**Old Clock Museum**—About 2,000 antique clocks dating back to 1690 are on display, including many unusual and beautiful specimens. Usually open daily 10:30 a.m. - noon and 2:30 - 4 p.m. Call ahead. 929 E. Preston St.

**Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge**—About 12 miles southeast. (See ALAMO this section.)

**Smitty's Juke Box Museum**—For a bit of nostalgia, stroll by displays of jukeboxes, lovingly restored by the owner. Collection spans the whole era of music machines. Open Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 116 West State.

**Visitor Center**—Supplies information concerning local events, historic buildings and tourist sites. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pharr Chamber of Commerce Building, 308 W. Park.

Retired from years of shrimping, the "Lady Bea" now welcomes visitors at Port Isabel



Visitors can climb spiral staircase to top of Port Isabel Lighthouse, overlooking the flat coastal plain

**PORT ISABEL**

Pop. 4,691

Alt. 15

Map Z-18



**General**—Small, picturesque village on Laguna Madre, the body of water between the Texas mainland and Padre Island. Seaside atmosphere with accommodations, RV parks, and shrimp boat fleet.

The area was supply base for Gen. Zachary Taylor's army in Brownsville during the Mexican War, 1846-48. In 1848-49, port saw flow of gold seekers from the East, landing here to begin overland trek to California.

**Fishing**—In Port Isabel-Padre Island area, anglers can fish from beach, piers, and jetties where catches may include redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheepshead, flounder, croakers, skipjack, and drum. Group boats provide bay and deep-sea fishing for half and full days; charter cruisers are available for offshore sport. Offshore species may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper, warsaw, and others. Marinas provide fuel, bait, tackle, launching ramps, and boat rentals. Small boats with guides available for bay fishing.

**Lady Bea**—54-foot shrimp boat in dry-land cradle—authentically restored, rigged, and equipped. Visitors climb aboard to see the wheelhouse, galley, crew bunks, engine room, and tackle. Open daily on Texas 100 downtown. Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge—About 17 miles northwest. (See Rio Hondo, this section.)

**Padre Island**—See SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, this section.

**Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site**—Built 1853, remained in use until 1905. Always a popular subject with photographers. Visitors may climb spiral staircase to top, overlooking the flat coastal plain, with a fine view across Laguna Madre to South Padre Island. Off Texas 100 downtown. Admission.

**Visitor Center**—The latest tips about fishing-boat schedules, bay fishing guides, tackle rental, restaurants, and all kinds of accommodations at the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. 213 Yturria St. Tel. 210/943-2262.

Port Isabel and South Padre Island



## PORT MANSFIELD

Pop. 731

Alt. 11

Map Y-17



**General**—Until 1948, the little-used highway from Raymondville to point on Laguna Madre called Redfish Bay was traveled by occasional fishermen going to deserted beaches. No community marked the road's

end at the water's edge. People of Willacy County, employing own financing, set about creating port. They built wharves, docks and turning basin; laid out townsite, and called it Port Mansfield. Ship channel completed 1962, slicing across shallow Laguna Madre, through Padre Island into deep waters of Gulf of Mexico. Today colorful shrimp fleet plies Gulf from home docks at Port Mansfield; former "occasional" fishermen have lots of company—sports editors rate Port Mansfield as one of 10 best fishing spots in nation! U.S. Weather Bureau and U.S. Coast Guard Stations.

**Boating and Fishing**—Launching ramps, marine supplies, docking facilities, and both wet and dry storage available. Fishing by boat or from piers in Laguna Madre; fishing and beachcombing on Padre Island; deep-sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico; charter boats available. Depending upon season, fishing location and proverbial luck, catches may include redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheepshead, flounder, croakers, skipjack, drum, tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper, warsaw, and others.

**Shrimp boats, like this one at Port Mansfield, bring bounty of Gulf to Texas ports**



**Raymondville's grapefruit groves and palm trees introduce Texas' subtropical valley**

## RAYMONDVILLE

Pop. 9,076

Alt. 40

Map Y-17



**General**—Willacy County seat is commercial center for grain sorghum, cotton, citrus, vegetables and corn. Favorable summers and winters allow 300-day growing season.

**Recreation includes municipal swimming**

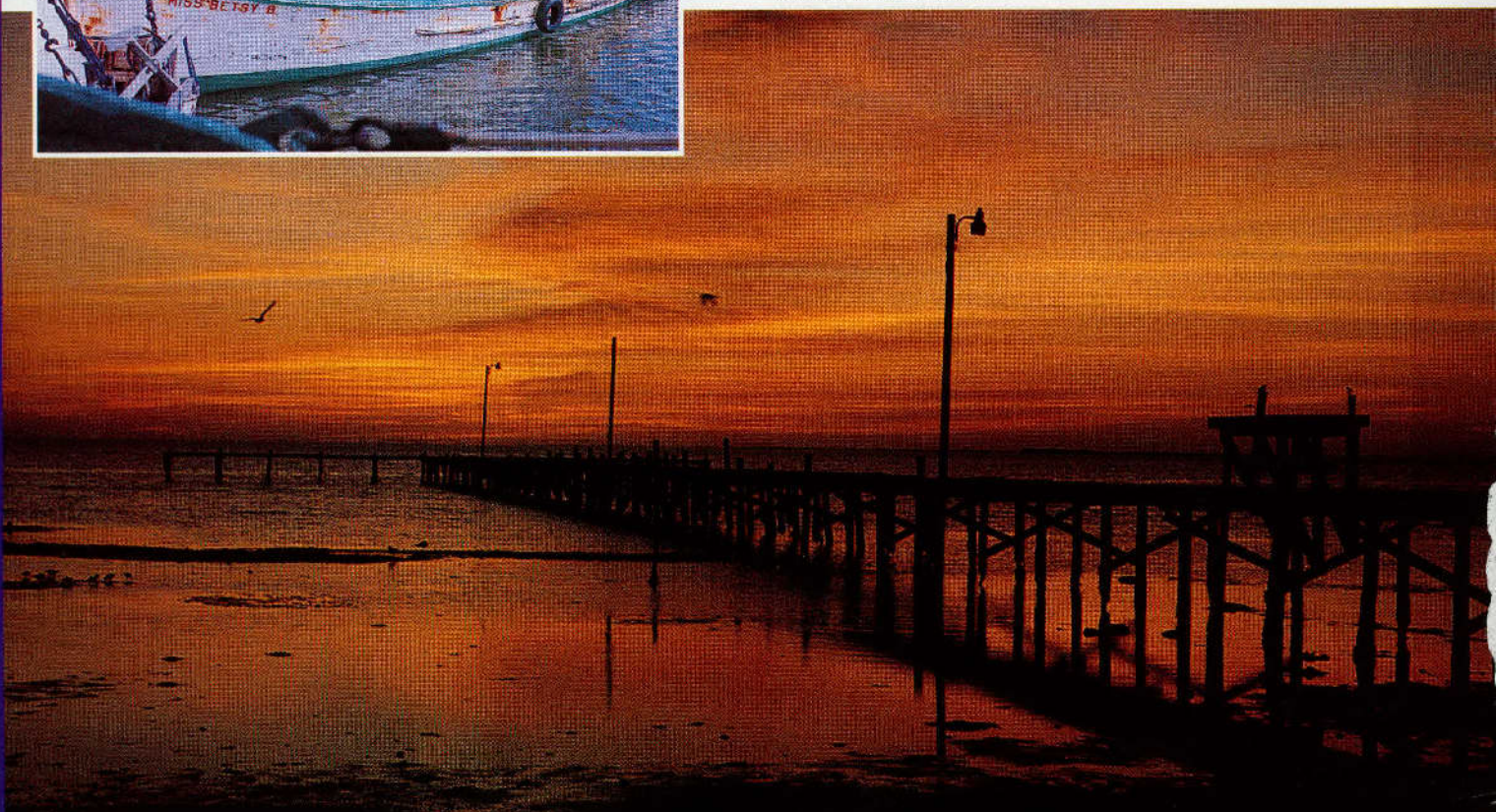
pool, golf course, city park, and saltwater fishing in Laguna Madre and Gulf of Mexico at Port Mansfield. A planned "Winter Texan" tourist program Nov. - Mar. with socials, arts-crafts classes, trips to Mexico, etc. Additional information on area available from Chamber of Commerce, 427 S. Seventh St., or call 210/689-3171.

Inquire locally about a boot-making family who still crafts boots by hand. Their boots are worn by Texas Rangers, cowboys and royalty. Over the years, word of mouth and a hand-lettered sign on U.S. 77 is all the advertising the family has needed to attract hundreds of devoted customers.

**Lake**—El Sal del Rey. See LAKES listing.

**Raymondville Historical & Community Center**—Local history, art, underwater artifacts from coast, and natural history. Farm & Ranch Museum

**Sunrise at Port Mansfield**





Raymondville Historical and Community Center

has cypress fence and gate through which stagecoaches passed in 1866 from Corpus Christi to Brownsville. Open Wed., Fri. 2 - 5 p.m. Harris & 7th Sts.

## RIO GRANDE CITY

Pop. 9,976

Alt. 238

Map Y-15



**General**—Port of entry with international bridge between U.S. and Mexico; seat of Starr County. Area included in Jose de Escandon's Colony of 1753; when Gen. Zachary Taylor established Fort Ringgold

in 1848, it added population and permanence.

**Fort Ringgold**—One of Texas' best preserved old military posts; named for Maj. David Ringgold, first army officer killed in Battle of Palo Alto (see BROWNSVILLE) that opened Mexican War. Established after Mexican War for protection against Indians and to assure Rio Grande as national boundary; deactivated in 1944. Among distinguished landmarks are Lee House, once occupied by Col. Robert E. Lee when he commanded Department of Texas before the Civil War, and old post hospital. Portions of fort are now part of Rio Grande City school system. Off U.S. 83 at east limit.

**Historic Inn: La Borde House**—Completed 1899 as home and border store by French merchant-riverboat trader. Converted to hotel operated by family until the 1930s. Designed by Parisian architects; combines European, Creole and Texas border styles with shady verandas, courtyard, patio. Nine rooms and parlor restored and furnished in turn-of-century decor. Operates as hotel and restaurant; 601 E. Main St. (U.S. 83).

**Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto**—Replica of venerable shrine in Lourdes, France; contains statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and peasant girl whose visions led to establishment of original shrine. Near Starr County Courthouse at 305 N. Britton.

## RIO HONDO

Pop. 1,932

Alt. 35

Map Y-17



**General**—Situated on eastern bank of Arroyo Colorado; land promoters divided lots for town in 1910 and sponsored contest to name townsite. Rio Hondo selected, which means "deep river"; incorporated in 1927. City is

part of very fertile farmland in the Rio Grande Valley with cotton and grain principal crops. Mild Valley temperatures lure many winter visitors.

One of two lift-span bridges in Texas is in Rio Hondo. Built in 1953, bridge allows barge and boat traffic to make their way to port at Harlingen.

Visitors often seek sodas and other fountain drinks from old-time soda fountain in vintage downtown drug store.

**Adolph Thoma, Jr. County Park**—The popular park on the Laguna Madre is operated by Cameron County and is located within and surrounded by the huge Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (see below). Facilities include lighted fishing piers, picnic areas, a playground, boat ramp, nature trail, and 35 RV sites with full hookups. Take F.M. 106 east 3.1 mi. to F.M. 2925; north 14.8 to park entrance. For information and reservations, call 210/748-2044.

**Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge**—46,000-acre refuge at southern end of Central Flyway, includes 7,000 acres of marshland, and salt-

and freshwater. Thousands of waterfowl winter here. Resident species include many kinds of gulls, least grebe, Harris' hawk, kiskadee flycatcher, and painted bunting. Other wildlife include coyote, bobcat, javelina, and white-tailed deer. Foot and driving routes. Visitor Center features wildlife exhibits, bird and animal lists; picnic area; access (some 7 miles east) to intersection F.M. 106/F.M. 1847. Open daylight hours except federal holidays. Saltwater fishing on Harlingen Ship Channel at West Side Recreation Area, access from Arroyo City. Admission.

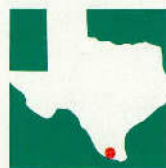
**Texas Air Museum**—More than 100 individuals with a common interest in aviation formed museum with goal to present aviation history with exhibits dedicated to past and present aviation in Texas, including the Eastern Front during WW II (campaigns in Norway), Korea and Vietnam. Among planes exhibited are a Russian Yak-3, a Focke-Wulf 190 F-8, "Huey" UH 1H, and a T-6, the original aerobat 1A. Open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Museum sponsors fly-ins first Sat. of May and Sept. At Texas Dusting Service on F.M. 106, 1 mi. east of city. Tel. 210/748-2112.

## ROMA

Pop. 8,438

Alt. 200

Map Y-14



**General**—Founded in 1765, part of Jose de Escandon's Colony, around mission established 16 years earlier. On banks of Rio Grande, town was important riverboat shipping point until coming of railroads and

highways. (Rio Grande is no longer navigable.) Homes, stores and ancient mission resemble town lifted bodily from interior of Mexico. Producers of film "Viva Zapata" chose Roma for outdoor scenes.

**Falcon State Recreation Park**—572.6 acres on shores of Falcon Reservoir offer cabins, boat docks, camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming, trailer sites with electricity, rest rooms with showers, groceries, snack bar and 3,500-foot airstrip. About 14 miles northwest via U.S. 83, F.M. 2098, Park Road 46; also accessible from Zapata. Admission.

**Lake**—Falcon Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Roma Historical Museum**—Changing exhibits trace influence of American, Spanish and Mexican cultures. Historic arts and crafts. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## SAN BENITO

Pop. 21,269

Alt. 31

Map Z-17



**General**—City is known as the "Resaca City." A picturesque resaca, 400 feet wide, flows through the city, which is the main canal of a large irrigation system. Only 8 miles from the Mexican border, city was first named

Diaz, for Mexico's president, because the people of the area were predominantly of Mexican ancestry. Anglo settlers didn't arrive until 1906, after the completion of the first irrigation system. Prior to this, the region was an arid,

Texas Air Museum, Rio Hondo



mesquite-cactus-brush covered wilderness. As a result of irrigation, the city, as well as all of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, developed an extensive agribusiness. The mild winter climate allows crops to grow year round, not to mention the colorful flowers and native trees. A birder's paradise! Note the name of the streets, particularly in the central part of town. Generally, north-south streets are named after Texas heroes; east-west streets for early community leaders. In other areas of the city, streets are named after landmarks and notable figures in Mexican and American history.

Col. Sam A. Robertson, founder of the city, promoted and built the San Benito and Rio Grande Valley Railroad to provide efficient transportation system for shipping farm products. Because of the intricate network of lines and spurs, the railroad was commonly known as the "Spiderweb Railroad."

Historical markers are found within the city and area. For information on events, accommodations, and dining, contact the chamber of commerce at 210 E. Heywood, or call 210/399-5321.

**Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center**—Dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and development of Mexican heritage in visual arts, music theater, dance, film and literary works. Named for Narciso Martinez, who is considered the "Father of the Texas Mexican Conjunto" music. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. At 225 E. Stenger. For exhibit/event schedule, call 210/361-0110.

## SAN JUAN

Pop. 11,381

Alt. 102

Map Z-16



**General**—In irrigated valley of Rio Grande on Missouri Pacific Railroad; organized 1909, name derived from Spanish name given town organizer John Closner. One of South's largest plants for manufacture of concrete

irrigation pipe is here. Colorful banks of scarlet bougainvillea edge the highway. On special days, San Juan invites visitors to "pick a grapefruit" free.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

**Shrine of La Virgen de San Juan del Valle**—An elaborate Catholic church, completed in 1954, included many imported objects of art. It was destroyed by fire after an airplane crash (apparently deliberate) in 1970. A wooden statue of Our Lady of San Juan was, however, undamaged. Ten years later the small statue was placed in a new shrine built mostly from small contributions. North of downtown on Business U.S. 83 and Raul Longoria Rd.

## SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Pop. 1,796

Alt. 5

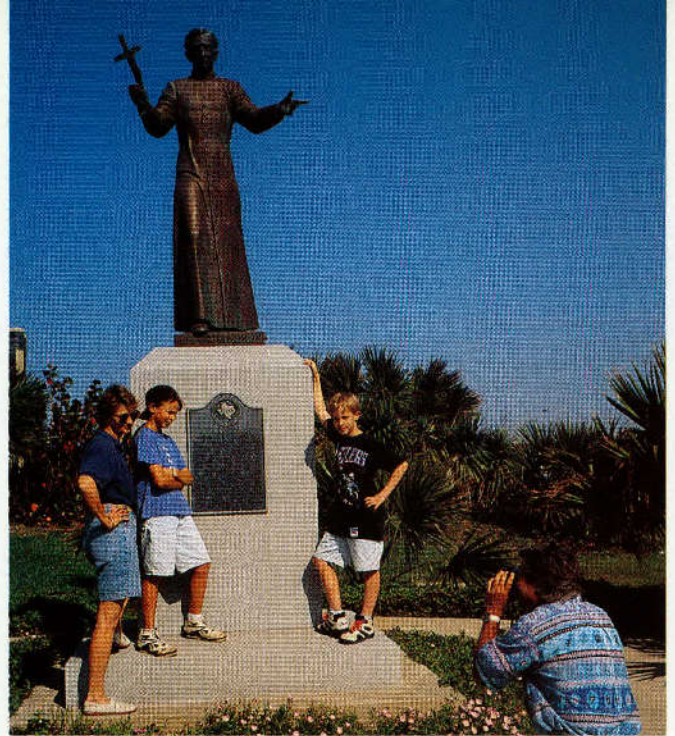
Map Z-18



**General**—Incorporated in 1973, small resort town is on southern tip of storied Padre Island just across Laguna Madre, the bay separating island from mainland. Access via free causeway on Park Road 100. Visitors

find wide range of accommodations from campgrounds and family motels to

*Mexico's colorful character, its shopping and dining opportunities are easily accessible*



**Padre Bali Statue, South Padre Island**

high-rise luxury hotels and condo rentals, marinas and seaside cottages. Restaurants feature fresh seafood harvested daily from the Gulf.

South Padre is known for its water sports, including jet skiing; bay, surf, and deep-sea fishing; parasailing, sailing, and windsurfing. Other island activities include bicycling, tennis, shelling, and horseback riding on the beach.

The South Padre Island Visitor Center provides detailed information about accommodations, activities and events related to boating, sailing, fishing, and seashore recreation. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat., Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Padre Blvd., a half-mile north of the causeway at 600 Padre Blvd. Telephone 210/761-6433, or 1-800-343-2368 U.S. and Canada.

**Fishing**—Available from beach, piers and jetties where catches may include redfish, speckled and sand trout, sheepshead, flounder, croakers, skipjack, and drum. Group boats provide bay and deep-sea fishing for full or half days; charter cruisers available for individual or small-party offshore sport. Offshore species may include tarpon, sailfish, marlin, kingfish, mackerel, ling, pompano, bonito, red snapper, warsaw, and wahoo. Marinas provide fuel, bait, tackle, launching ramps, and boat rentals. Small boats with guides available for bay fishing.

**Island Equestrian**—Take a romantic horseback ride along secluded beaches while savoring the beauty of miles of sand dunes encrusted with sea oats and beach morning glory along the Gulf of Mexico and Laguna Madre. Horses usually available from sunrise to sunset. Just north of town on Padre Blvd.

**Jeremiah's Landing**—Fun for all ages awaits visitors to this small water park featuring seven water slides and a video arcade; includes snack bar. Open daily Memorial Day - Labor Day; weekends April - May. Call for hours; 210/761-2131. 100 Padre Blvd. at Gulfpoint. Admission.

**Padre Island**—The long, narrow sand island sweeps in a golden arc north some 110 miles to Corpus Christi. Modern hotels and motels edge several miles of the Gulf at the island's southern tip. Farther north, the island is entirely natural—sand dunes, sea oats, and beach morning glory. (There is no bridge or ferry between South and North Padre.) Beautiful, gently sloping beaches are perfect for swimming and surf fishing. Beachcombers will find bright shells, perhaps floats from the West Indies, driftwood, and occasionally flint points of Karankawa Indians who roamed area.

**Pan American University Coastal Studies Laboratory**—Marine life and representative examples of the region, both from the Gulf and Laguna Madre; fish, mollusks, plants; extensive seashell collection. Open Sun. - Thurs. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. In Isla Blanca Park at south tip of Padre Island.

**Parks**—**Isla Blanca Park**, on the southernmost tip of the island, features more than a mile of clean, white beach along the Gulf of Mexico, for waterfront recreational facilities. The park includes picnic and playground areas, fishing jetty, restaurants and clubs, a full-service marina with daily charters, a water park, and boat ramp. There's even a nondenominational church, the Chapel by the Sea. Camping facilities include more than 600 RV sites with full hookups. For information and reservations, call 210/761-5493.



South Padre's beach is great for building sand castles

**Andy Bowie Park**, just north of the city limits, features the popular Laguna Madre Nature Trail for nature enthusiasts and bird-watchers. Other facilities include beachfront picnic pavilions, children's playground, and a ranger station. For information and reservations, call 210/761-2639.

**Sea Turtle, Inc.**—Living museum of the "Turtle Lady," Ila Loetscher. Educational shows featuring endangered sea turtles given on Tues. and Sat. at 9 a.m. during summer, 10 a.m. other seasons. At 5805 Gulf Blvd. Admission.

**WESLACO**

Pop. 22,672

Alt. 70

Map Z-16



**General**—Name from initials of **W.E. Stewart Land Company** that promoted townsite in the irrigated Rio Grande Valley in 1919. Located in heart of immense citrus, vegetable and cotton-producing area. Food processing

industries; home of more than 6,000 Winter Texans.

Charming city hall, built in 1928, features intricate cast-stone sculpture adorning entryway and cupola of the Spanish Moorish building. Interior

Many Valley RV Parks, like this one in Weslaco, welcome "Winter Texans"



South Padre Island

stairway is set with colorful Spanish tiles in geometric designs; a designated historical site at 500 S. Kansas Ave.

The public library is one of the most modern facilities in the Rio Grande Valley. It, too, boasts Old-Mexico style, complete with Spanish open courtyard. 525 S. Kansas Ave.

**Bicultural Museum**—Artifacts accent daily lives of region's Hispanic and Anglo settlers; a colorful cultural blend. Open Wed., Thurs. 1 - 3 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 3 p.m. Donations accepted. 515 S. Kansas Ave.

**Parks**—Nature park is 5-1/2 acres of mesquite trees, cacti, native shrubs, tropical flowers, and wildlife maintained by Audubon Society. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 301 S. Border in Gibson Park.

Harlon Block Memorial Park features simple but elegant monument to local Marine, one of the five at famed flag-raising on Iwo Jima. The recreational park is open 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. daily at Seventh & Bridge Sts.

**Rio Grande Valley Tourist Information Center**—Free literature, maps, and information about attractions and accommodations throughout the Valley. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Valley Chamber of Commerce, U.S. 83 Expressway at F.M. 1015.

**Weslaco Visitor Center**—Where to stay, what to eat, local attractions, events, historical sites, and recreational ideas. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. U.S. 83 Expressway at Airport Dr. exit, north access road.

South Padre Island



# CITIES OF TEXAS

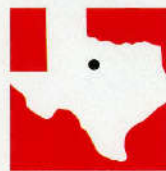


## ABILENE

Pop. 107,707

Alt. 1,738

Map K-13



**General**—Established by cattlemen as stock shipping point on Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1881, named for Abilene, KS, original end-point of Old Chisholm Trail; later became major cattle producing area with diversified farming. In recent years oil has added great impetus to city's economy. When the city celebrated its centennial in 1981,

a demonstration oil-drilling rig was set up on the county fairgrounds—just to illustrate the techniques of “making hole.” By pure accident, it struck oil—not much, but enough for modest, profitable production. Cultural aspects are influenced by Abilene Christian Univ., Hardin-Simmons Univ., and McMurry Univ., branches of Cisco Junior College and Texas State Technical College; community theater and a philharmonic association and fine arts museum.

The West Texas Fair, ten days in mid-Sept., features exhibits and amusements reflecting early days of Abilene, plus modern attractions of West Texas.

The Western Heritage Classic in early May features ranch rodeo, campfire cook-off, sheep dog trials, farrier competition, Cowboy Poet's Society, Western art show, and many other activities recalling early Western heritage.

The last weekend in April features the Buffalo Gap Art Festival under the oaks on the tree-shaded Perini Ranch.

Abilene lies on U.S. 84, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports, as well as on U.S. 83, 277 and I-20.

**Abilene State Park**—621-acre parkland near Lake Abilene; camping, trailer facilities, picnicking, shelters, swimming pool, rest rooms and showers, hiking and fishing. Large grove of some 4,000 native pecan trees, now a favorite picnic area, was once a popular campground for Comanche Indians. About 15 miles southwest on F.M. 89. Admission.

**Abilene Zoo**—One of five largest in state; animals displayed in modern areas simulating natural habitat. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (7 p.m. holidays and weekends in summer).

Discovery Center is a “zoo within a zoo,” housing comparative habitat displays of invertebrates, fish, reptiles, birds, and small mammals from the Southwestern U.S. and Africa. In Nelson Park, about 3 miles east of city on Texas 36 across from West Texas Fairgrounds. Admission.

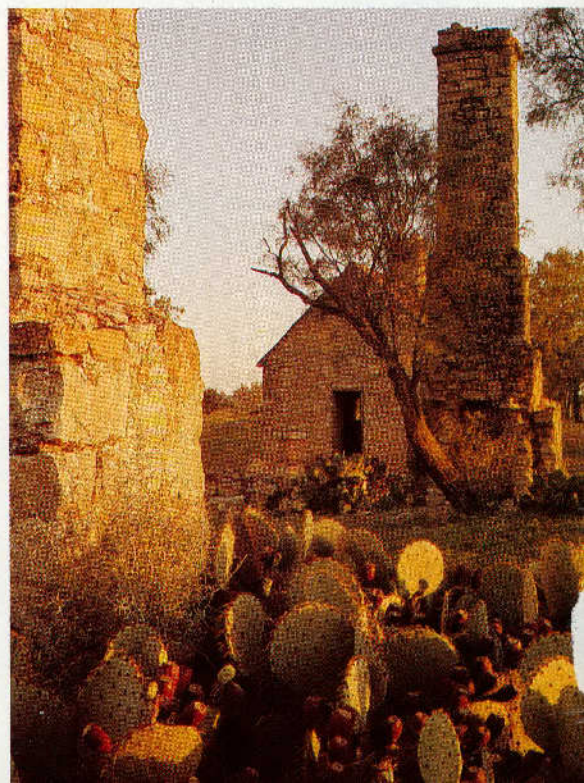
**Buffalo Gap**—See BUFFALO GAP.

**Center for Contemporary Arts**—Working artists have studios displaying rotating exhibits. Open Tues. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. 220 Cypress.

**Dyess Air Force Base**—Strategic Air Command base. Dyess Linear Air Park of vintage aircraft includes 25 World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War planes. Aircraft displayed along Arnold Blvd., main base thoroughfare. Open during daylight hours. Visitors must stop at main entrance for a temporary pass. (Note: Base may be closed temporarily during occasional military exercises.) For extensive base tours to flight lines, reservations must be prearranged with Public Affairs Office, 915/696-5609. Loop 312 south of Business Loop 1-20/U.S. 84.

**Fort Phantom Hill**—Established 1851 to protect frontier from Indians, the post suffered a series of

### Ghostly ruins of Fort Phantom Hill near Abilene



### Paramount Theatre in Abilene







**B-17 "Flying Fortress" at Dyess Air Force Base**

hardships; was abandoned in 1854. Historians say desertions were frequent due to monotony and loneliness. The fort burned shortly after abandonment; chimneys and foundations are principal remainders along with the stone commissary, guardhouse, and powder magazine. Site offers interpretive signs. 10 miles north via F.M. 600.

**Lakes**—Local Lakes Kirby and Lytle within city offer fishing and picnic sites. For information on Lakes Abilene and Fort Phantom Hill see LAKES listing.

**Museums of Abilene**—Comprised of the Fine Arts Museum, Abilene Historical Museum and the Children's Museum; now in historic Grace Hotel, known as the Grace Cultural Center. The Grace, built in 1909, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and portions are restored to its 1929 condition, while other parts of the building have been renovated to make it appropriate for the Museums' use. Free admission on Thurs. 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Thurs. until 8:30 p.m.), Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 102 Cypress St. Admission.



**The Children's Museum, Grace Cultural Center in Abilene's historic Grace Hotel**



**Paramount Theatre**—An Abilene Historic Landmark, the Paramount Theatre is on the National Register of Historic Places. Inside the beautiful art deco building visitors will find slow, drifting clouds and twinkling stars on a blue sky. Neon and incandescent cove lighting alter the brightness and coloring of the sky beyond the archways and bell tower with twin domed turrets. Weekend classic films, art film series, and plays and concerts presented throughout the year. For schedule, 915/676-9620. 352 Cypress.

**Parks**—26 spacious, green parks featuring picnic facilities, playground equipment and swimming pools.

**Shore Art Gallery**—Traveling exhibits and works of students and faculty displayed throughout year. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. In Don H. Morris Center on Abilene Christian Univ. campus.

**Visitor Information Center**—Housed in restored depot directly across from Grace Cultural Center. Information on local and West Texas area; events, attractions, accommodations, plus general information on Texas. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Corner of North First and Cypress Sts. 915/676-2556.

**ALAMO**—See RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 74.



**Ledbetter Picket House built of slender upright poles (pickets) in Albany**

## ALBANY

Pop. 1,987

Alt. 1,429

Map K-14



**General**—Seat of Shackelford County, was early supply point on Western Trail to Dodge City; still important as ranchland; beef cattle supply 90 percent of county's agricultural income. Also oil producing and oil well

supply center.

Old MKT depot serves as chamber of commerce office, community center and exhibit area for local handicrafts. Open weekdays; Central and Main Sts.

"Fort Griffin Fandangle," presented last two weekends in June by more than 200 townsfolk under the stars of the West Texas sky. Musical version of history as it lingers in memories of old-timers is unique blend of hoedown and ballet, laughter and solemnity.

**Fort Griffin State Park**—15 miles north of Albany. (See FORT GRIFFIN.)

**Georgia Monument**—Erected in 1976 to fulfill long-standing promise to honor the Georgia Battalion that volunteered in Texas' war for independence in 1836. Most were killed in the Goliad massacre; Dr. John Shackelford, for whom the county is named, was spared as useful to Mexicans. Flags of the State of Georgia, Texas Republic, and U.S. fly over the stone marker and fountain. Plaques detail the Georgians' contribution to the new republic. Near chamber of commerce at S. Main and S. First Sts.

**Lake**—Hubbard Creek. See LAKES listing.

**Ledbetter Picket House**—Restored frontier ranch structure with rustic period furnishings. House is a dog-run cabin built of slender upright poles (pickets). Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Between chamber of commerce and Georgia Monument (above) at 700 Railroad St.

**The Old Jail Art Center**—Exceptional permanent art exhibits include works of Giacomo Manzu, John Marin, Charles Umlauf, Louise Nevelson,

Henry Moore, Amedeo Modigliani, Pablo Picasso, and examples of Chinese art from the Han, Wei, Sui, T'ang, and Ming Dynasties. Also research facilities for artists, historians, critics, and scholars. Housed in restored county jail (c. 1878). Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.; closed major holidays. Second St. (Texas 6) one block east of courthouse.



South Texas Museum in Alice

**ALICE**

Pop. 19,897

Alt. 205

Map V-16



**General**—Seat of Jim Wells County. Founded 1888 as depot on the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway, first called Kleberg, later named after daughter of one of founders of famed King Ranch (see KINGSVILLE). Town is

dividing point between brush country to the west and coastal plains to the east; also between the border region and rest of Texas. Oil was discovered in 1930s, and town became hub of petroleum business while maintaining traditional farming and livestock industries. Beefmaster cattle breed was developed here.

Town's life-style is outdoor oriented. Ten city parks offer sports fields, tennis courts, swimming pools and 18-hole municipal golf course. Outdoor band concerts on summer evenings. Hunters seek white-tailed deer, javelina, wild turkey, quail, and dove.

**Lakes**—Alice and Corpus Christi. See LAKES listing.

**South Texas Museum**—Small museum focuses on distinctive history and traditions of this South Texas region. Exhibits trace habitation from American Indian to 20th Century farm, ranch, railroad, and oil activities, with emphasis on pioneer ranch and household artifacts. Includes mounted wildlife and livestock specimens. Open Tues. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; at 66 S. Wright St. 512/668-8891.

**ALPINE**

Pop. 5,655

Alt. 4,485

Map P-6



**General**—Established prior to 1882; seat of Brewster County, a vast mountainous area of 5,935 square miles, the largest county in Texas. (As comparison, this single county is larger than state of Connecticut.) Today a

retail center and shipping point for huge ranching area; headquarters for mining companies and home of Sul Ross State Univ. Climate and location



Frontier General Store in Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine

make town popular vacation area. Visitors enjoy golfing, mountain climbing, horseback riding, rock and mineral collecting, swimming, and camping amid spectacular vistas. During seasons, hunters take mule and white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope, javelina, and upland game birds.

**Apache Trading Post**—Largest collection of topographical, geological, and raised relief maps of Big Bend region. Information and books on Marfa Mystery Lights (see Marfa). West Texas handicrafts, gemstone jewelry, shells, fossils, rocks, minerals, imports, and field and shop equipment. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. At foothills of Twin Peaks mountain range on U.S. 90 west of town. 915/837-5149.

**Big Bend National Park**—Approximately 80 miles south of Alpine on Texas 118. (See BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK.)

**Scenic Drives**—Texas 118 north to Fort Davis and 29 miles beyond through beautiful Davis Mountains scenery.

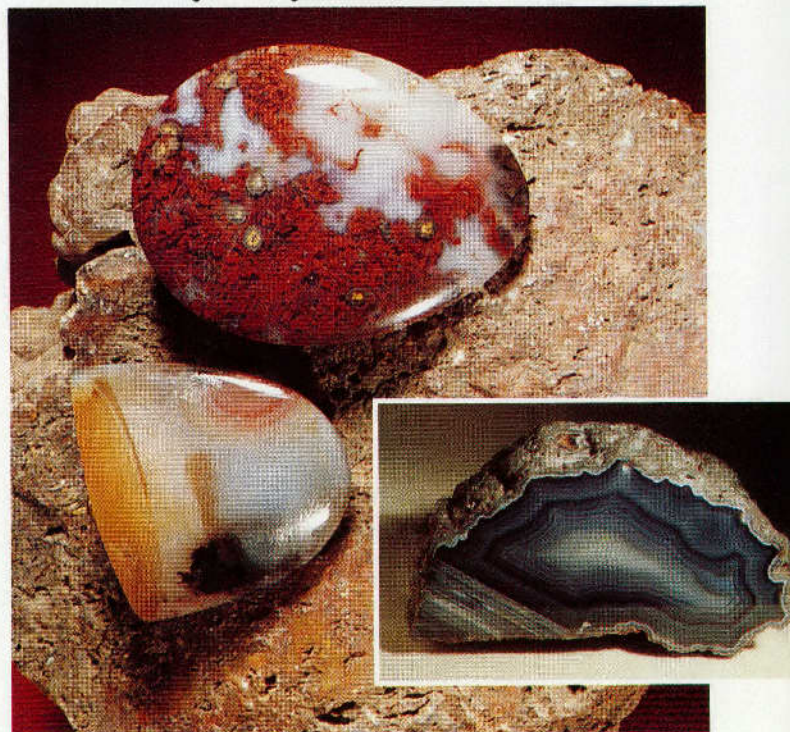
Texas 118 south toward Big Bend National Park spans both desert and mountain landscapes of primitive grandeur.

U.S. 67 west to Marfa offers more views of mountain majesty.

**Sul Ross State Univ. Museum of the Big Bend**—Showcases history of the area in panels, dioramas and paintings; displays of stagecoach, buggies, reconstructed general store, and blacksmith shop. On campus. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Free admission. 915/837-8143.

**Woodward Agate Ranch**—Source of famed Texas agates—red plume, pom-pom, and a rainbow of other types—colorful jasper, labradorite feldspar, calcite, precious opal, and other minerals. Hunt and collect on over 3,000 acres; guide service available (fee). Rough agate 50 cents per pound; grading help by ranch experts. Lapidary shop. Open year round; 18 miles south of Alpine on Texas 118. 915/364-2271.

Texas Plume Agate and Agate Geode, Woodward Ranch

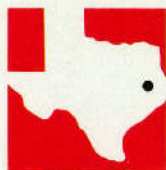


## ALTO

Pop. 1,049

Alt. 433

Map M-21



**General**—Originally a stop on the Old San Antonio Road, town is tomato-growing center in redland belt. Name derives from Spanish word for "high" (highest point between Angelina and Neches Rivers).

The grave of Helena Kimble Dill, believed by many to be the mother of the first Anglo child born in Texas (1804) is here. (Jane Long, of Galveston, often is credited as mother of Texas' first Anglo child in 1821.) Contact local chamber of commerce for information about other sites of interest in this historically rich area, or Park Superintendent, Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site (see below).



Authentic diorama at Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site near Alto

**Caddoan Mounds State Historic Site**—A chief archaeological site in Texas. Park includes full-size replica of Caddoan house built with Stone-Age-type tools, visitor center with exhibits, interpretive trail. Two ceremonial mounds of 300 by 350 feet are remains of ancient Indian culture. Open Fri. - Mon. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thurs. by appointment. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas. Six miles southwest on Texas 21. Admission.

**Davy Crockett National Forest**—Nearest entrance southwest 6 miles on Texas 21. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

Mission Tejas State Historic Park—See WECHES.

**Scenic Drive**—Exceptional scenery of forested hills and streams lies along U.S. 69, Texas 21 (*El Camino Real*), and numerous local roads around Alto.

**ALVIN**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON SECTION, Page 48.

## AMARILLO

Pop. 160,288

Alt. 3,676

Map D-9



**General**—Commercial, cultural, and recreational center for vast plains of Texas Panhandle. World's leading helium producer; superb climate with air rated cleanest in the nation for city of its size. Fifty-six parks

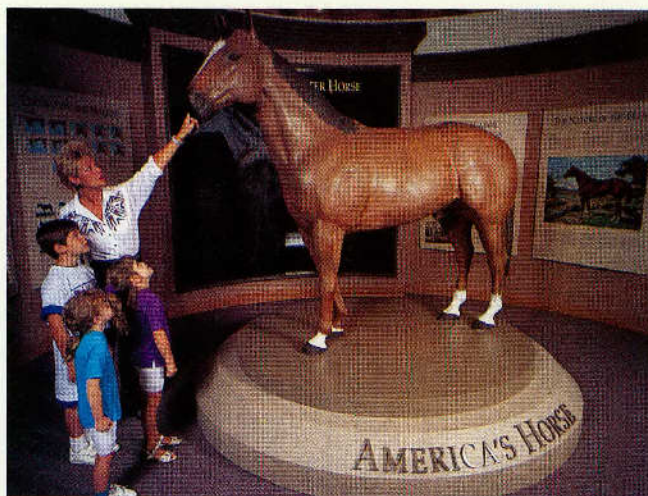
cover 2,300 acres and include tennis courts, swimming pools, fishing lakes, playgrounds, and 36-hole municipal golf course.

First settlement in 1887 was buffalo-hide tent camp of railroad construction workers. Today, excellent accommodations, spacious convention/civic center, symphony, ballet, little theater, opera, and home of Amarillo College and Texas State Technical College.

Inquire locally about Big Texan Steak Ranch & Emporium. Known nationwide for 72-oz. steak dinner offered free to anyone who can eat the entire meal in one hour. 7700 I-40 E.; open daily.

**Alibates National Monument**—See FRITCH.

**Amarillo Livestock Auction**—Amarillo is headquarters for an immense ranch and cattle feedlot area and Texas' largest livestock auction. By scientific feed formulas, livestock are brought to precise weight and grade requirements of meat packers. More than 600,000 cattle move through the auction ring at stockyards each year, bringing over \$130 million. Auctions held Tues. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. 100 S. Manhattan. 806/373-7464.



American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum in Amarillo

**Amarillo Museum of Art**—Magnificent complex of three buildings designed by Edward Stone (Kennedy Center, Wash., D.C.); devoted to the fine arts, music and drama, combining both exhibition space and teaching areas. Excellent permanent collection of paintings and sculpture, plus regular performing arts. 2200 Van Buren St., on the campus of Amarillo College. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. and Thurs. 7 - 9 p.m. 806/371-5050.

**Amarillo Zoo**—Playground and zoo with theme from children's stories. Zoo's animals are those that appeal to youngsters. Open daily in Thompson Park, NE 24th St. at U.S. 287. 806/383-6141.

**American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum**—Headquarters for world's largest equine registry, more than 2.6 million horses registered in 53 countries. Quarter Horse was the first American horse breed; still is favorite mount of cowboys. Showcases history and activities of breed with exhibits, videos, hands-on displays, and gift store. Open daily May - Aug. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sept. - Apr. Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. I-40 at Nelson St. exit. 806/376-5181.

**Cadillac Ranch**—"Bumper crop" of ten Cadillacs buried nose down in field at same angle as Cheops' pyramids. Represents Golden Age from 1949 through 1963. Just west of city on I-40 (historic Route 66).

**Old West-style chuck wagon breakfast served at Cowboy Morning in Amarillo**



**Cowboy Morning/Evening**—From Apr. 15 - Oct. 15 join groups for Old West-style chuck wagon breakfast on the open range at rim of Palo Duro Canyon—scrambled eggs, ranch sausage, sourdough biscuits, brown gravy, and campfire coffee. Dinner features steak with all the trimmings; enjoy a wagon ride, watch real cowboys roping, and receive a souvenir brand. Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; dinner usually at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call 806/944-5562 or 1-800-658-2613.

**Creekwood Ranch Old West Show and Chuck Wagon Supper—**

Wagons take visitors to "campsite" where entertainment features cowboys, Indians, singing, and rope tricks. Authentic chuck wagon supper served. Dinner and performances Thurs. - Sun. at 6 p.m. Reservations required. Creekwood Ranch, 8 miles south on Washington St. (F.M. 1541). 1-800-658-6673 or 806/356-9256.

**Don Harrington Discovery Center—**In the center of a 51-acre park with lake and picnic area, this museum offers a variety of attractions. All exhibits encourage hands-on activities. "Aquariums of the World" features fish from exotic waters. There's the Black Hole, giant kaleidoscope, and more. The planetarium has star shows, a night sky program, and specially produced 360-degree films with spectacular visual effects. Center open Memorial Day - Labor Day, Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; Labor Day - Memorial Day, Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Planetarium shows Sept. - May, Sat. 1, 2, and 3 p.m., Sun. 2 and 3 p.m.; June - Aug., Tues. - Sat. 1, 2, and 3 p.m., Sun. 2 and 3 p.m. 1200 Streit Dr. Planetarium fee. 806/355-9548.

**Garden Center—**Lavish floral displays edge immaculate lawns, walkways and picnic areas in 51-acre park adjacent to the Amarillo Medical Center on west side of city. Includes touch and smell garden for the blind. 1400 Streit St. 806/352-6513.

**Harrington House—**Decorative arts showcase. Fine French and English furniture, porcelain, crystal, silver, carpets, and fine paintings. The 1914 neo-classical house reflects exquisite materials and workmanship. Free guided tours on Tues. and Thurs. mornings. Groups limited to four; minimum age, 14. Advance arrangements required; 806/374-5490. 1600 S. Polk St.

**Helium Monument—**Six-story stainless steel time column erected 1968 commemorates the unusual natural element found near here in world's greatest quantity. Adjacent to Don Harrington Discovery Center, 1200 Streit Dr.

**Kritser Aviation and Space Museum—**Named for two brothers who were Texas Panhandle aviation pioneers, Shelby and David Kritser. Includes C-7A, UH-1M (Huey) Iriquois helicopter, both workhorses of Vietnam, and several more rare versions of the "Cobra" gunships. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. Hangar 4, Tradewind Airport. 806/372-6999. Donations accepted.

**Lake—**Meredith. See LAKES listing.

**Elegant 1914 Neo-classical Harrington House in Amarillo**



**Texas Travel Information Center, I-40, Amarillo**

**Old San Jacinto Area—**Situated in Amarillo's first downtown area, along the route of old U.S. 66. Area now devoted to a variety of shops—antiques, art, restaurants, crafts, intimate theaters, and boutiques. Sixth St. between Georgia and Western Sts.

**Palo Duro Canyon State Park and "TEXAS"—**See CANYON.

**Texas Travel Information Center—**One of the centers provided by the state at key highway entrances to Texas, in the State Capitol, and at the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Bureaus are operated 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily throughout the year except closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's. Staffed by uniformed, professional travel counselors, free services to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. On I-40/U.S. 287 just east of Amarillo; operated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Wonderland Park—**One of Texas' largest amusement parks with 21 rides, miniature golf, arcades, bumper cars, Big Splash log flume, Fantastic Journey spook house, Raging Rapids water slide, Texas Tornado double loop roller coaster, food concessions, more. Open daily Memorial Day to Labor Day; weekends Apr. - May. Off U.S. 287 north, on NE 24th St. Admission, 806/383-4712 or 383-0832.

**ANAHUAC**

Pop. 2,014

Alt. 21

Map Q-22



**General—**First permanent settlement in 1821 when Spanish fortress, established there, was made port of entry for American colonists. Origin of name uncertain; perhaps derived from pre-Aztec Nawatlan tribes, or

later Indian word. Today seat of Chambers County; serves rice, cattle, seafood, and oil-producing area.

Named Alligator Capital of Texas in 1989 by Texas Legislature; boasts more alligators than people. Home of Texas Gatorfest, staged two days each Sept. in Fort Anahuac Park (see below) during alligator hunting season.

**Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge—**More than 40 species of birds nest in 24,356 acre marshland on East Bay, about 18 miles southeast. Managed primarily for wintering and migrating waterfowl, the threatened American alligator is also found. Bird checklist has 253 species listed—extra large number because birds flying north across Gulf of Mexico eager for first resting place on land. Refuge activities include wildlife observation, birding, photography, waterfowl hunting, fishing, and crabbing. Overnight camping limited, both in duration and location. Contact refuge headquarters for directions or information. 409/267-3337 or write P.O. Box 278, Anahuac, TX 77514.

Anahuac Wildlife Headquarters also supervises McFaddin and Texas Point National Wildlife Refuges east along coast. (See PORT ARTHUR.)

**Chambers County Museum—**General history; exhibits of local and pioneer history, archaeology. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Courthouse Annex. 409/267-8363.

**Fort Anahuac and Fort Anahuac Park—**Some traces remain of Fort Anahuac, combination Mexican fort and customhouse on Galveston Bay near mouth of Trinity River; built about 1831 by prisoners of Mexican government. In one of preliminary battles of Texas Revolution, fort was captured by William B. Travis, later commander of the Alamo. Park offers picnicking, camping, rest rooms, boat ramp. 5 Main St., on Trinity Bay.

## ANDERSON

Pop. 320

Alt. 215

Map O/P-20



**General**—Historic seat of Grimes County; established 1834 on La Bahia Road, centuries-old Indian trail that stretched from Louisiana through Texas. Route first used by Spanish explorers; later became important

as cattle trail, the Opelousas Road. During Civil War, local arms factory produced cannons, cannon balls, rifles, pistols, swords, and gunpowder. Today commercial center for rich agricultural area. Contains many historic structures, including Victorian 1891 courthouse; open weekdays.

**Fanthorp Inn State Historical Park**—Log structure inn, built in 1834 before Republic of Texas era; soon after covered with clapboards. Nine rooms, a barn and cemetery typical of early Texas inns hosting travelers arriving by stagecoach. Popular lore says notables like Texas Presidents Sam Houston and Anson Jones, Jefferson Davis, who became President of the Confederacy, and Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson stayed here. Replica of 1850s Concord stagecoach on exhibit in barn; stagecoach rides on alternating Sat., 1 - 4 p.m. Open for tours Wed. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. On Main Street, south of courthouse. Admission. 409/873-2633.

**Sam Houston National Forest**—Nearest entrance about 13 miles east on F.M. 149. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

### Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site in Anderson



## ANGLETON

Pop. 17,825

Alt. 31

Map S-21



**General**—County seat of Brazoria County on the coastal plain. Easily accessible to the Gulf; center for banking, oil, gas, chemical processing, farming, and livestock.

**Brazoria County Historical Museum**—History museum offers exhibits from 1800s to present; American Indian exhibits, authentic plantation bedroom, and Austin Colony exhibit. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. In old 1897 courthouse, 100 E. Cedar St. 409/849-5711, Ext. 1208.

**Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge**—Refuge on more than 42,000 acres on Gulf Intracoastal Waterway; nesting area for mottled ducks and ancestral wintering grounds of snow geese. Freeport Christmas Bird Count always one of highest in nation; since area established in 1966, 247 bird species identified here. Access by boat for fishing, crabbing, oystering (permitted in public waters), and waterfowl hunting in specified areas. Six-mile self-guided auto tour and hiking trail. Open first full weekend of every month. Before visiting, contact refuge headquarters in Angleton at 1212 N. Velasco; write P.O. Drawer 1088, Angleton, TX 77516; phone 409/849-6062.

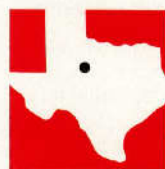
**San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge**—Snow and blue geese winter in 24,000-acre refuge between Cedar Lake Creek and San Bernard River on the Intracoastal Waterway; herons, egrets, and ibis found on marsh ponds; shorebirds, gulls, terns on mud flats, and mottled ducks nest in area. Bird list for refuge contains nearly 250 species. For information about access, hunting, and fishing, contact headquarters at Brazoria Wildlife Refuge (above). Open daily, sunrise to sunset.

## ANSON

Pop. 2,663

Alt. 1,750

Map J/K-13



**General**—Seat of Jones County. Founded in 1881 and named for Dr. Anson Jones, last president of the Republic of Texas. Area is one of richest farming areas in Texas; cotton production can be observed from field to gin.

Other primary crops include wheat, sorghum, hay, and oats. Cattle, oil, and gas extraction, and gypsum products add to the economy.

Each December since 1885, The Cowboys' Christmas Ball is held in Pioneer Hall. Popularized by Michael Martin Murphey's musical rendition of the "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball," a poem honoring ranchmen of Texas written in 1890 by William Lawrence (Larry) Chittenden after attending one of the balls.

For information about the ball, or on restaurants and accommodations, contact the Anson Chamber of Commerce at 1132 West Court Plaza, or call 915/823-3259.

**Anson Jones Museum**—In historic church building; artifacts include miniature reproduction of town square as it existed in 1904, a desk and chair used by Dr. Anson Jones in his medical practice, and other local memorabilia. Open Wed. - Sun. 2 - 4:30 p.m.; closed holidays. 1302 Avenue K. 915/823-3683.

**Opera House**—Built in 1907 by Albert W. Johnson; considered "fanciest" showplace between Fort Worth and El Paso. Once hosted musical and dramatic productions, public and civic activities, silent and talking movies, and even wrestling and bare-knuckle fighting events until the 1930s. Today used for stage productions and a country-Western musical usually the third Saturday of the month. On northside of square. Call 915/823-3542 for schedule.

**ANTHONY**—See EL PASO SECTION, Page 44.

**ARANSAS PASS**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 19.

## ARCHER CITY

Pop. 1,772

Alt. 1,041

Map G/H-15



**General**—Established as Archer County seat in 1881. In early years was retail and shipping center for area ranches; still retail center for county. Agriculture includes cattle ranching, and wheat and dairy farming.

Shallow oil wells drilled in 1920s still contribute to area economy.

Outdoor recreation includes 9-hole golf course, and city park with swimming, picnicking, and RV hookups. Hunting in season for dove, wild turkey, quail, and deer.

Blue Pig Bookstore offers largest collection of antiquarian books in the U.S.; gathered over several years by native son Larry McMurtry, author of popular Western novel, "Lonesome Dove." Rare and unusual books, and out-of-print publications. Occupies renovated buildings on both sides of Main St. 817/574-4245.

Also, site of two movies based on novels written by McMurtry; "The Last Picture Show" filmed in 1971, and "Texasville" in 1989.

**Archer County Historical Museum**—Frontier and pioneer items: dishes, pictures, ladies' high-top shoes, dairy and farm implements. Has map of county's historic sites. Open weekends Apr. - Nov., or by appointment for group tours by calling Chamber of Commerce; 817/574-2489. Housed in old jail, 400 W. Pecan.  
**Lakes**—Arrowhead and Kickapoo. See LAKES listing.

**ARLINGTON**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 25.

**ATHENS**

Pop. 11,077

Alt. 490

Map L-20



**General**—Named either for the capital of Greece or for the city in Georgia (there is local argument). Seat of Henderson County; an industrial center turning out such diversified products as bricks, televisions, pleasure

boats, building components, mobile homes, and precision medical devices. Home of Trinity Valley Community College.

Home of the hamburger, great American fast-food staple created in late 1800s in cafe on courthouse square by Fletcher Davis; celebrated each Sept. at the Uncle Fletch Davis Home of the Hamburger Cook-off & Trade Fair.

Once known for extensive black-eyed pea production, city pays tribute to the legume third weekend in July with the Black-Eyed Pea Jamboree. An Old Fiddlers' Reunion in May draws thousands of traditional country music lovers.

Scuba divers flock to Athens Scuba Park's clear waters for excellent recreational diving and for diver certification. Not open to the general public, but available to scuba divers and group parties.

Visitors can stroll through antique malls and find specialty shops, tea-rooms, and outlet stores.

**Henderson County Historical Museum**—Vintage and antique memorabilia are displayed in 1896 Faulk-Gaunt building. Replica of early school-room; both permanent and special exhibits. Open Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. At 217 N. Prairieville St.

**Lakes**—Athens, Cedar Creek Reservoir, Palestine and Richland-Chambers. See LAKES listing.

**New York (Texas) Cheesecake Outlet**—Delicious, mouth-watering cheesecake made in New York, Texas (pop. 12), on a farm overlooking East Texas hills. Popular cheesecake distributed throughout U.S. Free cheesecake and coffee for visitors; country gourmet dinner on Sat. nights. Bed and breakfast accommodations available. Also original arts and crafts, quilts, and antiques. Open daily; March - Oct. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Nov. - Feb. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Approximately 5 miles east on U.S. 175; north on F.M. 804 to first farm entrance on the right. Call 1-800-225-6982 or 903/675-2281.

**Purtis Creek State Recreation Area**—1,533-acre park includes 355-acre Purtis Creek Lake. Campsites with water and electricity, picnicking, playground, hiking, rest rooms. Fishing (largemouth black bass is catch-and-release basis only; contact park headquarters for details), fish-cleaning area, lighted fishing pier, lighted boat ramp (50-boat maximum on lake, boating fee, no-wake rule). Take U.S. 175 northwest about 9 miles, north on F.M. 316 3 miles to park. Reservations accepted. 903/425-2332.

**ATLANTA**

Pop. 6,151

Alt. 264

Map H-22



**General**—Established 1872 with building of Texas and Pacific Railroad; named for Georgia home of many early settlers. Town today serves a farming, forestry, and oil area. Sites of prehistoric Caddo Indian

villages have been noted in the region.

**Atlanta State Park**—Excellent trailer and camp sites available at 1,475-acre facility on south shore of Lake Wright Patman. Other features include swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing, and hiking. About 14 miles northwest via F.M. 1154 off U.S. 59 north, or via F.M. 96 off Texas 77 west. Admission.

**Farm Tour**—Natural Food Associates model farm shows organic methods of producing crops, livestock, and poultry. Tours and demonstrations, Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. U.S. 59 south. 903/796-4136.

**Lakes**—Caddo, Lake O' the Pines, and Wright Patman. See LAKES listing.

**AUSTIN**—See AUSTIN CEN-TEX SECTION, Page 12.

**BAIRD**

Pop. 1,699

Alt. 1,708

Map K-14



**General**—Established 1880 with building of Texas and Pacific Railroad. A roundhouse, repair shops, and switches marked railroad division point named for Matthew Baird, railroad director who drove first stake on the

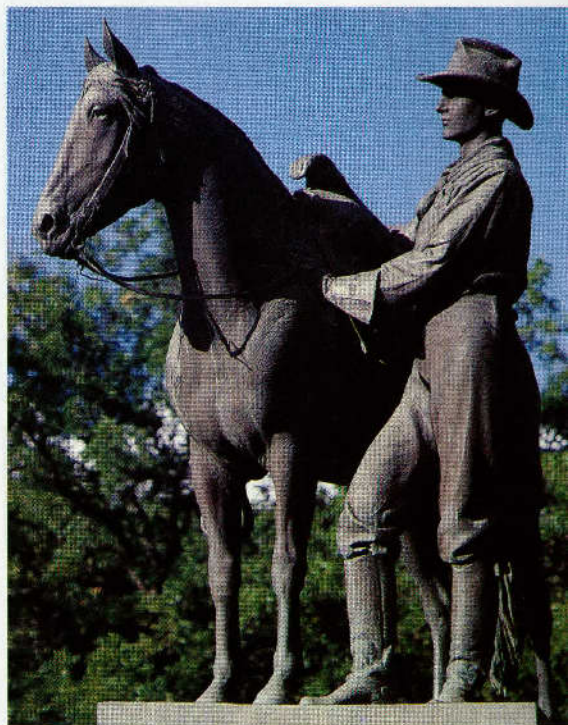
T&P RR in 1875. Today seat of Callahan County and commercial center for farming and livestock area.

Many antique and specialty shops in restored turn-of-the-century buildings, downtown. Officially recognized as Antique Capital of West Texas by Texas Legislature in 1993.

In season, hunters take wild turkey, deer, quail, dove, and wild hog. For information on area leases, attractions, and special events, inquire at chamber of commerce located in T&P Depot that houses Railroad Heritage Museum (see below). 915/854-2003.

**Callahan County Pioneer Museum**—Pioneer farm and ranch implements, household items, clothing, barbed wire, and documents. In basement of Callahan County Courthouse, Market & Fourth Sts. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. 915/854-1718.

**Railroad Heritage Museum**—Railroad memorabilia, photographs, and books in historic 1911 depot. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m. 100 Market St.



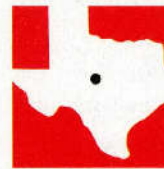
The Famous Coppini-designed Cowboy and Horse Statue at Ballinger

**BALLINGER**

Pop. 4,082

Alt. 1,637

Map M-13



**General**—City established in 1886 as Hutchins City; present seat of Runnels County. County, cut by Colorado River, is predominantly agricultural with extensive beef, dairy cattle, sheep, and poultry, plus

cotton, grain sorghum, and fruits. Minerals include oil and natural gas.

Carnegie Library, built 1909, is one of few in state in continuous use as library. Listed on National Register of Historic Places, library is open weekdays afternoons.

Downtown Pioneer Plaza honors pioneers; fountain, gazebo, and restored Star Tobacco sign, circa 1909.



One of world's largest spring-fed swimming pools in Balmorhea State Park

**City Park and Lake**—10-acre park on Elm Creek features camping facilities, playground and picnic areas, swimming pool, and miniature golf course. Excellent fishing and water skiing in lake; about 5 miles west of city.

**Cowboy and His Horse Statue**—Honors Charles H. Noyes, local cowboy killed in range mishap. Noyes family commissioned work by world-famed sculptor Pompeo Coppini. On spacious courthouse lawn, intersection of U.S. 83/67.

**BALMORHEA**

Pop. 757

Alt. 3,205

Map N-6



**General**—Established by firm of land promoters in 1906, town site was in center of 14,000-acre tract watered by famous San Solomon Springs. Today remains center of irrigated farming.

**Balmorhea State Park**—At historic San Solomon Springs, facilities include motel, camping and trailer sites, rest rooms with hot showers, shaded picnic areas, and playground. Huge walled swimming pool fed by the springs at rate of 22-26 million gallons daily. With 62,000-square-foot surface, pool is one of the largest man-made pools in the U.S.; lifeguards on duty fourth Fri. in May through Labor Day, noon - 8 p.m. Springs were important watering place for buffalo, Indians, and pioneers. Today, supplies irrigation needs. Four miles west on Texas 17. Open year round; admission. 915/375-2370.

**Lake**—Balmorhea. See LAKES listing.

**BANDERA**—See ALAMO COUNTRY SECTION, Page 63.

**BARTLETT**

Pop. 1,370

Alt. 599

Map O-17



**General**—Centered in renowned Blackland Prairie agricultural region. Named for John T. Bartlett, who donated townsite to Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad. In 1878, community had three residences.

Divided by Bell and Williamson county lines. History has it enterprising saloon proprietors took advantage of county line dissecting their business by

having bar on wheels to accommodate laws in both counties.

Bartlett Historic Commerical District, listed on National Register of Historic Places, is two-block area of early 20th Century buildings housing quality arts and crafts, and fine antiques. Streets paved in red brick link predominant red masonry construction. Replica street lamps, and corner benches with flower pots add to turn-of-the-century nostalgia.

**Bartlett Area Museum**—Housed in city's first municipal light plant. In 1936, was first in nation to extend municipal light service to 15- to 20-mile radius outside of city under Rural Electrification Administration loan program (predominant force in providing electricity to rural America). Museum houses original Fairbanks-Morse diesel electric generators, and exhibits, antiques and artifacts from town's early history. Open daily for self-guided tours, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; guided tours the first Sun. of each month, 1 - 4 p.m. No admission. On W. Clark St., three blocks west of Texas 95.

**Bartlett Grammar School**—Restored Central Texas landmark, constructed in 1909. Tours first Sun. of each month, 1 - 4 p.m. 300 W. Bell St.

**BASTROP**—See AUSTIN CEN-TEX SECTION, Page 15.

**BAY CITY**

Pop. 19,095

Alt. 55

Map S-20



**General**—Established 1894; seat of Matagorda County. Today commercial center for farming, ranching, oil, and nuclear energy. Port on Colorado River Feeder Channel connecting with Intracoastal

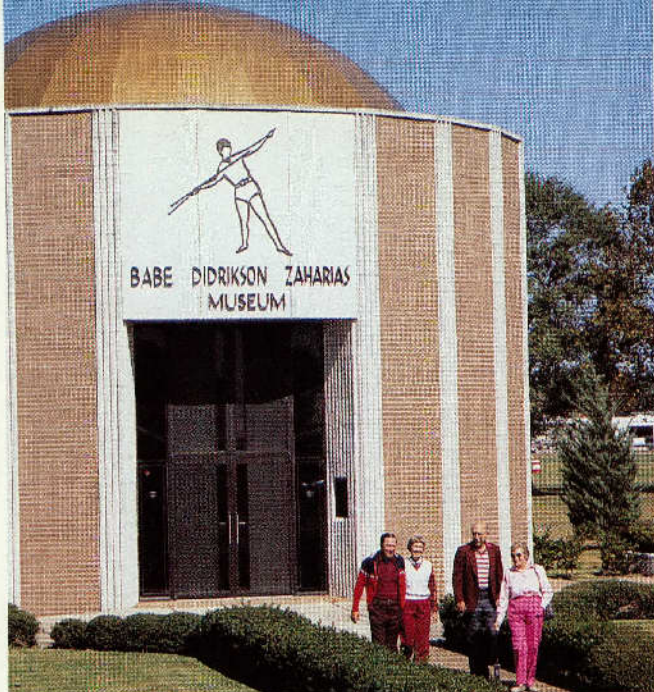
Canal; recreation on river includes boating, skiing, and fishing.

**Bay City Art Gallery**—Displays by local artists plus special showings. Open weekdays; 1921 5th St.

**Matagorda County Museum**—Early clothing, books, Texas maps, furniture, paintings. Century-old carpentry tool collection, late 17th Century music, archives. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. 2100 Avenue F. 409/245-7502.

**South Texas Project Visitors Center**—Displays and explanation of nuclear power generation. Telescope for viewing of actual plant. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tours by reservation, Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; call 512/972-5023. About 20 miles southwest of city on F.M. 521.

**BAYTOWN**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 48.



**Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum & Visitors Center in Beaumont**

**BEAUMONT**

Pop. 116,581

Alt. 24

Map P-23



**General**—Settlement began when early French and Spanish trappers and explorers established trading post in early 1800s; townsite laid out mid-1830s. Named either for relative or agent who sold original 50

acres of land, or for slight elevation southeast called *beau mont* in French. City came of age in 1901 with world's first great oil gusher at Spindletop; village became city of 30,000 within a month. Today an industrial giant, major port, and agricultural center. Home of Lamar Univ.

**Alligator Island**—On a producing gator farm, visitors can see hundreds of alligators of all sizes, babies from an incubator, to "Big Al", a 13 1/2-ft. gator weighing 800 pounds. Attractions also include adorable Pot Belly Pigs. Open Apr. - Oct. Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Closed Nov. - Mar. and Easter Sun., July 4th, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. Take I-10 west 11 mi. to F.M. 365. Admission. For information, 409/794-1995.

**Art Museum of Southeast Texas**—Permanent collection of paintings, sculpture, mixed media. Traveling exhibits; folk art. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Thurs. until 8 p.m.); Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Tearoom open Mon. - Fri. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free admission. 500 Main St.; phone 409/832-3432.

**Art Studio**—A place to assist beginning artists and to present educational programs. Changing exhibits each month. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 700 Orleans.

**Babe Didrikson Zaharias Museum & Visitors Center**—No American athlete was more versatile than Beaumont's Mildred "Babe" Didrikson

Zaharias (1914 - 1956); three-time basketball All-American; three gold Olympic medals; world-class pioneering woman golfer. Trophies and memorabilia. Visitors center with experienced tourist counselors who provide information about accommodations, attractions, events, and business and industry data. Free maps and brochures. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Telephone 409/833-4622 or 1-800-392-4401. 1750 I-10 & M. L. King Parkway, Exit 854.

**Beaumont Fire/Rescue Training Center**—Training center for Beaumont and area fire departments in hazardous materials, rescue, and fire fighting. Also home of Lamar University Industrial Fire and Hazardous Materials Training Program, which is one of four schools in nation recognized by OSHA to train industrial fire fighters. Public tours welcome. Near I-10 and Pine, at end of Marina Dr.

**Beaumont Police Museum**—Vast collection of police memorabilia dates to the turn of the century. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 255 College. 409/880-3025.

**Big Thicket Preserve**—See KOUNTZE and WOODVILLE.

**Brown-Scurlock Galleries**—Operated by Beaumont Art League. Changing exhibits and art classes. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2675 Gulf St. (on fairgrounds).



**Texas State Fire Museum in Beaumont**

**Dishman Art Gallery**—Exhibitions draw from talents of Lamar University student and faculty artists, as well as local and national artists. Open Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. U.S. 69 south at MLK Parkway.

**Edison Plaza Museum**—Largest collection of Thomas A. Edison artifacts west of the Mississippi. "Yesterday" section includes 1905 cylinder phonograph and nine major areas of Edison's achievement. "Today" section includes exhibition on fuels. "Tomorrow" area examines superconductivity, laser, and more. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon; 1 - 4:30 p.m. In Travis Street Substation, 350 Pine; phone 409/839-3089.

**Fire Museum of Texas**—1927 former fire station displays antique fire bells, leather buckets, nozzles, badges, photographs, and vintage fire engines. Special exhibits trace the history of fire service and showcase recorded histories of fire departments across the state. Upstairs, a "Fire

**Re-created Gladys City in Beaumont**





Safety Activity Center" teaches fire prevention and includes a safety house, toy collections, and puppet theater. Firehouse gift shop. Endorsed by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Assn. of Texas as the official state fire museum. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Housed in old Central Fire Station at 400 Walnut; phone 409/880-3927.

**French Historic House & Museum**—Historic pioneer settlement house built in 1845 by John Jay French, tanner and merchant. Antique furnishings, clothing, pioneer household utensils. Outbuildings on grounds include blacksmith shop, tannery, corncrib, and smokehouse. Operated by Beaumont Heritage Society. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2985 French Rd.; phone 409/898-3267. Admission.

**McFaddin-Ward House**—Restored beaux-arts colonial mansion and carriage house built 1906 - 1908. The main house showcases original possessions and life-styles of a wealthy Southeast Texas family during the first half of the 20th Century. Carriage house contains servants quarters and other displays designed to show the support function this building played in operation of the estate. Both buildings open for tours Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m.; last tour of main house begins at 3 p.m. No children under eight for main house; children of all ages welcome at carriage house. Reservations advisable; 409/832-2134. Visitor entrance at 1906 Calder Ave. at Third St. Admission.

**Port of Beaumont**—Facilities at the modern port include observation deck. Free guided tours of port facility in a minibus. Open daily 8:30 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m. 1255 Main St.; 409/832-1546.

**Spindletop/Gladys City Boomtown**—The world's first oil boom town re-created with typical clapboard buildings of the era, including information center, post office, photo studio, saloon, livery stable, blacksmith shop, surveyor's office, and wooden oil derricks. Lucas Gusher Monument commemorates beginning of the world's modern petroleum industry that literally blew in at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10, 1901, with the gusher drilled by Anthony F. Lucas. Open Tues. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. University Dr. at U.S. 69 S.; 409/835-0823. Admission.

**Texas Energy Museum**—Definitive museum on oil industry spotlights 19th Century discoveries. Includes temporary exhibits on energy science and the environment. Exhibits and talking robots trace effects of Spindletop and how it began the modern petroleum industry. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 600 Main St.; 409/833-5100. Admission.

**Tyrrell Historical Library**—Landmark 1903 Romanesque-Gothic former Baptist Church houses thousands of books on Texas history, genealogical research resources, and art collections. Listed on National Register of Historic Places. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., 695 Pearl; 409/833-2759.

**Tyrrell Park**—500 acres of virgin woodland with 18-hole golf course, playground, archery, bridle and hiking trails, overnight hookups for self-con-

tained units (fee). Ten-acre Garden Center at park entrance featuring Japanese garden, rose garden, azalea wall, and display plantings. Open daily, free admission. On Tyrrell Park Rd. off Fannett (Texas 124).

**BEEVILLE**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 19.

## BELLVILLE

Pop. 3,427

Alt. 220

Map Q-17



**General**—Seat of Austin County, one of the original counties in Texas. In 1848, Bellville was established as seat of government on land given to the county by Thomas Bell, one of Stephen F. Austin's original Three Hundred

Colonists, and for whom the city was named. The first issue of *The Bellville Times* was published in 1879 and is still in business today. The subtropical climate is excellent for hay, sorghum, corn, rice, and oats. Cattle farms are abundant. In spring, fields come alive with bluebonnets and other wild flowers.

A guide to many fine turn-of-the-century homes and downtown buildings, produced by the Bellville Historical Society, can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce at #4 W. Main St. or by calling 409/865-3407.

Four city parks offer excellent picnic areas and playgrounds.

Shoppers find an abundance of antique and craft shops offering handmade items in historic buildings around the square.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

**Austin County Jail**—County jail from 1896 through 1992, now under renovation. Handsome old building offers revolving exhibits of Austin County history. Call Chamber of Commerce (see above) for hours of operation. 36 S. Bell St.

## BELTON

Pop. 11,888

Alt. 511

Map N-17



**General**—A small town of distinctive charm. Belton was founded in 1850, and in early years grew as a rustic trading center for nearby farms and ranches. The first merchant sold goods from his wagon before any

stores were built; first "saloon" was a barrel of whiskey and a tin cup under a shade tree. A stagecoach line served the village, and cowboys herding Longhorns up the Chisholm Trail enjoyed rest stops in Belton. Town is graced by architecture from the early 1860s to turn-of-the-century. Preservation of historic structures is a current priority in Belton's graceful old downtown area. Some buildings and homes opened during annual tour late April, early May.

Belton lies on the I-35 corridor, and U.S. 190, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Bell County Museum**—Exhibits focus on first 100 years of Bell County history, from 1850 to 1950. Miriam A. Ferguson Collection chronicles the life and times of Texas' first female governor and Bell County resident; most comprehensive collection of "Ma" Ferguson's belongings in the state. Other permanent exhibits include turn-of-the-century kitchen and authentic post office with working telegraph. Rotating displays feature various aspects of rural and city life. Gift shop with books, postcards, posters, and historical tour tapes. Housed in restored beaux-arts-style Carnegie building constructed as library in 1904; National Register property. Open Tues. - Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. 201 N. Main St.; free admission. 817/939-6110.

**Lakes**—Belton and Stillhouse Hollow. See LAKES listing.

**Mary Hardin-Baylor College**—Generations of prominent Texas women have attended the college that was established in 1845 when Texas was still an independent republic; was oldest women's college (now coeducational) west of the Mississippi River. On campus is the **Sid Richardson Museum** devoted to the institution's history. Celebrated Easter pageant presented annually by student body.

**Summer Fun USA**—Tube down 725 feet of the "Lazy River" in inner tubes (40 feet of rushing rapids!), or slide from a 40-ft. tower into a Texas-size pool. There's a sandy beach for volleyball and horseshoe pits. Open weekends beginning in mid-May, then daily Memorial Day through Labor Day. 1410 Wado Rd. Admission.

Opulent dining room of McFaddin-Ward House in Beaumont

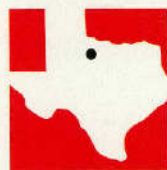


**BENJAMIN**

Pop. 231

Alt. 1,456

Map H-13



**General**—On divide between South Wichita and Brazos Rivers, city was established in 1884 when 12 houses were built with lumber hauled from Wichita Falls. Early center of cattlemen's activities, present seat of

Knox County, still a major ranching area.

**Knox County Museum**—Barbed-wire collection and other relics of early settlers. In county courthouse. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed holidays.

**Scenic Drive**—Thirty-six-mile loop northeast provides views of farm and ranch lands cut by South Wichita River brakes; fantastic shapes in layers of multicolored soils. North on Texas 6 to F.M. 1756, east to F.M. 267, south to U.S. 82, then west back to Benjamin. A pair of roadside parks on U.S. 82 provide impressive views north toward South Wichita River and south toward the Brazos. Parks are at a point called "the narrows" on a ridge line that separates the two major watersheds.

**BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK**

Pop. 275

Alt. 1,850-7,835

Map R-6/7



**General**—Big Bend National Park encompasses 801,163 acres, an area of magnificent contrasts. Visitors can travel from the Rio Grande with its spectacular canyons and jungle-like floodplain up

through Chihuahuan Desert, which constitutes majority of the park, to Chisos Mountains with cool woodlands. This variation in elevation and temperature makes Big Bend an ideal year-round park with diversity of Mexican and American plants. Over 1,100 plant types are found in the park. Animal life is just as varied. Desert wildlife is mostly nocturnal, but deer, coyotes, javelinas, gray fox, skunks, raccoons, and jackrabbits might be seen during the day. Lucky visitors might spot some of the rarer animals, such as ringtail, black bear, beaver, and mountain lion. More than 430 bird species have been identified, more than at any other national park. Birds include the personable roadrunner, the raucous gray-breasted jay, beautiful hummingbirds, and the rare Colima warbler whose only U.S. nesting grounds are in the Chicos Mountains.



**Big Bend National Park**

One hundred million years ago, this area was ocean. And 65 million years ago, dinosaurs roamed the area, sharing land and air with other ancient creatures, such as the Big Bend Pterodactyl, largest flying creature known, with an estimated 51-foot wingspread. Big Bend is a geological showplace, where erosion has exposed geological structures from the simplest to the most complex. In this overwhelming landscape, even the nongeologist will sense the magnitude of time and forces that shaped the land.

It is a vast land that invites exploring, not a park that can be seen in just a few hours. Several hundred miles of trails range from short, easy nature walks to primitive trails for experienced hikers. More than 100 miles of paved roads and about 170 miles of dirt roads; check with any ranger for current conditions of all primitive, backcountry and graded roads before attempting travel.

A permit is required for all backcountry and primitive camping; also for all river-users. Free permits may be obtained at Park Headquarters or ranger stations.

Rangers present walks and illustrated talks throughout the year. Daily horse rides leave the Chisos Remuda horse concession in the Chisos Basin. Minimum age six years, maximum weight 210 lbs. Phone 915/477-2374. Fee.

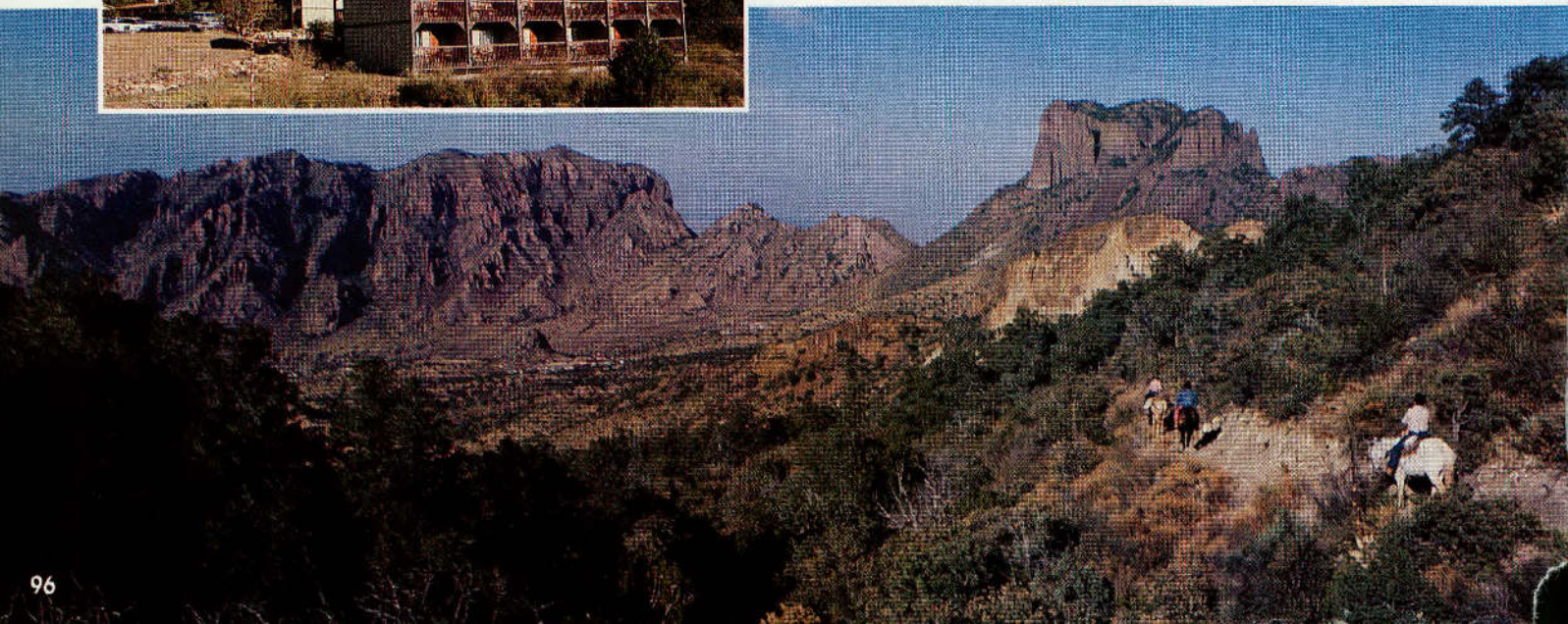
Basic facilities in the park include visitor centers, post office, National Park Service campgrounds, a trailer park, store-gas stations, and a restaurant-gift shop-lodge in the Chisos Mountains Basin. Lodging is available in 58 motel-type rooms and eight lodge-type units, plus six more rustic cottages—all located in the Basin area of the park. Advance reservations are strongly advised throughout the year. Write Chisos Mountains Lodge, Basin Rural Station, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834. Phone 915/477-2291.

Accessible from Marathon via U.S. 385 (79 miles), from Alpine via Texas 118 (108 miles), and from Marfa/Presidio via U.S. 67 and F.M. 170 (156 miles). Admission.

For further information, write Superintendent, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834.

**Big Bend National Park Visitor Centers**—Information, maps, literature, exhibits. Visitor center in lobby of Park Headquarters at Panther Junction open year round, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Visitor centers in Chisos Basin and at

**Mountain trail riding in Big Bend National Park**



Rio Grande Village open seasonally, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area**— See LAJITAS.

**Hallie's Hall of Fame Museum**—Houses mementos and relics found on Hallie Stillwell's ranch. Mrs. Stillwell's book, "I'll Gather My Geese," recalls her life as a teacher and rancher in and around the rugged national parklands. Nearby is Stillwell RV Park and Store. Just north of Big Bend to F.M. 2627, then east to the facilities. 915/376-2244.

**Scenic Drive**—*El Camino del Rio*, Spanish for "The River Road," is local name for F.M. 170 that stretches from Lajitas northwest to Presidio and beyond. An excellent paved route, it's one of the most spectacular drives in Texas, plunging over mountains and canyons along the sun-drenched Rio Grande. Drivers are cautioned that the route encounters steep grades (15%), sharp curves, occasional loose livestock, and low-water crossings; special alert for large RVs or vehicles pulling large trailers.

## BIG LAKE

Pop. 3,744

Alt. 2,678

Map N-10



**General**—Community developed with building of Orient Railroad in 1911; served as marketing and retail center for surrounding cattle and sheep ranches. The Univ. of Texas owned much of rather arid grazing land

around Big Lake where, in 1923, a large oil pool was discovered with the Santa Rita No. 1. The discovery made the Univ. of Texas one of the richest schools in nation (see below). Today Big Lake is seat of Reagan County; name derived from large, shallow depression to the south that forms a broad, shallow lake during rare wet seasons.

**Old Courthouse**—Northwest about 12 miles, among flat tablelands and low hills, two-story building of native stone in community of Stiles, county seat at turn of the century. When large landowner refused to let railroad cross his property, the line built through Big Lake and Stiles withered.

**Reagan County Park**—Large park area with community center, pool, picnic shelters, camping (with hookups), replica of Santa Rita No. 1. North of city via Utah Ave.

**Santa Rita No. 1**—Actual well site with oil derrick and some of the original equipment used during gusher of May 28, 1923; 8,525-ft. well productive until 1990. Historical marker outside fenced site gives more details about the famous well that brought an era of prosperity to West Texas. Four miles west of town on U.S. 67.



Annie's Tearoom in Big Sandy

## BIG SANDY

Pop. 1,211

Alt. 333

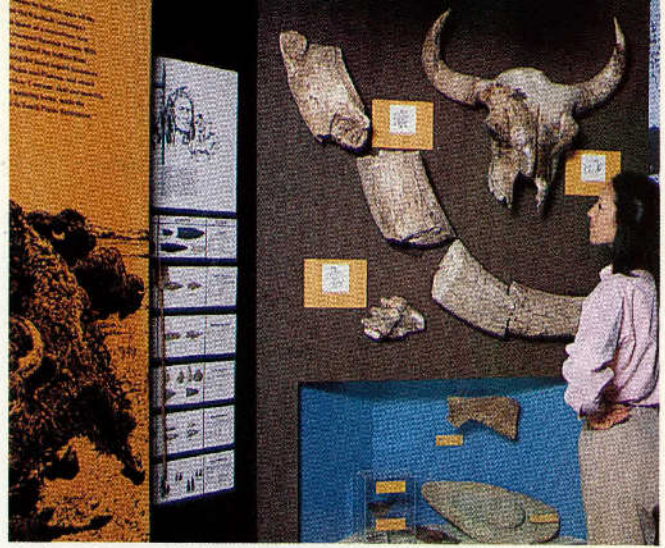
Map K-21



**General**—First settlement of the woodlands area dates from Mexican land grants of 1835. Founded when Cotton Belt Railroad was built through town in 1877; named for nearby Sandy Creek. Rural community is

site of Ambassador College.

**Annie's**—Complex of exquisitely restored Victorian homes clustered around old-fashioned gardens accented by colorful plantings and immaculate lawns.



Heritage Museum in Big Spring

Includes bed-and-breakfast country guest house, tearoom (reservations required), antique/gift shop, and needle craft house, headquarters of a nationwide needle craft company. Open year round. At intersection of U.S. 80/Texas 155; phone 903/636-4303.

## BIG SPRING

Pop. 23,258

Alt. 2,397

Map L-10



**General**—Seat of Howard County; name derived from huge natural spring on Sulphur Draw that watered buffalo, antelope, wild mustangs, and Comanche and Shawnee Indians. First white men at site in 1849.

Spring today is at center of city park (see below).

City is home of Howard College and Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, and Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Heritage walking tour features 26 historic buildings with antique and gift shops, railroad and train display and memorabilia. From Railroad Plaza where Union Pacific railroad meets Main St.

**Big Spring State Park**—343-acre park contains dance pavilion, playground, picnic sites, jogging and nature trails, and prairie dog town. Scenic drive overlooks city. At south edge of city off F.M. 700; admission, day use only.

**City Park**—Home of spring that gave Big Spring its name; features 6,500-seat Comanche Trail Amphitheater. The 400-acre park offers swimming pool, 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, baseball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, and hike, bike and nature trails. On south edge of city; access from U.S. 87 and from F.M. 700.

**Heritage Museum**—Pioneer and Indian artifacts, art exhibits, and displays of local history and early West Texas. Houses the world's largest collection of Texas Longhorn steer horns. Unique to the Southwest is exhibit of 46 rare and unusual phonographs; late 1800s to 1920s models made by Edison,

**Comanche Trail Park's Big Spring gave city its name**



Victor, Columbia, and others. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. At 510 Scurry. Admission.

**Lakes**—E.V. Spence, J.B. Thomas, Moss Creek, Colorado City. See LAKES listing.

**Potton House**—Restored Victorian home of Joseph Potton family, circa 1901; listed in National Register of Historic Places; excellent showcase for turn-of-the-century furnishings. Open Tues. - Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. or by appointment with Heritage Museum. Second St. and Gregg.

**Vietnam Memorial**—Recognizes men and women who served the U.S. in Southeast Asia. Stone is same type used at National Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. Accessible from F.M. 700.

## BLANCO

Pop. 1,265

Alt. 1,350

Map P/Q-15



**General**—Settled 1853 by pioneer stockmen who had to fortify homes against hostile Indians. Named Blanco (Spanish word meaning white) for the Blanco River.

**Centerpiece of town square is the Old**

Blanco County Courthouse, fine example of Second Empire style architecture. Town was Blanco County seat from 1858 to 1891, when moved to centrally located Johnson City. Now popular tourist and resort area of Hill Country. Town square joined to state park by two-block City Park, with nature trail featuring Xeriscape garden. Sunny climate attracts campers, anglers, and hunters. Hill Country streams offer game fish; hunters take white-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail, and dove during seasons.

**Blanco State Park**—110-acre park, in scenic Blanco River Valley, lies largely within city limits. Camping, trailer sites, picnicking, screened shelters, group pavilion, fishing, swimming, pedal boats, children's play area, rest rooms, showers. On U.S. 281. Admission.

**Lake**—Canyon. See LAKES listing.

**Scenic Drive**—R.M. 32 from U.S. 281 two miles south of Blanco. Portions of drive toward San Marcos follow a ridge called "The Devil's Backbone," a treat of Hill Country landscapes where white-tailed deer are often seen, especially early or late day.

**BOERNE**—See ALAMO COUNTRY SECTION, Page 64.

## BONHAM

Pop. 6,786

Alt. 568

Map G-19



**General**—Seat of Fannin County in an area of Blackland Prairie south of the Red River that marks boundary between Texas and Oklahoma. The name and statue on courthouse square honor James Butler Bonham

who died at the Alamo.

Three small lakes at nearby Caddo National Grasslands are open for visitors year round. Lake Davy Crockett and Coffee Mill Lake offer camping, boating, and fishing. Lake Fannin offers boating and fishing.

**Bonham State Park**—300 acres set on rolling, wooded site less than four miles from Bonham. Individual and group camping facilities; small lake offers fishing, swimming, and boating. Also bathhouse, snack bar (summer operation), miniature golf course, playground, and pedal-boat rentals. Access via Texas 78 south, F.M. 271. Admission.

**Fannin County Museum**—Pioneer, local, and regional history exhibits in restored 1900 Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot. Nine rooms of antique furniture, tools, vintage clothing, art, Indian artifacts, railroad memorabilia, photographs, and historical documents and records. Open Tues. - Sat. noon - 4 p.m., Sept. - March; Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., April - Aug. One Main Street; phone 903/583-8042.

**Fort Inghish Park**—Replica of log blockhouse and stockade built by Bailey Inghish in 1837; nucleus of homesteads that became town of Bonham; also three original, restored log cabins; pioneer furnishings and artifacts. Open Apr. 1 - Sept. 1, Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. W. Sam Rayburn Dr. 903/583-3441.

**Lake**—Bonham. See LAKES listing.

**Sam Rayburn House**—Home of the late "Mister Sam," who served as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives longer than any other in American history. Built in 1916 and restored to 1961 condition, the year Sam



Sam Rayburn Library in Bonham

Rayburn died. Original furniture, china, and personal effects. Hourly tours Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sat. 1 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Reservations required for group tours; 903/583-5558. U.S. 82, 1.5 miles west of city.

**Sam Rayburn Library**—Elegant structure of white Georgia marble; library contains exact duplicate of Speaker Rayburn's U.S. Capitol office, from pattern on the tile floor to barrel-vaulted ceiling. Over desk is crystal chandelier, more than a century old, which hung in both White House and Capitol. Other mementos include many gavels used on historic occasions, and 2,500-year-old Grecian urn given by Athens Palace Guard in appreciation for American economic aid. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 1 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. On 4.3-acre tract along U.S. 82 four blocks west of downtown; 903/583-2455.

## BORGER

Pop. 15,545

Alt. 3,116

Map C-10



**General**—Established following discovery of rich Panhandle Oil Field in 1926. In months, a boom town of tents and shacks sprang up, and population numbered more than 40,000. Orderly growth soon replaced the

ribald oil boom days, and now Borger is a center for oil, chemicals, and cattle. Tanks and towers of oil and petrochemical plants dominate the skyline. Home of Frank Phillips College.

**Battle of Adobe Walls**—Site of two Indian battles. (See STINNETT.)

**City Parks**—16 parks offer extensive picnic facilities, tennis courts, sports fields, playground equipment, swimming pools, and two 18-hole golf courses.

**Hutchinson County Historical Museum**—Exhibits depicting Hutchinson County area from time of Coronado to boom-town days. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; open Sun. during summer months, Memorial Day through Labor Day, 2 - 4 p.m. Closed major legal holidays. 618 N. Main St.; 806/273-6121.

**Lake**—Meredith. See LAKES listing.

**Lake Meredith Recreation Area**—See FRITCH.

**Scenic Drive**—A 25-mile loop west and north to Stinnett crosses rough, canyon-cut landscapes of the Canadian River brakes; leads across dam impounding Lake Meredith. Texas 136 west, F.M. 1319, and F.M. 687 north.



Boy's Ranch in Tascosa

## BOYS RANCH

Pop. 550

Alt. 3,176

Map C-9



**General**—Cal Farley's Boys Ranch is a nationally known home for boys and girls who benefit from guidance, affectionate discipline, and education in a ranch setting. Established in 1939 by the late Cal Farley,

Texas businessman and world welterweight wrestling champion of the 1920s.

The first boys who came to the ranch lived in the abandoned courthouse of Old Tascosa (see below) that is now the Julian Bivins Museum (also below). Founded and expanded by private donations, the ranch today covers 10,600 acres. Facilities includes a chapel, clinic, schools, fine arts and auditorium, visitors center, and 23 homes for children.

More than 400 boys and girls help operate the ranch, attend school and vocational classes, and enjoy a year-round program of athletics. A popular annual event is the Boys Ranch Rodeo, Labor Day weekend, featuring competition among youths of all ages. Although some 80 percent of the young people were headed for trouble before coming to the ranch, most remain and graduate from the fully accredited Boys Ranch High School, entering the

**Alamo replica is centerpiece for Alamo Village in Brackettville**



adult world as useful, self-reliant citizens. Visitors are welcome at the ranch; open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Boot Hill Cemetery**—When Tascosa (below) was the wide open, riotous cowboy capital of the 1880s, gunfights were traditional means for settling disputes, and its cemetery was an essential part of the town. The boys maintain the cemetery today. U.S. 385.

**Julian Bivins Museum**—Housed in the former Oldham County Courthouse, name honors Panhandle rancher whose donation of land formed the nucleus of Boys Ranch. Artifacts from Indian and prehistoric Panhandle cultures, cowboy and pioneer items, photos and documents about Boys Ranch history. Open daily year round, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Old Tascosa**—Pioneer settlers in the early 1870s built adobe huts and irrigation ditches along area creeks. After 1875, village became a supply and shipping point for several huge Texas ranches, including the famed XIT and LIT. Bustling town was known as "the Cowboy Capital of the Plains"; became county seat when Oldham County was organized in 1880. The famous and infamous—from Kit Carson to Billy the Kid—once strode its rough plank sidewalks. But as with many Texas cow towns, decline set in when the open range was girded with fences, and the railroad bypassed the site. It was deserted by the 1930s.

## BRACKETTVILLE

Pop. 1,742

Alt. 1,110

Map R-12



**General**—Established as supply village for adjacent Fort Clark in 1852. Fort was one of the most historic military posts in Southwest. Over the years, many infantry regiments and most of Army's cavalry units saw duty at

Fort Clark. Deactivated in 1944, property is now resort development (see below). Town also became trade center for surrounding ranches and irrigated farms. Seat of Kinney County. Hunting in area for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, javelina, and upland game birds.

**Alamo Village**—Western family recreation center built around movie set for John Wayne's "The Alamo," filmed in 1959. Set was one of the largest and most complete ever constructed in the U.S. The Alamo replica, built by adobe craftsmen from Mexico, overlooks a complete frontier village of the 1800s. Operated by Shahan Angus Ranch, set includes a cantina-restaurant, trading post, Indian store, authentic stage depot, old-time jail, bank, saddle shop, and other typical Old West structures. During summer months visitors see regular country/Western shows—often interrupted by shoot-outs between frontier lawmen and desperados. Set still used for movies, television, and commercials. Open daily at 9 a.m.; 7 miles north on R.M. 674; admission. 210/563-2580.

**Fort Clark Springs**—Site of Fort Clark, established in 1852. Notable military officers who served here include Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, Generals George C. Patton and George C. Marshall. Fort deactivated in 1944. Today a resort-retirement community open to public offering motel, restaurant, RV park,



Actors stage bank holdup at Alamo Village in Brackettville

18-hole golf course and giant spring-fed swimming pool. For reservations call 210/563-2493 or 1-800-937-1590 (U.S.).

Old Guardhouse Museum has local and pioneer history exhibits. Museum open Sat., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Operated by Fort Clark Historical Society of Kinney County.

**Historic Buildings**—Several in area are of historical interest. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church dates from 1878; Masonic Lodge Building, c. 1879, was original county courthouse. It stands next to present courthouse, and is dated by outside staircase.

**Scenic Drives**—Two highways lead north into scenic landscapes of the Hill Country, rich in wild game and beautiful vistas. Among sheep, goats, and cattle in rocky pastures, travelers may catch glimpses of white-tailed deer or wild turkey, especially in late afternoon. Several views of West Nueces River winding among steep cliffs and hills. R.M. 674 north to Rocksprings or R.M. 334 northeast to intersection with Texas 55.

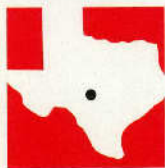
**Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery**—Dating from frontier era, scouts descended from slaves stolen from plantations by Florida Seminoles. Moved to Oklahoma after Seminole War, many scouts migrated toward Mexico. Army hired 150 as scouts to follow trails of raiding Indians. A group settled in Brackettville around Fort Clark. Descendants remain as farmers and ranchers, and maintain old cemetery on county road about 3 miles south. Graves include four Medal of Honor winners.

## BRADY

Pop. 5,948

Alt. 1,670

Map N-14



**General**—Settled mid-1800s, became seat of McCulloch County 1876. At edge of Hill Country on former Dodge Cattle Trail. Fourteen miles southwest, community of Calf Creek is site of Indian battle where James

and Rezin Bowie, with a small party, were besieged for eight days by Tawakoni Indians. The fierce Bowie brothers fought their way free.

Historical markers note the geographical center of Texas: one is on the picturesque courthouse square, and another, some 15 miles north on U.S. 377, is five miles southeast of the exact center of Texas. In straight-line distance it's 437 miles to the Rio Grande beyond El Paso, 401 miles to the Rio Grande below Brownsville, 412 miles to the Panhandle border beyond Texline, and 341 to the Sabine River near Burkeville.

The longest fenced cattle trail in the world once extended from a rail-head at Brady to Sonora (which see).

City today offers excellent parks, city-owned lake and golf course; fishing year round. Hunting during seasons includes white-tailed deer, wild turkey, dove, and quail.

**Heart of Texas Historical Museum**—Early ranch and home exhibits,

farm implements, pioneer weapons, vintage photos, and memorabilia. Housed in restored county jail, circa 1910, still exhibiting cells and prisoner hardware. Open Sat., Sun., and Mon. afternoons. Corner of High and Main Sts., one block west of town square.

**Lake**—Brady Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Santa Fe Center**—Restored depot serves as art gallery and studio. Depot and N. Bridge Sts.

## BRAZOSPORT

Pop. (comb.) 53,832

Alt. 15-32

Map S-21



**General**—A community of nine cities situated at the mouth of the Brazos River.

Each separate, but joined in similar outlook and destiny. See listings under FREEPORT,

CLUTE, and LAKE JACKSON. Other Brazosport

communities are Brazoria, Jones Creek, Oyster Creek, Quintana, Richwood, and Surfside Beach.

Recreational activities include fresh- and saltwater fishing, swimming and boating, surfing and crabbing.

Southern Brazoria County Visitor and Convention Bureau, on Texas 332, offers details on area attractions.

## BRECKENRIDGE

Pop. 5,679

Alt. 1,220

Map J-14



**General**—Established 1876, said named for John C. Breckenridge, vice president

under James Buchanan, 1857-61. Large-production oil wells discovered 1916-17;

boom exploded in 1920 when town leaped

from population of 1,500 to 30,000 in 12 months. As in most cases, boom soon faded. Today seat of Stephens County, retail and shipping center for ranching activities, location of petroleum-related and other industries.

**Breckenridge Aviation Museum**—More than a dozen vintage warplanes, plus displays and large collection of historic photographs. Development and acquisitions continuing. Site of annual air show Memorial Day weekend.

Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Stephens County Airport, U.S. 183, 2 mi. south.

**Breckenridge Park**—Beautiful tree-shaded grounds with swimming pool, playing fields for baseball and soccer, tennis courts, hiking trails, picnic tables, playground equipment. East edge of city on U.S. 180.

**Lakes**—Hubbard Creek, Possum Kingdom. See LAKES listing.

**Library and Fine Arts Center**—Opened 1985, modern facility is site of art displays in all media, plus traveling exhibits. Open Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. 200 block N. Breckenridge Ave. (U.S. 183).

**Possum Kingdom State Park**—32 miles northeast on the popular reservoir. (See CADD0.)

**Swenson Memorial Museum and J. D. Sandefer Oil Annex**—In handsome old bank building, museum features pioneer artifacts, traveling exhibits. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m. Annex devoted to boom-days history, open-air tool display, oil field history. 116 W. Walker and 113 N. Breckenridge.

Spitfire and Corsair F4U, Aviation Museum in Breckenridge



## BRENHAM

Pop. 12,445

Alt. 350

Map P-19



**General**—This county seat is situated in the east central part of Washington County on a part of the league of land granted to a settler under colonization laws of Coahuila and Texas. Its pronounced German population

began settling here in the 1860s. Home of Blinn College, Texas' first county-wide junior college, founded 1883.

An antique carousel, only one of 12 in Texas, is only example of a C.W. Parker Carousel with Hershell-Spillman horses; manufactured prior to 1910; in Firemen's Park. Visitors can view the beautiful carnival ride at any time. Group tours, which includes a ride on the carousel, may be arranged by calling 409/836-7911.

Brenham lies on Texas 36, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

Brenham lies along the Texas Pioneer Trail covering four-county area. For additional information and map, contact local chamber of commerce.

**Bed and Breakfast Registry**—For information and reservations: 409/836-3695.

**Blue Bell Creameries**—"The little creamery in Brenham," founded in 1907 as Brenham Creamery Co.; named changed to Blue Bell in 1930 for wild flower that grows in area. With ice cream production of two gallons a day in 1911, popular creamery is now home of what many believe is the ultimate ice cream in the United States. In 1981, *Time* magazine devoted a major article to the best premium ice creams their enthusiastic researchers could find. After seven pages of waxing eloquent about luscious, delectable varieties, the feature concluded: "Forget all this, and resolve the next time you are in Texas to obtain the best ice cream in the world, which is made by Blue Bell Creameries in Washington County . . ." Judge for yourself on free tours at the plant that now produces 20 million gallons per year. Tours are year round Mon. - Fri. usually at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.; groups of 15 or more need reservations. (All tours by reservation only in March and April.) Blue Bell Country Store open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed major holidays. 1-800-327-8135. Two miles southeast of downtown on S. Horton St. (F.M. 577). Admission.

**Brenham Heritage Museum**—Housed in renovated 1915 Federal Building. Exhibits help to preserve area history and to keep it intact for future generations. Traveling exhibits throughout the year. Open Wed. 1 - 4 p.m.; Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 105 S. Market St. For information, call 409/830-8445. Donations requested.

**Burton Farmers Gin**—National Historic Landmark built in 1914 and powered by 1925 Bessemer twin type IV oil engine. Rare working reminder of era when cotton reigned supreme in Brazos Valley. Guided tours; 12 miles west of Brenham on U.S. 290. 409/289-3418 or 289-3402



**Cuddly miniature horses on Monastery farm in Brenham**

**Ellison's Greenhouses**—Only commercial wholesale greenhouse operation in the state that allows public to tour its working operations. Five acres of greenhouses produce year-round crops of foliage, mums, gloxinias, African violets. Seasonally, half-acre greenhouses are filled with poinsettias, tulips, Easter lilies, and hydrangeas. Poinsettia Celebration on Thanksgiving weekend. Gift shop and tourism center at 1808 S. Horton; open Mon. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 409/836-0084. Greenhouse entrance at 2107 E. Stone St.; 409/836-6011. Tours Mon. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Admission.

**Monastery of St. Clare Miniature Horse Farm**—Home to group of Franciscan Poor Clare Nuns who support themselves by raising miniature horses and by selling handmade ceramics and other crafts in The Art Barn gift shop. Open daily, 2 - 4 p.m., except Holy Week and Christmas; nine miles northeast on Texas 105. 409/836-9652.

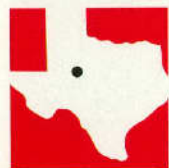
**Texas Baseball Hall of Fame Museum**—More than 450 pieces of memorabilia, including baseball signed by 1938 New York Yankees, life-size wax figure of Nolan Ryan, and Mickey Mantle's 515th home run ball. Hall of Fame Gift Shop with T-shirts, baseballs, caps, trading cards, and other baseball souvenirs. Open daily 1 - 4 p.m.; on Blinn College campus. Admission. 409/830-4137.

**Brenham's most famous export—Blue Bell Ice Cream**



**BRONTE**

Pop. 976      Alt. 1,893      Map L-12



**General**—Established 1887; named for famed English novelist, Charlotte Bronte. Local park offers swimming pool, nine-hole golf course and playground.

**Fort Chadbourne Cemetery**—Frontier fort was established 1852 by elements of 8th Infantry, but experienced chronic water shortage. Abandoned 1867 and troops transferred to Fort Concho in San Angelo (which see). Fort ruins are on private property but owner permits nonstop drive-through. Cemetery of Fort Chadbourne town (now vanished) is beside U.S. 277 about 10 miles north. Interesting, poignant old markers.  
**Lake**—Oak Creek Reservoir. See LAKES listing.



Lilypons Water Garden in Brookshire

**BROOKSHIRE**

Pop. 3,140      Alt. 168      Map Q-20



**General**—Established with building of the MKT Railroad in the early 1880s on rich alluvial land included in Stephen F. Austin's original empresario grant. Agriculture still prominent in area economy with rice,

peanuts, soybeans, and cattle, plus oil and gas.  
Brookshire lies on I-10, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.  
**Lilypons Water Gardens**—Aquatic nursery and water gardening specialist with 13-1/2 acres of blooming water lilies, lotus, and other aquatic plants. Over 20 ponds are on display with koi up to 28" long and other exotic goldfish. Lotus Blossom Festival (June) and Koi Festival (Sept.) feature champion quality koi and arts and crafts. Open Mar. - Oct., daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Nov. - Feb., Mon. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; just south of I-10 at 839 F.M. 1489. 713/391-0076.  
**Waller County Historical Museum**—Housed in former home, circa 1910, of Dr. Paul Donigan, turn-of-the-century Armenian-American physician. Period furnishings in parlor, bedroom, dining room, and kitchen. Exhibit rooms feature county history in artifacts, documents, photos, and a series of historic wall paintings. Open Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. At 5th and Cooper Sts.; 713/934-2826.

**BROWNFIELD**

Pop. 9,469      Alt. 3,312      Map H-9



**General**—Established as county seat of Terry County in 1904; named for Col. Benjamin Franklin Terry, Confederate leader of Terry's Texas Rangers. Principal incorporated town in county, situated at intersection of five

highway routes. Retail, medical, and commercial center for crop, livestock, and oil-producing area.

**Coleman Park**—44-acre recreation site offers picnicking, swimming pool, playground, and travel trailer campsites available free for up to four days. South of city limits along U.S. 62/385.  
**Terry County Historical Museum**—Local heritage displays, pioneer kitchen, artifacts. Open winter Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sat. 1 - 5 p.m.; summer Mon. - Fri. 1 - 4 p.m., Sat. 1 - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 - 4 p.m. In restored A. M. Brownfield Home, 600 E. Cardwell. 806/637-2467.

**BROWNSVILLE**—See THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 75.

**BROWNWOOD**

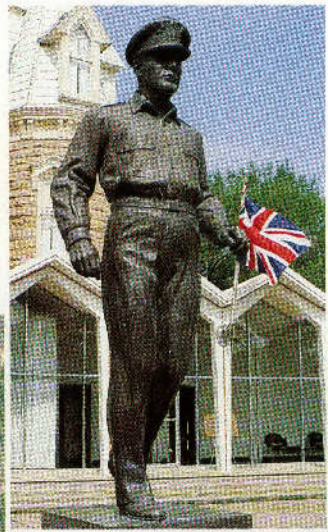
Pop. 18,752      Alt. 1,342      Map M-14



**General**—Established 1856, city became one of state's largest cotton-buying centers. Oil discovered in 1920s; substantial industrial development in recent decades. A number of fine old structures of native sandstone—

homes, a former mill, stores, and schools—are reminders of city's history. Home of Howard Payne Univ.  
U.S. Department of Agriculture's W.R. Poage Pecan Field Station located here since 1939; 16 new varieties developed since 1953.  
Brownwood lies on U.S. 183, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.  
**Brown County Museum of History**—Seven rooms of exhibits in old, castle-like jail. Brown County history, and evolution of communications exhibit in room sponsored by West Texas Pioneer Telephone Club. Open Wed. 1 - 4 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 200 block of N. Broadway near courthouse.  
**Camp Bowie Memorial Park**—Honors men of famed 36th Infantry Division ("T-Patch"). Small park features vintage military equipment, cannon, armor. At intersection of Bumett Dr. and Travis Rd., Camp Bowie Industrial Area.  
**Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom**—Affiliate of Howard Payne Univ., specializing in history and government in the context of Western civilization. Dedicated to Gen. Douglas MacArthur; displays some of his personal souvenirs. Unique study settings lure visitors—Mediterranean Room flanked by replicas of Egyptian tomb statues; Magna Carta Hall replica of English castle room; replica of meeting room in Philadelphia's Independence Hall. Magnificent three-story mural highlights academy entrance. Tours Mon. - Sat. while school is in session; call 915/646-2502. Austin Ave. (F.M. 2524) at Coggin St.

Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom in Brownwood







**Brown County Museum of History in Brownwood**

**Lake**—Brownwood. See LAKES listing.

**Lake Brownwood State Park**—538-acre park offers swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, camping, nature study, trailer facilities, rest rooms, shelters, cabins, and group camp accommodations. 23 miles northwest via Texas 279 and Park Road 15. Admission.

**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**

Pop. (combined) 111,716 Alt. 367

Map O-19



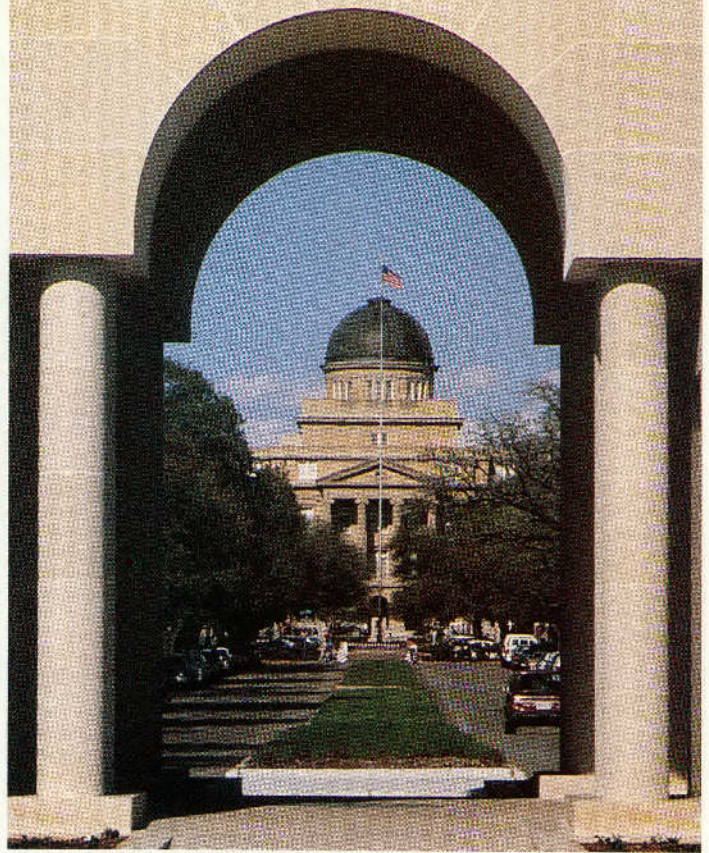
**General**—Located in area where Stephen F. Austin's colonists settled between 1821-1831. Bryan formally chartered in 1855. Economy long based on diversified agriculture, enhanced by educational centers,

including Allen Academy and Texas A&M Univ.

College Station adjoins Bryan forming the urban center of Brazos County. As its name implies, the city has always received its sustenance from Texas A&M Univ., the state's first public institution of higher education, established in 1876.

Hunting, fishing, and camping popular almost year round at nearby streams and woodlands.

**Wine tasting at Messina Hof Winery near Bryan**



**Academic Building on Texas A&M University Campus as seen through Albritton Tower**

Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater, in center of College Station, is surrounded by three-acre lake, and features big-name entertainers and free open-air concerts throughout the year.

**Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**—Natural history, archaeology, prehistory, other collections. Open Sept. - May, Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Jun. - Aug., Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Brazos Center at 3232 Briarcrest Dr. in Bryan.

**Lake**—Gibbons Creek. See LAKES listing.

**Messina Hof Wine Cellars**—Wine-making traditions of Messina, Italy, and Hof, Germany, are blended at the vineyards of this Texas winery. Picnic facilities and fishing at lake on property. Tours of winery (reservations required) weekdays 1:00 p.m., Sat. 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., and Sun. 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Retail store and tasting room open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 4 p.m. On Wallis Road (next to airport) south of Texas 21, six miles northeast of Bryan. 409/778-9463.

**Lake Bryan near Bryan**



**Texas A&M University**—Famed for military Cadet Corps and ROTC, whose graduates served by the thousands in World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. Noted for outstanding research in agriculture, animal pathology, salt- and freshwater fisheries, engineering, and nuclear technology.

Information Center in Rudder Tower, open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., provides information and maps for campus attractions:

**Albritton Bell Tower**; 49 bells cast in France with total weight of 17 tons, with largest weighing 6,500 pounds. Old Main Dr. and Wellborn Rd., College Station.

**Art exhibits**: J. Wayne Stark University Center Gallery, open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., Sun. noon - 6 p.m. Forsyth Gallery, open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sat., Sun. noon - 6 p.m. Both galleries in Memorial Student Center.

**Centennial Wood Carvings**; six walnut hand-carved panels depicting history of the university since 1876.

**Floral Test Garden**; hundreds of varieties of seeds and bulbs cultivated to test adaptability of local climate. Houston and Jersey Sts.

**Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center**; exhibits honoring the past, present, and future of Texas A&M Univ. and its Corps of Cadets; miniature cannons, swords, guns, flags, library, Hall of Honor, memorials, works of art, information center, gift shop, and more; includes **Metzger-Sanders Gum Collection** with antique, historic firearms and weapons, and the Sam Houston Sanders Commemorative Colt Collection; 409/862-2862.

## BUCHANAN DAM

Pop. 1,109

Alt. 1,025

Map O-15



**General**—Small resort and retirement community that grew at construction site of dam whose name it bears; popular center for extensive tourist activity on and around Lake Buchanan.

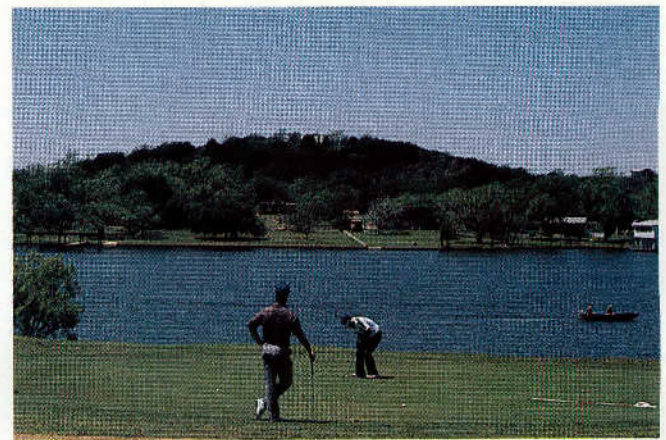
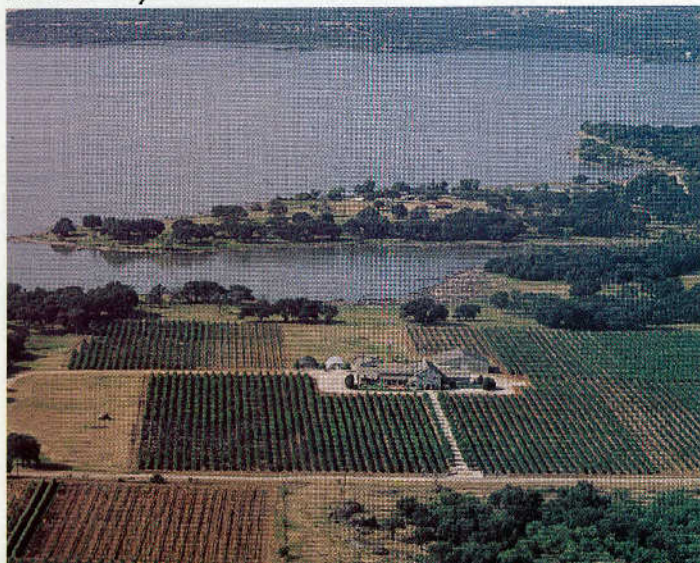
**Black Rock Park**—Public facility on western shore of Lake Buchanan with camping, swimming, fishing, and boating. On Texas 261 north from Texas 29.

**Buchanan Dam Visitor Center**—Spectacular view of largest of Highland Lakes; in building near dam; telescopes. Houses local chamber of commerce, and museum that features construction of Buchanan Dam, dedicated in 1937 and one of the largest of its kind in the U.S. Living history videotape, old photographs, exhibits on area history, xeriscape garden. Visitors enjoy feeding huge school of fish that congregate below observation deck. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tours of dam from chamber office, weekends, early April - early fall, 10 a.m., and 2 and 4 p.m. 512/793-2803.

**Fall Creek Vineyards**—A 65-acre estate winery on the northwest shore of Lake Buchanan in Texas Hill Country. French tradition combined with California technology creates premium, award-winning wines. Open for complimentary tours and tastings, Sat. noon - 5 p.m.; tastings and sales only, Mon., Wed., Fri. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Take Texas 261 to Bluffton, then F.M. 2241 northeast, 2.2 mi. past Tow. 512/476-4477.

**Highland Lakes Golf Course**—Beautiful nine-hole course on shore of Inks Lake, Inks Lake State Park.

### Fall Creek Vineyard on Lake Buchanan



Golfing at Inks Lake State Park

**Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery**—Thousands of fish bred in scientific facility's ponds. Lakes from across the country are stocked from here. Of interest regarding aquaculture, but limited sight-seeing; no aquarium exhibits. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (till noon on weekend). Take Texas 29 east to Park Road 4, then south on Park Rd. 4, follow signs. 512/793-2474.

**Inks Lake State Park**—2,000 acres on Inks Lake southeast of Buchanan Dam. Camping, shelters, trailers, rest rooms, picnicking, groceries, fishing, swimming, boats, golf, nature study, hiking. Access via Texas 29 east, south on Park Road 4. Admission.

**Lakes**—Buchanan, Inks. See LAKES listing.

**Longhorn Cavern State Park**—About 12 miles southeast. (See BURNET.)

**Vanishing Texas River Cruise**—See BURNET.



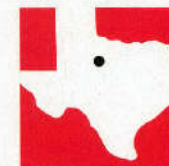
Inks Lake State Park near Buchanan Dam

## BUFFALO GAP

Pop. 503

Alt. 1,926

Map L-13



**General**—Settlement at site of natural pass in the Callahan Divide through which buffalo traveled for centuries; was a point on the famous Dodge (or Western) Cattle Trail. Recent visitor oriented developments

offer a variety of restaurants, art-souvenir-handicraft shops, and historical restorations.

**Abilene State Park**—On Lake Abilene a few miles south of Buffalo Gap. (See ABILENE.)

**Buffalo Gap Historic Village**—Complex of 20 historic structures from the frontier settlement, all restored and furnished, centered around first county courthouse jail. Short video details facts about West Texas and Buffalo Gap. Exhibits include country store, railroad depot, blacksmith and woodworking shop, 19th Century doctor-dentist office, two-room school, an 1880 bank,



**Buffalo Gap Historic Village**

buggies and wagons, firearms and Indian artifacts. Rural setting amid live oaks. Open Mar. 15 - Nov. 15, Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. noon - 6 p.m.; Nov. 16 - Mar. 14, Fri. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Admission. 915/572-3365.

**Lake**—Abilene. See LAKES listing.

## BURKBURNETT

Pop. 10,090

Alt. 1,040

Map F-15



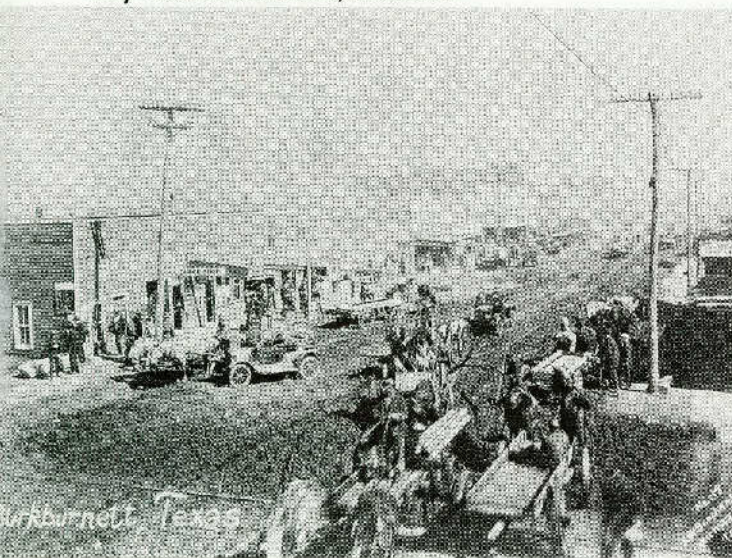
**General**—First settled in the 1860s by pioneers D.P. McCracken and H.C. Ackers on Gilbert Creek in northeastern Wichita County. Cowboys on the giant Samuel Burk Burnett 6666 Ranch derisively called the community

"Nesterville." In 1907 Joseph A. Kemp and Frank Kell from nearby Wichita Falls bought part of the Burk Burnett ranch for their railroad and laid out the present townsite. It's said town was named for Burk Burnett when President Theodore Roosevelt personally interceded with the Post Office Department. (Roosevelt had been Burnett's guest on a wolf hunt in the area in 1905.) The 1918 Fowler oil discovery turned the struggling farming community into a boom town. Oil derricks were so close together old-timers say it was almost possible to walk across town from derrick to derrick without touching the ground. The 1941 movie "Boomtown," with Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy, was based on those wild oil-boom days.

The boom's gone and oil pours less freely today. Farming, ranching, and diversified industries provide stability to the economy. Several parks provide picnic facilities.

**Felty Outdoor Oil Museum**—Early oil field equipment from height of oil boom includes spudders used for drilling and cleaning out wells, a steel beam pumping unit, and a band-wheel power source. On Gresham Rd. (F.M. 240).

### Early 1900s Oil Boom Scene, Burkburnett



**Trails & Tales of Boomtown USA**—Guided tour through historic past recalls oil-boom days with visits to oil fields, outdoor oil museum, and replica of Mabel Gilbert's dugout (the area's first white settler). Video presentation and tour is 2 hours; Jun. - Oct. on Sat. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In restored MKT depot on W. Third St. Reservations suggested. (Group tours daily by special arrangement.) Depot open Jun. - Oct. Fri. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for 30-minute video presentation. Admission. For information, 817/569-3304.

## BURNET

Pop. 3,504

Alt. 1,319

Map O-16



**General**—Seat of Burnet County, town grew around frontier Fort Croghan, established 1849. One of the most ancient geological areas of the world. Features outcropping of granite and famous Longhorn Cavern

(see below). Nearby White Bluff characterized by beautiful formations created by running and dripping water; on F.M. 2341 off Texas 29, about 15 miles northwest.

Year-round tourist destination. Named Bluebonnet Capital of Texas by 67th Texas Legislature; known for beautiful display of wild flowers each spring. Antique shopping on historic square. Camping facilities and excellent fishing on nearby Highland Lakes. Hunters take deer, wild turkey, and dove in season. For information on attractions, accommodations, and special events, call the chamber of commerce at 512/756-4297.

Delaware Springs Golf Course 18-hole municipal golf course on U.S. 281 south of town. Open daily from daylight to dark. 512/756-8471.



**Longhorn Cavern State Park near Burnet**

**Black Rock Park**—About 18 miles west on Lake Buchanan. (See BUCHANAN DAM.)

**Burnet County Park**—Excellent fishing camp on east side of Lake Buchanan. Access via Texas 29 west, R.M. 2341 north.

**Fort Croghan Museum**—Restored powder house, stone and log buildings. Exhibits, restored carriages, old guns, furniture, and relics depicting local frontier days. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. On Texas 29 west.

**Highland Lakes CAF Air Museum**—Headquarters for Confederate Air Force Hill Country Squadron. Features WWII fighter planes, firearms, photographs, and memorabilia. Open Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. At Burnet Municipal Airport, south on U.S. 281; 512/756-2226. Admission.

**Highland Lakes Golf Course**—On shore of Inks Lake. (See BUCHANAN DAM.)

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**Vanishing Texas River Cruise on Lake Buchanan near Burnet**

**Hill Country Flyer**—Steam excursion train runs through Hill Country from Cedar Park City Hall near U.S. 183 and R.M. 1431 near Austin to Burnet. Train pulled by Engine No. 786, a 75-year-old steam locomotive once displayed in downtown Austin. Ride is two hours through scenic countryside. Two-hour return trip following short layover in Burnet for dining and shopping. Departures are Sat. and Sun. at 10 a.m. For information: 512/477-8468. Fare.

**Inks Lake National Fish Hatchery**—About 10 miles west. (See BUCHANAN DAM.)

**Inks Lake State Park**—About 12 miles west. (See BUCHANAN DAM.)

**Lakes**—Buchanan, Inks. See LAKES listing.

**Longhorn Cavern State Park**—Two miles of underground fantasy; home of prehistoric cavemen, site of secret gunpowder manufacturer for Confederate armies, later an outlaw hideout. Cave tours supplemented by nature trails; snack bar. Museum displays Indian artifacts, frontier and Civil War items. Open daily except Christmas and Christmas Eve. About 11 miles southwest via U.S. 281, Park Road 4. Admission. 512/756-4680.

**Scenic Drives**—Among best is Texas 29 west and R.M. 2341 northwest, a beautiful route to Spider Mountain, which according to legend, was Indian burial ground. Below landmark is Bee Bluff, noted fishing spot.

R.M. 2342 offers excellent landscape views, especially at turnout near confluence of Llano and Colorado Rivers.

**Vanishing Texas River Cruise**—Hill Country wildlife and scenery viewed from enclosed, 60-foot tour boat on 23,000-acre Lake Buchanan year round. From mid-Nov. through Feb., cruise visits wintering grounds of American Bald Eagles. Cruise length about 2-1/2 hours; daily, except Tues., at 11 a.m.; also at 3 p.m. Sat. and Sun.

A sleek, new craft, the *Osprey*, offers a four-hour trip covering 36 miles, including a visit to Colorado Bend State Park where passengers can hike, picnic, or swim. Craft features a shallow three-inch draft at cruising speed of 40 mph and an unhampered 360-degree view of the scenery for riders. *Osprey* departs from dock Sat. at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. Schedules vary with demand during week.

Also, a tour of Lake Buchanan with stop at Fall Creek Vineyards (see BUCHANAN DAM) is offered Wed. and Fri. at 10 a.m. The Fall Creek tour includes visit to winery and a sampling of the vineyard's award-winning wines.

Make reservations for all cruises: 512/756-6986. Drive west three miles on Texas 29; northwest 13.5 miles on R.M. 2341. Cruise fee.

ramp, playground, picnic areas and fishing pier. Boating, fishing, swimming very popular; clear water attracts scuba divers and snorkelers. Part of official state Longhorn herd at park; 18 miles north of Caddo via Park Road 33. Admission.

**CALDWELL**

Pop. 3,273

Alt. 406

Map O-18



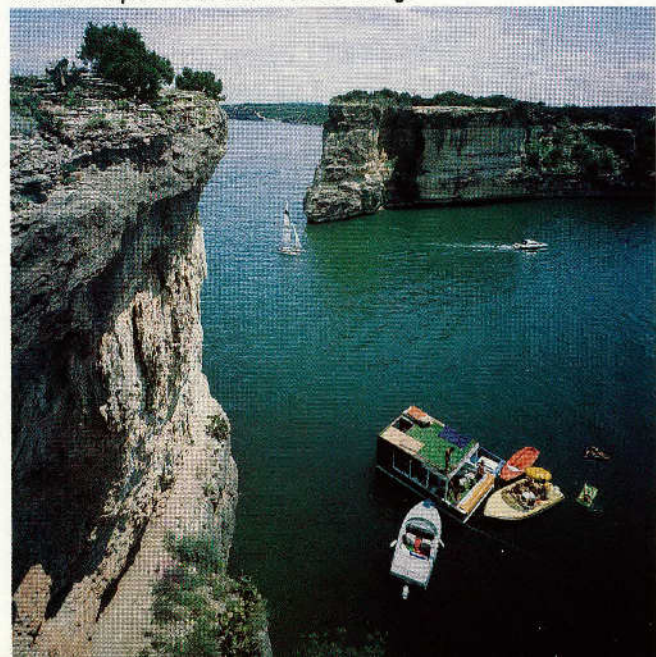
**General**—Founded 1840, has been seat of two counties. Before Burleson County organized in 1846, was seat of Milam County. Named for Mathew "Old Paint" Caldwell, noted Indian fighter and signer of Texas

Declaration of Independence. In 1850s town was rendezvous for westering immigrants, and had one of finest hotels on Old San Antonio Road. One of state's best country inns is still located in Caldwell. Today city is primarily a rural trade center for surrounding farms and ranches with diversified industry, including manufacturing service and technology. Town has been named "Kolache Capital of Texas" by state legislature.

Caldwell lies on Texas 36, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

**Possum Kingdom Lake and State Park offer abundant aquatic recreation in scenic settings**

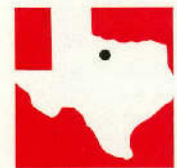


**CADDO**

Pop. 40

Alt. 1,250

Map K-15



**General**—Caddo Indians camped on what is now the townsite. Today, city is an agricultural community and gateway to popular recreational areas on Possum Kingdom Lake.

**Lake**—Possum Kingdom. See LAKES listing.

**Possum Kingdom State Park**—Scenic park on shore of huge Possum Kingdom Lake covers 1,615 acres with cabins, campsites, boat rental and



**Burleson County Historical Museum in Caldwell**

**Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum**—This small, but rich, museum focuses on the history and culture of the Czech people, and to assist the public in understanding the Czech heritage. Items of interest include a wall mural of the city of Prague and a dulcimer, presented to the museum by a Czech artist, who also has paintings displayed. Other exhibits include Czech costumes, books, crystal, and beautiful hand-painted eggs. Located in the chamber of commerce building at 210 W. Buck St. Donations accepted.

**Burleson County Historical Museum**—Items and relics of area pioneers, plus exhibits about Fort Tenoxtilan, a fort established by Mexico in 1830 to promote Mexican settlers and thwart Anglo-American colonists. It's a fascinating story—the Mexican commander eventually sided with the Texans and was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Open Fri. 2 - 4:30 p.m. Burleson County Courthouse.

**Kraitchar House**—Built 1891 for Thomas Kraitchar, Jr. Quaint Victorian cottage-style house features five-bay symmetrical facade with central gable. Open for tours and lunch on the first Fri. each month, noon - 2 p.m. Corner of Buck and Porter Sts.

**Lake**—Somerville. See LAKES listing.

## CALVERT

Pop. 1,561

Alt. 335

Map N-18



**General**—“Victorian” describes Calvert from business buildings and residences to Virginia Field Park. A National Historic District. Named for descendant of Lord Baltimore, Robert Calvert, plantation owner who

donated townsite. In 1871 had largest cotton gin in world. City claims title of “Antique Center of Texas.”

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

**Historic Buildings**—Historical medallions mark Cobb's Market, 517 Main St.; Church of Epiphany, Gregg and Elm, and First Presbyterian Church, 401 N. Barton Ave. Cobb's market built 1868; Church of Epiphany in use since parish founded about 1870; First Presbyterian Church built before Civil War with materials from Calvert Plantation (except for leaded-glass windows), moved to town 1868; other historic sites.

**Virginia Field Park**—Features large gazebo and shady playground. Once the site of an unusual prison during Reconstruction. A “sky parlor” jail, built atop a tall pole, held Southern sympathizers.

## CAMDEN

Pop. 1,200

Alt. 322

Map N-22



**General**—Established as lumbering town in heavily forested Polk County in 1898, activity still centers around timber growing, cutting and processing. County's largest lumber mill handles both pine and hardwoods.

**Woodlands Trails**—1.8-mile walking trail through one of the finest old pine stands in East Texas. Close-up views of 225-year-old longleaf pines and 170-year-old loblolly pines. Specimens of forest growth are identified; 3 miles east on F.M. 62.

## CAMERON

Pop. 5,591

Alt. 402

Map O-18



**General**—Small town in rich agricultural area of Milam County settled by diverse groups of pioneers in the 1840s. Town named for Ewen Cameron, a Scot Highlander prominent in the Texas Revolution; county named for another

independence fighter, Ben Milam, whose statue is on the courthouse grounds. It's not unusual to hear Czech, German, and Spanish—mingled with distinctive Texas draws—still being spoken by some Cameron residents.

Cameron lies on Texas 36, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**City Park**—An 1890 pavilion still stands today for band concerts, meetings, and rallies. Site of 1892 gubernatorial debate between James S. Hogg and George Clark. Historical marker marks boyhood home of L. S. “Sul” Ross, former Texas governor and president of Texas A&M Univ. Intersection of U.S. 190, Texas 36, and U.S. 77.

**Magnolia House**—Restored Victorian home of astonishing beauty; “may be the finest home of its size and type in the country,” says the Texas Historical Commission. Built in 1895, every piece of lumber hand picked for rarity and beauty of grain. Elaborate wall panelling, wood carvings, gingerbread fretwork; authentically furnished. Great American Home Award from National Trust for Historic Preservation. Open Mon., Thur., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 502 N. Travis St. 817/697-4395. Admission.

**Milam County Historical Museum**—Housed in restored county jail, c. 1895, complete with cells, shackles, and gallows tower. Exhibits of pioneer farm and ranch equipment, rustic household furnishings, and Spartan “fashions” of the frontier. Also Indian artifacts, ranch and trail-driving tack, cowboy gear, and weapons. Open 1 - 5 p.m. Tues. - Sat. at Main and Fannin Sts. downtown.

**Weid Hardware**—Operating since 1880s, store retains rustic, country-store atmosphere; many items still in stock since earliest days. 413 W. Batte St.



**Camp Verde General Store**

## CAMP VERDE

Pop. 41

Alt. 1,800

Map Q-14



**General**—Small community in beautiful Hill Country area at approximate site of Camp Verde, U.S. Army frontier post which was established July 8, 1855, as headquarters for the famous Army camel experiment.

Secretary of War Jefferson Davis promoted experiment to use camels for overland communications and transportation across the rugged, often arid country to the west, terminating at Fort Yuma, CA. Taken over by Confederates 1861; regarrisoned by Federals 1865; abandoned 1869. Only remaining structure is now main ranch house of Nowlin Ranch, not open to the public.

A roadside park on bank of Verde Creek and an old-fashioned general store/post office are enjoyed by visitors. On Texas 173 at F.M. 480 intersection, about 12 miles south of Kerrville.

## CAMP WOOD

Pop. 608

Alt. 1,450

Map R-12/13



**General**—Community grew around U.S. Army post of same name established 1857. Site was abandoned location of Spanish mission San Lorenzo de la Santa Cruz, founded by Franciscan missionaries 1762. Army

abandoned post in 1861, but Texas Rangers used facilities for a number of years following Civil War. Historical markers just north of city on Texas 55 give details of fort and mission. Town is at edge of Nueces River Canyon in area of Hill Country camps, sparkling streams.

Additional information on the city and area attractions can be obtained from the Tri-County Tourism Association, Box 606, Camp Wood, TX 78833. **Lake Nueces Park**—On picturesque Lake Nueces; offers camping facilities, some with full hookups, swimming, boating (two boat ramps), and fishing. Take Texas 55 south 3.5 miles.

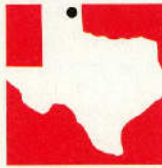
**Scenic Drives**—A series of highways in a loop to the northeast span some of most spectacular scenery in Hill Country—a land of massive timbered hills, steep cliffs, small secluded valleys and streams: North on Texas 55 and F.M. 335, east on Texas 41, south on F.M. 336 and U.S. 83 to Leakey, then west on F.M. 337 back to Camp Wood. That last leg on F.M. 337 is a sample of the route's continuing grandeur all the way east to Medina.

## CANADIAN

Pop. 2,385

Alt. 2,339

Map B-12



**General**—Canadian became county seat when Hemphill County was organized in 1887. It's located on the Canadian River and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe RR in the northwestern part of the county.

Early settlers held one of the first rodeos in Texas. Today a chief commercial center of county, that derives much of its economy from ranching and some oil activity.

Northwest of Canadian is the Black Kettle National Grasslands, administered by National Forest Service. Visitors find campsites, cottages, picnic grounds at small Lake Marvin. Fishing for bass, channel catfish and sunfish. Nature trails popular during fall foliage season and visitors often see deer, wild turkey, and waterfowl.

**Lake**—Marvin. See LAKES listing.

**River Valley Pioneer Museum**—Quaint museum features memorabilia on history of Canadian and Hemphill County. Traveling exhibits from other museums also displayed regularly. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 4 p.m. 118 South 2nd St. (U.S. 60/83). Donations accepted.

### Canton "First Monday" Flea Market



## CANTON

Pop. 2,937

Alt. 540

Map K-20



**General**—Farming and livestock market, seat of Van Zandt County, originally located in Henderson County. City is noted for "First Monday Trade Days," held the Fri., Sat., and Sun. prior to the first Monday of each month;

100 acres of antiques, and handmade articles at one of nation's largest, best-known and most interesting flea markets. (Most activity Sat., Sun.)

**Brewer's Bells Museum**—Bell collection of Belle Brewer, contains some 3,200 bells, many rare and exotic. Museum/florist shop is 2 mi. west on Texas 64. Admission.



Palo Duro Canyon State Park

## CANYON

Pop. 12,179

Alt. 3,566

Map D-9



**General**—Originated 1878 as headquarters for huge T Anchor Ranch; seat of Randall County and gateway to spectacular Palo Duro Canyon State Park; home of West Texas State A&M Univ.

**Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge**—One of the major waterfowl refuges on the Central Flyway, the 7,677-acre refuge is a winter haven for a million ducks and 80,000 geese. Once known as Tierra Blanca Water Conservation Project, the lake now holds very little water but refuge about 12 miles west continues to draw visitors on its interpretive walking trail and 4.5-mile auto interpretive trail. Activities include picnicking, sightseeing, birding, nature study, photography, and campsites with tables, grills — no water or electricity. Open daily 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Refuge headquarters 3 miles south of Umbarger on F.M. 168.

**Palo Duro Canyon State Park**—One of the state's largest state parks, 15,103 acres amid scenic landscape of Palo Duro. On the tabletop expanse of the Texas High Plains, a branch of the Red River has carved the incredible spires and pinnacles of Palo Duro. Walls plunge a thousand feet to the canyon floor, exposing brilliant multicolored strata. Camping, picnicking, rest rooms and showers, horseback riding, hiking trails, *Sad Monkey* miniature train ride, souvenir & snack shop, interpretive center, and amphitheatre where shows are staged during the summer season. About 12 miles east via Texas 217 and Park Road 5. Admission.

Within park is historical marker citing last great Indian battle in Texas. On a sweep across the High Plains in 1874, the famous Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, leading troops of 4th Cavalry from Fort Richardson (see JACKS-



**"Texas" Outdoor drama in Palo Duro Canyon near Canyon**

BORO) discovered huge camp of Comanches in the canyon. The Indians had broken from their reservations and were menacing a wide area. Achieving surprise, troops quickly overran the village and captured some 1,400 horses. The Indians fled to strong points in canyon. In master stroke of tactics Mackenzie did not try to dislodge Indians, but burned village and slaughtered most of the horses. Without shelter, provisions or the vital mobility of their horses, the proud plains warriors had no choice but to plod back to their reservations in Oklahoma.

**Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum**—On campus of West Texas State A&M Univ.; honors pioneers of Texas' colorful past. Entrance doors ornamented with historic brands; fascinating Old West exhibits include chuck wagon, extensive gun collection, prehistoric fossils and wildlife. Other collections show prehistoric Indian cultures, archaeology and Frank Reaugh

**"Sad Monkey" Train ride in Palo Duro Canyon State Park**

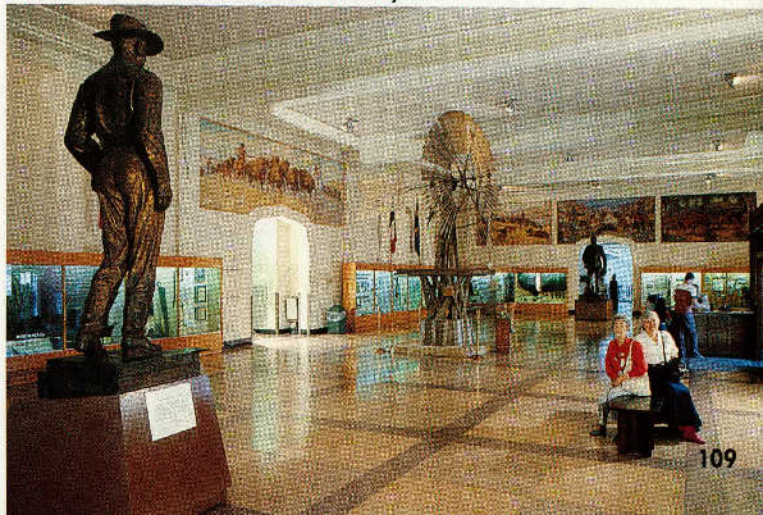


Collection of Southwestern Art.

Don Harrington Petroleum Wing, opened 1986, incorporates latest in exhibit design and museum interpretation. Geology, underground tool and oil field displays give viewer feeling of "being there." Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (6 p.m. June - Aug.), Sun. and holidays (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and the day before, and New Year's Day) 1 - 6 p.m.

**Pioneer Amphitheatre**—Setting for "TEXAS," spectacular outdoor drama by Paul Green, presented nightly except Sundays from late June through late Aug. Located in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, backdropped by 600-foot cliff. Cowboys, Indians, and settlers move over huge stage; riders spotlighted on cliffside trails, stereo music echoes through the canyon. Nationally acclaimed show begins at 8:30 p.m. CDT. Barbecue dinner (fee) served nightly before show. Separate admission for the park and show, but free park admission after 5:30 p.m. for those attending show. All seats reserved; advance reservations advisable. Canyon nights are cool even in midsummer, and a wrap is recommended. Tickets available at theatre, also at "TEXAS" Information Office, 2010 4th Avenue (Texas 217) in Canyon. 806/655-2181.

**Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon**



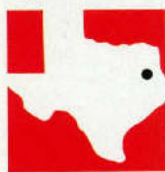
**CARROLLTON**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 27.

## CARTHAGE

Pop. 6,473

Alt. 302

Map K/L-22



**General**—Became seat of Panola (Indian word for cotton) County in 1848 when 100 acres were donated for townsite.

**Today a center for gas and oil processing, petrochemicals, lumber mills, chicken**

processing, and small industries. Birthplace of Tex Ritter and Jim Reeves. **Lakes**—Martin and Murvaal. See LAKES listing.

**Panola County Heritage Museum**—Historical exhibits, including antique dolls, old buggy, are in restored historic bank building on square. Texas Tearoom is open Mon. - Fri. for lunch featuring homemade sandwiches, soups, and desserts. Also gift shop. 100 East Sabine St.

**Panola County Historical Jail Museum**—Historical building; La Grone Family History Center; geneological library, history of law enforcement in east Texas. Open Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. N. Shelby St.

**Reeves Memorial**—A life-sized statue of Jim Reeves commemorates the Panola County native who became one of America's best loved country-Western singers, who died in a plane crash in 1964. Member of Country Music Hall of Fame; millions of records to his credit. Memorial is three miles east of downtown on U.S. 79.

**Tex Ritter Museum**—Features memorabilia of the legendary country/Western entertainer who was an early member of the Grand Old Opry. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 300 W. Panola.

**CASTROVILLE**—See ALAMO COUNTRY SECTION, Page 64.

Jim Reeves Memorial statue in Carthage

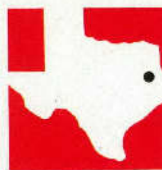


## CENTER

Pop. 5,020

Alt. 345

Map L-23



**General**—Founded 1866 and named for its central location in Shelby County; town's economy is based on sawmills, plywood mills, timber, poultry, cattle, and processing of farm products. Home

of Shelby Junior College.

**Lakes**—Pinkston, Toledo Bend Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Sabine National Forest**—Nearest entrance 11 miles SE on Texas 87. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Scenic Drives**—Many Forest Service Roads in Sabine National Forest offer exceptional scenery. One excellent route is to Shelbyville via Texas 87, P.M. 417 and F.M. 2694 (not shown on most maps) to Boles Field Recreational Area.

**Shelby County Courthouse**—Erected more than 100 years ago, the picturesque 19th Century courthouse, with turrets and towers, is modeled after an Irish castle.

## CENTERVILLE

Pop. 794

Alt. 353

Map N-20



**General**—Rolling plains and prairies characterize the topography of this East Texas area. Seat of Leon County; lumber manufacturing; farm marketing center. Nine-tenths of the farm income

is from livestock and poultry.

**Leon County Courthouse**—When the Leon County Courthouse burned in 1885, the smoke had scarcely died away before a contract was let to erect a new one. Completed in 1887, the "new" courthouse was built of slate bricks handmade near site. The courthouse is one of the oldest such buildings in Texas.

## CHAPPELL HILL

Pop. 310

Alt. 317

Map P-19



**General**—Settled in 1848, soon had two institutions of higher learning. Small schools thrived a while, but faded. Rural community still reflects quiet pace of bygone times. More than 25 homes and buildings bear historical

markers. Local library, organized 1893, is a self-service facility; patrons have individual keys.

**Chappell Hill Historical Museum**—Site of former Chappell Hill Female College. Pioneer utensils, furniture and memorabilia. Open Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. College St.

**Scenic Drive**—F.M. 1155 north to Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park winds through beautiful pastoral landscapes of Brazos River Valley, along historic route used by early settlers.

**Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park**—A few miles northeast on Brazos River, accessible via F.M. 1155. (See WASHINGTON.)

## CHILDRESS

Pop. 4,984

Alt. 1,877

Map F-12



**General**—Seat of Childress County named for George Campbell Childress, author of Texas Declaration of Independence. An agricultural center for cotton, grains and livestock, town is on the Burlington

Northern Railroad, has small, diversified industries.

**Childress City Park**—In addition to lake, park has historical marker for Goodnight Trail, extension of famed Goodnight-Loving Trail over which herds of cattle trekked to market.

**Childress County Heritage Museum**—Housed in old post office, displays include industry (cattle, cotton, railroad) exhibits, local Indian artifacts,





*Springtime brings dogwood blooms to East Texas*



**Conrad Hilton's first hotel—  
The Mobley in Cisco**

and other ranch chores. Ranch is also a game preserve licensed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For information/reservations, 806/874-2634. U.S. 287 west 3 miles to F.M. 3257, north 2 miles to ranch.  
**Lake**—Greenbelt. See LAKES listing.  
**Saints Roost Museum**—Housed in former Adair Hospital founded by Cornelia Adair in 1910 for local cowboys, the museum features heirlooms from area ranches, farms, and businesses. Open during summer Sat. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. On Texas 70 south.



furnished period rooms. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Third and C Sts. NW.

**Lake**—Childress (incl. Lake Baylor). See LAKES listing.

**CISCO**

Pop. 3,928

Alt. 1,608

Map K-14



**General**—Established 1881, community developed as marketing and distribution center for large cattle and agricultural area. Economy stimulated by discovery of Ranger oil pool in 1917. Continues as center for oil

and gas production, diversified agriculture and manufacturing. Home of Cisco Junior College.

**Kendrick Religious Museum**—See EASTLAND.

**Lake**—Cisco. See LAKES listing.

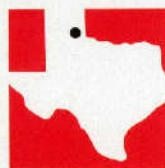
**Mobley Hotel**—Bought by Conrad Hilton in 1919 when that was the only way he could get a place to sleep, hotel became first in Hilton chain. Restored, the hotel now serves as chamber of commerce office and community center. Two rooms restored to 1919 look; another features historical museum. Open for tours weekday business hours; Sat., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 4th St. and Conrad Hilton Ave. (Texas 6).

**CLARENDON**

Pop. 2,043

Alt. 2,727

Map D-11



**General**—Established by Methodist minister, L.H. Carhart, in 1878 as a "sobriety settlement" in contrast to typical boom towns of that era. It earned the sobriquet "Saints Roost" by local cowboys. Seat of Donley

County, Clarendon is the oldest thriving town in the Texas Panhandle. Many museums have fossilized specimens found near here from the Clarendonian Age, dating back 11 million years to the Early Pliocene Age. Locals call Clarendon home of "trailblazers, cattle barons, cowboys, preachers, teachers, sodbusters, merchants, craftsmen, artists, old bones, and old fossils...and maybe a few saints!" Today farming and ranching still remain the primary economy of the county.

**Bar H Dude Ranch**—From a hearty chuckwagon breakfast to mesquite-grilled steaks at dinner, activities are tailored to suit your interests. Depending on season, guests can watch cowboys work cattle, mend fences,

**CLARKSVILLE**

Pop. 4,410

Alt. 442

Map G-21



**General**—Commercial center and seat of Red River County, one of original Texas counties; created 1836 and organized 1837. From its original area all or part of 38 other counties were created. City founded 1834 by Capt.

James Clark. Sam Houston Park on F.M. 410 in northern part of county has markers commemorating grave of Jane Chandler Gill, oldest known Anglo woman in Texas, the site of Sam Houston's entry into Texas, and the town of Jonesboro, one of first Anglo settlements in Texas.

"Victorian" describes business district on square, oldest structures dating from 1885.

**Col. Charles DeMorse Home**—Known as the "Father of Texas Journalism," Colonel DeMorse founded *The Northern Standard*, participated in Civil War, and was first president of Texas Press and Editorial Association. Drive-by view of unrestored home is one block north of town square.

**Golden Gals' Pralines**—Cottage industry specializing in gourmet pralines handmade with finest Texas pecan halves. Woven baskets, made in Clarksville, make unique Texas gift items. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m. 1101 S. Donoho. 903/427-3148.

**Red River County Courthouse**—Dates from 1885, massive walls and turrets of yellow stone, and a remarkable clock tower. Affectionately called "Old Red," clock ran smoothly until 1961 when converted to electricity. Soon thereafter, Old Red began striking 120 gongs until someone unplugged it; known as "the night it got later than ever before" in Clarksville. Original records dating from beginning of the Republic of Texas still on file, as well as deed and marriage records from 1835.

**CLAUDE**

Pop. 1,199

Alt. 3,397

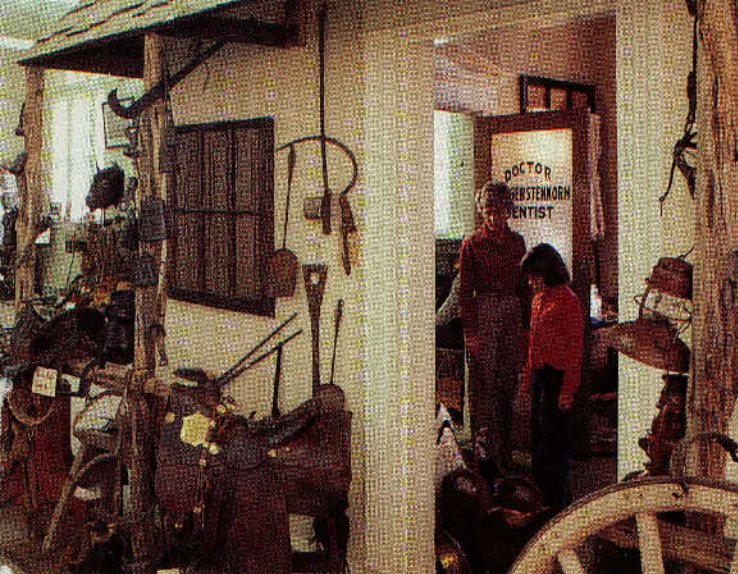
Map D-10



**General**—Like many Texas towns, a railroad genesis; established as stop on Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad in 1887. Today the seat of Armstrong County. Grain elevators and stockyards indicate major agricultural

production. Shoppers attracted by several antique shops.  
**Armstrong County Museum**—In three adjoining downtown buildings; museum tells history of Armstrong County. Features display on Boy Scouts, since Claude has one of oldest Scout Troops west of the Mississippi. Restored Gem Theater next door used for education and entertainment programs. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. One-half block north of U.S. 287.

**Scenic Drive**—One of most impressive drives in state is Texas 207 south toward Silverton. For miles agricultural riches spread from horizon to horizon; then the highway plunges into scenic grandeur at Palo Duro Canyon. Descend at a moderate speed, both for safety and to absorb beauty that unfolds in a riot of colors. In the nine-mile-wide canyon (which extends a hundred miles from northwest to southeast) is the Prairie Dog Town Fork of



Layland Museum in Cleburne

the Red River, a seemingly insignificant stream to have carved such an immense gash in the Plains.

Farther south the highway drops into another beautiful gorge, Tule Canyon. More varieties of rock strata are visible, and some magnificent sheer-faced, knife-edged buttes.

**CLEAR LAKE AREA**—See HOUSTON-GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 49.

## CLEBURNE

Pop. 22,766

Alt. 764

Map K-17



**General**—Seat of Johnson County, established about 1854, first known as Camp Henderson. In 1867 name changed to honor Confederate Gen. Pat Cleburne. County is agricultural area featuring

dairying, livestock, and farming, while city economy is supported by diversified industry and state's largest railroad construction and repair shops.

Near downtown is the historic section of city, reflected in the pristine homes on N. Anglin St. and Prairie St. that have been restored to their original charm of the 1800s.

**Cleburne State Park**—498 scenic acres offering camping, picnicking, rest rooms and showers, group camp facilities, fishing, swimming, boat rentals, groceries, trailer facilities, and hiking trails. Park contains a wildlife refuge and 116-acre Cedar Lake, 12 miles southwest of Cleburne, U.S. 67, Park Rd. 21. Admission.

**Lake**—Pat Cleburne. See LAKES listing.

**Layland Museum**—Johnson County historical relics, early Texana, comprehensive Indian artifacts dating from pre-Columbian cultures, fossils, and genealogy records. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. In handsome 1904 Carnegie Library, 201 N. Caddo.

## CLEVELAND

Pop. 7,357

Alt. 160

Map P-21



**General**—Established 1880 as a station on the Houston, East and West Texas Railroad (later the Texas and New Orleans). Now a lumber shipping point.

**Hilltop Country Inn**—More than 2,000 varieties of herbs from throughout the world. Workshops, lectures on several facets of herbal arts. Restaurant features herbal meals at selected times. (Reservations required.) Modified schedule for winter months. Farm, shops, greenhouse, garden open year round. 16 miles east on F.M. 787.

The inn is part of Chain-O-Lakes Resort which offers camping, picnicking, and hiking along nature trails in forest at the western edge of the Big Thicket National Preserve. For restaurant information/reservations, call

713/592-5859. For information about Chain-O-Lakes, call 713/592-2150.

**Lone Star Hiking Trail**—Winters Bayou/Tarkington Creek Section begins on F.M. 1725 NW of Cleveland and winds 27 miles through portions of the Sam Houston National Forest, including Big Creek Scenic Area, to trailhead at F.M. 945 about 4 miles NW of Magnolia. Foot travel only. Drinking water not available. Open year round. Trail information at U.S. Forest Service, 407 N. Belcher, Cleveland; 713/592-6462.

**Lake**—Livingston. See LAKES listing.

## CLIFTON

Pop. 3,360

Alt. 670

Map M-17



**General**—Settled about 1854 on Bosque River, today largest town in county; marketing center for surrounding agricultural efforts, and gateway to Lake Whitney. City park offers picnic facilities and playground

equipment. Fishing available on the Bosque and Lake Whitney. Scandinavian traditions still observed by descendants of Norse settlers (see below).

**Bosque Memorial Museum**—Texas mineral and fossil collections, guns, coins, sailing ship models, pioneer kitchen equipment, farm tools and Indian artifacts. Open Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. South Ave. Q and West 9th. Admission.

**Lake**—Whitney. See LAKES listing.

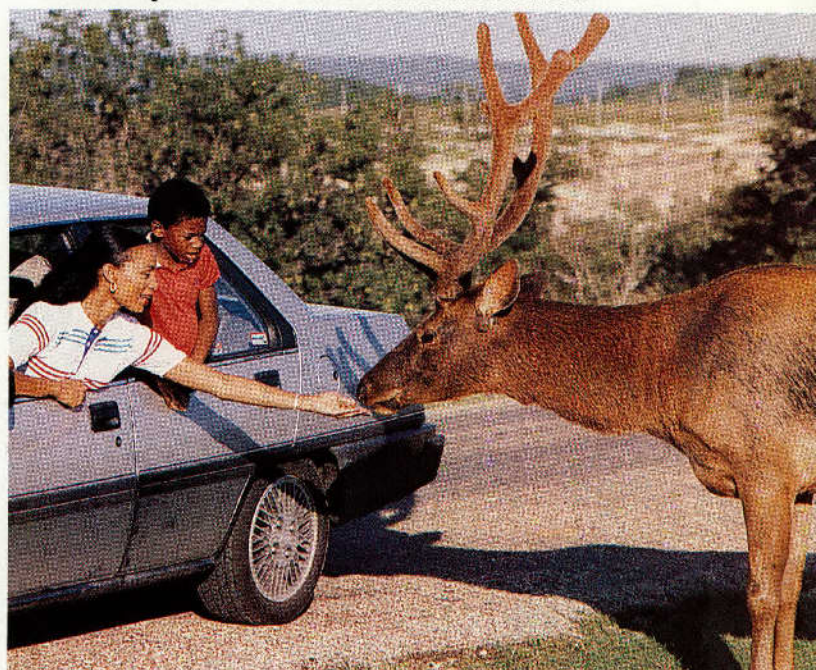
**Lake Whitney State Park**—About 27 miles northeast. (See WHITNEY.)

**Meridian State Park**—15 miles northwest. (See MERIDIAN.)

**Norse Settlement**—Near Clifton the Norse community is "capital" of Norwegian settlement in Texas. Pioneers such as Cleng Peerson, called "the Father of Norse Immigration to America," and Ole Canuteson brought groups of Norwegians to area in 1850s. Peerson's grave, churchyard of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Norse community, honored by Norwegian descendants throughout U.S. Norse customs celebrated each Nov. with giant smorgasbord at church; women wear the colorful "drakt," national Norse costume. Access via F.M. 219 west, F.M. 182 north.

**Texas Safari Wildlife Park**—More than 2,500 exotic animals from throughout the world roam free on 850 acres of plains, hills, and canyons. A seven-mile Safari Trail drive-through introduces animals in natural habitats. Highlights include a restored Tonkawa Indian Cave with 70-foot waterfall, petting zoo and animal nursery, and a frontier town replica. Open daily 10 a.m. to one hour before sundown. In summer, daily animal shows, wagon and animal rides. Simulated gunfights in frontier town summer weekends. From Texas 6 immediately north of Clifton, take F.M. 3220; follow signs 2 mi. to park entrance. Admission.

**Bags of food to feed animals available at entrance of drive-through area in Texas Safari Wildlife Park near Clifton**



**CLUTE**

Pop. 9,116

Alt. 10

Map S-21



*General—Site of antebellum sugar plantations, in recent decades part of Brazosport industrial-recreational-residential area including contiguous towns such as Freeport and Lake Jackson.*

**Brazosport Center for Arts & Sciences**—Several productions annually at both Little Theater and Music Theater. Brazosport Art Gallery-Museum: Changing mixed-media exhibits every six weeks: oils, watercolors, sculpture, photography. Open Tues. - Fri. & Sun., 2 - 5 p.m. Brazosport Museum of Natural Science: Wildlife, fossils, rocks & minerals, and aquarium; feature is largest shell collection on display in Southwest. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 400 College Dr.

**Brazoria & San Bernard National Wildlife Refuges**—See ANGLETON.



*San Jacinto County Museum in Coldspring is housed in restored jail*

**COLDSRING**

Pop. 566

Alt. 356

Map O-21



*General—Founded 1847, called Coonskin. Name successively changed to Firemen's Hill and Cold Spring. Present seat of San Jacinto County; crop, livestock and lumber area.*

**Lake**—Livingston. See LAKES listing.

**Sam Houston National Forest**—City is near eastern edge of forest. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**San Jacinto County Museum**—Housed in handsome, restored jail, circa 1887, (a National Register structure). Cell block, hangman's drop and jailer's quarters still extant. Museum interprets life of early settlers with farm and forest implements, turn-of-the-century household articles, historic photos, weapons, law enforcement artifacts. Open Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Slade St. in quaint Old Town area of Coldspring.

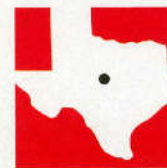
**Scenic Drive**—Several Forest Service Roads through Sam Houston National Forest offer close views of tangled, undisturbed area known as the Big Thicket. One such route is to Double Lake Recreation Area south of Coldspring about 4 miles via Texas 150 west, F.M. 2025 and a Forest Service Road.

**COLEMAN**

Pop. 5,344

Alt. 1,710

Map M-14



*General—Founded 1876 on Hords Creek, area of rolling, grassy plains and wide bottom lands. A typical frontier settlement, first store hardly completed before a cemetery was laid out for loser in cowboy gunfight.*

Today seat of Coleman County. Area still devoted to large scale ranching; additional income from oil, natural gas, limestone, and high-grade glass sand from Santa Anna Mountain eight miles southeast.



*Hords Creek Lake Park in Coleman*

Coleman lies on U.S. 84, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Coleman City Park**—Includes museum (see below), and pioneer blacksmith shop, picnic and playground areas amid shady trees along Hords Creek at U.S. 283 north.

**Coleman County Museum**—Pioneer clothes, dishes, farm equipment, documents, saddles, barbed wire, and larger-than-life horse statue, brought to Coleman in 1884 to display saddles. Open Jun. - Aug. Fri - Wed.; Apr., May, Sept. Sat., Sun. afternoons. In replica of Camp Colorado, City Park Complex.

**Lakes**—Coleman and Hords Creek. See LAKES listing.

**Warbird Museum**—Flying museum features vintage WW II and Korean War planes; restored and flown by members of the museum. Inventory changes periodically. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Coleman Municipal Airport. Take U.S. 84 north to F.M. 206, NE to Airport Rd.

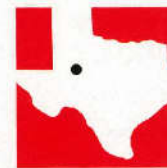
**COLLEGE STATION**—See BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION, Page 103.

**COLORADO CITY**

Pop. 4,753

Alt. 2,067

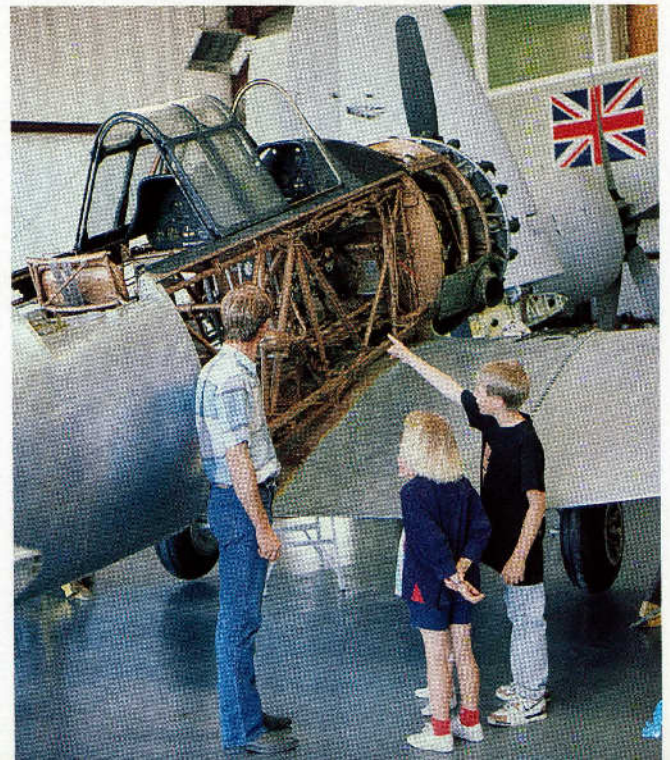
Map K-11



*General—In 1877 a Texas Ranger camp on present townsite was first known Anglo-American settlement. Town became boisterous frontier supply point and recreation center. Today center of rich agricultural*

region that includes extensive industry related to petroleum. Seat of Mitchell County.

*Warbird Museum in Coleman specializes in restorations*





Lake Colorado City State Park

Texas Department of Criminal Justice D.W. "80" John Wallace Unit, a medium security prison, is at western edge of city.

During designated seasons, hunters seek pronghorn antelope, deer, javelina, wild turkey, upland game birds and migratory waterfowl.

Antique and craft malls and other shops offer excellent downtown shopping.

Colorado City Playhouse is community theater.

**Branding Wall**—Over 230 cattle brands that are being used or have been used in Mitchell County on 10-ft. by 50-ft. wall, signifying the importance of ranching to area. In Kiwanis Park at 2nd & Chestnut Sts. downtown.

**Colorado City Historical Museum**—Artifacts pertaining to early history of West Texas, including buffalo tracks from Seven Wells, horse-drawn hearse, frontier ranch and home equipment, 19th Century pictures and archives. Open 2 - 5 p.m. except Mon. Locust and Third Sts.

**Fort Wood**—Small Old West visitor complex with saloon, general store, trading post, sheriff's office and jail, cafe, and boot hill cemetery. Texas Longhorn usually on exhibit. Mock frontier gunfights Saturday afternoons. I-20 service road at Exit 217.

**Lake Colorado City State Park**—500-acre site on Lake Colorado City has boat ramp, rest rooms and picnic facilities; camping, fishing, swimming, skiing permitted; minibike area. About 7 miles southwest off Texas 163. Admission.

**Lakes**—Champion Creek, Colorado City and J.B. Thomas. See LAKES listing.

## COLUMBUS

Pop. 3,473

Alt. 207

Map Q-19



**General**—Site of an Indian village called *Montezuma*, settled 1823 by members of *Stephen F. Austin Colony*. Seat of Colorado County, the city bills itself "*The City of Live Oaks*." An historical marker downtown

identifies the trunk of one such landmark, under whose branches the first court of the Third Judicial District of the Republic of Texas convened in 1837.

Columbus is a treasure-trove of Victorian and turn-of-the-century homes. While most are private residences not open to the public except during Magnolia Homes Tour on third weekend in May; during Christmas on the Colorado, Thurs. - Sat. following Thanksgiving weekend; and during the Historical Walking Tours. Drive-by views are rewarding.

**Bed and Breakfast Registry**—For information and reservations: 409/732-5135.

**Texas Pioneer Trail**—Columbus is one of many pivotal points along trail covering Washington, Fayette, Colorado and Austin Counties. Area known as Cradle of Texas where Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred" planted roots in early 1820s. Visiting historic and scenic sights, the trail crisscrosses

area extending north from Brenham and nearby Washington-on-the-Brazos south to Oakland, west to La Grange and east to San Felipe. For free map and information, contact chamber of commerce in opera house.

**Walking Tour**—First and Third Thursday Walking Tour features historical tour of homes, businesses, antique shops, tearooms, restaurants and historic inns. (Since many homes are private residences, tour is only on the first and third Thursdays of each month.) Self-paced tour; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tour begins at the 1886 Stafford Opera House. Below are attractions featured:

**Alley Log Cabin**—Built in 1836 just after the Runaway Scrape by one of the original "Old 300" settlers brought to Texas by Austin. The square-notch cabin is fully furnished, an excellent example of Texas Colonial Period. At 1224 Bowie St. Admission.

**Colorado County Courthouse**—Set among magnolia trees in center of town, the structure was built in 1891 in Second Empire style with locally made brick. It features a Neo-classic copper dome and a working, four-face Seth Thomas clock. A magnificent stained glass dome is above the original 1890 judge's bench, bailiff box, and witness stand in the District Courtroom. On Milam St.

**Dilue Rose Harris House Museum**—Greek Revival-style 1860 cottage of "tabby" construction houses period furniture. 602 Washington.

**Live Oak Art Center**—In historic Brunson Building features art studio and changing gallery exhibits of local, national, and international art from several centuries. 1014 Milam.

**Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum**—More than 2,000 Santas: old, new, foreign and American, in various media. Collected works include the entire collection of Sunblom's "Coke" Santas. 604 Washington.

**Old Water Tower/United Daughters of the Confederacy Museum**—Original home of city's fire department, the tower built in 1883 of 400,000 bricks. Awarded a Texas State Historical Medallion in 1966, museum features examples of early Texas life. Tours by UDC members. On Courthouse Square. Donations.

**Preston Kyle Shatto Museum**—Contains wildlife trophies collected from across Texas, the United States, Canada and Africa.

**Senftenberg-Brandon House Museum**—First floor built prior to Civil War in four-room Greek Revival-style, with four fireplaces and full basement. It was remodeled in the 1880s to present Victorian appearance. Two styles are evident throughout interior; furnishings depict small-town life a century ago. Magnolia Homes Tour members conduct tour. Small admission. On Walnut St. (U.S. 90).

**Stafford Opera House**—Built in 1886 for cattle rancher, Robert Stafford, by famed Galveston architect, Nicholas Clayton. Ground floor houses chamber of commerce office, first stop on Walking Tour, where tour maps can be obtained along with information on area accommodations, restaurants and events. At 425 Spring St. Telephone 409/732-8385.

### One of many historic homes in Columbus



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**COMANCHE**

Pop. 4,194

Alt. 1,358

Map L-15



**General**—Established as trade center for surrounding ranches 1858; severe Indian raids in early years inhibited growth. Today seat of Comanche County with agricultural production including peanuts, pecans; dairies,

berries, fruit and livestock. Boating, camping and fishing on Lake Proctor; picnicking, swimming, and jogging trails in 42-acre park.

**Comanche County Historical Museum**—Covered wagon, surrey, Indian and pioneer artifacts housed in replica of frontier store. Open Sun. 2 - 4 p.m. Moorman Rd. west.

**Fleming Oak**—Only remaining member of a large grove of oaks around which town developed. Legend has it that city began clearing the grove many years ago to pave the square, but an ancient settler objected, saying the tree saved his life during an Indian attack and he would protect the tree with his very life. The city relented part of its paving project to spare the tree, and it stands today at the southwest corner of Comanche's town square.

**Lake**—Proctor Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

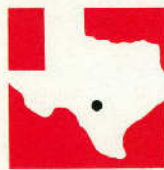
**Old Cora**—Oldest existing Texas courthouse, built in town of Cora, 1856, then county seat. When county was partitioned in 1859, Comanche became county seat. Vintage building relocated to southwest corner of town square.

**COMFORT**

Pop. 1,548

Alt. 1,437

Map Q-14



**General**—Established by German settlers 1854. Wearied by their journey from New Braunfels, small group was so pleased by picturesque site and pure water that they named it "Camp Comfort." With its abundance

of vintage structures, much of the midtown area is on the National Register of Historic Places. Today a popular tourist area with numerous camps along Guadalupe River operated by various civic organizations. Visitors enjoy fishing, swimming and camping during summer months, hunting during fall and winter; interesting shops and art gallery year round.

An historical marker recognizes the 1930 art deco Comfort Theater, scene of live theater and "Hill Country Opry."

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

**Historic Inns: Comfort Common**—Restored 1880 two-story hotel; five guest rooms upstairs (share bath) furnished with period antiques. Air conditioned, TV in sitting rooms. On National Register of Historic Places. Lower floor and nearby buildings house antique dealers' co-op. 818 High St. 210/995-3030.

**Gast Haus Lodge**—An historic Texas inn with nine units, most built late 1800s. One block from historic downtown Comfort at 944 High St. 210/995-2304.

**Monument**—Near high school campus, recalls Civil War hostilities that wrecked the nation. Predominantly German settlers of Comfort were openly



1896 stone house in Comfort

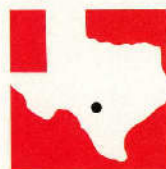
sympathetic with Union cause. Friction developed with Confederate forces, and some 65 men led by Fritz Tegener determined to leave area and go to Mexico. Group was surprised and attacked by mounted Confederate soldiers on west bank of Nueces River about 20 miles from Fort Clark. Nineteen settlers were killed and nine wounded. Confederate losses were two killed and 18 wounded. The nine wounded settlers were captured and executed a few hours after battle. Monument commemorates the Unionists killed in this tragic episode of a violent era.

**CONCAN**

Pop. 71

Alt. 1,260

Map S-13



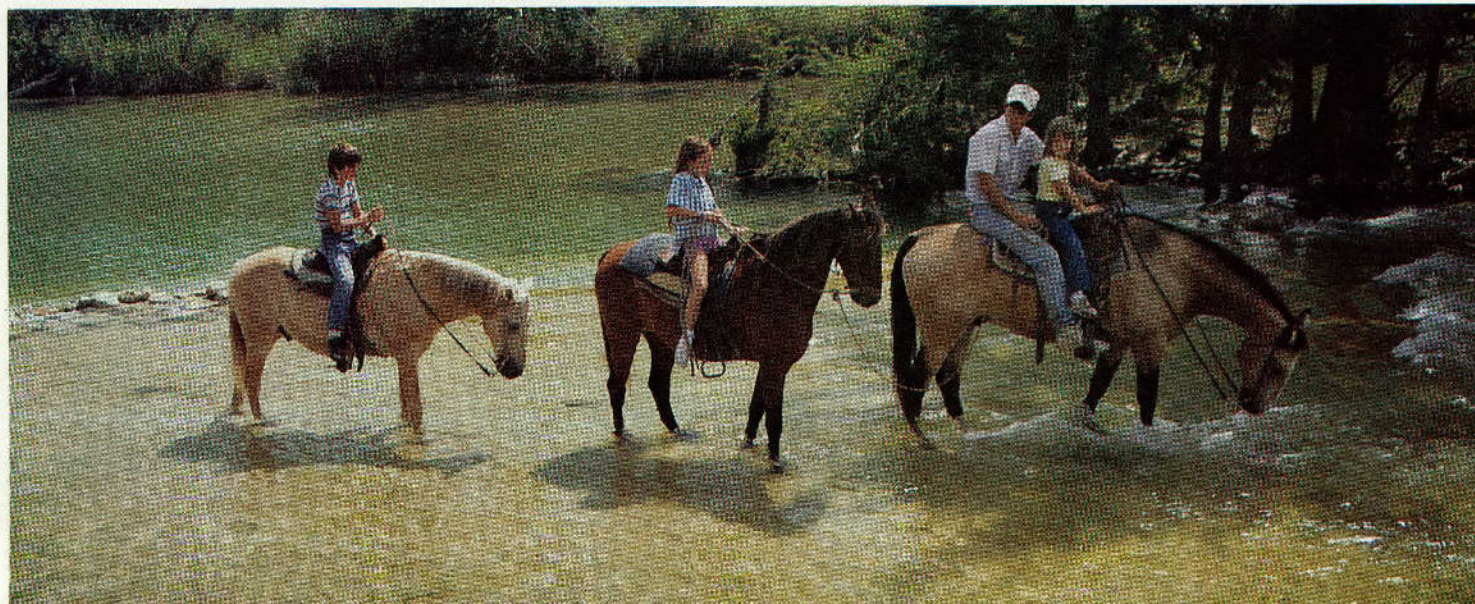
**General**—Settled about 1840 in the rugged hills of north Uvalde County, supposedly named for "coon can," a Mexican gambling game. On U.S. 83 in scenic Frio River Canyon, an area of

numerous dude ranches and resort camps.

**Garner State Recreation Park**—1,420 acres on the Frio River, an exceptionally scenic Hill Country area; long a very popular family-oriented recreational park. Accommodations for 2 to 6 people in comfortable stone and timber cabins. Camping area provides shaded sites for tents, trailers and screened shelters. Rest rooms with showers, grocery store for supplies. Other facilities include snack bar and restaurant in summer season, pedal boats, miniature golf course, swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, and nature study. Located 10 miles north of Concan (31 miles north of Uvalde) off U.S. 83 on Park Rd. 29. Admission.

**Scenic Drives**—Explore Frio River Canyon along U.S. 83, F.M. 1050 and Texas 127—all routes offer exceptional scenery.

Horseback riders cross Frio River near Concan



**CONROE**—See HOUSTON-GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 49.

**COOPER**

Pop. 2,197

Alt. 495

Map H-20



*General—Founded 1874 in rich farming area between North and South Sulphur Rivers, town is principal commercial center and seat of Delta County. The county is known as the "Vetch Capital of the World."*

**Lake**—Cooper. See LAKES listing.

**McKinney Home**—Quaint, historic house open for viewing and public use. Elegant furnishings complete restoration of a gracious living era. South of square at 250 S.W. First St., next to Methodist church. Open Sun. 2 - 6 p.m.

**Miller Drug**—Features an old-fashioned soda fountain dishing out rich, thick milk shakes, cherry Cokes, and other goodies since 1925. Old Wurlitzer juke box plays tunes for today's crowd. 100 E. Dallas St. downtown.

**Patterson Memorial Delta County Museum**—In restored Texas-Midland Railroad Depot. Theme is "Home Life in Yesteryears in Delta County" with collection of furniture, implements, tools, books, fire engines, cars, buggies, and other memorabilia of early settlers in the county. Open Apr. - Oct. Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 700 W. Dallas St.

**COPPERAS COVE**

Pop. 23,008

Alt. 1,086

Map N-16



*General—With the protection of five surrounding hills, and the abundance of spring water (some of which was said to have a copper taste), the site became a stopping point as drovers brought their herds to the*

Chisholm Trail. The small town that grew there remained a small farming and ranching community until 1942 when Camp Hood (later, Fort Hood) was established at the eastern edge of town, and Copperas Cove soon became the largest city in Coryell County. Home Central Texas College.

**Fort Hood**—See KILLEEN.

**Topsey Exotic Ranch and Drive Through Park**—Among the 70 species at the park, many roam free, like camels, kangaroos, and llamas. They don't roam free, but there are lions, too, and they all make wonderful photo subjects. Included in the admission price are a petting zoo and pony rides.

Open daily 9 a.m. to dusk; northwest of town via F.M. 1113 west; turn left on F.M. 580 then right on County Road 368. 817/547-3700. Admission.

**CORPUS CHRISTI**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 20.

*Topsey Exotic Ranch and Drive Through Park, Copperas Cove*



*"Deluxe" fruit cake from Collin Street Bakery in Corsicana*

**CORSICANA**

Pop. 23,529

Alt. 448

Map L-19



*General—Established 1849; early boom touched off in 1894 when city was drilling for water, accidentally struck oil; one of Texas' first refineries built here in 1897. City was first in state to use natural gas for fuel*

and lighting, and crude oil for locomotive fuel. Today retail and wholesale center for rich blacklands agricultural area. Municipal park, swimming, golf. Home of Navarro College.

**Corsicana Fruit Cake**—Baked by Collin Street Bakery since 1896 and marketed under the name "Deluxe," cake is possibly world's most famous; shipped each year to every state in the nation and more than 190 foreign lands. Only fruit cake granted rare Gourmet Society (New York) Culinary Merit Award. Sold only by mail or at bakery, 401 W. 7th St.

**Gaston C. Gooch Library**—Some 44,000 Indian art and craft pieces, considered one of the finest exhibits in the Southwest. Open Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. On Navarro College campus, west of downtown on Texas 31.

**Lakes**—Bardwell, Cedar Creek, and Navarro Mills, Richland-Chambers. See LAKES listing.

**Lefty Frizzell Country Music Museum**—Dedicated to local boy who made it big in country/Western music. Museum includes mementos of his music career, including photos, costumes, and records, as well as other recording artists. Near the museum is a life-sized statue of Frizzell in Beauford Jester Park. Handprints of Merle Haggard and other singers are in the sidewalk in front of the statue. Museum is open daily in Pioneer Village (see below).

*Pioneer Village in Corsicana*





**Pate Museum of Transportation in Cresson**

**Pioneer Village**—Project of Navarro County Historical Society, restorations of houses and buildings from mid-1800s: homes, stores, doctor's office, blacksmith shop, covered wagon, and stagecoach—all restored and furnished in authentic detail. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 912 W. Park Ave. Admission.

**CRESSON**

Pop. 208

Alt. 1,047

Map K-17



**General**—On U.S. 377 at jct. of Texas 171 southwest of Fort Worth, the village was founded about 1887, named for official of Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railway Company.

**Lake**—Granbury. See LAKES listing.

**Pate Museum of Transportation**—Antique luxury railroad car, elegant vintage and classic automobiles, military aircraft, navy minesweeper, other exhibits and displays; 1,500 volume transportation library. Open Tues. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. On U.S. 377 northeast. Annual Pate Swap Meet brings 200,000 viewers and collectors each spring.

**CROCKETT**

Pop. 7,315

Alt. 350

Map N-20



**General**—Named for frontiersman Davy Crockett who died at the Alamo; among oldest towns in Texas and site of many historic structures. Legend has it that Crockett stopped here to camp (see below) on his

way to the Alamo. Seat of Houston County. Economy based on agriculture plus plastics, chemicals and clothing.

**Davy Crockett Memorial Park**—Municipal; 35 wooded acres contain picnic areas, tennis courts, playgrounds, pavilion and civic buildings; adjacent swimming pool and athletic stadium. Terminus of S. 5th St.

**Monroe-Crook House in Crockett**



**Davy Crockett National Forest**—Nearest entrance about 10 miles east on Texas 7. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Davy Crockett Spring**—Said to be campsite of Col. Davy Crockett and small detachment of men on their way to San Antonio, where they died in heroic defense of the Alamo in 1836. A historical plaque marks the undeveloped site where the spring still flows; on W. Goliad St. at underpass (intersection of Texas 7/21).

**Downs-Aldrich House**—Restored, 3-story Victorian home, c. 1891, elaborate with gingerbread. Open 2 - 4 p.m. each Wed., Sat. and Sun. Mar. - Dec. at 300 N. 7th St.

**Mission Tejas State Historic Park**—See WECHES.

**Monroe-Crook House**—Elegant 1854 Greek Revival house; period furnishings. Open Mar. - Dec. on Wed. morning; Sat. and Sun. afternoons. 707 E. Houston St. Admission.

**Visitor Center-Museum**—Housed in 1909 railroad depot; displays of early farm implements, old newspaper press, railroad memorabilia dating from 1872, and exhibits depicting history of first county of Republic of Texas, June 12, 1837. Open Wed. 2 - 4 p.m. 629 N. 4th St.

**CROSBYTON**

Pop. 2,075

Alt. 3,108

Map G-10



**General**—Seat of Crosby County, near Blanco Canyon, a scenic spot of South Plains area. Founded by a livestock company; town lot sale Feb. 1908. Commercial center for farming and livestock area, and market

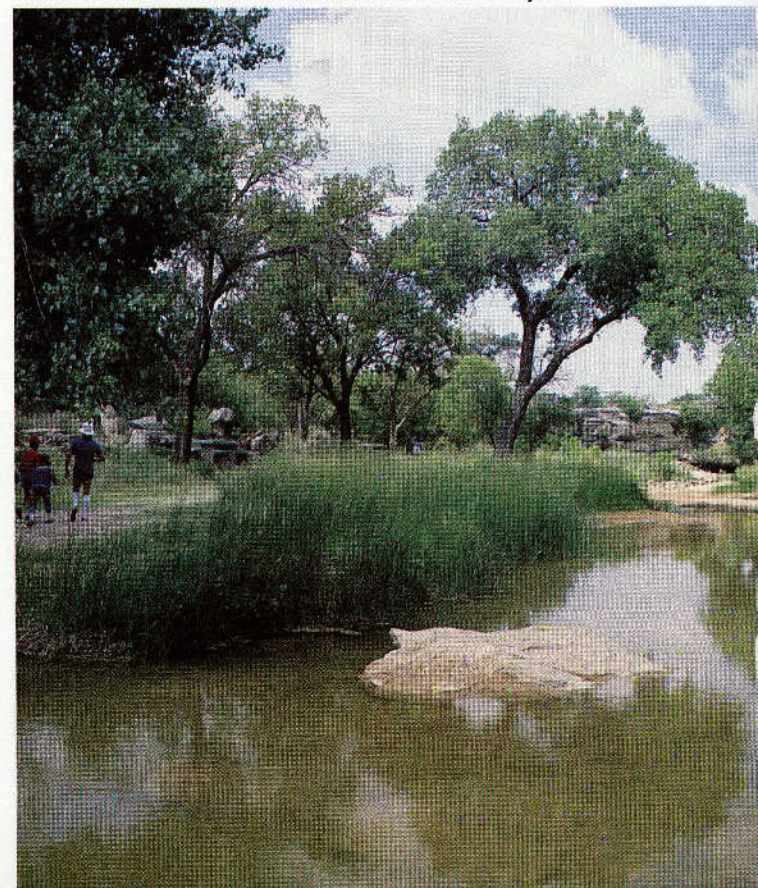
for cotton, grain sorghums, wheat and cattle. Free RV camping with hookups in city park, U.S. 82 east of downtown.

**Lake**—White River Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

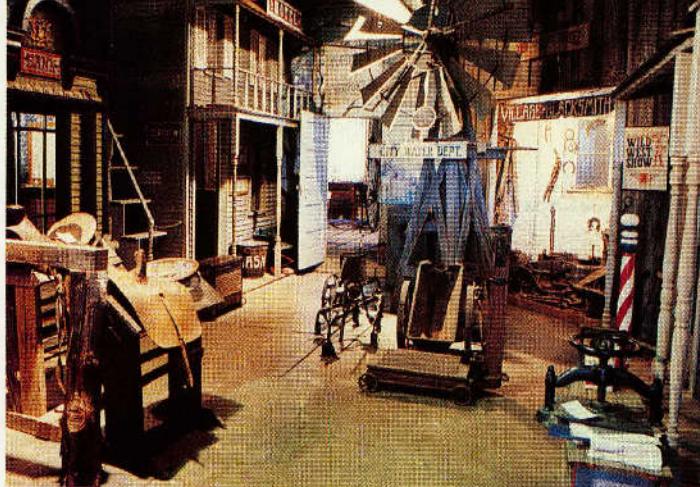
**Pioneer Memorial Museum**—Complex includes museum exhibit hall and furnished replica of rock house built by Henry Clay Smith, pioneer farmer who came to the High Plains in 1876. Extensive farm and home collections, Indian artifacts; Crosby County diorama, and Llano Estacado mural. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. 101 Main St. (U.S. 82 at F.M. 651).

**Silver Falls Park**—One of the finest roadside parks on Texas highway system, about four miles east on U.S. 82, where White River crosses the route. Picnic tables, scenic views of rolling canyon features, plus intriguing hiking paths along river.

**White River at Silver Falls rest area on U.S. 82 near Crosbyton**







Firehall Museum in Crowell

## CROWELL

Pop. 1,207

Alt. 1,463

Map G-13



**General**—Established 1891, seat of Foard County, retail center for agricultural and oil production. In mid-1800s area was domain of Comanche Indians who figured in history's most famous case of a white girl captured

and reared by red men. The girl was Cynthia Ann Parker, taken by Indians 1836, recaptured by white men in 1860. Recapture site, Pease River Battlefield marked by a historical marker, some nine miles northeast on F.M. 98. (For more details on Cynthia Ann Parker story, see GROESBECK.)

**Depot Library/Museum**—In old Santa Fe depot (c. 1908); houses public library; museum features local history and extensive collection on Cynthia Ann Parker. Open Mon. - Fri. 1:30 - 5 p.m. At 203 N. Main St.

**Firehall Museum**—A pioneer schoolroom and old-fashioned family settings in the charming museum preserve rustic accents of the county's heritage. Household, farm and ranch implements plus a detailed scale model of a country town in the early 1900s. Open Mon. - Fri. 12:30 - 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 116 N. Main St. (Texas 6).

**Foard County Museum**—Documents, maps, Indian artifacts and other items dealing with Crowell's frontier history. In Foard County Courthouse. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## CRYSTAL CITY

Pop. 8,245

Alt. 581

Map T-13



**General**—Seat of Zavala County, primary center for packing, processing and shipping vegetables; also serves a large ranching region. Most famous for its spinach crop (see below), this winter-garden area also

produces large quantities of onions, carrots, tomatoes and peppers.

**Popeye Statue**—Whimsical salute to area spinach crop depicts the cartoon sailor man; a favorite spot for snapshots with children; downtown city square.

## CUERO

Pop. 6,774

Alt. 177

Map S-17



**General**—(KWER-o) An unusual name derivation: A local creek was notorious for trapping cattle in bogs, but skimmers salvaged the hides. Indian word for rawhides translated to Spanish as cuero.

When town was founded in 1872, town took name of the creek.

Once a round-up point for a leg of the Chisholm Trail, a true "wild west" outpost where women and children were forbidden after dark. Today seat of DeWitt County, a bountiful agricultural area among state leaders in cattle and calves; also pecans, peaches, apples, and fresh vegetables; substantial natural gas production.

Rich with small-town history—50 structures on the National Register of Historic Places; three historic districts, two residential and one commercial encompassing Main Street. The 1896 courthouse is among most handsome in Texas. Swimming, picnicking, golf in 150-acre municipal park.

**DeWitt County Historical Museum**—Housed in restored 1886 house, built partly with timbers salvaged from Indianola (which see). Period furnishings, documents, clothing, ranch and home articles; also a restored log cabin. Special new exhibits each month. Open Thurs., Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. at 312 E. Broadway.

**Grace Episcopal Church**—More than a century old, the Gothic-style building was originally clapboard, now stucco covered; steeple sheathed in copper. This building was originally on the Gulf coast at Port Lavaca; moved to Cuero in 1874.

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**—Built in style reminiscent of Spanish missions, one of most photographed small-city churches in Texas. One of three church bells once hung in thriving seaport city of Indianola (now vanished) more than century ago. Legend says bell was stolen by Yankee soldiers, retrieved by Texas rebels, and buried beneath sands of Matagorda Bay for quarter of a century before it was placed atop St. Mark's.

## DAINGERFIELD

Pop. 2,679

Alt. 402

Map J-22



**General**—Seat of Morris County, one of the smallest in Texas. Extensive deposits of iron ore utilized by Lone Star Steel plant. Other area industries include farming, livestock, sand and gravel, roofing and clothing.

**Daingerfield State Park**—581 acres offer boating, fishing and swimming in 80-acre lake; boat ramp, fishing pier, camping, cabins and hiking trails. Two miles east off Texas 11. Admission.

**Lake**—Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES listing.

**Morris County Museum**—Housed in former courthouse, documents and artifacts describe history of county and area. Open Wed. - Sat. afternoons. No. 1 Linda Dr., downtown.

### Dogwood blossoms in spring at Daingerfield State Park



## DALHART

Pop. 6,290

Alt. 3,985

Map B-8



**General**—Grew at junction of Denver City and Rock Island Railroad lines that crossed here in 1901; first called Twist, the designation of a railroad section, later Denroc, combining the railroad names, finally

Dalhart, a syllable combination of two counties (Dallam and Hartley) in

which the town lies. Current seat of Dallam County, and a shipping point for cattle, grains and other agricultural products. Entire area was once part of the famous XIT ranch (see below).

XIT Rodeo & Reunion, honors dwindling numbers of old-time XIT ranch hands and celebrates the heritage of the huge ranch. Features world's largest amateur rodeo; held annually in late summer.

**Dallam-Hartley Counties**

**XIT Museum**—Wealth of exhibits include railroad antiques, Indian artifacts, frontier firearms, cowboy clothing, saddles and tack. Also completely furnished kitchen, parlor and bedroom, c. 1900, and frontier chapel with pump organ. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; art show and program first Sun. each month 2 - 5 p.m.

108 E. 5th St.

**Empty Saddle Monument**—A favorite photo subject, monument stands at north end of Dalhart's V-shaped underpass. Designed by a cowboy after a widow asked that a horse bearing an empty saddle appear in annual reunion parade in tribute to her husband, former XIT Ranch cowpoke. U.S. 87 north.

**Lake**—Rita Blanca. See LAKES listing.

**XIT Ranch**—Famed XIT was world's largest ranch under fence in 1880s—three million acres! The State of Texas, far richer in land than cash, granted 3,050,000 acres of land in 1882 to a Chicago corporation for construction of state capitol. An English company, the Capitol Freehold Land & Investment Company of London, operated the immense spread that covered parts of 10 present counties. The north fence was 200 miles from the south fence; east-west distance was 27 miles, and 3,000 miles of barbed wired delineated hundreds of pastures, pens, residences and forage enclosures. Initial stocking herd of cattle numbered 110,721 head. Over the years, XIT lands have been divided and sold to "smaller" ranchers, some of whom control 100,000 acres or more.

**DALLAS**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 27.

**Old telephone switchboard in Wise County Museum in Decatur**



**XIT chaps are part of cowboy dress during rodeo in Dalhart**



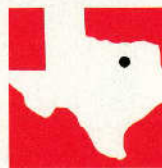
**Famed XIT Rodeo in Dalhart attracts top cowboys**

**DECATUR**

Pop. 4,264

Alt. 1,097

Map H-17



**General**—Selected as townsite and seat of Wise County 1856, first known as **Taylorville**. Famous **Butterfield Overland Mail Route** passed through town in mid-1800s. Site of trial and hanging of five

Peace Party conspirators in 1862.

**Lakes**—Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain. See LAKES listing.

**Wise County Courthouse**—Built in 1895 of pink limestone from Burnet, it has been pronounced a perfect architectural example of its type and era. On the traditional town square.

**Wise County Heritage Museum**—Housed in administration building of old Decatur Baptist College built in 1892 for \$20,855. Exhibits include Indian artifacts, old post office fixtures from Chico community, art, mementoes of early area history; also archives and little theater. Open Mon. & Tues. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m. 1602 S. Trinity. Admission.

**DEER PARK**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 50.

**DEL RIO**

Pop. 31,420

Alt. 948

Map R-11



**General**—Bills itself as "Queen City of the Rio Grande," seat of Val Verde (green valley) County that covers more than 3,000 square miles. Agriculture includes cattle ranching, extensive production of sheep, lambs, wool,

and mohair from Angora goats. Abundant hunting for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, javelina, dove and quail. Fishing, boating and water sports on Amistad Reservoir.

With some 400 archaeological sites, area is among nation's richest in original cave paintings. See Amistad Recreation areas below, and Seminole Canyon State Park, LANGTRY.

Local transportation makes it easy to visit Mexico just across the border. Regularly scheduled crossings throughout the day to Ciudad Acuna, see below.

For complete visitor details, maps, brochures and Mexico information,



**U.S. and Mexican Eagles at center of Amistad Dam near Del Rio**

visit the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, 1915 Ave. F; open weekdays; 210/775-3551.

**Amistad Recreation Area**—Swimming beaches, marinas, boat ramps, free campgrounds administered by National Park Service on U.S. side of huge international Amistad Reservoir. From Recreation Area headquarters on U.S. 90 at west edge of Del Rio, obtain information, maps, brochures, and directions to Panther Cave (boat access only), outstanding Indian pictograph site. Hdqtrs. open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Ciudad Acuña**—City across Rio Grande from Del Rio. Intriguing night spots, restaurants, fascinating shops offering handmade silver, decorative wrought iron, jewelry, woven goods, leather craft, pottery and souvenirs. (See MEXICO: Entrance & Exit Regulations at end of book.)

**Lake**—Amistad Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

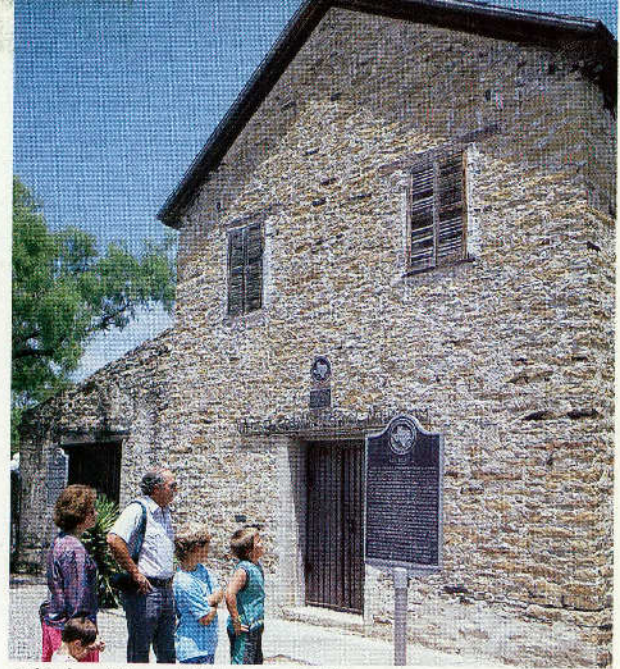
**San Felipe Springs and Moore Park**—Lush oasis in semiarid setting, springs were important watering stop on historic Chihuahua Road that connected Texas port of Indianola with Chihuahua City, Mexico. Springs flow some 90 million gallons of clear pure water daily. San Felipe Country Club golf course (semiprivate) surrounds springs, and Moore Park provides a large swimming pool.

**Val Verde Winery**—Family enterprise in its fourth generation, founded in 1883 by Italian immigrants. Grapes had been grown in the area since 1825, but other varieties from Spain, America and Mexico were introduced. Still operated by the family, the winery welcomes visitors during regular business hours. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Access via Pecan St. south.

**Walking Tour**—Visit downtown area of historic buildings, churches and homes dating from the 1800s, including the 1887 courthouse. Also ancient *acequia* system (irrigation canals) still in use. Walking tour brochure from the chamber of commerce (see above, General).

**Whitehead Memorial Museum**—Dedicated to life and legends of frontier Southwest, museum in rustic structure that was early trading post serving both Texas and Mexico. Judge Roy Bean (see LANGTRY) and his son are buried on museum grounds. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 1308 S. Main St. Admission.

### San Felipe Creek in Del Rio



**Whitehead Memorial Museum, Del Rio**

## DENISON

Pop. 21,756

Alt. 767

Map G-18



**General**—Established 1872 as railhead for first railroad into Texas from north, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas. Five miles south of the Red River, city is gateway to Texas and popular Lake Texoma. Noted as the

birthplace of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Diversified industries include major food processors, fabricated metal products, and major medical services. Home of Grayson County Junior College.

Historical Driving Tour and details on area attractions available at chamber of commerce, 313 W. Woodland.

Old Katy Depot on Main St. next to Katy Park Plaza is handsome 1909 depot listed on National Register of Historic Places.

**Denison Dam**—Short, informative tours of Denison Dam powerhouse; exhibit of fossils unearthed during construction of the dam that impounds Lake Texoma. Tours Mon. - Fri. 1 p.m. North of city on U.S. 75A.

**Eisenhower Birthplace**—On October 14, 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower was born in a two-story white frame house at 208 E. Day St., son of a worker in the nearby Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway shops. Home restored to 1890 appearance by Eisenhower Birthplace Foundation; operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a State Historic Site. Open daily. Admission.

### Birthplace of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Denison





Swimming at Lake Texoma near Denison



Marina on Lake Texoma

**Eisenhower State Park**—450 acres on shore of Lake Texoma with modern marina. Swimming, fishing, camping, RV sites, boat rentals, picnicking, and hiking trails. Seven miles northwest via U.S. 75A, F.M. 1310, and Park Road 20; admission.

**Grayson County Frontier Village**—Collection of 18 rustic buildings dating from 1840 to 1900 include 1839 log cabin and log schoolhouse with teacher's sleeping loft; homes and business structures, portable jail lockup, all restored and furnished. Frontier Village Museum exhibits household utensils, antique crystal and enamelware, pioneer clothing, tools and farm machinery. Village on 17 acres in Loy Park open mid-May to Oct. 25 Wed. through Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. At southwest edge of Denison, Loy Park/ Frontier Village exit off U.S. 75 frontage road. (Not nearby Loy Lake Rd.) 903/463-2487.

**Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge**—11,300 acres of land and water offers food and rest haven for migrating and wintering waterfowl on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. Some 300 bird species have been recorded on the refuge that's visited by 135,000 people each year. In addition to huge flocks of migrants passing through each fall and spring, observers may see killdeer, snowy egrets, rails, plovers and sandpipers in summer; great blue herons and other wading and shore birds in winter; native white-tailed deer and other animals year round. When oil was discovered on the refuge in 1951, development proceeded with care. Significantly, some 200 carefully maintained wells produce vital energy today in harmony with the wildlife that perches on, feeds by, and rests near the well sites. Self-guided driving tour of the refuge. Visitor center has interpretive displays, information, and bird lists. From U.S. 75 between Denison-Sherman, take F.M. 691 west to county airport, F.M. 1417 north 1.5 mi., local signed road west to refuge.

**Lake**—Texoma. See LAKES listing.

**Loy Lake Park**—Attractive municipal park offers facilities for picnicking, fishing, and boating (no power boats). Also Frontier Village (above). Southwestern part of city on Loy Lake Rd.

**Munson Vineyards**—Known as the "World's Chief Vineyard Expert," T.V. Munson's development of hybrid grape varieties is acclaimed worldwide. Many of the varieties, along with his innovative trellis, are on display on a 5-acre tract on the west campus of Grayson County College; includes a viticulture museum. Greenhouse and walkways open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. West of intersection of F.M. 1417 and F.M. 691.

**Texas Travel Information Center**—One of the centers provided by the state at key highway entrances to Texas, in the Capitol Complex, and at the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Operated daily, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's. Staffed by uniformed, professional travel counselors; free services include information, maps, literature about every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. North of Denison on U.S. 75/69; operated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**DENTON**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 31.

**DEVINE**  
Pop. 4,139

Alt. 670

Map S-14



**General**—Created as station on International & Great Northern RR in 1881 although scattered settlement dates from 1840s (Indian raids persisted until 1870s); named for Thomas Jefferson Devine, a San Antonio

judge; trade center for irrigated district of the Medina Valley, a diversified agricultural region. Major peanut shipping center, nurseries, extensive honey production. Municipal golf course, swimming pool.

**Bigfoot Wallace Museum**—Honors famed frontiersman and Texas Ranger. Housed in replicas of his log-cabin home and Texas Independence Hall. Artifacts of Wallace's activities in Texas War for Independence, Mexican War and Indian fights. Open by appointment; inquire locally in Bigfoot, 6 miles southeast via Texas 173 and F.M. 472.

**Stroud Blacksmith Shop**—In continuous operation since 1903; traditional blacksmith shop; hundreds of cattle brands burned on shop doors from branding irons handmade in the shop. 103 Herring St.

Texas Travel Information Center, U.S. 75/69 in Denison





Dr Pepper Bottling Co. in Dublin

## DICKENS

Pop. 318

Alt. 2,468

Map G/H-11



**General**—Seat of Dickens County, retail center for large ranching area. About eight miles below the escarpment of the Cap Rock (High Plains), first settlements grew from dugout line camps used by cowboys of famous Spur,

Pitchfork, and Matador Ranches. Nearby Croton Brakes region is a scenic area of colorful canyons, buttes and small creeks. Inquire locally for directions.

**Dickens County Museum**—In Dickens County Courthouse, exhibits include pictures, antiques, and family histories. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Lake**—White River Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

## DIMMITT

Pop. 4,367

Alt. 3,854

Map E-9



**General**—Established in 1891 as county seat of Castro County and named for Rev. W.C. Dimmitt. The hard feelings after Dimmitt was selected over Castro City as county seat led to a gunfight between Ira Aten, a retired

Texas Ranger, and Andrew McClelland. An historical marker at the courthouse square commemorates the event.

County excels in agriculture, producing large yields of corn, wheat, sunflowers, sugar beets and vegetables (potatoes, carrots, onions, cucumbers).

**Castro County Museum**—Housed in the Old Carter House, built in 1909 and moved to five-acre tract just west of the hospital. Features county photos, artifacts, early farm equipment and furnished half-dugout. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. 404 W. Halsell St.

**DONNA**—See RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 76.

## DUBLIN

Pop. 3,225

Alt. 1,493

Map L-15



**General**—Established in 1854 by A.H. Dobkins and named in 1860. The name, originally spelled *Doublin*, is said to have been a practice by early settlers who "doubled in" their wagons to escape Indian raids.

Another version says the town was named after the capital of Ireland. In 1881, the town moved four miles to a site owned by J.D. Bishop in order to be near the newly-laid Texas Central Railroad. Dublin is known primarily for peanut crops and dairy farming, but is also supported by beef, feed and fertilizer.

In Erath Co., the city is 72 miles southwest of Fort Worth and 45 miles northeast of Brownwood. Hunters take deer, duck, dove, and quail in season.

**Dr Pepper Bottling Co.**—Opened in 1891, the bottling plant in Dublin was the first franchise. The plant still uses pure cane sugar instead of artificial sweeteners. Muscum features memorabilia; bottling done on Tues. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 221 S. Patrick. Tel. 817/445-3466.

**Lake**—Proctor. See LAKES listing.

**Lyon Museum**—Named for Grace Lyon, daughter of founder of Dr Pepper Bottling plant. Memorabilia of city's past; also features clothing, photos, pump organ and machinery. Open Fri., Sat. 2 - 5 p.m. At E. Blackjack & S. Grafton Sts.

## DUMAS

Pop. 13,065

Alt. 3,668

Map B-9



**General**—Named after Louis Dumas, president of townsite company that founded this seat of Moore County in 1892. Oil discovered 1926. In heart of nation's largest grain sorghum producing area, center of one of

world's largest natural gas fields, producer of two-thirds of nation's helium. Recreation areas include eight city parks; scenic beauty in rugged canyons and hills of Canadian River brakes. Nearby Lake Meredith offers fishing, boating, swimming and water skiing.

Texoma (municipal) RV Park with 20 - 25 spaces—free for the first night; electric and water hookups, dump station, nighttime security patrols. U.S. 87 west within city limits.

**Lake**—Meredith. See LAKES listing.

**Moore County Historical Museum**—Local history exhibits, memorabilia donated by pioneer families, wildlife displays, and Indian artifacts. Room settings include a pioneer kitchen, a country store, and a one-room school. Open May - Aug. Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sept. - Apr., Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. Housed in former hotel at 8th and Dumas Ave.

## EAGLE LAKE

Pop. 3,619

Alt. 170

Map R-19



**General**—Town and nearby lake named for Karankawa Indian legend of brave who bested his rival by crossing lake and returning with an eagle for an Indian maiden. Today noted as duck and goose hunting

area. During annual migratory waterfowl season, hunters bag thousands at



Attwater prairie chicken, Eagle Lake

Migrating geese fill the skies near Eagle Lake



nearby hunting clubs. Area produces abundant rice harvests that exceed a million bushels annually.

Eagle Lake lies along the Texas Pioneer Trail covering four-county area. For additional information and map, contact local chamber of commerce. **Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge**—Sanctuary for Attwater, or coastal, prairie chicken covers 3,400 acres near San Bernard River. Rate of decline in bird population exceeded that of whooping cranes through middle years of this century. Recently established refuge has won support of landowners and conservationists in saving prairie chickens that once numbered hundreds of thousands. Tours may be arranged by contacting Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, 409/234-2780.

**Lake**—Eagle. See LAKES listing.

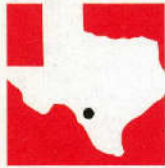
**Prairie Edge Museum**—Features exhibits dedicated to the collecting and preserving of natural history and cultural traditions in Colorado County. Open Sat., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 408 East Main St.

## EAGLE PASS

Pop. 20,868

Alt. 797

Map T-12



**General**—First U.S. settlement at site on Rio Grande began during Mexican War with establishment of temporary Camp Eagle Pass. In 1849 permanent Fort Duncan was founded. Today an international gateway

and tourist center, seat of Maverick County, and retail shipping center for 40,000-acre irrigated winter-garden region. International bridge to Piedras Negras, just across Rio Grande, connects U.S. 57 with Mexico 57 that leads to Monclova, Saltillo, San Luis Potosi and Mexico City. Portions of the route through scenic areas of Sierra Madres. Sportsmen enjoy fishing for the famous (and huge) Rio Grande catfish, hunting for white-tailed deer and upland game birds.

Eight miles south of city is 125-acre site being developed as federal reservation for Kickapoo Indians, a tribe that for years had special border-crossing permission.

**Fort Duncan**—Established 1849 and occupied by three companies of 1st U.S. Infantry Regiment. During Civil War, post was occupied by Confederate troops of Frontier Regiment. Federal troops reoccupied post 1868; it remained under military authority until 1916. Many restored stone buildings form center of municipal park and spacious country club.

**Piedras Negras**—Mexican city across Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, population about 33,000. Handicraft items at bargain prices in many shops and traditional Mexican market area. Restaurants and popular night clubs; bullfights at intervals throughout summer months. (See MEXICO: Entrance and Exit Regulations, at end of book.)

### Shopping in Piedras Negras, Mexico, across border from Eagle Pass



Kendrick Religious Museum in Eastland

## EASTLAND

Pop. 3,705

Alt. 1,421

Map K-14/15



**General**—Established about 1875 as seat of Eastland County, grew primarily as a trade center for surrounding farms and ranches. Current area resources include oil, ranching, farming and manufacturing. Eastland County

ranks fifth in the state in peanut production. Fruit, pecans, vegetables, and feed crops are also important.

**Kendrick Religious Museum**—Designed and built especially for the purpose, museum presents 30 diorama scenes from the Holy Bible with special sound and lighting effects. Open daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission. The 360-foot stage adjacent to museum is site of famed Easter Sunrise Pageant, as well as presentations of Biblical events Thurs. and Fri. nights at 9 p.m. mid-June through mid-Aug. Four miles west of Eastland on U.S. 80. Admission.

**Lakes**—Leon. See LAKES listing. Also Eastland and Ringling Lakes are popular local fishing spots one mile north of town.



**Mural depicts post office history in postage stamps at Eastland**

**"Old Rip" the Horned Frog**—According to apparently authentic records and witnesses, a Texas horned frog (a type of lizard) was sealed in corner stone of an Eastland courthouse built in 1897. In 1928 a new courthouse was erected, the prior cornerstone was opened, and the horned frog was found alive! The small animal received great publicity, was displayed nationally. When it died the following year, it was placed in a glass-front casket, on view in the present county courthouse.

**Post Office Mural**—National and Post Office history depicted in 6x10-foot mural of postage stamps. Seven years and some 12,000 stamps were required to produce the mosaics of historical scenes and famous stamps. Post Office, 400 block E. Main.

## EDGEWOOD

Pop. 1,357

Alt. 460

Map J-20



**General**—Because of a dispute between Canton and Wills Point over location of the Van Zandt County seat, Canton citizens wanted a shipping point other than Wills Point. They built a nine-mile road to a siding

on the T&P Railroad in 1878, and Edgewood was born there. In 1890 a group from Mississippi chose the town in which to settle, and by 1915 the population had grown to 850.

**Edgewood Heritage Park**—More than a dozen historical structures, along with such displays as animal-powered farm equipment and a syrup mill, preserve the history of the area. Included are cabins from the 1800s, blacksmith shop, country store, barber shop, schoolhouse, and a museum of tools, clothing, and other pioneer items. Docents in period dress often demonstrate pioneer skills. Open Wed., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. On F.M. 859 four blks. north of U.S. 80. Admission.

**EDINBURG**—See THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 76.

## EDNA

Pop. 5,556

Alt. 72

Map S-19

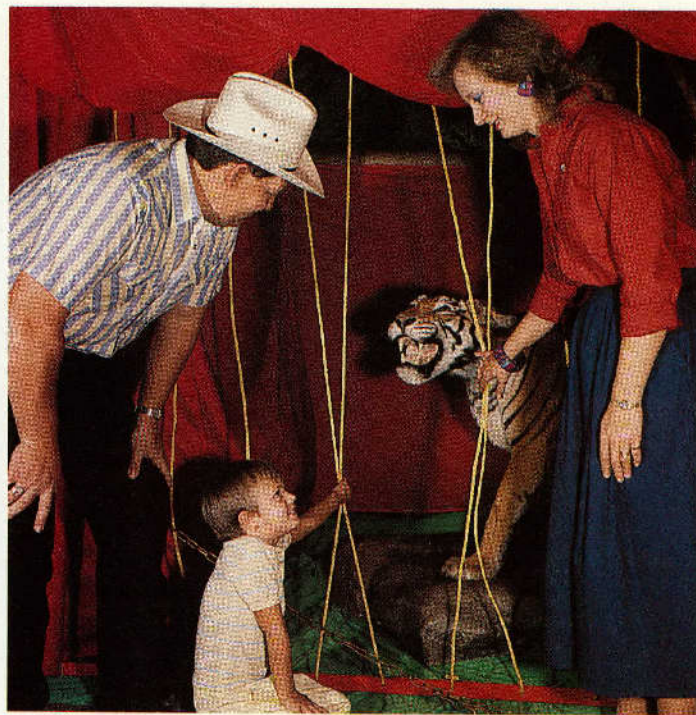


**General**—Built on Robert Guthrie League granted by Mexican government through Stephen F. Austin in 1824. As commissary for Italian laborers on the New York, Texas and Mexican Railway, town was first called

Macaroni Station. Today seat of Jackson County, commercial center for rice, cotton, livestock, and oil.

**Lake Texana State Park**—575 acres on Lake Texana offer water-oriented recreation including boating, fishing, water skiing, and swimming; picnic facilities, camping with water and electrical hookups, rest rooms, showers, boat ramp. East 6.5 miles via Texas 111 south; admission.

**Texana Museum**—Exhibits include artifacts, art items, and documents pertaining to early life in area. Open Tues. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. - noon. 403 N. Wells (Texas 111 north).



**El Campo Museum of Art, Science and History**

## EL CAMPO

Pop. 10,700

Alt. 110

Map S-19



**General**—Railroad reached area in 1880s, and Mexican cowboys who brought cattle herds to railhead called the site "el campo" (the camp). When incorporated in 1905, city fathers used the Spanish words in naming

city. Now a center for agriculture (largest rice-producing county in state), oil, gas, manufacturing. Excellent hunting and fishing.

**El Campo Museum of Art, Science & History**—Features big-game trophies from five continents displayed against huge murals and in natural settings. Open Mon. - Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. 2350 N. Mechanic (Texas 71 & F.M. 2765) in civic center.

### Lake Texana State Park near Edna

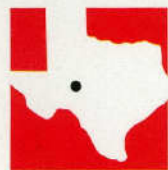


**ELDORADO**

Pop. 2,058

Alt. 2,410

Map O-11



*General—Seat of Schleicher County, established 1895. In scenic, rugged Hill Country of West Central Texas, city is center for oil field service and supply firms, and is headquarters for large ranching area, especially sheep*

and goats. El Dorado Woolens is only woolen mill in Southwest weaving fabrics from virgin wool and mohair produced on West Texas ranches. Heavy concentration of white-tailed deer makes entire county popular with hunters each fall and winter.

**Schleicher County Museum**—Vintage room settings, kitchen and household utensils, rustic farm and home furniture, saddles, branding irons, and barbed wire. Open Mon., Wed., Fri. in summer. U.S. 190 just east of U.S. 77.

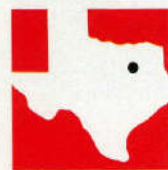
**EL PASO**—See EL PASO SECTION, Page 44.

**ENNIS**

Pop. 14,314

Alt. 548

Map K-18



*General—Established 1871 when railroad reached town; named for Cornelius Ennis, director of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. Original railroad community is today a small city featuring diversified*

industry in metropolitan area; large cotton production in area.

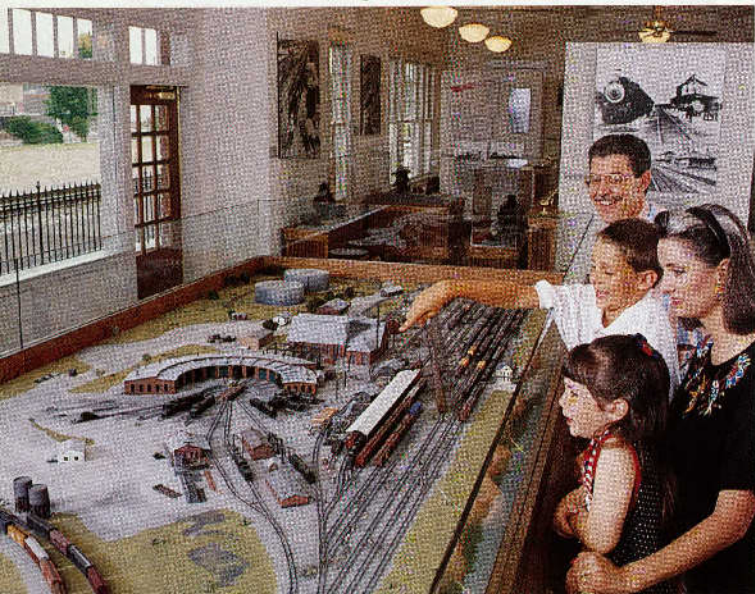
As a Main Street Project city, Ennis has preserved many buildings in historic downtown area, some of which are 60 years or older. Each April, Garden Club and chamber of commerce sponsor Bluebonnet Trails, one of the oldest wildflower events in Texas, featuring 40 miles of well-marked trails. National Polka Festival in May.

**Lake**—Bardwell. See LAKES listing.

**Railroad and Cultural Heritage Museum**—Houses memorabilia from days Ennis was hub for Houston and Texas Central Railroad. Mementos include a 1897 edition of the *Book of Rules* for train operators, photographs of trains that stopped in town, and miniature replicas of the train station in its heyday. Open May - Aug. Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; week-ends Sept. - Apr., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 105 Main St. Admission. 214/875-1901.

**Texas Motorplex**—Built in 1986, racetrack presents amateur and professional drag racing throughout year. Attracts top names in racing. Seats 26,000 at racing facilities on U.S. 287, between I-45 & I-35E. For racing information, call 214/875-2641.

*Railroad and Cultural Heritage Museum in Ennis*



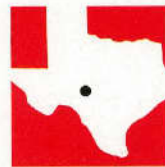
*Val Verde Cannon on Courthouse Square in Fairfield*

**EOLA**

Pop. 218

Alt. 1,775

Map N-12



*General—Small agricultural community first settled in 1898 on vast Midwest Texas ranch lands of Concho County. Original name of Jordan changed in 1903 with establishment of post office. Name, taken from nearby*

creek, is Indian for "good returns from blowing wind."

**Barrow Museum**—Forty years of collecting has created a collection focusing on early farm and ranch days of Concho County including rare windmills, horse-drawn equipment and farm implements, and memorabilia from around the world. Four buildings house such diverse collections as crystal, thousands of china and glass cats, a pipe organ, Oriental carvings and furniture, antiques, 15,000 Indian arrowheads and artifacts, gem and mineral collection, and special interest vehicles. Museum is on working ranch that includes a herd of registered Longhorn cattle. Open Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Located 4.5 mi. east on F.M. 765.

**FAIRFIELD**

Pop. 3,283

Alt. 461

Map M-19



*General—Freestone rock in this area gave county its name; county seat is recognized as banking, market, and shipping center. Rock quarry, sawmill, lignite coal mining, and oil and gas production, contribute to*

town's economy.

**Fairfield Lake State Recreation Park**—1,460 acres adjacent to Lake Fairfield. Camping, rest rooms with showers, swimming beach, boat ramp, fishing pier, and fish cleaning shelter. A 4.5-mile hiking trail to primitive camping area. Seven miles northeast via F.M. 488, F.M. 1124, and Park Road 64. Admission.

**Freestone County Museum**—Housed in century-old jail whose "guest list" supposedly included infamous John Wesley Hardin, Texas gunman-lawyer and reputedly "the deadliest preacher's son who ever lived." Period furnishings, historical documents, artifacts. Open Wed. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1:30 - 4 p.m.; 302 E. Main St. one block E. of courthouse; admission. Cannon on courthouse lawn is relic of Sibley's Brigade, mostly Texan Confederate force that made unsuccessful attempt to drive Federal forces from New Mexico, 1862.

**Lakes**—Fairfield, Richland-Chambers. See LAKES listing.





## FALFURRIAS

Pop. 5,888

Alt. 109

Map W-16



**General**—Established 1883, Falfurrias is Spanish for "Heart's Delight," the name of a local wild flower. Seat of ranch-oriented Brooks County, nationally noted for cattle breeding and meat production. Beefmaster

breed of cattle originated in county. Dairying began when the town's founder, Ed Lasater, divided 60,000 acres of ranchland into small dairy farms in the early 1900s. To provide an outlet for these products, Lasater constructed the Falfurrias Creamery, still famous for its "sweet cream butter." Other agriculture products include cotton, peanuts, vegetables, and melons.

Hunters take deer, turkey, javelina, and many types of birds in season.

**Don Pedrito Shrine**—Falfurrians tell the tale of Don Pedrito, a Mexican faith healer born in Jalisco, Mexico. Legend said he was cured through faith and given the gift of healing in a vision. He came to Los Olmos Ranch in 1881 and for some 25 years thousands of people came to him to be cured. Thousands still visit the shrine each year. Take Texas 285 east 2 mi., F.M. 1418 north to shrine. Texas Historical marker at site.

**Heritage Museum**—Pictures, weapons, and other mementos of early frontier heritage as well as artifacts of pioneer days in Brooks County. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. 300 N. St. Mary's St. (U.S. 281).

## FANNIN

Pop. 94

Alt. 143

Map T-18



**General**—Community in eastern Goliad County. Named for James W. Fannin Jr.,

Texas Revolutionary hero.

**Fannin Battleground State Historic Site**—A handsome monument marks site

where Col. James W. Fannin Jr. and his men surrendered to Mexican army after Battle of Coleto Creek Mar. 20, 1836. Though Fannin believed surrender was on honorable terms, Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna overruled local Mexican commander's clemency petition and ordered the Texans (some 342) executed at Goliad about a week later. (See GOLIAD.) Park is open daily. Facilities include water, rest rooms, electricity, and picnic accommodations. One mile south on Park Road 27.

*Fannin Battleground State Historic Site near Fannin*



**FARMERS BRANCH**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 32.

## FAYETTEVILLE

Pop. 290

Alt. 411

Map Q-18



**General**—Grew out of settlement formed by three families of Stephen F. Austin's Old Three Hundred. Later settlers included both German and Czech immigrants as well as Anglo-American, and the three ethnic groups

contributed a diversified community. City had several names: Wadis Post Office, Alexander's Voting Place and Lick Skillet (given by settlers arriving too late for festive occasions, found food devoured and were told to "lick the skillet.") Officially named by Philip J. Shaver, who laid out the town, for his birthplace, Fayetteville, NC.

Town had one of first bands in Texas, composed of German musicians,



*Fayetteville Area Museum*

who played for meetings and festivals statewide. For more than 50 years a Czech band, conducted by Frank and John Baca, provided dance music and "Baca" music still enjoyed today.

Fayetteville lies along a local historical route called Texas Pioneer Trail covering four-county area. For driving information and map, contact the La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce in nearby La Grange. 409/968-5756.

**Fayetteville Area Museum**—Situated in turn-of-the-century building on old courthouse square. Quaint museum, with German-Czech heritage, features miscellanea from Baca Band memorabilia to early kitchen and drug store items. Open Sunday afternoons spring and fall, other times by appointment; just off Texas 159. 409/378-2231.

**Lake**—Fayette. See LAKES listing.

## FLATONIA

Pop. 1,311

Alt. 458

Map Q/R-18



**General**—Agricultural village just off I-10 half way between Houston and San Antonio, founded by the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1873; named not for topography, but for a pioneer merchant, F.W. Flato. Waves of

immigrants—English, German, Bohemian, Czech, and Italian—settled in and around Flatonia. Town most prominently celebrates colorful Czech traditions; for example, calling their annual (October) chili festival *Czhiblispjel*. Local sausages and kolaches are popular. *Flatonia Argus*, weekly newspaper at 214 Penn St., dates from 1875.

**Arnim & Lane Mercantile**—A genuine country store dating from 1886, still operating with fascinating variety of antique and modern merchandise; choice browsing! Open weekdays 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. corner of East North Main St. and Penn Ave.

**E. A. Arnim Archives and Museum**—Wealth of historical miscellanea from town and Fayette County in former bank building, includes antique furniture and household items, clothing, china and glassware, and historical documents. Also livery stable with wagons, buggies, vintage tack, and farm implements. Open Sunday 1 - 4 p.m., also first and third Friday of each month (walking-tour days) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 119 East North Main St.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**—In nearby Czech village of Praha, modest frame church in picture-postcard setting dates from 1895. Remarkable interior: Common tongue-in-groove planks soar to classic vault; wooden pillars represent Gothic columns; painted with art nouveau style popular in 1890s—vines, ferns, and mock architectural details. Over altar, two small paintings unique in church ornamentation picture the main cathedral of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and a well-known convent outside that city.

Adjacent cemetery is site of annual Veterans Day (Nov.) memorial service, said to be largest attended in the United States. Nine graves honor Praha youth who fell in World War II, a heavy toll for one sparsely populated, rural Texas community. U.S. 90 2.7 mi. east to F.M. 1295, then south on F.M. 1295 .8 mi. to church and Praha.

**Guided Walking Tour**—Short, docent-guided walking tours (approx. four block area) offered first and third Fri. each month, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., start at chamber of commerce, 208 East North Main St.

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Davis Mountains State Park, near Fort Davis, is one of Texas' most scenic areas

## FLORESVILLE

Pop. 5,349

Alt. 389

Map 5-16

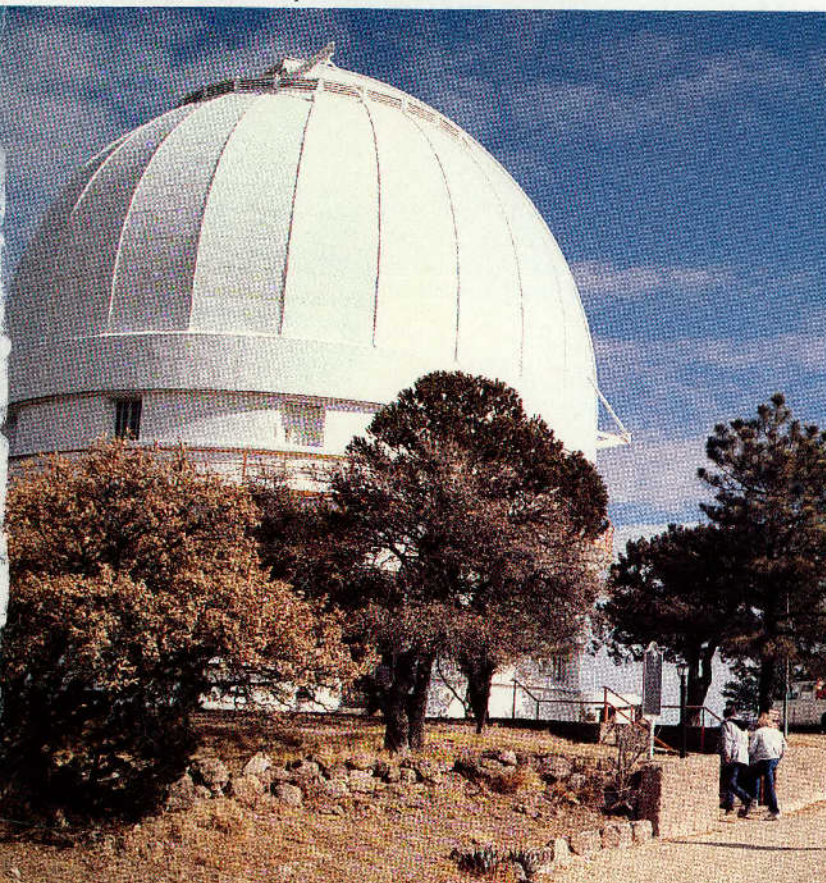


**General**—Named for early rancher, Don Francisco Flores de Abrego, who established his ranch about six miles northwest in 1832. In 1833 nucleus of present town founded on land donated by Flores family; became

Wilson County seat, 1885. Growing season of 285 days; marketing point for watermelons, flax, cotton, beef cattle, dairy and poultry products. Huge peanut on courthouse lawn recognizes peanut crop grown in area.

**Canary Islanders Cemetery**—Established prior to 1732 by islanders who formed first organized civil settlement in Texas at San Fernando de Bexar, now San Antonio. Several Texas families trace lineage from those colonists. Off U.S. 181 some two blocks north at Texas 97/F.M. 536 intersection (Plum & 10th Sts.).

McDonald Observatory at Mount Locke near Fort Davis



## FLOYDADA

Pop. 3,882

Alt. 3,179

Map G-10



**General**—Established 1890, originally called Floyd City. Seat of Floyd County in center of productive farm area, headquarters for large electric co-op, and cotton ginning and shipping point.

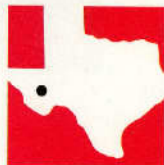
**Floyd County Museum**—Period furnishings, implements, store fixtures, photographs of early settlers and ranchers. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. North of courthouse.

## FORT DAVIS

Pop. 900

Alt. 5,050

Map O-6



**General**—Established and grew under protection of U.S. Army post of the same name that was founded in 1854 at crossroads of famous Chihuahua Trail and Butterfield Overland Mail Route. Has served as county

seat of Presidio County and later Jeff Davis County created largely from Presidio. Altitude and climate make it popular tourist and camping area.

During seasons hunters seek plentiful mule deer and pronghorn antelope. **Chihuahuan Desert Visitor Center**—Botanic gardens, and nature trails related to the desert flora. Open May - Aug. Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m., Sat., Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. On Texas 118, 3.5 mi. south.

**Davis Mountains State Park**—In a sloping basin among scenic Davis Mountains, 1,869 acres host more than 155,000 visitors annually. Primary service facility is multilevel hotel called Indian Lodge, patterned in the pueblo style. A free interpretive center is open afternoons, June through Aug., featuring plant and animal material, both live and mounted; bird observation window and wildlife watering station. Camping, picnicking, dining room, trailer facilities, rest rooms, nature study, hiking. Six miles west of Fort Davis; Texas 118, Park Road 3. Admission.



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**Fort Davis National Historic Site**

**Fort Davis National Historic Site**—When pioneers and gold seekers surged west in the mid-1800s, national concern focused on secure travel routes. In Texas, nearly 600 miles of wilderness stretched between San Antonio and El Paso. Throughout the distance, wagon travelers fell prey to fiercely hostile Indians. Fort Davis, established in 1854, was the first military post to guard the route and offer haven by the precious waters of Limpia Creek.

But the trauma of Civil War stripped the frontier of military protection, and Indians again marauded unchecked. Little of value remained when federal troops returned to Fort Davis in 1867. New construction eventually produced substantial rock and adobe buildings that housed up to 12 companies of cavalry and infantry. Post-war troopers were black "buffalo soldiers," many of them former slaves from Southern plantations.

As the western movement resumed, troopers patrolled the long immigrant road, escorted mail and wagon trains, and mounted wide-ranging expeditions into the vast wilderness territory. After years of conflict, peace and civilian settlement finally came to the frontier. With the bluecoats no longer needed, Fort Davis was deactivated in 1891.

Operated by the National Park Service, Fort Davis today is a superb example of frontier forts from that epic era, including both ruins and restorations. A museum, open daily in reconstructed barracks, vividly interprets frontier military life.

Another feature is a sound re-creation of a 19th Century military parade—bugles and hoofbeats...the clank and jangle of mounted troops...music from band manuals of 1875. Echoing over the empty parade ground, it is a haunting fragment of the past.

Open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. except national holidays; admission.

**Historic Inn: Limpia Hotel**—Restored country inn, c. 1912; sturdy, turn-of-the-century oak furniture, second-story veranda and glassed-in sunporch with rattan rockers; Boarding House restaurant. Two suites and nine rooms with baths.

**Neill Museum**—Antique toys made in Texas; 300 antique dolls, bottles, and furniture. In historic 1898 Truehart House seven blocks west of courthouse. Museum open June - Labor Day daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; admission. Also two rooms bed-and-breakfast with antique furniture; year round. 915/426-3969 and 426-3838.

**Overland Trail Museum**—Named for historic trail that once passed its front door, small museum was former home, office and shop of Nick Mersfelter, early resident who was justice of the peace, barber, and area music master. Austrian-born Mersfelter could play almost any instrument, was once member of San Antonio Philharmonic Orchestra. Pioneer ranch, trail, and law enforcement artifacts. Open Wed. - Sun. afternoons in summer; admission.

**Scenic Drive**—A 74-mile loop through the Davis Mountains (from and back to Fort Davis) leads to a host of choice mountain landscapes. Two miles south on Texas 17 take Texas 166 west to intersection with Texas 118, then southeast back to Texas 17 and Fort Davis. Features include nine scenic roadside parks, Mount Locke topped by McDonald Observatory, beautiful Madera Canyon, and Davis Mountains State Park.

**University of Texas McDonald Observatory at Mount Locke**—Built 1932 following bequest from William J. McDonald, amateur astronomer. On 6,791-foot peak of Mount Locke. Site selected because of clear air, high ratio of cloudless nights, distance from concentrations of artificial lights, and dust- and radiation-filtering growths of shrubs and timber. Original instrument was 82-inch reflector; 107-inch reflector is in larger dome.

A visitor center at the foot of Mount Locke presents programs daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. In summer, solar viewings presented 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; guided tours at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Winter: solar viewing 11 a.m., guided



**Overland Trail Museum in Fort Davis**

tour 2 p.m. Up on the summit, the larger dome is open to public and may be viewed from visitors' gallery. Each Tues., Fri. and Sat. evening, weather permitting, the center conducts "Star Parties" for the general public, with viewing of stars and planets through telescopes set up by the observatory. Observatory is 16 miles northwest via Texas 118, Spur 78. Spectacular view from site.

Once a month, visitors can view celestial objects through 107-inch telescope by making reservation with visitor center. (Very popular and sometimes booked months in advance.) Fee charged for large telescope viewing, 915/426-3640.



**Texas Longhorns at Fort Griffin State Park**

**FORT GRIFFIN**

Pop. 96

Alt. 1,275

Map J-14



**General**—Frontier Shackelford County community that grew around military post of same name, served as area trade center in 1870s and '80s. It was a rough, wild settlement frequented by cavalry troopers,

trail-herd cowboys, buffalo hunters, and outlaws. More than 200,000 buffalo hides were shipped from the town. Over a 12-year period, gunfights accounted for 34 public killings. Town declined after fort was abandoned, and today there are only scattered rural homes on Brazos River farmlands at site on U.S. 283 north of Albany.

**Fort Griffin State Park**—506 acres of parkland feature camping, trailer facilities, picnicking, fishing, nature study and hiking trails. Home of state-maintained Texas Longhorn herd. Ruins of several old fort buildings,



Remnants of old fort buildings still stand at Fort Griffin State Park

three restored buildings, Visitor Center. On U.S. 283 at Clear Fork of the Brazos River.

**Lake**—Hubbard Creek. See TAKES listing.

## FORT MCKAVETT

Pop. 103

Alt. 2,155

Map O-12



**General**—The rural community in west Menard County occupies the site of a frontier Army fort founded in the mid-1800s as protection for settlers from Indians. On F.M. 864 just south of U.S. 190 (west of Menard).

**Fort McKavett State Historic Site**—Fort established 1852 as Camp San Saba; later named for Capt. Henry McKavett, killed at Battle of Monterrey in Mexican War. Abandoned during the Civil War; reoccupied by Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie in 1868. By 1876 there were stone barracks for eight infantry companies, 12 officers' quarters, a hospital, guardhouse, magazine, bakery, post office, large headquarters building, storehouses and stables. Importance

Haunting ruins at Frontier Fort McKavett State Historic Site



declined after 1874 when Army offensive against Indians produced several major victories, the most significant in Palo Duro Canyon (See CANYON). Post abandoned in 1883. Extensive restoration of ruins. Interpretive exhibits in original hospital feature historical photos, dioramas, and some 200 artifacts. Open Wed. - Sun. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 915/396-2358.

## FORT STOCKTON

Pop. 8,712

Alt. 2,954

Map O-7



**General**—Town developed with establishment of military post in 1859, an outpost on Butterfield Overland Mail Route at crossing of Old San Antonio Road and ancient Comanche War Trail. Popular with Indians

long before white men arrived because of large springs nearby. Area was one of earliest irrigated farming efforts in Texas; some 8,000 acres irrigated as early as 1877. Today seat of Pecos County, retail and shipping headquarters for vast ranching, natural gas and oil activities, and major West Texas crossroads. Hunting excellent for mule deer and pronghorn antelope.

**Annie Riggs Hotel Museum**—The old hotel, built 1899, was popular stop on stage route. Restored and maintained by local historical society. Fourteen rooms display area collections; 19th-Century clothing, photography, Indian artifacts, cowboy regalia, kitchen utensils, geology, religion, Camp Stockton artifacts. Open daily Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m.; extended hours in summer. 301 S. Main St.; 915/336-2167.

**Comanche Springs**—Once among largest springs in Texas, now site of Olympic-sized swimming pool.

**Courthouse Square**—Historic features include courthouse (1883), first Catholic Church (1875), first schoolhouse (1883), and Zero Stone placed by survey party in 1859, used as origin point for all land surveys in this part of West Texas. Nearby St. Stephens Episcopal Church (1872), was first Protestant Church west of the Pecos River.

**Grey Mule Saloon**—Preserving nostalgic remembrance of times past, restored old saloon was one of early-day "red-eye" dispensaries of West Texas. Callaghan and Main Sts.

**Historical Sites Tour**—A series of special signs on city streets provide guidance for do-it-yourself tour of historic sites. Historical notations date from days of Cabeza de Vaca's explorations, 1534, and other explorers such as Espejo in 1583, Mendosa in 1684. Friendly citizens will fill in details.

**Historic Fort Stockton**—Typical frontier military post established 1858 as Camp Stockton; abandoned in 1886. Fort consisted of 35 buildings made of adobe and handhewn limestone. Four original buildings remain: Three of the eight officers quarters, and guardhouse with jailer's quarters, three solitary confinement cells, and a larger holding cell. Some of the other buildings reconstructed. Open Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 - 5 p.m.; admission. 300 E. 3rd; 915/336-2400.

Annie Riggs Hotel Museum in Fort Stockton





Fort Stockton's Paisano Pete

**James Rooney County Park**—Green and spacious park on southern edge of city at historic Comanche Springs. Swimming, picnicking and tennis courts.

**Lake**—Imperial Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Old Fort Cemetery**—Records on existing tombstones indicate few people lived beyond age 40; indication of hardships among those who opened and settled this harsh country.

**Paisano Pete**—At 20 feet long and 11 feet tall, Pete is probably the world's largest roadrunner. A popular photo subject. U.S. 290 at Main St.

**Tunis Creek Stagecoach Stop**—Former way station on Butterfield Overland Mail Route; later a Texas Ranger station. Historic structure was moved to a highway rest area on U.S. 290, 20 miles east. Original location was approximately two miles south.

**FORT WORTH**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 32.

**FRANKLIN**

Pop. 1,376

Alt. 450

Map N-19



**General**—Established under different name (Morgan) 1871, seat of Robertson County, named after Sterling C. Robertson, founder of Robertson's Colony. A popular health resort in last decades of previous century.

Mineral springs attracted visitors from throughout state. Today a shipping center for livestock, cotton, alfalfa, vegetables, fruits and pecans. Minerals

include oil, fuller's earth and lignite. Wild flowers, especially the Texas state flower, the bluebonnet, are beautifully profuse in spring.

**Carnegie Library**—Established in 1914, the historic, renovated building received historical marker in 1987. Open weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. On U.S. 79.

**Lake**—Limestone. See LAKES listing.

**Walter Williams Grave**—In rural church cemetery a few miles southeast of Franklin is grave of last survivor of War Between the States. Walter Williams, Confederate soldier who survived all veterans, both South and North, is buried in Mount Pleasant church cemetery, F.M. 2446 southeast less than 4 miles.

**FREDERICKSBURG**

Pop. 7,256

Alt. 1,743

Map P-14



**General**—Settled by immigrant families from Germany in 1846, led by John O.

Meusebach. Although settlement was on Comanche frontier, Meusebach-Comanche Treaty of following year established lasting

peace (see Fort Martin Scott below). Many older buildings retain traditional German styles; several units comprise National Historic District. German is still spoken occasionally, and old customs are regularly observed: Easter Fires, Schuetzenfests (marksmanship tournaments), Oktoberfest, Kristkindl Markt, and Kinderfest. Visitors attracted by scenic beauty, European atmosphere, historic landmarks, excellent fall and winter hunting, and famous bread and pastries. Birthplace of Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet during World War II.

For nearby point of interest, also see LUCKENBACH.

**Admiral Nimitz Museum and Historical Center**—Consists of (1) the restored Nimitz Steamboat Hotel, famous frontier hostelry (c. 1852), which houses the Museum of the Pacific War; (2) Garden of Peace, gift from the people of Japan; (3) History Walk, lined with rare aircraft, tanks and guns. Fleet Admiral Nimitz was born in Fredericksburg in 1885. At his request, center is dedicated to all who served with him during WW II. At 304 E. Main St., open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission.

**Bauer Toy Museum**—Toy soldiers, fire trucks, airplane replicas, character and smaller toys recall bygone days. Also included is a handcrafted village with toy automobiles and trains and a 35-ft. long diorama depicting Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Open Wed. - Mon. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., (winter hours may vary). Donation, at 233 E. Main St.

**Bed & Breakfast**—Many local homes offer overnight accommodations. Chamber of Commerce offers list. Five lodging services (small fee) allow guests to make a selection and prepay. Offices at 102 S. Cherry (210/997-4712) 310 E. Main (210/997-8615), 402 W. Main (210/997-7227), 501 W. Main (210/997-5612), and 107 N. Washington (210/997-9585).

**Dulcimer Factory**—Oldest original American stringed instrument made from a variety of woods in factory. Tours and history of the dulcimer

**Admiral Nimitz State Historic Site in Fredericksburg**

**World War II Memorabilia in Admiral Nimitz State Historic Site in Fredericksburg**





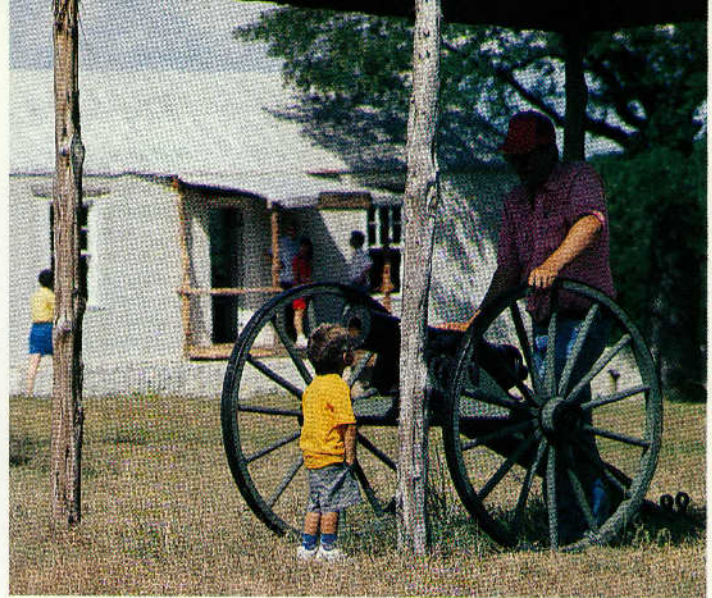
**Childhood memories at Bauer Toy Museum, Fredericksburg**

conducted by owner. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon; 1 - 4 p.m. 715 S. Washington St. Retail store open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 155 E. Main St.

**Easter Fires**—An unknown pioneer mother more than 100 years ago told first Easter Fires story to quiet fears of her children—a charming tale of Easter rabbit who lit and tended hillside fires to boil traditional eggs. In reality fires were those of Indians awaiting outcome of peace talks with settlers; agreement was reached and the two groups lived in peace in the Pedernales Valley. The cherished tradition remains today; hillside fires still glow each Easter eve while pageant retells the story.

**Enchanted Rock State Natural Area**—Massive dome of solid granite famed in Indian legend; said to be site of human sacrifices, some tribes feared to set foot on it; others used height as rallying point; all held it in awe and reverence. Indians believed ghost fires flickered on crest on moonlit nights. A National Natural Landmark, the dome about 640 acres; 500 feet high. Open year round. Hiking, rock climbing and rappelling, picnicking, primitive camping in designated areas (reservations accepted). Eighteen miles north off R.M. 965. Admission.

**Climbers, hikers enjoy Enchanted Rock State Natural Area near Fredericksburg**



**Fort Martin Scott in Fredericksburg**

**Fort Martin Scott**—Site of first Federal fort established in Texas, 1848, (three years after Texas joined the U.S.) to guard the frontier from Indians. But German settlers had already arrived and established a treaty of friendship with the Comanches. Perhaps unique among Indian treaties, it was never broken by either side. With mutual trust, fort became a center of commerce between settlers, Indians, and soldiers.

Fort with 21 buildings served until 1853. The only original structure still standing was the post guardhouse, now restored. Visitor center exhibits model of the fort and plans for extensive restorations.

Also on display are artifacts, documents, and fascinating details about trade in bear grease, sugar, rice, and coffee. Beef was four cents a pound. Operated by Fredericksburg Heritage Foundation; two miles east on U.S. 290. Open Mar. - Labor Day, Wed. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sept. - Feb., Fri. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission.

**Fredericksburg Herb Farm**—Organic herb garden featuring rows of carefully tended flowering, culinary, and ornamental herbs harvested for gourmet vinegars, olive oils, seasonings, teas, blossom potpourris, wreaths, natural bath potions and body fragrances. Hundreds of herb varieties, country store, tearoom with herbal desserts, and bed and breakfast. Open Mon. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Tours and herbal luncheons welcome with advance notice. 402 Whitney St., six blocks south on Milam, off Main Street; 210/997-8615.

**Lady Bird Johnson Park**—Excellent 190-acre municipal park features fully equipped RV sites (fees), 18-hole golf course, swimming, tennis, volleyball, badminton. Shaded picnic areas with grills, group pavilions. Small lake for boating, canoes, fishing, and pedal boats. Texas 16, 3.5 miles south.

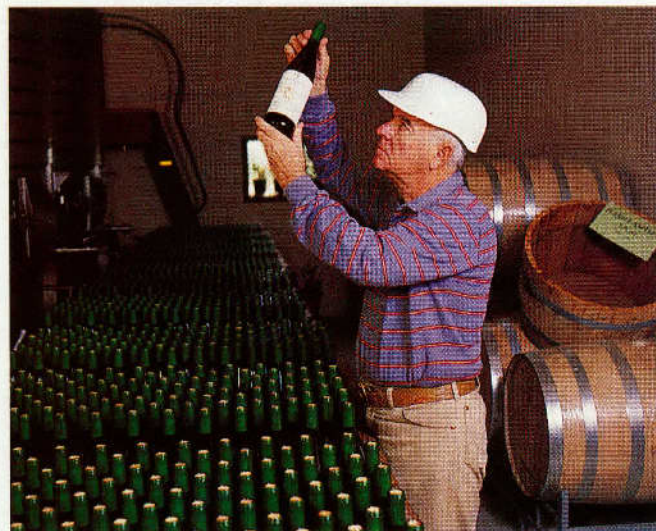
**Pioneer Memorial Library**—Housed in restored structure that was Gillespie County courthouse from 1882 to 1939. Library includes documents and books brought by early German settlers. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Wed. 8 p.m.), Sat. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 115 W. Main.

**Pioneer Museum Complex**—Operated by Gillespie County Historical Society, complex centers on eight-room furnished pioneer home and store, built 1849, wine cellar and flagstone hof (yard); pioneer kitchens with open hearths. Other structures include another home, barn, smokehouse, Sunday house, and log cabin. Open daily except Tues. Apr. through Oct. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; in winter, Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 309 W. Main St. Admission.

**Scenic Drives**—R.M. 965 north through geologic and scenic beauty leads to Enchanted Rock.

U.S. 87 to R.M. 648 to community of Doss. Texas 16 NW 13 mi., W on F.M. 1323 to Willow City.

**Sunday Houses**—Tiny houses built by early settlers for use on weekends. From their farm and ranch homes miles away from town, early residents would journey into Fredericksburg for Saturday marketing and church on Sunday. Several of the small houses remain today, marked by historical medallions. (Private residences, open only on occasional tours. Some now serve as bed & breakfast.)



**Bell Mountain/Oberhellmann Vineyards, Fredericksburg**

**Vereins Kirche Museum**—Reconstructed "coffee mill church," eight-sided structure was first public building in city, serving as house of worship, school, and meeting hall. Now holds archives, local history collection, and archaeological items. Market Square on W. Main St., midtown. Open from Mar. through Sept. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon. - Sat.; from October through Feb., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Admission. Chamber of commerce office is adjacent.

**Visitor Information**—Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Visitors Bureau is at 106 N. Adams. Open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.; 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. Sat. Free information, maps, walking tour of historic district. 210/997-6523.

**Wineries**—**Bell Mountain/Oberhellmann Vineyards:** Operation began in 1974 with vineyards planted in abandoned fields; old-world-type buildings house winery. Complimentary tours, tastings of Chardonnays, Reislings, and Pinot Noir. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. from March till mid-Dec. On Texas 16, 14 mi. north. 210/685-3297.

**Pedernales Vineyards:** Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for tours and tasting. Estate-bottled Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Texas 16 south 5.4 miles; 210/997-8326.



**Freeport's monument to the shrimping industry**

## FREEPORT

Pop. 11,899

Alt. 15

Map S-21



**General**—Founded 1912 by the Townsite Company, a New York sulphur mining group; now hub of Brazosport area with variety of recreational, industrial, port, and commercial fishing enterprises. Includes

Quintana, Texas' oldest seaport where Stephen F. Austin's first colonists landed in 1822. Historic village of Velasco, where peace treaty between Texas and Mexico was signed after Texas had won its independence on the battlefield of San Jacinto (see DEER PARK), is now part of adjacent Surfside Beach. Old Brazos River Harbor hosts a shrimp boat fleet.

For details on area attractions visit Brazosport Chamber of Commerce, 420 Texas 332 west.

**The Acadia**—Wreck of a Confederate blockade runner in shallow water off Surfside Beach; boilers on ship still visible, accessible with scuba equipment. The 160-ft. copper-clad side-wheeler was built for speed to elude federal blockade ships during the War Between the States. The *Acadia* ran aground the night of Feb. 6, 1865.

**Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge**—See ANGLETON.

**Bryan Beach State Recreation Area**—On Gulf of Mexico, Intracoastal Waterway and Brazos River. Activities include fishing, beach-type recreation, primitive camping. Southwest 2 mi. on F.M. 1495, then 3 mi. south on Gulf beach.

**Fishing**—Extensive facilities for fishing, both inshore and deep-sea. Local jetties, piers and surf are popular spots for catches of speckled trout, drum, redfish, sheepshead, flounder and gafftop; tackle and bait available nearby. For deep-sea fishing there are party and charter fishing vessels for hire at several docks. Offshore fishermen seek bonito, ling, marlin, snapper, dolphin, king mackerel, warsaw and sailfish.

**Gulf Intracoastal Waterway**—Slicing through lowlands near Surfside Beach, canal is most valuable waterway in America, carrying as much annual tonnage as the Panama Canal and more than twice that of St. Lawrence Seaway. The protected waterway was authorized in 1942 and completed in 1949. Now stretches 1,066 miles from Brownsville, Texas, to Carrabelle, Florida. Surfside bridge on Texas 332 east spans Intracoastal Waterway to waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

**Quintana Beach County Park**—Offers exceptional recreational facilities on picturesque island. Day-use facilities include: paved, off-beach parking, shaded pavilions, rest rooms, showers, multilevel fishing pier, and playground. Two historic homes within park: Covey House features period museum and natural history display, and Seaburn House is park office. Elevated boardwalks (all with wheelchair ramps) connect pavilions, rest rooms, and showers.

RV facilities include 56 camping sites, full hookups, dump station, RV bathhouse with rest rooms, showers, and laundry facilities. Reservations accepted for camping. From Texas 288, take F.M. 1495 south 1.7 miles; County Road 723 east three miles to park entrance. 409/849-5711, ext. 1541, or 1-800-872-7578. Fees.





**Quintana Beach County Park near Freeport**

**San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge**—See ANGLETON.

**Shrimp Boat Monument**—The former shrimp trawler *Mystery* honors historic, colorful shrimp industry of Brazosport area. 60-foot boat, built of cypress timber more than five decades ago, brought in millions of pounds of delicious Gulf shrimp during her quarter-century career. Rigged in trappings of her youth, *Mystery* is on display at head of Brazosport harbor channel on Texas 288.

**Surfside Beach**—Name is both a town and a description of this resort-recreation area. Swimming, sailing, surf fishing, camping and shell collecting. Cottage rentals available. Surfside, San Luis, Bryan and Quintana beaches and numerous bays and sloughs are nationally known roosting grounds for migratory birds. The highest national 12-hour bird count ever taken was in Brazosport area in 1973—226 species.

## FRITCH

Pop. 2,336

Alt. 3,200

Map G-10



**General**—Gateway to recreational areas around Lake Meredith and to Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument (see below).

**Alibates National Monument**—Mined from about 10,000 B.C. to possibly the 1800s, these quarries yielded multicolored flint highly prized by ancient man for tools and weapons. Still under development by the National Park Service, entry to the monument is by ranger-guided tours only. Tours, limited to no more than 25 persons, are conducted from Memorial Day through Labor Day at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; by reservation only rest of year; tours originate in Bates Canyon off Texas 136 about six miles south of Fritch. Collecting flint specimens is prohibited on monument grounds. Inquire locally about other outcroppings where collectors may find specimens.

**Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum**—Living specimens of

**Aquatic Wildlife Museum in Fritch**



some 16 species of fish found in Lake Meredith are among primary features of the facility, which also offers a variety of excellent wildlife dioramas depicting American eagles, wild turkeys, pronghorns, coyotes, deer and raccoons. National Park Service display shows wide variety of colors of Alibates flint, and tools with which Indians made arrowheads. Open Tues. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun 2 - 5 p.m. 104 N. Roby (Texas 136).

**Lake**—Meredith. See LAKES listing.

**Lake Meredith Recreation Area**—Eight primary and several secondary recreation areas edge the lake, offering facilities from off-road vehicle trails to picnic and camping areas, shelters, rest rooms, boat ramps and docks, marina service, fishing and swimming. Administered by the National Park Service. Obtain details and lake maps at park headquarters, Texas 136 one mile east.

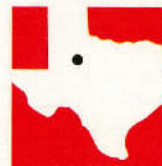
**FULTON**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 23.

## GAIL

Pop. 189

Alt. 2,530

Map J-10



**General**—Both town and county named for Gail Borden, Texas patriot, surveyor, editor, trustee of Texas Baptist Education Society that founded Baylor Univ., inventor of condensed milk, and founder of Borden Foods.

Established as ranch supply point in 1891, is county seat and only town in Borden County; remains cow town without bank, theater, railroad, hotel, doctor, or lawyer. Courthouse is the one large building on main street.

**Borden County Historical Museum**—Pictures, records, newspapers, furniture, and clothing from Borden County pioneer days. For access, inquire at courthouse.

**Lake**—J.B. Thomas. See LAKES listing.

**Scenic Drive**—F.M. 669 north toward Post ascends the Texas High Plains, which are southernmost extension of Great Plains of the United States. In immensity beyond comprehension, Great Plains sweep north more than 1,600 miles, thrusting deep into Canada, through heartland of America that produces nation's abundance of grain, meat and fiber. The road climbs the abrupt edge through panoramas of steep cliffs and colorful canyons.

**Rangers demonstrate flint-shaping at Alibates Flint Quarries, Fritch**



## GAINESVILLE

Pop. 14,587

Alt. 738

Map G-17



**General**—Originally a point on the California Trail, town was established 1850 (near Fort Fitzhugh, an outpost that dated from about 1845), but town's frontier location made it too convenient to hostile Indians who

periodically raided until 1868. Stabilized conditions allowed growth around cattle and cotton. Seat of Cooke County and gateway to Texas on two major cross-country highways. Home of Cooke County Junior College. Recreational facilities include a large municipal park, swimming pools, golf course, and nearby lakes.

Shoppers find bargains at the Gainesville Factory Outlet Shops on I-35 north.

**Frank Buck Zoo**—Named in honor of the adventurer of "bring 'em back alive" fame and Gainesville native, Frank Buck. Monkeys, zebras, flamingos, bears and elephant provide hours of enjoyment for the whole family. Shaded picnic tables. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (till 7:30 in summer). In Leonard Park, just off I-35, California St. exit.

**Historic Homes**—City noted for brick-paved streets and 19th Century brick Victorian homes. Of some 26 historic homes, most are on Church, Denton, and Lindsay Streets. Also of interest are firehouse (see Morton Museum below) built 1884; Episcopal Church, 1884; First Methodist Church, 1892; Catholic Church in Lindsay, four miles west on U.S. 82. Other sites will be identified by chamber of commerce, Culberson at California St.

**Lakes**—Moss, Ray Roberts, Texoma. See LAKES listing.

**Morton Museum of Cooke County**—Exhibits cover all facets of pioneer life, Indians, and geology, plus temporary displays from other museums and collections. Located in restored old firehouse. Open Tues. - Sat. noon - 5 p.m. 210 S. Dixon.

**Scenic Drives**—F.M. 678, F.M. 372, and F.M. 902 east and south lead through rolling hills of the Cross Timbers region, offering many panoramic views.

**Texas Travel Information Center**—One of the centers provided by the state at key highway entrances to Texas, in the State Capitol, and at the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Centers operated daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's. Staffed by uniformed, professional travel counselors, free services include information, maps, literature about every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. Approximately 5 miles north of Gainesville on I-35 (U.S. 77); operated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**GALVESTON**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 51.

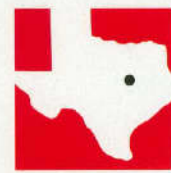
**GARLAND**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 35.

## GATESVILLE

Pop. 11,061

Alt. 795

Map M-16/17



**General**—Name derived from nearby old Fort Gates; became county seat when Coryell County organized in 1854. Among city parks, Faunt Le Roy Park along Leon River offers picnicking, fitness course, and

camping. Local firm, Medical Plastics Lab, produces anatomically correct human parts; tours are available. Chamber of commerce in restored Cotton Belt depot has information and historical exhibits at 2401 Texas 36 south.

**Buckhorn Museum**—Recalls history of cowboys and Indians, outlaws and ranchers. Original bar, hundreds of horns. Usually open Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. On courthouse square.

**Coryell County Courthouse**—Constructed 1897 of hand-cut and carved limestone, building is one of finest remaining examples of Romanesque Renaissance Revival architecture in Texas. Clock tower is copper-domed; elegant carved wood and polished stone; rotunda skylight is Texas Star-pattern art glass.

**Coryell County Historical Museum**—Antiquities from the area's churches, schools, and pioneer families. Ranch chuck wagon that was in good enough condition to be borrowed for Sesquicentennial Wagon Train.



Texas Travel Information Center, I-35 in Gainesville

Unusual 1855 double-wall log jail has underground dungeon. Open Fri., Sun. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. 199 N. Eighth.

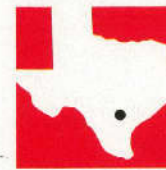
**GEORGETOWN**—See AUSTIN AREA SECTION, Page 16.

## GEORGE WEST

Pop. 2,623

Alt. 162

Map U-16



**General**—Became seat of Live Oak County in 1919. Town chiefly a retail center and shipping point for surrounding ranch and farm area. Area is highlighted by excellent hunting and fishing.

**Live Oak County Museum**—Historical relics and documents of early Live Oak County. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., county courthouse.

## GIDDINGS

Pop. 4,117

Alt. 520

Map P-18



**General**—Established on H&TC Railroad when track was laid from Brenham to Austin in 1871. Settled chiefly by Wendish immigrants who moved to railroad from Serbin community 6 miles south. Notorious outlaw

Bill Longley hanged here Oct. 11, 1878; historical marker at grave in cemetery on U.S. 290 at west city limit. Increasing oil production in area is major activity; area also rich in lignite, fuller's earth and clay.

**Lee County Courthouse**—The 1899 octagonal courthouse, identical in design but not material to Comal County courthouse, is on crest of divide between Brazos and Colorado River basins.

**Lee County Museum**—Housed in century-old home of Dr. William Edward York, prominent pioneer physician. Photos, books, clothing, artifacts of early history. Open Tues., Thurs., Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. Grimes and Industry Sts.

**Serbin Community/Wendish Museum**—Celebrated 125th anniversary Nov. 9, 1980. German-settled town 6 miles south on F.M. 2239 (not shown on most maps). The old Wendish church has unusual seating arrangement. Men were to occupy balcony, women and children sat in downstairs pews. Pulpit is at balcony level. Ball on steeple's weather vane has engraved history of church and Wendish pioneers.

Texas Wendish Heritage Museum displays antique furniture, tools, household items and artifacts typically Slavic and Wendish. Also documents and photos. Open Sun. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. North of St. Paul Lutheran Church, adjacent to Wendish Cemetery.

**Stuermer Store**—Local store in operation for almost 100 years. Old-time saloon restored to soda fountain and ice cream parlor. Some 9 miles east on U.S. 290. Bed and breakfast (breakfast served in old saloon area of store) available in historic 1860s hotel. 409/249-3330.

**Winedale Historical Center**—Restored plantation house of 1830s. See ROUND TOP.

## GILMER

Pop. 4,927

Alt. 415

Map J-21



**General**—Seat of Upshur County, city was founded in 1848 on the historic Cherokee Trace, becoming a trade center for growing population of farmer-settlers. Cotton farming dominated economy, joined by lumbering

boom at turn of the century. The East Texas oil boom of the early 1930s extended into county as cotton began to fade. Dairying, lumber, and beef cattle are important today. Numerous historic markers are found in the city and around the county, including a 1936 granite marker in Roosevelt Park on site of early 19th-Century Cherokee Indian village. Markers on the courthouse lawn tell about the Cherokee Trace, traveled by Sam Houston and other Texas Revolution heroes on first trips to Texas.

A walking tour of the city is almost like a "walking museum." Many businesses display historic photos and exhibits. The *Gilmer Mirror*, founded 1877, has a display of antique printing tools, Linotype.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings; for information, call 1-800-440-5223. For information on events, attractions, and accommodations, call the Upshur County Chamber of Commerce at 903/843-2413.

**East Texas Yamboree**—Began in 1935, this tribute to the sweet potato attracts thousands on the third weekend each October. Activities include parades, queen's coronation pageant, fiddlers contests, street dances, 10K and fun run, livestock show, band marching contest, arts and crafts shows, and more.

**Lakes**—Lake Gladewater and Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES listing.

**Parks**—Yamboree Park, U.S. 271 north, has RV camping facilities and building for reunions and RV rallies. Contact chamber of commerce for information (see above). Roosevelt Park, near downtown, has swimming pool and historical marker.

**Scenic Drive**—Texas 155 north, six miles to Barnwell Mountain roadside park and overlook. Most roads in area offer a mixture of pine and hardwood forests, pastures, rich in fall color and spring wild flowers.

**Upshur County Library**—Excellent small library provides services to city and surrounding area. Excellent genealogy department, and War of the Rebellion reference books for Civil War research. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Two blocks west of downtown square.

**Upshur Museum**—General history museum in 1925-vintage Gilmer Post Office building on courthouse square. Forestry exhibit, model drilling rig, store office, artifacts, and other miscellanea. Open Thurs. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Northeast corner of square downtown.

*Helen Lee Estate Daffodil Gardens in Gladewater*



*Produce at the East Texas Yamboree in Gilmer*

## GLADEWATER

Pop. 6,111

Alt. 333

Map K-21



**General**—Settlers from an earlier community called St. Clair moved en masse a few miles east to the Texas and Pacific RR when it built through in 1872. In 1931 oil was discovered and population doubled to 1,000 overnight,

reaching 10,000 at the height of the boom. (One of Texaco's first derricks and pumping units is preserved in the 100 block of W. Commerce along with historical marker.) City now a trade center for agricultural and lumbering interests. Claiming title of "Antique Capital of East Texas" city boasts more than two dozen antique and crafts shops. B & B Bygones features original soda fountain with marble top; serves old-fashioned sodas and sandwiches. Location map and information from chamber of commerce, 215 N. Main (U.S. 271).

Also asked chamber of commerce for information about Pines Camp & Conference Center.

**Helen Lee Estate Daffodil Gardens**—Spectacular display of blooms draws visitors from wide area. Open during blooming season (mid-Feb. through late-Feb.) 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. From Loop 485, take U.S. 271 south 5.6 mi.; then 1.3 mi. east on County Road 3104.

**St. Clair Museum of Gladewater**—Mementoes and artifacts of city's early days. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 817 N. Main St. Historical exhibits also displayed at Gladewater National Bank, Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (till 6 p.m. Fri.) and a collection of historic pictures is at the First State Bank (same hours). Banks are on U.S. 271.

**Lake**—Gladewater. See LAKES listing.



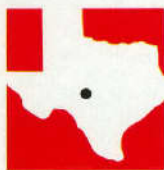
**GLEN ROSE**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 36.

## GOLDTHWAITE

Pop. 1,596

Alt. 1,580

Map M-15



**General**—Established 1885, seat of Mills County. Trade center for agricultural products including wool, mohair, fruits, cattle, turkeys and pecans. Area was long plagued by Indian raids; in fact, Comanches

and Apaches often fought over area before first white settlers arrived. White-tailed deer popular with hunters each fall and winter season; fishing excellent in nearby Colorado River and Pecan Bayou all year.

Goldthwaite lies on U.S. 183, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Mills County Museum**—Features replicas of pioneer rooms, general exhibits, local history and photographs. Open afternoons Mon., Wed., Fri., Third & Fisher Sts.

## GOLIAD

Pop. 2,026

Alt. 187

Map T-17



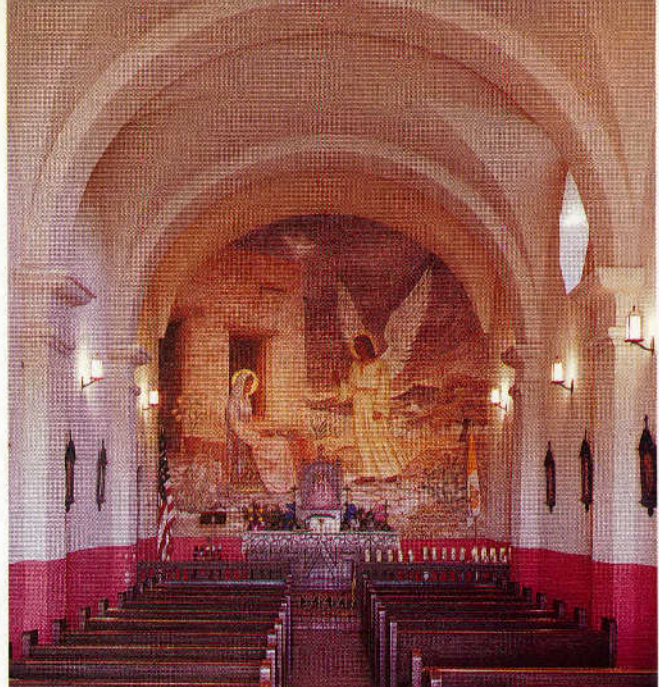
**General**—One of Texas' oldest municipalities; area was inhabited long before recorded history. Early Spanish explorers list an Aranama Indian village at site, then called Santa Dorotea. In 1749 Spain established a

mission and, as was custom, a nearby presidio (fort) for protection. (See below.) "Remember Goliad" became a Texas Revolution battle cry honoring Col. James W. Fannin Jr. and his men who were massacred at Goliad. Memorial services at grave of Colonel Fannin and his troops on weekend near Mar. 27.

**Fannin Plaza**—City park at S. Market and Franklin Sts. Includes Texas Revolution cannon, memorial shaft and several historical markers. Nearby is "hanging tree" on courthouse lawn, and Market House Museum (see below).

**General Zaragoza State Historic Site**—Both a state park and international historic site, reconstructed birthplace and statue of one of Mexico's most famous military figures, Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza (1829-1862). Mexican general and liberal leader was minister of war under Juarez. In 1862 he commanded outnumbered, poorly equipped Mexican army in defense of the Central Mexico city of Puebla against elite French force. Zaragoza flung back attacking army, inflicting heavy losses and forcing its withdrawal to east coast. It is not generally known that this French army had proposed to march into Texas to establish aid and supply line to Confederate forces—but they reckoned without Zaragoza. The battle date, Cinco de Mayo

**Historical marker on grounds of Presidio La Bahia in Goliad**



**Chapel at Presidio La Bahia, superbly restored in Goliad**

(May 5), is a national holiday throughout Mexico, and is celebrated here and in several Texas cities. Site is two miles south off U.S. 183 at Presidio La Bahia (see below).

**Goliad State Park**—2,208-acre park features restored Mission Nuestra Senora del Espiritu Santo de Zuniga, generally called **Mission Espiritu Santo**. Excellent interpretive displays, plus camping and picnicking area, rest rooms and river fishing spots. Mission established 1749 to Christianize Indian inhabitants of the area. One mile south off U.S. 183. Admission.

A junior-size Olympic swimming pool, across the highway and not a part of the state park, is operated by the city of Goliad. Open noon - 8 p.m. in summer.

**Mission Espiritu Santo in Goliad State Park**





**Goliad State Park offers camping and picnicking facilities**

**Grave of Col. James W. Fannin Jr. and Men**—Monument marks grave of Colonel Fannin and 342 men who had surrendered to Mexican forces during the Texas Revolution, and were massacred at the order of General Santa Anna on Palm Sunday morning, March 27, 1836. Two miles south of Goliad off U.S. 183, a few hundred yards from Presidio La Bahia (see below).

**Market House Museum**—Quaint structure with cupola on the courthouse square. Local historical artifacts, and chamber of commerce offering details and brochures about abundant historic sites in this area. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. Franklin and Market Sts.

**Presidio La Bahia**—As conquistadores of centuries ago explored new lands for "God, Gold and Glory," the Church played an integral part in colonization and dominion over vast New World empires. Missions were often first permanent Spanish settlement in new areas. To protect mission endeavors, a presidio (fort) was usually built nearby and manned by Spanish military forces.

Such was Presidio Santa Maria del Loreto de la Bahia, established in 1749 near Mission Espiritu Santo (see above). It grew into one of the more important forts on the Spanish frontier, and is the finest example of a complete Spanish presidio in Texas. Its chapel is still in regular use for religious services.

Excavation and restoration of massive stone walls and other structures of fort have been completed by Kathryn O'Connor Foundation.

It was in this presidio that Fannin's men, during 1836 Texas Revolution, were imprisoned after their surrender, and were massacred in violation of honorable terms upon which they had laid down their arms. (See Grave of Col. Fannin, above.)

A museum houses articles discovered during restoration, memorabilia of the Texas Revolution, and artifacts indicating nine levels of civilization at the site. Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. except Good Friday and Christmas. Two miles south off U.S. 183, immediately south of San Antonio River. Admission.



**Old 1887 jail houses Museum/Chamber of Commerce in Gonzales**

**GONZALES**

Pop. 6,533

Alt. 292

Map R-17



**General**—Often called the "Lexington of Texas" because first skirmish of Texas Revolution was fought here. Settled 1825 by Green C. DeWitt, American empresario from Missouri, named for Rafael Gonzales

(then governor of joint state of Coahuila-Texas); town was designed by Mexican government. Interestingly, streets were named for saints, and markers today show original plan. Current seat of Gonzales County, center of large pecan, cattle and poultry production.

**Gonzales Memorial Museum**—Handsome monument to those who fought first battle of Texas Revolution, and for 32 patriots who later answered Travis's call for help at the Alamo. Features replica of cannon that precipitated that first battle when Texans challenged Mexican troops to "Come and take it." Mexican relics and Texana. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. E. St. Lawrence St.

**"Come and Take it" celebration yearly at Gonzales**





**Gonzales Memorial Museum**

**Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation**—Outstanding institution for treatment of victims of accidents and crippling diseases. Officially named Texas Rehabilitation Center. Adjoins Palmetto State Park (see below) 10 miles north on U.S. 183. Visitors welcome.

**Historic Sites**—Old jail, constructed 1887, in use as jail until 1975. Restored complete with cells, dungeon, gallows and jailer's quarters. Museum, gun collection. Headquarters for chamber of commerce and historical society. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 414 St. Lawrence St. on courthouse square.

Eggleston House, built 1848, near Memorial Museum. Carefully restored log house is furnished with antiques revealing a picture of Texas pioneer life. Free tours may be arranged through museum curator or chamber of commerce. Open Wed. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. St. Louis St.

Confederate Square and Texas Heroes Square, two downtown plazas.

Battle of Gonzales markers are near community of Cost, southwest on Texas 97.

Near U.S. 90A/U.S. 183 intersection are earthworks of a Confederate fort.

**Historical Trail**—Driving tour visits 86 historical points of interest. Trail marked with "Come and Take It" signs. Interpretive folder available at chamber of commerce in restored old jail on the courthouse square.

**Independence Park**—Picturesque area on banks of Guadalupe River with picnic facilities, camping area with hookups, golf course, tennis courts, athletic fields. On U.S. 183 south.

**Noah's Land Wildlife Park**—Drive through 400 acres where 110 species of rare and exotic animals from throughout the world roam Central Texas grasslands and woodlands. Visitors see kangaroos, ostrich, waterbuck, aoudad sheep, addax antelope, llamas, wildebeest, and others including charming little Sicilian donkeys. Also a small-animal petting compound with delicate Sika deer, wallaroo (small kangaroo cousin), peacocks, and aviary with colorful, exotic birds; gift shop and museum. Open daily 8 a.m. to an hour before sundown; admission. Approx. 17 mi. northeast of Gonzales on Texas 304 (5.5 mi. north of I-10) to the wildlife park entrance. 210/540-4654.

**Palmetto State Park**—Of especial interest to botanists because of wide variety of plant life, 178-acre park is used as field laboratory by several Texas universities. Tent and trailer camping permitted, rest rooms, swimming, fishing, picnicking, nature study and hiking. Ten miles north via U.S. 183 and F.M. 1586 to Park Road 11. Admission.

**Pioneer Village**—Reconstructed houses built before 1900 show former way of life. Open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Just north of city on U.S. 183.

**Scenic Drive**—Park Rd. 11 through Palmetto State Park offers scenic vistas.

**Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital**—Maintained for treatment of children crippled by injury or disease. Adjoins Palmetto State Park, 10 miles north on U.S. 183. Visitors welcome.

## GRAHAM

Pop. 9,268

Alt. 1,123

Map J-15



**General**—In southeastern Young County on the Wichita Falls and Southern, and the Chicago, Rock Island, and Gulf Railroads, Graham was founded in 1872 by Gustavus and Edwin S. Graham. The Graham brothers

were from Kentucky and founded Graham Brothers Salt Works. In 1874 Young County was organized and Graham became the county seat. By 1876

the Leader ran its first edition; this weekly publication is the oldest newspaper in the Northwest Texas region. Today Graham is the hub of agribusiness, oil and gas extractions, and other industries in the county.

Visitors like to shop in Graham's antique stores and antique auction houses. The city also has one of few remaining drive-in theaters left in the state.

In the spring, daffodils abound; the chamber of commerce at 608 Elm St. offers a driving map for a daffodil trail as well as other information on the city.

**Lakes**—Eddleman, Graham, Possum Kingdom. See LAKES listing.

**Robert E. Richeson Memorial Museum**—Houses memorabilia from World War II donated by former military men and their families. Exhibits include munitions, uniforms, and a large collection of model aircraft of the era. Open Thurs. 1 - 5 p.m. At Graham Municipal Airport on U.S. 380 east of city. 817/549-3355.

**GRANBURY**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 37.

**GRAND PRAIRIE**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 38.

## GRAND SALINE

Pop. 2,629

Alt. 407

Map J/K-20



**General**—City grew from primitive salt works established 1845; now site of one of largest salt plants in nation. The salt dome under the city is about 1.5 miles across and some 16,000 feet thick; it could supply the world's

need for salt for 20,000 years.

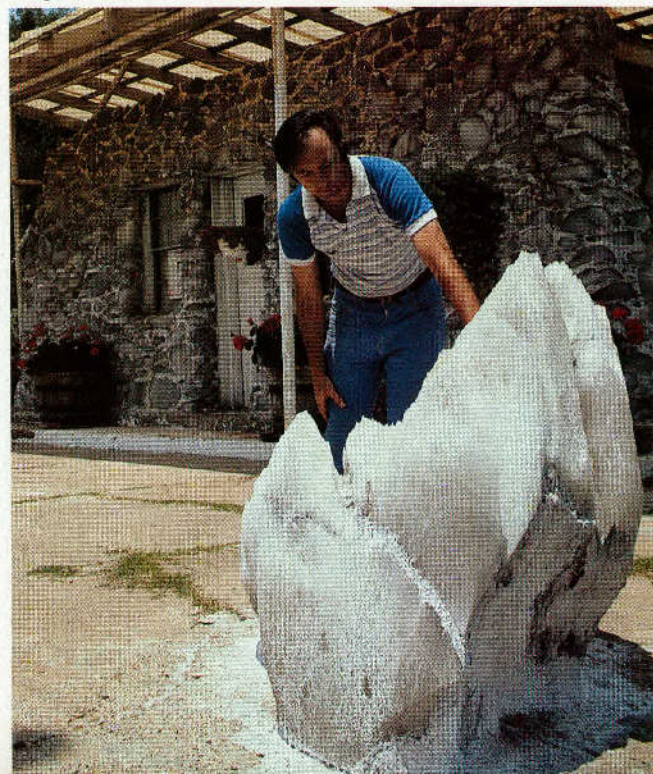
**Grand Saline Museum**—Housed in public library, exhibits include antique furniture and a porcelain doll collection. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. 201 E. Pacific.

**Lake**—Holbrook. See LAKES listing.

**Salt Palace**—Present salt-block building, built in 1975, is only second since original salt palace built in Texas centennial, 1936. Contains historic salt-related items plus mine memorabilia. Open 8 a.m. - noon; 1 - 4 p.m. daily except Sun. and Thurs. U.S. 80 at Main St.

**GRAPEVINE**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 39.

*Large salt block sits outside Salt Palace in Grand Saline*





## GREENVILLE

Pop. 23,305

Alt. 594

Map H-19



**General**—Center of rich agricultural region featuring cotton; also home of more than 50 modern industries including electrical hardware, space electronics, agricultural chemicals, household rubber products, oil-

field machinery, aircraft and clothing. Gateway to Lake Tawakoni. Audie Murphy, nation's most decorated soldier of World War II, was born in a rural area a few miles north of Greenville.

Fascinating antique stores, specialty shops, malls and outlet stores make Greenville renowned for bargain shopping.

**American Cotton Museum**—Artifacts and memorabilia pertaining to area's historic cotton industry, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and county's celebrities, including baseball pitcher Monty Stratton, *Voyager* copilot Jeana Yeager, and World War II hero Audie Murphy. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. At 2418 Lee St., across from courthouse.

**Audie Murphy Room**—Mementos of America's most-decorated soldier of World War II, including medals, uniforms and photos. Open daily except Sun. in Walworth Harrison Public Library, 3716 Lee St.

**City Parks**—Four municipal parks with playground equipment and picnic areas. Graham Park is location of historic Ende-Gaillard House; Wright Park includes municipal golf course.

**Lakes**—Lavon, Ray Hubbard, Tawakoni. See LAKES listing.

**Puddin' Hill Bakery**—Scrumptious array of world-famous pecan fruit cakes and chocolate delicacies tempt visitors. Homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts served Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Store open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Nov. - Christmas open Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; luncheon not served). I-30 at Division St.

## GROESBECK

Pop. 3,318

Alt. 477

Map M-19



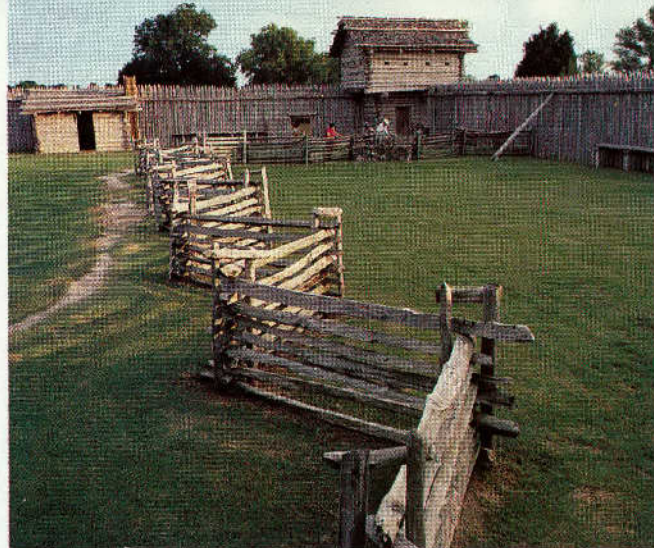
**General**—Dedicated in 1870 as townsite by Houston and Texas Central Railroad and named for one of its directors; became seat of Limestone County in 1873; trade center for area farms and ranches; site of several

small manufacturing industries; limited oil and gas production; extensive lignite coal deposits.

**Fort Parker Memorial Cemetery**—Large monument and graves of settlers massacred by Indians in 1836. Two miles north on F.M. 1245 (not shown on most maps).

**Fort Parker State Park**—1,485 acres of wooded and open parkland offer natural beauty, varied recreational opportunities; on Navasota River and 750-

*Fort Parker State Park near Groesbeck offers a variety of recreational activities*



**Zigzag rail fence, at Blockhouse Old Fort Parker State Historic Site near Groesbeck**

acre Lake Springfield. Camping, trailers, fishing, swimming, nature study. Nearby is restored Old Fort Parker (see below). Park is 5 miles north via Texas 14, Park Road 28. Admission.

**Lakes**—Springfield (see Fort Parker State Park, above); Limestone, Mexia. See LAKES listing.

**Limestone County Historical Museum**—Artifacts and historical information on Limestone County and its people; memorabilia relating to Old Fort Parker. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., (till 4 p.m. Tues); Sat. 2 - 4 p.m. 210 W. Navasota St. Admission.

**Old Fort Parker State Historic Site**—Established 1834 by Silas, James and John Parker families to protect settlement of eight or nine homesteads. In 1836, surprise attack by several hundred Comanches overran fort, killing five of the Parker family and carrying into captivity five persons including Cynthia Ann Parker, then age 9. She grew up, married a Comanche chief and lived with the Indians until captured with her 2-year-old daughter, Prairie Flower, 24 years later in 1860. She was mother of the last great Comanche chief, Quanah Parker. Cynthia Ann never became reconciled to her forced return to her white kinsmen, and tried several times to escape. Unhappy and virtual prisoners, both she and her daughter died about four years after they were separated from the wild, free life of the Comanche. Restored in 1936 and in 1967, fort has pioneer memorabilia, authentic log blockhouse and stockade. Operated by City of Groesbeck; open Labor Day to Memorial Day 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; summer, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Four miles north via Texas 14, Park Road 35. Admission.

**Old Springfield**—County seat 1838-1873, and only town in county 1838-1870. Historical marker on Texas 14 near entrance to Fort Parker State Park details history of the village; along park entrance road is old cemetery. Five miles north on Texas 14.

## GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK—

See EL PASO—CITY IN THE SUN SECTION, PINE SPRINGS, Page 47.

## HALE CENTER

Pop. 2,084

Alt. 3,423

Map F-9



**General**—At the center of Hale County, town resulted from compromise of two rival villages, Hale City and Epworth, that united in 1893. Buildings from both were moved to new townsite. Originally supplying large

ranches, town became center of intensive farming as irrigation developed in 20th Century. In the county, more than 400,000 irrigated acres produce cotton, grain sorghum, wheat, sunflowers, sugar beets, and table vegetables. Worldwide hunting trophies are displayed at Hi-Plains Hospital. Included is three-tusk elephant head.

**Bell Park Cacti Garden**—Established in honor of Hershell Bell, agronomy and range management authority; contains more than 350 specimens with 15 different species. Walk-through path, picnic tables. At intersection of F.M. 1424 and F.M. 1914 (Ave. K and Cleveland St.).

**Hale County Farm & Ranch Museum**—More than 200 examples of vintage farm equipment from horse-drawn threshing machines to huge





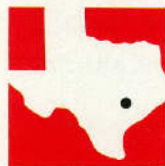
steam tractor. History of area irrigation in restored 1909 Santa Fe depot; ranch and Indian artifacts. On five acres one mile south on I-27; open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. May to Sept.; drive-by views at other times; donations.

## **HALLETTSVILLE**

Pop. 2,704

Alt. 232

Map R-18



**General**—Predominantly German/Czech community founded in 1838; named for Mrs. John Hallett who gave the land for the town-site. City has been Lavaca County seat since 1852. It is on the Lavaca River, equidistant

from Houston and San Antonio. City's community park includes golf course, playground, campground with RV hookups. State Championship High School Rodeo established here, 1947. Hunters take deer, dove, turkey and wild hogs during seasons.

Ripley's Believe It or Not! once called Hallettsville the "13" city; in 1913 it had 13 letters in the name, 1300 population, 13 churches, 13 newspapers, 13 saloons.

**Lavaca County Courthouse**—Construction began in 1897 and was completed in 1899. The architect, Eugene T. Heiner, designed it after the Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburg, PA. Visitors see original tile floor, artwork on vault doors, and the magnificent grand staircase. Building was entered on National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

**Lavaca Historical Museum**—Historical artifacts, photos, household furnishings focusing on county and area history; Old-Timers Baseball Hall of Fame. Includes restored carriage house and outhouse. Open Sat. - Sun., 2 - 5 p.m. 413 N. Main.

**Lay-Bozka House**—Built 1878-82 at cost of \$4750 for Confederate veteran Dr. James Lay. Native stone walls, 18 to 24 in. thick. Unusual patterned mansard roof and rope molding. Drive-by viewing only. On U.S. 90A in city.

**Texas Championship Domino Hall of Fame**—Pictures, plaques, and stories of outstanding players; life history of dominoes. Tournament in January. Open Mon. - Fri., 9 - 11 a.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, U.S. 77 South.

**Texas Fiddlers Hall of Fame**—Memorabilia honoring Texas fiddlers; annual induction held in conjunction with Texas State Fiddlers Frolics, fourth weekend in April. Open Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, U.S. 77 South.

## **HAMILTON**

Pop. 2,995

Alt. 1,154

Map M-16



**General**—Established as county seat when Hamilton County organized in 1858. Early settlers plagued with Indian raids. On the courthouse lawn stands a memorial to Anne Whitney, frontier schoolteacher killed while

defending students during Comanche Indian attack.

**Hamilton County Museum**—County artifacts, letters, newspapers, relics

and photographs, housed in county courthouse. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed holidays.

**Pecan Creek Park**—Ten-block linear park through downtown. Plaza entrance one block north of courthouse.

**HARLINGEN**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 77.

## **HELENA**

Pop. 35

Alt. 305

Map S-16



**General**—Though a few homes remain in rural Karnes County, Helena is a ghost town—killed, so they say, by one gunfight too many. Helena was established in 1852 near routes of famed Chihuahua Trail and

Indianola-San Antonio Road. It was a boisterous frontier settlement with more than its share of outlaws and sudden death. During a saloon shooting one night in 1884, 20-year-old Emmett Butler, son of area's wealthiest rancher, Col. William Butler, was killed. Unable to determine who fired the fatal shot, Butler vowed to kill the town that killed his son. He persuaded the railroad, then building across South Texas, to bypass Helena by offering free land miles away. Other towns sprang up along railroad; Helena lost its county seat, and its citizens drifted away. Today old courthouse and other silent ruins are testimony to Butler's vow. On Texas 80 between Karnes City and Gillett.

Historic buildings around the square include a small turn-of-the-century farmhouse, a barn, the old post office, and one of the four original jail cells. All open same hours as Courthouse Museum.

**Courthouse Museum**—Helena's abandoned courthouse is now a museum of area history with early trail, ranch and home artifacts, tools and implements. Upstairs area features early courtroom setting. Schoolroom setting recalls days when building was used as a school, 1894 - 1945. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## **HEMPHILL**

Pop. 1,287

Alt. 257

Map M-23



**General**—Founded 1858, seat of Sabine County, a vast timber area. Today a commercial center for lumber; major gateway to immense Toledo Bend Reservoir. A gallows, more than 80 years old, is still in place in

four-cell county jail.

**Lakes**—Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Sabine National Forest**—City is at western boundary of forest. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Scenic Drives**—Excellent forest scenery along highways in all directions. Stands of Virginia



**Toledo Bend Reservoir near Hemphill is part of more than 5,100 square miles of lakes and streams in Texas, second only to Alaska in volume of inland water. The giant lake is on Sabine River bordering Texas and Louisiana.**



shortleaf pine are seen south of Hemphill at community of Yellowpine via Texas 87, also on F.M. 2343 (not shown on most maps). One of the finest stands of longleaf pine is at scenic roadside park on Texas 184 about five miles west.

**HEMPSTEAD**

Pop. 3,514

Alt. 251

Map P-19/20



**General**—County seat of Waller County. **Established in 1856 as railroad town when Hempstead Town Company offered lots and blocks to Houston and Texas Central Railroad as inducement for line to run**

through town. Because the railroad made it an important shipping and receiving area during the War Between the States, several camps were established in the vicinity. Long known as "Six Shooter Junction" because of an era of violence around the turn of the century that gave it a nickname. Most notable fight shocked the nation in 1905 when U.S. Congressman John Pinckney and his brother, and two others were gunned down in the courthouse while meeting with prohibitionists, recent victors in an election to ban booze. Heckling began, and in less than two minutes, four people were dead, and the Waller County Courthouse was riddled with 75 shots in the fight. Today, economy is primarily farms, ranches, oil and gas. The close proximity to Houston (52 miles) offers opportunity for cosmopolitan city activities.

**Liendo Plantation**—Built in 1853 by Leonard Waller Groce, son of Jared Groce, who was one of largest land owners in Texas. Originally a Spanish land grant of 67,000 acres assigned to Justo Liendo, plantation's namesake. One of Texas' earliest cotton plantations. Liendo was occupied by sculptress Elisabet Ney and her husband, Dr. Edmond Montgomery from 1873 to 1911. Both are buried on the grounds. Liendo is a Texas historic landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Private residence; however, tours offered the first Sat. of the month at 10 & 11:30 a.m., & 1 p.m. F.M. 1488 NE approximately 2.5 miles to Wyatt Chapel Rd. Turn right to entrance. Admission. Not wheelchair accessible.

*Liendo Plantation in Hempstead*

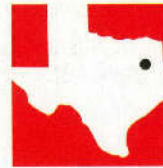


**HENDERSON**

Pop. 11,157

Alt. 505

Map L-22



**General**—Designated seat of Rusk County in 1843. **Enjoyed rapid growth during its first two decades, but disastrous fire in 1860 destroyed most business houses. Oil discovered in 1930. City is now oil and agriculture**

commercial center; home of Texas Baptist Institute.

City is a designated Main Street City with walking tours of the historic downtown district available.

**Depot Museum and Children's Discovery Center**—Restored 1901 Missouri Pacific RR depot houses museum of county history in old waiting room and office. Warehouse portion is hands-on learning center for children 3 to 11. On grounds is 1908 restored "Arnold Outhouse," first in state to receive historical marker. Ornate, gingerbread-style, "three-holer" was built for prominent turn-of-the-century Henderson attorney. Restored 1841 log cabin on museum grounds is one of state's oldest. Other structures include barn, broom shop, 1881 doctor's office, and authentically restored 1880s dogtrot cabin. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 514 N. High St. Admission.

**Harmony Hill Ghost Town**—Eighteen miles northeast on Texas 43, town was important trade center known as Nip and Tuck in 1850. By-passed by railroads, the town declined, and in 1906 a storm destroyed many buildings. Only a large, well-kept cemetery remains.

**Howard-Dickinson House**—First brick house in county; built 1855 and visited many times by Sam Houston, related to one of the builders. Restoration cited by American Association for State & Local History; authentically furnished. 501 S. Main St. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. Admission.

**Lakeforest Park**—Fifty-five acres administered by City of Henderson with swimming pool, picnic areas, miniature golf, playgrounds, carousel. West on Texas 64.

**Lakes**—Martin, Murvaul, Striker. See LAKES listing.



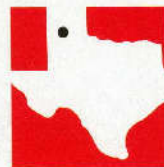
*Three million cattle annually move through area feedlots near Hereford*

**HEREFORD**

Pop. 14,623

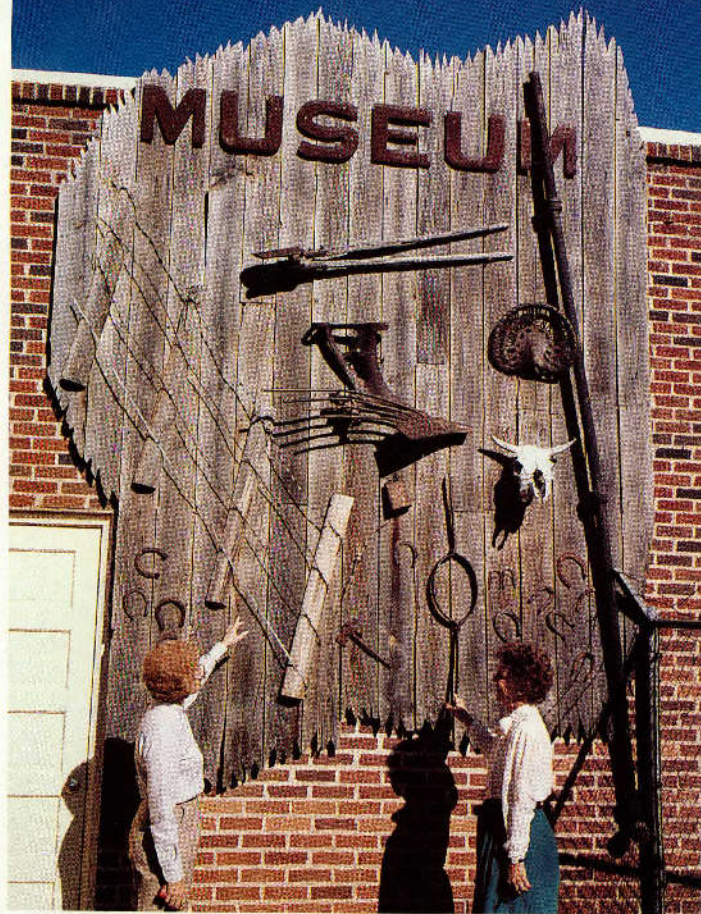
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Map D-8



**General**—Named for early herds of Hereford cattle; seat of Deaf Smith County. (Deaf Smith commanded Sam Houston's scouts at Battle of San Jacinto.) **Called "town without a toothache" due to low incidence of dental**

decay attributed to natural fluorides in municipal water supply. Agribusiness economy with immense production of grain sorghum, wheat, corn, grapes, and sugar beets. Local plant refines sugar from beets grown in four-county area. Three million cattle annually move through area feedlots.



Deaf Smith Historical Museum, Hereford

**Deaf Smith County Historical Museum**—Collections from pioneer era, farm and ranch implements, guns, Indian artifacts, photographs, paintings. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 400 Sampson St.

*Hereford is the County Seat of Deaf Smith County, where more than 200,000 irrigated acres of rich farm land produce grain, sorghum, wheat, corn, cotton, sunflowers and sugar beets.*

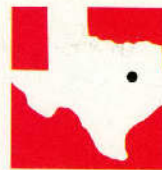


## HILLSBORO

Pop. 7,355

Alt. 634

Map I-17



**General**—Principal trade center and seat of Hill County, established 1853. In frontier tradition, first courthouse was log cabin.

**Chamber of commerce office at 115 N.**

**Covington is old MK&T RR depot. Center of**

rich agricultural region; gateway to Lake Whitney; home of Hill College.

Known for many restored Victorian homes. Driving tours available past renovated homes and restored downtown area. Several downtown antique shops (many closed Mon.) and Southwest Outlet Center on I-35 attract shoppers.

**Confederate Research Center, Gun Museum**—Devoted to Civil War era, especially concerning Hood's Texas Brigade, CSA. More than 3,000 volumes, many rare, plus maps, photographs, correspondence and dioramas. Also the Audie Murphy Memorial Gun Museum & Weaponry Library. (Audie Murphy, son of a Central Texas tenant farmer, was nation's most decorated soldier in WW II.) Museum features historic firearms and edged weapons, historic artifacts, and historical art collection. Open when college is in session Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon. 1 - 4 p.m.; campus of Hill College.

**Hill County Cell Block Museum**—A repository of Hill County history in building that served as jail 1893 - 1983; extensive selection of Indian artifacts. Open Sat., Apr. - Nov., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 200 block of N. Waco St. at Paschal.

**Lakes**—Aquilla and Whitney. See LAKES listing.

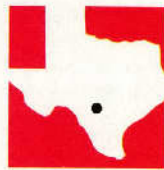
**Lake Whitney State Park**—About 16 miles southwest. See WHITNEY.

## HONDO

Pop. 6,129

Alt. 901

Map R-14



**General**—County seat of Medina County, established in 1880s on Southern Pacific

Railroad. Takes name from Hondo (Spanish for "deep") Creek. Hunting for deer and upland game birds popular in season.

Public golf course, swimming pool.

**Medina County Museum**—Housed in restored 1897 Southern Pacific Railroad depot, features pioneer artifacts and exhibits of Medina County history. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day; Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 - 6 p.m. in winter. 2202 18th St.

**777 Exotic Game Ranch**—Hunting, fishing, swimming, tennis, skeet shooting and wildlife photo tours for individuals or groups. Exotic species include axis and fallow deer, Indian blackbuck antelope, African aoudad sheep, Alpine ibex. Hunting year round for exotics; during state seasons for native white-tailed deer, javelina, wild turkey. Lake stocked with lunker catfish and hybrid Florida bass that grow to 18 pounds. Lodges, meeting rooms, and 2,800-foot airstrip. For reservations call 210/426-3476. Access via U.S. 90 1.5 miles west of Hondo city limit; south on paved county road 3 miles to ranch entrance.

## HONEY GROVE

Pop. 1,699

Alt. 668

Map G-19/20



**General**—An early settlement dating from the Republic of Texas. Legend says when first coming to Texas, David Crockett camped here and later wrote to friend, Samuel Erwin, describing the beautiful "honey grove."

Erwin settled here in 1842 and named the town.

Drive-by tour maps of city's many restored Victorian homes available at library (below). Recently restored 110-yr-old St. Mark's Episcopal Church worth drive-by.

Local Lakes Coffeemill and Crockett offer fishing and camping north off Texas 100.

**Bertha Voyer Memorial Library**—Features changing small exhibits. Open Tues. - Wed. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Fri., 1 - 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. On square, corner of Sixth and U.S. 82. City Hall, one block north of library is oldest governmental building still in use in Fannin County.

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**HOUSTON**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 55.

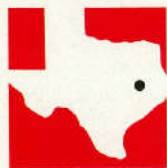
**HUMBLE**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 60.

**HUNTSVILLE**

Pop. 28,465

Alt. 401

Map O-20



**General**—Founded as Indian trading post in 1836, the year of Texas independence. Sam Houston was one of many prominent early Texans who lived here. Today Huntsville is yours to explore. Adventures begin here in

one of Texas' oldest cities. It's the location of the headquarters of Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division, and home of Sam Houston State Univ. Well kept, restored turn-of-the-century homes dot city. The downtown area is home to a variety of antique and arts and crafts shops.

Be sure to see the beautiful mural of Sam Houston by architectural illusionist Richard Haas on the northeastern edge of the square.

Additional information may be obtained from chamber of commerce at 1327 11th St. (Texas 30) or call 409/295-8113 or 1-800-289-0389.

**Blue Lagoon**—Primarily for divers; sparkling artesian springs feed old rock quarry creating a beautiful environment for scuba diving. Submerged boats, planes, and platforms are strategically placed in two lagoons. Non-divers must be accompanied by diver. Open Mar. - mid-Nov. Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. - dusk; Sun. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Seven miles north on F.M. 247; west one mile to Pinedale Rd.; or from I-45, Exit 123 (Pinedale Rd.) four miles east.

**Gibbs-Powell House Museum**—Built 1862, an elegantly furnished Greek Revival home operated by Walker Co. Historical Commission. Open Thurs., Fri. noon - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. At 1228 11th St.

**Huntsville State Park**—2,123 acres of greenery in Sam Houston National Forest. Complete camping facilities on Lake Raven, marked botany trail, boating, fishing, and swimming. Nine miles south of city on the west side of I-45. Admission.

**Lakes**—Gibbons Creek, Livingston. See LAKES listing.

**Oakwood Cemetery**—Sam Houston's burial site along with other Texas personalities, Union soldiers, pioneers and past residents. Houston's tomb



Sam Houston Mural in Huntsville

bears Andrew Jackson's tribute. "The world will take care of Houston's fame." Original acreage deeded by founders as free burial place in 1847. Oldest marked burial site is dated 1846. Chamber of commerce can furnish walking tours. 9th St. and Ave. I.

**Sam Houston Memorial Museum Complex**—On 15 original acres belonging to Gen. Houston. Eight buildings: two period furnished homes of Houston, including "Steamboat House"; law office, kitchen, blacksmith shop and gazebo replicas. Site of Gen. Sam Houston Folk Festival in April.

Museum exhibits General's personal effects and items belonging to Santa Anna when captured at San Jacinto; 19th Century pioneer items. Exhibit hall/gift shop. Romantic park with benches, small picnic area and colorful pond fed by Houston's original spring. Open Tues. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. At 1836 Sam Houston Ave.

**Sam Houston National Forest**—City is at northwestern boundary of forest. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Sam Houston Statue**—It's the world's tallest statue of an American hero. Huntsville native David Adickes turned 60,000 pounds of concrete and steel into a towering 66-foot statue of General Sam Houston. Mounted atop a

Huntsville State Park offers picnicking, camping and water sports amid dense forests near Huntsville





**Sam Houston Library in Huntsville**

10-foot, granite-sheathed base, the statue is visible for more than six miles. Information on the city, attractions, accommodations, and events may be obtained at the adjacent visitor center. Exhibits of Huntsville attractions are located in the center, as well as a gift shop. I-45 south of town.

**Scenic Drives**—Several routes through Sam Houston National Forest offer woodland beauty. F.M. 1374 (not shown on most maps) leads to near Stubblefield Lake Recreation Area, administered by National Forest Service. F.M. 1375 east from New Waverly leads to near Walker Lake Recreation Area, also Forest Service facility.

**Texas Berry Farm**—Acres and acres of berries where visitors pick their own, plus vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Best season is May - mid-July. Call ahead to find out what's in season. Picnic area available. Pay by the pound of what you pick. North 15 miles on F.M. 980, then 1.3 mi. east on unpaved county road. 409/294-0416.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division**—Headquarters of Texas prison system; several units located throughout city and Walker County. Created in 1847, received its first convict on October 1, 1849. Driving tours available from chamber of commerce.

**Texas Prison Museum**—Covers changes in prison system since its 1848 inception. Visitors see old ball-and-chains, rifles used by Bonnie and Clyde,

**Sam Houston Statue in Huntsville**



replica of 9 x 6 cell, and "Old Sparky," the state's electric chair used between 1924 - 1964. Rotating exhibits. Along with other penal artifacts, visitors also see crafts and products produced by inmates. Open Tues. - Fri. noon - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. South side of square on 12th St. Admission.

## INDEPENDENCE

Pop. 140

Alt. 32

Map P-19



**General**—Settled 1824 by John P. Coles, one of Stephen F. Austin's 300 original families in Texas. First called Coles Settlement, the village name was changed in 1836 to commemorate independence of

Texas from Mexico. The town square was laid out for the Washington County courthouse, but Brenham won a heated county-seat election by two votes. On F.M. 50 a few miles north of Brenham.

**Antique Rose Emporium**—Nursery specializing in older classes of garden roses, many brought to the area by settlers, along with native plants, old-fashioned garden perennials and herbs planted in display gardens. Historic Hairston-McKnight homestead's restored stone kitchen is focal point of garden. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. On F.M. 50, just south of intersection with F.M. 390.

**Cemetery**—Many notables buried there, Sam Houston, Jr., Moses Austin Bryan, the Hoxey family and veterans of all U.S. wars from the American Revolution through World War II.

**Lake**—Somerville. See LAKES listing.

**Old Baylor Park**—On site of campus of Old Baylor University (see below). Original home of John P. Coles relocated and restored here (open by appointment). Modern picnic facilities, rest rooms. One-half mile west on F.M. 390.

**Ruins of Old Baylor University**—Birthplace of present Baylor University (Waco) and Mary Hardin-Baylor College (Belton). Four large stone pillars mark original site of Baylor's administration and classroom building; other ruins of six-acre original campus. (See Old Baylor Park above.)

**Sam Houston Homesite**—Marked with large granite marker, stands on F.M. 390 across from entrance to Old Baylor campus. Mrs. Houston's 1863 home stands one block east of old Baptist church on F.M. 390.

**Scenic Drive**—F.M. 390 east and west from Independence offers attractive scenery and exceptional vistas. Especially colorful around mid-Apr. during bluebonnet season.

**Texas Baptist Historical Center**—Historic Independence Baptist Church, organized in 1839, third oldest Baptist church in Texas, where Sam Houston was converted in 1854 and baptized by Dr. R. C. Burleson. Present building erected in 1872. Church building and adjoining museum house many artifacts dating to pre-Civil War days. Mrs. Sam Houston and her mother, Nancy Moffette Lea, longtime members of the church, are buried within sound of the historic bell, just across the street from churchyard. Old records, family information and local travel information available at museum. Open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. At F.M. 390/F.M. 50 junction.

**Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park**—A few miles east on the Brazos River. See WASHINGTON.

## INDIANOLA

Pop. 100

Alt. 6

Map T-19



**General**—From what she was, she's the biggest ghost of them all, but not to the eye. At the terminus of Texas 316 south of Port Lavaca, all is clean tranquility—a deception. Sea and desert have defeated many towns.

The sea is more ruthless—implacable until every trace is scoured away, until all is virgin sand where the footprints of men apparently never trod.

The prints of 6,000 and more did tread here, when concrete and stout-timbered structures lined what was considered the finest harbor on the Gulf of Mexico. Piers thrust into the bay for half a mile, funneling rich cargoes to and from great ships. In the 1840s German colonists landed, led by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels (see NEW BRAUNFELS). In the 1850s an army depot supplied the frontier forts of all Texas. Here two shiploads of Arabian camels landed, beginning that imaginative experiment of Jefferson Davis (see CAMP VERDE). Warehouses stored ice, winter-cut on the Great Lakes, prized during Texas summers.



**La Salle statue at ghost town of Indianola near Texas Gulf Coast**

The bustling, prosperous town survived shelling, capture and recapture during the Civil War, yellow fever epidemics, and a storm thought severe in 1866. But all were only prelude to Sept. 17, 1875. The sea that had created and nourished Indianola rose in monstrous salty gray hummocks, lashed by shrieking winds—hurricane! Nine hundred perished, and three-fourths of the city lay in matchbox shambles. Disaster on an unimagined scale.

But Indianola was too prosperous, too vital to quit because of one freak tragedy. Larger warehouses were raised; new piers of heavier pilings sprouted. Eleven years passed before a brutal fact was driven home: that earlier black September was no freak. An even more savage storm sounded the city's death knell.

Indianola was literally gone. Even wreckage was scarce. The few citizens who somehow survived did not return. The county seat, in name, was moved to Port Lavaca for there was really nothing left to move.

Today the tide laps at a few stones of the courthouse foundation. Inches above the smooth sand, outlines of a few shattered concrete cisterns remain. Some fishermen's homes have come of late, and the state has erected an historical marker.

One thing more, appropriately: a solitary rose granite statue of Rene Robert Cavalier, Sieur de la Salle. The French explorer was first to leave a bootprint on the sands of Indianola more than 300 years ago. Today his stone likeness surveys the same featureless, unmarked sands.

## INGRAM

Pop. 1,449

Alt. 1,600

Map Q-14



**General**—On north bank of Guadalupe River, city founded 1883 by J.C.W. Ingram who built a store and conducted church services. "New" section was started in 1936 following a disastrous flood. A trade center

for surrounding camps, vacation and retirement homes.

**Hill Country Arts Foundation**—Founded 1958 to provide a cultural atmosphere, including art classes and theater for professionals and amateurs, plus special children's program. Famous artists conduct classes; theater directed by top professionals. Art gallery, gift shop, studios, and theater in scenic setting on bank of Guadalupe River; outdoor productions scheduled June - Aug. Visual Arts Center open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun 1 - 4 p.m. Just west of city on Texas 39.

**Old Ingram**—Business buildings of old section of town now house art studios and galleries, antique shops, boutiques and restaurants. On loop off Texas 39 and Texas 27.

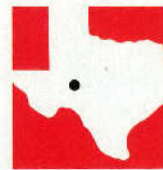
**Stonehenge in the Hills**—Far from the Salisbury Plain in England, replica of the famous megaliths rises in rural setting two miles west of Hunt on F.M. 1340. Stonehenge II, as it's called, is 60 percent as tall as the original, and 90 percent as large in circumference. Along with the replica of Stonehenge are Easter Island-type statues. Texas 39 to Hunt.

## IRAAN

Pop. 1,363

Alt. 2,200

Map O-9



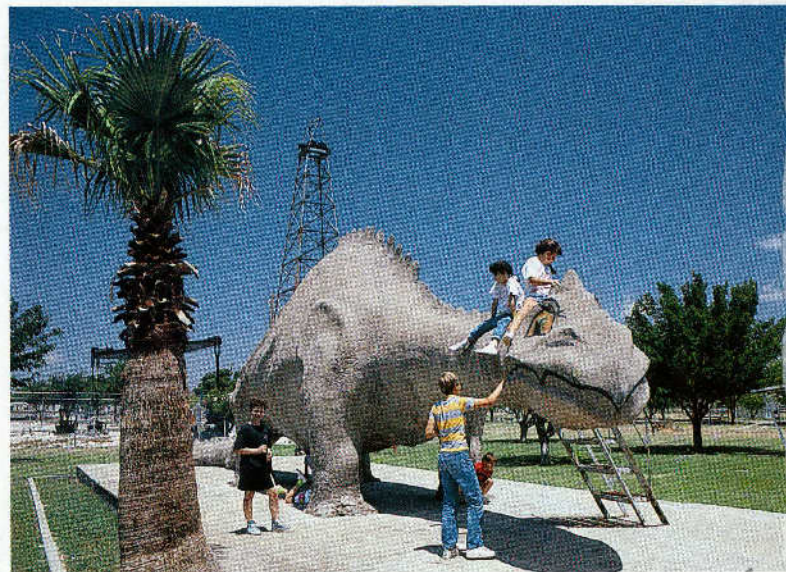
**General**—With 1928 discovery of oil, town exploded into existence of hastily constructed frame buildings and tents. Name, chosen in a contest, combines names of the townsite owners, Ira and Ann Yates.

**City Park**—40-acre park adjacent to Fantasyland (see below). Picnicking, grills, swimming pool, camping.

**Discovery Well A No. 1**—Gusher blew in more than half-century ago, remains one of largest producing oil wells in North America. Tremendous jet of oil sprayed tent city four miles away. Historical marker in city park gives details.

**Fantasyland**—Alley Oop, comic strip caveman, was created by V.T. Hamlin while he lived in Iraan. Giant statues at playground immortalize Oop, his girl friend Ooola, and his dinosaur Dinny. Dinny is 65 feet long, 16 feet tall and 80,000 pounds heavy. Favorite spots for snapshots are astride his head, or sliding out of Oop's 20-foot top hat. On U.S. 190.

**Iraan Archaeological Museum**—Located in Fantasyland Park, (see above) museum features excellent fossil exhibits, plus Indian artifacts, ranching antiquities, and oil field relics. Open Apr. 1 - Sept. 1, Wed. - Sun. 2 - 6 p.m.



**Alley Oop's dinosaur is favorite of children in Iraan**

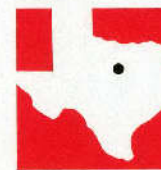
**IRVING**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 39.

## JACKSBORO

Pop. 3,411

Alt. 1,074

Map H-16



**General**—Petroleum refining and related oil field services are among industries in seat of Jack County, primarily large, sparsely settled ranching area. Settlement began 1855; Butterfield stages ran through community

first known as Lost Creek, next Mesquiteville, then Jacksboro.

Quaint downtown includes buildings constructed of native limestone built in the late 1800s. Shoppers enjoy browsing through gift and antique shops.

Two city parks provide tennis courts, baseball fields, and swimming pool.

**Fort Richardson State Historic Site**—Most northerly of line of Federal posts established in Texas after Civil War to halt Indian depredations. Among regimental commanders was Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie of famed Mackenzie's Raiders. Most impressive building extant was post hospital. A reconstructed officers barracks serves as Interpretive Center. Also existing are six of the



Restored Fort Richardson near Jacksboro

original stone buildings—morgue, bakery, magazine, commissary, hospital, and part of the guardhouse. Fort was abandoned May 1878. Military reenactment held annually in Nov. Recreational facilities include campsites with electricity, picnic sites, rest rooms, showers, nature hiking trails, pond, fishing. Southwest edge of city. Interpretive Center open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; other buildings vary. Admission.

**Jack County Museum**—Located in the oldest house in Jack County, two rooms furnished with period furnishings depicting home life; one room dedicated to Jack County veterans. Memorabilia on Tom M. Marks who organized Corn Club, which later became 4-H Club. Also, restored 100-yr.-old log cabin, furnished with period furniture. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 2 - 4 p.m. At 237 W. Belknap, just west of the square.

**Lakes**—Bridgeport, Jacksboro. See LAKES listing.

## JACKSONVILLE

Pop. 13,020

Alt. 516

Map L-21



**General**—Was a post office community before 1849, but moved three miles to present site when International-Great Northern Railroad was built in 1872. During the 1930s and '40s the city was

known as the "tomato capital" when more tomatoes were shipped from here than any other city. Each September city celebrates Tomato Fest honoring the once important crop.

More than 60 diversified manufacturing firms are located here, many associated with plastic, wood, and air conditioning coils and condensers.

Home of Baptist Missionary Assoc. Theological Seminary, Jacksonville College, and Lon Morris College.

Five factory-direct stores are popular with shoppers.

**Herring's Wildlife Park**—Park features exotic deer, aoudad sheep, zebras, and many other animals roaming freely on the range. Petting zoo. Drive-through or guided tours. Open daily 9 a.m. - dusk. Approximately 14 miles south of Jacksonville. Take Texas 204 to F.M. 2274, left to County Rd. 4905. Admission. 903/683-5358.

**Killough Monument**—Native stone monument commemorates victims of East Texas' worst Indian depredation, erected on spot where massacre took place on Oct. 5, 1838. Seven miles northwest of Jacksonville near community of Larissa; U.S. 69 north to Mount Selman, F.M. 855 (not shown on most maps) west to Larissa.

**Lakes**—Jacksonville, Palestine and Striker. See LAKES listing.

**Lookout Mountain**—No, it isn't Vail, Lake Tahoe, or Sun Valley, but it's snow skiing in Texas. An artificial ski slope offers skiing, sledding, and other activities Oct. - Mar. Boots and skis furnished; reservations required for skiing. Ski lessons available. There's also a water slide and a tubing ride for summer months (Jun. - Sept.). Mountain bikers can ride 15-20 mi. on trails year round. Observation area has 35-mile view of East Texas hills. Camping facilities available with hookups.

First Monday Trades Day offers all sorts of wares, antiques, and collectibles. Four miles north of Jacksonville on U.S. 69 near Love's Lookout. Open Fri. - Sun. noon - 6 p.m. Admission. For information, 903/586-2644.

**Love's Lookout Park**—View is breathtaking; picnicking. Five miles north on U.S. 69.

**Scenic Drives**—Beautiful hill, forest and lake scenery both north and south on U.S. 69; also along F.M. 747 and F.M. 2138 (neither shown on most maps) around Lake Jacksonville.

**Vanishing Texana**—Museum in Jacksonville Public Library displays Cherokee County historical items. Open Mon. & Thurs. noon - 8 p.m.; Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. U.S. 69 (S. Jackson St.) at Nacogdoches St.

## JASPER

Pop. 7,075

Alt. 221

Map N-23



**General**—Seat of Jasper County, named for Sgt. William Jasper, hero of American Revolution. Area terrain ranges from hilly to level, 85 percent forested by pines and hardwoods.

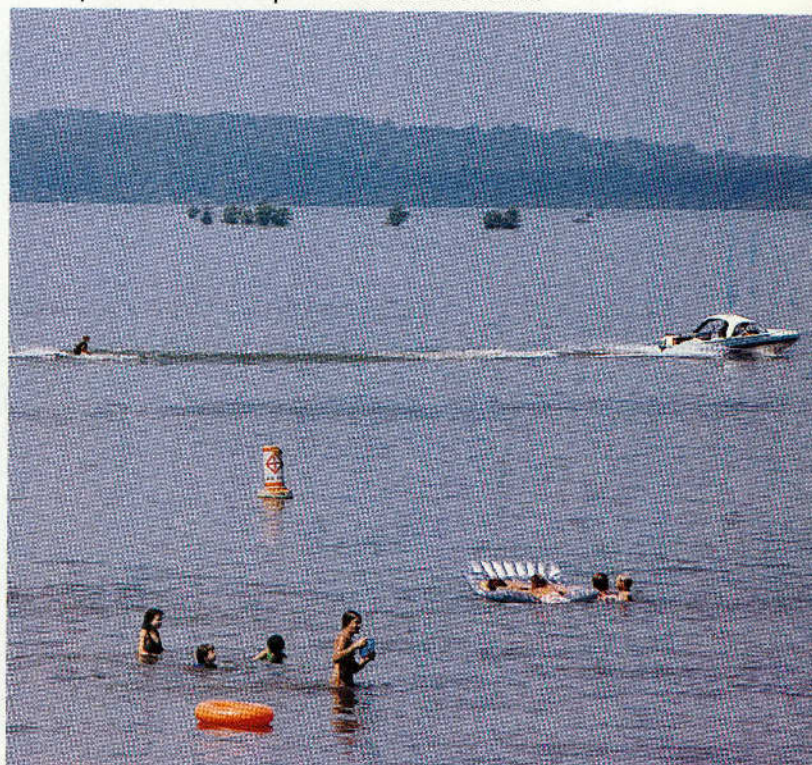
**Angelina National Forest**—Nearest entrance 13 miles northwest on Texas 63. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Lakes**—B. A. Steinhagen, Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend. See LAKES listing.

**Martin Dies Jr. State Park**—705 acres on eastern shore of B. A. Steinhagen Lake (also known as Town Bluff and Dam B Reservoir). Rest rooms with showers, picnic, camping and trailer sites, screened shelters, boat rentals, children's play area, fishing pier with fish-cleaning station. About 13 miles west on U.S. 190. Admission.

**Sieck State Forest**—25 miles south on U.S. 96. (See STATE FORESTS OF TEXAS at end of book.)

*Nearby Jasper, B.A. Steinhagen Lake offers aquatic activities for Jasper area residents and visitors*





Take a quiet boat ride along Cypress Bayou in Jefferson



Steam Locomotive pulls Jefferson and Cypress Bayou railway excursion train in Jefferson

**JEFFERSON**

Pop. 2,205

Alt. 191

Map J-22



*General—Various dates between 1836 and 1840 are cited as the beginning of Jefferson at a river landing on Big Cypress Bayou. Whatever the date, early settlers were already established when the town*

was laid out in 1842. Today one of Texas' most historic towns. More than 30 structures bear State Historical Medallions. Several antique shops.

Jefferson early became major East Texas river port of entry; Big Cypress was then navigable by steamboats from New Orleans. Discovery of nearby iron ore brought smelters and plow works, while plentiful pine and cypress stimulated lumber industry.

Here was one of Texas' first breweries, and in 1873 world's first ammonia refrigerant ice plant. It was state's first city to utilize artificial gas for street lighting, and shortly after the Civil War, reached a peak population of 30,000 with as many as 15 steamboats at a time lining the docks, and scores of wagon trains passing through on the way West.

Steel rails were also reaching west, but Jefferson, confident in the steamboat, refused Jay Gould's offer for a railroad (see below). Gould angrily predicted death for the city, and laid his tracks elsewhere. He was right as far as "city" goes, because growth in succeeding years, like the railroad, seemed to bypass Jefferson.

For today's traveler seeking quiet reflection of a past era, it is a fortunate result.

Approximately 40 bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings. For reservations, 903/665-2592, 903/665-3956, or 903/665-3906.

**Bayou Riding Stables**—45-minute narrated horseback tour along banks of Cypress Bayou amid 100-yr. old trees. Observe wildlife and site of Diamond Bessie murder. For information, 903/665-7600. Fee.

**Caddo Lake State Park**—See KARNACK.

**Carnegie Library**—Built 1907, and one of few such libraries still serving its original purpose. Second floor designed as opera house. On display is one of the outstanding doll collections in Texas. Open Tues. - Fri. noon - 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 301 Lafayette St.

**Historic Homes Tours**—Many of city's fine old homes are open during annual Historical Pilgrimage, first weekend in May and Candlelight Tour first two weekends in Dec. Others, below, are private residences and are generally open at times listed below; most are on National Register of Historic Places:

**Alley-Carlson House**—Built in 1861 by Dan N. Alley, co-founder of Jefferson. Owned by three generations of Alley family until 1961 when it became property of Jefferson Historical Society and Museum. Tours Wed. & Sat. 1 p.m. Tour fee.

**Culberson House in Jefferson**







**Jefferson Historical Society Museum**

**Culberson House**—Built 1880 by noted attorney David B. Culberson in the Greek Revival style. House has 14-foot ceilings, five fireplaces, and a secret passageway. This home has both national and state historical medals. Tours Fri. & Sat. 11:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m. 403 N. Walnut St. Tour fee.

**Freeman Plantation**—Built in 1850, the graceful Greek Revival structure embodies the building style that distinguished so many Louisiana plantation homes. Giant magnolias and period furnishings complement the house, which has been cited by the Historic American Buildings Committee of the Department of the Interior. Tours daily except Wed., 2:30 & 3:30 p.m. One mile west on Texas 49. Admission.

**Ruth Lester Memorial and Playhouse**—Built as private residence about 1860, became a Catholic convent, school, and hospital in 1869. Sold to Jewish Congregation in 1875 and adjoining synagogue added. Both buildings restored with Victorian furnishings and memorabilia. Tours Sat. & Sun. at 2:30 p.m. Tour fee.

**Historic Inns: Excelsior House**—19th Century hotel numbered among its guests Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, Diamond Bessie, Jay Gould and Oscar Wilde. Guest rooms feature period furnishings of maple, cherry and mahogany and include marble-topped dressers, button and spool beds, many from original furnishings when hotel opened more than a century ago. Open daily for tours 1 & 2 p.m. 211 W. Austin St. Tour fee.

**Hotel Jefferson**—A cotton warehouse in 1861, converted to hotel 1900, restored as country inn and restaurant. Turn-of-the-century iron beds,

**Jay Gould's private rail car, the "Atalanta," in Jefferson**



Victorian dressers, rocking chairs; 22 rooms with baths. In front, old-fashioned benches overlook brick street. 124 W. Austin St.

**Jay Gould Private Railroad Car**—The "Atalanta" has luxurious interior with four staterooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, butler's pantry and bathroom. Ironically, the car is within a stone's throw of Excelsior Hotel, in whose register Gould wrote "The end of Jefferson" when citizens indicated a preference for grass to grow in the streets rather than have them marked with railroad tracks. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission.

**Jefferson & Cypress Bayou Railroad**—Despite Jay Gould's prediction, railroads eventually arrived, and after more than a century, a new railroad is in service. Pulled by quaint steam locomotive, train winds along tracks beside Big Cypress River past historic sites. Schedule changes with seasons; 903/665-8400. Depot on East Austin St. Fare.

**Jefferson Historical Society Museum**—Four floors of articles, documents and antiques from bygone era. Mementos of pioneer days, early steamboat commerce, antebellum society. Paintings and sculpture from D.D. Feldman collection. Open daily, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Old Federal Building, Lafayette and Vale Sts. Admission.

**Lakes**—Caddo, Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES listing.

**Texas Experience**—Trail rides, hay rides, and overnight camping with cowboys give visitors a "feel of Texas." Add to all this campfire cooking from an authentic chuckwagon. Las Brisas Ranch is a cattle ranch, also featuring Spanish mustangs and woodland trails which wind through scenic pastures and forests which border Little Cypress Bayou. All activities are by reservation only; drop-in visitors can usually go on a trail ride, but reservations are highly recommended. Call 903/938-8019. From Jefferson, U.S. 59 six miles to Blackjack Rd.

**Trolley Rides**—Soft-tired trolley tours around city past historic homes and buildings. Narrated tours. Board at corner of Polk and Austin Sts. Tour fee.

**Turning Basin River Boat Tour**—45-minute narrated tour of Big Cypress Bayou, featuring riverport history of Jefferson. Just below old trestle across Polk St. bridge (U.S. 69). For information, 903/665-2222.

**Woodlands Trail**—Feature is 99-foot state champion yellow poplar, survivor of four transplanted from Georgia in 1887, and sire of hundreds now in area. Other species identified. On U.S. 59, 8.5 miles north.

## JOHNSON CITY

Pop. 959

Alt. 1,177

Map P-15



**General**—Seat of Blanco County, named for pioneer Johnson family, ancestors of President Lyndon B. Johnson. Retail center for farm and ranch area.

**Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park**—Information Center, two blocks south of U.S. 290, has information, exhibits, audiovisual program. Across the street, with guided tours daily, is frame structure nearly 100 years old where Lyndon Johnson lived while attending public school. Furnishings

**Lyndon B. Johnson's boyhood home in Johnson City**





**Pedernales Falls State Park preserves natural beauty of area near Johnson City**

include Johnson family household items and period furniture. One block west is old ranch complex called Johnson Settlement, owned by President's grandfather and great-uncle 1867-72, and gathering point of seven-county area for cattle drives. Also served as aid station for those wounded in Deer Creek Indian Battle. Original 1856 dog-run cabin, barn, other buildings; restored and part of "living history" program. Access to Johnson Settlement is via foot path from Boyhood Home. Operated by National Park Service, open daily, except Christmas and New Year's Days. (Also, see STONEWALL.)

**Pedernales Falls State Park**—4,800 scenic acres preserving natural beauty of the area; features picturesque water falls, abundant animal and bird life, fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, hiking, nature study. About 8 miles east via F.M. 2766. Admission.

**JUNCTION**

Pop. 2,799

Alt. 1,710

Map P-13



**General**—Established 1876 with formation of county. Today a trade and retail center of scenic, sparsely populated area nationally noted for production of fine wool and mohair. **Camping, fishing, canoeing and**

hunting are popular in area. More flowing streams than any other Texas

county; year-round fishing. Hunters find wild turkey, deer and game birds during season, squirrels throughout year; exotics also found in area. Schreiner (city) Park on Lake Junction has swimming pool, basketball courts, baseball fields and free overnight camping.

**Kimble County Historical Museum**—Documents, tools and other relics from days of early settlers. Open Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. and by appointment; 4th and College Sts.

**O. C. Fisher Museum**—Duplicate of Washington office of long-time Congressman from this district displays memorabilia and gifts received. Open weekdays in Kimble County Library, 208 N. 10th St.

**Scenic Drives**—Although several are scenic, one of most impressive is U.S. 377 southwest as it travels along the South Llano River. An exceptional overlook is about 22 miles south at a highway rest area.

**South Llano River State Park**—507-acre wooded park lies along winding South Llano River. Abundant wildlife include white-tailed deer, wood ducks, fox squirrels, rock squirrels, javelina, and the Rio Grande turkey. The bottom-land is roost to the winter turkey and roosting area will be closed to visitors from Oct. - Mar. so turkeys will not be disturbed. Facilities include camping, hiking, wildlife observation, and picnicking. Canoeing, tubing, and swimming in the spring-fed river. Adjacent to the park is the 2,123-acre Walter Buck Wildlife Management Area. Four miles south of Junction off U.S. 377. For reservations, 915/446-3994.

**KARNACK**

Pop. 775

Alt. 237

Map J-22/23



**General**—Just off Texas 43 in Harrison County, adjacent to Caddo Lake State Park (see below), town was probably named for the ancient city of Karnak, Egypt. There's a modern note in Karnack, Texas. **Rockets**

roaring into space use fuel made here by Thikol Chemical Corp.

**Birthplace of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson**—Constructed of bricks made by slaves, the birthplace of former First Lady (born Claudia Taylor) is a handsome two-story structure on sloping hill. Built before the Civil War, it was family home of T. J. Taylor, well-known merchant; 2.7 miles southwest on Texas 43. Not open to the public.

**Caddo Lake State Park**—480 acres beside Caddo Lake; an area once occupied by Caddo Indians, a tribe quite advanced in civilization. Camping areas, trailer sites, cabins, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, nature trails and interpretive center. Two miles north off Texas 43. Admission.

**Lake**—Caddo. See LAKES listing.

**Miles of boat roads help fishermen find their way on lush, primeval Caddo Lake near Karnack**





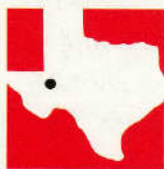
*Vintage cable-tool drilling rig, Pioneer Park in Kermit*

**KERMIT**

Pop. 6,925

Alt. 2,890

Map L-7



**General**—Winkler County seat was a mere village in 1926 when population of entire county was 81. Then oil was discovered nearby in the fabulous Permian Basin, and the boom was on. Today a center for oil and

petroleum-based industries. County-owned golf course 7 miles west on Texas 302; open daily except Mon.

**Medallion Home**—City's oldest existing structure furnished with period pieces. Open weekdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 3 - 5 p.m. North side of Winkler County Park.

**Pioneer Park**—Outdoor museum includes Moorhead Derrick, a cable tool derrick with walking beam. Last active equipment of its type; was in operation until 1966. Other items are oldest house in Kermit, and "nester's shack" which were moved to site. Nearby Winkler County Park offers swimming, picnicking, athletic courts. Open daily. Four blocks north of Texas 302 at east city limits.

**KERRVILLE**

Pop. 18,118

Alt. 1,645

Map Q-14



**General**—Seat of Kerr County, one of state's most popular health and recreation centers. Area believed by many to have most ideal climate in the nation. More than two dozen boys' and girls' camps, scores of hotels,

motels, dude ranches and religious encampments attract thousands annually. Rugged cedar and live oak-covered hills, picturesque green valleys and beautiful streams edged by towering cypress. White-tailed deer so numerous that motorists are cautioned to be on the alert for them, especially at night.

Capt. Charles A. Schreiner, born in Riguewihl, France, was early, prominent Kerrville settler. He served with the Confederacy and as a Texas Ranger; established general merchandising business in Kerrville, 1869. The Charles Schreiner Co. owned more than 600,000 acres of land by 1900, extending some 80 miles northwest to Menard. Among Schreiner's philanthropies was establishment of Schreiner Institute (now Schreiner College).

Industries include Mooney Aircraft, James Avery Silversmith.

Major annual event are Texas State Arts & Crafts Fair, Memorial Day weekend, provides opportunity to see works of more than 200 of Texas' finest artists and craftsmen; Texas Mohair Festival in January, and EAA Fly-In and Air Show in October. Music festivals featuring folk and Country/Western stars are usually held on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends at Quiet Valley Ranch south of Kerrville.

**Cowboy Artists of America Museum**—Splendid showcase for contemporary cowboy artists including works by Joe Beeler, James Boren, Robert



*Cowboy Artists of America Museum in Kerrville*

Duncan, Melvin Warren and others; permanent and rotating collections; special exhibitions; workshops by artists in residence; library, auditorium and museum store. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Also Mon. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in June - Aug. 1550 Bandera Hwy. (Texas 173) south of town. Admission.

**Hill Country Arts Foundation**—See INGRAM.

**Hill Country Museum**—Hill Country antiques, artifacts and memorabilia in former home of Capt. Charles A. Schreiner (see General, above). Handsome Romanesque stone structure (1879) features French crystal chandeliers, decorative accents. Open Mon. - Thurs. 1 - 4:30 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m. 226 Earl Garrett St. Admission.

**Kerrville Camera Safari**—Observe native and exotic animals from around the world as they roam over the Wilson-Haley Ranch in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. The drive-through ranch features many animals from addax to zebra. Open 9 a.m. - sunset daily. At I-10 and Texas 16 (exit 508). 210/792-3600. Admission.

**Kerrville State Park**—500 beautiful Hill Country acres on upper reaches of cypress-edged Guadalupe River. Camping, shelters, RV hookups, rest rooms, picnicking, fishing, swimming, nature study, hiking. South edge of city off Texas 173. Admission. 210/257-5392.

**Stonehenge in the Hills**—See INGRAM.

**Texas Heritage Music Museum**—Memorabilia of Texas musicians. Also has CDs, cassettes, and albums of Texas musicians on consignment. Monthly song writer showcase features local writers and musicians performing original music. Major sponsor of Jimmie Rogers Jubilee held in Sept. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. For information and schedules, call 210/895-4442. At Inn of the Hills, 1001 Junction Hwy., Suite F.

*Hill Country Museum, Kerrville*



## KILGORE

Pop. 11,266

Alt. 371

Map K-21



**General**—Plantation owners settled area before Civil War, but town was not established until building of Great Northern Railroad (later Missouri Pacific) in 1872.

**Town is center of huge East Texas Oil Field**

discovered 1930; over 1,200 oil wells once within city limits; some still producing. Some remaining steel derricks are nostalgic reminders of early boom days; now decorated during Christmas.

**East Texas Oil Museum**—Every aspect of the oil boom days of the 1930s is re-created through dioramas, films, sound and mementos of the oil field, and from the daily lives of the people. An ancient drilling rig is displayed outside. Inside, stores and a street scene bring the past to life. Also, geological exhibits and a simulated 3,800-foot elevator ride to the oil formations within the earth. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. U.S. 259 at Ross St. Tel. 903/ 983-8295. (On Kilgore College campus.) Admission.

**Rangerette Showcase**—Films and displays of props, costumes, uniforms, awards and mementos of Kilgore College's world-famous precision drill and dance team, known for its trademark "highkick" routine. The first of its kind, the Rangerettes were formed in 1940 as halftime entertainment for local football games. Their performance at bowl games and internationally has brought fame to Kilgore College. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m.; Sat. - Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. On campus on Broadway at Ross; free admission. Tel. 903/983-8265.

**World's Richest Acre**—On part of one downtown block, actually about 1.2 acres, once stood greatest concentration of oil wells in the world producing more than 2.5 million barrels of oil. All but one of original derricks were dismantled in early 1960s. The original derrick and eleven new ones, erected in a historical preservation program, are monuments to the oil boom of 1930s. A historical marker details history of the plot. An interesting sidelight is that one well was drilled through terrazzo floor of the Kilgore National Bank that once stood on site. Business Route Texas 135 at Main and Commerce Sts.

### "World's Richest Acre" in downtown Kilgore



1930s street scene recalls typical oil-boom town at the excellent East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore

## KILLEEN

Pop. 61,094

Alt. 833

Map N-16/17



**General**—Edged by 217,000-acre Fort Hood.

**Named for civil engineer of Santa Fe**

**Railroad that built across county in 1882.**

**Largest city in Bell County; home of Central Texas College, University of Central Texas.**

Visitor information available at chamber of commerce in restored Santa Fe depot, 1 Santa Fe Plaza; open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Community theater productions are held throughout the year at the Center for the Arts, sponsored by Vive Les Arts Societe.

Killeen lies on U.S. 190, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Fort Hood**—Covering 339 square miles of Central Texas, the modern Army post is staffed with the largest collection of soldiers and fighting machines in the free world—the only two-division post in the nation. Home of the Army's III Corps, 1st Cavalry and 2nd Armored Divisions. Visitors welcome at two museums on the post. The **1st Cavalry Division Museum** exhibits more than 150 years of cavalry uniforms, equipment, arms from sabers to assault helicopters; emphasis on division combat during World War II, in Korea, and in Vietnam. Artillery, tanks, trucks and captured foreign weapons; at Building 2218 on Headquarters Ave. The **2nd Armored Division Museum** features unit history from 1940 to today: World War II action in North Africa, Sicily

Museum at Fort Hood exhibits a variety of military hardware near Killeen



and Europe; General Patton's overcoat, Sherman and Patton tanks, combat photos, dioramas of street fighting in France; captured enemy weapons; at Building 418 on Battalion Ave. Both museums open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. noon - 3:30 p.m.; closed only Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Easter. Visitors stop at main gate entrance from U.S. 190 west of Killeen.

**Lakes**—Belton, Stillhouse Hollow. See LAKES listing.

**Parks**—Ten city parks offer abundant sports fields, tennis courts, swimming pools and picnic areas; also golf and youth centers.

## KINGSLAND

Pop. 2,676

Alt. 856

Map O-15



**General**—At confluence of Llano and Colorado Rivers, spot was popular for fishing even before area lakes were built; trains brought fishermen at turn of the century. The scenic area is still popular with

fishermen and water-sports enthusiasts who enjoy convenient access to present Lake Lyndon B. Johnson.

Tres Lagunas Golf Club offers 18 holes, 7,200 yds., par 72, rating 71.6; public play.

The small Hill Country town is at the north end of Lake LBJ on F.M. 1431.

**Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery**—Thousands of fish bred in scientific facility's ponds. Lakes from across the country are stocked from here. Of interest regarding aquaculture, but limited sightseeing; no aquarium exhibits. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (till noon on weekend). Take F.M. 2342 northeast 4.4 mi. to intersection with Park Road 4; Park Road 4 north approx. 1.5 mi.; watch for signs. 210/793-2474.

**Inks Lake State Park**—See BUCHANAN DAM.

**Lake L.B.J.'s Lady**—Thirty-four foot excursion boat offers Hill Country sightseeing on Lake LBJ, the Llano and Colorado Rivers. Two-hour narrated cruises point out Lyndon B. Johnson's former lake house, Packsaddle and Backbone Mountains, wildlife including green and blue herons, cormorants, kingfishers, and white-tailed deer; views of marinas and luxury resorts like Horseshoe Bay. Cruises Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.; Sun. 1 p.m. Also sunset and dinner cruises to lakeside restaurant. F.M. 1431 at Colorado River bridge; fare. Tel. 915/388-6339.

**Lakes**—Buchanan, Inks, and Lyndon B. Johnson. See LAKES listing.

**Packsaddle Mountain**—An area landmark that's of interest both to historians and geologists. Much of long, low mountain is 600-million-year-old sandstone in horizontal layers, which rests on even more ancient Packsaddle schist, exposed in Honey Creek at foot of the mountain off Texas 71. Intriguing traces of gold, silver and other minerals have been reported in sands of the creek. Mountain was site of a fierce battle with Apache Indians on Aug. 5, 1873.

**KINGSVILLE**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 22.

## KIRBYVILLE

Pop. 1,909

Alt. 125

Map O-23



**General**—Established in 1895 in east central Jasper County, city is on the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railroad, and the terminus of Jasper and Eastern Railroad. Named for John Henry Kirby, who along with R.P. Allen,

laid out the townsite. Kirby was known as "Prince of the Pines," at one time producing more Southern Pine lumber than any man in the world.

Today, lumber is still king, but agribusiness and tourism play an important role in the economy. Kirbyville is minutes away from popular lakes—Toledo Bend Reservoir, Sam Rayburn Reservoir, and B.A. Steinhagen Lake. It's right in the middle of national and state forests, as well as the Big Thicket National Preserve. Because of the abundance of trees, birding is a popular activity here. Residents salute the forests with the popular Magnolia Festival each April.

For information on events, accommodations, and area attractions, contact the local chamber of commerce at 105 South Elizabeth St. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 409/423-5827.

**Calaboose Museum**—Under the direction of the Kirbyville Area Heritage Society, the museum contains artifacts, information, and history of local significance. Housed in old jail house built in 1910. Open Wed. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. At Elizabeth and Lavielle Sts.

**Exotic Cat Refuge and Wildlife Orphanage**—Non-profit reserve offers refuge and rehabilitation to endangered exotic cats and other wildlife. It's a state and federally licensed orphanage for lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, bears, and wolves, to name a few. Shelter is normally open Tues. - Sun. afternoons, but it's best to call for reservations. From U.S. 96, head east on Main St. one block to Elizabeth St.; right on Elizabeth St. to Shaw Guy St.; turn left to orphanage. For reservations and information, call 409/423-4847. Admission.

**Forests**—Angelina National Forest, Sabine National Forest, E.O. Seike State Forest. See National and State Forests listings.

**Lakes**—Toledo Bend Reservoir, Sam Rayburn Reservoir, and B.A. Steinhagen Lake. See LAKES listing.

## KOUNTZE

Pop. 2,162

Alt. 85

Map P-23



**General**—Established as railroad town 1881. Seat of Hardin County, an area more than 89 percent forested that produces over 5.5 million board feet of lumber yearly.

Kountze describes itself as The Big Light in The Big Thicket—that vast area of tangled, often impenetrable woods, streams and marshes, portions of which are now protected as the Big Thicket National Preserve.

**Big Thicket Information Station**—Details about the Big Thicket National Preserve, interpretive panels, information on trails and boating. Open daily except Christmas; 7 mi. north of Kountze on F.M. 420.

**Pelt Pond Rural Life Museum**—Features folk art, artifacts, and other media to preserve the pioneer spirit of rural East Texas. In scenic Big Thicket area, exhibits also include farm animals. Open Apr. - Nov. Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. From Kountze, Texas 326 south 13 mi.; F.M. 421 east 1.2 mi. 409/287-3300.

**Timber Ridge Tours**—See SILSBEE.

*The Big Thicket, a vast area of tangled, often impenetrable woods, streams and marshes, offers hiking and boating to visitors near Kountze*



**LAGO VISTA**—See AUSTIN CEN-TEX SECTION, Page 16.

## LA GRANGE

Pop. 4,003

Alt. 272

Map Q-18



**General**—Located where old buffalo trail later known as La Bahia Road crossed the Colorado River. Developed 1831, became seat of Fayette County 1837. County and town said named by early settlers for their

home town and county in Tennessee. "Historic Oak" on north side of square has been muster point for men in six conflicts.

Downtown area includes 1890s courthouse, old county jail, 1886 MKT Depot, historical markers, and St. James Episcopal Church, c. 1885, at 156 N. Monroe St.

City is pivotal point on the Texas Pioneer Trail covering four-county area. For additional information and map, contact the chamber of commerce (see below).

Bed and breakfast accommodations are available in historic buildings.

**Fayette Heritage Museum and Archives**—Local art and genealogical collections. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 855 S. Jefferson.

**Kreische Brewery State Historic Site**—Ruins of stone brewery and home built by stonemason Heinrich L. Kreische who came to La Grange in 1840s. His brewery was one of first commercial breweries in Texas with output of more than 700 barrels in one year. Guided tours tell the story of this German immigrant and details of his brewing process. Brewery is part of adjacent Monument Hill State Historic Site (see below). May be viewed from overlook; tours only Sat., Sun. at 2 & 3:30 p.m.

**Lake**—Fayette. See LAKES listing.

**Monument Hill State Historic Site**—Final resting place of men who drew black beans of death after Mier Expedition against Mexico, and 41 of Capt. Nicholas Dawson's soldiers massacred by Mexicans at Salado Creek (one of five Texas streams named Salado) near San Antonio in 1842. Monument is handsome 48-foot marker of stone, bronze and polychrome. Visitor center; self-guided, wheelchair-accessible interpretive trail, nature trail, picnic sites, playground. Open daily, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Two miles south off U.S. 77, Spur 92. Admission (includes Kreische Brewery tour when offered).

**"El Camino del Rio," Spanish for "The River Road," stretches from Lajitas northwest to Presidio offering one of the most spectacular drives in Texas**



Monument Hill State Park overlook at La Grange

**Scenic Drives**—U.S. 77 southwest to F.M. 2436 to Hostyn. Be sure to stop by the Holy Rosary Catholic Church to see the Hostyn Grotto. First Texas highway roadside park 10 miles west on Texas 71; also, scenic overlook of Colorado River Valley. Other scenic drives throughout area, especially pretty during bluebonnet and Indian blanket flowering season. Contact La Grange Area Chamber of Commerce, on town square at 129 N. Main St., or call 409/968-5756.

**Stuermer Store**—See GIDDINGS.

**Winedale Historical Center**—Restored farm home and buildings of 1830s. See ROUND TOP.

## LAJITAS

Pop. 48

Alt. 2,440

Map R-6



**General**—(La-HEE-tahs) On F.M. 170 at the western edge of Big Bend National Park, the village name is Spanish for "flagstones," of which there are prominent outcroppings in the area. First became a village in 1915

when an Army post was stationed to protect Big Bend area from flamboyant Mexican bandit Francisco (Pancho) Villa.



Recent developments feature a modern motel and resort complex with golf course, river rafting, swimming pools, tennis courts, horseback riding, restaurant, and genuine-looking "frontier" building styles with plank sidewalks and hitching rails. Inquire locally about all facilities. Caters to visitors year round; winter season most popular. 915/424-3471.

**Big Bend National Park**—Some 20 miles east of Lajitas on F.M. 170. See BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK.

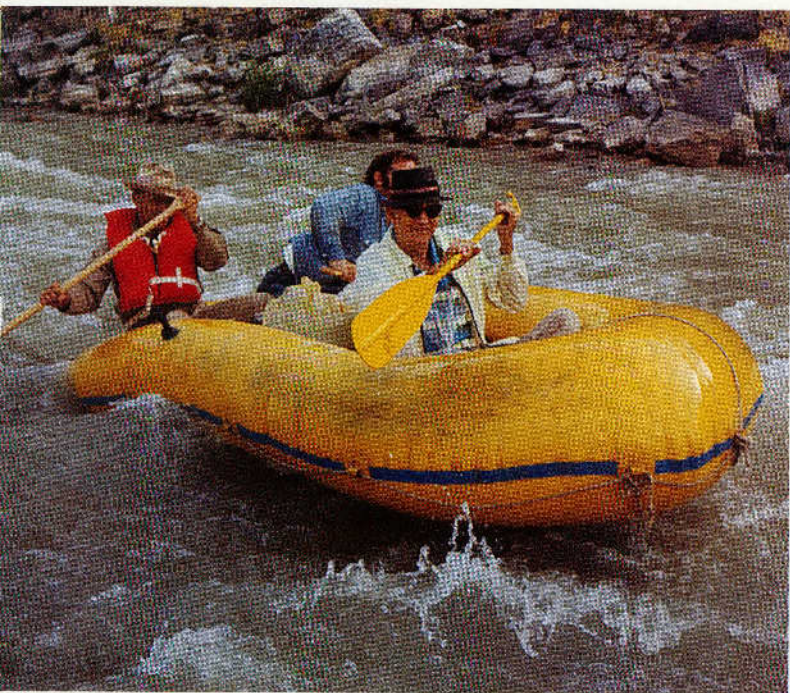
**Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area**—Vast region encompassing desert, mountains, canyons, and the Rio Grande—offering primitive hiking and backpacking, nature study, river rafting and canoeing, and bus tours. Entrance and user fees.

**Warnock Environmental Education Center**—Archeological, historical, and natural history profile of the Big Bend region; departure point for bus tours of the Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area the third Sat. of each month; tour fee includes meal deep in the natural area; reservations advisable 915/424-3327. Also information about vehicle, hiking, and river raft access; experienced backpackers only; no developed facilities. The center offers maps, books and other informational material; self-guided tour of botanical garden displaying characteristic plants of the Chihuahuan Desert. Open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily; admission. Immediately east of Lajitas on F.M. 170.

**Rio Grande Float Trips**—The National Park Service advises there are several licensed outfitters who provide river float trips or other wilderness excursions in Big Bend National Park. An approved list can be obtained from the park.

**Scenic Drive**—*El Camino del Rio*, Spanish for "The River Road," local name for F.M. 170 that stretches from Lajitas northwest to Presidio and beyond. An excellent paved route, it's one of the most spectacular drives in Texas, plunging over mountains and canyons along the sun-drenched Rio Grande. Drivers are cautioned that the route encounters steep grades (15%), sharp curves, occasional loose livestock, and low-water crossings; special alert for large RVs or vehicles pulling large trailers.

**Rafting on the Rio Grande**



**Warnock Environmental Educational Center, Lajitas**

**Brazoria & San Bernard Wildlife Refuges**—See ANGLETON.

**Dow Park**—No vehicular traffic in park; still visible are ruins of Jackson Plantation and sugar mill on lakeshore, some 50 yards from parking area. NE 1 mi. on F.M. 2004 from Texas 332, left on Lake Road to park entrance.

**Lake Jackson Historical Museum**—Features memorabilia from city's early days with emphasis on wartime on the home front. Open Thurs. 1 - 5 p.m. 122 S. Parking Place.

**Wilderness Park**—482-acre municipal park in natural state is bordered by Buffalo Camp Bayou and the Brazos River. Interpretive quarter-mile nature loop, 4-mile hiking trail with Brazos River views. Wildlife includes deer, wild pigs, small mammals, and alligators along the Brazos. Picnicking, fishing and hiking. On Texas 332, 1 mi. west of city.

**LA MARQUE-TEXAS CITY**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 62.

**LAMESA**

Pop. 11,051

Alt. 2,975

Map J-9



**General**—Seat of Dawson County at the southeast edge of Texas High Plains, which are the southernmost extension of the Great Plains of the United States. Name from Spanish "la mesa," meaning "the table,"

describes the flat terrain. Area economy based on extensive oil, industrial and agricultural production. One of the state's largest cotton-producing counties.

Local lakes have game fishing and water sports. Two golf courses, swimming pool and acres of public parks provide recreation/entertainment.

**Lamesa-Dawson County Museum & Art Center**—Home furnishings, pioneer tools, ranch and farm equipment from early days of settlement. Also exhibits of works by local artists. Open daily except Mon. 2 - 5 p.m. In restored historic Dal-Paso Hotel, 306 S. First St.

**LAMPASAS**

Pop. 6,352

Alt. 1,025

Map N-16



**General**—Established as Bureson in early 1850s, name changed with creation of Lampasas County; made county seat.

Mineral springs popular among Indians long before white settlers arrived, and they still

flow hardly half a mile from native stone courthouse, which is on National Register of Historic Places. Historic structures include Keystone Hotel, early Texas landmark-stagecoach stop, now restored savings-and-loan office. Sportsmen find prime hunting for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail, mourning dove, and excellent fishing in local creeks and nearby Lampasas and Colorado Rivers.

Lampasas lies on U.S. 190, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

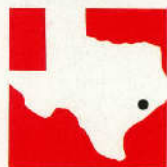
City is participant in Texas Main Street Project. Downtown buildings feature local limestone construction; several restored and others planned. Most originally built in 1880s.

**LAKE JACKSON**

Pop. 23,412

Alt. 14

Map S-21



**General**—Founded as model community 1941 by Dow Chemical Co. as housing project for war workers, is now largest city in Brazoria County. Name is from small oxbow lake on antebellum plantation of Major

Abner Jackson. Known for uniquely named streets such as Any Way, This Way, That Way. Home of Brazosport College.

**Brazosport Center for Arts & Sciences**—See CLUTE.

**Keystone Square Museum**—Housed in an early frontier building, museum features variety of changing exhibits devoted to such subjects as Texas Rangers, early-day saloon items, Indian artifacts, ranch and home implements, tools, and old-fashioned crafts. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 304 S. Western St. Admission.

**Lake**—Buchanan. See LAKES listing.

**Parks**—Hancock Park, 109-acre municipal facility includes Hancock Springs, source of water for public baths a century ago and now the city water supply. Picnic and playgrounds, swimming pool, pavilion and nine-hole golf course. Southwest of city, off U.S. 281.

W.M. Brook Park offers outdoor theater, picnic and playgrounds, gazebo. South side of city, off U.S. 190.

**Safari Ltd. Exotic Animal Park**—Over 50 species of animals on exhibit. Petting area for children. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 1 - 6 p.m. 13 miles south on U.S. 183. Admission. 512/556-8254.

**LANCASTER**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 40.



*Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry offers free literature and information about every part of Texas*

**LANGTRY**

Pop. 30

Alt. 1,315

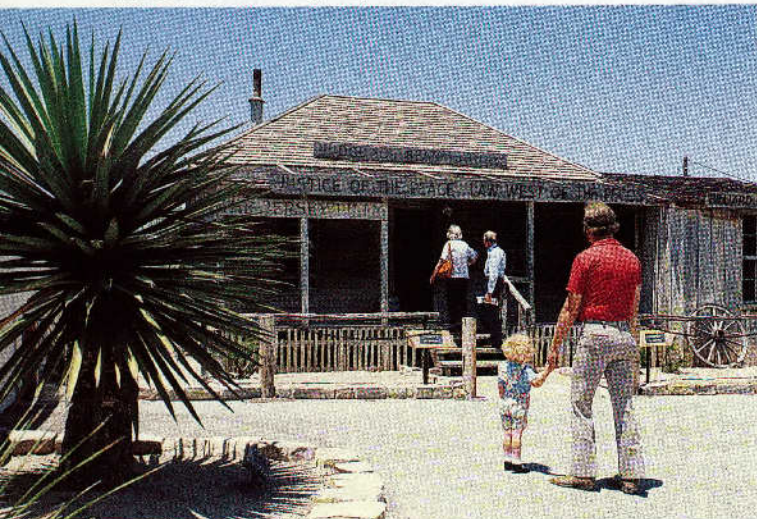
Map Q-10



**General**—In deep Southwest Texas by the Rio Grande, the village was established 1881 when Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railway was building through; was junction of construction from east and west.

Two origins of town's name exist; one prosaic, the other romantic. One credits town name to a civil engineer named Langtry who directed group of Chinese laborers in railroad construction. But colorful Judge Roy Bean (see

*The Jersey Lilly served as both saloon and courtroom for Judge Roy Bean*



*Indian Cave Shelter, Seminole Canyon State Park*

below) insisted he named town after his idol, English actress Lillie Langtry, the "Jersey Lily."

**High Bridge Adventures**—Scenic boat tours on Pecos River and Rio Grande. For information/reservations, write to P.O. Box 816, Comstock, TX 78837 or call 915/292-4495.

**Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center**—Features rustic saloon, courtroom and billiard hall of Judge Roy Bean, the colorful and controversial "Law West of the Pecos" in 1880s. The center preserves historic site where Judge Bean ruled with high-handed, but appropriate brand of homespun law, outrageous humor and six-shooter justice. Adjacent modern visitor center interprets highlights of Judge Bean's career in six dioramas with special sound programs. Travel counselors provide literature and information about every part of Texas. Impressive cactus garden displays flora of Southwest; plaques label specimens and cite Indian/pioneer lore about the thorny plants. Self-guided tape recorded tour of garden available. Free attraction, open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's; operated by Texas Department of Transportation.

**Scenic Overlook**—U.S. 90 spans arid, primitive land little changed since

*An impressive cactus garden at the Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry displays flora of southwest, with plaques labeling specimens and citing Indian/pioneer lore about the thorny plants*







*This scenic turnout on U.S. 90 overlooks the Pecos River east of Langtry*

pioneers first made their way across it in creaking wagons. One of the most formidable barriers to early-day travel—and civilization—was the precipitous canyon of the Pecos River. Modern travelers can pause and picnic in roadside park by U.S. 90 on east rim of canyon, about 18 miles east of Langtry. View is spectacular and provides insight into difficulties faced by pioneers who had to negotiate crossing without a bridge of any kind. Water from Amistad Lake is now about 80 feet deep in canyon.

**Seminole Canyon State Park**—Guided hiking tours (strenuous) Wed. - Sun. at 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. to Fate Bell Shelter where 4,000-year-old rock art may be seen; visitor center houses displays of early man and area history. Remainder of park open daily; campsites and picnicking. Note: Park closed for permit hunting in Jan.; only open on weekends. On U.S. 90, 20 miles east. Admission. 915/292-4464.

**LA PORTE**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 60.

**LAREDO**

Pop. 128,433                      Alt. 438                      Map W-13/14



*General—Rich in south-of-the-border flavor, city is the major international crossing along U.S.- Mexican border. Established by Spanish land grant 1755; became county seat when Webb County organized in 1848. City tops*

state in number of flags served under: seven! Today Laredo economy is from such diversified sources as retail and wholesale consumer products, importing and exporting (Laredo is nation's largest inland port), petroleum and natural gas, feeds and fertilizers, brick and tile, and visitors from both sides of

*Thousands from both sides of the border celebrate George Washington's birthday each February in Laredo*



Rio Grande. Laredo Jr. College and Laredo State Univ. (part of Texas A&M System) are here.

Recent "maquiladora" industry, a binational manufacturing system where U.S. products are assembled in plants on the Mexican side, is prominent in Laredo and Nuevo Laredo.

Since 1898 the Washington Birthday Celebration has honored George Washington as first Western Hemisphere leader to free a New World country from the dominion of European rule; ten-day fiesta celebrated on both sides of the border includes parades, fireworks, dances, and impressive coronation ceremony. Festivities strengthen friendly ties between Texas and Mexico.

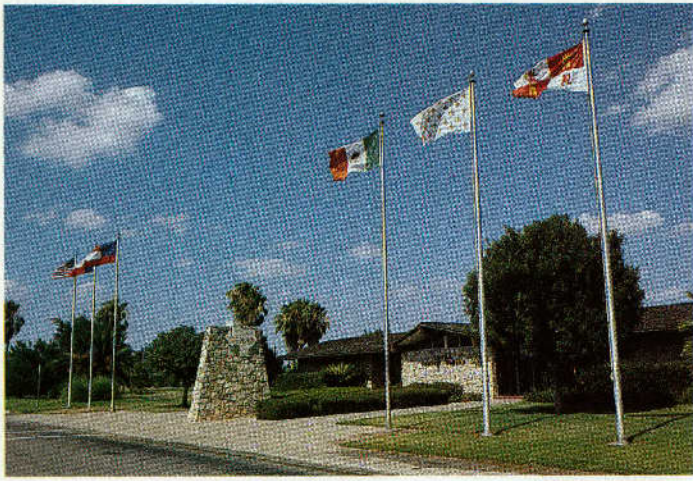
**Fort McIntosh**—Established by Army in 1848 immediately following Mexican War; fort was in continuous use until May, 1946. It was originally among series of border forts guarding against Indian attacks and was base for border patrol. Laredo Junior College and Laredo State Univ. now on grounds. The old guardhouse, chapel, warehouse and commissary remain. One is used by the college's art department; the others are destined to become a children's museum. Foot of Washington St. on banks of Rio Grande.

**Lake Casa Blanca State Park**—371-acre park near eastern city limits on U.S. 59. Picnic facilities, camping, rest rooms, dump station, boat ramp, and fishing pier. The 1,656-acre lake is among the state's best for black bass fishing.

**Lakes**—Casa Blanca, Falcon. See LAKES listing.

*Mariachis are often heard serenading visitors on both sides of the border at Laredo*





**Texas Travel Information Center in Laredo**

**Laredo Children's Museum**—Meet new friends, The Primaries—Yippee, Rudie, and Booboo, as they guide you through the museum. Yippee loves history and culture; Rudie is into art; and Booboo is a science nut. Through hands-on experimentation and exploration, museum encourages the explorer and inventor in children. Open Thurs. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. West End Washington St. on campus of Laredo Jr. College. 210/721-5321. Admission.

**Nuevo Laredo**—Founded 1775, "New Laredo" across border is bustling city of 350,000. Fine hotels, motels, and restaurants cater to large flow of visitors throughout year. Shoppers find profusion of gift shops specializing in jewelry, crystal, onyx, metallic arts. *El Mercado*, traditional marketplace two blocks from international bridge, features handicrafts, baskets, hand-dyed cloth, serapes, clothing, leatherwork, silver goods—all with Mexican flair.

The Nuevo Laredo Turf Club, within walking distance from international bridge, offers wagering via live transmission from major U.S. and Mexican horse and greyhound tracks; restaurant and bar, opens 11 a.m. daily.

On seasonal basis, bullfights are staged at the *Plaza de Toros La Fiesta* bullring, six miles from the bridge.

**Republic of the Rio Grande Building**—Seven flags have flown over quaint, one-story building. Whitewashed plaster covers walls of rock and adobe that measure more than two feet thick. Now a museum, building served as capitol of unsuccessful Republic of the Rio Grande; displays guns, saddles, household goods of frontier homes with emphasis on period of Rio Grande Republic, 1839-41. Open Tues. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1000 Zaragoza St. on San Agustin Plaza. Contributions.



**Statue of Ignacio Zaragoza, Mexican military hero, in San Agustin Plaza, Laredo**

**St. Augustine Church**—Originally built in 1767; present structure, third on site, dates from 1872. On San Agustin Plaza in heart of old Spanish section.

**Texas Travel Information Center**—One of the centers provided by the state at key highway entrances to Texas, in State Capitol Complex, and at the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Operated daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's. Staffed by uniformed, professional, bilingual travel counselors, free services to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. On I-35 north of Laredo; operated by Texas Department of Transportation.

**Bargain hunters find shopping fantastic in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, across from Laredo**



**Thousands cross the International bridge linking Laredo with Nuevo Laredo daily**





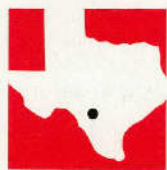
F.M. 337 near Leakey provides spectacular Hill Country landscapes

## LEAKEY

Pop. 420

Alt. 1,609

Map Q-13



**General**—Small community (pronounced LAY-key) is in one of most scenic and picturesque areas of rugged Edwards Plateau, locally called the Hill Country. Elevations range from 1,500 to 2,400 feet with deep, dramatic

canyons cut by Frio and Nueces Rivers. Archaeological excavations show evidence of prehistoric civilizations in area. At time of first Spanish explorers, game-rich area was inhabited by Comanche, Apache and Lipan-Apache Indians. Ranching predominates today featuring cattle, sheep and goats. Flocks of registered Angora goats produce prized mohair. Camping and hunting are popular with visitors. Game birds and animals include white-tailed deer, wild turkey, mourning dove, quail, squirrel, javelina, rabbits, and raccoons.

Stop by Texarome perfume factory and cedar mill. Texas cedarwood and its derivatives is one of the most widely used ingredients of fragrance formulas world-wide. Factory open daily. 1.5 miles east on F.M. 337. Admission. Also, factory outlet store in downtown.

**Garner State Park**—10 miles south on U.S. 83. See CONCAN.

**Real County Historical Museum**—Historic items and articles displayed in period rooms depicting history of Real County area. Open Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Just off courthouse square. Admission.

**Scenic Drives**—F.M. 337 both east and west spans some of the Hill Country's most spectacular scenery—wooded steeps and tiny secluded valleys. West to Camp Wood leads to river camps on the picturesque Nueces River. East to Vanderpool and north on F.M. 187 leads to beautiful Lost Maples Natural Area.

U.S. 83 north skirts East Frio River; 12 miles north, a roadside park offers spectacular view and picnic facilities. Texas 39 east, along Guadalupe River to Ingram is another picturesque route.

**Wildlife Art Museum**—Features art of taxidermy, sculpture, paintings and carvings. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. On F.M. 337, 3 blocks east of U.S. 83.

## LEVELLAND

Pop. 14,229

Alt. 3,523

Map G-8/9



**General**—Appropriately named for the surrounding terrain; surveyed and plotted by cereal king C.W. Post in 1912 on the Oxsheer Ranch that he had purchased in 1906. Suggested name of Hockley City

denied by Post Office because of Harris County town of same name.

City has recently become known as "City of Mosaics" with acquisition of

several large outdoor, colorful mosaics. These may be found on chamber of commerce building, college buildings, hospital, clinic, and a freestanding mosaic in Carver Park. Free overnight RV park south on U.S. 385; 3-day maximum stay.

**South Plains College Art Museum**—Fine Arts Building houses exceptional collection of old masters art donated to college by Marjorie Merritweather Post, daughter of city's founder. Campus on U.S. 385 southeast.

**LEWISVILLE**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 40.

## LEXINGTON

Pop. 948

Alt. 456

Map P-18



**General**—Oldest settlement in Lee County dates from early 1850s. Arrival of railroad in 1890 brought business and population growth. Interesting gazebo on town square is center of civic events.

**Pioneer Village**—Three authentic log cabins, restored and relocated just north of the town square. One was built by George Washington Guthrie, a veteran of the battle of San Jacinto and the War Between the States. Local and pioneer history displays and occasional special exhibits. Open May - Oct. 1st, Mon. - Fri. 9 - 11 a.m., 2 - 4 p.m., Sat. 2 - 4 p.m.

## LIBERTY

Pop. 8,072

Alt. 51

Map P-22



**General**—Among oldest settled areas of Texas, several hundred Anglo-Americans established farms in 1820s on Mexican land grants. Town laid out 1831, named "Villa de la Santissima Trinidad de la Libertad,"

quickly shortened to Liberty by English-speaking residents. William B. Travis, Sam Houston, and David Burnet all practiced law in Liberty. Three brothers from town died at the Alamo; some 50 Liberty citizens fought in Battle of San Jacinto in 1836, when Texas won its independence.

Seat of Liberty County, town was a busy port when steamboats plied the Trinity River in the late 19th Century. Today a farming-ranching community with substantial oil production dating from 1925.

**Geraldine D. Humphreys Cultural Center**—Project of local historical and arts groups, the center includes a museum, library, and performing arts theater. Adjacent is Liberty Bell Tower, replica of original Liberty Bell (Philadelphia, PA) famed in U.S. history. Cast from original pattern in same molding pit by Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, England, that crafted the original bell. But this one isn't cracked; it tolls on special occasions. 1710 Sam Houston St. in downtown Liberty; open Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.,

Fri. 1 - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 409/336-8901.

**Historical Sites**—Historical monuments and markers identify abundant sites including Sam Houston's law office, blocks of original Mexican town plat, and many old homes. For information about drive-by views and visitor sites, stop at Liberty-Dayton Chamber of Commerce, 1915 Trinity St., open 8 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. 409/336-5736.

**Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center**—Historical depository for the 10 counties originally carved from Atascosito-Liberty district of the Republic of Mexico. Archives and displays show development of region, artifacts, furniture, Jean Laffite's journals, and 1826 census. It also contains the Texana Collection of former Governor Price Daniel.

Also on the grounds is the 1848 Gillard-Duncan Home and the 1883 Norman House, both restored with period furnishings.

The Center is open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Two miles north of Liberty on Texas 146, one mile west on F.M. 1011. 409/336-8821.

## LITTLEFIELD

Pop. 6,587

Alt. 3,556

Map G-9



**General**—Named for George Washington Littlefield, cattle baron and philanthropist who bought and developed southern Yellowhouse Division of famed XIT Ranch.

**Townsite first surveyed in 1912 and became**

station on Panhandle and Santa Fe Railroad a year later. Now banking, commercial and manufacturing center; seat of Lamb County. More than 300,000 farm acres are irrigated; chief crops are cotton and grain; large ranches and livestock feeding lots. Large textile mill converts enough West Texas cotton into denim each year to make 19 million blue jeans.

City park has picnicking, free overnight camping with hookups.

**Replica of World's Tallest Windmill**—Originally constructed of wood in "El Canyon de las Casas Amarillas" (The Canyon of the Yellow Houses) on the XIT Ranch in 1887 to a height of 132 feet, the famous windmill blew down on Thanksgiving Day, 1926. The replica is "only" 114 feet to axis of the 12-foot windmill. U.S. 84 at XIT Ave.

**XIT Ranch**—See DALHART.

## LIVINGSTON

Pop. 5,180

Alt. 194

Map O-22

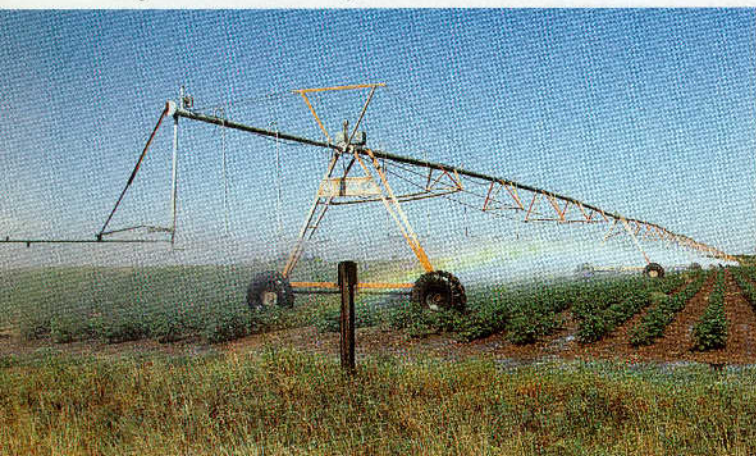


**General**—Trade center for prosperous lumber and agricultural district of fertile Trinity River Valley; seat of Polk County. Established 1846, named by founder Moses L. Choate for his former home in Alabama.

Oil discovered in the 1940s.

**Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation**—Home of Alabama and Coushatta Indians, part of Southern forest tribes, in dense, wooded area known as the Big Thicket. Sam Houston, a staunch friend of Indians, was

**Irrigated cotton field on High Plains near Littlefield**



**Indian Guides offer excursion train rides into the Big Thicket near Livingston**

influential in having reservation created in 1850s. Excellent visitor program today features Living Indian Village where tribal members employ traditional skills to make jewelry, baskets, and leather items; Big Thicket tours via swamp buggy and miniature railroad; museum and crafts shop; colorful tribal dances, and Inn of 12 Clans Restaurant offering customary fare plus pit-cooked barbecue and traditional Indian foods. Scenic camping areas, fishing lake, swimming. June - Aug. open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 12:30 - 6 p.m. (Mar. - May & Sept. - Nov. open weekends.) Closed entirely Dec. - Feb. Tour fee.

**Jonas Davis Cabin**—Historic log cabin relocated downtown. Open Sat., July - Sept. 530 W. Church St.

**Lake**—Livingston. See LAKES listing.

**Lake Livingston State Park**—640 acres on the east shoreline of Lake Livingston among pine and hardwood forest. Facilities include multiuse campsites with hookups, screened shelters, group trailer sites and shelter, boat ramps, bait-house store, gas and floating docks, rest rooms, showers, and dump station. Visitors enjoy boating, fishing, swimming, water skiing, hiking, and nature trails. About 7 miles southwest of Livingston; U.S. 59 via F.M. 1988 southwest; F.M. 3126 north to Park Rd. 65. Admission.

**Polk County Museum**—Historical items including Early American glassware, coins and stamps, jewelry, Indian artifacts and crafts, and 1700s candelabrum from the White House. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. 601 W. Church St.

**Dancers don traditional Indian finery at Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation near Livingston**





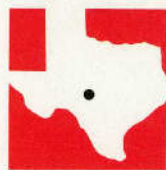
Lanite, a rare form of Granite found only near Llano

## LLANO

Pop. 2,990

Alt. 1,029

Map O-15



**General**—Founded in 1855, on the clear, spring-fed Llano River, the town of Llano became the county seat in 1856. Well established by 1860 with stores, saloons and a hotel, there was no church in the

rough frontier village. Llano courthouse dates from 1892.

The present farm-ranch community in scenic Hill Country bills itself the "Deer Capital of Texas" and hosts many hunters seeking abundant white-tailed deer during fall-winter season. Year-round fishing in picturesque Llano River and nearby Highland Lakes. Entire downtown square is designated a National Historic District.

**City-County Parks**—Camping and picnicking available at all. Some with RV hookups, lake and pool swimming, fishing, boat ramp, playgrounds, 9-hole golf course, hiking trails, and scenic views. Black Rock and Shaw Island Parks on Lake Buchanan; Robinson City Park on Llano River; Llano County Community Center (park) on west edge of town. Details at the Llano County Chamber of Commerce, 700 Bessemer (Texas 16) north of the river bridge; open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon; 1 - 5 p.m. 915/247-5354.

**Enchanted Rock State Park**—Massive dome of solid granite famed in Indian legend; said to be site of human sacrifices, some tribes feared to set foot upon it; others used height as rallying point; all held it in awe and reverence. Indians believed ghost fires flickered on crest on moonlit nights. Covers about 640 acres, 500 feet high. Open year round. Hiking, climbing and rappelling, picnicking, primitive camping in designated areas (reservations accepted). South 22 miles via Texas 16, R.M. 965. Admission. 915/247-3930.

**Historic Inn: Badu House**—Originally a small-town bank, c. 1891, restored as a country inn and restaurant. Marble-floored front room, quaint dining rooms, original fixtures, and antique furnishings; six rooms and one suite with baths. On Texas 71 north. 915/247-4304.

**Lakes**—Buchanan, Inks, and Lyndon B. Johnson. See LAKES listing.

**Llano County Museum**—General county historical displays housed in refurbished old-time drug store. Open Jun. - Aug. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. except Mon. Open Sept. - May Fri. - Sun. 1:15 - 5:15 p.m. North end of Llano River bridge, Texas 16, 915/247-3026.

**Llano Fine Arts Guild, Inc.**—Exhibit of work by local artists. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 503 Bessemer (Texas 16). 915/247-4839.

## LOCKHART

Pop. 9,265

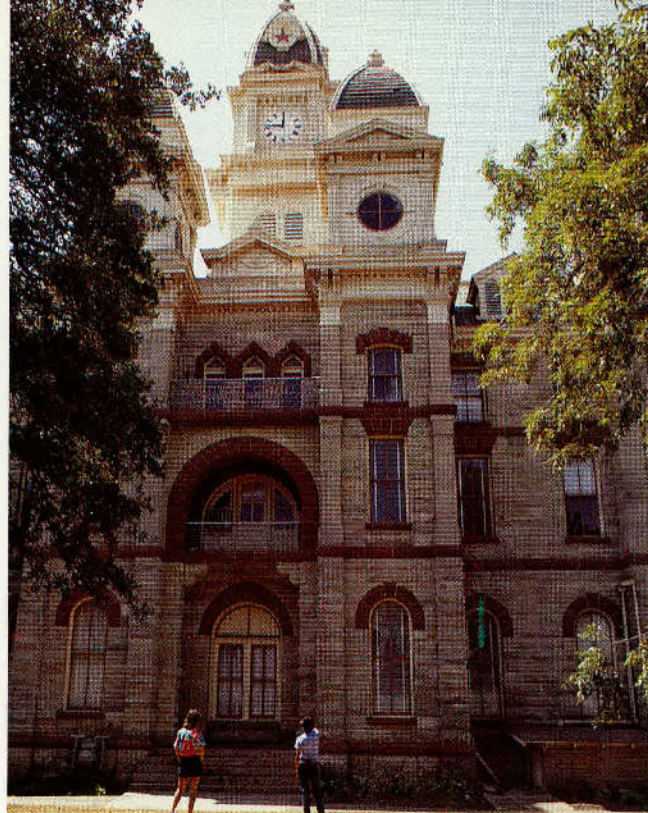
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Map Q-17



**General**—Originally called Plum Creek, town is near site of fierce Indian battle that took place Aug. 12, 1840. Large war party of Comanches successfully swept down Guadalupe Valley all the way to the Gulf

Coast, killing settlers, stealing horses, plundering settlements. A volunteer force of settlers and Texas Rangers met the returning war party and



Ornate Caldwell County courthouse in Lockhart

defeated them at what is called the Battle of Plum Creek. Present city named for Byrd Lockhart, pioneer surveyor. Town was southern terminus of Chisholm Trail in 1870s.

Today city is center for agriculture, farming, oil and other diversified industries. Battle of Plum Creek re-enacted annually in June during Chisholm Trail Roundup in city park.

**Caldwell County Courthouse**—Stands in the middle of Lockhart's square, built of Muldoon limestone with red Pecos sandstone trim; completed 1894. Affectionately said "ugly enough to be beautiful." Flamboyant design with cupolas, turrets and gewgaws typical of period; cost \$65,000. History on historical marker.

**Caldwell County/Jail Museum**—Red brick structure represents rare example of Norman castellated architectural style. In former cells, county museum exhibits furniture from early settlers' homes, frontier kitchen and pioneer room. Also early farming implements. Open 1 - 5 p.m. Wed. - Sat. at 315 E. Market St.

**Dr. Eugene Clark Library**—Built for \$6,000 in 1899, is oldest continuously used library in Texas. Modeled after the Villa Rotunda in Vicenza, Italy. Of sightseeing interest are stained glass windows, ornate fixtures, and stage from which touring orators spoke, including President William H. Taft. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - noon. 217 S. Main.

**Emanuel Episcopal Church**—One of Texas' oldest Protestant churches, built 1856 of stone and wood, still in use as originally constructed with only minor alteration. Church and Walnut Sts.

**Lockhart State Park**—257 acres feature swimming, fishing, picnicking and 9-hole golf course, rustic recreation hall overlooking picturesque valley. Campsites, RV and trailer facilities. About four miles southwest of Lockhart via U.S. 183 and F.M. 20. Admission. 512/398-3479.

**Noah's Land Wildlife Park**—See GONZALES.

## LONGVIEW

Pop. 71,598

Alt. 339

Map K-22



**General**—Seat of Gregg County, settled early 1800s. Rapid development by planters from the Old South after 1850. Named in 1870 by surveyors for Texas & Pacific Railroad, impressed by long-distance

view from village. Discovery of oil in 1930s more than tripled population of 6,000. Today city is dynamic industrial center claiming over 200 manufacturing firms as well as agriculture area; is loading end of the "Big Inch" petroleum products pipeline. Home of LeTourneau University.



**Joggers, walkers and strollers find Cargill Long Park Trail peaceful in Longview**

An historical 1930 school building has been turned into a festival facility with spring and fall arts and crafts show. For information, 903/297-7854 or visit the Longview Convention & Visitors Bureau at 100 Grand Blvd., or call 903/753-3281.

**Cargill Long Park**—Two-and-a-half mile walking, jogging, and bike trail flanked by towering pines and native flora. Signed exercise stations; benches, picnic tables, playground; handicapped access. Open daily 6 a.m. - 11 p.m., on Hollybrook Street one block west of U.S. 259; northeast edge of city south of Loop 281.

**Gregg County Historical Museum**—Exhibits devoted to local East Texas history, agriculture, communications, and military collections. Reproductions of early rooms: banker's office, parlor, kitchen, and interior of log cabin. Audiovisual historical program. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Housed in historical-marked 1910 bank building. 214 N. Fredonia. Admission.

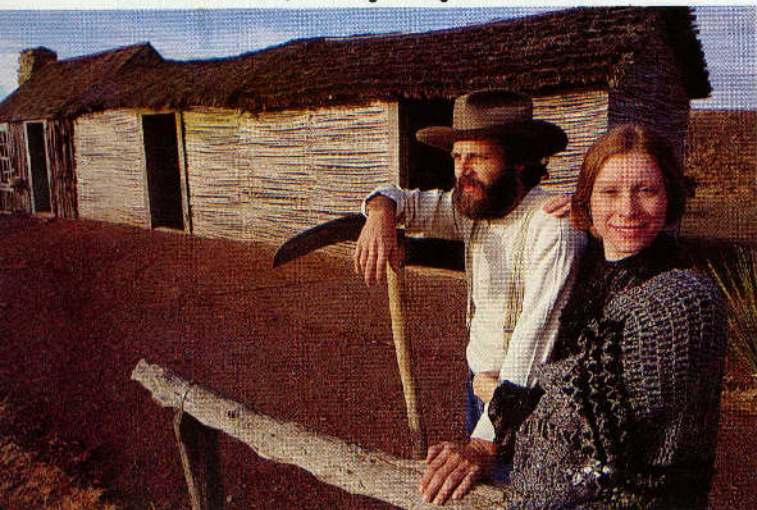
**Lakes**—Caddo, Gladewater, Lake O' the Pines, and many others. Visit Longview Convention & Visitors Bureau, 100 Grand Blvd., for free East Texas Lakes Guide. Tel. 903/753-3281. Also see LAKES listing at end of book.

**Lone Star Speedway**—Sat. night races feature I.M.C.A. modifieds, dirt south late models, and hot stocks. A three-eighth mile, high bank clay oval track serves a challenging course for drivers. Races every Sat. night Mar. - Oct.; gates opens 6 p.m., racing starts 8 p.m. 1-20 at F.M. 2207. Tel. 903/984-3699. Admission.

**Longview Museum and Arts Center**—Permanent collection of contemporary and regional American artists; changing exhibits. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 102 W. College Ave. Occasionally closed when preparing special exhibits. Tel. 903/753-8103.

**Plantation Pottery**—57,000-sq.-ft. complex on ten landscaped acres. See potters turning their wares—pots, churns, and other stoneware on Fri. and Sat. Facility also includes 10,000-sq.-ft. greenhouse; "miniature world," an Old West village on miniature scale; and nature trails. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun. 12:30 - 6 p.m. From I-20, take Eastman Rd. exit; north on U.S. 259 6.5 mi. From Loop 281, take U.S. 259 exit; north .5 mi. Tel. 903/663-3387.

**Pioneer *Sotol* House, Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock**



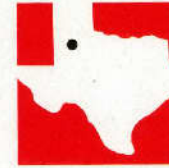
**Reo Palm Isle**—Originated as Mattie's Ballroom during the 1930s, is landmark for Longview. Features top Country/Western entertainment year round. Open daily, except Mon. F.M. 1845 at Texas 31. 903/753-4440.

**R. G. LeTourneau Museum**—Houses many of famed industrialist's patents and business artifacts; some of his early earth-moving equipment on display. On LeTourneau University campus in R.G. LeTourneau Memorial Student Building. 2100 S. Mobblerly Ave. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Campus tours also available; contact campus tour director, 903/753-0231, ext. 314.

**LUBBOCK**  
Pop. 188,789

Alt. 3,241

Map G-9



**General**—Seat of Lubbock County and major city of the South Plains. Established 1891 as compromise between rival town builders. Slow early growth; settlers complained of prairie fires, sandstorms,

tumbleweeds, and occasional droughts.

Today a city of industry, technology, oil, agriculture, warehousing, medicine and culture. Site of Lubbock Christian Univ., Texas Tech Univ. and School of Medicine, and Reese AFB.

Major annual event is Panhandle-South Plains Fair, last week in Sept., one of largest regional fairs in state. Draws quarter-million visitors to pageants, contests, and entertainment as well as traditional fair exhibits.

Lubbock lies on I-27/U.S. 84, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Buddy Holly Statue and Walk of Fame**—Honors Lubbock and West Texas natives who have made significant contributions in entertainment industry. Plaques include Mac Davis, Waylon Jennings, Jimmy Dean, Bobby Keys, Raina English, G.W. Bailey, Barry Corbin, four members of the Crickets, Tanya Tucker, Joe Ely, Roy Orbison, Bob Wills, the Gatlin Bros., Thomas Lesslie "Snuff" Garrett, Jr., and members of the Maines Bros. Band. Center of the walk features a bronze statue of Lubbock's favorite son, rock-and-roller Buddy Holly. 8th St. and Ave. Q.

**Godbold Cultural Center**—"The newest old place in town" is where visitors can enjoy the beauty of the visual and performing arts. Original works by artists of regional and international fame are displayed in various gallery rooms. Ballet, classical music, jazz, and drama are performed in the Main Stage Center. Cafe, espresso and cappuccino bar, speciality shops and gift shop. 2601 19th St. 806/741-1953.

**Lake**—Buffalo Springs. See LAKES listing.

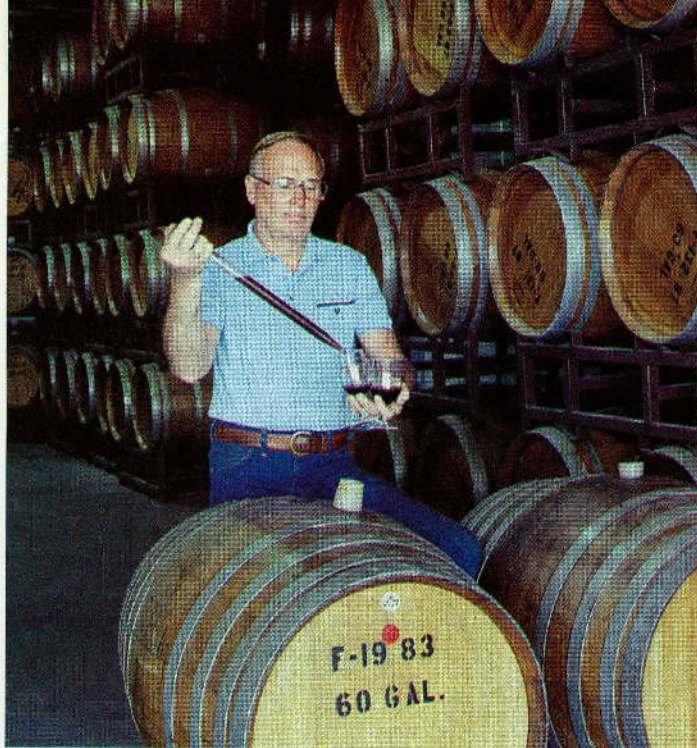
**Lubbock Fine Arts Center**—Changing exhibits of visual arts from photography to painting to sculpture. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at 2600 Avenue P. 806/767-2686.

**Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park**—Remarkable state and national historic landmark yields evidence of continuous human occupation from approximately 12,000 B.C. to the present. Little disturbed stratigraphic and artifactal records identify prehistory cultures including early Clovis, Folsom, Plainview, and Firstview peoples. Excavations have revealed remains of extinct mammoth, horse, camel, giant bison, and a 6-ft. long armadillo. Archaeological excavations continue each summer; crews often international with students from around the world.

Robert A. Nash Interpretive Center exhibits fossils and artifacts from the site, also children's learning center. Park open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; day-use areas include interpretive trails, shade shelters and picnic tables. Admission. 806/765-0737. Access to archaeological area by guided tours only (by Museum of Texas Tech University), offered only during active archaeological work; inquire at 806/742-2546. Park is at northwest edge of Lubbock, access from intersection of U.S. 84 and Loop 289.



**Buddy Holly Statue in Lubbock**



**Llano Estacado Winery in Lubbock**



**Omnimax & Science Spectrum in Lubbock**

Moody Planetarium in museum offers programs Tues. - Fri. beginning 3:30 p.m., Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Sat. - Sun. at 2 & 3:30 p.m. Fee for planetarium. 4th St. & Indiana Ave. 806/742-2190.

**Ominimax & Science Spectrum**—Theater uses the largest film frame in cinematic history (70 mm) and advanced projector to project images on huge 58-ft. diameter dome screen, visually encompassing the audience. Shows daily; for information, 806/745-MAXX (6299).

Experience learning through discovery at Science Spectrum. It's a hands-on science, nature, and technology museum especially for youngsters, and adults, too! "Kidspace" for preschool children. Traveling exhibits throughout the year. For information, 806/745-2525. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5:30 p.m. 2579 S. Loop 289. Admission.

**Ranching Heritage Center**—Story of Panhandle ranching told in 33 authentic structures moved to this 15-acre site: bunkhouses, barns, dugouts, windmills, ranch homes, and school from 19th and 20th-Centuries, excellently restored and furnished. Docents in period attire host visitors Sun. afternoon. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Just east of Museum of Texas Tech (above). 4th St. and Indiana Ave. 806/742-2490.

**Texas Water Rampage**—Water theme park for swimming, splashing, tubing, water slides; also go-carts. Open during summer daily noon to 7 p.m. except Sat. opening at 11 a.m. Admission. On U.S. 62/82 1.5 mi. west of Loop 289; admission. 806/796-0701.

**Wineries—Cap Rock** is a new High Plains winery. Tasting room, gift shop and tours Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. From South Loop 289, U.S. 87 south approx. 6 mi. to Woodrow Road, then east to the winery. 806/863-2704.

**Llano Estacado Winery**, born from a casual experiment with grapevines shading a Lubbock patio, this winery now is one of Texas' largest. Tasting room samples Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Riesling, and others. Gift shop and tasting open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. noon - 4 p.m. Tours available. Take U.S. 87 south to F.M. 1585, then 3.2 miles east. 806/745-2258.

**Lubbock Visitor Information**—Literature about attractions, visitor sites, events; information about dining and accommodations. Lubbock Chamber of Commerce/Convention & Tourism Bureau corner of 14th St. and Ave. K, open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. 806/747-5232 or 1-800-692-4035.

**Mackenzie Park**—Day-use park operated by city. Prairie Dog Town in park is one of few remaining colonies of its type in nation. Visitors enjoy close-up views of the frisky little animals that once inhabited the plains by the millions. Picnicking, golf, and Joyland amusement park.

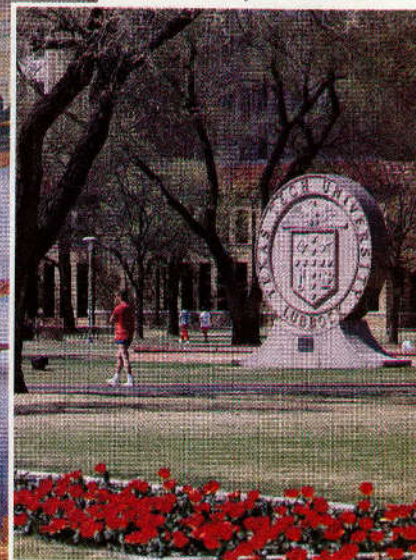
Also in park is segment of Yellow House Canyon, site of last fight in Lubbock County between buffalo hunters and Indians in 1877. Yellow House Canyon was known to Spanish explorers as early as 17th Century. Within city off East Broadway and Avenue A.

**Museum of Texas Tech University**—Exhibits cover the broad range of arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences with emphasis on study of arid and semiarid lands, their environments and the cultures that inhabit them. Among notable exhibits, the Diamond M Art Collection including fabulous jades and ivories that once belonged to Helena Rubinstein. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Thurs. to 8:30 p.m.); Sun. 1 - 5:00 p.m.

**Museum of Texas Tech University in Lubbock**



**Texas Tech campus in Lubbock**





*Willie and Waylon's Luckenbach, east of Fredericksburg. Don't count on signs; souvenir thieves swipe them as fast as they can be placed.*

**LUCKENBACH**

Pop. 25

Alt. 1,561

Map P-15



*General—Settled in 1850 by German pioneers, the tiny hamlet remained obscure until bought in the 1970s by the late Hondo Crouch, pixieish Hill Country humorist, writer, and authentic Texas character.*

An enormously popular country/Western song made the name known virtually worldwide.

Luckenbach remains as it was—one unpainted general store that also serves as a beer tavern, a traditional rural dance hall, and a sometimes-used blacksmith shop. Sunday afternoons are often spontaneous “happenings.” Banjo pickers, guitar strummers, and fiddlers form impromptu groups beneath huge old live oaks. Whittlers ply their leisurely craft, and washer pitchers exercise deceptively simple skills.

Luckenbach's bemusing ambiance, according to one writer, “is like Brigadoon; you're almost afraid to go back because it might not be there again.”

It's there—east of Fredericksburg off U.S. 290, five miles south just off F.M. 1376. Don't count on signs; souvenir thieves swipe them as fast as they can be placed.

**Museum of East Texas**



**LUFKIN**

Pop. 30,791

Alt. 328

Map M-22



*General—Heart of East Texas Piney Woods region, home of vast lumber and wood-products industries; access to outdoor recreation in Angelina and Davy Crockett National Forests and huge Sam Rayburn*

Reservoir. Area produces more than a million board feet of saw timber annually and major volume of pulpwood, from short- and longleaf pines, cypress, hickory, oak, gum, and magnolia.

City parks offer picnicking and outdoor sports including golf, fishing, swimming, and tennis. Sites of historical interest are marked throughout city. Home of Angelina Junior College.

Contact Angelina County Chamber of Commerce at Loop 287 & Chestnut St. for complete details on city and area attractions. Open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 409/634-6644.

**Angelina National Forest**—Nearest entrance is 14 miles southeast on U.S. 69. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Davy Crockett National Forest**—Nearest entrance is about 11 miles west on Texas 94. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Ellen Trout Zoo and Park**—Fully accredited zoo shows a wide variety of animals and birds; known for its breeding programs for West African

**Giant Lake Sam Rayburn, in heart of Angelina National Forest, is largest body of water wholly within state**







**Forestry Museum in Lufkin**

crowned crane and Louisiana pine snake. Open daily; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (til 6 p.m. summer). Loop 287 North. Admission. 409/633-0399.

**Lake**—Sam Rayburn. See LAKES listing. (Angelina County Chamber of Commerce and many local business firms can provide recreational maps of reservoir.)

**Medford Collection of Western Art**—More than 50 paintings by contemporary artists including Joe Beeler, James Boren, Raymond Ryan, and Ross Stefan exhibited at city hall. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 300 E. Shepherd St.

**Museum of East Texas**—Housed in historic 1905 Episcopal Church. Changing exhibits in art, science and history. Permanent Rotary Gallery of Art features East Texas artists. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Second and Paul Sts. 409/639-4434.

**Texas Forestry Museum**—Forestlands flora and fauna exhibits, leaf and tree identifications, early logging machinery, firefighting equipment, old railroad depot, antique railroad and sawmill steam engines, Mini-Woodland Trail. Operated by Texas Forestry Association; open daily 1 - 4:30 p.m., 1905 Atkinson Dr. 409/632-TREE (8733).

## LULING

Pop. 4,788

Alt. 418

Map Q-17



**General**—Established 1874 as terminus of a branch of Southern Pacific Railroad. In early years a cattle center, shipping point and end of freight trail from Chihuahua, Mexico. The crossroads frontier settlement was once

known as "the toughest town in Texas." Oil discovered 1922, and today visitors will see active wells in and around the town, some on such incongruous spots as church lawns, residential back yards and city parks. Many of the bobbing pump jacks are decorated as animals and cartoon characters; popular photo sites.

**Palmetto State Park**—A rare botanical garden, almost tropical profusion of plants, includes an amazing variety, many found nowhere else in Southwest. On San Marcos River, 178-acre park is used as field laboratory by several Texas universities. Descriptive folders interpret nature trails. Tent and trailer camping, rest rooms, swimming, fishing, picnicking, hiking, and nature displays. Seven miles south of Luling on U.S. 183, Park Road 11. Admission.

**Noah's Land Wildlife Park**—See GONZALES.

**Scenic Drive**—Park Road 11 through Palmetto State Park.

**McALLEN**—See RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 78.

## McCAMEY

Pop. 2,421

Alt. 2,441

Map N-9



**General**—Before 1920, only a lone boxcar occasionally stood on siding at this featureless site. Then an oil driller named McCamey hit a gusher. In less than a year, McCamey was sprawling boom town of 10,000 housed

in tents and hastily constructed buildings. Much quieted, McCamey today is still a center of oil activity and is livestock shipping point for surrounding ranches.

**Mendoza Trail Museum**—Exhibits include relics of this recent frontier: Indian artifacts, fossils, mementos of oil boom, antique furniture. Also on museum grounds are historic Adrian House, and Santa Fe RR depot. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5:30 p.m. On U.S. 67 east. 915/652-3192.

**Santa Fe Park**—Large pecan and elm trees, rare in this region, shade picnic areas and grassy playground. At east city limits of McCamey on U.S. 67.

**Scenic Drive**—Panoramic views on drive across King Mountain. Mesa's surface at altitude of 3,100 feet is ranch land shared by cattle, sheep, and oil wells. Inquire locally about county-road route.

## McGREGOR

Pop. 4,754

Alt. 713

Map M-17



**General**—Established 1882 at junction of St. Louis Narrow Gauge and Santa Fe Railroads 14 miles west of Waco. Originally named McGregor Springs in honor of Dr. G. C. McGregor. Historic downtown district dates

from 1900. *McGregor Mirror* office displays original printing equipment used in 1883 to publish *McGregor Plaindealer*. Industries include Hercules naval weapons plant producing solid rocket motors and missiles, and A&M beef cattle research station.

**McGinley Memorial Library**—Public library occupies old Ritz Theater. Balcony houses original projection equipment and movie memorabilia. Open afternoons Tues. - Fri. and Sat. morning. 317 Main St.

**McKINNEY**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 40.

## Palmetto State Park near Luling



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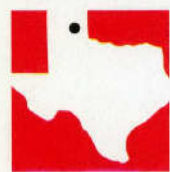
Alanreed-McLean Area Museum, McLean

## McLEAN

Pop. 859

Alt. 2,812

Map D-12



**General**—Established 1901, grew from water well and switch on Choctaw, Oklahoma, and Texas Railroad. Once known as the “uplift city” because of a ladies undergarment factory; former site of World War II German

prisoner of war camp. Now trade center for surrounding farms and ranches. Murals along Main St. depict history of city.

A restored 1930s Phillips 66 station lies on old westbound U.S. 66 road and is considered one of best re-created sites by Old Route 66 Association.

**Alanreed-McLean Area Museum**—Mementos of early settlers of Texas Panhandle; original record book recording births in McLean from 1901 to 1920. Several rooms furnished in pioneer style; community history; history and records of the German Prisoner of War camp of World War II. Open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. 117 N. Main St. Tel. 806/779-2731.

**Devil's Rope Museum**—Large collection of barbed wire artifacts. Also collection of old U.S. 66 memorabilia including maps, old “66” cafe, and tourist court re-creations. Handicapped accessible. Open Apr. - Oct. Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Corner of Kingsley St. and old U.S. 66. 806/779-2225.

**Lakes**—Greenbelt, McClellan. See LAKES listing.

### Gage Hotel in Marathon



Lake Marble Falls

## MARATHON

Pop. 800

Alt. 4,043

Map P-7



**General**—Historical evidence in the West Texas Chihuahuan Desert region indicates habitation for centuries prior to arrival of white men. Fort Pena established there 1879 to guard frontier against Indian uprisings;

town developed 1882 with arrival of Texas and New Orleans Railroad. Name suggested by sea captain who said the area reminded him of Marathon, Greece. Today the town on U.S. 90 at the junction with U.S. 385 is a tourist crossroads, a major gateway to Big Bend National Park, and a headquarters for vast ranching activities. Ft. Pena/Colorado County Park, locally known as “the post,” 4 miles south of town, is surrounded by mountains; a popular place to picnic and swim.

**Big Bend National Park**—Approximately 80 miles south via U.S. 385. See BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK.

**Black Gap Wildlife Management Area**—100,000 acres devoted to management study of native wildlife. Visitors welcome, though formal tours not available. Species include bobcat, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, javelina, fox, coyote and reintroduced desert bighorn sheep. Permit hunting and fishing in Rio Grande at specified times. Camping area for authorized hunters and fishermen only. South 55 miles via U.S. 385 and R.M. 2627.

**Great Marathon Basin**—Widely known geologic area noted for extensive surface outcroppings of varied rocks and minerals, popular with professional geologists and amateur rockhounds. Inquire locally for directions to many interesting spots.

**Historic Inn: Gage Hotel**—Restored West Texas hotel of the 1920s, original pine floors and woodwork; utilitarian rooms (19) with ranch-style furnishings, 7 baths. Traditional Texas fare in restaurant. U.S. 90 in town.

## MARBLE FALLS

Pop. 4,098

Alt. 764

Map O-16

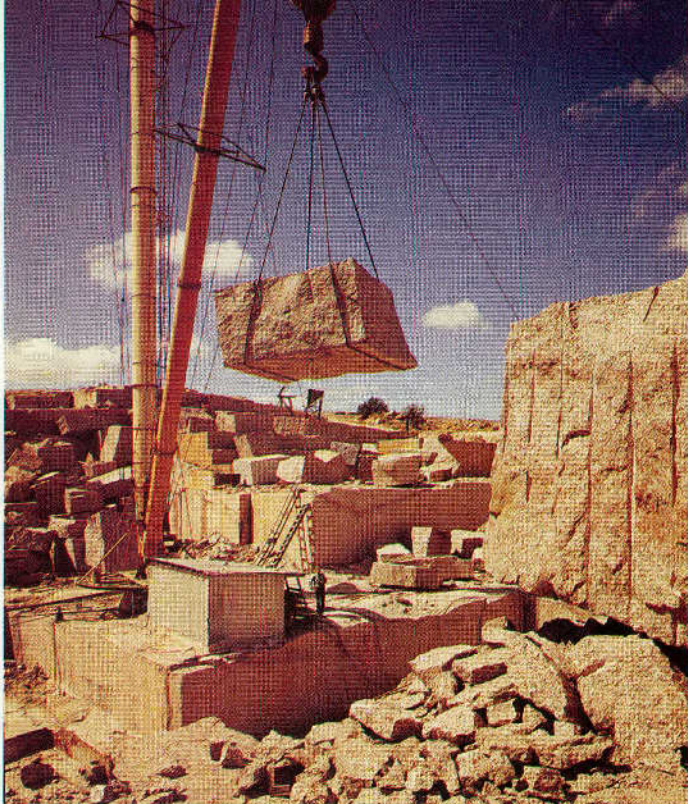


**General**—Named for Colorado River waterfalls over marble outcroppings. Hunting, fishing and camping activities are popular. Native game fish abound in lakes and streams. Fall and winter hunting seasons

offer plentiful white-tailed deer, wild turkey and excellent wing shooting of migratory and native game birds.

**Fox Memorial Marker**—A monument overlooking Colorado River and scenic Hill Country is dedicated to Oscar J. Fox, composer of the classic popular song, “Hills of Home.” In roadside park on U.S. 281 just south of town.

**Granite Mountain**—Huge dome of high-quality pink and red granite, prized worldwide. Quarrying began in the 1880s for construction of the Texas Capitol. Unending flow of the superb material has continued ever since, yet bulk of the dome has hardly been diminished. View from roadside picnic area on R.M. 1451 just north of town; visitors not admitted to quarry area.



Source of Texas' famed pink granite is in Marble Falls

**MARFA**

Pop. 2,316

Alt. 4,688

Map P-5



**General**—Established 1881 as water stop of Texas and New Orleans RR, now trading point for many large ranches in surrounding mountains. Superb climate makes Marfa a popular tourist center. In season, hunters are

attracted by plentiful mule deer and pronghorn antelope.

Soaring is a popular sport, and sailplanes may sometimes be seen winging gracefully over high mesas and mile-high peaks; three national championships and nation's only world championship soaring contest were staged here in recent years.

**Big Bend National Park**—Approximately 156 miles southeast via U.S. 67 and F.M. 170. The river road, F.M. 170, offers spectacular scenery. See BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK.

**Chinati Foundation**—Large-scale sculpture by contemporary artists; some enclosed, some in open air. On grounds of historic Fort D. A. Russell on south edge of city. Open Thurs. - Sat. noon - 5 p.m. At One Cavalry Rd. just off U.S. 67.

**Highest Golf Course in Texas**—Municipal nine-hole course nearly a mile high. Visitors and locals enjoy golfing in the clear, dry mountain air.

**Historic Inn: El Paisano Hotel**—Designed in 1928, building reflects Spanish Colonial style with its stucco walls. Listed on National Register of Historic Places. In 1955 hotel served as base of operations for filmmaker George Stevens while filming the movie "Giant." At N. Highland and West Texas Sts. 915/729-3145.

**Marfa Mystery Lights**—First reported by early settlers in 1883, the mysterious lights still defy explanation. An historical marker at the prime viewing area, nine miles east of the city on U.S. 90, gives details.

**MARLIN**

Pop. 6,483

Alt. 383

Map N-18



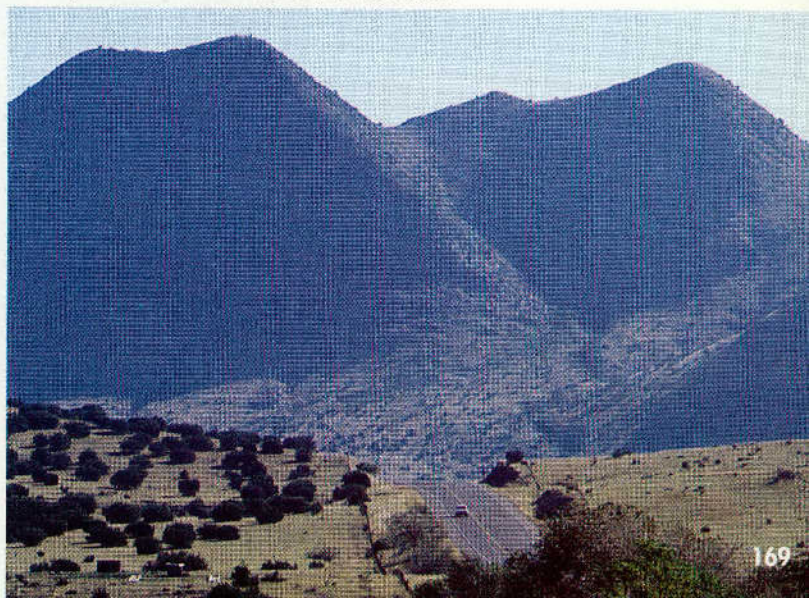
**General**—Established in 1830s, early settlers suffered numerous attacks by Indians, with out-numbered colonists often on losing side. Sites of such conflicts marked about town. In the early 1890s drillers struck hot artesian

well whose curative qualities made town a spa and health resort for thousands who came to bathe in the "miracle" waters. Today the water is again leading the way as residents investigate the promise of geothermal energy. A hospital and the chamber of commerce are heated by hot spring water.

Vacation area with excellent fishing and golf. Two miles west of city, Falls on the Brazos Park offers fishing, canoeing, swimming and camping. (Fee for overnight.)

**Falls County Museum**—History, local and pioneer exhibits. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 4 p.m. 141 Railroad St.

*Spectacular vistas on U.S. 67/90 near Marfa*



**Lake Marble Falls Cruise**—Ply the beautiful blue waters of Lake Marble Falls aboard the *General Johnson* as it winds among scenic Hill Country. Dinner/sight-seeing cruises Fri. & Sat. Cruise departs from Lakeside Park. For reservations, 210/693-6126.

**Lakes**—Buchanan, Inks, Lyndon B. Johnson, Marble Falls, Travis. See LAKES listing.

**Scenic Drives**—R.M. 1431 offers breathtaking scenery both northwest and southeast over winding curves and hills, with frequent glimpses of Highland Lakes. Spring scenes are exceptionally beautiful.

Both R.M. 2147 (not shown on most maps) along western shore of Lake Marble Falls, and Texas 71 through Hill Country are routes to be remembered.

*El Paisano Hotel, Marfa*





Clay pots in every form and color at Marshall Pottery

**MARSHALL**

Pop. 24,096

Alt. 375

Map K-22



**General**—Settled 1839, became seat of Harrison County 1842. When Texas seceded from Union in 1861, city was one of biggest and wealthiest in the state. It produced saddles, harnesses, clothing, powder and

ammunition for Confederacy. When Vicksburg fell, Marshall became seat of civil authority west of the Mississippi River, wartime capital of Missouri and headquarters of Trans-Mississippi Postal Department. Confederate Monument on courthouse lawn. Several historic homes offer bed and breakfast. Home of East Texas Baptist Univ., Texas State Technical College, and Wiley College.

**Caddo Lake State Park**—See KARNACK.

**Genocchio National Historic District**—Three square blocks in the heart of old downtown centering around the 1896 Genocchio Hotel, one of the state's finest examples of Victorian hotel architecture with magnificent interior or woodwork and decorative details. Early Texas notables lodged and dined here. Occasionally open. Washington St. at T&P depot.

Another feature of the historic district is the nearby Allen house, a typical example of early Texas architecture, circa 1877, with up and downstairs verandas fronting the full length of the white frame house. 610 N. Washington St.

**Harrison County Historical Society Museum**—Remodeled former county courthouse. Exhibits depict history of Marshall and Harrison County

including Caddo Indian artifacts, pioneer and Civil War displays, George Foreman and Bill Moyers exhibits, Lady Bird Johnson display, and Y.A. Tittle exhibit. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. Admission.

**Lakes**—Brandy Branch, Caddo, Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES listing.

**Marshall Pottery**—Established in 1896, one of the largest manufacturers of glazed pottery in the U.S. At main showroom 2.5 miles SE of Marshall on F.M. 31, visitors will see hundreds of kinds of decorative and utility pots, bowls, plaques and figurines. Regular demonstrations of pottery making and firing; greenhouse. Old World Store sells pottery and related items. Also RV park with 18 sites with water and electricity; dump station. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 6 p.m. Rsvns accepted for camping. 903/938-9201.

**Michelson-Reves Art Museum**—Features the work of the late French Impressionist Leo Michelson whose work is displayed internationally. Open Tues. - Fri. noon - 5 p.m., Sat. - Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Closed Mon. and holidays. 216 N. Bolivar St. Admission.

**Starr Family State Historic Site**—Better known as Maplecroft, the name given when the house was built in 1870 by James F. Starr, son of Dr. James Harper Starr, early financier, Surgeon General of the Republic of Texas in 1837, Secretary of the Treasury for the Republic, Postmaster General of the Confederacy west of the Mississippi, and member of the first board of regents of the University of Texas. The family remained prominent in the state's political and economic scene through successive generations. The construction materials and furnishings of the home were shipped from New Orleans and reflect the Italianate style that was then popular there. Shipwrights were imported to do the construction and all the red heart pine was inspected by a lumber expert. Open Wed. - Mon. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.). 407 W. Travis St. 903/935-3044. Admission.

Starr Family State Historic Site in Marshall





**Marshall's Wonderland of Lights**

**Wonderland of Lights**—Held annually Thanksgiving - New Year's Day features millions of tiny white lights. This is one of the largest concerted holiday light shows in the nation. Hundreds of businesses outline buildings and decorate windows; entire neighborhoods decorate around central themes; more than 125,000 lights decorate festival's "jewel," the historic Courthouse Museum. Visitors from all 50 states and many foreign countries have attended the extravaganza. For information, 903/935-7868.

**MASON**

Pop. 2,122                      Alt. 1,550                      Map O-14



**General**—Seat of Mason County, grew under protection of Fort Mason, one of series of Texas frontier forts. In rolling, scenic Hill Country noted for camping, hunting and fishing. White-tailed deer and wild turkey

attract hunters each fall and winter; fishing in beautiful Llano River is year round sport. Historical interest centers around Indians who once roamed area, a bloody feud known as the Mason County War, and the fort. Many homes and businesses in town are constructed of original-cut sandstone blocks from old Fort Mason. Bluebonnets blanket surrounding hillsides and valleys during spring. Note picturesque rock fences stitched along scenic countryside.

Visit historic town square; quaint courthouse amid large pecan trees offers photo opportunity.

**Fort Mason**—An officers quarters reconstructed on crest of Post Hill marks location of fort that commanded a wide view. A number of crumbling foundations still show some sites of 23 original buildings that included barracks, officers quarters, storehouses, stables, guardhouse and hospital. Primarily a cavalry post, Fort Mason was duty station for such military figures as Albert Sidney Johnston, John Bell Hood and Robert E. Lee. Fort Mason was Lee's last command in U.S. Army—from here he was called to Washington where he refused command of Union army being prepared for the War Between the States. Briefly activated after that war, Fort Mason was abandoned in 1869. The reconstructed building is on original foundations; double fireplace foundations are original, and rock used was from original building materials of fort. About five blocks south of courthouse.

**Fort Mason City Park**—125-acre park with picknicking facilities among large pecan trees, fully equipped RV camping sites, 9-hole golf course, rodeo arena, athletic fields, walking trails, and playscape. U.S. 87 1 mile south.

**Mason County Museum**—General collection of Mason County historical items is housed in old schoolhouse built in 1870s, largely from material from Fort Mason buildings. The original spring for the fort still flows just east of the museum, although not as profusely as when it served the fort. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 300 Moody St.

**Seaquist Home**—Constructed in 1880s; contains 17 rooms, 14 fireplaces; exhibits outstanding craftsmanship, unusual architecture, furnishings. Normally open for tours, but appointments advisable. 400 Broad St. Admission.

**MATHIS**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION,



**Reconstructed officers quarters at Fort Mason**

**MEMPHIS**

Pop. 2,469                      Alt. 2,067                      Map E-5



**General**—Seat of Hall County, one of major cotton-producing counties in Texas Panhandle and banking and marketing center for surrounding area. Industries include agribusiness firms, cotton storage,

processing and shipping, grain and livestock.

**Bob Wills Museum**—See TURKEY.

**City Park**—Facilities include overnight camping, swimming pool, nine-hole golf course, tennis courts.

**Scenic Drive**—Texas 256 west traverses rolling country often cut by tributaries of Prairie Dog Town Fork of Red River. It threads among the jumbled, broken remnants of the High Plains, then ascends the Cap Rock in a spectacular drive amid colorful cliffs and canyons.

**MENARD**

Pop. 1,774                      Alt. 1,960                      Map O-13



**General**—Established 1858 near ruins of ancient Spanish mission Santa Cruz de San Saba (see below), which had been abandoned a century before. Town was early trading post and stop on north and

west cattle trails; compound of an old Spanish mission just east of town served as corral, holding up to 3,000 cattle on way to market. Only scattered ruins of mission remain today. Currently, sheep and wool production are of

**Rock fences near Mason**



primary importance, followed by beef cattle and Angora goats. Legends of lost silver mine still circulate in area. Picnic facilities in attractive, tree-shaded city park on San Saba River in midtown; public golf course adjacent to presidio ruins just west of town; camping and fishing in county park on F.M. 2292 a half-mile west of town.

**Country Store**—Locally produced handicrafts, arts and foods in this quaint and interesting establishment. Open daily 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; U.S. 83 north at Magnolia St.

**Menard County Museum**—Local history exhibits and frontier artifacts housed in small, vintage railroad depot. Open Mon. - Wed. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; at U.S. 83/ U.S. 190 (100 Frisco Ave.). Admission.

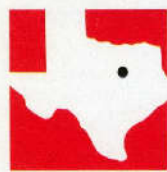
**Ruins of Real Presidio de San Saba**—Spanish fort established 1751 to protect Mission Santa Cruz de San Saba. Mission experienced increasing hostility from Indians, and presidio commander urged missionaries to abandon their effort. They refused, and on Mar. 16, 1758, a strong force of Comanche and other Indians overran the mission, killed many occupants and burned the buildings. Only a few escaped. Small relief force of soldiers from this presidio were so fiercely attacked, they were unable to prevent mission destruction. In following years Indian depredations became so severe that supply columns and other activities outside the presidio came to virtual standstill. Presidio was abandoned in 1769. Ruins maintained as county park 2 miles west off Texas 29.

**MERIDIAN**

Pop. 1,436

Alt. 791

Map L-17



**General**—Established on the Fourth of July, 1854, as seat of newly created Bosque County; named for its location on 100th meridian. A small log-cabin courthouse was first structure erected in town. Today a retail

center for agricultural activities. Popular state park is nearby (see below). Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

**Lake**—Whitney. See LAKES listing.

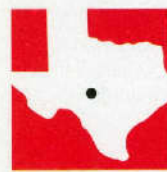
**Meridian State Park**—Scenic 503 acres on Bee Creek in Bosque Valley, with 70-acre lake. Facilities include camping and trailer sites, screened shelters, group camp and opportunities for fishing, swimming, boating and hiking. Tawakoni Indians lived in the area until the mid-1800s. Four miles southwest of Meridian via Texas 22, Park Road 7. Admission.

**MERTZON**

Pop. 730

Alt. 2,184

Map N-11



**General**—Established 1910 as stop on Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad; named for a director of the line. Seat of Irion County, a rolling to hilly area devoted primarily to ranching. County is one of

Texas' leading sheep producing areas.

**Meridian State Park**



**Ruins of Real Presidio de San Saba, Spanish fort established in 1751; in county park near Menard**

**Irion County Museum**—Local history exhibits. Open Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tues. & Thurs. 1 - 5:30 p.m. Hours may vary; call 915/835-2704 for information. 1 blk. N of courthouse.

**Sherwood Courthouse**—One of best examples of early Texas courthouses still stands in Sherwood, a mile north and a mile east of Mertzton. Community was seat of Irion County from 1889 until 1936. The courthouse now belongs to Sherwood Community Association.

**MESQUITE**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 41.

**MEXIA**

Pop. 7,161

Alt. 534

Map M-19



**General**—Established 1871, named for Mexican General Jose Antonio Mexia whose family donated townsite. The general first served under Santa Anna, but later joined an uprising against the Mexican dictator. The

rebellion failed, and the city's namesake died before a firing squad.

Natural gas discovered nearby in 1912; oil gusher blew in nine years later. Resulting boom brought rowdy period marked by violence and martial law. As in most cases, the boom faded quickly, and Mexia today is a small, quiet city devoted to modern agriculture, oil and gas production.

**Confederate Reunion Grounds State Park**—Site of reunions of Confederate States of America veterans from 1889 till 1946. Historic features include 1872 Heritage House, the 1893 dance pavilion, Mordecai Yell's two-story log cabin, and a CSA cannon. Scenic nature trails with footbridges, fishing in Navasota River, picnicking. Open daylight hours. Six mi. south on Texas 14, 3 mi. west on F.M. 2705 (not shown on most maps).

**Fort Parker State Park**—1,485 acres of wooded and open park land offer natural beauty, varied recreational opportunities. On Navasota River and 750-acre Lake Springfield. Camping, fishing, swimming, nature study. Nearby is restored Old Fort Parker (see below). State Park is 5 miles southwest on Texas 14, Park Road 28. Admission.

**Lake**—Mexia. See LAKES listing.

**Old Fort Parker State Historic Site**—Established 1834 by Silas and James Parker and other members of the family of Elder John Parker. The private fort was to protect a settlement of eight or nine families. However, in 1836 a mass attack by several hundred Comanches overran fort, killing five of Parker family and carrying into captivity five persons including Cynthia Ann Parker, then 9 years old. She grew up, married a Comanche chief and lived with the Indians until captured with her two-year-old daughter, Prairie Flower, 24 years later in 1860. She was mother of the last great Comanche chief, Quanah Parker. Cynthia Ann never became reconciled to her forced return to the life of her white kinsmen and tried several times to escape. Unhappy and virtual prisoners, both she and her daughter died about four years after they were separated from the wild, free life of the Comanche. Restored in 1936 and again in 1967, old fort has pioneer memorabilia, authentic log blockhouses and stockade. Open daylight hours; closed Mon. & Tues. Eight miles southwest on Texas 14, Park Road 35. Admission.

**Tehuacana Hills**—Highest point between Houston and Dallas, a focal point of history for nearly 200 years. In 1797 Philip Nolan's trading expedition found peaceful Tehuacana Indians farming here. Fierce Cherokees destroyed farming tribe around 1830. Tehuacana Academy, organized 1852, provided incentive for founding of Trinity Univ., now located in San Antonio. Silvery-towered former administration building dominates the site.

**Confederate Reunion Grounds State Park near Mexia**



**MIAMI**

Pop. 661

Alt. 2,744

Map C-5



**General**—Seat of Roberts County, name is an Indian word for sweetheart. Originated as construction camp on Santa Fe Railroad in 1887. Now commercial, shipping and banking center for county. Hunting and

fishing available in surrounding areas.

**Roberts County Museum**—Housed in restored Santa Fe Railroad depot; extensive collections include kitchen, household antiques, pioneer documents, frontier firearms, Indian relics, farm and ranch antiques, including chuck wagon, buggies and implements, half-dugout, blacksmith, tinsmith, cobbler and print shop displays, and portion of Meade collection of prehistoric archaeological artifacts and fossils. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. U.S. 60 midtown.

**MIDLAND**

Pop. 92,005

Alt. 2,779

Map L-9



**General**—City lies on former Chihuahua Trail, Emigrant Road to California, and Comanche War Trail; named for location halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso. Established 1885 by thrifty midwestern farm families;

predominant economic basis was agricultural until 1923 discovery of oil in Permian Basin. Through "booms" and "busts" city has grown and developed with high-rise buildings, strong educational system and dedication to fine arts.

Midland Angels, franchised by the California Angels, play AA professional baseball Apr. - Aug.

**Confederate Air Force Flying Museum**—After World War II, handful of former service pilots put their wartime flying experience to use as crop-duster pilots in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. But when a group of them paid \$2500 for a surplus P-51D Mustang in 1957, the seed was planted for the growth of the nation's finest and most complete collection of flyable WWII combat aircraft.

When these dedicated pilots found that virtually all of the nearly 300,000 aircraft that had been produced during the war had been destroyed, they vowed to try to preserve at least one of each type so that future generations would understand and appreciate the importance and accomplishments of American airpower.

The museum remains dedicated to acquisition, restoration and preservation in flying condition of these vintage military aircraft. CAF maintains impressive array of World War II planes of U.S., Britain, Germany and Japan. Major flying demonstration is "Airsho" in October.

Approximately 20 of the 137 aircraft in the CAF are on display at any one time, with different aircraft quarterly. On display could be combat stalwarts such as P-40 Warhawk, P-38 Lightning, P-47 Thunderbolt, P-51 Mustang, P-39 Aircobra, P-63 King Cobra, P-82 Twin Mustang, F4F Wildcat, F6F Hellcat, F8F Bearcat, F4U Corsair, German Heinkel HE-111, and Messerschmitt. Other flyable planes include B-24 Liberator, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-29 Superfortress, A-26 Invader, B-25 Mitchell, C-47 Skytrain, and several trainers.

Experience the flight of a young Army Air Force cadet learning to fly in the Entertainment Flight Simulator by combining a laser video disc, audio technology, motion and wind—the same technology used to train pilots. Fee.

Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. and holidays noon - 5 p.m. at Midland International Airport, 8 mi. west on I-20 Business Route. Admission.

**Fire Museum**—Contains city's first two fire trucks and other early fire fighting equipment. Photographs line the walls, and an original collection of early fire markers also on exhibit. Sponsored by Downtown Lions Club. Open daily, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 1500 W. Wall.

**Midland County Museum**—Exhibits include Indian artifacts, pioneer relics; mementos of Civil War and World Wars I and II. Also housed is the John and Rosalind Redfern Genealogical Research Center. Open Mon. - Thurs. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m. In library at 301 W. Missouri.

**Midland Man**—Anthropologist Dr. Fredendorf authenticated remains (calvarium, upper skull) of what is now known as the Midland Man. Discovery proves existence of man in Midland area 22,000 years ago; site on Scharbauer Ranch south of city limits. Reproduction of remains on display in Midland County Museum. (See above.)

**Museum of the Southwest Complex**—Dedicated to preservation and interpretation of Southwestern art and culture; housed in handsome estate of early Midland oil family, covering a city block. Interior house accents include carved wooden friezes, hand-painted tile and Italian marble fireplaces. Exhibits feature Southwestern art painting, sculpture, and ceramics.

Septemberfest arts and crafts fair first weekend following Labor Day each year. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Closed major holidays. 1705 W. Missouri.

**Fredda Turner Durbam Children's Museum**—Exhibits focusing on Southwestern themes provide children and families with an interactive environment for exploration and investigation. Exhibits for children ages 4 - 12; computer area; pre-school play area. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. Admission.

**Marion West Blakemore Planetarium**—Public planetarium shows Sun. at 2 & 3:30 p.m.; "West Texas Skies" star show Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Group shows by reservation. Midland schools use facilities for astronomy classes during school year. Admission. For information, 915/683-2882.

**Model of modern jackknife oil rig at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland**



**Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library/J. Evetts Haley History Center**—With emphasis on Texas and Southwestern history, museum features the collection and historical research of J. Evetts Haley, acknowledged dean of range country historians. Among 10,000 items in the collection are displays, volumes and papers on all facets of early Western life, especially the cowboy and range cattle industry. Foremost among historical relics is original Alamo mission bell, cast in 1722. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 1805 W. Indiana.

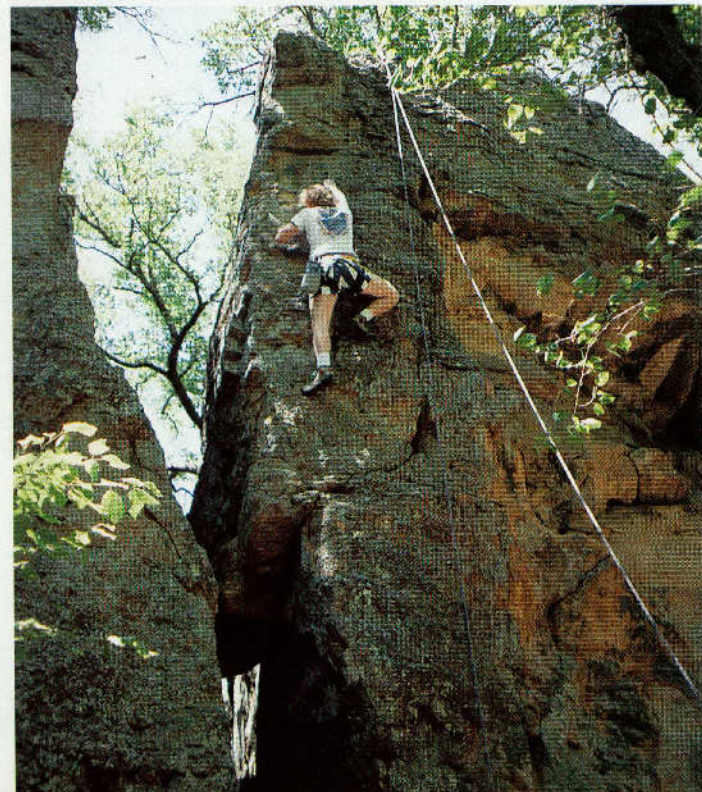
**Parks**—In a city of fine parks, four are exceptional: Dennis the Menace Park, Hogan Park, Chris Davidson Memorial Park, and Centennial Plaza. Dennis the Menace Park is a superb three-acre duplicate of original in Monterey, Calif., with bright colors, wading pools, walks, slides, playhouses and fountains. Hogan Park has picnic areas, playgrounds, swimming pool, ball diamonds, 27-hole golf course, driving range, and the Sibley Nature Center and Trail which gives visitors a look at West Texas flora and fauna. Chris Davidson Memorial Park is one of three parks in the U.S. that is totally accessible to wheelchairs. Park offers merry-go-rounds, swings, physical fitness courses, basketball and volleyball courts, and a gazebo. Centennial Plaza is tribute to Midland's 100th anniversary, dedicated in honor of pioneers who settled here. In center of downtown, it offers waterfalls, terraced landscaping and seating for outdoor concerts and relaxed picnic lunches.

**Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame**—Although the title may appear ponderous, the museum's variety of collections, exhibits and interpretation of the oil industry makes it an outstanding visitor site. To mention only a few highlights: thousand-year-old reed mats and woven fiber articles from the area's prehistoric population; superb historical paintings; cowboy tack and early railroad artifacts. About the oil industry, great historic photos of early boom-town activities; fascinating well-drilling techniques in paintings, models and hardware; 3-D models of oil strata; geological AV shows and the story of oil formation; actual oil-well cores from deep underground. Step back 230 million years and walk 30 feet "under water" in a Permian-age sea. Stand amid a wrecked drilling rig and experience a simulated wild well blowout. Outside, with interpretive signs, are early oil-drilling rigs and equipment. There's much more; try your luck in the "oil game" and plan on several hours to enjoy it all. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. at 1500 I-20 west. Admission.

**Pliska Airplane**—Blacksmith Johnny Pliska probably built and flew first airplane in Texas. Construction began in 1905, just two years after the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk. It's uncertain when the plane first flew, but sometime before 1911. Pliska's flying machine can be viewed daily in the Midland International Airport lobby.

**Theatre Midland**—Home of Midland Community Theatre (MCT); performances include plays, dance, and musicals. MCT's "Summer Mummies," a

**Rock formations amid lush greenery attract rock climbers to Lake Mineral Wells State Park near Mineral Wells**



wild and wooly melodrama, is presented in the historic Yucca Theatre downtown. For information, contact the MCT box office at 915/682-4111. 2000 W. Wadley.

**Water Wonderland**—See ODESSA.

**MILES**

Pop. 838 Alt. 1,800 Map M-12



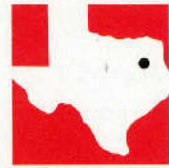
**General**—City named in 1890 when established as extension of the Ballinger-San Angelo railroad line. Named for Jonathan Miles, pioneer cattleman and railroad contractor.

**Old Opera House**—Built in 1904, structure was cultural and social center and housed bank. Later used as store, school, post office and hotel. Closed in 1960; reopened in 1976 to again house bank and opera house. Restored and purchased by Miles Preservation Authority in 1977. Senior citizens who helped restore facility now meet here. Listed on National Register of Historic Buildings. Local handicrafts, antiques and foods available on first floor. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Robinson St. (F.M. 1692) at 2nd St.

**Rumley Tractor**—After 40 years of neglect the 1909 "Advanced Rumley" was moved in 1976 to city where it is a popular photo subject. Weighing in at 19 tons, top speed of the behemoth was 2 1/2 mph. On U.S. 67.

**MINEOLA**

Pop. 4,507 Alt. 414 Map J/K-16



**General**—Town developed in southwestern Wood County when the Houston and Great Northern RR built through the area in 1871. Railroadman Ira H. Evans named the town for his daughter Ola and her friend, Minnie

Patton, and approved by I. E. Ward, construction engineer and resident of Mineola, NY. The town became shipping and retail center in the middle 1840s. When the Texas and Pacific and Missouri, Kansas, and Texas RRs arrived, railroad shops opened and town became a railroad junction point.

Diversified industries and agriculture play a dominant role in today's economy.

Known as "gateway to East Texas pine country," city sponsors Holiday Motor Trails throughout the year beginning in spring when dogwood, blue-bonnets, and crimson clover bloom profusely over green carpeted meadows and on through autumn when hardwood leaves turn crimson, yellow and gold among the pines.

More than a dozen antique and craft shops await shoppers. For location and map check with chamber of commerce at 101 E. Broad St. 903/569-2087.

Bed and breakfast facilities offered in historic buildings.

**Lakes**—Hawkins, Holbrook, Quitman, and Wimmsboro. See LAKES listing.

**Railroad Museum**—Railroad memorabilia housed in old depot on Front St. recall early days of Mineola. Exhibits document the cotton industry and shipping of bales of cotton on trains to markets. Nearby is restored caboose. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**MINERAL WELLS**

Pop. 15,478 Alt. 925 Map J-16



**General**—Discovery of medicinal qualities in waters made city nationally famous in late 19th-early 20th Centuries. Was said that waters of the Crazy Well (discovered in 1885) could cure mental illness and a long

list of other maladies. Today modern health seekers, conventioners, retired persons, hunters and fishermen enjoy mild climate and surrounding Palo Pinto Mountains. Several outfitters provide canoe rentals and trips on nearby Brazos River. A walking tour encompasses historic downtown area. (See Visitor Information below.)

VF Outlet Mall offers factory-direct stores with manufacturers selling direct. Open daily. 4500 U.S. 180 east.

**Crazy Water Well**—Historical marker at intersection of U.S. 281/180 marks site of first mineral-water well in county. Several other historical markers in county detail area history.





*McKittrick Canyon in Guadalupe Mountains National park*



**Mother Neff State Park, first state park in Texas, on Leon River near Moody**

**Famous Water Company**—Founded in 1913 by Edward P. Dismuke, this bottling company is the only mineral water well in operation today. Some of Dismuke's products were Dismuke's Pronto-lax, Dismuke's Famous Mineral Crystals, Dismuke's Eye Bath, and Dismuke's residuum. Building includes historical marker. The drinking pavilion, well, and bottling plant are at 209 N.W. 6th St. Open Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon.

**Lake Mineral Wells State Park**—2,853 acres of post-oak woodlands and grassy meadows surround 673-acre Lake Mineral Wells; extensive day-use picnic facilities on south side of lake, overnight facilities on north side. Abundant wildlife includes white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Tent and RV sites with electricity and water, screened shelters, recreation hall, rest rooms, showers, dump station, boat ramp, 10-mile equestrian and hiking trail leads to primitive camp area. (Horses not provided.) Fishing and swimming in lake. Three miles east on U.S. 180. Admission.

**Lakes**—Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto and Possum Kingdom. See LAKES listing.

**Palo Pinto Museum**—Old jail and log cabin, area history and artifacts. Open weekend afternoons in summer. One block south of courthouse in Palo Pinto, 12 miles west, U.S. 180.

**Scenic Drives**—Texas 4 (12 miles west of Mineral Wells at Palo Pinto) south to I-20 offers spectacular bluffs and scenery through the Palo Pinto Mountains. U.S. 281 north from I-20 snakes through the Brazos River valley offering views of the valley floor from bluffs above.

**Visitor Information**—Details and free literature about Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto Co. historic sites, campgrounds, accommodations and current events available at chamber of commerce, 511 E. Hubbard. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call in TX & US 1-800-252-MWTX or 817/325-2557.

**MISSION**—See RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 79.

**MOBEETIE**—See WHEELER, Page 232.

**MONAHANS**

Pop. 8,245

Alt. 2,613

Map M-7



**General**—Spanish explorers crossed area of present Ward County more than 400 years ago, but it remained undisturbed habitat of Indians until mid-1800s. City established about 1881 as stop on Texas and Pacific

Railroad, building west from Fort Worth. County seat, today a financial and marketing center for more than 800 square miles of cattle and oil country.

Oil wells, drilled at a distance from the downtown area, are slanted to draw oil from beneath city hall, courthouse, banks and business houses.

**Lake**—Imperial Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Million Barrel Museum**—Built in 1928 as oil-storage facility, huge tank was abandoned due to leakage. Converted in 1987 to museum featuring relocated and restored Holman House that served as hotel at terminus of Monahans-Fort Stockton Stage Line early in 20th Century. Period furnishings. Also on site is first Ward County jail, display of antique oil field equipment and amphitheater. Open daily. On U.S. 80, 1.5 mi. east of city.

**Monahans Sandhills State Park**—4,000 acres of wind-sculptured sand dunes like classical landscape of the Sahara. Park has modern museum and interpretive center, picnicking, camping and sand surfing. Huge sandhills area, only part of which is in park, was formidable obstacle to pioneer travelers and wagon trains. Indians knew it better and frequently camped here because pure, fresh water could be found between certain dunes by scooping a trench in sand. Not apparent to eye is one of largest oak forests in

nation, stretching over 40,000 acres of arid land. The "forest" is not apparent because mature trees (Havard oaks) are seldom over three feet high, yet they send down roots as far as 90 feet to maintain miniature surface growth. The unusual park is on I-20/U.S. 80 five miles east. Admission.

**Pyote Museum and Rattlesnake Bomber Base**—Old base, south of I-20, was home of the 19th (B-17) Bomb Group during World War II. Museum displays area history, mementos of base. Open Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 6 p.m. Museum is in county park that also offers picnicking, swimming pool, three-hole golf course, tennis and overnight camping. On I-20, 15 miles west of Monahans.

**MOODY**

Pop. 1,261

Alt. 783

Map M-17



**General**—Established 1852 as Perry, Tex., by settlers from Perry, Ill. Renamed in 1881 to honor Col. W. L. Moody, director of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, when that line built through. **Moody Drug, established**

1881, is one of oldest drug stores in Texas; the *Moody Courier*, established 1889, is city's second oldest business. City's varied architecture is of interest. A Texas A&M experimental farm is 5 mi. north.

**Mother Neff State Park**—First state park in Texas, site donated by mother of Gov. Pat Neff. Shady 259-acre site on Leon River. Fishing, picnicking, playground, tent and trailer camping, nature study, hiking. West 8 mi. via F.M. 107, Texas 236. Admission.

**MORTON**

Pop. 2,625

Alt. 3,758

Map G-8

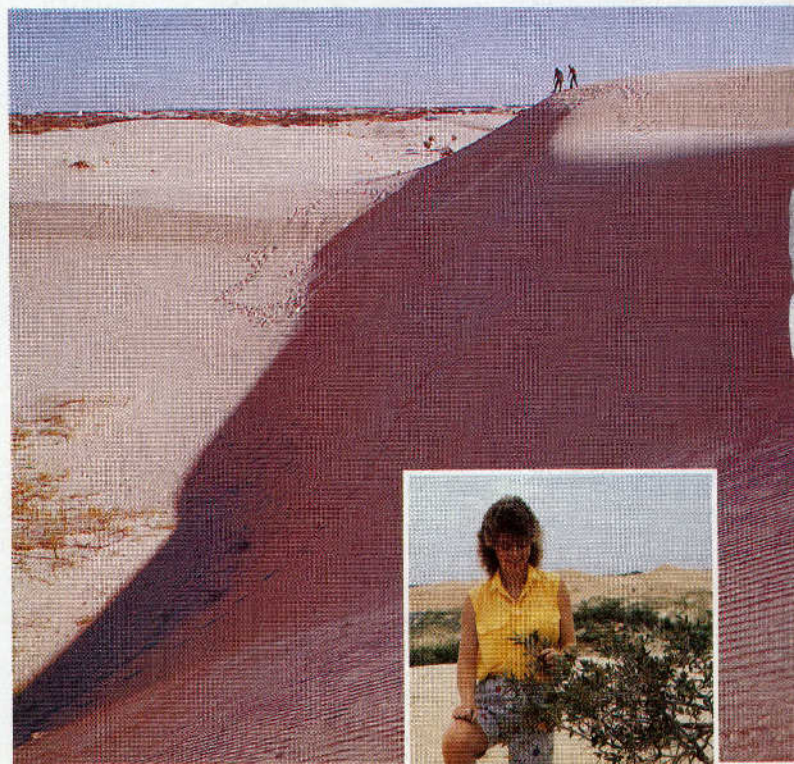


**General**—Founded 1923; post office established 1924. Became seat of Cochran County when county organized in 1924. Today banking, market and shipping center for county. Products include petroleum,

cotton, cattle and feed.

**C. C. Slaughter Ranch Headquarters**—Adobe buildings placed to form

**Wind-sculptured sand dunes and large forest of Havard oak trees, that grown no taller than three feet, form Monahans Sandhills State Park**





Life-sized replicas of dinosaurs found at Dinosaur Gardens near Moscow

a quadrangle, part of once extensive headquarters complex of cattle baron who established ranching empire. Still ranch headquarters; visitors welcome. Two miles south on Texas 214; one mile west on F.M. 1169 (not shown on most maps).

**Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge**—North 13 mi. on Texas 214. See MULESHOE.

## MOSCOW

Pop. 170

Alt. 310

Map N-22



**General**—The community on U.S. 59 south of Lufkin was established in 1846; serves lumbering and agricultural area of heavily forested Polk County.

**Dinosaur Gardens**—Life-size replicas of dinosaurs along a 1,000-ft. path in dense forest. Hear sounds of the smilodon (saber-toothed tiger), triceratops (dinosaur with the bony plate covering on neck) and other species as you meander down the path. On U.S. 59 near intersection of F.M. 62. Open daily Jun. - Labor Day 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; weekends Sep. - Oct. & Mar. - May 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed Nov. - Feb. Admission.

**Hobby Park**—Highway roadside picnic area honors birthplace of William P. Hobby, former governor of Texas. Attractive fountains, playground, picnic tables, barbecue grills and landscaping. U.S. 59 in town.

**Woodland Trails**—The *Moscow Trail* meanders beside Long King Creek, named for an Indian chief. Two trail segments, 1.5 and 0.5 miles, explore an area of exceptionally tall pines and other forest growth. Entrance 1 mile south of city on U.S. 59.

**Bull Creek Trail** parallels a clear, spring-fed stream among large magnolia, white oak, maple, holly, dogwood and other forest species, all identified. Entrance to trail 8.5 miles west of Corrigan on U.S. 287. (Corrigan is 5 miles north of Moscow on U.S. 59.)

## MOULTON

Pop. 877

Alt. 375

Map R-18



**General**—Established in the 1850s in Lavaca County at the headwaters of the Lavaca River. In 1887, the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad built north to Waco, within two miles of the community. A railroad

station was constructed and named Topeka; however, realizing the economic potential of the rail connection, the old community gradually drifted over to the new station, which inherited the name, post office, and business of Old Moulton. City boasts a Czech-German heritage which is still evident. Today, it is a center for agribusiness and manufacturing.

In season, hunters take white-tailed deer, quail, and dove.

City park includes a picnic area, small lake, playground, jogging trail, tennis courts, baseball field, and hookups for RV camping.

City's quaint storefronts are reminiscent of late 1800s, complete with

porches and benches. Shoppers find old-fashioned antique shops and boutiques downtown.

Several historical markers are found within the city, as well as the original Old Moulton townsite.

**Moulton Public Library and Museum**—Extensive collection of historic photographs and documents of city and Lavaca County. Museum established to perpetuate the strong Czech-German heritage and the city's history. Rotating exhibits throughout the year. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 102 S. Main St.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**—Built in 1924, over the years has had many renovations. In the spring of 1994, parishioners rededicated the church after an extensive renovation. Many of the church members provided much of the work to restore its original design—an early 20th-Century Gothic style church with a long nave, a pair of side aisles supported by ten columns, stained glass windows, and a chancel. At the corner of Church and Pecan Sts.

## MOUNTAIN HOME

Pop. 96

Alt. 2,135

Map P-14



**General**—Not really among mountains, but the Hill Country setting is picturesque.

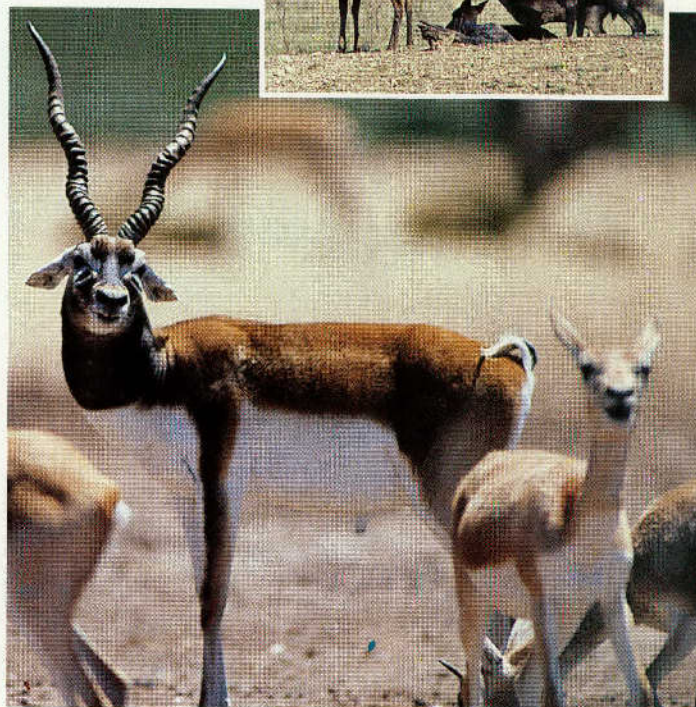
Established 1890 by storekeeper Thomas A.

Dowdy to serve surrounding ranchers with staple foods and supplies. Community in

western Kerr County on Texas 27/41 (just south of I-10) still provides much the same service in a rather sparsely populated area of several very large ranches.

**Y.O. Ranch**—Established 1880 by Capt. Charles Schreiner (see KERRVILLE), the vast ranch in scenic Hill Country is one of Southwest's largest deer and exotic game preserves, with some 35 species of foreign wildlife. Guided hunting tours throughout year (but only during seasons for native species) can produce such trophies as blackbuck antelope of India (the Y.O. has more blackbuck than remain in their native habitat in India), wild Corsican ram, East African oryx, Axis deer and aoudad sheep. Both resident and non-resident hunting licenses available at ranch. Hunting fee guarantees success, or no charge. Photo safaris year round, and summer adventure camp for

Animals not indigenous to Texas roam with native wildlife on Y.O. Ranch grasslands near Mountain Home



youths; fees. Substantial herd of Texas Longhorn cattle. Several historic buildings are preserved on ranch, including stagecoach stop from 1850s; Wells Fargo office from near Boerne; pioneer cabin from near Fredericksburg, and pioneer schoolhouse. 2,110-foot sod airstrip. Daily tour (reservations required; 210/640-3222) at 10 a.m., includes lunch. Overnight accommodations; swimming pool, nature trails, horseback riding. Ranch entrance is 15 miles west of Mountain Home on Texas 41; ranch headquarters 8 miles north of entrance.

## MOUNT PLEASANT

Pop. 12,571

Alt. 416

Map H-21



**General**—Named from location on beautifully wooded hills. In early 1900s town attracted resort visitors to red mineral springs nearby. Today, commercial center for farming, livestock and oil. Home of Northeast Texas

Community College, a three-county (Camp, Morris, Titus) college; rural campus is near Chappell Hill.

Mount Pleasant is a Texas Main Street City and in 1993 was named "One of the 100 Best Small Towns in America."

Visitors enjoy access to three nearby reservoirs famed for outstanding bass, crappie and catfish fishing: Lakes Bob Sandlin, Monticello and Welsh. In recent years, state records for largemouth bass have been set at two of the lakes; state and national bass tournaments held at the other. The Kountry Korner store at F.M. 127 & F.M. 2882 can verify large bass caught in nearby lakes with some 2,000 photographs displayed of bass caught weighing 7 lbs. or more. For additional information on shopping, accommodations, and restaurants contact the Mt. Pleasant-Titus County Chamber of Commerce at 1604 N. Jefferson, 903/572-8567.

**Florey-Meriwether Home**—Built by W.H. Florey, developer of the Dellwood Resort Hotel, in 1912. The home is a double galleried Colonial Revival home. The Meriwethers, current residents, have furnished the historic house with family antiques. Open daily (advance notice required). Admission. 702 South Lide St. 903/572-8567.

**Bob Sandlin State Park**—640-acre park offers full range of day use and overnight camping facilities, including picnic sites, screened shelters, trails, boat ramp and fishing pier. 12 miles south of Mount Pleasant on F.M. 127 and F.M. 21.

**Dellwood Park**—Twenty-five acres in wooded area where mineral springs resort once stood. Picnicking and playground area, tennis courts, swimming pool, tennis courts and picturesque small stream; off Texas 49 east.

**Lakes**—Bob Sandlin, Monticello and Welsh. See LAKES listing.

**Mount Pleasant Art Center/Gallery**—Housed in small 85-year-old church, the center has two galleries with paintings in oils, watercolor, and pastels, as well as a collection of hand-painted china and pottery. Open Mon., Tues. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m. - noon. Approximately 3 1/2 miles north of I-30 on F.M. 1402.

**Mount Pleasant Historical Museum**—A collection of photographs from original pioneers of town; also Caddo Indian artifacts, old farm implements,

### Dellwood Park in Mount Pleasant



**Lake Bob Sandlin near Mount Pleasant and Mount Vernon attracts swimmers, boaters and fishermen year round**

and other items of interest. Open Mon. 1 - 6 p.m., Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 213 North Madison.

**Pleasant Jamboree**—Housed in former Martin Theater built in 1913 which at one time was only theater between Texarkana and Dallas. Photos of old theater to present time displayed in lobby. Each Saturday features live country/Western stage show with local and area entertainers. Performances begin at 8 p.m. At 112 W. Third St. For information, 903/572-2936.

**Tankersley Gardens**—A five-acre garden on Tankersley Creek consists of more than 100 species of plants. The garden includes walking paths, foot bridges, and sitting areas. Especially pretty in spring. Open Mar. 1st - Oct. 31st Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 1 - 6 p.m. Admission. I-30 at U.S. 271; .8 mi. west on Tankersley Rd. 903/572-0567.

**Titus County Park**—On the south shore of Lake Monticello, park offers boat-launching ramp, camping and picnic areas, electrical hookups and dump station. About 10 miles southwest of Mount Pleasant via F.M. 127 to town of Monticello; south on local road to the park and lake. Day use and camping fees.

**Whatley Center for the Performing Arts**—On campus of Northeast

### Tankersley Gardens in Mount Pleasant



Texas Community College; features a 570-seat instructional theater. Performances and art exhibits vary through year. On campus in southeast part of city on P.M. 1735. Call for schedule, 903/572-1911.

## MOUNT VERNON

Pop. 2,321

Alt. 418

Map H-21



**General**—Joshua T. Johnson founded settlement in 1830. In 1848, Stephen and Rebecca Keith donated land for a townsite to be named Lone Star. Franklin County was formed from part of Red River County in

1875, and Lone Star became county seat. The town's name was changed to Mount Vernon, honoring George Washington's home place. Cotton and farming were important crops at that time. Today the economy is more diversified through oil, dairies, farming, and light industry. Several historical markers are located in town and the outlying area. Mount Vernon is a Main Street City.

The downtown area still reflects a small-town atmosphere. The central plaza has a picturesque gazebo and park benches. On the north side of the square is a Grecian-style 1912 grey limestone courthouse with a chiming clock tower.

Mapped and marked for year-round use are trails for bicycling, hiking, as well as a Bluebird Trail, Indian Heritage Trail, and equestrian trail. Check with the chamber of commerce at 109 S. Kaufman St. for trail maps.

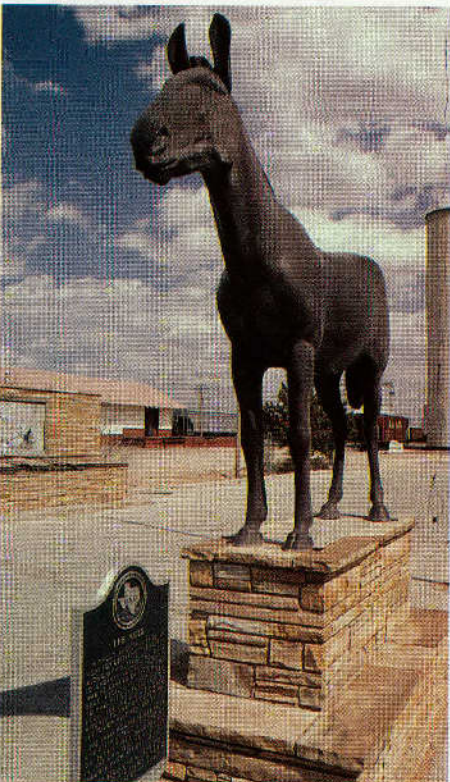
**Franklin County Museum**—Housed in old city hall, museum features displays of butterflies, bird eggs, violins, wood carvings, and arrowheads. Many exhibits rotated throughout year. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. At 111 S. Kaufman St. Admission.

**Franklin County School Heritage Center**—Operates as a genealogical research center. Features 1908 - 1978 newspaper annuals and census records. Open Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 704 S. Holbrook.

**Lakes**—Cypress Springs, Bob Sandlin, Monticello, and Welsh. See LAKES listing.

**Parks**—Little Creek Park features volleyball courts and has facilities for tennis, baseball, soccer, basketball, and picnicking. In addition to playground equipment, there's a swimming pool open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Dogwood Park, Walleye Park, Overlook Park, Mary King Park, and W.D. Guthrie Park comprise 850 acres of public parks around Lake Cypress Springs. RV hookups and picnic facilities allow visitors to enjoy fishing, boating, water skiing, and hiking at the popular lake. For information, contact the Franklin County Water District, P.O. Box 559, Mt. Vernon 75457, or call 903/588-2352.



**National monument to mules at (naturally) Muleshoe**

## MUENSTER,

Pop. 1,422

Alt. 970,

Map G-17



**General**—Founded in 1889 by Emil and Carl Flusche on the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad. The German brothers wanted to call their settlement Westphalia, but after discovering a town of that named had

already been established, they called their colony Muenster, for the capital of their native Westphalia, Germany. Oil was discovered in the 1930s with pump jacks dotting pastures and fields in every direction. Until then, the economy was dairy farming and agriculture. Today, the rural community's economy is rich with agricultural products, as well as diversified manufacturing. Muenster's traditional German customs and Texas hospitality blend well and visitors are always "willkommen."

**Lakes**—Moss, Ray Roberts, Texoma. See LAKES listing.

**Muenster Museum**—Established in the home of Ben Hellman, first "Burgermeister" and elected mayor of the city. Among prized collections are 1890 Edison Victrola, 1876 Mason Hamlin pump organ used in city's first school, and an 1890 Blickensderfer typewriter. Other exhibits include memorabilia of Muenster and Cooke County. Open Thurs. - Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. 203 E. 3rd St.

## MULESHOE

Pop. 4,551

Alt. 3,889

Map F-8



**General**—Seat of Bailey County, long a sparsely settled area of huge cattle ranches. Early in 20th Century the immense ranches began to break up, and farming was introduced to this area of the High Plains. Town

organized in 1926, named for muleshoe brand of famous early ranch. Today a center for marketing and shipping of High Plains agricultural products.

Muleshoe Heritage Center, off U.S. 84, is in restored Santa Fe depot; offers museum and meeting place.

**Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge**—Founded 1935, oldest national wildlife refuge in Texas. Established principally for migratory waterfowl, also home of native wildlife. Three small rainwater lakes, unusual features on the plains, attract the birds. Hunting is prohibited, but photography permitted. Among species wintering here is nation's largest concentration of sandhill cranes. Greatest numbers of waterfowl may usually be seen between late Aug. and Mar.; colony of prairie dogs is along entrance road. Open daylight hours. About 20 miles south on Texas 214.

**National Mule Memorial**—What better place for a monument to mules than this uniquely named town? Mules pulled the covered wagons west, plowed the first sod for pioneers, hauled freight, built the first railroads and highways. With disappearance of mules from the American scene in recent decades, a group of Texas citizens determined to erect a memorial to those unsung beasts. Donations for the monument were received from throughout nation; in fact, a gift of 21 cents was sent by a mule driver from Samarkand, Uzbekistan, U.S.S.R. The memorial, unveiled on July 4, 1965, is near intersection of U.S. 70/84 in downtown and is a popular picture-taking site.

Today wagons and mule teams still can be seen on Muleshoe's main streets and Mule Day is celebrated the second Sat. in Aug., hosting mule rodeo, mule races, other activities.

## NACOGDOCHES

Pop. 31,202

Alt. 283

Map M-22



**General**—Site of Indian settlement for centuries before first European arrived; named for the Nacogdoche Indians. Area visited by La Salle expedition in 1687. Spanish mission founded in 1716. For more than a hundred

years town was major eastern gateway to Texas. Some of state's most historic landmarks are here. Texas' first newspaper, *Gaceta de Tejas*, was published in Nacogdoches. Home of Stephen F. Austin State Univ.

**El Camino Real**—"The King's Highway"; first blazed in 1691 by Domingo Teran de los Rios, first provincial governor of Texas. Often called "Old San Antonio Road" (OSR), route is virtually that of today's Texas 21.

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**Handsome antiques are features of the Sterne-Hoya home in Nacogdoches**

**L.T. Barret Memorial**—Honors the man who drilled Texas' first oil well in Sept. 1866. It produced 10 barrels a day. Memorial located on Stephen F. Austin State Univ. campus.

**La Calle del Norte**—Spanish for "The Street of the North," currently North Street in Nacogdoches, believed to be oldest public thoroughfare in the U.S. Long before Spanish explorers discovered and named it, route connected the major Indian community of Nacogdoches with other Indian villages to the north.

**Haden Edwards House**—Home of first Empresario of Texas and leader of the Fredonia Rebellion of 1826, which paved the way for Texas Independence. House is open for tours Sun. 2 p.m. Admission, 106 N. Lanana.

**Lakes**—Nacogdoches, Sam Rayburn. See LAKES listing.

**Lanana Creek Trail**—Six-mile rustic trail through Pecan Acres Park along Lanana Creek. Scenic trail follows paths once traveled by Indians.

**Millard's Crossing**—A group of restored 19th Century buildings furnished with antiques and pioneer memorabilia. Guided tours Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. 6020 North St. (U.S. 59 north). Admission.

**Oak Grove Cemetery**—Graves date from 1837. Several interesting monuments; four signers of Texas Declaration of Independence, including Thomas J. Rusk, buried here. On N. Lanana St. at Hospital St.

**Old Nacogdoches University**—Built 1858, modified Grecian structure was first nonsectarian university established during Republic of Texas. On Washington Square, campus of Thomas J. Rusk Middle School, building is museum featuring antique furniture, silver, other relics. Open Tues. - Fri. 1 - 4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Mound and Hughes Sts.

**Old North Church**—Believed to be oldest union church in Texas; several denominations worshiped here. First was Baptist service held under a tree on the site in 1835. Present "new" church built in 1852. Protestant services were unlawful in Texas during church's early days. North of city off U.S. 59 on old Highway 35.

**Old Stone Fort**—Built 1779 as Spanish trading post and for trade with Indians. Was headquarters for four unsuccessful attempts to establish Republic of Texas; where first two Texas newspapers were printed, and where "Three-Legged Willie" Williamson held court with a pistol as "authority." Reconstructed fort stands on campus of Stephen F. Austin State Univ., where students learn about nine flags that have flown over it: France, Spain, Magee-Gutierrez Expedition, Long Republic, Fredonian Republic,

**Group of 19th century buildings form Millard's crossing at Nacogdoches**





**Old Stone Fort in Nacogdoches**



**Statue honors the French trader-explorer, Robert La Salle, whose career ended at Navasota**

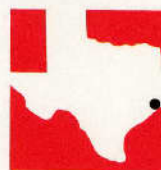
Statue on Texas 90 downtown honors the French trader-explorer. **Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park**—Six miles southwest on Brazos River, via Texas 90. See WASHINGTON.

**NEDERLAND**

Pop. 16,536

Alt. 25

Map P/Q-23



**General**—Founded just before turn of the century by immigrants from Holland. Name means "lowland" in Dutch. Early efforts at rice farming and dairying played important role, but growth began in earnest with

discovery of Spindletop Oil Field (see BEAUMONT).

**Windmill Museum**—Built to preserve Dutch heritage; 25-foot blades revolve. Artifacts dating from city's founding exhibited on three floors; also

**Windmill Museum pays tribute to Dutch heritage at Nederland**



Mexico, Republic of Texas, Confederacy and United States. Museum features Indian artifacts from Washington Square excavation; gun and coin collections, period rooms. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. **Stephen F. Austin Arboretum & Herb Garden**—Ten acres of native and exotic plant materials organized into various theme gardens. Major collections include an herb garden, fern glade, dry garden, daylily and iris garden, a perennial border, bog garden, conifers, plants of Asia, and native plants of East Texas. Open daily. Off Wilson Dr. on SFASU campus and part of the Lanana Creek Trail.

**Sterne-Hoya Home**—Built in 1828 by Adolphus Sterne as home for his new bride. Pioneer merchant was active in ill-fated Fredonia rebellion of 1826-27; helped with founding of Texas Republic. Sam Houston baptized as Roman Catholic here, because Mexico required landholders to be Catholic. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - noon; 2 - 5 p.m. 211 S. Lanana St., a block off E. Main St. (Texas 21).

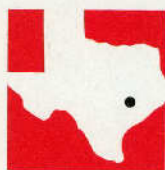
**Visitor Information**—Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce is housed in the handsome, Mediterranean-style Eugene Blount Home, built in 1923. Blount was a banker, politician, orator, and philanthropist. For information on city's accommodations, restaurants, and events, stop by 1801 North St. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**NAVASOTA**

Pop. 6,444

Alt. 215

Map P-19/20



**General**—Area settlement began as early as 1822. City established in 1859 when Houston & Texas Central Railroad built through and platted town. Other railroads followed, and city became cotton processing

and shipping center for region. Downtown area is listed on National Register of Historic places and features a collection of shops filled with treasures of past and present.

Be sure to visit the LaSalle House, a Queen Anne Victorian built in 1897 which features antiques, collectibles, and rare and antique books at 412 E. Washington St. Tours of the house each Sat. and Sun.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic Victorian mansion.

Driving tours, location maps, and visitor packets available through local chamber of commerce or by calling 409/825-6600 or 1-800-252-6642.

**Horlock History Center**—In two-story Eastlake home built in 1892. Authentically furnished; three rooms devoted to exhibits which reflect the ethnic diversity of the area. Open Fri. & Sat. 9:30- a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. 1215 E. Washington St. (Texas 105).

**La Salle Monument**—130 years before first Anglo-American settlers, the French arrived in Texas led by Robert Cavalier, Sieur de la Salle. It was a mistake: He was actually seeking mouth of Mississippi River, but series of misadventures brought his fleet of three ships to Matagorda Bay. He established a coastal colony called Fort Saint Louis. Two years later while exploring inland, one of his men murdered La Salle near present Navasota.



*Take a carriage ride in historic Jefferson*





Preserved frontier Fort Belknap near Newcastle

mementos of famed country/Western singer, Tex Ritter. Open Tues. - Sun. afternoons Mar. - Labor Day; rest of year open Thurs. - Sun. afternoons; in Tex Ritter Park. **La Maison des Acadiens Museum**, tribute to early French settlers, also in park. 1500 block Boston Ave.

**NEW BRAUNFELS**—See ALAMO COUNTRY SECTION, P. 65.

## NEWCASTLE

Pop. 505

Alt. 1,126

Map H-15



**General**—Founded 1908; because of early coal-mining interest, named after famous English coal-mining city.

**Agricultural today, area also produces significant quantities of petroleum.**

**Fort Belknap**—U.S. Army post established in 1851 at another location by Gen. William G. Belknap; moved same year to present site along Brazos River. One of the largest posts in North Texas prior to Civil War, it protected early settlers, travelers, and was stop on famous Butterfield Overland Mail Route. Abandoned 1867; six original buildings and one replica. Now a county recreational park with museum, archives, and picnic facilities. Open daily except Wed. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Three miles south off Texas 251.

**Lakes**—Eddleman, Graham, Possum Kingdom. See LAKES listing.

## NEWTON

Pop. 1,884

Alt. 190

Map N-23/24



**General**—Selected as site for new seat of Newton County in 1853. Today a commercial center for lumbering, livestock, oil and farming. Toledo Bend Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Sylvan Nature Trail**—A Texas Forestry Association Woodlands Trail, the hiking path meanders through dogwood-filled area for about one and a quarter miles. Many species of forest trees are identified by signs. Four miles southeast on U.S. 190 opposite highway roadside park.

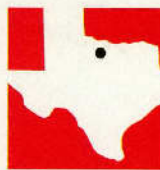
**Wild Azalea Canyons Trail**—A pocket wilderness featuring growth of wild azaleas (most spectacular in March) and other native flowering plants. Scenic rock cliffs. Five miles north on Texas 87; 10 miles east on F.M. 1414 (not shown on most maps).

## NOCONA

Pop. 2,846

Alt. 988

Map G-16



**General**—Named for Chief Peta Nocona, husband of Cynthia Ann Parker (see GROESBECK), city is famed as the "Leathergoods Center of the Southwest," with several firms producing leather products. Nocona Boot Co.

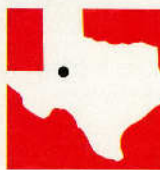
displays boot-making tools from the 1890s. City park offers picnicking, playground facilities; adjoins 18-hole municipal golf course. Nearby Lake Nocona offers water sports and camping facilities. Self-guided historical tour available from chamber of commerce.

## ODESSA

Pop. 91,004

Alt. 2,891

Map L/M-8



**General**—Established 1881 as stop on Texas and Pacific Railroad; it is said that name originated from area's resemblance to region around Russian city of the Ukraine. City is in heart of vast area that was once an ancient

sea. Area today, geologically speaking, is known as the Permian Basin, containing tremendous quantities of anhydrite, potassium salt, natural gas and oil. Oil boom beginning in 1929 brought great population growth. Symphony orchestra and chorale, Civic Music Association, Permian Playhouse Theatre and Globe of the Great Southwest. Two public golf courses; one (Ratcliff Ranch Golf Links) is one of top public courses in Texas. City is home of Odessa College and Univ. of Texas of the Permian Basin.

**Art Institute for the Permian Basin**—Ultramodern showcase for the creative arts; two galleries featuring works of regional artists and traveling exhibits. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. On grounds of Univ. of Texas of the Permian Basin at 4909 E. University Dr. west of Loop 338.

**Brass Lamp Auto Museum**—A varied group of pre-1916 antique cars with such models as Flanders, Sears, Brush, Saxon, Oakland, and Overland, as well as Cadillac and Ford. Included in the exhibit is a 1903 Ford Model A, 2 cylinder, chain drive, the first year Ford Motor Company made and sold autos. The museum is in the same building with an antique gallery offering antiques, reproductions, objet d'art, and other gift items. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 701 N. Grant St. 915/332-9875. Admission to auto museum only.

**Ector County Coliseum**—10,000-seat coliseum hosts varied cultural attractions. Just north of coliseum is re-created cable-tool drilling rig, circa 1920. In driller's shack adjacent to rig is a collection of photographs and relics of West Texas oil-boom days. Andrews Highway and 42nd St.

**Globe of the Great Southwest**—On grounds of Odessa College, theater is authentic replica of original Shakespearean Globe Theatre. National road shows and local productions range from country/Western and bluegrass concerts to Broadway musical comedies. Shakespeare Festival held Feb. through April. On grounds is replica of Ann Hathaway's cottage that contains antiques and Shakespearean library. Open Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 2308 Shakespeare Rd. 915/332-1586.

**Water Wonderland, midway between Midland and Odessa**





*Odessa's Globe of the Southwest is authentic replica of original Shakespearean Globe Theatre in England*

**Jackrabbit Statue**—"World's Largest Jackrabbit" is a 10-ft. statue in the school administration's parking lot at 802 N. Sam Houston. A popular photo spot.

**Odessa Meteor Crater**—Shower of meteorites plunged to earth some 20,000 years ago, shattering limestone bedrock and leaving explosion pit some 500 feet in diameter, other smaller adjacent pits. Over the centuries, desert winds silted crater almost level with surrounding plains, and site was not identified as meteor crater until the 1920s. Today a marked nature trail winds through crater and a free brochure interprets the unusual feature. Just west of Odessa exit I-20 at F.M. 1936 (south), drive west on frontage road 3.4 mi. to sign indicating crater site to south.

**Prairie Pete Park**—Now-rare prairie dogs can be viewed in their own "town." Playground equipment, picnicking. In Sherwood Park, 44th and Dixie.

**Presidential Museum**—An unusual museum devoted to the U.S. presidency and presidential political campaigns, from George Washington to the present. Campaign slogans, buttons and posters—some of them bizarre—biting political cartoons; coin-like campaign medalettes popular as give-away tokens during much of the 19th Century. Also a collection of dolls with replicas of hair styles and inaugural gowns of every first lady. The intricate miniature dresses required 20 years to research and craft. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 622 N. Lee St.; closed major holidays.

**Water Wonderland**—18-acre water-fun park in middle of West Texas desert. Single-price admission provides unlimited use of all facilities including five water slides, water toboggan, swimming and diving pools, Mountain Rapids tube ride, wave pool, sandy beach, plus squirt pools and playgrounds for younger children. 2.5 mi. west of Midland International Airport on U.S. 80. Open Apr. - Sept. Adjacent miniature golf open year round. Admission.

**White-Pool House**—Oldest existing house in Ector County, two-story brick home was constructed 1887. On Register of National Historic Places. Period furnishings are those of original and second owners and reflect lifestyles of 1880s ranching period and 1920s oil era. Operational windmill. Open Sun. 3 - 6 p.m. and by appointment. 112 E. Murphy St.

**Yellow Rose (Ostrich) Ranch**—Breeding and sales of ostriches that are now prohibited from export from Africa. May be viewed Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon and 1 - 5 p.m., but advance call to 915/333-5222 is appreciated and will provide tour if requested. On F.M. 1787, just off U.S. 385, 12 mi. south.

*Campaign posters from past elections displayed in Presidential Museum in Odessa*

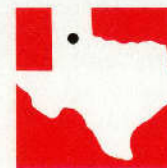


**O'DONNELL**

Pop. 1,118

Alt. 3,110

Map J-9



**General**—The typical agricultural community on the table-flat South Plains of the Texas Panhandle (U.S. 87 south of Lubbock) was established in 1908 as a stop on the Panhandle & Santa Fe Railroad; named for

a railroad official. Hometown of Dan Blocker, "Hoss Cartwright" of TV fame. Star is remembered with a statue in downtown park across from museum (see below).

**O'Donnell Museum**—Housed in 1925, two-story bank building that remains in original condition. Exhibits include old telephone system, organ, bedroom furniture, kitchen equipment, law and doctor offices, parlor setting and early church exhibit. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - noon; 1 - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Eighth & Doak Sts.

**OLNEY**

Pop. 3,364

Alt. 1,184

Map H-15



**General**—Grew from 1880s site where early cattlemen gathered herds for branding and forming trail outfits. Name honors Richard Olney, Secretary of State in Grover Cleveland's cabinet. Today commercial center

for agricultural, ranching and petroleum activity. Excellent hunting during seasons for dove, quail, migratory waterfowl, wild turkey and white-tailed deer; day and seasonal leases available. Water sports include swimming, boating and fishing on small Lakes Cooper and Olney a few miles northwest.

An unusual park that appeals to adults features artistic groupings of pole structures on Ave. C just east of Main St.

**Buffalo**—View from Texas 114 of private herd of buffalo (American bison) and elk pastured across from highway rest area 8 miles east of Olney.

**ORANGE**

Pop. 19,701

Alt. 20

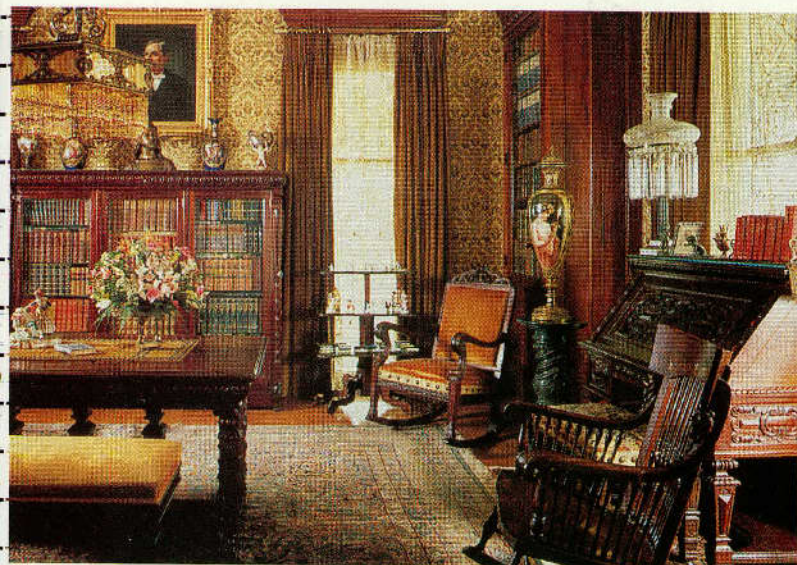
Map P-24



**General**—Texas' easternmost city on the Sabine River boundary with Louisiana; established 1836, the year of Texas' independence. Named for landmark of wild orange groves on banks of the Sabine, as

cited by early French and Spanish boatmen. Today Orange is both a recreational and industrial portal to Texas. Abundant fresh- and saltwater fishing; hunting and bird-watching in vast coastal marshes.

A walking tour map of downtown, available from the chamber of commerce at 1012 Green Ave., visits such sites as the central fire station where an antique fire engine and fire-fighting memorabilia are displayed, plus other historic or interesting structures.



**Library in the W.H. Stark House at Orange**



**Texas Travel Information Center on I-10 in Orange**

**Brown Center of Lamar Univ., The**—Built as family residence for oilman Edgar Brown, whose wife wanted a Southern Plantation house like "Linden" in Natchitoches, LA. Brown re-created the house where the family resided. The property was given to Lamar Univ. by the Brown family where it is used as a conference center today. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Group tours by appointment only.) 4205 Park Ave. Admission.

**Chemical Row**—Miles-long complex of modern plants producing myriad products derived from petroleum. An impressive drive day or night on F.M. 1006 south and southwest.

**Community Playhouse**—Excellent 200-seat little theater with several productions a year; summer children's theater. Inquire locally for schedule. 700 Division St.

**Farmer's Mercantile**—Fabulous browsing among incredible variety of farm, ranch and agricultural items on display, from horse collars and 19th-Century cream crocks to modern hybrid seeds and pH soil testers; 6th and Division Sts.

**First Presbyterian Church**—Its opalescent glass dome and stained-glass windows are worth visiting. The modified Greek Revival architecture is striking. The exterior is native Texas pink granite; lampposts are bronze, Napoleonic Second Empire Period. At 902 W. Green Ave.

**Heritage House Museum**—Large, rambling, two-story structure built as home in 1902; listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. Changing historical exhibits plus authentic room settings with period furnishings. Open Tues. - Fri.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed holidays. 905 W. Division St. Admission.

**Lake**—Sabine. See LAKES listing.

**Luther Theatre for the Performing Arts**—The 1,500-seat theater of spectacular modern design showcases concerts, musical comedies, opera and drama. Inquire locally for current schedule; 7th and Front Sts. downtown.

**Piney Woods Country Wines**—Specializing in wines from locally grown fruits, berries, and Muscadine grapes, takes name from location in the piney woods. The winery is set among parklike woods, orchards, and vineyards. Usually open for tastings year round Mon. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sun. 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. (Some weekend and vacation closings, call ahead for confirmation 409/883-5408.) Group tours by appointment.

**Port of Orange**—Deep-water terminal 42 miles inland at junction of Sabine-Neches and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Port not open to casual visitors, but views available along Border St. from downtown.

**Rainbow and Veterans Bridges**—A high, graceful arc on Texas 87 spans the Neches River joining Orange and Bridge City on the north with Port Arthur to the south. The two-lane, vintage Rainbow Bridge, completed 1938, spans salt marshes and industrial river channel for 1.5 miles including approaches. The bridge's 177-foot clearance height resulted from requirement that any U.S. Navy ship could pass under; tallest ship of the Navy's 1938 fleet was a dirigible tender than never sailed up the Neches.

Veterans Bridge was completed in 1991; with 143-foot navigation clearance, it is first cable-stayed bridge on Texas highways. Park at south end has playground, picnicking, and good view of bridge and ships in the intra-coastal waters.

**Stark Museum of Art**—Facility created to showcase outstanding collections. Changing exhibits plus paintings of Taos School of New Mexico, works



**Stark Museum of Art in Orange**

of Audubon, Remington bronzes, Steuben crystal, porcelain sculpture, Indian art and artifacts. Open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. 712 Green Ave.

**Super Gator Airboat Tour**—Travel through the beauty of the swamplands with giant cypress trees, Spanish moss, swamp flowers, and birdlife. Minimums apply. Tours available May - Sept. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Oct. - Apr. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 106 E. Litcher, 409/883-7725. Fare.

**Texas Travel Information Center**—One of the centers provided by state at key highway entrances to Texas, in State Capitol complex, in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and at the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Operated daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Staffed by uniformed, trained travel counselors, services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature about every part of state and expert help in charting routes. At Texas-Louisiana state line, I-10 three miles northeast of downtown; operated by Texas Department of Transportation.

**W.H. Stark House**—Opened in 1981 after 10-year restoration, the 15-room, 1894 Victorian mansion is a distinctive example of the era's architectural elegance. Period furnishings accented by displays of superb cut glass, rare porcelains, imported bronzes and Oriental antiques. Visitation by tour only (includes stair climbing); reservations advisable. Tours start at carriage house; no children under 14; each child 14 and over the responsibility of one adult. Tours Tues. - Sat. at 10, 11 & 11:30 a.m., 1, 2, & 3 p.m. 610 W. Main St. at Stark Civic Complex. Admission.



Statue of Davy Crockett in Ozona honors county's name-sake

## OZONA

Pop. 3,110

Alt. 2,348

Map O-10



**General**—Seat of Crockett County, vast ranching and oil area of 3,000 square miles; city is state's largest unincorporated town and only town in entire county. One of nation's top areas in wool production;

more than two million pounds marketed annually. In Edwards Plateau region, hunters find white-tailed deer, javelina and upland game birds.

**Crockett County Memorial Fair Park**—Present location of Emerald House, oldest dwelling in county. Moved from town of Emerald when Ozona became county seat in 1891. Park offers playgrounds, picnic facilities. East edge of city off U.S. 290.

**Crockett County Museum**—Frontier antiques, Indian relics, artifacts from Fort Lancaster, ranch implements and household items of the Western frontier. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 404 11th St. (U.S. 290).

**Davy Crockett Monument**—Statue in city park on town square honors legendary frontiersman and hero of the Alamo, for whom county was named.

**Fort Lancaster State Historic Site**—Established 1855 by 1st U.S. Infantry; large rectangle around parade ground was site of 25 buildings that housed two companies. Troopers on mules protected wagon trains on San Antonio-El Paso "lower road." Abandoned 1861. Modern visitor and interpretive

center open Wed. - Sun. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. West 33 mi. on U.S. 290.

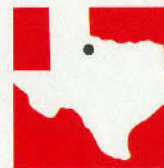
**Scenic Drive**—Lancaster Hill, west on U.S. 290, overlooks Pecos River valley. A highway rest area provides an excellent spot for picnic lunch with panoramic view.

## PADUCAH

Pop. 1,757

Alt. 1,886

Map G-12



**General**—Established 1892 as county seat of newly created Cottle County; named for Paducah, KY, home town of county surveyor and county attorney. In 1893 town consisted of two stores, schoolhouse, and saloon that

doubled as a church on Sunday. On Christmas Day, 1909, Quanah, Acme and Pacific RR reached the site and town was incorporated the next year. Today serves as supply and distribution point for region's petroleum and agribusiness interests.

**Heritage Museum**—Housed in restored QA&P Railroad depot. Features farming and ranching artifacts dating to previous century; large collection of actual photographs from county's earliest days. Open Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. On U.S. 83 north.

**Matador Wildlife Management Area**—28,000-acre area on Middle Pease and South Pease Rivers. Hunting (by permit only) includes special archery season. Northwest of city on F.M. 3256 off U.S. 83.

## PAINT ROCK

Pop. 224

Alt. 1,639

Map M-13



**General**—Founded in 1879, present seat of Concho County. Named for extensive group of Indian pictographs painted on limestone cliffs bordering Concho River. Center for ranching and agriculture.

**Paint Rock Excursions**—Guided tours to site where earliest paintings date from prehistoric times; succeeding pictographs continued until last quarter of 19th Century when Comanche Indians still hunted in area. Weekend tours include boat ride down Concho River where visitors often see deer, wild turkey and other native wildlife along with approximately 1,500 markings; weekday tours travel to site in cars. Open Jun. - Aug. Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Other tours by appointment. Call 915/732-4376 or 915/732-4418. Office on west side of U.S. 83 in town.

Indian pictographs on limestone cliffs above Concho River near Paint Rock





Luther Hotel in Palacios has been accepting guests since 1903

## PALACIOS

Pop. 4,442

Alt. 17

Map T-19



**General**—Founded 1903, in area named by shipwrecked Spaniards who supposedly saw a vision of tres palacios (three palaces). Fishing is dominant industry, both sport and commercial, along with seafood

processing plants.

An attractive bayfront park stretches along Tres Palacios Bay offers palm trees, picnicking facilities, and a spectacular 1.5-mi. railed walkway at water's edge. Other features include a pier with covered pavilion, fishing jetty, and boat ramps.

**Historic Inn: Luther Hotel**—Built 1903; a recorded Texas historic landmark; served as headquarters for early land developers. During heyday, formally attired orchestra played at mealtimes along rambling front porch (since razed), then said to be the longest in Texas. Still accepting guests on bayshore between 4th and 5th Sts.

**Marine Fisheries Research Station**—Research facility where studies include adaptability of saltwater species to freshwater. Tours are of interest to those with knowledge of marine biology. Appointment advisable. West 7.5 miles on Texas 35, south 5.5 miles on Well Point Rd.

**Parks**—Two free, lighted fishing piers, public boat ramps, and a (commercial) camping area along the bayshore drive.

### Popular beach front on Texas gulf coast near Palacios



Texas State Railroad runs between Palestine and Rusk through picturesque East Texas woods

## PALESTINE

Pop. 18,203

Alt. 510

Map M-20



**General**—In 1840s it was discovered that the seat of Anderson County, a village called Houston (not the major city of Harris County) was two miles off center. Taking literally the legislature's guidelines that county seats

should be at center of counties, new town of Palestine was created as county seat; former community faded away. More than 1600 historic landmarks are found here with self-guided walking tour brochures available from Tourist Information Center (see below).

**Civil War Exhibit**—One of the largest collections of the War Between the States memorabilia in East Texas. Collections of firearms, photographs, engravings, art, and many Union documents, uniforms, and more. Open third Sat. of month; in Palestine Mall, 2000 S. Loop 256.

**Davey Dogwood Park**—More than 200 acres in picturesque landscape of rolling hills, clear flowing streams, forests and meadows; picnic areas and scenic overlooks from paved roads winding through the park; featured area during annual Texas Dogwood Trails, late Mar. - early Apr. Just north of Palestine on N. Link St. For dogwood information call Texas Dogwood Trails, Inc. 903/729-7275 or write 400 N. Queen, Palestine, TX 75801.

**Eilenberger's Butternut Baking Company**—Famous since 1898 for fruit cakes baked from an Old World recipe. Also pies, cakes and specialty items. 512 N. John St. 903/729-2253.

**Engeling Wildlife Management Area**—11,000-acre wildlife habitat with deer, fox, wolves, squirrels, rabbits, alligators, coyotes and bountiful birds. Fishing, and day-use campsites. North of U.S. 287, 20 miles northwest.

**Lakes**—Jacksonville and Palestine. See LAKES listing.

**Museum for East Texas Culture**—Rooms in old (1915) schoolhouse display artifacts and special interest exhibits. One authentic vintage classroom. Railroad memorabilia, including refurbished caboose; recorded Texas Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Admission (free Tues.). In Reagan Park, 400 Micheaux Ave. 903/723-1914.

**Palestine Community Forest**—700 acres of pines and hardwoods with scenic drives leading to four lakes. Fishing, boating and picnicking. Sumac, yaupon and sweetgum trees add accents of brilliant color during autumn. Texas 19/U.S. 287 a few miles northwest of Palestine.

**Pilgrim Church**—Authentic reconstruction of original 1833 house of worship, said to be the first Protestant church in Texas. Four miles south of Elkhart on F.M. 861 (not shown on most maps).

**Scientific Balloon Base**—Operated by NASA. Balloons as large as 300 feet

in diameter periodically launched to make studies of upper atmosphere and outer space. Tours may be arranged through public relations officer at the base by calling 903/729-0271.

**Texas State Railroad**—Operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., antique steam engines traverse the 25.5-mile route to Rusk through dense East Texas woodlands. Operates weekends Mar. - May; then daily except Tues. & Wed. through first of Aug.; weekends through Oct. Reservations advisable. (In Texas call toll-free 1-800-442-8951 or 903/683-2561.) On display is the huge locomotive 610 that was restored to pull the Bicentennial Freedom Train in Texas in 1976, an 1899 wooden T&P business car and an old baggage car. Terminal is at state park four miles east on U.S. 84. Fee for train ride. Also see RUSK.

**Visitor Center**—Literature and maps on city and surrounding area, a self-guided walking tour of downtown Palestine with informational plaques along the route, and information on events and accommodations is available at the chamber of commerce, open weekday business hours, in the historic (1914) Carnegie Library building at 502 N. Queen at Crawford St. A photo collection of Palestine in its early days is on display. 903/729-6066.

**PAMPA**

Pop. 19,964

Alt. 3,234

Map C-11



**General**—Seat of Gray County, founded 1888 on the Santa Fe Railroad, named from Spanish word "pampas" meaning plains. Today a city of beautiful churches, large parks and fine homes. Fourteen municipal

parks on tree-shaded draws give a spacious air to the plains city. An oil field supply point with allied industries, a marketing center for agricultural and livestock-raising area, and an industrial center provide a diversified economy.

**Lakes**—Greenbelt, McClellan, Meredith. See LAKES listing.

**White Deer Land Museum**—Period rooms, chapel, carriage house, office. Records and documents of White Deer Land Company, established 1882. Exhibits recall early ranching days. Open Tues. - Sun. 1:30 - 4 p.m. Closed holidays. 116 S. Cuyler St.

**PANHANDLE**

Pop. 2,357

Alt. 3,451

Map C-10



**General**—Named for its location in Texas Panhandle, became county seat upon organization of Carson County in 1888. Wheat, cattle and petroleum products are among commodities from this marketing

and shipping center. Restored Santa Fe depot serves as city hall.

**Scenic Drive**—F.M. 293 west to Texas 136 north provides views of modern High Plains agriculture contrasted with traditional ranch lands unchanged for centuries. Precise row crops are left behind as route enters rolling grasslands of broad Canadian River Valley. Fascinating historical marker beside Texas 136, some 10 miles north of F.M. 293, marks portion of trail that wound from

The excellent Square House Museum in Panhandle



White Deer Land Museum in Pampa

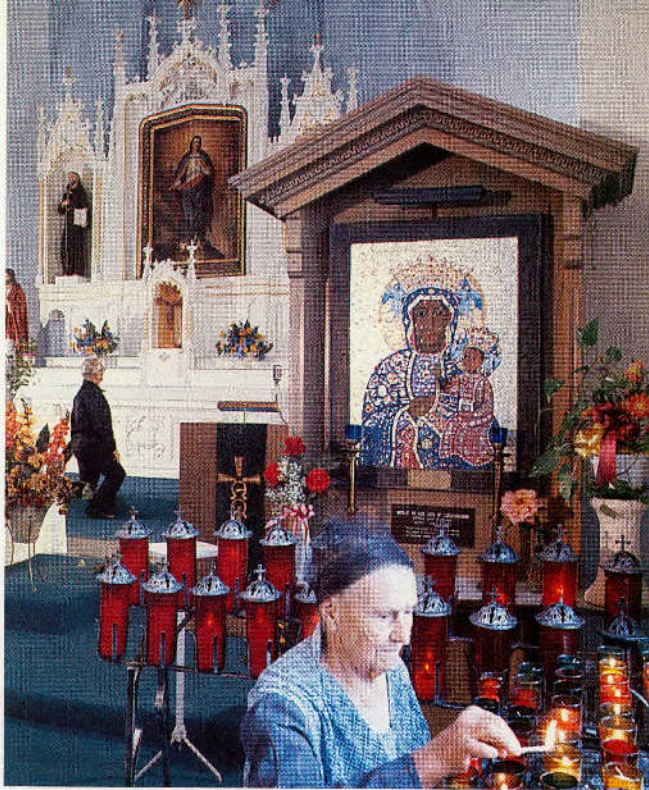
Fort Smith, AR, to Santa Fe, NM. Though now covered by grass, wagon ruts are still visible. Texas 136 leads north to Lake Meredith and popular federal recreational areas around it (see LAKES listing).

**Square House Museum**—One of the most attractive small museums in state. Displays and dioramas interpret the history, natural history, and art of the Texas Panhandle. Thirteen structures include the historic Square House, oldest building in the city; Santa Fe caboose; reconstructed pioneer dugout; Eclipse windmill; community church; two art galleries; wildlife hall; early ranching barn; general store; bank; blacksmith shop; education building with Indian art and Texas flag exhibits. Self-guiding or tours by arrangement. Open daily. Pioneer Park on Texas 207. Admission free.

**Thomas Cree's Little Tree**—Set behind protective fence at south edge of U.S. 60 about five miles southwest of city is first tree planted throughout entire Texas Panhandle. Immense plains were once a sea of grass from horizon to horizon. In 1888 pioneer settler Thomas Cree hauled a sapling of bois d'arc from beyond the Cap Rock and planted it by his dugout home. Cree is long gone, but the tree thrived until 1969 when accidentally killed by an agricultural chemical. Natural seedlings from original tree are growing today. Site is marked by a State Historical Marker and by medallion from National Men's Garden Clubs of America.

Historic marker at Square House Museum in Panhandle





**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Polish Village of Panna Maria**

**PANNA MARIA**

Pop. 96

Alt. 325

Map S-16



**General**—Reputed to be the oldest Polish settlement in America; is certainly the mother of Polish settlements in Texas. Established Dec. 1854 by Polish Catholics; in fulfillment of vow, immigrants named their new town

*Panna Maria*, meaning Virgin Mary in Polish. Early years of the colony were severely difficult, plagued by disease, climate extremes and outlaws who infested the region. Neighboring cowboys and ranchers often ridiculed the strange, non-English-speaking foreigners. The community established the first Polish school in the United States, and other villages like Cestohowa, Pawelkville and Kosciusko sprang from this original settlement.

Today, the older generation still speaks an antiquated Silesian dialect (difficult for modern Polish speakers to understand), but Polish is no longer taught in local schools, and the language is being lost.

Visit the community cemetery and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, topped by a cross carried from Poland by the original colonists more than a century ago. A museum near the church may be visited by request at the church. Southeast of San Antonio, just off Texas 123 between Stockdale and Karnes City; near Helena ghost town (which see).

**St. Joseph School Museum**—Housed in the oldest Polish school in the U.S.; artifacts (many from 19th Century Poland) depicting life of Polish pioneers. Second floor, originally a convent for the teaching nuns, is now a bed and breakfast. Museum open Thurs. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.

**Panna Maria Visitor's Center**—Administered by the Panna Maria Historical Society, the center is housed in the 1875 Pliarczyk Store. Souvenirs, handmade crafts, religious articles, local foods, as well as information and guided tours are available. For information, 210/780-4471.

**PARIS**

Pop. 24,965

Alt. 592

Map G-20



**General**—Founded 1839 on divide between Red and Sulphur Rivers; became seat of Lamar County 1844; settled by diverse frontier society including Sam Bell Maxey (see below), West Point graduate, attorney

and Confederate general. Retired outlaw Frank James (brother of Jesse) clerked in a local dry goods store. Home of John Chisum, who became one



**Sam Bell Maxey State Historic structure in Paris**

of the West's foremost cattle barons. Notorious frontier outlaw queen, Belle Starr, tended a farm near town.

The Paris Visitors and Convention Council at 1651 Clarksville St. will provide walking and driving tour maps that include some 34 points of interest, including the 1920s downtown architecture and historic sites.

Today a commercial/marketing center for fertile agricultural region; home of Paris Junior College.

**A. M. and Welma Aikin Archives**—Replica of Senator Aikin's Austin office; mementos of his 46-year career, much of which was devoted to Texas education; also historical archives for Delta, Fannin, Lamar, and Red River Counties. Open Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m. - noon. In Mike Rheudasil Learning Center, Paris Junior College.

**Evergreen Cemetery**—Dating from 1866, large cemetery contains more than 40,000 graves, including many early Texas patriots. Many unusual, handsome carved headstones and monuments. S. Church St. at Jefferson Rd.

**Lakes**—Crook and Pat Mayse. See LAKES listing.

**Sam Bell Maxey State Historic Structure**—Gem of Victorian architecture built by Confederate General Maxey 1868, occupied by family for almost a century. Restored and furnished as state historic site. Maxeys were avid gardeners; restoration includes landscaped grounds and small Victorian garden in original dimensions. Guided tours; open Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 812 S. Church St.; admission.

**Crape Myrtles decorate Paris' downtown plaza**



**PASADENA**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 60.

**PEARSALL**

Pop. 7,386

Alt. 646

Map S-14



**General**—Established on International-Great Northern Railroad 1880; seat of Frio County and primary retail center for large area of diversified agriculture and livestock production. Giant peanut monument downtown

salutes area's primary crop (over 55 million pounds marketed annually). Cotton, grain sorghum and vegetables grow on 54,000 irrigated acres. Fishing is available in Frio River and smaller streams; during seasons hunters take white-tailed deer, javelina, dove and quail.

**Old Frio County Jail Museum**—Features items used by Frio County early settlers; Indian artifacts. Open Sat., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Cedar and Medina Sts.



Grave of Pecos' "Gentleman Gunfighter," Clay Allison

**PECOS**

Pop. 12,023

Alt. 2,580

Map M-6



**General**—Established 1881 as stop on Texas and Pacific Railroad, Pecos gained early fame as hangout for rowdy cowboys and fast-draw lawmen. Touted as "Home of World's First Rodeo," Pecos was scene of

cowboy contest in 1883 that was forerunner of today's popular sport. (West of the Pecos Rodeo, 4th of July, re-enacts 1883 events.) Today a hub of travel both east-west and north-south; commercial center for ranching, irrigated farming, produce processing, and oil production. Area hunting for mule deer, javelina, upland game birds. Visit the chamber of commerce, 111 S. Cedar St. (U.S. 285) for details.

**Lakes**—Balmorhea and Red Bluff. See LAKES listing.

**Maxey Park & Zoo**—Among several species of animals are buffalo, Longhorns, deer, javelina, mountain lions, and antelope. Picnic area, a gazebo, and a botanical garden with regional flowers and shrubs are found in the park area. Also, "kid's city" playground for children of all ages. Full facility campground and RV park west of the park. On I-20 access road between U.S. 285 and Texas 17.

**Pecos Cantaloupes**—Grown in irrigated fields, luscious melon is the delight of gourmets throughout the United States. Quality derives from natural combination of alkali soil, western sunlight and altitude. Pecos cantaloupes enjoy comparable status with Maine lobsters, French wines and Swiss cheeses. Harvested late July through Sept. with a festival held in late summer. For festival schedule, 915/445-2406.

**West-of-the-Pecos Museum and Park**—Museum occupies old saloon and two floors of historic hotel, once the area's finest. See restored ornate



West-of-the Pecos Museum in Pecos

fixtures, accurate displays of life in the late 1800s, and site where two outlaws were gunned down by quick-draw bartender, Barney Riggs. Information on other Pecos attractions. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. (6 p.m. daily in summer). 120 E. First St. Admission.

Adjacent park contains first building in Pecos, grave of Clay Allison, the "Gentleman Gunfighter," replica of Judge Roy Bean's saloon (see LANGTRY for actual site), an Eclipse windmill and offices of the tourist center and chamber of commerce.

**PERRYTON**

Pop. 7,519

Alt. 2,942

Map A-11



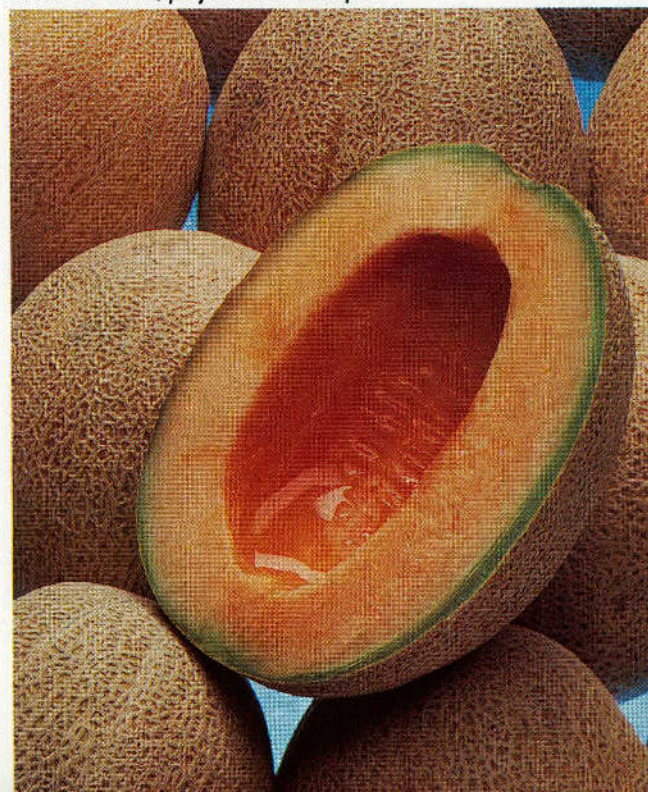
**General**—Founded 1919, seat of Ochiltree County, northernmost county seat in Texas (545 miles from State Capital, Austin). Locally known as "Wheatheart of the Nation," city is shipping point for one of

nation's top wheat-producing areas.

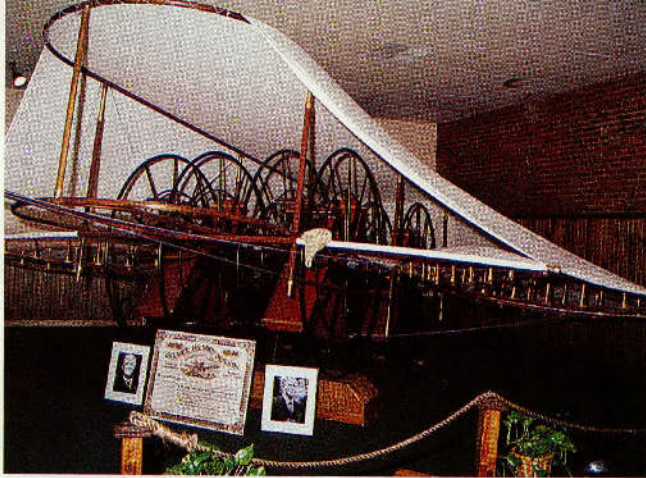
**Lake**—Fryer. See LAKES listing.

**Museum of the Plains**—General history exhibits of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles; railroad depot, old store, pioneer home from Ochiltree, covered wagon, barbed wire. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sat. - Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m. (closed weekends Jan. - mid-Apr.) U.S. 83 at north city limit.

Texans can hardly wait until July for harvest of sweet, juicy Pecos cantaloupes







**Full-sized replica of Ezekiel Airship in Pittsburg; preacher-inventor built original in 1902 based on description in Biblical book of Ezekiel**

**PHARR**—See RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 80.

**PINE SPRINGS**—See EL PASO SECTION, Page 47.

## PITTSBURG

Pop. 4,153

Alt. 398

Map J-21



**General**—Seat of Camp County, a heavily timbered area, also a commercial center for farming, poultry and livestock. Large peach production (one of top ten peach-producing counties in state), plus blueberries and

blackberries, with some growers offering pick-your-own opportunities. Vintage grocery, hardware, and drug stores and antique shops.

For information on accommodations, restaurants, and events, stop by the chamber of commerce office at 202 Jefferson St. or call 903/856-3442.

**Ezekiel Airship**—In 1902 an inspired preacher-inventor built an airship based on description in Biblical book of Ezekiel. Said to have flown briefly, the machine was destroyed in a rail accident on way to St. Louis World's Fair, 1904. Historical marker at original building site, Pittsburg Foundry, Fulton St. Full-size replica of airship is displayed in downtown restaurant. (View during business hours; food purchase not required.)

**Lake Bob Sandlin State Recreation Area**—See MOUNT PLEASANT.

**Lakes**—Bob Sandlin, Lake O' the Pines. See LAKES listing. Other area lakes include Welsh, Cypress Springs and Monticello. Trophy bass of 13 and 14 lbs. are not unusual. A 15 lb. 3 3/4 oz. giant was taken from Welsh in Dec. 1983.

**Northeast Texas Rural Heritage Center & Museum**—Housed in old Cotton Belt Railroad depot. Exhibits include artifacts, photos and documents from 1854 when town established. Also antique farm equipment and other memorabilia. Open Thurs. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Train Depot on Marshall St. 903/856-0463.

**Witness Park and Prayer Tower**—A gift to the city from businessman Bo Pilgrim, the tower features four Paccard bells from France and a chapel that never closes. The 75-foot tower's chapel offers a quiet refuge for visitors. In the park is a gurgling fountain and a life-size bronze which shows Jesus washing the disciple Peter's feet. At the intersection of Jefferson and Lafayette Sts.

## PLAINVIEW

Pop. 21,818

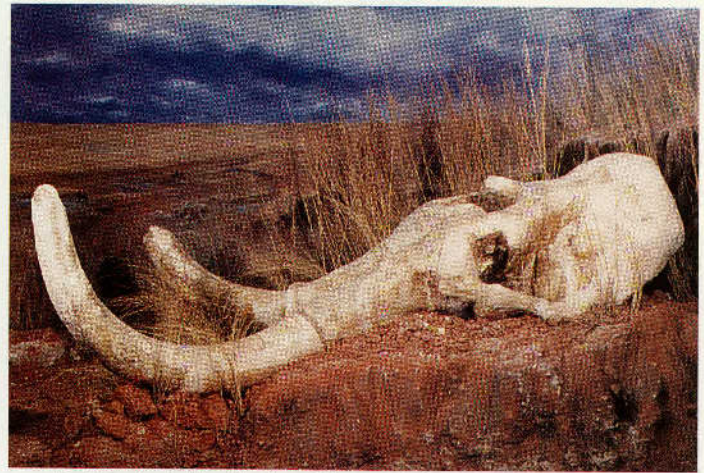
Alt. 3,366

Map F-10



**General**—Seat of Hale County, founded 1887 and named for magnificent view of plains. Center of huge, shallow underground water belt, city and county have abundant water supply. County is a leader in grain and

cotton production. Oil and gas also contribute to area economy. Recreational facilities include 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, swimming pools and city parks. Hunters find abundant pheasant during season. Excellent antique shopping. Home of Wayland Baptist Univ.



**Pre-historic skull and tusks of the Imperial Mammoth on view at Llano Estacado Museum in Plainview**

**Llano Estacado Museum**—Bears the traditional Spanish name for the Texas High Plains. Hale County exhibits include artifacts from Plainview Man archaeological site (8,000 B.C.), gems and minerals, pioneer firearms, re-created turn-of-the-century room settings, art collection. With discovery of prehistoric elephant skull and tusks in May 1988 near community of Easter, remains of the Imperial Mammoth became known as "Easter Elephant" and moved to new home in the museum. Open weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; weekends Mar. - Nov. 1 - 5 p.m. 1900 W. 8th St. On campus of Wayland Baptist Univ.

**PLANO**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 41.

## PLANTERSVILLE

Pop. 212

Alt. 325

Map P-20



**General**—Village in Grimes County founded about 1885 on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad; thrived as agricultural center and wagon-making site in late 1800s. Each fall the community about 45 miles north of

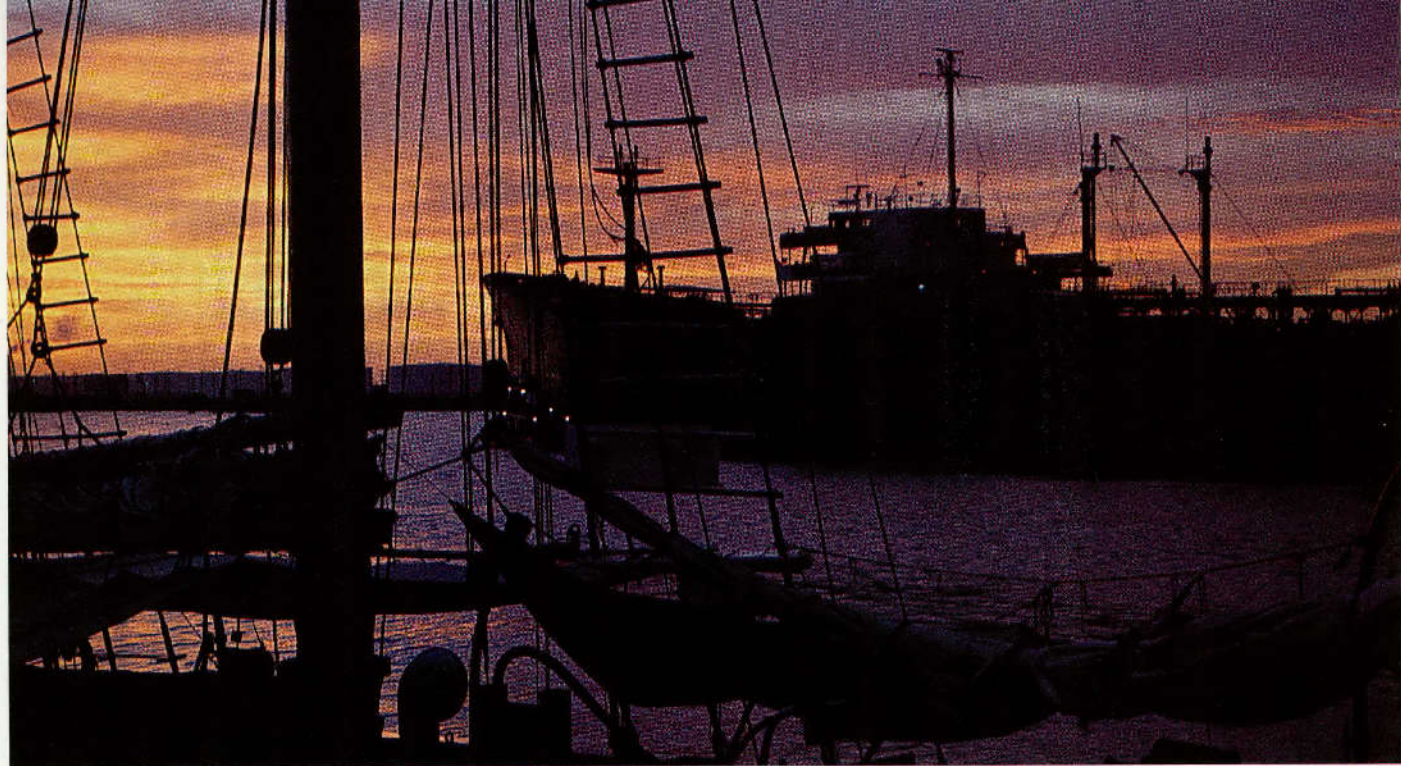
Houston, on Texas 105/E.M. 1774, is major gateway to the Texas Renaissance Festival (below).

**King's Orchard**—Pick your own fruit during season in the "King's" orchard near the Texas Renaissance Festival grounds (see below). Select fresh, plump strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, and blueberries; or large, juicy peaches, plums, or apples. All grown naturally and virtually chemical free. Orchards usually open Mar. - Sept. The "King" doesn't allow anyone in

**Costumed falconer at Texas Renaissance Festival near Plantersville**



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orchard during rain or lightning storms. During inclement weather, call the orchard to check picking conditions. Off F.M. 1774 south of Plantersville. 409/894-2766.

**Texas Renaissance Festival**—On seven weekends in the fall (Oct. - Nov.), drive 6 miles south of Plantersville on F.M. 1774 and discover medieval Europe on 237 wooded acres—men wearing plumed hats and embroidered waistcoats, women in elegant long gowns with the deeply scooped necklines of the 16th Century, harlequin jesters, minstrels, armored knights, magicians and raffish gypsies. There's jousting, juggling and dancing — raisin cakes and wine, fowl and beef turning on spits over open fires. Admission.

**PLEASANTON**

Pop. 8,042

Alt. 374

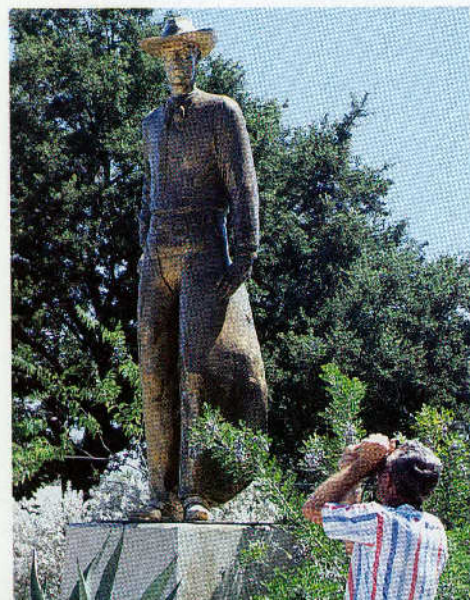
Map S-15



*General—Established 1858 but preceded by much earlier Spanish, Mexican and Anglo-American ranching activities, town bills itself as "Birthplace of the Cowboy," epitomized by bronze statue in front of city hall. Hunters*

seek white-tailed deer (among largest in Texas) as well as dove and quail during fall-winter hunting seasons.

**Atascosa River Park**—Towering oak and pecan trees shade picnic area; also tennis courts, athletic fields, and a specially designed playground for children. Off U.S. 281 in town.



*"Birthplace of the Cowboy," epitomized by bronze statue in Pleasanton*

*Oil is foremost cargo through Port Arthur's port*

**Longhorn Museum**—Documents development of the American cowboy in area, from 1500s to present day. Indian and pioneer artifacts, ranch and farm implements, exhibits devoted to Texas Longhorns, wild mustangs, oil and coal fields. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. On Texas 97 west.

**PORT ARANSAS**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 23.

**PORT ARTHUR**

Pop. 59,678

Alt. 18

Map Q-23



*General—On northwest shore of Sabine Lake nine miles from Gulf of Mexico, site of settlement known as Aurora in 1840. City named after Arthur E. Stilwell, Kansas City financier, who was instrumental in building railroad to*

edge of townsite. Home of Lamar Univ. at Port Arthur (formerly Port Arthur College). Queen of Peace statue and Oriental gardens at 801 9th Ave. are especially beautiful when decorated with 700,000 lights at Christmas.

City is year-round fisherman's destination. Average temperature varies from 55 degrees in winter to 82 in summer. At 3401 Cultural Center Dr. (9th St. exit from Texas 73), Port Arthur Convention and Visitors Bureau sells an

*McFaddin Wildlife Refuge near Port Arthur contains one of the densest populations of American alligators in Texas*





**Sea Rim State Park, Port Arthur**

area Waters Guide showing many excellent locations to catch more than 25 varieties of freshwater and saltwater fish, along with charts, marina, fuel and services information.

Cargo tonnage, annually averaging about 23,000,000, justifies the claim "We Oil the World," because nearly a million barrels of crude oil are refined in area daily.

**Lake**—Sabine. See LAKES listing.

**Museum of the Gulf Coast**—In former bank building downtown, the museum is outstanding. Note the striking murals on walls. Exhibits depict great strides made in the span of Port Arthur's history. Relics from Battle of Sabine Pass, mortgage note issued by Santa Anna (\$500 mortgage bond issued by Mexican general on his personal property to raise funds for his army), and an Edison Talking Machine.

**Southeast Texas Musical Heritage Room** features memorabilia of rock star Janis Joplin. Joplin's painted psychedelic Porsche sits on top of a spinning gold record. Some two dozen other musical stars are also featured, including J.P. "Big Bopper" Richardson, Jr., Richard Valens, and Tex Ritter. The museum is open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. It's at 701 Fourth St.

**National Wildlife Refuges**—McFaddin and Texas Point National Wildlife Refuges are to the south on the Gulf along Texas 87. At Sabine Pass is Texas Point Refuge, once called Sea Rim. As with other Gulf Coast refuges in the state, tremendous concentrations of waterfowl are seen as well as a great variety—more than 60,000 snow geese (along with white-fronted and Canada geese) use the marsh; 23 species of ducks are represented and the number on the refuges reaches 100,000. The mottled duck, the only resident waterfowl species, uses the marsh for its summer nesting habitat. The McFaddin Refuge contains one of the densest populations of American alligators in Texas. Public activities include wildlife observation, photography, waterfowl hunting, fishing and crabbing. For directions and information contact refuge headquarters in Anahuac at 409/267-3337 or write P.O. Box 278, Anahuac, TX 77514; or visit McFaddin Refuge office on Shell Oil Company road off Texas 87.

**Pleasure Island**—Connected to city by M. L. King-Gulfgate Bridge that arcs 138 feet above ship channel; access from island via Texas 82 causeway to Cameron Parish, LA. Island is in Sabine Lake, 100-square-mile lake which opens into Gulf of Mexico. Golf course, marina, boat ramps and miles of free roadside fishing levees from which anglers take redfish, drum, speckled trout, croakers and other species; excellent crabbing year round.

**Pompeian Villa**—Built for Isaac Ellwood, "Barbed-wire King," in 1900; sold to president of Diamond Match Co. who traded it for Texas Company (Texaco) stock worth \$10,000. Stock's value now would exceed \$1 billion. House on National Register of Historic Places. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1953 Lakeshore Dr.

**Port of Port Arthur**—From an observation deck view the harbor and "Big Arthur"—the largest gantry crane on the Gulf coast. Port tours by appointment: 409/983-2029. At east end of Houston Ave. and Lakeshore Dr.

**Rainbow and Veterans Bridges**—A high, graceful arc on Texas 87 spans the Neches River joining Orange and Bridge City on the north with Port Arthur to the south. The two-lane, vintage Rainbow Bridge, completed 1938,



**Dick Dowling statue at Sabine Pass Battleground State Historical Park**

spans salt marshes and industrial river channel for 1.5 miles including approaches. The bridge's 177-foot clearance height resulted from requirement that any U.S. Navy ship could pass under; tallest ship of the Navy's 1938 fleet was a dirigible tender that never sailed up the Neches.

Veterans Bridge was completed in 1991; with 143-foot navigation clearance, it is first cable-stayed bridge on Texas highways. Park at south end has playground, picnicking, and good view of bridge and ships in the intra-coastal waters.

**Sabine Pass Battleground State Historical Park**—Site of astonishing Civil War battle of Sept. 8, 1863, a Union attempt to invade Texas at Sabine Pass. Union fleet numbered some 20 vessels and 5,000 men; Confederate defense was small earthwork, six cannon, and 42 men under Lts. Richard W. Dowling and N.H. Smith. Confederate fire so devastating that three Union gunboats were crippled in 45 minutes, two captured. Federals lost 65 men killed, wounded and missing, 315 taken prisoner by the Confederates who suffered no casualties. Remaining Union force retired to New Orleans. Dominating today's park is a statue of Dick Dowling on base of Texas pink granite. Boat ramp, fish-cleaning shelter, rest rooms, picnic facilities with water and grills. Fine view of ships entering and leaving Gulf of Mexico. South 15 miles on F.M. 3322 off Texas 87. Day-use only.

**Oriental Temple in Port Arthur**



**Sea Rim State Park**—With a 5.2-mile coastline and 15,109 acres of marshland, the park offers a variety of recreational opportunities. From the visitors center, a boardwalk nature trail acquaints the visitor with marsh ecology. Boat trails provide access to the marsh. Camping in designated areas (with hookups), along beach, or on platforms in marsh area. Abundant wildlife. Fishing, swimming. On Texas 87, 14 miles southwest. Admission.

**White Haven**—Victorian elegance fills this Southern Greek Revival mansion in the city's Historical District. Porcelains from the 18th and 19th Centuries, unique candelabra from Persia, historic furniture pieces. Open for tours Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and most weekends. 2545 Lakeshore Dr. Donations.

**PORT ISABEL**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 80.

**PORTLAND**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 23.

## PORT LAVACA

Pop. 11,209

Alt. 19

Map T-19



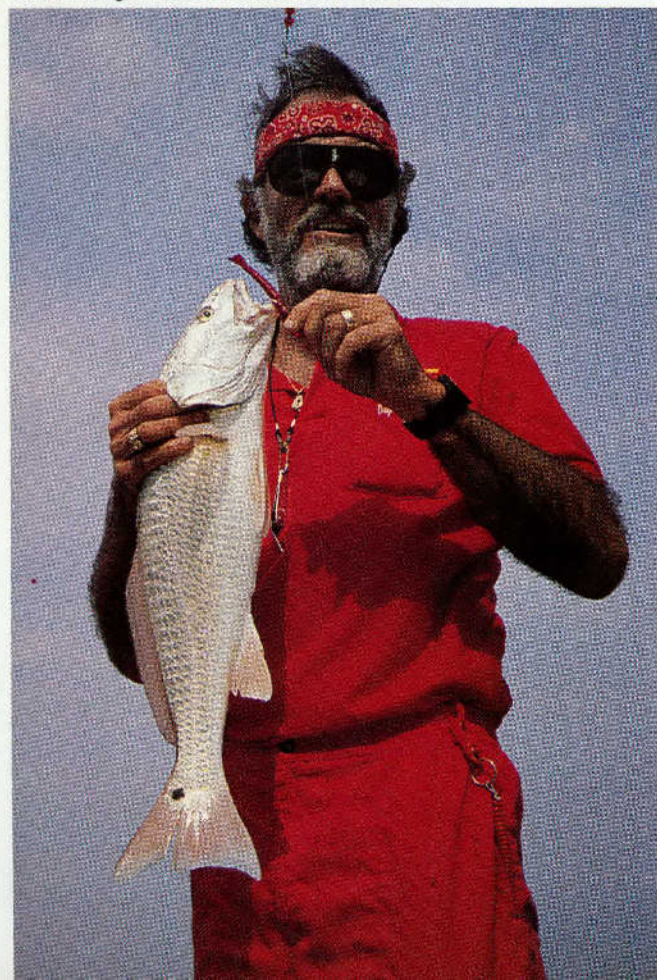
**General**—Seat of Calhoun County, on a bluff overlooking Lavaca Bay; important center for commercial and pleasure fishing, ranching and agriculture; port facilities and diversified industries. Miles of nearby

swimming beaches, abundant bait and tackle shops, boat ramps. Waterfowl hunting during season.

**Calhoun County Museum**—Relics, artifacts and mementos of early days in area. Housed in courthouse annex. Open Mon. - Fri. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. 201 W. Austin St.

**Halfmoon Reef Lighthouse**—Established 1858 on Matagorda Bay. Kept dark during War Between the States for benefit of blockade runners, was reactivated in 1868. Severely damaged in 1942 hurricane, but keeper kept

Redfish caught in Gulf of Mexico near Port Lavaca



light operating. Condemned following storm and moved in 1943 from location on WW II bombing range to Point Comfort. Moved again in 1979 to site next to chamber of commerce, Texas 35 Bypass near causeway.

**Indianola County Historic Park**—At site of old Indianola town. Down through history many ghost towns have dotted the Texas landscape, but none lived longer, thrived more successfully—nor died more tragically than Indianola on Matagorda/Lavaca Bays. For details, see INDIANOLA. Picnicking, fishing, boat ramp, camping (with hookups); 13 miles southeast via Texas 238 and 316.

**La Salle Monument**—Erected at site of Indianola to commemorate where La Salle is thought to have first landed in Texas in 1685. Entire memorial is of Kingsland pink granite, 22 feet in height. Highway rest area is adjacent to monument; about 14 miles south on Texas 316. (See INDIANOLA.)

**Port Lavaca Causeway State Recreation Park**—Old highway causeway, replaced by modern span, now popular lighted fishing pier extending 3,202 feet into Lavaca Bay. Swimming, boating and saltwater fishing. Facilities include snack bar, bait stand and rest rooms. Port Lavaca City Park at base of pier has boat ramp, picnicking and recreational vehicle facilities. Fee for pier use. Alongside Texas 35 causeway.

**PORT MANSFIELD**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 82.

## PORT O'CONNOR

Pop. 1,147

Alt. 15

Map P-19



**General**—Closely tied to the sea, the town is home port to commercial fishing and shrimp boats, plus charter boats and a fishing pier.

**A wide variety of sea birds draws birders to this colorful community. The coastline and**

bays were first mapped by Alanzo de Pinada in 1519; he called the mainland "Amichel"—the earliest recorded designation of what was to become Texas.

**Matagorda Island State Park and Wildlife Management Area**—For several years, beginning in 1942, a portion of Matagorda Island was used for practice bombing by the U.S. Air Force. Now, as a state park, the 7,325-acre area has largely returned to its natural state as a haven for migratory water fowl and deer. The park is seven miles south of Port O'Connor, separated from the mainland by Espirito Santo and San Antonio Bays. Facilities include primitive beach campsites, dockside campsites, pit toilets and outdoor showers. Picnicking, camping, fishing, boating, swimming, beachcombing, and nature study. Birding is very popular; more than 300 species of migratory birds have been spotted here. Among most noted birds that migrate to the island are whooping cranes, which spend winter on portions of the island across from Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Accessible only by charter or private boat.

## POST

Pop. 3,822

Alt. 2,590

Map H-10



**General**—Seat of Garza County, named for C.W. Post, cereal manufacturer who founded town in 1907 to demonstrate his economic ideas. Town designed to be center of a community of farmers who owned their own

land and homes in region of giant ranches. All supplies were first brought in by mule train from nearest railhead, Big Spring, some 70 miles away. Between 1910-1913, city was scene of perhaps most elaborate series of experiments in rainmaking ever undertaken in U.S. Explosives were detonated in the atmosphere at timed intervals. Unfortunately, rainfall records do not indicate success. Post is at foot of majestic Cap Rock, southeastern edge of the Great Plains of the U.S.

Historic Main Street lined with unique gift and clothing stores, restored historic buildings. Details about city attractions at local chamber of commerce, 106 S. Broadway St.

Post lies on U.S. 84, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Algerita Art Center**—Features local and area artists works in the restored Algerita Hotel. Open afternoons. 129 East Main.

**City-County Park**—Small lake for fishing; swimming pool, walking trail and picnic areas. At south edge of city on U.S. 84.

**Fort Justice**—Buffalo burgers and steaks are restaurant's specialties; buffalo curios, tanned hides, and Western art gallery. In Justiceburg, 13 miles south on U.S. 84.

**Garza County Museum**—Features ranch, cowboy, and pioneer household items, Indian artifacts, room settings, period furnishings, typical frontier chapel interior. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon; 1 - 3 p.m. 119 North Ave. N.

**Garza Theatre**—One of the first movie theaters in West Texas, opened in 1920 featuring silent films; 1929 adapted to sound; closed in 1957. In 1986 renovated and reopened, housing a live theater company. For brochure and performance schedule write Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356, or call 806/495-4005.

**Lake**—White River. See LAKES listing.

**Llano Estacado Tourist Marker**—Stretching across the horizon as a range of flat-topped "mountains" is the Cap Rock escarpment, eastern boundary of the vast Llano Estacado or "Staked Plains." Marker provides details; on U.S. 84 between Post and Justiceburg.

**Scenic Drive**—F.M. 669 south toward Gail reaches edge of Texas High Plains called the Llano Estacado, which are southernmost extension of Great Plains of the U.S. In immensity beyond comprehension the Great Plains sweep north more than 1,600 miles, thrusting deep into Canada through the heartland of America that produces nation's abundance of grain, meat and fiber. Highway descends the abrupt edge where plains end, traveling through panoramas of steep cliffs and colorful canyons.



Everyone forgets calories when Poteet strawberries arrive

## POTEET

Pop. 3,352

Alt. 525

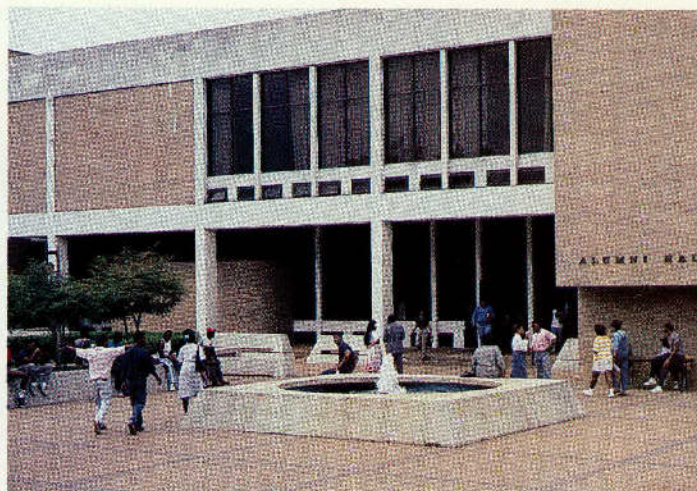
Map S-15



**General**—In center of truck-farming region; called the "Strawberry Capital of Texas." Also extensive ranching, dairying, and production of peanuts, hay and forage grains.

**World's Largest Strawberry**—Celebrating the distinction of producing 40 percent of Texas' strawberries is a monument to the favorite fruit. Giant replica is seven feet tall and weighs 1,600 pounds. Also monument of Poteet Canyon, Steve Canyon comic strip character named for city.

Strawberry Festival held in early Apr. draws thousands to pay tribute to the sweetness of this region's fruit. In addition to judging and auction of strawberries, such events as a rodeo, fiddlers contest, and dances are held, along with fireworks and a variety of entertainment.



Prairie View State University campus

## PRAIRIE VIEW

Pop. 4,244

Alt. 250

Map P/Q-20



**General**—Named for plantation home of Col. Jack Kirby; later became a girls' school. Property deeded to state in 1876; legislature established college for black youths on the site, now Prairie View State Univ.

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**—Simple frame building (c. 1870), first Texas Episcopal Church north of Houston; furnished with original handhewn pews made by first congregation. Moved from Hempstead in 1958 to campus of Prairie View State Univ.

## PRESIDIO

Pop. 3,310

Alt. 2,594

Map R-5



**General**—Isolated village on Rio Grande that grew from early Spanish settlement once protected by a presidio (fort). Surrounding terrain arid, rugged, and often spectacular (see Scenic Drive below). Mexican town

south of the river is Ojinaga.

**Fort Leaton State Historic Site & Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area**—One of Texas' most unusual historic sites, massive adobe fortress built by frontiersman Ben Leaton in 1848 immediately after Mexican War at strategic site on Chihuahua-San Antonio Trail in arid West Texas by the Rio

Fort Leaton State Historic Site at Presidio





**Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area near Presidio**

Grande. Leaton cornered lucrative trade with area Indians, supplied far-ranging U.S. Army patrols, and was accused of encouraging Indian raids on settlements in Mexico by trading weapons and ammunition for stolen livestock. Of more than 40 original rooms around large patio, 24 are architecturally restored and roofed with cottonwood *vigas* (beams) and *rajas* (split cottonwood), sheathed with adobe. Restoration, not yet complete, eventually will include frontier furnishings of living and guest quarters, dining room, kitchen, storerooms and granary. Interpretive exhibits trace area history and culture; audiovisual program on desert ecology. Open daily 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., closed Dec. 25; 3 miles east of Presidio on F.M. 170; admission. (Daily, annual, restricted annual, annual group entrance permits and Parkland Passports are not valid.)

Visitor center at the fort introduces Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area; departure point for Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. bus tours the first Sat. of each month; tours include lunch; tour fee, reservations advisable; 915/229-3613. Bus tours also from LAJITAS (which see), third Sat. each month. Center also offers information about vehicle, hiking, and river raft access to the vast, primitive region. Experienced backpackers only; no developed facilities. Entry and user fees.

**Scenic Drive**—*El Camino del Rio*, Spanish for "The River Road," local name for F.M. 170 that stretches from Lajitas northwest to Presidio and beyond into the Chinati Mountains. An excellent paved route, it's one of the most spectacular drives in Texas, plunging over mountains and canyons along the sun-drenched Rio Grande. Drivers are cautioned that the route encounters steep grades (15%), sharp curves, occasional loose livestock, and low-water crossings; special alert for large RVs or vehicles pulling large trailers.

**QUANAH**

Pop. 3,436

Alt. 1,568

Map F-13



**General**—Named for Quanah Parker, last great war chief of the Comanche Indians, son of a Comanche chief and captive white girl, Cynthia Ann Parker. (See GROESBECK. Old Fort Parker State Historic Site.) Today seat

of Hardeman County, agricultural marketing and shipping point with cottonseed oil mill, cotton compress, dairy and meat packing plants; large gypsum plant nearby.

Be sure to visit Medicine Mound Depot Restaurant in historic building built in 1910 along the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railroad in Medicine Mound townsite; building moved to site on U.S. 287. Don't spoil your appetite with all the parched peanuts you can eat!

Take time to visit the historic sites around the city—Trinity Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, and the Quanah Parker Monument and Memorial Walkway. For additional information, contact the Quanah Chamber of Commerce at 106 West Third, or call 817/663-2222.

**Copper Breaks State Park**—1,933-acre park includes campsites with shade structures and utilities, picnicking, swimming, fishing, playgrounds, and hiking trails. Site is representative of stark and rugged beauty common to many parts of North and West Texas, with natural erosion of Permian red beds complementing the green of native redberry juniper. On Pease River, 13 miles south of Quanah on Texas 6. Admission.

**Hardeman County Museum**—In county jail built 1891 of native stone, upper floor cells left intact. General history museum occupies lower floor and features exhibits of history of Quanah and Hardeman County, and a Space Room furnished by NASA and the Smithsonian Institute. Open weekdays 1 - 5 p.m. 101 Green St.

**Lake**—Pauline. See LAKES listing.

**Medicine Mounds**—Four unusual cone-shaped hills that rise some 350 feet above the surrounding plains; named by the Comanche Indians, held in awe and reverence by them. Indians believed the mounds were dwelling place of powerful and benevolent spirits who could cure ill, assure successful hunts, and protect in battle. Drive-by view about 5 miles south off Texas 283.

**Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Depot**—Three-story structure built in 1908 in Spanish mission style with red Ludowici Serrville tile roof. An extension of the Hardeman County Jail museum, building is listed in the National Register of Historical Places. Open weekdays 1 - 5 p.m.

**QUITAQUE**

Pop. 498

Alt. 2,570

Map F-11



**General**—(KIT-a-KWAY) Originally was site of trading post dealing with Plains Indians; became a stagecoach stop in 1890 and grew to village serving surrounding ranches and farms. Named for nearby

Quitaque Creek and Ranch.

**Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway**—Park covers 13,960 acres in one of the state's most scenic regions. Erosion has carved spectacular landscapes at the edge of the Cap Rock (local terminology for the High Plains); colorful cliffs and canyons, abundant wildlife including African aoudad

*Brightly colored Bougainvillea and swaying palms  
welcome visitors to the Rio Grande Valley*



sheep, mule deer and golden eagles. Park visitors enjoy sightseeing, hiking trails, picnicking, fishing and swimming in 100-acre lake. Some primitive campsites, some with hookups. Located 3.5 miles north of Quitaque on F.M. 1065. Admission.

**Caprock Canyons Trailway** runs 64.25 mi. through Floyd, Briscoe, and Hall Counties. It moves through cultivated fields of the Texas High Plains, drops into rugged canyons of the Caprock Escarpment, and winds down into the famous Red River Valley. A unique feature along the trail near the Escarpment is a 1,000-ft. abandoned railroad tunnel, which is on the National Register of Historic Places as one of only a few such tunnels in Texas. For information on the trail and Caprock Canyons State Park, call 806/455-1492.



Caprock Canyons State Park north of Quitaque

## QUITMAN

Pop. 1,672

Alt. 414

Map J-20



**General**—Seat of Wood County, commercial center for farming, livestock, oil, headquarters for electric co-op. **James Stephen Hogg**, one of the town's most famous citizens, published "Quitman Daily News" in 1873,

was later justice of the peace, county attorney, state attorney general, and governor of Texas 1891-1895. Historical information available at chamber of commerce, 602 McAllister, open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Governor Hogg Shrine and State Park**—Historic site with buildings, museum and mementos related to the Hogg family, prominent in Texas history and politics. Miss Ima Hogg Museum displays memorabilia of Northeast Texas and family. Also on site is "honeymoon cottage" of her parents, James Stephen Hogg and Sarah Ann (Sallie) Hogg. Hogg was the first native-born governor of Texas. Here, too, is the Stinson House, restored home of the late Miss Ima's grandparents. An Old Settlers Tabernacle is available by reservation for family and other large gatherings. Old Settlers Nature Trail has 23 stops and four foot bridges along a half-mile trail. Picnic sites available. Open daily; historic buildings open Thurs. - Sun. for individual/group tours. All group tours must call for reservations. 518 Main St. (Texas 37). Fee for historic site tour. 903/763-2701.

**Lakes**—Fork, Holbrook, Quitman and Winnsboro. See LAKES listing.

## RALLS

Pop. 2,195

Alt. 3,108

Map G-10



**General**—Established 1911 by rancher **John Robinson Ralls** who laid out the town on his 10,000-acre ranch, built homes, business houses and donated land for churches and schools. Today serves area producing cotton,

wheat, grain sorghum and vegetables.

**Ralls Historical Museum**—Exhibits include Indian artifacts, history of early railroads in area, and 19 period room settings—kitchen, bedroom, doctor's office, barbershop, veterans room and others. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon; 2 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.; 801 Main St.

"Honeymoon Cottage" at Governor Hogg Shrine and State Park in Quitman



Lake Fork, near Quitman, is a fisherman's paradise



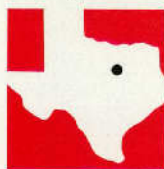


## RANGER

Pop. 2,759

Alt. 1,429

Map K-15



**General**—When oil boom towns are recalled, Ranger often leads the list. It was a quiet rural community established near a Texas Ranger camp in the 1870s. In October 1917 a gusher (see McClesky Number 1 below)

blew in and touched off one of the greatest booms in petroleum history. World War I demand for oil was at an all-time high. The lure of instant riches was irresistible; the town erupted with every kind of frenzied activity. In one year population exploded from 1,000 to 30,000. Small farmers became millionaires. Four railroads raced to complete lines and one railroad's receipts jumped from \$94,000 to \$8,000,000 in two years. As in most instances, the boom was short-lived and today there is no evidence of that bigger-than-life era. Oil activity is evident in orderly fields, while farming and ranching is major interest of area citizens. Ranger Junior College is here.

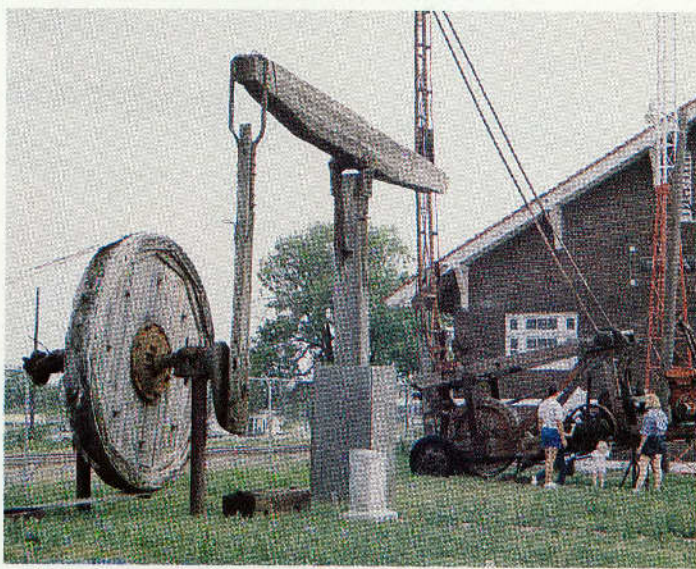
**Lake**—Leon. See LAKES listing.

**McClesky Number 1**—Site of 1,700-barrel-per-day oil gusher that touched off Ranger's fantastic oil boom in 1917. Marked by granite monument at T&P depot downtown.

**Parks**—Two city-maintained parks, with shaded picnic facilities, playground equipment, swimming pool and lighted tennis court.

**Roaring Ranger Museum**—Artifacts and abundant photos of city's oil boom days, housed in old depot. Also chamber of commerce office. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Main & Commerce Sts. downtown.

**Thurber Ghost Town**—16 miles east on I-20 (See THURBER.)



Artifacts of Ranger's oil boom days at Roaring Ranger Museum

## RANKIN

Pop. 964

Alt. 2,595

Map N-9



**General**—County seat of Upton County, named for F.E. Rankin who discovered a valuable, much-needed source of water in 1911. Town serves area ranchers and oilmen.

**Rankin Museum**—Housed in historic Yates Hotel (c.1927) built by oil tycoon Ira Yates; features restored lobby, original wicker furniture and ceiling fan, pioneer artifacts, meteorite believed to be fragment of the one whose crater can be seen between Odessa and Monahans, and restored 1940 Ford firetruck. Open Thurs. - Fri. 2 - 5 p.m.; Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. at 200 W. Fifth St.

**RAYMONDVILLE**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 82.



Refugio County Historical Museum

## REFUGIO

Pop. 3,085

Alt. 43

Map U-17/18



**General**—(Re-FURY-o) Founded 1834 at site of Mission Nuestra Senora del Refugio, relocated here from swamps of Calhoun County in 1795. Town today is seat of Refugio County, commercial center for oil-producing,

ranching, farming region. Public parks offer picnicking, playgrounds, tennis courts, and municipal swimming pool. Fishing and water sports on nearby coastal bays; hunters seek migratory waterfowl, deer, wild turkey, and wild boar.

**Aransas National Wildlife Refuge**—About 38 miles east of Refugio. (See ROCKPORT.)

**Refugio County Museum**—Local and pioneer history; bell from original mission, also exhibits of science, art, archeology and prehistory. Open Mon. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 1 - 5 p.m. 102 West St.

**RICHARDSON**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 42.

**RICHMOND-ROSENBERG**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 61.

**RIO GRANDE CITY**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 83.

**RIO HONDO**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 83.

**ROCKPORT**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 23.

## ROCKSPRINGS

Pop. 1,390

Alt. 2,450

Map Q-12



**General**—Established 1891, named for springs prized as water source by wagon trains and Indians. In highest area of rugged, scenic Edwards Plateau known locally as the Hill Country. Climate is cool

and dry in summer, mild and sunny in winter. Area is popular year-round vacation spot offering camping, picnicking, hiking, and rock collecting. During specified seasons hunters take white-tailed deer, wild turkey and upland game birds. Fishing on nearby South Llano and Nueces Rivers.



Angora goats in Rocksprings area produce luxurious mohair

**Angora Goat Breeders' Association Museum**—Includes pictures, records and early history of Angora goat-raising industry. Only registry office for industry in the nation. Open Mon., Wed., Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m. Austin St.

**Scenic Drives**—Most highways from Rocksprings are scenic routes through the rugged Hill Country, especially R.M. 674 south, U.S. 377 southwest and U.S. 377 northeast.

**ROCKWALL**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 42.

**ROMA**—See RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 83.

**ROUND ROCK**—See AUSTIN AREA SECTION, Page 17.



Emporium at Henkle Square in Round Top

**ROUND TOP**

Pop. 82

Alt. 390

Map Q-18



**General**—One of the smallest incorporated cities in Texas; established in 1835 as Jones Post Office. In 1854 Round Top Academy was founded; advertised tuition for the five-month session was \$10, with board,

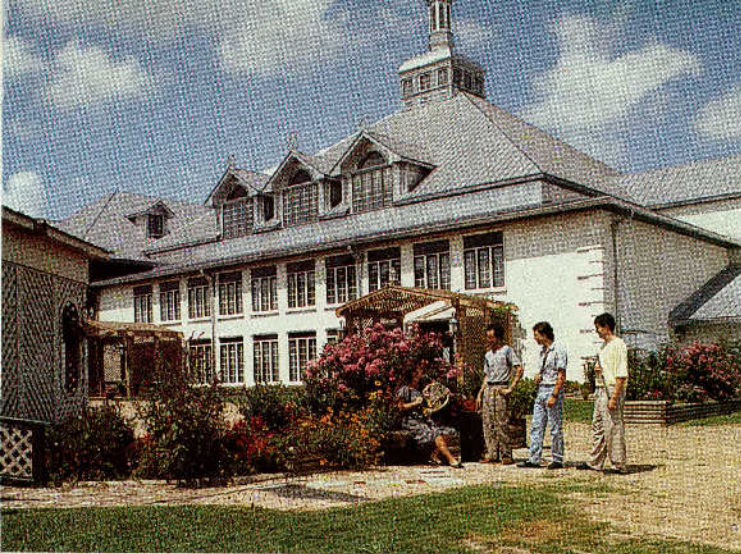
laundry, fuel and lights to cost an additional \$12 to \$15 per semester. School closed in 1861.

Round Top lies along the Texas Pioneer Trail covering four-county area. For additional information and map, contact Henkel Square (below).

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**—Center of Lutheran faith in Fayette County; dedicated 1866. Stone construction and simple lines show German architectural influence. Unique pipe organ of hand-shaped cedar. One block west of Texas 237.

Winedale Historical Center in Round Top





**International Festival-Institute's Concert Hall, Round Top**

**Henkel Square**—In split-rail fence on town square, several dwellings and structures, c. 1820-1870, with superb collection of Anglo- and German-American furnishings, utensils, and quaint decorative art of the period. Project of the Texas Pioneer Arts Foundation. Open noon - 5 p.m. Admission.

**International Festival-Institute**—Founded by acclaimed pianist James Dick. One concert weekend scheduled every month from Aug. - Apr. For six weeks in June and July, students in residence from throughout the world join distinguished performers and teachers in performances of orchestral, chamber and solo repertoire. All concerts are in air-conditioned Festival Concert Hall on the 80-acre permanent campus. Tours of restored building can be arranged. For performance schedules, call 409/249-3129. Texas 237, five blocks north of Henkel Sq.

**Moore's Fort**—Built in 1828 by famed Indian fighter Col. John Henry Moore at bend in Colorado River that is present site of La Grange. Moved to Round Top for restoration. On Texas 237.

**Winedale Historical Center**—Restored 19th-Century farmstead with plantation homes, log cabins, fireplace kitchen, smokehouse and barns. Center for study of ethnic cultures of Central Texas; operated by Univ. of Texas at Austin. Open Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Group tours Mon. - Fri. with at least two days notice. Four miles east of Round Top via F.M. 1457 and F.M. 2714 (not shown on most highway maps). Admission.

**Texas State Railroad terminal near Rusk**



**Footbridge Garden Park in Rusk**

## RUSK

Pop. 4,498

Alt. 489

Map L-21



**General**—Although only one family was living here in 1846, site was chosen as seat of Cherokee County. Named after Thomas Jefferson Rusk, a signer of Texas Declaration of Independence. Town famed as birthplace

of James Stephen Hogg and Thomas Mitchell Campbell who were first and second native-born Texans to serve as governor.

**Bonner Bank Building**—Cherokee County's first bank, established 1884, in 1865 building. Euclid St. and U.S. 69.

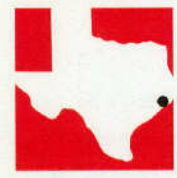
**Fairchild State Forest**—Thirteen miles west on U.S. 84. (See STATE FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Footbridge Garden Park**—Wooded setting for 546-foot footbridge, said to be nation's longest, originally built 1861 for crossing valley during rainy season. Two blocks east of town square.

**Jim Hogg State Historic Park**—175-acre scenic forest area of lofty pines. Dedicated as memorial to Governor Hogg, attractions include restored birthplace, picnic areas, museum and family cemetery. Two mi. northeast off U.S. 84.

**Lakes**—Jacksonville and Striker. See LAKES listing.  
**Old Rusk Penitentiary Bldg.**—Central administration building of present Rusk State Hospital built as main building of former Rusk State Prison, 1878. Iron structures, including dome of State Capitol, fabricated here by prisoners. Ave. A and U.S. 69. Historical marker gives details.  
**Rusk State Park**—100-acre park around the Rusk terminal of Texas State Railroad (see below). Group shelter, bathhouse, tennis courts, picnic area, primitive and hookup camping. In scenic area of towering pines 2 mi. west on U.S. 84; admission.  
**Scenic Drive**—Several routes near Rusk offer excellent woodland scenery: U.S. 69 both north and south; also F.M. 347, F.M. 747 (neither shown on most maps) that lead north from U.S. 84 west.  
**Texas State Railroad**—Operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, antique steam engines power vintage coaches 25.5 miles to Palestine in the nation's longest, skinniest state park through dense East Texas forestlands. Operates weekends Mar. - May; then daily except Tues. & Wed. through mid-Aug.; weekends through Oct. Reservations advisable. (In Texas call toll-free 1-800/442-8951, or 903/683-5126.) Fee for train ride. Depot is in Rusk State Park (see above). Also see PALESTINE.

**SABINE PASS**—See PORT ARTHUR, Page 192.



**General**—Sabine City laid out in 1836 by Sam Houston and Philip A. Sublett. Name changed to Sabine Pass in 1839. At one time population numbered around 6,000 but storms in 1886, 1900 and 1915 took heavy

tolls. Historically significant event was Battle of Sabine Pass during War Between the States (see PORT ARTHUR). City was annexed by Port Arthur in 1978.

**SAINT JO**

Pop. 1,060

Alt. 1,146

Map G-17

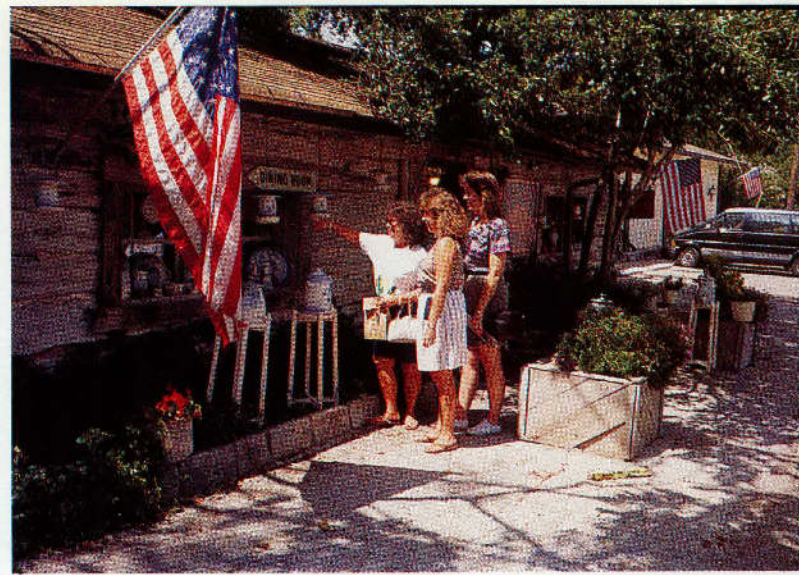


**General**—Originally known as Head of Elm when established in 1856 on springs that were headwaters of Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Renamed for Joe Howell who laid out the townsite. Howell allegedly opposed the

sale of liquor in town, thus giving both himself and town the name of "Saint Jo." The community on U.S. 82 between Wichita Falls and Sherman was important watering stop where Chisholm Trail and California Road crossed. Indian raids took place as late as 1874.

**Stonewall Saloon Museum**—Authentically restored saloon displays historic items related to era of cattle drives and other pioneer artifacts. Open daily 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; (closed Jan., Feb.). North corner of town square.

**Salt Flats below the Guadalupe Mountains**



Shopping in Salado

**SALADO**

Pop. 1,177

Alt. 695

Map O-17



**General**—Charming village on I-35 south of Temple in Central Texas dates from Texas' early days. The town grew around the Sterling C. Robertson home and plantation, and was incorporated in 1867. Named for

Salado (salty) Creek, town prospered with the founding of Salado College in 1860, and was prominent on the Chisholm Trail. First farmer's Grange in Texas established 1873. But when bypassed by the railroad, the late 19th Century's ultimate transportation mode, college closed and town dwindled to the status of an isolated village.

Today's visitors find a fascinating variety of shops—art galleries, antiques, crafts and women's fashions. Several outstanding craftsmen and artists reside in Salado. Also excellent restaurants, drive-by historic sites. Eighteen listings on National Register of Historic Homes.

The chamber of commerce can provide additional information by calling 817/947-5040.

Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic building.  
**Central Texas Area Museum**—Small, excellent showcase of local history, but open irregularly for group appointments and on special occasions several times a year. Across from Stagecoach Inn (below).

**Lake**—Stillhouse Hollow. See LAKES listing.

**Pace Park**—Tree-shaded picnic area beside picturesque Salado Creek, which was Texas' first designated natural landmark. Site was an Indian campground long before recorded history.

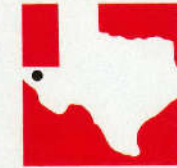
**Stagecoach Inn**—Originally the Shady Villa Inn, a prominent site on the Chisholm Trail in the 19th Century. Inn's guest book reads like a frontier Who's Who: Gen. George A. Custer, Robert E. Lee, Sam Houston, Jesse James and Shanghai Pierce. The primary old frame structure is today restored as a notable restaurant, surrounded by modern motor inn. Off I-35, Salado exit.

**SALT FLAT**

Pop. 35

Alt. 3,715

Map M-4



**General**—Small community that grew near extensive surface salt deposits left by intermittent lakes in Hudspeth County just west of the Guadalupe Mountains. Area was focus of bloody dispute known as the Salt War in

1860s and '70s. Before the dispute reached a confused, tragic end, it had involved both Mexican and U.S. citizens, political parties, judges, legislators, mob action, army troops and Texas Rangers. Murder, assassination and revenge killings took place on both sides. Some of the gray-white salt deposits may be seen today from U.S. 62/180.



*Miss Hattie's Museum, a restored "ladies of the evening" saloon-parlor house," was a San Angelo landmark for decades*

*Fort Concho, in San Angelo, is among the best preserved Texas frontier military forts*



*Mermaid of the Conchos in San Angelo*

**SAN ANGELO**

Pop. 85,778

Alt. 1,847

Map M/N-12



*General—Community grew around frontier site of Fort Concho, established 1867 at junction of north and middle branches of Concho River. Became early ranching center for cattle and sheep; today nation's largest primary*

wool and mohair market and major livestock auction center. Regional hub of cotton, grain and pecan production. A variety of industries, medical and retirement facilities and Goodfellow Air Force Base lend diversity. Symphony orchestra, ballet, and one of state's oldest civic theaters. Home of Angelo State Univ.

**Angelo State Univ. Planetarium**—Nation's fourth largest university planetarium features a three dimensional view of the universe with sparkling stars and celestial fireworks. Open when classes in session Thurs. 8 p.m. and Sat. 2 p.m. In Nursing-Physical Science Bldg. on campus. Admission.

**Concho River Pearls**—Formed in freshwater mussels, pearls range in color from pink to rich purple. Local jewelers offer variety of unique settings for these rare pearls from lakes and rivers. Pearl seekers must have annual permit from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Austin.



**Concho River Walk in San Angelo**

**Concho River Walk**—Over six miles of jogging/walking trails. Flowing fountains and water treatments; outdoor stage, small amusement park, 9-hole golf course. Downtown.

**Concho Street**—Across Concho River from Fort Concho (see below) is street that hosted off-duty soldiers from the fort. Now historic district with antique shops, saddle shop, cafes, "Miss Hattie's" (see below).

**Fort Concho**—Among the best preserved of Texas frontier military forts, 40-acre National Historic Landmark is comprised of 23 original and restored buildings within the city limits near downtown.

Established 1867 as pivot post on frontier line replacing Fort Chadbourne (see BRONTE). Most stone structures built with pecan-wood beams and rafters by skilled German craftsmen from Fredericksburg.

Frontier troops protected stagecoaches and wagon trains, escorted U.S. mail, explored and mapped new territory and occasionally clashed with Indians. Many well-known infantry and cavalry officers commanded the fort, including Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie, Col. William R. Shafer and Col. Benjamin H. Grierson. Both black and white troops took part in their campaigns.

The bluecoats were no longer needed when the frontier moved farther west. In a sentimental ceremony the colors were struck and the last company of the 16th Infantry moved out of Fort Concho on June 20, 1889, as the regimental band played "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

Several buildings have been restored to their original appearance and others have been reconstructed on existing foundations. Exhibits tell the story of fort, Indian campaigns and of San Angelo. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's. Fort is just east of S. Oakes St., between Avenues C and D. Admission.

**E. H. Danner Museum of Telephony**—Models of telephones from Alexander Graham Bell's "Gallows Frame Phone" (only five ever built) through wooden phones and pushbutton phones of the 1880s to present models. Open museum hours; in Officers' Quarters No. 4.

**Robert Wood Johnson Museum of Frontier Medicine**—Instruments, medicines, surgical kits, hospital furniture, and other items of a typical 19th Century frontier hospital; some on loan from Johnson & Johnson collection. Also items related to San Angelo's medical history. In North Ward of Post Hospital.

**San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts**—Varied, changing exhibits of different media from many eras. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. Fort Concho Quartermaster Bldg., Burgess St. at E. Ave. G. Admission.

**Lakes**—Nasworthy, O.C. Fisher and Twin Buttes. See LAKES listing.  
**Miss Hattie's Museum**—Restored "ladies of the evening" saloon-parlor

house" that was a surreptitious San Angelo landmark for decades. Faithfully restored with original furnishings and fashions to depict living style of those who entertained soldiers, ranchers and cowboys. House operated from mid-1800s until closed by Texas Rangers in 1946. Open Tues. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Upstairs at 18 E. Concho. Admission.

**Parks**—Several city parks along Concho River offer golf, tennis, fishing, swimming and picnicking; Corps of Engineers parks on area lakes.

**Producers Livestock Auction Company**—Second-largest livestock auction in the state. Sale days: Tues. (and some Wed.), sheep, Thurs. - Fri., cattle. 1131 N. Bell St.

**San Angelo Nature Center**—In former Lake Rangers Headquarters building at Lake Nasworthy built by Works Progress Admin. Natural science and history museum emphasizing understanding of Edwards Plateau region. Displays feature native wildlife: live reptiles and amphibians, mounted birds and other wildlife, 200-gallon aquarium, glass-enclosed beehive, and ant farm. Audiovisual programs. Open Sat. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun. noon - 5 p.m. In Mary Lee Park on Knickerbocker at Lake Nasworthy. Admission.

**Visitor Information Center**—Maps, free literature, details about current events and city attractions. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 500 Rio Concho Dr. at Convention Center.

**SAN ANTONIO**—See ALAMO COUNTRY SECTION, Page 68.

**SAN AUGUSTINE**

Pop. 2,430 Alt. 304 Map M-23

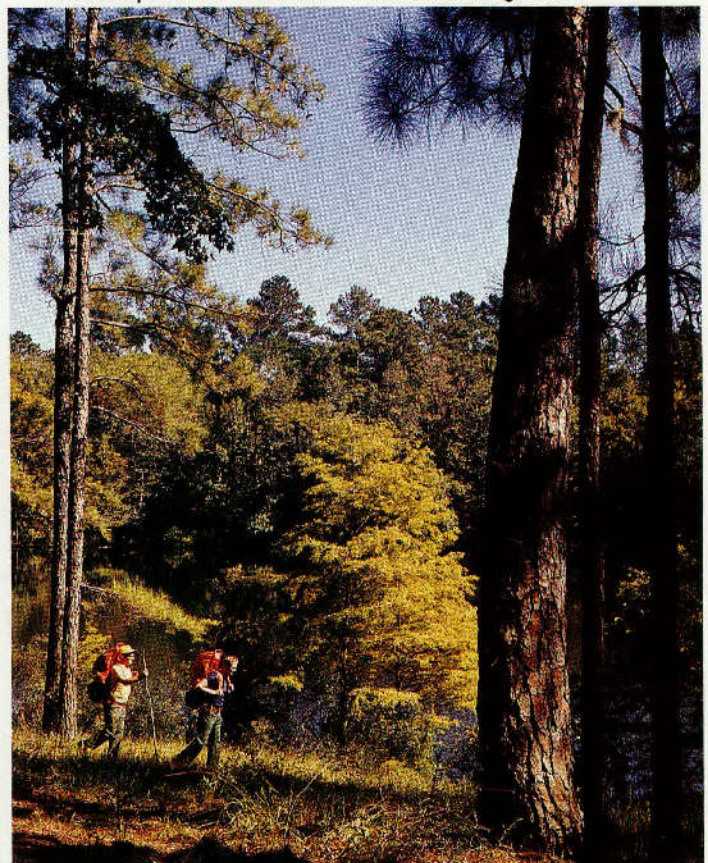


**General**—Known as "The Cradle of Texas," history walks the streets here. Located on historic "El Camino Real" (the Royal Highway, now Texas 21 in this area).

**Sam Houston** walked here; **Davy Crockett**

was feted on his way to the Alamo; and J. Pinckney Henderson, Texas' first governor, lived here when San Augustine was the eastern gateway to Texas. Several church congregations lay claim as Texas' oldest: Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist (24 miles east, five miles north of Milam). All features are too numerous to list here, but chamber of commerce can provide

**Hikers explore Sabine National Forest near San Augustine**





**Ezekiel Cullen House in San Augustine**

details and directions for drive-by views of many sites. Chamber open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 611 W. Columbia St.

**Angelina National Forest**—Nearest entrance about 11 miles south on Texas 147. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**El Camino Real**—Spanish for the Royal Highway, also called Old San Antonio Road, the first "interstate" (actually international) highway system in North America. In this area Texas 21 follows the old route laid out about 1690 from St. Augustine, FL, to San Antonio and Mexico City.

**Ezekiel W. Cullen Home**—An early judge of the First District Court of Texas, Cullen lived in this large house of Greek Revival style, the entire upper floor a ballroom. The 1839 structure is open Mon. - Sat. 1 - 5 p.m., at Congress and Market Sts.

**Lakes**—Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend. See LAKES listing.

**Mission Senora de los Dolores de los Ais**—Also known as Dolores Mission, was established 1716 by the Domingo Ramon expedition. Abandoned due to French invasion in 1719; restored in 1721 and became headquarters for Zacatecan missions in East Texas. Abandoned 1773 when Spanish evacuated all East Texas missions. Today only historical markers identify the site four blocks south of courthouse on Texas 147.

**Old Town Well**—Dug to a depth of 27 feet by slave labor in 1860, supplied citizens as well as travelers on *El Camino Real* (The Royal Highway).

Restored, complete with sweetgum roller, hand-wrought iron handle and oaken bucket, located in R.N. Stripling's downtown drugstore.

**Sabine National Forest**—Nearest entrance about five miles east on F.M. 353. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**SAN BENITO**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 83.

## SAN FELIPE

Pop. 647

Alt. 155

Map Q-19



**General**—Known as the "Birthplace of Anglo-American Settlement in Texas," San Felipe de Austin was named for Stephen F. Austin, who located his first Texas colonists here in 1823. Historic village was home of Texas'

first English-language newspaper (the "Gazette," 1829), origin of Texas postal system, and saw beginning of legendary Texas Rangers. Location of Conventions of 1832 and 1833, and Consultation of 1835—meetings that led to Texas Declaration of Independence. Community razed by fire and occupied by Santa Anna's invading Mexican army in 1836; restored after Texan victory at San Jacinto. Stephen F. Austin Park Assn. operates information center at San Felipe Post Office where literature and information are available.

San Felipe lies on I-10, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

City is pivotal point on the Texas Pioneer Trail covering four-county area. For additional information and map, contact local information center.

**Stephen F. Austin State Park**—664-acre park is in two sections, historical and recreational. Historical section is near an old ferry crossing of Brazos River; includes replica of Austin's dog-run log cabin where he conducted business of the first colonists. Dominating many monuments and historical markers is magnificent statue of Stephen F. Austin, "The Father of Texas."

**Dogtrot cabin in Stephen F. Austin State Park**



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Restored J.J. Josey Store, built in 1847, is now museum displaying merchandise of pioneer era. (Open Sat., Sun.; admission.) Recreational portion of park offers picnic, camping and trailer sites, screened shelters, swimming pool and golf course; also dining hall, park store. Nature trail, and fishing in Brazos River. Just north of San Felipe on Park Road 38. Admission.

**SAN JUAN**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 84.

**SAN MARCOS**—See AUSTIN AREA SECTION, Page 17.

**SAN SABA**

Pop. 2,590

Alt. 1,210

Map N-15



**General**—Settled 1854 and named for scenic river on which it is located. Seat of San Saba County, agricultural area producing wool, mohair, cattle, horses, hogs and poultry. City is also widely known for its pecan crops

which are shipped worldwide. San Saba and Colorado Rivers are popular with campers and fishermen. During autumn-winter seasons, hunters take white-tailed deer, wild turkey, squirrel, and native game birds.

Information on events, accommodations, and restaurants may be obtained from the chamber of commerce by calling 915/372-5141.

**Colorado Bend State Park**—Scenic settings along banks of Colorado River. Primitive camping, chemical toilets, hiking trails, and picnicking facilities. Fantastic fishing in river with fish cleaning site. (Vanishing Texas River Cruise offers trips up the Colorado River on Lake Buchanan. See BURNET.)

Gorman Falls, within the park, is by tour only. Participants caravan from park headquarters to the Gorman area and hike over beautiful Hill Country terrain to the falls. The hike is a one-and-a-half mile round-trip. Substantial footwear with rubber soles is recommended. No pets allowed on tour. Also, no rest rooms or drinking water available in this part of the park. Tours to the falls are at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sat., and 10 a.m. Sun. year round, weather permitting. Tour fee.

Take U.S. 190 east to F.M. 560 13 miles to Bend. Follow signs to park entrance. Camping is on a first-come basis. No reservations. Limit 300 vehicles in park. For information, 915/628-3240.

**Parks**—Mill Pond Park includes a small spring-fed lake, waterfalls, swimming pool, and picnic sites. More than 5-million gallons of water flow up

Gorman Falls in Colorado Bend State Park near San Saba



Stephen F. Austin's original desk and flag

through the rocks underneath the lake daily. Other facilities include baseball fields, pavilion, tennis courts, and playground equipment. Hookups for recreational vehicles is also available. Park is five blocks east of the courthouse.

Risien Park is bordered on one side by the San Saba River and offers picnic facilities, playground equipment, pavilion, volleyball courts, and an amphitheater, all beneath large, shady pecan trees. On east edge of city on U.S. 190.

**San Saba County Historical Museum**—Items from ranch, farm, and Western life. Household relics and period clothing. Housed in two 100-year-old log cabins. Open Apr. - Sept. Sun. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. In Mill Pond Park, five blocks east of courthouse.

**SARATOGA**

Pop. 1,000

Alt. 83

Map P-22



**General**—Settled a decade before the Civil War in Hardin County northwest of Beaumont; named after Saratoga, N.Y., because of medicinal springs. Health resort fell into disuse after discovery of oil in 1901.

Currently a small retail center in heart of the Big Thicket.

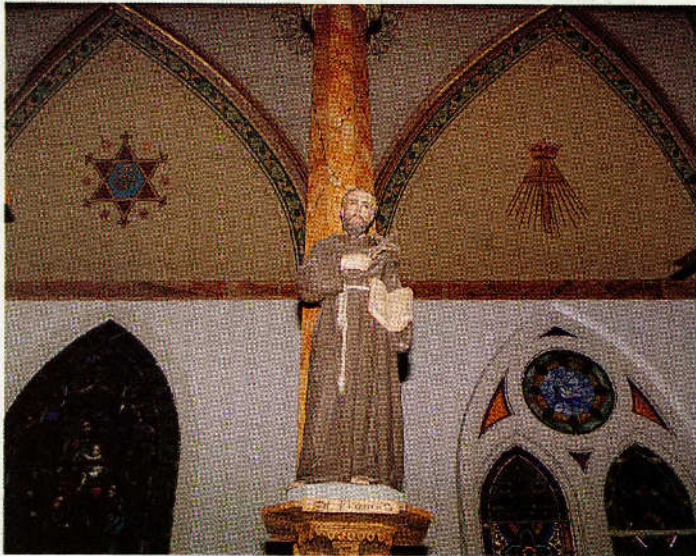
**Big Thicket Museum**—Backwoods memorabilia from butter molds to logging tools, pioneer artifacts and documents, 19th-Century log cabin,

The Big Thicket National Preserve near Saratoga





interpretive material on Big Thicket flora and fauna. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. Small group tours, environmental education school programs and guided canoe trips on Village Creek by advance arrangements (409/274-5000). Admission.



St. Mary's Church is on Schulenburg's Painted Churches Tour

## SCHULENBURG

Pop. 2,533

Alt. 344

Map Q-18



**General**—Established in 1873 as **GH&SA Railroad** (now part of **Southern Pacific**) was moving west, town was named for **Louis Schulenburg** who donated land for depot. **Schulenburg** is German word

meaning "school town." German-Czech heritage is reflected in offerings of city's eating establishments.

Wolters Park, at south end of Bohlmann St., includes area for picnicking, rest rooms and other recreational facilities. Also includes Jacob Wolters' 1835 log cabin.

City lies along the Texas Pioneer Trail covering four-county area; noted for many historic buildings, homes, and historical markers. Chamber of commerce at 101-B Kessler Ave. (U.S. 77) has information and map.

**Painted Churches Driving Tour**—Hand-painted murals, frescoes and other historic art offer much beauty and culture to the beholder. Map and brochure describes rural churches in Dubina, Ammannsville, Praha, St. John's and other communities; available free from chamber of commerce. Tour is self-guided; docents available by appointment, Mon. - Sat., for groups of 15 or more.

**Schulenburg Historical Museum**—Exhibits depict life in early days of this rural German-Czech community. Open. Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. At 631 N. Main St.

## SEAGRAVES

Pop. 2,404

Alt. 3,353

Map J-8



**General**—Founded 1917 as terminus of **Santa Fe RR spur from Lubbock**; named for railroad executive. Soon became major cattle shipping point. Today is center for area ranches.

Attractive Gaines County Park with picnicking, playground, golf, is 7 mi. south on U.S. 62/385. Quanah Parker birthplace (See GROESBECK) 20 mi. east at Cedar Lake; marker at site.

**Gaines County Museum & Art Center**—Housed in 1924 Armstrong Bldg. Collections of pioneer memorabilia, furnished rooms, and street scene. Adjacent old depot houses antique farm machinery and first fire truck. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. Main St. at Hill Ave.

## SEGUIN

Pop. 19,452

Alt. 520

Map R-16



**General**—Founded as **Walnut Springs** in 1838 by members of **Mathew Caldwell's Gonzales Rangers**, name changed in 1839 to honor **Juan N. Seguin**, distinguished **Mexican-Texan** who served in **Sam**

Houston's army that won Texas independence. He later served as a Texas senator and mayor of San Antonio. Fishing, swimming and water sports are popular in area, with five hydroelectric power dams on Guadalupe River within six miles of town.

Guadalupe County is noted for its pecan harvest with nuts shipped across the nation. In fact, right on the courthouse lawn, Seguin proudly displays "the world's largest pecan." Also, peach orchards, Christmas tree farms, and other diversified agribusiness.

Home of Texas Lutheran College on whose campus is Fiedler Museum with archaeological and mineral exhibits, outdoor rock garden and nature trail. Open during college hours. The 102-acre campus is site of Jackson Auditorium which serves as home of Mid Texas Symphony. Located between U.S. 90 and U.S. 90A.

**Historic Homes and Buildings**—Many pre-Texas Revolution buildings designated by historical markers. Among them the Magnolia Hotel of 1824, and restored Juan Seguin Post Office (see Los Nogales Museum below).

**Lakes**—Lake Placid is small lake on Guadalupe River southwest of city. Lake McQueeney, 5 miles northwest, is touted as "water ski capital of Texas."

**Los Nogales Museum**—Built 1823 by Mexican government for use as post office, building was known as Juan Seguin Post Office 1835-1870. Contains Texas historical papers, pictures, and furniture. Open by appointment. E. Live Oak and S. River Sts.

**Max Starcke Park**—One of finest municipal parks for a city of this size in nation. River Drive along Guadalupe River, beneath towering oak, live oak and pecan trees. Golf course, swimming pool and picnic area. At Guadalupe River off Texas 123 south.

**Sebastopol House State Historic Structure**—Also known as Zorn Home; built early 1850s, fronted by traditional high-columned porch. Probably named for Russian naval base during Crimean War. Unusual split-level T-shaped residence made of limecrete (an early form of concrete) and detailed with Greek-Revival style architecture. Structure received U.S. Department of Interior's Award of Merit, and plans are on file with Library of Congress. Recently restored by Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. to its mid-to-late 1870s appearance with period furnishings. Exhibits recount original construction and restoration processes and history of the house. Open Wed. - Sun. 8 a.m. - noon and 1 - 5 p.m. (Guided tours 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.) 704 Zorn St. Admission.

Restored Victorian home in Seguin



**SELMA**—See ALAMO COUNTRY SECTION, Page 73.

## SEMINOLE

Pop. 6,473

Alt. 3,312

Map J-8



**General**—City was established and named county seat shortly after Gaines County organized in 1905, and was named for nearby Indian watering places. County is among state's leaders in petroleum

production, cotton, and peanuts. City's school district covers some 1,149 square miles.

**Gaines County Museum**—The pioneers' use of iron is evidenced in many artifacts: pots, pans, kettles, stoves, branding irons, and blacksmithing equipment. Also horse-drawn hack, saddles, and many everyday items used by early settlers, plus pictures and history of oil field discovery in 1935. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon; 1 - 5 p.m. 700 Hobbs Highway (U.S. 180).



Fragment of genuine Blarney Stone from Blarney Castle in County Cork, Ireland, symbol of Shamrock's ethnic heritage

## SHAMROCK

Pop. 2,159

Alt. 2,310

Map D-12



**General**—Established as a post office in 1890 at dugout home of George Nichels, an Irish sheep rancher. Incorporated in 1911; oil discovered in 1926, highly productive natural gas wells in recent decades. Cattle,

agriculture, tourism, oil and gas are primary economic factors. During seasons, hunters take quail, mourning dove, wild turkey and deer.

**Blarney Stone**—Appropriate to the town's ethnic orientation, a fragment of the genuine Blarney Stone from ruins of Blarney Castle, County Cork, Ireland, is mounted in Elmore Park.

**Pioneer West Museum**—Housed in the former Reynolds Hotel, typical drummers' hotel of 1920s and 30s, museum fills some 20 rooms with fascinating variety of exhibits from Plains Indian culture to NASA moon-mission articles. Emphasis is on regional history, cowboys, farm and ranch artifacts, pioneer weapons. Room settings include vintage doctor and dentist offices, general store, schoolroom, pioneer kitchen. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 3 p.m. at 206 N. Madden St.

## SHERMAN

Pop. 32,129

Alt. 728

Map G-18



**General**—Established as county seat when Grayson County organized in 1846. First laid out a short distance west of present location, but because of scarce firewood and water, moved to present site in 1848. Early

establishment of several colleges, as well as a drama club, earned Sherman title of "Athens of Texas." Today an educational, medical, commercial, and industrial center with a large number of Fortune 500 industries located here.

Numerous historical markers in and around city. Historical driving tour brochure available at chamber of commerce at 1815 S. Sam Rayburn Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Several antique shops are centered around intersection of Lamar and Travis Streets.

Home of Presbyterian-affiliated Austin College, chartered 1849, located first in Huntsville, 1852; moved to Sherman and enrolled first students here in 1878.

**Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge**—On Lake Texoma approximately 15 miles northwest. See DENISON.

**Kelly Square**—Shopping opportunities in beautifully restored three-story turn-of-the-century building; art galleries, antiques, foods, specialties. 115 S. Travis.

**Lake**—Texoma. See LAKES listing.

**Red River Historical Museum**—In old Carnegie Library with preserved 1933 murals. History of Grayson County; pictures and artifacts. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m.; Sat. 2 - 5 p.m. 301 S. Walnut.

## SHINER

Pop. 2,008

Alt. 350

Map R-18



**General**—Founded in 1887; a trade center for Czech and German farmers. Cotton still king in area although beef and dairy cattle play important roles in economy. Tours of long-time wire works company

making made-to-order wire products since 1898 are available with advance notice. The Gaslight Dinner Theatre in historic opera building usually offers three performances during the year. Check with the local chamber of commerce at 810 N. Avenue E, or call 512/594-3362.

**Parks**—Welhausen Park in downtown occupies a city block. Facilities include quaint gazebo and playground equipment.

Green-Dickson Municipal park offers RV camping facilities, picnic area, baseball field, tennis and basketball courts. Park open 6 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. Call 512/594-3362 for information.

**Spoetzl Brewery**—One of few remaining breweries whose product is made, bought and consumed entirely in Texas; almost all of the annual 25,000 barrels marketed in surrounding area. Gift shop/museum features memorabilia from brewery and Shiner and is open daily, except Sun. Brewery tours winter Mon. - Fri. at 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.; summer, 10 & 11 a.m., 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. (Groups of 20 or more need advance reservation.) 512/594-3852.

**Edwin Walters Memorial Museum**—Displays include guns, furniture, utensils, natural history and memorabilia of early Shiner history. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m., and second and fourth Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 306 S. Ave. I.

**Historical marker in Sierra Blanca at juncture of nation's second transcontinental rail route in 1881**





**Hudspeth County Courthouse in Sierra Blanca is Southwest's only in-use government adobe structure**

## SIERRA BLANCA

Pop. 700

Alt. 4,512

Map N-3



**General**—Now on modern I-10 in far West Texas, town grew at juncture of the nation's second transcontinental rail route in 1881 (Southern Pacific and Texas & Pacific).

**Historical marker commemorates the event**

downtown at corner of Sierra Blanca Ave. and U.S. 80. Town named for Sierra Blanca Mountain (6,950 ft.) just northwest.

**Railroad Depot Hudspeth County Museum**—In original Southern Pacific Depot building in 1882 which served both Southern Pacific and Texas & Pacific railroads. The building was moved a couple of blocks to present location near post office on U.S. 80. Exhibits include railroad memorabilia, Indian artifacts, and history of county. Also houses offices of local historical society. Open Wed. 1 - 5 p.m.

**Adobe Courthouse**—Under a neat white stucco sheath, the Hudspeth County Courthouse is the Southwest's only in-use governmental structure of adobe. It's a popular snapshot subject. A replica of old Fort Hancock is on display, the last fort built to protect against Indians (1882-1895).

**Scenic Drive**—F.M. 1111 north 43 miles to intersection with primary east-west route of U.S. 62/180. Generally flat ranching areas edged by mountains on the horizon. Profuse stands of giant yuccas growing 15 to 20 feet high. These desert "forests" are most spectacular in March and April when each stalk is topped by huge cluster of white blossoms.

## SILSBEE

Pop. 6,557

Alt. 85

Map P-23



**General**—Established 1894 by John Henry Kirby as sawmill town; today home of giant Kirby Forest Industries. Largest city and principal commercial center in Hardin County.

The Silsbee Little Theater is one of best-known amateur theaters in Southeast Texas. Excellent city parks include tennis and basketball courts, picnic areas and playgrounds. Excellent hunting and fishing in immediate area.

Cultural Center in old ice house has small museum on county history as well as a gift shop and meeting rooms.

**Big Thicket**—See KOUNTZE.

**Roy E. Larsen Sandyland Sanctuary**—A Texas Nature Conservancy Preserve of 2,138 acres. Exhibits a curious intermingling of various forest and wetland communities. Of special interest is arid sandy lands where desert plants such as prickly pear cactus and yucca are found with longleaf pines and drought-resistant oak. Rare orchids and carnivorous plants grow here among acid-loving ferns and sphagnum moss.

Village Creek flows 8 miles through Sanctuary providing an enjoyable canoeing experience. Contact preserve manager for information on canoe trail. Sandylands Nature Trail open daily 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. 4 miles west on Texas 327. 409/385-4135.

**Timber Ridge Tours**—Guides/outfitters offer 1.5-hour Neches River boat

rides exploring the Big Thicket biosphere, introducing forests, swamps, flowers, mammals, reptiles, and birds that inhabit the dense preserve. Weekends at 1, 3, and 5 p.m. from April through Sept.; fare. Boat rides depart from public boat ramp on U.S. 96 at the Neches River. Also custom, charter excursions for fishing, camping, nature hiking, and historical tours, offered from Feb. 15 through Nov. 15; fees. Tel. 409/246-3107.

**Village Creek State Park**—Named for the 63-mile long creek which flows through the heart of the Big Thicket. Stream is renowned as a float stream, and several canoe outfitters in the area can arrange for a tour to float down the creek. The densely forested park includes softwood and hardwood trees, providing habitat to abundant wildlife. It's an excellent site for birding: some 64 species of birds have been seen during a one-day baseline survey. RV hookup sites, picnic sites, playground, hiking trails, and shower/rest rooms are available. South of city in Lumberton; on Alma Drive. For information, 409/755-7322.

## SILVERTON

Pop. 769

Alt. 3,261

Map F-10



**General**—Established as county seat when Briscoe County organized in 1892. One of only two towns in county, a commercial center for immense farming-ranching area that includes some spectacular scenery in

Palo Duro Canyon, Tule Canyon and at edge of Cap Rock.

**Old Jail Museum**—Built in 1892, old stone jailhouse is oldest building in county. Features old jail office with cells upstairs. Outside is restored windmill. On courthouse square. Open Mon. - Fri. during business hours. Visitors should visit county attorney's office for entry.

**Lake**—Mackenzie. See LAKES listing.

**Scenic Drives**—Vivid illustrations of High Plains topography along Texas 86 and Texas 207 north. Travelers will see immense proportions of High Plains agriculture where the land is typically flat—then in startling contrast, the effect of erosion where water courses have carved plunging, colorful canyons. Drive between Silverton and Claude crosses both Tule and Palo Duro Canyons.

Texas 256 east reaches edge of the High Plains, or as local residents say, edge of the Cap Rock, and spirals down jagged escarpment amid feast of scenic vistas. This dramatic change in scenery marks eastern edge of Great Plains of the United States.

Texas 86 east offers another scenic route down edge of Cap Rock and through the town of Quitaque.

**SINTON**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AND THE COASTAL BEND SECTION, Page 24.

**Lake Mackenzie in scenic and historic Tule Canyon near Silverton**



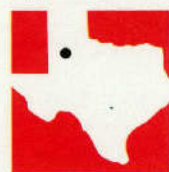
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## SLATON

Pop. 5,701

Alt. 3,250

Map H-10



**General**—Established 1910 as suitable place for a division terminal for Santa Fe RR; named for O.L. Slaton, said to have been instrumental in completion of railroad project. Today town serves as rail center,

plus regional agricultural and trade center.

Slaton lies on U.S. 84, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Slaton Museum**—General history museum featuring old machine gun, antique furniture, historic books, vintage doctors' instruments. Open Tues. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. 155 N. Eighth St.



**Buescher State Park, near Smithville, is in "Lost Pines" region; Park Road 1 connects with Bastrop State Park 15 miles west**

## SMITHVILLE

Pop. 3,331

Alt. 324

Map Q-17/18



**General**—Established about 1827 in rich farming area, still devoted to agriculture. A large, popular state park is nearby.

**Buescher State Park**—1,730 acres of rolling, scenic parkland in "Lost Pines" region, also includes groves of huge live oaks festooned with Spanish moss. Camping, shelters, trailers permitted, rest rooms, picnicking, fishing on Lake Buescher, nature study, hiking. Three miles north via Texas 71/95, F.M. 2104. Scenic Park Road 1 connects this park with Bastrop State Park 15 miles west. Admission.

**Central Texas Museum of Automotive History**—See BASTROP.

**Railroad Historical Park and Museum**—Features old Union Pacific and Missouri-Kansas-Texas (Katy) cabooses, photographs, railroad memorabilia, and vintage motor car. Museum depicts history of railroad in Smithville and its importance to the community. Katy Depot built from materials salvaged from former station built in the 1890s. Park's gazebo is topped by cupola from 1896 city hall. Park open daily. Museum open during business hours Mon. - Fri. Adjacent to chamber of commerce at 102 West First St. For information, call 512/237-2313. Admission for museum.

## SNYDER

Pop. 12,357

Alt. 2,316

Map K-11



**General**—Settled 1878 by W.H. (Pete) Snyder, who opened trading post. Townsite laid out 1882, county organized two years later. Present seat of Scurry County. In 1950 city grew from 4,000 population to more

than 12,000 after discovery of Canyon Reef Oil Field. Now center of largest unitized (operated by a single operator) oil field in the world. Industries include petroleum processing, cottonseed breeding, farming and ranching,



**Scurry County Museum in Snyder**

and other diversified industries. Home of Western Texas College. For more information contact chamber of commerce office at 2302 Avenue R or 915/573-3558.

Snyder lies on U.S. 84, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Lake**—J.B. Thomas. See LAKES listing.

**Scurry County Museum**—County history rich in lore and legends of the Old West: Indian relics, early box-and-strip house, chuck wagon, pioneer ranch and home articles. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Western Texas College, Texas 350 south.

**Towle Memorial Park**—Popular municipal park with playgrounds, athletic fields, swimming pool, picnic areas, courts for croquet and tennis, fishing lake for youngsters, and prairie-dog town where the now rare little animals can be seen at close hand. Engine No. 5, last steam locomotive used by the Roscoe, Snyder, and Pacific Railroad, is also on display. South side of city on Texas 350.

**White Buffalo Statue**—Recalls frontier days and rare albino buffalo killed near here. On courthouse square. Several historical markers on square detail area history.

## SOMERVILLE

Pop. 1,556

Alt. 250

Map P-19



**General**—Railroad division point for two branches of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, city is named for railroad's first president. Settlers arrived soon after town was surveyed in 1883. Population and

development increased after establishment of railroad tie plant in 1890s. City is trade center for surrounding agricultural areas, and is gateway to huge Somerville Reservoir.

**Lake Somerville State Park offers camping areas, boat ramps, fishing, swimming and trail bike area**



Somerville lies on Texas 36, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**Lake**—Somerville. See LAKES listing.

**Lake Somerville State Park**—Two sites on Lake Somerville offer camping areas, boat ramps, fishing, swimming, trail bike area. Birch Creek Area on north shore some 15 miles west via Texas 36 north, F.M. 60 west, Park Road 57 south. Nails Creek Area on south shore some 32 miles southwest via Texas 36 south and F.M. 390 west to Burton, F.M. 1697 northwest and local road northeast. Admission.

**Somerville Historical Museum**—Features archaeology, local and pioneer exhibits. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Texas 36 at Eighth St.

## SONORA

Pop. 2,792

Alt. 2,120

Map O/P-11

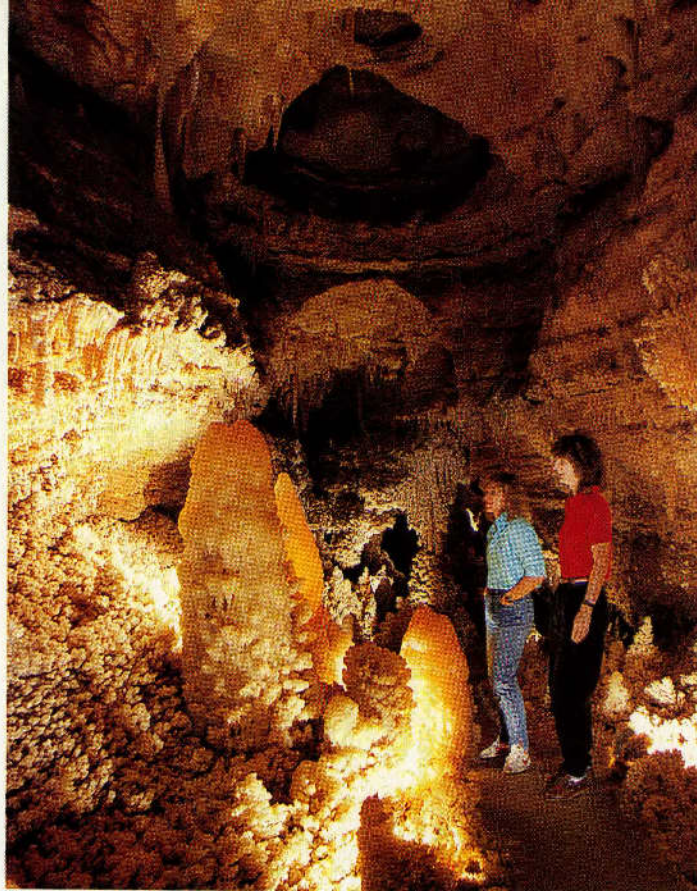


**General**—On western slope of the Edwards Plateau, began as trading post on Old San Antonio-El Paso Road with Anglo-American settlement beginning about 1890; was connected by stage to San Angelo until 1915,

and Western heritage is reflected still. The Sutton County seat is a leading wool and mohair center; local firm produces garments, blankets and fabric from locally produced products. Hunters take deer and turkey during season.

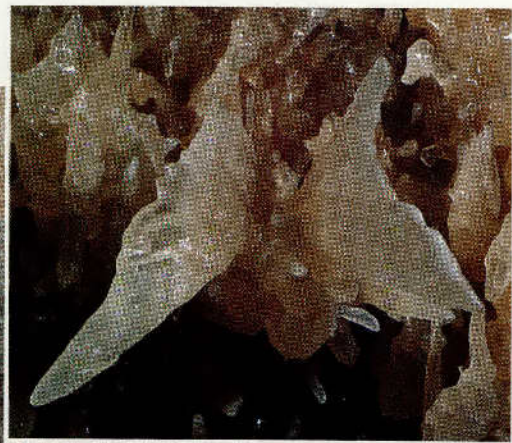
The longest fenced cattle trail in the world once extended from a railroad at Brady to Sonora. Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railroad purchased 250-foot-wide right of way and fenced it for the 100-mile distance. Holding pastures and windmills were along route that operated profitably for decade—until another railroad completed a line to Sonora.

**Caverns of Sonora**—Fantastic caverns are called unbelievable by cave authorities. Formations called "impossible" grow in delicate crystal beauty and amazing profusion on ceilings, walls, and floors. A past president of the National Speleological Society said, "This is the most indescribably beautiful cavern in the world. Its beauty cannot be exaggerated, even by Texans!" Guided cave tours regularly each half hour cover about 1.5 miles underground. (Rest stops provided, but tours are strenuous—equivalent to climbing several hundred steps.) West of Sonora about 8 miles, exit I-10 on Caverns of Sonora Road (R.M. 1989); drive south about 7 miles. Camping area with hookups available. Admission.

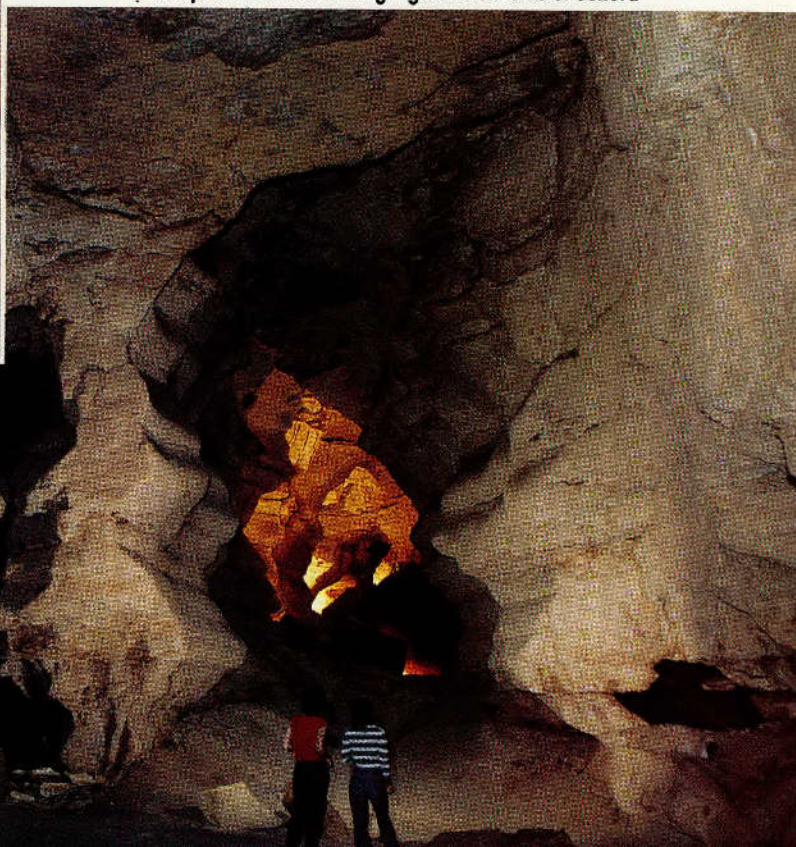


"Valley of the Ice" in Caverns of Sonora

**Covered Wagon Dinner Theater**—Performed in small, natural amphitheater near the Caverns of Sonora. Costumed storytellers recall early days of area along with a variety of musical entertainment. Audiences sit at picnic tables or in lawn chairs for catered dinner and performances. Usually mid-Jun. - mid-Aug. For information, call the chamber of commerce at 915/387-2880. Admission.



Exceptional formations highlight the Caverns of Sonora



**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 84.

**SPEARMAN**

Pop. 3,203 Alt. 3,105 Map A/B-10/11



**General**—Established in the 1920s when North Texas and Santa Fe Railroad built across Hansford County; named for railroad executive. Today the county seat; industries include grain storage, shipping, gas, oil,

refineries, irrigated farming and cattle.

**Battle of Adobe Walls**—Site of two Indian battles. See STINNETT.

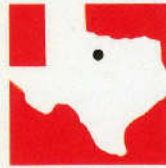
**Rolling Plains Mule Train Association**—A group of area residents who for many years maintained mule teams and covered wagons for old-fashioned rides across the plains, even up to week-long trips. Present activity limited largely to parades.

**Stationmaster's House Museum**—Two-building complex includes restored depot agent's home; exhibits feature home life, general history of Hansford County. Outdoor exhibit of farm machinery and an Indian sculpture. Open intermittently; 30 S. Townsend St.

**SPRING**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 61.

**STAMFORD**

Pop. 3,761 Alt. 1,614 Map J-13



**General**—Retail, banking and commercial center for three-county area. Business facilities include grain elevators, cotton gins, delinting plant, cotton compress, clothing factory, cottonseed oil mill, feed mill, oil

well machinery, and wholesale outlets. Developed in 1899 as project of Texas Central Railroad, named after Connecticut hometown of the railroad president.

City is known for its Texas Cowboy Reunion, three days around July 4, dedicated to the Old West. The Reunion was started in 1930 as nonprofit community enterprise, and is unchallenged as greatest amateur rodeo in the world. Population of city more than triples when 500-plus rodeo contestants and thousands of spectators converge. Rodeo prizes include cash, trophies and handmade saddles. Food served from chuck wagons. Includes major Western art show, rodeo ground pavilion.

**Lake**—Stamford. See LAKES listing.

Monument to storied Mackenzie Trail near Stamford



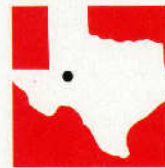
Stamford is known for its Texas Cowboy Reunion and amateur rodeo

**Mackenzie Trail Monument**—Large hand-carved marker erected by descendants of early ranchers, summarizes the famous Mackenzie Trail and what it meant to area pioneers in the late 1800s. Intersection of U.S. 277/Texas 6 north.

**Texas Cowboy Museum**—Original paintings and prints by noted cowboy artists; farm and ranch artifacts from early 20th Century, including living room/kitchen and blacksmith shop. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - noon; 1 - 5 p.m. Adjacent to chamber of commerce office at 113 S. Wetherbee St. (Texas 6).

**STANTON**

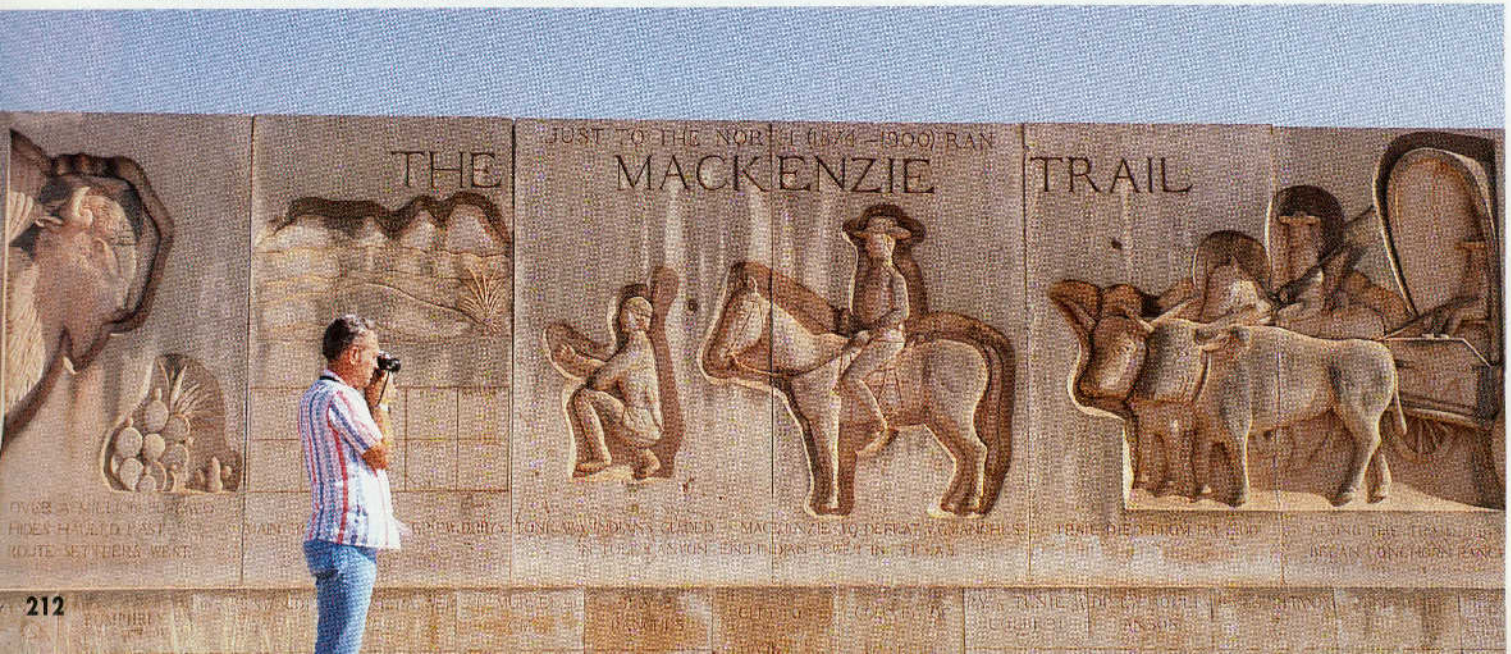
Pop. 2,620 Alt. 2,664 Map L-9/10



**General**—Settled 1881 by German Catholics, originally named Marienfeld (field of Mary). Seat of Martin County, organized 1884. Town's name changed in 1890 to honor Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War,

Edwin M. Stanton. Carmelites opened monastery 1882; monks left in 1894 and Sisters of Mercy established convent-boarding school that educated 2,000 students until most of the school was destroyed by a tornado in 1938. Abandoned structures remain on N. Convent St. City is cotton, agribusiness and oil center.

**Old Jail**—Restored 1908 jail exhibits jail artifacts, houses visitor center and chamber of commerce. Open Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. On courthouse square N. of U.S. 80.



**Martin County Historical Museum**—Features county history: Indian, Catholic heritage, ranching exhibit of cowboy artifacts and pictures, history of oil and railroad activities and development, "Grandmother's Attic." Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Broadway at Convent St.

## STEPHENVILLE

Pop. 13,941

Alt. 1,283

Map L-16



**General**—Seat of Erath County, began in 1850 with settlement by Stephens brothers in area; one, John, donated original town-site. Among several industries is one of the largest tree nurseries in the Southwest. Area

is state's leading producer of popular Coastal Bermuda range grass and county is one of state's largest dairy producers. Home of Tarleton State Univ. **Historical House Museum Complex**—Includes 1869 Victorian home with period furnishings and relics of area history. Also carriage house, reconstructed log cabin, c. 1854, 19th Century church. Open Fri. - Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. 525 E. Washington St. Admission.

**1869 Victorian cottage at Historical House Museum complex in Stephenville**



## STINNETT

Pop. 2,168

Alt. 3,173

Map B-10



**General**—Established 1901, a trade center and livestock shipping point at north edge of Canadian River Valley that cuts broad swath through High Plains of the Texas Panhandle.

**Battle of Adobe Walls**—Site where two famous Indian battles were fought. Col. Kit Carson (in his last fight) and his U.S. troops in 1864 narrowly escaped defeat by Kiowa and Comanche Indians who had been molesting wagon trains and settlers. Ten years later, in 1874, Indians under Quanah Parker and Lone Wolf attacked buffalo hunters camp at second battle of Adobe Walls near first site. A fierce dawn attack opened the siege, and though Indians were repulsed, the party of 28 men and one woman was surrounded, and it seemed only a matter of time before the superior number of



**National Park service recreation areas surround Lake Meredith near Stinnett**

Indians would prevail. On the second day a group of Cheyenne appeared on a high mesa overlooking the camp, setting the stage for William (Billy) Dixon's famous shot. From within the stockade he shot an Indian from his horse at a distance approaching seven-eighths of a mile! The Indians were so shocked at the white man's shooting ability that they mounted only desultory attacks thereafter and soon withdrew. Site is some 18 miles northeast of Stinnett on private ranch lands off highways; not readily accessible. Local directions available. Historical markers at site.

**Isaac McCormick Pioneer Cottage**—Restored home of area's first settler, built in 1899. Furnished in pioneer style displaying artifacts from 1890s. Inquire locally for hours. On town square.

**Lake**—Meredith/Sanford Recreation Area. See LAKES listing.

**Scenic Drive**—A 25-mile loop south and east to Borger crosses rough, canyon-cut landscapes of Canadian River breaks and leads across dam impounding Lake Meredith. South on F.M. 687, F.M. 1319, and east on Texas 136.

## STONEWALL

Pop. 245

Alt. 1,512

Map P-15

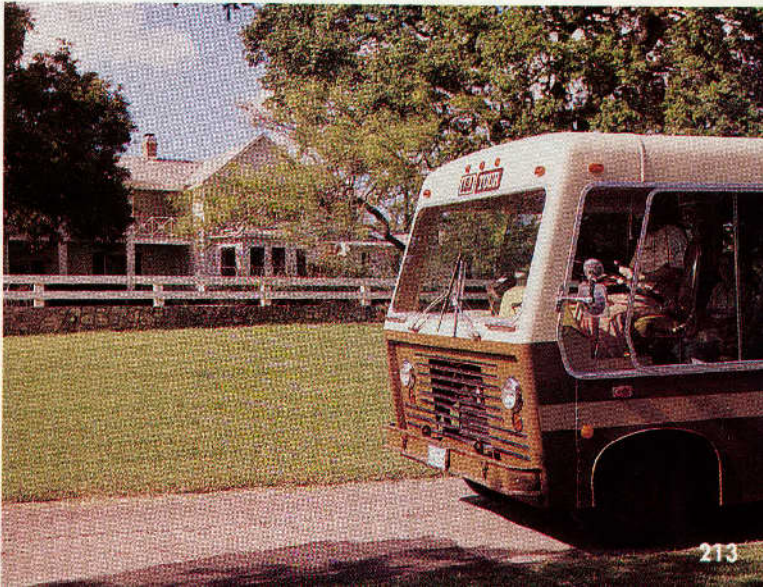


**General**—The Central Texas village on U.S. 290 west of Austin was established 1870, named for Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson. Famed for delicious Gillespie County peaches, and location of LBJ Ranch, home

of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson.

**Grape Creek Vineyard**—Features antique roses, gift shop, tasting room and only fully underground wine cellar in Texas. Wines include Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Fume Blanc and Cabernet Blanc. Tours and tastings Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; group tours welcome with advance notice. On

**Buses tour LBJ Ranch and Historic Sites**



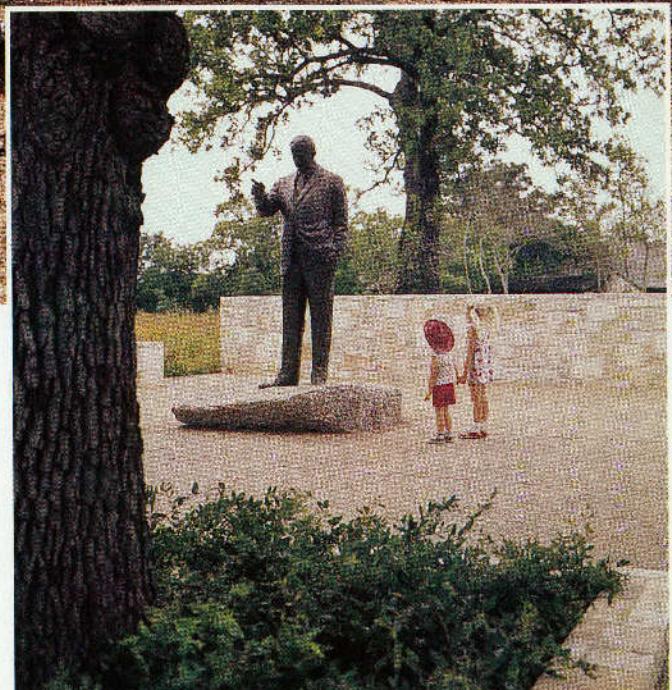


**"Living History" Farm in LBJ country at Stonewall**

scenic South Grape Creek, 4 mi. west of Stonewall on U.S. 290; 210/644-2710.

**Lyndon Baines Johnson National Historical Park**—Replica of four-room birthplace of the late President is operated by National Park Service as part of National Historic Park that includes Johnson Boyhood Home (see JOHNNSON CITY). Free Park Service tour buses operate from LBJ State Park headquarters (below) 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tour includes the birthplace, LBJ Ranch, one-room Junction school, and the President's grave in Johnson family cemetery. Park Road 49, which leads to those sites, is open to all vehicles only from 5 p.m. until dark.

**LBJ State Park**—710-acre park (day use only) is boarding point for NPS tours (see above). Visitor center open daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. presents interpretive exhibits of storied Texas Hill Country. Picnic facilities, swimming pool, tennis courts, and nature trail. Wildlife displays include Texas Longhorns, white-tailed deer, and buffalo. Historic buildings include two restored dog-run cabins of area pioneers, furnished in frontier style, and the **Sauer-Beckmann Farmstead** (open daily 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) where rural life of the early 1900s is interpreted by living history demonstrations. Open daily. U.S. 290 just east of Stonewall.



**LBJ State Park, Stonewall**

and ranch memorabilia, Indian artifacts, prehistoric fossils, all designed as a tribute to, and interpretation of the Panhandle area. Open Mon. - Fri. 2 - 4 p.m. U.S. 54 at Main St.

**STRATFORD**

Pop. 1,741

Alt. 3,695

Map A-9



**General**—City established in the middle of a night in May, 1901, when Sherman County records were moved from former county seat at Coldwater to land owned by Walter Colton along the new Rock Island Railroad

route. Texas Rangers were called to settle the dispute over location of the county seat. Coldwater has disappeared. There is dispute, too, over origin of city name; Colton, an Englishman, named it for Stratford-on-Avon, or for Virginia plantation, birthplace of Robert E. Lee, whom he admired. Local economy based on wheat and corn, and feed grains that are used in large feedlot operations.

**Sherman County Depot Museum**—Local history museum displays farm

**STUDY BUTTE**

Pop. 120

Alt. 2,500

Map R-6



**General**—The wild, harsh region of the Big Bend was for centuries only the retreat of bandits, smugglers and fierce Apache and Comanche warriors. Civilization came slowly, was admitted grudgingly, and at the first

opportunity was swept away as an intruder in this primitive land. Rich deposits of mercury were discovered here about 1900, and the mining town of Study Butte (Stew-dy Beut) came into being around the Big Bend Cinnabar Mine, managed by Will Study. But fame and progress, elusive as the quicksilver itself, faded as the mine became less and less profitable and was closed in the early 1940s. Today a few families live among old stone and adobe structures. Visitors pause to absorb silent impressions of a colorful





**Remains of Ghost Town at Study Butte**

past, and occasional rockhounds search tailing heaps for fragments of cinnabar, agate, and other colorful rocks. Located on Texas 118 at western edge of Big Bend National Park.

**Rio Grande Float Trips**—Licensed river outfitters provide one- to nine-day float trips through the remote canyons of the Rio Grande. Advance reservations required for lengthy trips. Inquire locally.

**Scenic Drive**—*El Camino del Rio*, Spanish for “The River Road,” local name

for F.M. 170 that stretches from Lajitas northwest to Presidio and beyond. An excellent paved route, it’s one of the most spectacular drives in Texas, plunging over mountains and canyons along the sun-drenched Rio Grande. Drivers are cautioned that the route encounters steep grades (15%), sharp curves, occasional loose livestock, and low-water crossings; special alert for large RVs or vehicles pulling large trailers.

**Southwest Dairy Center in Sulphur Springs**



**SULPHUR SPRINGS**

Pop. 14,548

Alt. 530

Map H-20



**General**—Post Office first known as **Bright Star**, but changed its name to **Sulphur Springs** in 1871 for the many mineral springs in the area. Leading dairy county in Texas and U.S. with some 490 dairies. Also

extensive beef cattle production, as well as center for national and regional manufacturing facilities. Hopkins County Regional Civic Center Complex includes meeting rooms, theater/auditorium, livestock exhibition area, indoor rodeo arena.

Romanesque Revival 1894 Hopkins County courthouse is almost identical to those in Wise and Ellis Counties. Original cost of the impressive red granite and limestone structure was \$75,000.

**Hopkins County Museum and Heritage Park**—This 11-acre complex is home for growing number of original historic houses, shops, and mills moved to the site. The county’s oldest brick structure, the Atkins House, built in 1870, is here. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. 416 N. Jackson St.

**Music Box Gallery**—Collection of more than 150 music boxes, started in 1919 when Belgian royal family gave Leo St. Clair a music box. Includes many sizes, varieties. Open Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - noon. 201 N. Davis St. in library.

**Southwest Dairy Center**—Built in dairy-barn style, complete with silo, center tells the story of the dairy industry. Exhibits recall early day milk production and manufacturing, a 1930s kitchen scene with mother separating cream while child churns butter, and early-day barn scene. There’s also an old-time soda fountain dispensing malts, milk shakes and sundaes, and a general-store gift shop.





**Hopkins County Museum in Sulphur Springs**

Center's mobile dairy classroom, complete with cow and calf, travels to schools and events to tell the dairy story. Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. In Civic Center Complex, 1210 Houston St. (Texas 11). Admission.

**SWEETWATER**

Pop. 12,124      Alt. 2,164      Map K-12



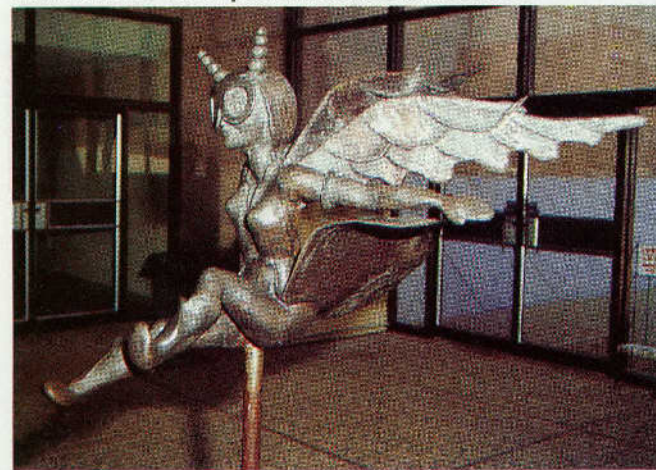
**General**—A store established in a dugout to accommodate buffalo hunters was the beginning of the city in 1877. Today seat of Nolan County is banking and commercial center. Industrial firms include gypsum plants,

cement plants, cottonseed oil mill, and garment manufacturer. The Sweetwater Commercial Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, includes more than 90 sites representing architectural styles from the 1900s - 1930s. Home of Texas State Technical College.

A memorial marker honors the women who trained here during World War II in the Women's Airforce Service Pilots program.

Sweetwater lies on U.S. 84, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

**On display in Nolan County Courthouse is Walt Disney's "Fifinella"—mascot of WWII women pilots who trained in Sweetwater**



**Pioneer City-County Museum**—More than a dozen display rooms depict the lives of early Nolan County settlers. Extensive photograph files, farm and ranch exhibits, Indian artifacts. Open Tues. - Sat. 2 - 5 p.m. 610 E. 3rd St.  
**Lakes**—Sweetwater, Trammell and Oak Creek Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**TAFT**—See CORPUS CHRISTI AREA SECTION, Page 24.

**TAHOKA**

Pop. 2,813      Alt. 3,090      Map H-9



**General**—Named for nearby Tahoka Lake, a natural spring-fed lake whose Indian name meant fresh or clear water. Seat of Lynn County since 1903, today a cotton marketing and shipping point with gins and compress.

**Pioneer Museum**—Historical exhibits of early ranching days and pioneer mementos. Open Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. 1600 Lockwood.

**Tahoka Daisy**—First discovered at Tahoka Lake, the lavender wild flower spreads over plains to rival the bluebonnet (state flower) and wild verbena.

**TASCOSA**—See BOYS RANCH, Page 99.

**TATUM**

Pop. 1,310      Alt. 385      Map K-22



**General**—Established 1885 when Santa Fe Railroad built through; townsite donated by Tatum family settlers in area. Town was on earlier Trammel's Trace, prominent foot and horseback trail from Conway, AR, to

Nacogdoches. Current trade center for lumber, farm, and dairy enterprises. Excellent fishing in nearby lakes and streams; also woodlands hunting.

**Lake**—Martin Creek. See LAKES listing.

**Martin Creek Lake State Park**—On Martin Creek Lake with camping, rest rooms, showers and boat-launching ramp. Activities include fishing, swimming, boating, water skiing, and nature trails in scenic woodlands. Texas 43 southwest, F.M. 1716. Admission.

**TAYLOR**—See AUSTIN CEN-TEX AREA SECTION, Page 18.

**Boating at Martin Creek Lake State Park near Tatum**





Relics from Golden Age of Railroads are at the Burlington-Rock Island Railroad Museum in Teague

## TEAGUE

Pop. 3,355

Alt. 499

Map M-19



**General**—Dating from establishment of machine and car shops by Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway, city is named for niece of railroad magnate B.F. Yoakum. The T&BV was called the "Boll Weevil Line" in the first

decades of the 20th Century because so many special trains ran to conferences about combating the insect devastation in Texas cotton fields. Area has large deposits of coal, lignite, oil, sand, and clay. Natural gas production has become important in recent years.

City park offers picnicking, recreational facilities, and swimming pool.

**Burlington-Rock Island Railroad Museum**—Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway was purchased by Burlington and Rock Island lines in 1905; in 1936 inaugurated first streamlined passenger train in Texas, the "Sam Houston Zephyr," between Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston. The old two-story 1906 brick depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is now a new museum with varied relics from golden age of railroads, plus county historical items. Also on site is the Col. B.A. Philpott log house built in the

early 1850s. Col. Philpott served with the Confederate Army during the War Between the States and returned to Freestone County following the war. The log house is complete with period furnishings. Open Sat. - Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 208 S. Third Ave. Admission.

## TEMPLE

Pop. 43,787

Alt. 736

Map N-17



**General**—Established 1880, first years of growth as railroad town on Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, and Missouri, Kansas and Texas lines. Today retail trade and agricultural center, one of the Southwest's

leading medical centers, and growing industrial producer.

Medical facilities include Scott and White Santa Fe Center, King's Daughters Hospital, Scott and White Hospital and Clinic, Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center and Texas A&M Univ. School of Medicine.

Location of Temple Junior College. Diversified industrial products, railroad shops, computer equipment, furniture, plastics, and oil field machinery; championship municipal golf course.

Temple lies on U.S. 190, a segment of the Ports to Plains Highway connecting the state's heartland to coastal ports.

The Texas Early Day Tractor and Engine Association's permanent home is here; pioneer city currently being developed on land at Nugent Ave. and Eberhardt west of the city. Show is usually scheduled in October featuring historic tractors and allied activities and displays.

In 1989 city was designated "Wildflower Capital of Texas." Tours and weekend events are held in March and April.

**Czech Heritage Museum**—Czech contributions to the ethnic diversity of Texas are highlighted in a comprehensive exhibit at SPJST (Czech) Insurance Co. Building. Preserved artifacts include 1530 Bible, 1895 handmade dulcimer and other antique musical instruments, clocks, colorful Old-World costumes, and quilts more than 150 years old. Also extensive archives of Czech immigration to Texas. Open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays; 520 N. Main.

**Lakes**—Belton and Stillhouse Hollow. See LAKES listing.

**Railroad and Pioneer Museum**—Housed in restored, vintage depot, exhibits devoted to pioneer farm, ranch and home articles, hand tools, clothing, and the early days of railroading in Texas. Retired steam engine and other railroad equipment. Open Tues. - Fri. 1 - 4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at South 31st and Ave. H. Admission.

**Temple Lake Park**—172 acres on Lake Belton feature a boat-launching ramp, camping, picnicking, fishing, boating and lake swimming. Nine mi. NW on F.M. 2305.

Retired Santa Fe Locomotive at Railroad and Pioneer Museum in Temple





**Puppets dressed in ethnic costume at Czech Heritage Museum in Temple**

**The Grove Country Life Museum**—W.J. Dube General Store features collection of tins, boxes, products and old equipment—scales, coffee grinders, tools, hardware and patent medicines. Planters State Bank recalls early banking days and blacksmith shop demonstrates lost art. U.S. Post Office and Cacklebur Saloon complete the museum. Open for tours Sat., Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The Grove lies 15 miles northwest of Temple on Texas 36. Admission.

**TERLINGUA**

Pop. 25

Alt. 2,720

Map R-6



**General**—In the 1800s area around Terlingua was inhabited by a few scattered Mexican herders, living in a precarious relationship with Apache and Comanche Indians who regularly moved through the wild country.

Mercury was discovered in 1890, and soon thriving city of almost 2,000 was

devoting its energies to extracting the rich red ore (cinnabar) from beneath barren hills. Millions of dollars worth of quicksilver was marketed before the boom tapered off. The hundreds of wooden shacks are gone entirely; many rock and adobe buildings stand roofless, walls crumbling.

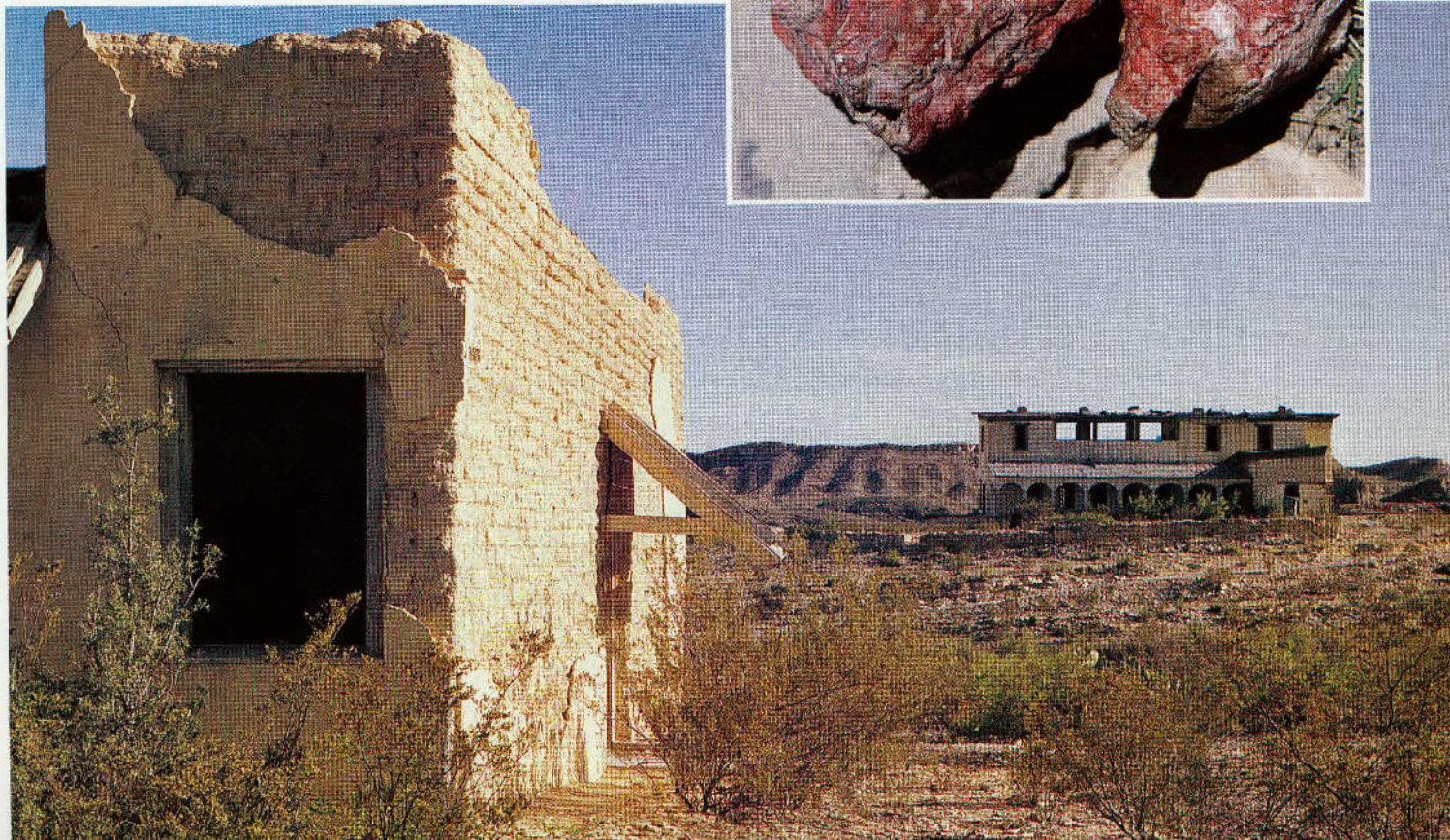
Some modern residents have come of late—leisure homes in the remote desert setting, a country store with grocery staples, souvenirs and mineral specimens, a few motel-type accommodations, and a rustic, home-cooking-style restaurant. The ghost town is near the western edge of Big Bend National Park, off F.M. 170.

Once a year, on the first Sat. in Nov., some 5,000 "chiliheads" converge on the desolate area for the International Championship Chili Cookoffs. The first, started in 1967 as a contest both of wit and chili between humorists Wick Fowler and H. Allen Smith, has become a cherished Texas tradition. The other contest includes individuals and representatives from the Chili Appreciation Society International; Texas is represented by the winner of an earlier state chili cookoff in San Marcos. Aircraft from across the nation crowd the dirt airstrip, and because there are few accommodations in the desert wilderness, RVs and makeshift facilities are much in evidence. Zany entertainment coexists with the showmanship of chili chefs concocting their steaming "bowls of red."

**Rio Grande Float Trips**—The National Park Service advises there are several licensed outfitters who provide river float trips or other wilderness excursions in Big Bend National Park. An approved list can be obtained from the park.

**Scenic Drive**—*El Camino del Rio*, Spanish for "The River Road," local name for F.M. 170 that stretches from Lajitas northwest to Presidio and beyond. An excellent paved route, it's one of the most spectacular drives in Texas, plunging over mountains and canyons along the sun-drenched Rio Grande. Drivers are cautioned that the route encounters steep grades (15%), sharp curves, occasional loose livestock, and low-water crossings; special alert for large RVs or vehicles pulling large trailers.

**Ghost Cinnabar-Mining Town of Terlingua**





Swimmers at Calliham Unit, Choke Canyon State Park, near Three Rivers

**THREE RIVERS**

Pop. 2,033

Alt. 145

Map T-16



**General**—First called *Hamiltonburg*, name changed to cite location near confluence of *Atascosa, Nueces, and Frio Rivers*.

**Commercial center for farming and ranching, uranium mining, and oil refineries. First**

glass factory in Texas established here in 1913.

During season hunters take deer, quail, and dove.

**Choke Canyon State Park**—Opened 1986, park features fishing and boating on 26,000-acre Choke Canyon Reservoir, an impoundment of the Frio River. Camping, rest rooms, and picnicking. The townsite of Old Calliham, within the park, provides campsites, screened shelters, 7-lane boat ramp, rock jetty, fishing pier, swimming area, fish-cleaning stations, trails, concession facilities. Fee.

**Lake**—Choke Canyon Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Tips State Recreation Park**—31-acre park one mile west off Texas 72 on Frio River. Camping, fishing, and picnic areas.

**THURBER**

Pop. 8

Alt. 1,100

Map K-15



**General**—Founded 1888 by *Texas & Pacific Coal Company (now owned by Sun Oil Company)*, flourished as coal mining town; reached a population of 10,000. Town was totally owned by company; believed to have

been first city with totally unionized industries. Electricity provided in 1895, one of first towns in world with complete electric service. Miners recruited from throughout world; 17 nationalities represented. With discovery of high grade clay, brick manufacturing added. The mines closed in 1921; brick plant in 1930. City was abandoned in 1933 and almost entirely razed.

Replica of Mine Tipple in Thurber



Former company store building now serves as restaurant displaying photos of Thurber in its heyday. Adjacent service station is replica of a mine tipple. Strip coal-mining in area is recent development. Some 70 miles west of Fort Worth on I-20 at Texas 108.

**TOMBALL**

Pop. 6,674

Alt. 196

Map P-20



**General**—Small town in northern *Harris County* named for *Thomas H. Ball, prominent Houston attorney and U.S. Congressman from Texas at turn of the century. Community experiencing growth*

from expanding population of Houston. David Wayne Hooks Airport is state's largest privately owned airport.

**Community Museum Center**—Collection of restored and furnished rural structures including century-old Griffin House, little country church, vintage cotton gin, rural doctor's office from turn of the century and collection of antique farm machinery. Open Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 510 Pine St.

**TULIA**

Pop. 4,629

Alt. 3,501

Map E-10



**General**—Designated county seat when *Swisher County* was organized in 1890. Today a commercial center for abundant agricultural production of the plains featuring milo, wheat, cotton, and

several large livestock feedlot operations.

**Swisher County Museum**—Excellent collection of pioneer ranch and farm artifacts includes home furnishings, tools, firearms, photos of early life on the plains, Indian artifacts. Also replica of blacksmith shop, including tools and products made by farrier. Restored first log cabin of area, and typical homes from 1890 to 1930 era. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 127 SW Second St.

**TURKEY**

Pop. 516

Alt. 2,348

Map F-11



**General**—Wild turkeys discovered along a small creek gave it the name of *Turkey Creek*, and the settlement that grew up there was known as *Turkey Roost*. But the *Post Office* shortened it to *Turkey*. Several

businesses and a \$50,000 hotel were built with the coming of the railroad. Town was a shipping point for cattle, grain, and cotton.

An annual event, on the last Saturday in April, is the *Bob Wills Reunion*. The musician is recognized with a monument at the west end of Main St. Although city's population is small, crowds range 10-15,000 during festival.

**Bob Wills Museum**—Honors the man known as the King of Western Swing, who was reared on a farm just north of the town. Memorabilia of the Texas

Monument honors Turkey's own Bob Wills



## TERRELL

Pop. 13,005

Alt. 530

Map J-19



**General**—First settlers in the area 1848; town organized about 1873 when railroad built through. Currently banking-market center for agricultural area featuring cotton, beef cattle and dairying; 33 local industries

include garments, steel, aluminum, plastic and wood fabrication. Home of Southwestern Christian College and Trinity Valley Junior College, accredited junior colleges.

**Lakes**—Cedar Creek, Tawakoni, and Ray Hubbard. See LAKES listing.

**Silent Wings Museum**—Dedicated to airborne personnel of WW II with special emphasis on role of glider pilots. On exhibit is one of only two restored WW II 15-place CG-4A transport gliders. Also Link Trainers, combat photos, uniforms, weapons and memorabilia of WW II era. Many VCR tapes of gliders in action. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. At municipal airport, 2 mi. north of I-20 via Texas 34 (Exit 501) and Airport Rd.

**Terrell Heritage Museum**—Historical items of local history. In Carnegie building built in 1904 that served as public library until 1984. Art exhibits on first floor; historical museum upstairs. Usually open Wed. & Sun. 1:30 - 5 p.m.; for information, 214/563-5703. 207 N. Frances St.



Texas Travel Information Center on I-30 at Texarkana

A Scott Joplin mural, at Third & Main Sts. downtown, colorfully depicts the life and accomplishments of the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical pioneer from Texarkana. In first two decades of 20th Century, Texarkana's Joplin was America's "King of Ragtime." Joplin's works have been recently rediscovered; best known as composer of "Maple Leaf Rag," his music was utilized as theme in movie, "The Sting."

**Crystal Springs Beach**—Family-oriented theme park centered around 12-acre spring-fed lake. Facilities include two water slides and paddle/bumper boats. Concession, video arcade and three-acre picnic area. Camping with hookups; fee. Open 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on weekends in May; daily Memorial Day through Labor Day. 18 miles west on U.S. 67. General admission plus use fee for water slides.

**The Discovery Place**—Rotating displays geared for children, but adults enjoy, too! Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 215 Pine St.

**Draughn-Moore "Ace of Clubs House"**—Legend says James Draughn won a huge pot in poker game by playing the ace of clubs. House is built in shape of that card. Elegant 1884 Italianate-Victorian house is furnished as living museum. Extensive restoration uncovered original wall coverings which have been reproduced. Mahogany treatment on paneling, embellished with gold leaf. Period furnishings. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. At 420 Pine St. Admission. 903/793-4831.

**Lake**—Wright Patman. See LAKES listing.

**Perot Theatre**—1600-seat neo-Renaissance theater elegantly restored to its original royal blue and gilt splendor with gleaming chandeliers and mirrored checkerboard marble lobby. Features drama, chamber music, ballet and musical theater. For information, call 903/792-4992. Box office open Tues. - Fri., 1 - 5 p.m. Third and Main Sts.

**Regional Arts Center**—Housed in former U.S. District Courthouse built in 1909 featuring ornate plaster, copper cage elevator, and 26-ft. ceiling in grand hall. Serves as focal point for the visual arts featuring national touring, juried and invitational exhibitions. Open Tues. - Sat. noon - 4 p.m. At Fourth St. & Texas Blvd. downtown. 903/792-8681.

**Texarkana Fun Park**—Go-carts and miniature golf share grounds with life-sized replicas of wildlife animals. Open Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.; Fri., Sat. 10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 10:30 p.m. Located 3 miles north of I-30 on North State Line Rd.

**Texarkana Historical Society and Museum**—Archaeological, pioneer, early medical, and farm tool displays; Caddo Indian artifacts; period parlor, kitchen and office. Housed in first brick structure (1879) in city. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 219 State Line Ave.

**Texas Travel Information Center**—One of 12 centers provided by the state at key highway entrances to Texas, in the State Capitol complex, in the lower Rio Grande Valley, and at the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Operated daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's. Staffed by uniformed professional counselors, free services include information, maps, literature about every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. On I-30 west of U.S. 59; operated by Texas Department of Transportation.

**Union Station**—Built in 1929; served the two cities as major transportation center for train service. The restored building houses a restaurant. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tours by appointment. 903/794-0140. At 101 W. Front St.

**TEXAS CITY-LA MARQUE**—See HOUSTON - GALVESTON AND THE BAY CITIES OF TEXAS SECTION, Page 62.



Draughn-Moore "Ace of Clubs House" in Texarkana

## TEXARKANA

Pop. 32,057

Alt. 325

Map H-23



**General**—Commercially and culturally one city, but two separate municipalities, one in Texas, one in Arkansas. Federal Building is only one of its kind in America. Photo island on State Line Ave. in front of post office is

popular photo spot; tourists can stand with one foot in Texas, one in Arkansas.

Nation's only bistate Justice Center serves two states at State Line Ave. and Broad St. Center houses courts and jail for two states, two counties and two cities. Like the Post Office, Justice Center built squarely on the Arkansas-Texas line.

Home of Texarkana Community College and East Texas State Univ. at Texarkana.

Playboys and of Wills' career and its influence on American music is displayed: fiddles, boots, hats, recordings, music, and photos. Open Mon. - Tues. 9 - 11:30 a.m., 1 - 5 p.m.; Wed. - Fri. 8 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 5 p.m. Sixth and Lyles Sts.

**TYLER**

Pop. 77,999

Alt. 558

Map K-21



**General—Chartered 1847, named for President John Tyler. Diversified economy based on oil, manufacturing and agriculture. A famous product is the Tyler rosebush (see Municipal Rose Garden below). Site of Texas**

College, Univ. of Texas at Tyler, and Tyler Junior College, home of "Apache Belles," famous precision dance-drill team.

East Texas Fair, six days late Sept. draws some 100,000 visitors. Outstanding livestock event, large variety of beef and dairy cattle, ponies, swine, sheep, industrial displays and midway attractions.

Texas Rose Festival in mid-Oct. attracts thousands to the floral gala. Includes queen's coronation, rose show, parade and tours to rose nurseries. Most events at Municipal Rose Garden. (See below.) Admission to some events.

**Brookshire's World of Wildlife Museum and Country Store—**

Features more than 250 specimens of animals, reptiles, and fish from Africa and North America. The Country Store is depictive of what grocery stores were like in 1928 with products and fixtures common in early part of century. It also exhibits a 1926 Model T Ford delivery truck and old-time gasoline pump. Outside museum is an antique fire truck, as well as picnic tables. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed major holidays. For groups of 15 or more, call two weeks in advance, 903/534-2169. At 1600 W.S.W. Loop 323 & Old Jacksonville Hwy.

**Caldwell Zoo—**Started in 1938 as backyard menagerie; now a free 35-acre zoo with elephant and giraffe houses, monkey island, birds, bears, alligators, aquarium; native Texas exhibit, and even a cow (milking hours posted). Designed especially for enjoyment of children. Petting zoo. Open daily: Apr. - Sept. 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Oct. - Mar. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 2203 Martin Luther King Dr.

**Camp Ford—**At its zenith in spring of 1864, Camp Ford stockade contained some 6,000 Union troops—largest prisoner of war compound west of the Mississippi. An historical marker in rest area on U.S. 271 two miles northeast provides details.

**Carnegie History Center—**In old library building, exhibits feature artifacts reflecting Tyler's historic, social and economic culture. Displays feature Indian, Republic of Texas, Civil War and 20th-Century eras. Open Tues. - Sun., 1 - 5 p.m. 125 S. College St.

**Discover Place—**Hands-on children's learning center featuring exhibits illustrating science concepts. Fun for the entire family! Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 308 N. Broadway St. Admission.

**Goodman-LeGrand Home—**Built 1859 by Gallatin Smith, wealthy young Tyler bachelor and Confederate officer. The stately colonial mansion is now city museum housing artifacts of antebellum years, 18th-Century dental and medical tools, medicines, antique dressers and period furniture. Open Mar. - Oct. Wed. - Sun., 1 - 5 p.m.; Nov. - Feb., Mon. - Fri. 1 - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. 624 N. Broadway.

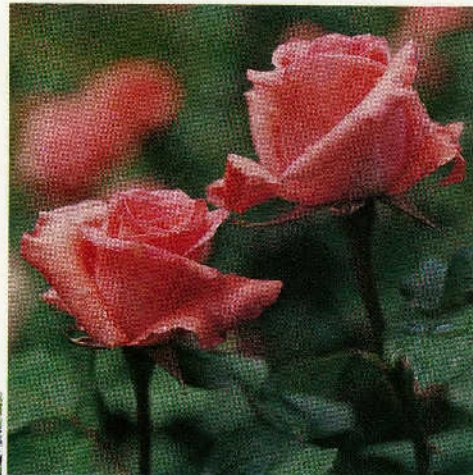
**Hudnall Planetarium—**At Tyler Junior College, planetarium is one of Texas' largest. Among exhibits are replicas of exploratory space vehicles. Campus east of downtown just off Texas 64.

**Lakes—**Palestine, Tyler and Tyler East. See LAKES listing.

**Municipal Rose Garden & Museum—**22-acre garden is nation's largest rose showcase, featuring 38,000 rose bushes representing nearly 500 varieties. Roses are at their floral peak May - Nov. Commercial growers around Tyler ship hundreds of thousands of bushes to nurseries throughout the nation and to 25 foreign countries. Open daily. W. Front St.

Rose museum features educational exhibits of the rose-growing industry and displays former Rose Festival memorabilia, including queens' dresses. Museum open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Closed holidays. 420 South Rose Parkway in Rose Garden Center.

**Tyler Museum of Art—**Features changing displays focusing on special artist or collection. Modern museum building adjacent to Tyler Junior College campus. Open Sept. - Jun. Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 1300 S. Mahon Ave.



The "Lady Bird Johnson" Rose, introduced in Tyler

**Goodman-LeGrand Home in Tyler**





Swimmers enjoy cool, refreshing water at Tyler State Park

**Tyler State Park**—994-acre scenic playground is in one of finest forested sections of Texas. Facilities include camping, picnicking, nature trail, screened shelters, rest rooms and showers, snack bar, fishing, swimming, and boats. Ten miles north via F.M. 14, Park Road 16. Admission.

**UNCERTAIN**

Pop. 200

Alt. 195

Map J-23



**General**—Town evolved from fishing camps and resort operators around scenic Caddo Lake in Harrison County and incorporated in 1961. The site is near Uncertain Landing, so named because steamboat captains in

earlier days often had troubles mooring their vessels. It was also the site of an old hunting, fishing, and boating society called the Uncertain Club, which existed in the early 1900s. Today, the town still relies on the lake's tourism attractions for its livelihood. The town limits are irregular in shape to include most of the resort areas along the shores of Caddo Lake.

**Caddo Lake State Park**—480 acres beside Caddo Lake; an area once occupied by Caddo Indians, a tribe quite advanced in civilization. Camping areas, trailer sites, cabins, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, nature trails and interpretive center. West of town on F.M. 2198 on Caddo Lake. Admission.

**Caddo Lake Steamboat Company**—Ply the waters of Caddo Lake aboard the *Graceful Ghost* steamboat. It's a replica of an 1890s steamboat, which once steamed into this part of Texas. Scheduled 1.5-hour tour includes narration of history, plants, and wildlife around the beautiful lake. Tours Fri. at 6:30 p.m.; Sat. 1, 3:30, 6:30, & 8 p.m.; Sun. 3:30 p.m. May thru Labor Day. For information, call 903/789-3978. Boat departs from Taylor Island off Bois d'Arc Lane. Admission.

**Lake**—Caddo. See LAKES listing.

**Briscoe Art and Antique Collection in Uvalde**



Garner Memorial Museum in Uvalde

**UVALDE**

Pop. 15,086

Alt. 913

Map 5-13



**General**—First settled 1853, and in 1855-56 known as Encina. Once domain of notorious frontier sheriff and outlaw, J. King Fisher. Historical marker on Fisher and graves of early settlers killed by Indians in Pioneer

Cemetery, 500 block N. Park St. Today a retail center for extensive cattle, sheep and goat ranching; also truck farming and honey production. Industries include vegetable packing and processing and garment making. City is at intersection of nation's two longest highways, U.S. 90 and U.S. 83. Home of Southwest Texas Junior College.

**Briscoe Art and Antique Collection**—Extensive collection of art and antiques collected by former Gov. and Mrs. Dolph Briscoe is displayed in the First State Bank. Highlighted masterpieces include works by Rembrandt and Gainsborough, as well as American Western artists Warren and Salinas. Tours available. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed most holidays. 200 East Nopal St. For information, call 210/278-6231

**Garner Memorial Museum**—Former home of John "Cactus Jack" Garner, vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Miscellaneous historical material and special displays associated with Garner and area history. Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m. Closed holidays. 333 N. Park St.

**Garner State Park**—North 31 miles via U.S. 83. See CONCAN.

**Opera House**—Restored and refurbished, the Grand Opera House, c. 1891, was once the center of cultural activity in Southwest Texas. Today's performances are given in an original turn-of-the-century setting. Tours available through the box office Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For information, call 210/278-4184. On the Plaza at 100 W. North St.

**Parks**—Fort Inge County Park is site of old U.S. Cavalry post built in 1849. Park features hiking trails, camping and picnic tables. Located along the scenic Leona River at the base of extinct volcano. Also noted for birding. On F.M. 140 1.5-miles south of city.

Jardin de los Heroes Park, "Garden of the Heroes," honors Vietnam veterans and features playground equipment, picnic facilities and jogging trail. At 801 West Main St.

Uvalde Memorial Park & Recreational Complex is on the banks of the Leona River. Features include municipal golf course, lighted tennis courts, covered pavilion, and walking trails. At 337 East Main St.

**Scenic Drive**—U.S. 83 north through Concan, past Garner State Park to Leakey, then west on F.M. 337 and south on Texas 55; or at Leakey, east on F.M. 337 to Vanderpool (near Lost Maples Natural Area), and south on F.M. 187 to Sabin; some of the most spectacular scenery in Texas Hill Country. Take your camera!

**VAN ALSTYNE**

Pop. 2,159

Alt. 632

Map H-18



**General**—Settlers established rural homesteads in the 1840s; town laid out by Scott McKinney in 1853. Named for railroad stockholder Mrs. Marie Van Alstyne, when town was made a stop on the line. Just off

U.S. 75 between Dallas and Sherman.

**Van Alstyne Museum**—Features old horse-drawn buggy, c.1880s; historical material on the area's prominent families; equipment used by early undertakers, old caskets, grave liners, and cooling boards. Open Mar. - Sept., Mon. - Fri. 1 - 4 p.m., at 216 E. Jefferson.





**Mother Nature touches  
Lost Maples State Natural  
Area in Vanderpool**

Three trees are State Champion Big Trees,—an escarpment chokecherry, a Texas ash, and a Bigtooth maple. The chokecherry and Texas ash have been nominated to the American Forestry Assn. Big Tree program for consideration as national champs. Park is four mi. north on R.M. 187. Admission.

**Scenic Drives**—While the Hill Country is laced with scenic drives, the east-and-west route of F.M. 337 is unquestionably among the most spectacular—massive wooded steep slopes enfolding tiny, secluded valleys—beautiful! Remember to take your camera.

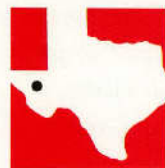
F.M. 187 north of Vanderpool climbs to the surface of the Edwards Plateau (2,300 ft.) as it joins Texas 39. Sinkholes, porous basins that feed rainwater into the deep Edwards Aquifer, abundantly dot the Hill Country. A textbook example lies immediately at the west edge of F.M. 187 exactly 8.9 miles north of Lost Maples State Park.

## VAN HORN

Pop. 2,861

Alt. 4,010

Map N-4



**General**—Grew from wayfaring stop on historic Bankhead Highway and Old Spanish Trail from San Antonio to California in mid-1800s. Still a primary road junction of I-10 (U.S. 80), U.S. 90 and Texas 54, and hub to

several state and national parks; in a broad basin devoted to irrigated farming, surrounded by Van Horn, Sierra Diablo and Apache Mountains. Mining includes talc, sulfur and marble, plus undeveloped indications of copper, uranium and feldspar. A popular stop for east-west or north-south travelers; caters to longer-staying vacationers with sunny climate, interesting rock and mineral deposits, hunting for white-tailed deer, mule deer, pronghorn antelope and upland game birds.

Sierra Diablo Wildlife Refuge, north on Texas 54, is home to resurgent population of Texas bighorn sheep. Occasionally opened to public; check with the Management Area Ranger.

John Madden, colorful television football broadcaster, designated Chuy's Restaurant for his "Haul of Fame." Madden frequently crisscrosses

**A relic of mining days near Van Horn**



## VANDERPOOL

Pop. 20

Alt. 1,610

Map Q-13



**General**—Town received its name (from early settler L.B. Vanderpool) when a post office was granted in 1885. On the Sabinal River in the exceptionally scenic Hill Country of western Bandera County. Largely utilized

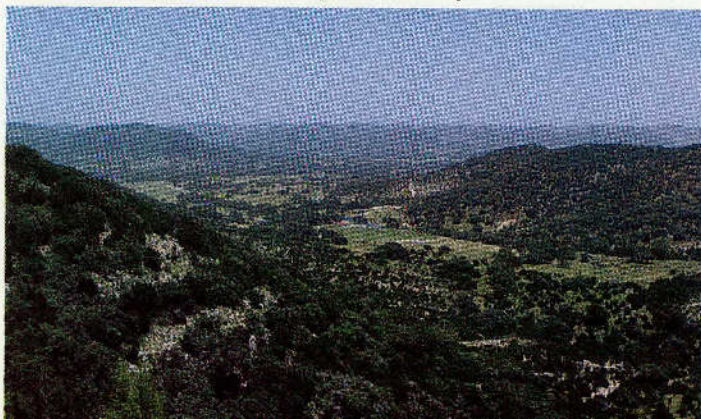
for sheep, goat and cattle ranching, area is a favorite of deer hunters during season, and year-round gateway to popular Lost Maples State Natural Area (below).

**Lost Maples State Natural Area**—While they aren't really "lost," the big-tooth maples for which the park is named are very selective in their habitat. Widely scattered over several western states and northern Mexico, this maple thrives only in small, protected pockets in mountainous regions where temperature and humidity are moderated, where moisture is retained, and solar radiation is minimal. Because of their shallow roots, the trees are susceptible to damage by soil compaction and visitors are cautioned to stay on prescribed paths to ensure continued vigor of the maple stands. Fall color is usually at its peak in early Nov. (Note: Usually crowded in autumn when fall foliage at peak; it's recommended to see scenery during weekdays. Reservations needed this time of year for overnight stays. Also, nature sometimes plays tricks and autumn colors don't always attain usual brilliance. For information and reservations, call 210/966-3413.)

Other vegetation in the scenic Hill Country park includes more than 90 plant families with some 350 species recorded. Bird life is also abundant, including the rare golden-cheeked warbler. Of many mammal species in the park, native white-tailed deer are most numerous.

Park facilities include campsites with water and electricity, picnic areas, rest rooms, showers, and primitive camp areas reached by almost 11 miles of hiking and backpacking trails.

**Scenic Hill Country between Vanderpool and Leakey**





**Smokehouse Auto Museum in Van Horn**

the country in his bus to broadcast games. Just before Super Bowl weekend, he annually names his "All-Madden Team." Plaques and photos of inductees hang in the restaurant at 1200 W. Business Loop 10.

**Culberson County Historical Museum**—A vivid reminder of civilization which came slowly to this remote region. Displays of Indian artifacts (still being found) and antique ranch, farm, and home implements. A resplendent antique bar, complete with ornate hardwood, mirrors and brass rail, recalls lusty frontier times. In historic Clark Hotel, 110 W. Business Loop 10 downtown. Open Mon., Wed., Fri. 2 - 5 p.m. or by appointment with chamber of commerce; 915/283-2043.

**Smokehouse Auto Museum**—The only classic car museum in Far West Texas; restored vehicles from the 'teens to the 60s. Rotated regularly from a private collection. Also featured are photos and other auto related memorabilia. Open Mon. - Sat. 6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.; adjacent to Smokehouse Restaurant. At 905 W. Business Loop 10.

**VERNON**

Pop. 12,195

Alt. 1,205

Map F-14



**General**—First called *Eagle Flats* because of eagles nesting nearby. Post Office changed name to *Vernon* for Washington's home, Mount Vernon. Seat of Wilbarger County, headquarters of huge W. T. Waggoner

Ranch, and commercial center for rich farming, ranching, and oil area. About 15 miles north is Doan's Crossing, one of the most famous of historic cattle crossings on Red River. Industries include agricultural supplies and processing, seed breeding, textiles, meat packing, cottonseed, and alfalfa milling. Home of Vernon Regional Junior College.

**Red River Valley Museum in Vernon**



**Lakes**—Diversion, Kemp and Pauline. See LAKES listing.

**Red River Valley Museum**—Exhibits include William A. Bond big game collection, archaeological exhibit, Indian artifacts, Waggoner Ranch history exhibit, including work of sculptor Electra Waggoner Biggs. Currently compiling history of Waggoner Ranch dealing with history of ranching, farming and oil industry in Wilbarger County. Also of special interest is Jack Teagarden exhibit containing memorabilia of great jazz trombonist who was born and reared in Vernon. Open Tues. - Sun., 1 - 5 p.m. 4400 College Dr.



**The Texas Zoo in Victoria houses native species, such as this endangered Red Wolf**

**VICTORIA**

Pop. 56,987

Alt. 93

Map S-18



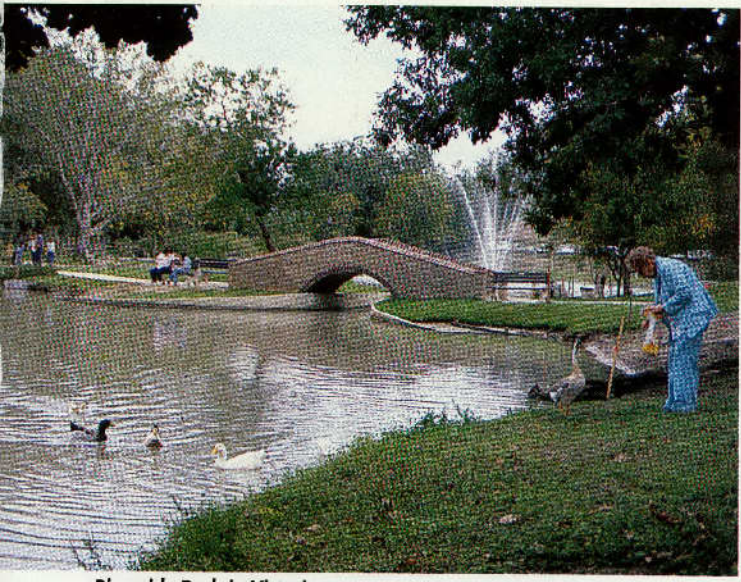
**General**—Scattered Anglo-American settlers lived in area when Don Martin de Leon founded townsite with 41 Spanish families in 1824. Named for Gen. Guadalupe Victoria, who became Mexico's first

president. Historical markers and graves in Evergreen Cemetery (Red River and Vine Sts.) cite the de Leon family, prominent in early Texas colonization. Was one of the first three towns incorporated by the Republic of Texas. Today a major industrial and agricultural crossroads of South Texas; home of Victoria College and Univ. of Houston at Victoria.

**McNamara Historical Museum**—Collections of Texana, documents and artifacts from Spanish, Mexican and Texan historical eras, plus antique furnishings in the charming 1876 Victorian homestead. Open Thurs. - Fri., noon - 5 p.m.; Sat. - Sun., 1 - 5 p.m. 502 N. Liberty St.

**McNamara House in Victoria**





Riverside Park in Victoria

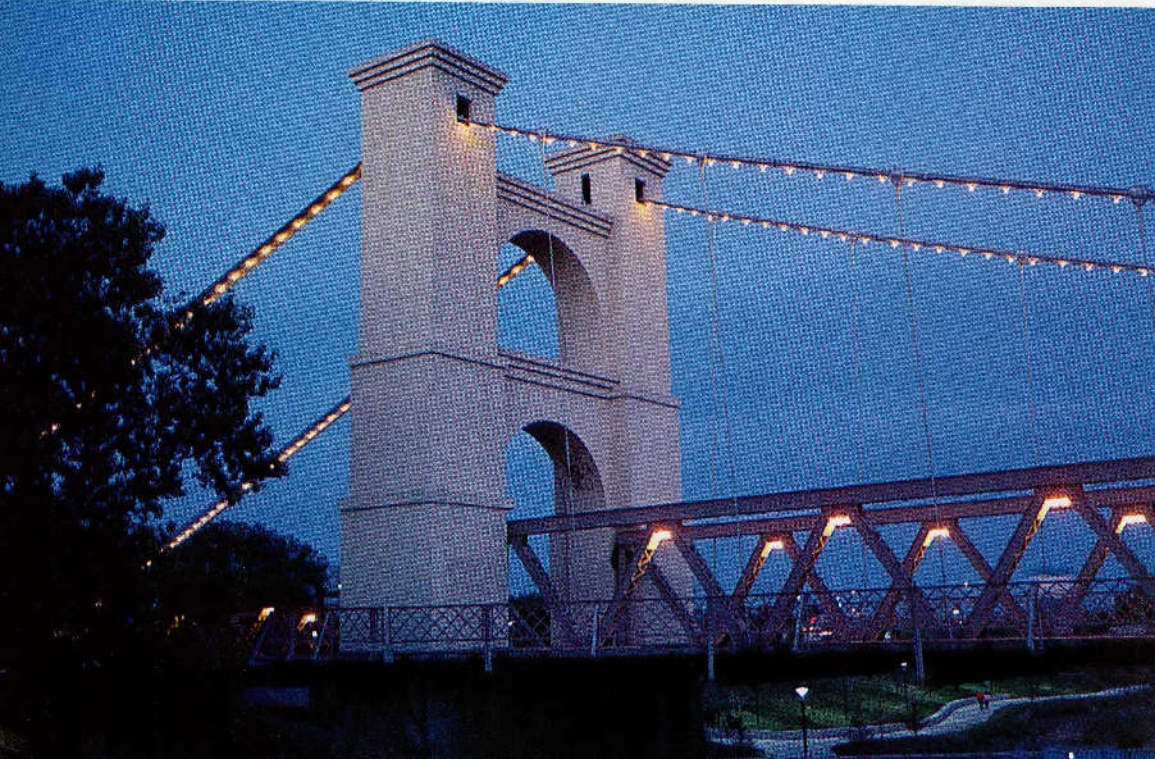
**Nave Museum**—Named for Royston Nave, Texas artist who achieved distinction in New York art circles in 1920s, and who painted extensively in and around Victoria. Greco-Roman hall built by his widow in 1931 houses Nave's paintings. Also features contemporary art, sculpture and traveling exhibits. Open Thurs. - Fri., noon - 5 p.m.; Sat. - Sun., 1 - 5 p.m. 306 W. Commercial St.

**Riverside Park**—400 acres of woodland bordered by Guadalupe River; 200 picnic areas with tables and barbecue pits; several locations provide playground equipment. Beautiful trees border fairways of 27-hole Riverside Golf Course.

**The Texas Zoo**—Devoted exclusively to native Texas species; displayed in natural environment with no cages. Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (til 7 p.m. Sat. & Sun. May - Sept.). In Riverside Park. Admission.

**Victoria Memorial Square**—Landmark is old grist mill; hand-shaped logs fastened by wooden pegs and homemade nails of early German farmers. South Texas winds once turned giant blades, grinding corn into feed for livestock, or commel for family table. Mechanical parts of mill brought from Germany before 1860; park also features Southern Pacific oil-burning locomotive. E. Commercial and De Leon Sts.

Waco's Old Suspension Bridge was nation's largest when built in 1870

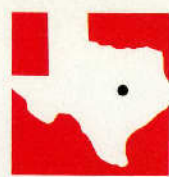


**WACO**

Pop. 105,636

Alt. 427

Map M-18



**General**—One of Texas' major cities, located in rich agricultural region of the Brazos River Valley. Modern industry thrives, but city retains flavor of its past when five "C's" were its support: cattle, cotton, corn,

collegians, and culture. Large, cold springs on the Brazos River were long popular with the Waco Indians. First white men to see area were remnants of De Soto's band in 1542. Texas Ranger fort established near Indian village in 1837; first white settlers came 12 years later. Great plantations along the Brazos prospered briefly, but Civil War wrecked plantation economy and scattered population. Renewed Western movement and Chisholm Trail through Waco brought another boom—and frontier wildness that nicknamed the town "Six-shooter Junction."

Today known for educational, cultural, and recreational facilities. Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo, first week in Oct., is professional rodeo with entertainers, livestock and horse shows, and fine arts exhibits. Institutions of higher learning are Baylor Univ., McLennan Community College, and Texas State Technical College.

**Armstrong-Browning Library**—On campus of Baylor Univ., world's largest collection of works and memoirs of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Fifty-four stained glass windows, each depicting a Browning poem, in 18th-Century Italian Renaissance-style building. Contains numerous Renaissance paintings and bronze sculptures. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 2 - 4 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - noon.

**Cameron Park Zoo**—51-acre natural habitat zoo near the Brazos River amid pecan, elm, live oak, burr oak, cottonwood, bamboo, and mesquite trees. Recreational, as well as educational; check out the signposts at viewing points for animal trivia questions. Home for monkeys, Sumatran tigers, white rhinos, giraffes, zebras, antelopes, as well as other species. Two restaurants: Gibbon Island and African Treetops Village. Open daily 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (til 7 p.m. Sat. & Sun.) with extended summer hours. 1600 N. 4th St.; take 4th & 5th Sts. exit from I-35. Admission.

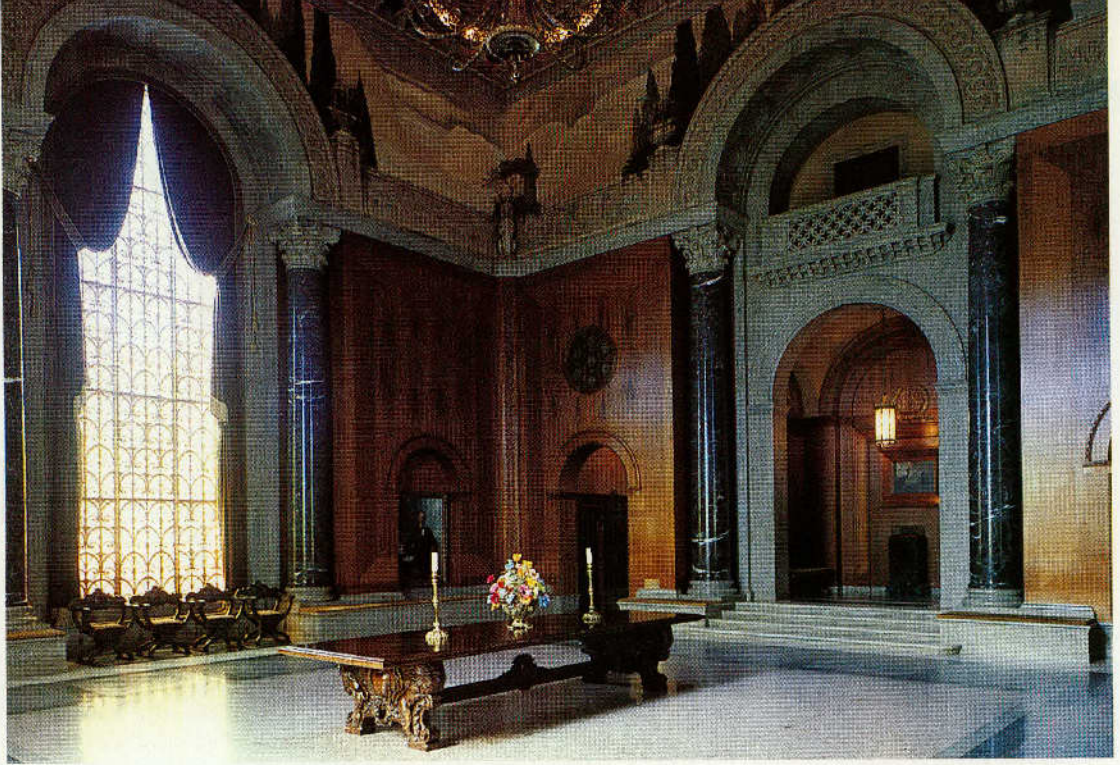
**Dr Pepper Museum**—A fountain drink mixed in The Old Corner Drug Store in the 1880s was dubbed Dr Pepper. R.S. Lazenby, Waco beverage chemist and patron of the drug store, became interested in the new drink and began extensive research. In 1885, after some two years of testing, blending, and processing, the new flavor was originated and put on sale commercially. So perfect was Lazenby's work that the formula has remained basically unchanged. Museum housed in original 1906 bottling plant, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It features restored operating soda fountain along with other Dr Pepper memorabilia with interactive audio visual displays. Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. noon - 4 p.m. at 300 S. 5th St. For information, 817/757-2433. Admission.

**Earle-Harrison House & Gardens**—One of state's finest ante-bellum Greek Revival houses, built in 1858-59 by Dr. and Mrs. Baylis Wood Earle. Mrs. Earle sold the mansion in 1872 to her brother, Gen.

Thomas Harrison, one of Waco's six Confederate generals during the War Between the States. House is constructed of cypress from East Texas and plantation-made brick. Detached kitchen is the repository of the Gov. Pat M. Neff kitchen collection. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - noon, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sat., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. At 1901 North 5th St. Admission.

**Helen Marie Taylor Museum: The Life & History of Waco**—Exhibits on founders and noteworthy Waco citizens. "We the People" exhibit depicts history of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 701 Jefferson Ave. Admission.

*The elegant Armstrong Browning Library in Waco*



**Historic Homes**—Four gracious Southern mansions: **Fort House** (503 S. 4th St.), **East Terrace Palacio** (100 Mill St.), **McCullough House** (407 Columbus St.), **Earle-Napier-Kinnard House** (814 S. 4th St.). Open Sat. - Sun. 2 - 5 p.m. (additional summer hours). Special tours during annual Brazos River Festival (third week in Apr.) and the Christmas-on-the-Brazos Celebration (first weekend in Dec.). Fee.

**Lakes**—Brazos, Waco. See LAKES listing.

**Old Suspension Bridge**—Still in use as pedestrian crossing of Brazos River in downtown Waco, was nation's largest suspension bridge when built in 1870 and became vital avenue over which passed much of great Western movement including the Chisholm Trail. The famous Brooklyn Bridge later patterned after it.

**Parks**—Network of 36 spacious municipal parks, unrivaled in Southwest, led by 380-acre Cameron Park with scenic vistas and miles of quiet bridle

paths; one of the state's largest natural municipal parks—all in heart of the city.

**Strecker Museum**—Indian life and lore, geological, biological, and anthropological collections. Open Tues. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.; closed holidays. Sid Richardson Hall, Baylor University campus.

Gov. Bill & Vara Daniel Historic Village re-creates turn-of-the-century Western village. Center open Tues. - Fri. noon - 4 p.m., Sat., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 1108 University Parks Dr. Admission.

**Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum at Fort Fisher**—Replica of original Texas Ranger fort established 1837. Displays commemorate history and heritage of Texas Rangers. Headquarters for present Company F, Texas Rangers. Famous collection of guns and weapons from the Old West; Indian artifacts and Western art. In 35-acre park along I-35 at University Parks Dr. on Lake Brazos. Camping, picnic sites. Museum open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission.

**Texas Sports Hall of Fame**—Sports memorabilia highlight nationally known Texans for their achievements: golfers Byron Nelson, Lee Trevino, Don January, Babe Didrikson Zaharias; boxer George Foreman; baseball's Nolan Ryan, to name a few. Video features historic sports events in the Tom Landry Theater. There's also the Tennis Hall of Fame, and the Texas High School Halls of Fame for football, basketball, and baseball. Open daily

*The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco chronicles the famed lawmen who tamed the frontier*



*Texas Sports Hall of Fame in Waco*



**WASHINGTON**

Pop. 265

Alt. 200

Map P-19



**General**—Known variously as *Washington-on-the-Brazos* or *Old Washington*, the town was established in 1834 near the location of a *Brazos River* ferry that had operated since 1822. The town achieved prominence during

the Texas Revolution in 1836 as the site of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence and the drafting of the Constitution of the newly born Republic of Texas. From 1842 to 1846, Washington-on-the-Brazos served as the capital of the Republic. Through the 1840s and 1850s the town flourished as a retail and commercial center for the cotton-producing Brazos Valley. The little village today (southeast of Bryan-College Station) lies just off Texas 105 between Brenham and Navasota.

**Peaceable Kingdom School**—Resident staff practices and teaches gardening, land management and variety of ways of dealing with energy. Classes in spring and fall. Brazos River Outpost offers handmade crafts for sale. Tours Wed. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Jan. & Aug. Tour fee. On County Rd. 96, 3 mi. north of Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park off Texas 105.

**Star of the Republic Museum**—In Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park, museum is dedicated to presenting the history of the Texas Republic through exhibits, publications, and media presentations. Exhibits depict all aspects of

*Star of the Republic Museum at Washington offers exhibits, activities, displays*



**Fossil marine turtle at Strecker Museum in Waco**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1108 S. University Parks Dr., next to Fort Fisher Park.  
**Visitor Information Center**—Details about Waco attractions and events, free maps, directions, literature, accommodations and dining information. Provided daily by Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau 817/750-5996 or 1-800-WACO-FUN. University Parks Dr. off I-35 (Exit 335B). 24-hr. recorded phone message of events, 817/752-WACO. Open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun.

**Waco Art Center**—Features rotating exhibits of various media including paintings, sculptures, woodcarvings, pottery, and weaving. Beautiful Mediterranean-style one-time home with courtyard, cabanas, and colonnades. Sits on a bluff with magnificent views of Brazos and Bosque River valleys. Open Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 1300 College Dr. Admission.

**Wagon Tour**—45-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon tour departs from the Texas Ranger Museum (see above) through historic downtown. Summer tours Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fee.





*Free ferries ply between Port Aransas and Aransas Pass*



*Kitchen in home of Anson Jones, last President of Texas*



*T.C. Lindsey & Co. General Store near Waskom*

**WASKOM**

Pop. 1,835

Alt. 371

Map K-23



**General**—Established 1850, originally known as Powellton. Name changed to Waskom Station in 1872 to honor man who was instrumental in bringing Southern Pacific Railroad through community. **Waskom**

Gas Field discovered in 1924.

**T. C. Lindsey & Co.**—Part old-fashioned general store, part museum, this establishment offers a wide variety of merchandise as well as nostalgia. Store has been used in several Disney films. Open Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. On Texas 134, west 3 miles.

**Texas Travel Information Center**—One of the centers provided by state at key highway entrances to Texas, in the State Capitol complex, the lower Rio Grande Valley, and at Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Operated daily 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. throughout the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's. Staffed by uniformed, professional travel counselors, services free to all visitors include information, maps, literature on every part of the state, and expert assistance in charting routes. At Texas-Louisiana state line on I-20; operated by Texas Department of Transportation.

the Republic period, including social life, agriculture, transportation, politics, and military affairs. Additionally, the museum's research library is accessible to the public. Administered by Blinn College. Open daily Mar. - Aug., and Wed. - Sun. Sept. - Feb. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park**—The 154-acre park contains part of the historic townsite; a reconstruction of Independence Hall; Barrington, the home of Anson Jones, last President of Texas; an auditorium for public use; a pecan-grove picnic area, and an outdoor amphitheater. Open daily 8 a.m. until sundown for day-use activities only; no overnight camping. Texas Independence Day celebration is annually on Sun. nearest Mar. 2. Entrance on F.M. 1155.

**Texas Travel Information Center at Waskom**





**Commemorative structure of Mission San Francisco De Los Tejas, first Spanish Mission in East Texas in 1690; in Mission Tejas State Historic Park near Weches**

**WAXAHACHIE**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 42.

**WEATHERFORD**—See DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX CITIES SECTION, Page 43.

**WECHES**

Pop. 26

Alt. 450

Map M-21



**General**—A rural community first settled before 1847. Originally called Neches, the citizens chose Weches when a post office application revealed the first name was already in use. A Spanish mission (see

below) had been established 150 years earlier at large Tejas Indian village nearby. The town on Texas 21 west of Nacogdoches is within boundary of Davy Crockett National Forest. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Mission Tejas State Historic Park**—Landmark structure in 363-acre state park commemorates Mission *San Francisco de los Tejas*, first Spanish mission in East Texas, built in 1690 to stem tide of French settlement, but was not successful and closed in 1693. Reestablished in 1716, the mission was never prosperous, and with the French threat gone, the mission moved to San Antonio in 1731.

Also in the park is Rice family log home-stagecoach inn, one of many originally along *El Camino Real* (the Royal Highway). Started as a one-room building in 1828, hostile Indians forced abandonment for two years, but Joseph Redmond Rice, Sr. returned and built this substantial way station. Camping, picnicking, hiking and nature study. Park is just southwest of Weches off Texas 21 (about 21 mi. northeast of Crockett). Admission.

**WEIMAR**

Pop. 2,108

Alt. 408

Map Q-18



**General**—In western Colorado County, city was founded in 1873 on the Texas and New Orleans Railroad and originally named Jackson Station. Named changed to Weimar because the land reminded many German

settlers of their home in Germany. The city is on land of the original Stephen F. Austin Colony and is rich in history. Incorporated in July, 1875, it became an early cotton center. Today the city is still an agriculture production center as well as a modern business community.

Weimar Gedenke is celebrated annually on the Sat. before Mother's Day. Gedenke is a German word which means "remember." Celebration includes beauty pageant, parade, and home baked goods.

St. Michael's Catholic Church, established in 1888, was destroyed by

storm six months after completion; present building with its conservative Gothic style interior was built in 1914. On State Historical Register.

Library is housed in old train depot and is on State Historical Register. Caboose, adjacent to depot, used a library office.

**Weimar Heritage Society Museum**—Focuses on exhibits tracing city's history beginning with original land grant. Displays include a turn-of-the-century doctor's office, farm and ranch implements, photos, and other memorabilia. One room dedicated to World Wars I & II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars. Open Wed. 2 - 4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. At 125 E. Main St. (U.S. 90).

**WELLINGTON**

Pop. 2,584

Alt. 2,078

Map D-12



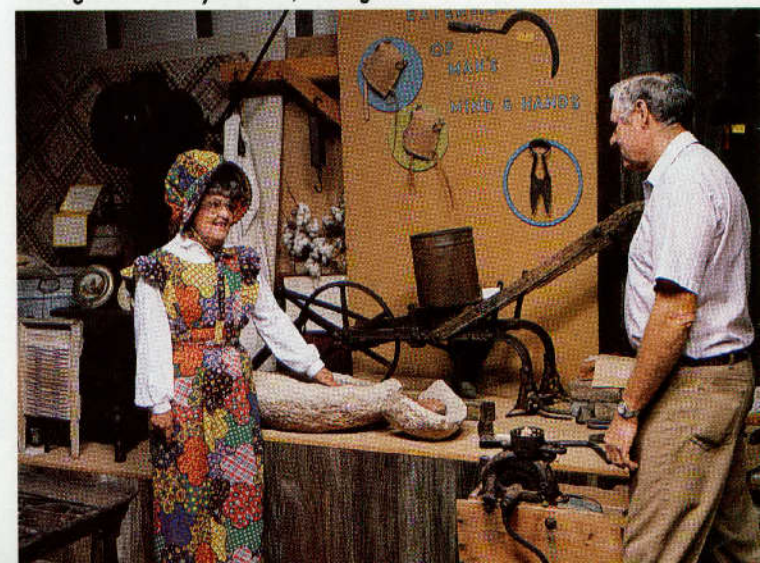
**General**—Seat of Collingsworth County, named for the Duke of Wellington. Before 1890 it was one of the estates on Rocking Chair Ranch that was known to Texas cowboys as "Nobility Ranch" because of

ownership by British noblemen, the Baron of Tweedmouth (Sir Dudley Coultts Majoribanks) and the Earl of Aberdeen (John Campbell Hamilton Golden). Today's economy based on grain elevators, gins, cotton compress, and small manufacturing plants.

**Collingsworth County Museum**—Exhibits trace history of area. Open by appointment 806/447-2352. 1404 Fifteenth St.

**Recreational Sites**—Picnic areas and hiking paths along Salt Fork of the Red River at each of three bridges near town: U.S. 83 bridge north, F.M. 1547 bridge northwest, and Texas 203 bridge east. Overnight camping at Pioneer Park at U.S. 83 bridge.

**Collingsworth County Museum, Wellington**







**Greek revival home of Gov. James S. Hogg at Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Park in West Columbia**

**WESLACO**—See LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTION, Page 85.

**WEST COLUMBIA**

Pop. 4,564

Alt. 40

Map S-20



**General**—During Texas Revolution known simply as *Columbia*; town figured prominently in history of Texas. Was first capital of the Republic of Texas from Sept. - Dec. 1836. The first Congress convened

under a triple-trunk live oak tree known as the Independence Tree. Sam Houston was inaugurated president, and Stephen F. Austin served as the first Secretary of State. A replica of the first capitol (reconstructed in 1977), is at 14th and Hamilton. City boasts some 20 historical markers. One marker honors the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Founded in 1840, it is third oldest Presbyterian church in Texas.

City is a center for farming, livestock and oil. Area also known for white-tailed deer, water fowl, and upland game birds. Fishing available in nearby Brazos and San Bernard Rivers, and at Gulf beaches 23 miles southeast.

**Columbia Historical Museum**—Reflecting the area's prominent role in Texas history, the museum traces the historical significance of the Victorian era with artifacts from the joys of childhood through the grief of death. Displays document the West Columbia Oilfield, largest producer of its time in the U.S., and the ranching industry that still exists. An entire room is devoted to East Columbia (see below) with a diorama of the town as founded in 1823 by Josiah H. Bell, photographs of early-day homes, and bells from the *Hiawatha* and the *Brazos Belle*, grand steamboats that sailed the Brazos River, first for trade, and later, pleasure.

The unusual museum is open Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 247 E. Brazos (Texas 35).

**East Columbia**—Two miles east on Texas 35 is community that was a thriving town during the days of the Republic. Situated on the Brazos River, it was originally called Marion, and thrived until the War Between the States. Among historic homes there (none open to the public) is the Underwood home, virtually unchanged since it was built in 1836.

**Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Park**—Feature is dignified Greek Revival plantation home built mid-1830s on rich Brazos River lands by Columbus R. Patton, planter from Kentucky. Land originally obtained in early grant from Stephen F. Austin Colony by Martin Varner, pioneer who established first rum distillery in Texas. Last private owner was James Stephen

Hogg, first native-born governor of Texas. Filled with period furnishings and relics of epic past. Plantation house open daily except Mon. and Tues., guided tours 9 - 11:30 a.m., 1 - 4:30 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 4:30 p.m.; picnic sites on landscaped grounds; admission. One mile north via county road off Texas 35.

**WHARTON**

Pop. 9,216

Alt. 111

Map R-20



**General**—On Colorado River, established as Wharton County seat when county organized in 1846. Home of Wharton County Junior College and Gulf Coast Medical Center.

**Principle industries** are rice storage, milling, and sulphur processing. (Texas Gulf Sulphur mining operation, 12 mi. east via F.M. 1301, provides travelers an impressive view of the yellow mineral.)

Veterans Memorial Monument in Monterey Square, downtown, bears the names of service personnel who died in combat in World Wars I & II, Korea, Vietnam and Lebanon.

**Wharton County Museum**



A soothing riverside park, Riverfront Park, overlooks the winding Colorado River with benches and picnic tables, basketball and volleyball courts, hike and bike trails. 1 block west of courthouse.

**Dickson Monument**—Granite shaft honors Sheriff Hamilton B. Dickson, killed in 1894 during attempted capture of murder suspect. Lawman was so widely respected, trains were chartered from distant points to accommodate huge attendance at funeral.

**Wharton County Museum**—Excellent small museum details heritage as well as economic background of county. History of Education exhibit set inside schoolroom replica, using salvaged materials from historic East Bernard school built in 1888. Also changing exhibits. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 3615 N. Richmond Rd. 409/532-2600.

**WHEELER**

Pop. 1,411

Alt. 2,520

Map C-12



**General**—Post office established when area became "thickly settled" by five families living in dugouts within two-mile radius. Town became seat of Wheeler County 1906. Today serves as regional, educational,

medical, commercial, and agricultural center for county. Extensive cattle feedlot operations.

**Mobeetie Jail Museum**—Housed in restored jail: early-day sheriff's quarters authentically furnished. Displays of historical items from Wheeler County; antiques. Open Mon. - Sat. except Tues. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. In Mobeetie, 11 miles west via Texas 152.

Nearby is historical marker for Fort Elliott, established in 1875. Number of soldiers was small, usually under 500. Fort was abandoned in 1890 and nothing of the original buildings remains.

*Historical items and antiques found in Mobeetie Jail Museum, housed in restored jail near Wheeler*



**WHITNEY**

Pop. 1,677

Alt. 585

Map L-17



**General**—Established 1879 when the Texas Central Railroad crossed Hill County; named for Charles Whitney of New York, a major railroad stockholder. Now an agricultural/recreational center, gateway to immensely

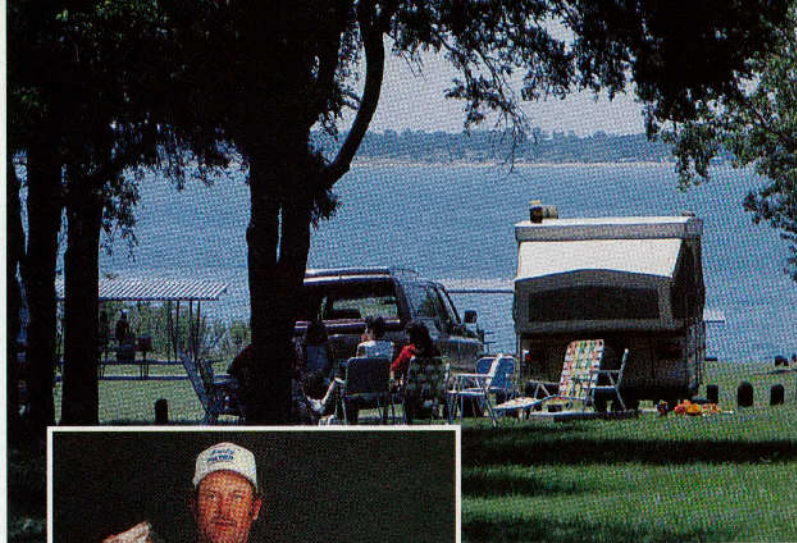
popular Lakes Aquilla and Whitney, one of the leading water sport and lake resort areas of Texas; 18-hole golf course three miles northwest on F.M. 933.

Rodeo on the Brazos features monthly rodeos from Apr. - Sept. Local RV park highlights bluegrass music on weekends.

**Arts Unlimited**—Features collection of artists' paintings, ceramics, and other crafts. Six rooms of locally handmade goods. Open Sat., Mon. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and by appointment. 213 N. Brazos St.

**Lakes**—Aquilla, Whitney. See LAKES listing.

**Lake Whitney Cycle Ranch**—Motorcyclists find trails challenging along rolling terrain beside Brazos River. Races held 1st, 3rd, & 5th Suns. 10 a.m.



Lake Whitney is one of the most popular water recreation areas in the nation

Camping available. Trails also open for practice. West on Texas 22 to F.M. 2960 (Iron Springs Rd., not shown on most highway maps). Admission.

**Lake Whitney State Park**—1,315 acres on eastern shore of Lake Whitney. Facilities and features include camping areas and trailer sites, screened shelters, airstrip, three boat ramps, docks, picnicking, swimming and fishing. Access via F.M. 1244, 2.5 miles west. Admission.

**Old Fort Graham**—U.S. military post established in 1849. As line of settlement moved westward, the need for the fort was less and troops withdrawn in 1853. Original location in Lake Whitney bed. When lake was built, much of the ruins and rock transported to new site and used in the reconstruction. One-room rock building houses mementos of early days of Whitney and other artifacts. Open Memorial Day - Labor Day Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 - 4 p.m. North on F.M. 933 to F.M. 2604 to Pioneer Cove.

**WICHITA FALLS**

Pop. 97,710

Alt. 946

Map G-15



**General**—Named for Wichita Indians who lived near waterfalls on what is now the Wichita River. In 1882, Fort Worth and Denver Railroad brought first train to area, establishing town as an agricultural and

trade center. Oil boom in early 1900s made city headquarters for north Texas petroleum production, service and manufacturing. City is seat for Wichita County and leading gateway to Texas on I-44. Major trade and industrial center with economy based on Sheppard Air Force Base, oil processing and other varied manufacturing. Cultural aspects include symphony orchestra,

Texas Travel Information Center on I-44, Wichita Falls





*Re-created falls on  
Wichita River in  
Wichita Falls*

ballet, community theater, museum and art center, and activities at  
Midwestern State Univ.

Sheppard Air Force Base is a technical training center, one of the  
largest of five in the U.S., and hosts the only NATO pilot training program  
in the world.

MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights features thousands of lights during holidays.  
Animated displays fill lawn of Midwestern State Univ. throughout December.  
Displays once belonged to L.T. Burns and date from the 1920s. For additional  
information, 817/692-6611.

**Kell House**—Historic home of local business and community leader, Frank  
Kell. Original 19th-Century furnishings include player baby grand piano,  
seven fireplaces, hand-stenciled decorations; changing exhibits. Open Tues. -  
Fri. & Sun. 2 - 4 p.m. 900 Bluff St. Admission.

**Lake Arrowhead State Park**—Water-oriented recreation featured at this  
524-acre park. Visitors find campsites with/without hookups, rest rooms with  
showers, groceries, a boat ramp, and a dump station. Activities include fish-  
ing, swimming, and water skiing. Some 14 miles south of Wichita Falls via  
U.S. 281 south, F.M. 1954 east. Admission.

**Lakes**—Arrowhead, Diversion, Kemp, Kickapoo and Wichita. See LAKES  
listing.

**Midwestern State Univ. Fine Art Gallery**—Features works of regional  
artists throughout academic year. Emphasis on students' art May - July. Open

*Turn-of-the-century Kell House brims with elegant Victorian furnishings*



Sept. - Jun., except holidays, Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - noon; 1 - 4 p.m. while  
classes are in session. West Campus Dr. at Nocona Trail on campus in south-  
west part of city.

**Museum and Art Center**—Features planetarium, scientific, art and histori-  
cal subjects. Weekend planetarium shows Sat. & Sun. 1:30 & 3:30 p.m. Open  
Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. at No. 2 Eureka Circle. Museum  
free; fee for planetarium. 817/692-0923.

**Parks**—38 parks offer outdoor recreation, including swimming pools,  
jogging trails, golf, tennis, picnicking and children's fishing pond. Also  
amusement park with rides.

Lucy Park is a 170-acre park with log cabin, pool, Lucy Land Playground,  
duck pond, paved trail, pavilions, and picnicking areas, and rest rooms.  
River walk trail along Wichita River connects Lucy Park to the Wichita Falls  
(see below). Take U.S. 277 West, turn north on Sunset Dr. Open 6 a.m. -  
midnight.

**Railroad Museum**—Eleven vintage railcars recall nostalgia of train travel.  
Cars include MK&T diesel switch engine, Texas & Pacific Pullman car, 2  
World War II troop sleepers, Fort Worth & Denver baggage car and post  
office car, and a Burlington coach "Silver Falls," plus a number of cabooses.  
Open Sat. noon - 4 p.m. At 501 Eighth St. 817/692-6073.

**Texas Travel Information Center**—One of the centers at key highway  
entrances to Texas, in the State Capitol complex, in the lower Rio Grande  
Valley, and at Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center in Langtry. Open daily 8 a.m. -  
5 p.m., except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New  
Year's. Staffed by uniformed, professional travel counselors, free services  
include information, maps, literature about every part of the state, and expert  
assistance in charting routes. Located in northern part of Wichita Falls on I-  
44; operated by Texas Department of Transportation.

*Midwestern State Univ. Fine Art Gallery in Wichita Falls*



**Wichita Falls Fire & Police Museum**—Vintage fire-fighting equipment from turn-of-the-century and old police motorcycles highlight displays; photos and other memorabilia from both fire and police departments. Open Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sun. 1 - 3 p.m. Avenue H & Giddings St.  
**Wichita Falls Waterfall**—A re-creation of falls faces north on I-44 and replaces original falls washed away in a flood in 1886. 54 feet high, water is recirculated at 3,500 gallons a minute. About a mile south of Travel Information Center (see above).

## WILLS POINT

Pop. 3,155

Alt. 518

Map J-19



**General**—First settled near T&P Railroad in 1873 as *Iola*; renamed for William Wills, whose log cabin served as resting place for travelers between Shreveport and Dallas and referred to as "the Wills point." Today,

downtown features quaint 1890s buildings, original brick streets; center for ranching, livestock, agriculture and recreation. ("Gateway to Lake Tawakoni.")

Van Zandt Gin Co., founded 1891, still gins cotton during fall season.

**Historical Society Museum**—In old T&P depot; features memorabilia for city and Van Zandt County. Open on Sat. before first Monday of month Jun. - Aug. 1 - 5 p.m. U.S. 80 & 5th St.

**Lake**—Tawakoni. See LAKES listing.

**Wills Cabin**—B&PW Club owns original preserved home of William Wills built of logs hewn on two sides; has Texas Historical Medallion. Open on Sat. before first Monday of month Jun. - Aug. 1 - 5 p.m. On First St., just off U.S. 80.

**Wiley & Son Exotic Game & Gun Ranch**—Longhorn cattle, exotic animals and thousands of old and new guns on display. Open Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 12 miles south on F.M. 47.

**WIMBERLEY**—See AUSTIN AREA SECTION, Page 18.

## WINNSBORO

Pop. 2,919

Alt. 533

Map J-21



**General**—Founded in 1854 as a trade center at intersection of two main roads, and first known as *Crossroads*. Now situated between two major highways (I-20 and I-30). Name changed to honor early settler,

John E. Wynn. Spelling was supposedly changed by a newspaper editor in the 1870s because of a shortage of "y's" in his type. Center of scenic area



Syrup, the old-fashioned way, near Winnsboro

popular with photographers in any season. Recreational opportunities on nearby lakes; hunting and camping.

One of Texas' best known salutes to fall foliage is Winnsboro's Autumn Trails, held every weekend in Oct. Sightseers from throughout the state enjoy special mapped routes of East Texas forest land and a variety of special events.

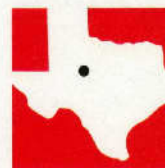
**Lake**—Bob Sandlin, Cypress Springs, Monticello, and Winnsboro. See LAKES listing.

## WINTERS

Pop. 2,988

Alt. 1,860

Map L-12/13



**General**—First settled about 1880, post office was established in 1886 before townsite was designated. City incorporated in 1909 when railroad built through and land value jumped to \$7 per acre. Now commercial and

distribution center for large agricultural and ranching area.

**Lake**—E.V. Spence Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**Z. I. Hale Museum**—Keeping with theme "Our Heritage," museum features exhibits of area history, photographs and documents, and old horse-drawn hearse used in city from 1906-1920. Major exhibits during year include dolls and quilts. Open Tues. afternoon. 242 W. Dale St.

Texas' best known salute to fall foliage is Winnsboro's Autumn Trails



## WOODVILLE

Pop. 2,711

Alt. 232

Map O-22



**General**—A commercial center for lumbering and forest products; seat of Tyler County, an area more than 90 percent forested. **Named for George T. Wood, second governor of Texas.**

**Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation**—Home of Alabama and Coushatta Indians, part of Southern forest tribes, in dense, wooded area known as the Big Thicket. Sam Houston, a staunch friend of Indians, was influential in having reservation created in 1850s. Excellent visitor program today features Living Indian Village where tribal members employ traditional skills to make jewelry, basketry and leather items; Big Thicket tours via swamp buggy and miniature railroad; museum and crafts shop; colorful tribal dances, and Inn of 12 Clans Restaurant offering customary fare plus pit-cooked barbecue, traditional Indian foods. Scenic camping areas, fishing lake, swimming. Village open Jun. - Aug. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Sat.; Sun. 12:30 - 6 p.m. (Mar. - May & Sept. - Nov. open weekends.) Closed entirely Dec. - Feb.

**Big Thicket National Preserve**—Some 84,000 acres of dense woods, swamps and streams administered by National Park Service as biological preserves in several units; each unit an ecological pocket of birds, animals and rare plant life. Nature and canoe trails under development, along with primitive camping areas. Units nearest Woodville include Beech Creek, Turkey Creek and Big Sandy Creek Units, the latter adjoining the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation (above). Inquire locally for directions, or visit the Big Thicket Information Station near Kountze (which see).

**Heritage Village Museum**—Texas' past preserved in unusual setting created by ceramist Clyde E. Gray, honored by the Texas Heritage Society for his efforts in historical preservation. Open-air display features old buildings, shops, homes and vehicles, plus pictures, historical documents, maps and pictorial records of everyday life from pioneer days through the Roaring Twenties. Among the buildings is a log cabin built in 1866 and in continuous use through 1960. Restored to original condition, cabin has handmade pegged windows and wooden door hinges oiled with washers of bacon rind. Housed in an ancient schoolhouse, the Pickett House restaurant serves family-style meals daily in summer 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (winter,



**Remnants of East Texas' rustic past are preserved at Heritage Village in Woodville**



**Dense woods, swamps and streams compose Big Thicket National Preserve near Woodville**

weekdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.) Village open daily, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. in summer, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in winter. One mile west of Woodville on U.S. 190. Admission.

**Kirby State Forest**—14 miles south on U.S. 287. (See STATE FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Lake**—B.A. Steinhagen. See LAKES listing.

**Martin Dies Jr. State Park**—See JASPER.

**Shivers Library and Museum**—Former Texas Governor and Mrs. Allan Shivers made a gift of this restored Victorian home to the people of Woodville. Among handsome furnishings is carpeting from France. Mementos and historical documents of Shivers administration also are on display. Open Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Thurs. 6 p.m.); Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 302 N. Charlton. Admission.

## YOAKUM

Pop. 5,960

Alt. 366

Map R-18



**General**—Yoakum is in western Lavaca County on the boundary of DeWitt County. In its early years, Anglo-Americans used this site for gathering herds of bawling Texas Longhorns that were driven to market along

the Chisholm Trail. With arrival of San Antonio and Aransas Pass RR in 1887, townsite established. Today, city derives its economy from leather goods factories and is center for manufacturing and distribution in South Central Texas.

**Colorful visitor programs are featured at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation near Woodville**



**Heritage Museum**—Contains history of Yoakum and of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass RR. Artifacts depict the work, leisure, and development of residents. Leather Room features history of the leather industry from Chisholm Trail drives to first tannery, and to the creative workmanship in leather goods today. Vintage leather products from 1900. Open Mon. - Sat. 1 - 5 p.m.; Sun. 3 - 5 p.m. 312 Simpson St.

## YORKTOWN

Pop. 2,267

Alt. 266

Map S-17



**General**—First settler, 1846, was John York. Road from Indianola to San Antonio, surveyed in 1848, went by way of the York home, and the surveyor, Charles Eckhardt, built a home at site of Yorktown. York was

killed by Indians and Eckhardt moved away, but German, Czech and Polish immigrants using the road settled the area, and greetings are often given in those languages today. A famous live oak tree, hundreds of years old, is in front of the Lutheran church.

**Yorktown Historical Museum**—In two historic buildings, both on National Register of Historic Places, museum preserves history of city and area. Open Apr. - Oct. Sun., Thurs. 3 - 4:30 p.m.; Nov. - Mar. Sun. 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. W. Main & Eckhardt Sts.

**YSLETA**—See EL PASO, Page 46.

## ZAPATA

Pop. 7,459

Alt. 311

Map X-14



**General**—Earliest civilized settlement in present Zapata County was Hacienda Dolores founded by Jose Vasquez Borrego in 1750.

(Ruins designated a state historic site.) Town was named in honor of Antonio Zapata,

hardy Hispanic pioneer and fierce Indian fighter. When the historic old town on banks of Rio Grande was flooded by Falcon Reservoir, new Zapata was built on U.S. 83. Zapata County seat is headquarters for large ranching area and Falcon Reservoir visitors.

**Falcon State Recreation Park**—572.6 acres on shores of Falcon Reservoir. Facilities include cabins, boat docks, camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming, trailer sites with electricity, rest rooms with showers, groceries and snack bar, and 3,500-foot air strip. About 28 miles south via U.S. 83, F.M. 2098, Park Road 46. Admission.

**Lake**—Falcon Reservoir. See LAKES listing.

**La Paz Museum**—In typical, 200-yr.-old Mexican home. Exhibits include

*Campers often include pets, like these visitors to Falcon State Recreation Park near Zapata*



photos of old Zapata, antique ranch furniture, early doctor's equipment, and early cooking utensils. Open Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sept. - May. At Benavides Elementary School in San Ygnacio, about 25 miles north on U.S. 83. Inquire at school office for directions.

## ZAVALLA

Pop. 724

Alt. 228

Map N-22



**General**—Rural community that grew around Concord Church before the Civil War; once an important shipping point for forest products on Texas and New Orleans RR. In Angelina National Forest, town is a gateway to

recreation areas on Lake Sam Rayburn.

**Angelina National Forest**—Town is within the forest boundary. (See NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS at end of book.)

**Cassells/Boykin State Park**—265-acre recreation area on Lake Sam Rayburn. Boat ramp, fishing, swimming, picnicking, camping and dump station. Access 7 miles northeast via Texas 147, F.M. 3123. Fees.

**Lake**—Sam Rayburn. See LAKES listing.

*Fishing is fantastic on Lake Sam Rayburn near Zavalla*





*Seagulls and sunset on South Padre Island*





# LAKES OF TEXAS



*An abundance of lakes and rivers, coupled with hundreds of miles of coastal shoreline, offer ample opportunities for anglers to test their skills at fresh- or saltwater fishing year round. Lake record fish below were current through September 1990.*

**Abilene, Lake**—Adjacent to Abilene State Park, 595-acre lake offers fishing, swimming, boating and other water sports as well as lakeside camping. About 15 miles southwest of Abilene. Also accessible from Buffalo Gap.

**Amistad Reservoir**—Joint project of United States and Mexico, Amistad (friendship) Dam impounds waters of the Rio Grande just below its confluence with Devils River. Toll-free access to Mexico across the dam. Huge reservoir covers some 64,900 acres at normal level, extending 74 miles up the Rio Grande, 25 miles up the Devils River, and about 14 miles up the Pecos River. International boundary is marked by buoys on huge lake that hosts sportsmen from both countries. Fishing, boating and sightseeing are superb on clear blue waters. The U.S. side is controlled by National Park Service; two marinas currently available, others planned. Lake Amistad Resort and Marina near south end of U.S. 90 bridge over the reservoir; Rough Canyon Marina off U.S. 277/377 on the Devils River arm of the reservoir. Lake record fish include largemouth bass, 15.58 lbs., striped bass, 45 lbs., carp, 10.54 lbs., smallmouth buffalo, 28.13 lbs. For details about reservoir facilities and regulations, contact Amistad Recreation Area headquarters on U.S. 90 about a mile west of the Del Rio city limits.

**Amon G. Carter Lake**—1,848-acre reservoir named for noted Fort Worth philanthropist and publisher. Provides variety of water sports including boating, skiing, swimming and fishing, plus picnicking and camping facilities at lakeside. Serves as flood control on Big Sandy Creek and as city of Bowie water supply. Historical marker at Hudspeth Beach, popular sand beach recreation spot, notes crossing of Butterfield Overland Mail Route. About 6 miles south of Bowie via F.M. 1125.

**Aquilla Lake**—Impoundment began in April 1983 on this lake with a normal surface area of 3,280 acres. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked the lake with blue catfish, believing the habitat to be especially suited to them. Also stocked were Florida largemouth bass; record largemouth bass, 11.09 lbs. About 10 miles southwest of Hillsboro via I-35, F.M. 310.

**Arlington, Lake**—Scenic 2,275 acres owned and operated by the city. Popular for boating, sailing and skiing; home of Arlington Yacht Club. Fishing good for white bass and black bass; facilities for boaters and fishermen, plus municipal and commercial parks. Not shown on most maps. Record largemouth bass, 9.97 lbs. In southwest Arlington off Loop 303.

**Arrowhead, Lake**—On Little Wichita River, covering 16,200 acres at spillway crest behind earthen dam more than three miles long; one of several municipal water sources for Wichita Falls. Visitors will see more than a dozen steel derricks over oil wells in lake itself. Lakeside recreation areas offer swimming, fishing, boating and picnicking, including the facilities at Lake Arrowhead State Park (see WICHITA FALLS). Lake record fish include smallmouth buffalo, 23.5 lbs. and striped bass, 10.12 lbs. About 14 miles southeast of Wichita Falls via U.S. 281 south and F.M. 1954 east; also accessible from Archer City and Henrietta.

**Athens, Lake**—Popular 1,520-acre impoundment offers boat ramps, a commercial marina, picnic sites, camping area with RV hookups, swimming, and fishing for crappie, bass (record, largemouth 13.81 lbs.) and catfish. About 8 miles east of Athens via Texas 31 east and F.M. 2495 south.

**Austin, Lake**—1,830-acre Lower Colorado River Authority impoundment begins within western edge of Austin, winds 20 miles up the Colorado. Record fish include hybrid striped bass 17.69 lbs., striped bass, 43.55 lbs., northern pike, 7.91 lbs., and wamouth, 0.9 lbs. Very popular for boating and skiing; shoreline dotted with marinas, clubs and leisure home developments. Emma Long Metropolitan Park at lakeside.

**B. A. Steinhagen, Lake**—13,700-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment also known as Dam B and Town Bluff Reservoir. Modern public parks, marinas and camps are at lakeside. Popular for fishing, boating and swimming. Also location of Martin Dies Jr. State Park (see JASPER). Record largemouth bass 11.2 lbs. For details on lake facilities, contact project headquarters at dam off F.M. 92. Midway between Jasper and Woodville.

**Balmorhea, Lake**—Impoundment on Sandia Creek covering 573 acres. Boating and fishing are permitted on lake that provides water for irrigating thousands of surrounding acres. Three miles southeast of Balmorhea via local road from U.S. 290.

**Bardwell, Lake**—3,570-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on Waxahachie Creek offering full range of water sport activities. At lakeside are parks with boat launching ramps, camping, and picnic areas. Fishing, swimming, boating and water skiing. Obtain details at project headquarters, north end of dam via local roads about 4 miles southwest of Ennis. Also accessible from Bardwell, Corsicana and Waxahachie.

**Bastrop, Lake**—906-acre constant-level lake set amid low hills and the "lost pines." Two recreational areas, on north and south sides of lake. Picnic areas, fishing, swimming, boating, water skiing, boat launching ramps. North area access via Texas 95 north, F.M. 1441 east. South area access via local road north from Texas 21 north; admission. Record fish is blue catfish, 43.5 lbs.

**Belton, Lake**—Scenic 12,300-acre impoundment of Leon River and several creeks, noted for numerous arms and coves along 110-mile shoreline. Corps of Engineers lake with 13 public parks offering camping and picnic areas, boat-launching ramps, and marina facilities. Brushy areas are prime habitat for largemouth and smallmouth bass (record smallmouth bass, 4.76 lbs.); also fishing for crappie, catfish, and panfish. Other record fish include channel catfish, 3.63 lbs., largemouth bass, 7.7 lbs., and smallmouth buffalo, 36.5 lbs. For details, visit the Corps of Engineers headquarters area at the dam, junction of F.M. 2271 and F.M. 439. Just northwest of Belton via Texas 317 north, F.M. 2271 west; also accessible from Killeen and Temple.

**Benbrook, Lake**—3,770-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. As at all such projects, fine Corps parks at lakeside offer wide range of facilities for outdoor recreation: camping and trailer areas, rest rooms, drinking water, boat rentals and launching ramps, fishing supplies, snack bar. Record fish for lake include largemouth bass, 13.66 lbs., smallmouth bass, 5.94 lbs., and hybrid striped bass, 12.75 lbs. Obtain details from project headquarters at the dam. Lake Shore Dr. from U.S. 377 at Benbrook. A few miles southwest of Fort Worth, also accessible from Cresson and Crowley.

**Bob Sandlin, Lake**—9,460-acre reservoir on Big Cypress River offers commercial marinas, fishing barges, cabins, restaurants, boat ramps; excellent fishing for native and Florida bass. Bob Sandlin State Park, 640 acres on F.M. 127 and F.M. 21, offers full range of day use and overnight camping facilities, including picnic sites, screened shelters, trails, boat ramp and fishing pier. A largemouth bass, 14.31 lbs. and white bass, 3.39 lbs., hold lake records. Information and maps at lake headquarters off F.M. 3417 from U.S. 271 south of Mount Pleasant; also accessible from Pittsburg. Lakes Cypress Springs and Monticello (which see) are immediately adjacent.

**Bonham, Lake**—1,020-acre lake on Timber Creek supplies water for city of Bonham. Park near dam on south shore provides picnic sites, camping, rest rooms and dump station. Four miles north of Bonham on Texas 78.

**Brady Reservoir**—2,020-acre reservoir on Brady Creek affording wide range of water sports activities at edge of the scenic Hill Country area. Fishing throughout year. Lakeside facilities include boat ramps, docking and service, resorts, camps, plus leisure homes. Records include largemouth bass, 9.56 lbs., and smallmouth bass, 4.75 lbs. About 3 miles west of Brady via F.M. 2028.

**Brandy Branch Reservoir**—Power plant cooling reservoir, built in 1983, reached its 1,242-acre pool level in 1985. Florida-strain largemouth bass stocked in 1983 flourished in lake's excellent habitat. A boat ramp is provided, bank fishing is limited, and there are no camping facilities. Record fish is largemouth bass, 11.25 lbs., and a bluegill sunfish, 0.53 lbs. Between Marshall and Longview, off I-20 on F.M. 3251 (exit 610) 3 miles south.

**Braunig, Lake**—1,350-acre reservoir on Arroyo Seco, tributary of the San Antonio River, owned and operated by City of San Antonio for recreation and cooling in power generation plant; produces trophy-size bass. Two non-native species of game fish have been introduced. One is a hybrid cross between Texas saltwater seatrout (speckled trout) and orangemouth corvina from California's Salton Sea. Very similar to speckled trout in appearance; growth rate far exceeds normal rate of either separate species. Also red drum (redfish), a popular saltwater species that is doing well in several Texas freshwater lakes. Lake record fish is largemouth bass, 13.31 lbs. and hybrid striped bass, 10.4 lbs. Fishing, boating and lakeside picnic areas. A few miles southeast of San Antonio off I-37; also accessible from Floresville and Elmendorf.

**Brazos, Lake**—Stabilized course of Brazos River through Waco. Parks and campsites on lake.

**Bridgeport, Lake**—13,000-acre impoundment on the West Fork of Trinity River. Swimming, excellent year-round fishing, campsites, picnic areas, boat rentals, launching ramps and services at lakeside. Site of 3,000-acre Sid Richardson Boy

Scout Camp, largest wilderness Scout camp in Texas. Four miles west of Bridgeport off U.S. 380; also accessible from Decatur.

**Brownwood, Lake**—7,300 acres among pleasant hills; 95-mile shoreline. Commercial camps and boat docks at many locations; swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing and camping. Noted for excellent black bass and white bass fishing (record, largemouth bass, 12.65 lbs.), plus crappie, catfish and bream. Location of several religious and youth camps; also Lake Brownwood State Park (see BROWNWOOD). About 23 miles north of Brownwood off Texas 279.

**Buchanan, Lake**—23,060-acre Lower Colorado River Authority impoundment, the highest and broadest in series of six Highland Lakes. Water sports and fishing are superb with generous space for boating, skiing, sailing. Innumerable beaches, docks, marinas, and leisure home developments at lakeside. Public and commercial camps, boat ramps. Lake's record fish include Guadalupe bass, 2.25 lbs., white bass, 3.06 lbs., striped bass, 27.8 lbs. Many water-related festivals staged on lake during summer months. At Lake Buchanan community on Texas 29; also accessible from Llano and Burnet.

**Buffalo Springs Lake**—Small 200-acre lake on Double Mountain Fork of Brazos River is very popular for fishing, boating, picnicking and weekend outings. About 9 miles southeast of Lubbock via U.S. 84 south, F.M. 835 north.

**Caddo Lake**—Huge expanse of 26,800 acres spreads over portions of both Texas and Louisiana. It is rich in Indian legends that say the lake was formed at night, in the dark of the moon, by powerful shaking earth spirits who were angered at a Caddo Indian chief. There could be a factual basis for the legend because the lake may have resulted from the great New Madrid (Mo.) earthquake of 1811. Steamboats from New Orleans and elsewhere regularly plied the lake in mid-1800s. In 1869 a tragedy took 60 lives when river boat *Mittie Stevens* burned near Swanson's Landing. Pearls in freshwater mussels brought a swarm of pearl hunters about the turn of the century. Today lake has a primeval aura, edged by dense forests that frequently invade the waters; Spanish moss drapes the trees, and lush aquatic growth appears jungle-like. Because maze of channels can be confusing, state has marked 42 miles of "boat roads" on Caddo. Fishing is superb; record fish include largemouth bass, 13.25 lbs., and redear sunfish, 1.17 lbs. Many camps and marinas are at lakeside, including Caddo Lake State Park (see KARNACK). Lake is a few miles north of Karnack, also accessible from Jefferson and Uncertain.

**Calaveras, Lake**—3,624-acre impoundment on Calaveras Creek is among pre-eminent Texas bass lakes, producing trophy-size brutes above 12 lbs. Two non-native species of game fish have been introduced. One is a hybrid



cross between Texas saltwater seatrout (speckled trout) and orangemouth corvina from California's Salton Sea. Very similar to speckled trout in appearance; growth rate far exceeds normal rate of either separate species. Also red drum (redfish), a popular saltwater species that is doing well in several Texas freshwater lakes. Also stocked with hybrid white/striped bass. Record fish, largemouth bass, 13 lbs. Boat ramps and lakeside picnic facilities; accessible a few miles southeast of San Antonio off U.S. 181 south and Loop 1604.

**Canyon Lake**—8,240-acre Corps of Engineers lake, one of most scenic in Texas, spreading among steep-shouldered, evergreen hills. Public parks along shore offer camping/trailer areas, picnicking, and boat ramps. Two yacht clubs, two marinas, a ski club, and fishing groups schedule a host of activities. Lake fishing is excellent. Several record fish include flathead catfish, 86 lbs., largemouth bass, 9.94 lbs., striped bass, 25.5 lbs., and smallmouth bass, 6.13 lbs. In the Guadalupe River below, anglers take rainbow and brown trout. About 20 miles north of New Braunfels via Texas 46 and F.M. 2722 north, or via F.M. 306 north of I-35; also accessible from Sattler, San Marcos and Blanco.

**Casa Blanca, Lake**—1,656-acre lake built as recreational facility also supplies water for excellent Casa Blanca Public Golf Course. Lake, 10 minutes from downtown Laredo, offers boating, complete bait-tackle shop, boat rentals, skiing and good fishing; experimental stocking with walleye proved successful; picnic grounds and swimming area. Lake record is largemouth bass, 9.38 lbs.

**Cedar Creek Reservoir**—Huge 33,750-acre impoundment operated for recreation and Fort Worth municipal water supply. Nestled among post oaks and pines, the lake offers numerous campsites, picnicking areas, excellent fishing, with record fish: largemouth bass, 12 lbs., channel catfish, 19.76 lbs., flathead catfish, 27 lbs., and striped bass, 18.56 lbs.; swimming and boating; one of the most popular in North Central Texas. About 10 miles west of Athens north of Texas 31, also accessible from Malakoff, Trinidad, Kemp and Mabank.

**Champion Creek, Lake**—1,560 acres with lake campsites and picnic areas, boat docks, swimming and fishing facilities. About 7 miles south of Colorado City off Texas 208.

**Childress and Baylor, Lakes**—Adjacent lakes are used as water supply for Childress; also provide boating, fishing, camping area with RV sites and dump station. About 9 miles west of Childress off U.S. 287.

**Choke Canyon Reservoir**—Midway between San Antonio and Corpus Christi, the 25,733-acre reservoir on the Frio River has been heavily stocked with largemouth, striped and Florida bass, crappie, sunfish, and channel and blue catfish. Some 3,700 acres were left uncleared when the lake was built, thus ensuring prime fish habitat. Record catches include black crappie, 3.5 lbs., hybrid striped bass, 16.56 lbs., blue catfish, 70.5 lbs., and largemouth bass, 13.88 lbs. State park (see THREE RIVERS) provides camping, rest rooms, picnicking. The townsite of Old Calliham, within the park, provides campsites, screened shelters, 7-lane boat ramp, rock jetty, fishing pier, swimming area, fish-cleaning stations, trails, and concession facilities. About 3 miles west of Three Rivers on Texas 72.

**Cisco, Lake**—A 445-acre lake in the shape of an irregular cross between scenic hills. Excellent fishing and water sports. City park offers picnicking, miniature golf, primitive camping area. Unusual rock formations interest mineral collectors. About 4 miles north of Cisco off Texas 6.

**Clear Lake**—Joint mouth of Clear Creek, Armand and Taylor Bayous in the NASA area of southeast Houston; egress into Galveston Bay. Lakeside residences, leisure homes, yacht clubs, marinas and launching ramps; much boating activity; third largest recreational boating area in the U.S. Rentals available for sailboats, power boats, jetskis, waterskis, windsurfers, canoes, and parasailing. Fishing both for fresh- and saltwater species. Access from NASA Road 1 or F.M. 2094 between I-45 and Texas 146 southeast of Houston.

**Coleman, Lake**—190-acre Press Morris Park (city of Coleman) on 2,000-acre lake enhances visitor enjoyment of water sports, fishing, camping, picnicking, and glimpses of wildlife. Lake record fish: largemouth bass, 8.06 lbs. About 17 miles north of Coleman off U.S. 283.

**Coleto Creek Reservoir**—Popular South Texas lake covering 3,100 acres. Public recreation areas provide picnicking, camping, RV hookups, rest rooms, boat ramps and docks. Fishing for native black bass and exotic, imported peacock bass; also catfish and crappie. Largemouth bass, 11.75 lbs., holds lake record. Access just north of U.S. 59 between Goliad and Victoria.

**Colorado City, Lake**—Dotting the shore of this 1,612-acre lake are popular fishing camps, boat ramps, picnic and camping areas, and 500-acre Lake Colorado City State Park (see COLORADO CITY). Fishing and most water sports enjoyed year round. About 7 miles southwest of Colorado City off I-20 west, or Texas 163 south.



Galveston Bay

**Conroe, Lake**—20,985-acre impoundment on the West Fork of the San Jacinto River, partly edged by Sam Houston National Forest. At lakeside are several marinas with boat ramps and boat rentals (including sailboats); campgrounds. Several record fish caught include blue catfish, 99 lbs., channel catfish, 15.5 lbs., flathead catfish, 86 lbs., hybrid striped bass, 10.25 lbs., largemouth bass, 12.93 lbs., smallmouth buffalo, 33.75 lbs., and white bass, 3.56 lbs. Dam and observation point off Texas 105 west of Conroe. Other access from I-45 via F.M. 1097 west, and F.M. 830 (not shown on most maps) west. Excellent for native game fish, catfish, and introduced species including striped bass and walleye.

**Cooper Lake**—19,000-acre impoundment on the South Sulphur River. Completed in 1993 by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it's the last Texas flood-control lake planned by the engineers. Fishermen are already finding good catches. A four-lane boat ramp near the dam at Tira Access and a two-lane ramp at Johns Creek Access near Klondike provide boating access. Lake is expected to be excellent for Florida-strain largemouth bass, crappie, catfish and bluegills. Access from Cooper, Commerce and Klondike.

**Corpus Christi, Lake**—19,336-acre reservoir on Nueces River, popular South Texas water sports and recreational area also provides Corpus Christi municipal water supply. Swimming, boating, sailing and skiing. Large areas of submerged brush in upper reaches of 27-mile-long lake provide prime fish habitat. All fishing good; noted especially for excellent catfish—channels, flatheads and blues; record is flathead weighing 60 lbs. Record largemouth bass, 13.5 lbs. Fishing camps and marinas accessible at several spots around shore, plus fine facilities at Lake Corpus Christi State Park (see MATHIS). A few miles west of Mathis off Texas 359 south; also accessible from Alice.

**Crook, Lake**—920-acre lake operated by city of Paris for recreation and water supply; lighted picnic areas and campsites. Water skiing is popular sport, and anglers find excellent fishing for largemouth bass, crappie, sunfish, catfish, and hybrid striped bass. The scenic lake is about 3 miles northwest of Paris off U.S. 271.

**Cypress Springs, Lake**—Set in scenic piney woods area, 3,400-acre lake offers abundant visitor facilities: shoreline parks, picnic and campgrounds, RV hookups, commercial marinas, boat ramps, rest rooms, swimming beach. Five parks include Walleye Park, Dogwood Park, Mary King Park, Overlook Park, and W.D. Jack Guthrie Park. Anglers seek black bass and catfish; record is largemouth bass, 10.38 lbs. Adjacent to Lake Bob Sandlin (which see). Access 8 miles southeast of Mount Vernon via Texas 37 south, F.M. 2723 east. Also accessible from Pittsburg.

**Diversion Lake**—3,419-acre impoundment owned by city of Wichita Falls, on Wichita River (tributary of Red River). Popular for water sports and fishing, with record hybrid striped bass weighing in at 10.53 lbs. About 27 miles southwest of Wichita Falls via U.S. 82/277 west to Dundee, then F.M. 2846 north; also accessible from Mankins, Electra and Vernon.

**E.V. Spence Reservoir**—14,950-acre lake west of Robert Lee is called a "showcase lake for striped bass." The native saltwater species, stocked here during the 1970s, is reproducing and growing to sizes approaching 30 lbs. Good catches of black bass, catfish and crappie with record largemouth bass, 11.19 lbs. and striped bass, 35.13 lbs. Other records include blue catfish, 51.81 lbs. and flathead catfish, 54.31 lbs. Two water-district recreational areas, operated by concessionaires, offer boat ramps, supplies, camping.

**Eagle Lake**—Private 1,200-acre impoundment widely known in goose and duck hunting circles. Site of very popular hunting clubs and shooting resorts (see EAGLE LAKE). No fishing or boating. Lake is adjacent to town of Eagle Lake.

**Eagle Mountain Lake**—9,200 acres on West Fork of Trinity River for recreation and Fort Worth water supply. All water sports plus extensive service and recreational facilities: trailer areas, rest rooms, snack bars, boat rentals and launching ramps, fishing supplies. Home of Fort Worth Boat Club. Fishing good year round, a hot spot for schooling white bass in spring. Record fish include hybrid striped bass 8.2 lbs. and smallmouth bass 3.5 lbs.

Twelve miles northwest of Fort Worth via F.M. 1220; also accessible from Azle and Rhome.

**Eddleman and Graham, Lakes**—On Salt Creek, tributary of Brazos River, the two connected by canal form impoundment of more than 2,500 acres. Fishing, boating and lakeside campsites. Record hybrid striped bass caught weighing 8.91 lbs. Two miles northwest of Graham off U.S. 380 west; also accessible from Newcastle and Olney.

**Ellison Creek Reservoir**—Daingerfield city park areas on the 1,516-acre lake offer picnicking, playgrounds, swimming area, boat ramp, and fishing pier. No overnight camping. Fishermen take black bass, crappie and catfish. At Lone Star 8 miles south of Daingerfield via U.S. 259.

**El Sal del Rey, Lake**—Name translates as "The King's Salt"; intermittent salt lake that was personal property of king of Spain during Spanish colonial period. Water accumulates in shallow depression during wet seasons, evaporates to leave deposits of crystallized rock salt. For two centuries salt was mined here; very important to Confederacy during Civil War. Salt lake is some 20 miles west of Raymondville off Texas 186. Local inquiry will provide directions to site via county roads.

**Fairfield Lake**—Only public access to the 2,350-acre impoundment is at Fairfield Lake State Park (see FAIRFIELD). Park offers abundant range of visitor amenities; anglers seek native largemouth and lunker Florida bass, hybrid white/striped bass, channel catfish, and panfish including bluegills and redears. Lake records include channel catfish, 14.12 lbs. and largemouth bass, 13.01 lbs. First lake in Texas stocked (1983) with a species of Nile perch. Also two other non-native species of game fish have been introduced. One is a hybrid cross between Texas saltwater seatrout (speckled trout) and orangemouth corvina from California's Salton Sea. Very similar to speckled trout in appearance; growth rate far exceeds normal rate of either separate species. Also red drum (redfish), a popular saltwater species that is doing well in several Texas freshwater lakes. Access 7 miles northeast of Fairfield via F.M. 488, F.M. 1124 and Park Road 64.

**Falcon Reservoir**—Owned jointly by U.S. and Mexico; 87,210-acre impoundment on Rio Grande built for conservation, power, irrigation, flood control and recreation. Dam nearly five miles long, averages 100 feet high. Numerous private and public facilities, including excellent Falcon State Park (see ROMA or ZAPATA). Famed for excellent fishing, especially black bass and huge catfish. Record fish is largemouth bass, 14.16 lbs. About 14 miles northwest of Roma off U.S. 83; also accessible from nearby towns of Falcon, Lopeno and Zapata.

**Fayette (Power Project) Lake**—Serves primarily as cooling pond for coal-fired electric generating plant. Surface area 2,420 acres. Very popular bass-fishing lake. Two records include blue catfish, 65 lbs. and largemouth bass, 12.25 lbs. Primitive overnight camping permitted; no potable water. Access only at entrance station; about 10 miles east of La Grange on Texas 159; entrance fee. Also accessible from Fayetteville.

**Fork, Lake**—On Lake Fork Creek, a tributary of the Sabine River, lake's acreage is 27,690 at conservation level. Little clearing of timber was done prior to impoundment, making for excellent fish habitat with record largemouth bass, 17.67 lbs., being caught. Other records include blue catfish, 53.96 lbs.; bowfin, 16.34 lbs.; channel catfish 15.32 lbs.; and white crappie 2.81 lbs. Boat launch ramps are at Lake Fork Bridge on F.M. 515 and on south shore on Texas 154. Maps and information available at lake headquarters at dam on Texas 182. Accessible from Quitman and Alba.

**Fort Phantom Hill, Lake**—Covers 4,246 acres with 29-mile shoreline. Encircled by paved highways, lake south of old fort ruins (see ABILENE) has numerous campsites, marinas and other facilities for water sports and outdoor recreation. Good fishing with record walleye at 7.46 lbs. Ten miles northeast of Abilene via F.M. 600; also accessible from Anson.

**Fryer, Lake**—(Not shown on most maps.) Pleasant recreation spot along beautiful Wolf Creek. 700-acre county park popular with fishermen, boaters, swimmers, picnickers; RV camp sites. Access 12 miles southeast of Perryton off U.S. 83.



**Georgetown, Lake**—On North Fork of San Gabriel River, 1,310-acre lake is well-stocked with channel cat and smallmouth bass (record 5.88 lbs.); record walleye is 3.01 lbs. Boat speed restricted in designated fishing area. Three public use areas; boat launch ramps; camping areas, with RV hookups. Primitive hiking, camping trail, The Good Water Trail, is around upper end of lake. About 4 miles west of I-35 at Georgetown via F.M. 2338.

**Gibbons Creek Reservoir**—Waters of the Hog, Plum, Cedar, Cat, Gibbons and Sulphur Creeks are impounded to form the 2,490-acre reservoir that serves as a cooling pond for a generating plant. Fishing for bass, catfish and crappie is good in the slightly warmed water. Lake record is largemouth bass, 16.17 lbs. Day use only, 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Closed Wednesday and major holidays. About 22 miles east of Bryan on County Road 164 off F.M. 244, 0.25 miles north of Texas 30.

**Gladewater, Lake**—800-acre impoundment on Glade Creek is constant level lake that serves as water supply for Gladewater, as well as recreational facility for the surrounding area. Boat dock and launching area large enough for 75 vehicles with trailers. Fishing pier and two-acre swimming beach. Rest rooms, concessionaire. Three half-acre fish hatcheries provide restocking of bass, crappie, perch brim, and channel and flathead catfish. Off F.M. 2685 north of U.S. 80 in Gladewater.

**Graham and Eddleman, Lakes**—On Salt Creek, tributary of Brazos River, the two connected by canal form impoundment of more than 2,500 acres. Fishing, boating and lakeside campsites. Record hybrid striped bass caught weighing 8.91 lbs. Two miles northwest of Graham off U.S. 380 west; also accessible from Newcastle and Olney.

**Granbury, Lake**—8,700-acre impoundment at De Cordova Bend on Brazos River. Parks, camps and service facilities for outdoor recreation dot the 103-mile shoreline. Picturesque lake holds several fish records: channel catfish, 23.5 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 13.82 lbs.; largemouth bass, 8.68 lbs.; smallmouth bass, 3.56 lbs.; and striped bass, 18.58 lbs. Lake edges the city for which it is named, following the looping channel of the Brazos. Jacob de Cordova, for whom the dam is named, was a man of unusual abilities. He accumulated land scrip for more than a million Texas acres, and billing himself as "Publicity Agent for an Empire," lectured throughout the East in 1859 to stimulate interest in Texas. Lake also accessible from Acton.

**Granger Lake**—Opened in 1981, Corps of Engineers lake was stocked with channel catfish and Florida largemouth bass. (Largemouth bass holds lake record weighing 10.97 lbs. along with a white bass at 2.55 lbs.) Surface area is 4,400 acres. Hiking trail along scenic shoreline, swimming beach at Wilson Fox Park. Boat ramps, camping with hookups, free picnic areas. Headquarters at dam, 7 miles east of Granger on F.M. 971. Also accessible from Taylor, Bartlett and Georgetown.

**Grapevine, Lake**—7,380-acre Corps of Engineers reservoir with a 60-mile shoreline. Parks at lakeside offer campsites, picnic areas, boat ramps, marina service, swimming, and fishing supplies. Home of the Dallas Water Ski Club; many ski shows and competitions staged throughout the spring and summer. Lake record fish, flathead catfish weighing 73.5 lbs.; largemouth bass, 8.15 lbs.; smallmouth bass 3.36 lbs.; and spotted bass, 3.36 lbs. For details on facilities contact project headquarters at south end of dam off Texas 21. About 27 miles northeast of downtown Fort Worth off U.S. 377. Also accessible from Arlington, Dallas, Denton, Grapevine, Irving and Lewisville.

**Greenbelt Lake**—2,025-acre reservoir on Salt Fork of Red River offers rare water-recreation pleasures to large area of the Texas Panhandle. Lake records include flathead catfish, 18 lbs., and walleye, 7.25 lbs. Also boating, water skiing. Five miles north of Clarendon off Texas 70.

**Hawkins, Lake**—One of four small Wood County lakes for flood control and recreation, 776 acres. Lakeside facilities cater to boaters, fishermen and campers at Lake Hawkins Camp Park. Record fish, largemouth bass, 11.91 lbs. A few miles northwest of Hawkins via F.M. 14; also accessible from Mineola.

**Holbrook, Lake**—653-acre Wood County lake designed for recreation and flood control. A county-operated campground is at lakeside. Water sports,

swimming beach, and fishing. Record fish include largemouth bass, 11.13 lbs. and white crappie 2.20 lbs. On Keys Creek, 4 miles northwest of Mineola off U.S. 69; also accessible from Quitman.

**Hords Creek Lake**—510-acre conservation reservoir popular for all water sports, fishing, camping and picnicking. Three Corps of Engineers-administered parks offer excellent facilities. Boat rental and launching ramps, nature trail, fishing supplies and other services available. About 8 miles west of Coleman off Texas 153.

**Houston County Lake**—A small impoundment of 1,282 acres on Little Elkhart Creek, popular with area fishermen and boaters. Anglers took blue catfish, 41.5 lbs., and largemouth bass, 15.2 lbs., for lake records. Lakeside picnic and camping areas. Inquire locally for details of facilities. About 7 miles southwest of Grapeland via F.M. 227; also accessible from Crockett.

**Houston, Lake**—12,240 acres, owned by City of Houston, popular with residents of upper Texas coast. Fishing, water sports. About 18 miles northeast of Houston via U.S. 90 east to Barrett Station, and north on F.M. 2100. Also accessible from Humble via F.M. 1960 east.

**Hubbard Creek Lake**—Large impoundment covering 15,250 acres with picturesque shoreline of 100 miles. Fishing excellent all year; record fish, largemouth bass, 9.94 lbs. Visitors may rent boats or launch their own at several public and commercial ramps. Other activities include swimming, water skiing, sailing, camping and picnicking. About 6 miles northwest of Breckenridge, accessible via U.S. 180 west, or off U.S. 183 north.

**Imperial Reservoir**—Covering 1,530 acres, the reservoir provides irrigation and water recreation in an arid region of West Texas. Fishing, swimming, boating and related water sports. Access off Texas 18 between Monahans and Fort Stockton.

**Inks Lake**—803-acre Lower Colorado River Authority reservoir, one of series of Highland Lakes. Very scenic; excellent year-round fishing; lake records include Guadalupe bass, 2.75 lbs., and striped bass, 33.38 lbs.; popular for boating and water sports. Lakeside docks, marinas and leisure homes; also Inks Lake State Park and Highland Lakes Golf Course (see BUCHANAN DAM). South of Buchanan Dam via Park Road 4; also accessible from Llano and Bomet.

**J.B. Thomas, Lake**—Large lake of 7,820 acres on Colorado River whose waters and 75-mile shoreline attract thousands. Wide range of water sports and recreational activities include swimming, boating, skiing, camping and excellent fishing. About 20 miles southwest of Snyder via Texas 350 south, F.M. 2085 west; also accessible from Big Spring.

**Jacksboro, Lake**—125-acres popular for picnics, boating, skiing, swimming, camping and fishing. Anglers fish for bass, catfish, bluegill, and crappie. Off Texas 59 northeast of Jacksboro.

**Jacksonville, Lake**—1,320 acres rated by area fishermen as one of best bass lakes (record is largemouth bass, 15.12 lbs.) in Texas. Skiers and boaters enjoy the waters, while picnicking and camping are popular along scenic wooded shore. Screened shelters, camper hookups, electricity, water and dump station, gasoline and rest rooms. Fishing guide available. About 4 miles south of Jacksonville off U.S. 69; also accessible from Rusk.

**Joe Pool, Lake**—Recently completed 7,470-acre lake along Dallas, Tarrant Counties line, impounds water from of Mountain Creek. Parks include Loyd, Britton, and Lynn Creek. Cedar Hill State Park offers lakeside activities on more than 2,000 northshore acres. Excellent fishing with lake record largemouth bass 10.76 lbs. Reservoir accessible from Arlington, Dallas, Grand Prairie and Waxahachie.

**Kemp, Lake**—Wichita Falls municipal lake on Wichita River, a tributary of Red River. Many campsites available around the 16,540-acre lake, as well as service facilities for boaters and fishermen. Record fish, striped bass at 35 lbs. Site of annual Fish Day on first Mon. in May when nearby town of Seymour





practically closes up to "go fishin'." About 48 miles southwest of Wichita Falls accessible off U.S. 183/283 north of Seymour; also accessible from Vernon and Wichita Falls.

**Kickapoo, Lake**—Popular water sports facility for large surrounding area, covers 6,200 acres at spillway crest. Swimming, fishing, boating, water skiing, camping, and picnicking. On North Fork of Little Wichita River about 12 miles northwest of Archer City off Texas 25; also accessible from Wichita Falls.

**Lake O' the Pines**—Large 18,700-acre Corps of Engineers reservoir amid scenic rolling forest lands; one of the most attractive lakes in East Texas. Lake fish records include huge smallmouth buffalo, 97 lbs.; largemouth bass, 12.63 lbs.; white bass, 1.94 lbs.; and spotted bass, 5.56 lbs. Modern Corps of Engineers parks, commercial marinas and camps at lakeside. Excellent fishing, boating, sailing, water skiing, swimming and camping. For details of facilities contact reservoir headquarters at east end of Ferrell's Bridge Dam, F.M. 726. About 10 miles west of Jefferson via F.M. 729; also accessible from Gilmer, Ore City, Lone Star, Daingerfield and Avinger.

**Lavon, Lake**—Large Corps of Engineers reservoir covers 21,400 acres. Four large parks with hookups for campers; also day-use parks, motorcycle riding trail, one park (Caddo) especially for handicapped. Boat ramps, marina services, swimming beaches, duck hunting in specified area. Lake's record fish are hybrid striped bass, 16.12 lbs. and white crappie, 2.73 lbs. Obtain details at project headquarters west end of dam off Texas 78 about 10 miles north of Rockwall; also accessible from Dallas, Plano, McKinney, Farmersville, Lavon and Wylie.

**Leon, Lake**—1,590 acres hosting fishermen, water sport enthusiasts, campers. Country club and golf course at lakeside, plus boat docks, fishing and marina services. About 6 miles southeast of Eastland via F.M. 570 and F.M. 2214; also accessible from Ranger.

**Lewisville, Lake**—(Formerly Garza-Little Elm Reservoir.) Huge 23,280-acre Corps of Engineers reservoir immensely popular for water sports and outdoor recreation in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. More than a score of public parks are operated by the Corps at lakeside; also Lake Lewisville State Park with abundant facilities on the east shore (see LEWISVILLE). Marinas, boat rentals, launching ramps. Anglers' supplies and excellent fishing for largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, white bass (sandies), and spectacular hybrid white/striped bass. Several lake records include flathead catfish, 98 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 11.38 lbs.; largemouth bass, 8.21 lbs.; white crappie, 3.5 lbs.; white bass, 3.14 lbs.; and channel catfish, 13.88 lbs. Swimming, water skiing, sailing, camping, trailer and picnic areas. Home of Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club and two Coast Guard Auxiliary flotillas. For details on facilities contact project headquarters at west end of dam off I-35E about 27 miles north of downtown Dallas. Also accessible from Lewisville, Denton, Frisco and McKinney.

**Limestone, Lake**—On upper Navasota River, impounded by Sterling C. Robertson Dam, lake's normal surface area is 14,200 acres, but lake level is variable depending on rainfall and water use. Major water customers are Texas utilities generating plants. Recreational facilities include boat ramps, primitive camping areas; boating, fishing for bass, crappie, catfish and panfish. Lake record fish is largemouth bass, 11.38 lbs. Accessible from Groesbeck via F.M. 937 south; also accessible from Buffalo and Centerville.

**Livingston, Lake**—Huge 82,600-acre reservoir on the Trinity River, spreads into four counties. Operated by Trinity River Authority and city of Houston. Stretching 52 miles long, the lake has a timbered shoreline of 452 miles devoted mainly to recreation. A host of lakeside parks, camps and marinas offer complete range of services for camping, boating, and fishing, including Lake Livingston State Park (see LIVINGSTON). Fishermen take all native game species, plus trophy specimens of Florida bass and huge stripers. Lake records include blue catfish, 78 lbs.; flathead catfish, 114 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 12.88 lbs.; largemouth bass, 12.45 lbs.; striped bass, 31.5 lbs.; and white crappie 1.35 lbs. Accessible west of Livingston off U.S. 190 and by many F.M. roads on both sides of the lake.

**Lyndon B. Johnson, Lake**—(Formerly Granite Shoals Lake.) 6,375 acres, one of most scenic in series of Highland Lakes on Colorado River. Edged by steep hills; granite domes rise in several places at shoreline. Lakeside marinas, boat rentals, launching ramps. Fishing is rated excellent, with lake records of hybrid striped bass, 11.25 lbs.; largemouth bass, 12.55 lbs.; striped bass 23.5 lbs.; and smallmouth bass, 6.46 lbs. Water skiing and sailing popular. Just south of Kingsland, accessible from F.M. 1431 edging the lake's east side; from F.M. 2900 and other F.M. roads that lead to recreational areas on the lake's west shoreline.

**McClellan, Lake**—Small lake of 325 acres provides water for several towns and very popular recreation in Panhandle region. Wooded picnic areas, camping with RV hookups, boat ramps, swimming, fishing for black bass, crappie, blue cat, and hybrid white/stripers. Some 28 miles south of Pampa via Texas 70 and P.M. 2477 east.

**Mackenzie, Lake**—896 acres in scenic and historic Tule Canyon; offers facilities for picnicking, camping, RV hookups, boat ramps, swimming area. Water skiing popular; fishing for largemouth bass, walleye, striped bass, and catfish. Record fish include blue catfish, 9.75 lbs.; channel catfish, 3.75 lbs.; flathead catfish, 29.42 lbs.; hybrid striped bass 10.75 lbs.; largemouth bass 6.88 lbs.; smallmouth bass, 3.56 lbs.; walleye, 4.75 lbs.; and white bass, 2.84 lbs. Access 12 miles northwest of Silverton via Texas 86 west, Texas 207 north.

**Marble Falls, Lake**—Small 780-acre impoundment on Colorado River, one of series of Highland Lakes. Scenic blue waters wind among hills. Fishing good year round with records for largemouth bass, 5.39 lbs.; smallmouth bass, 4.87 lbs.; and striped bass, 18.4 lbs. Boating, sailing, swimming and skiing very popular. Launching ramps, city parks, picnic facilities and swimming pool at lakeside. Lake is impounded within city of Marble Falls, winds nearly six miles up the Colorado.

**Martin Creek Lake**—5,020-acre East Texas lake popular with fishermen and boaters. Anglers seek black bass, catfish, crappie, bluegills and other panfish. Record fish include flathead catfish, 66 lbs., hybrid striped bass, 5.25 lbs., and striped bass, 3.19 lbs. State park (see TATUM) on north shore offers camping, picnic area, boat ramp, bait, tackle. Some 4 miles southwest of Tatum via Texas 43, and local road south from F.M. 1716 intersection.

**Marvin, Lake**—Small lake in National Grasslands area offers campsites, cottages, boat rentals, picnic grounds. Fishing for bass, channel catfish and sunfish. Nature trails popular during fall foliage season. Abundant deer, wild turkey, squirrels and waterfowl attract hunters during fall-winter seasons. Access 11 miles east of Canadian via F.M. 2266.

**Medina Lake**—5,575-acre impoundment on Medina River, long popular for water sports and excellent year-round fishing. Medina's record fish is largemouth bass, 13.5 lbs. Lakeside facilities include camping, service establishments, marinas and cottages. About 23 miles southeast of Bandera via Texas 46 east to Pipe Creek; F.M. 1283 south; also accessible from Castroville.

**Meredith, Lake**—Built by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, beautiful blue lake spreads among colorful buttes and cliffs of Canadian River Valley, covering 16,504 acres. Eight public parks of the Lake Meredith Recreation Area (see FRITCH) administered by National Park Service. Facilities include marina, boat launching ramps, camping and picnicking areas. Fishermen take walleye, bass, crappie and catfish. Several lake records include channel catfish, 22.75 lbs.; largemouth bass, 5.79 lbs.; smallmouth bass, 6.29 lbs.; white crappie, 1.52 lbs.; and walleye, 11.88 lbs. Obtain details and lake map at park headquarters, Texas 136 one mile east of Pritch. Also accessible from Borger, Stinnett, and Amarillo.

**Mexia, Lake**—Navasota River and lesser streams form the 1,200-acre recreational spot for boating, swimming, skiing, lakeside camps, and excellent year-round fishing. Lake record, largemouth bass, 10.12 lbs. One of smaller streams is Baines Creek. (George Washington Baines, great-grandfather of the late President Lyndon Baines Johnson, was circuit-riding Baptist preacher in area during Civil War years.) About 8 miles west of Mexia off U.S. 84; also accessible from Groesbeck.



**Miller's Creek Reservoir**—1,900-acre lake operated by North Texas Municipal Water District provides water for several towns. Development of recreational facilities is pending. No boat ramps, but fishing is permitted. Access some 16 miles east of Munday via U.S. 277 to Goree; F.M. 266 south, F.M. 1608 east; also accessible from Seymour.

**Mineral Wells, Lake**—State park surrounds this small 646-acre lake that has long been popular for fishing and swimming. For state park facilities see MINERAL WELLS. About 3 miles east of Mineral Wells via U.S. 180.

**Monticello, Lake**—2,000-acre companion impoundment to Lake Bob Sandlin (which see), is a reservoir whose waters are kept warmer than normal by power-plant cooling, thereby producing some of the biggest bass in Texas. Popular year round, but especially during winter when fishermen seek bass in the lunker category; record largemouth bass, 14.09 lbs. County park offers picnicking, boat ramps, camping sites and electric hookups. Fishermen also take crappie, a variety of catfish, bluegills and sunfish. Access 8 miles southwest of Mount Pleasant via F.M. 127.

**Moss Creek, Lake**—Local lake serves as an auxiliary water supply and recreational facility for Big Spring. Open 6 a.m., may stay overnight. Fishing, boating (limited to 15 h.p. motor), swimming, camping facilities, groceries and bait available. Good area for birding. From Big Spring take I-20 east to county road. Approximately 10 miles southeast of city.

**Moss Lake**—1,125-acre Gainesville city lake popular with local fishermen. No picnicking or camping facilities. Anglers seek native black bass, Florida bass, Kentucky bass, and sand bass. Some 12 miles northwest of Gainesville via F.M. 1201.

**Mountain Creek Lake**—3,050-acre lake primarily for power generating plant use; also popular for fishing and boating. Not shown on most maps; in southwest Dallas near Dallas Naval Air Station and Grand Prairie. Accessible off U.S. 80.

**Murvaul, Lake**—3,820 acres, built for industrial purposes, but also furnishing recreational facilities for residents and visitors. Excellent fishing, water skiing, boating and swimming, plus campsites at lakeside. Two records for fish: flathead catfish, 76 lbs. and largemouth bass, 14.55 lbs. Waterfowl hunt-

ing during winter season. Twelve miles southwest of Carthage via F.M. 10; also accessible from Henderson, Tenaha and Mount Enterprise.

**Nacogdoches, Lake**—2,210-acre impoundment offers two city parks at lakeside with boat ramps, individual and group picnic shelters, swimming areas, floating dock. Boating, sailing, skiing and fishing. Record fish for lake is largemouth bass, 14.02 lbs. Marked nature trail identifies large variety of pines and hardwood trees and other native flora. No overnight camping. Access 12 miles west of Nacogdoches on F.M. 225.

**Nasworthy, Lake**—1,596-acre municipal lake, a companion to larger Twin Buttes Reservoir, provides water supply, flood control and recreation for San Angelo area. Two non-native species of game fish have been introduced. One is a hybrid cross between Texas saltwater seatrout (speckled trout) and orangemouth corvina from California's Salton Sea. Very similar to speckled trout in appearance; growth rate far exceeds normal rate of either separate species. Also red drum (redfish), a popular saltwater species that is doing well in several Texas freshwater lakes. Camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming and other water sports available. Record fish for lake include hybrid striped bass, 17.5 lbs., flathead catfish, 51.5 lbs., and largemouth bass, 8.69 lbs. About 6 miles southwest of San Angelo off U.S. 277.

**Navarro Mills, Lake**—5,070-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on Richland Creek, a tributary of the Trinity River. Several public parks offer camping, trailer and picnic areas, boat rentals and launching ramps, rest rooms, drinking water and fishing supplies. Fishing very good; black bass on rods and reels, catfish on trot lines. Several lake records include flathead catfish, 61 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 17.5 lbs.; striped bass, 14.75 lbs.; and white crappie, 4.56 lbs. About 18 miles southwest of Corsicana, access off Texas 31; also accessible from Hillsboro and Hubbard.

**Nocona, Lake**—1,470-acre impoundment on Farmers Creek offers commercial marinas, campsites with RV hookups, picnicking, boat ramps, and swimming area. Lake visitors enjoy water skiing and fishing for black and sand bass, crappie, catfish, and tiger muskies, hybrids of northern pike and muskellunge. Lake record fish: largemouth bass, 11 lbs. Access 3 miles northeast of Nocona via F.M. 1956 east and F.M. 3301 north.



Amistad Reservoir



**Oak Creek Reservoir**—At 2,375 acres, largest of three lakes supplying Sweetwater's municipal needs; visitors enjoy a wide range of water sports including fishing, swimming, boating and skiing. Services and accommodations at lakeside. Largemouth bass at 8.75 lbs. holds lake record. About 30 miles southeast of Sweetwater via Texas 70.

**O.C. Fisher, Lake**—(Also called North Concho Lake or Lake San Angelo.) Reservoir on North Concho River serves flood control, conservation and recreational capacities. 5,440 acres with ample room for camping, fishing, swimming and other water sports. Record fish include channel cat, 13.06 lbs.; flathead catfish, 57 lbs.; largemouth bass, 12.23 lbs.; and walleye, 7.75 lbs. Three miles northwest of San Angelo, accessible from F.M. 2288 that edges the lake's west shore.

**O.H. Ivie, Lake**—19,149-acre impoundment owned and operated by the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Lake is about 25 miles southeast of Ballinger; 25 miles south of Coleman; 50 miles east of San Angelo; and 55 miles northwest of Brady. Three public recreation areas: Concho, on the south side; Padgett, on the north side, and the Kennedy area near the north end of the dam. Rest rooms and picnic tables. Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. stocked lake with large and small-mouth bass, crappie, and catfish.



**Palestine, Lake**—25,560-acre impoundment for recreation, municipal and industrial water supplies, on Neches River in hilly timber area. Popular for boating, water sports and fishing. Several lake fishing records include black crappie, 2.31 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 12.31 lbs.; largemouth bass, 12 lbs.; walleye, 4.13 lbs.; white bass, 2.81 lbs.; and white crappie, 3.94 lbs. Facilities include marina, bait and tackle shops, swimming beach, boat launching ramps and camping areas. Some 13 miles northwest of Jacksonville via U.S. 175 west; also accessible from Tyler via Texas 155 south, as well as from Athens, Palestine and Frankston.

**Palo Pinto, Lake**—On Palo Pinto Creek, tributary of Brazos River; 2,661 acres offering water sports and excellent fishing. About 25 miles south of Palo Pinto via F.M. 4 south, F.M. 3137 west; also accessible from Mineral Wells.

**Pat Cleburne, Lake**—1,550-acre municipal lake owned by city of Cleburne. Locally popular for water sports including fishing, swimming, skiing, power boating and sailing. Several lakeside service facilities for boatmen and anglers. About 5 miles west of Cleburne via U.S. 67; also accessible from Glen Rose.

**Pat Mayse, Lake**—5,993-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on Sanders Creek, a tributary of the Red River. Along 62 miles of shoreline, public parks offer boat ramps, picnic and camping areas. Boating and fishing very popular. Food, tackle and bait available nearby. For details on area facilities, contact project office at dam, F.M. 906. About 13 miles north of Paris off U.S. 271; also accessible from nearby towns of Arthur City and Chicota.

**Pauline, Lake**—Small lake of 612 acres on Wanderers Creek offers tent-camping sites with hookups, picnicking, swimming, boat ramp, bait and tackle. Fishing for crappie, largemouth (record 9 lbs.) and Florida bass. About 5 miles east of Quanah off U.S. 287; also accessible from Vernon.

**Pinkston, Lake**—Small (compared to its giant neighbor, Toledo Bend) 523-acre lake routinely provides trophy-size bass. A 16.9-lb. largemouth bass, caught in February 1986, set lake record. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department credits the introduction of Florida bass as responsible for the large hybrids found here. Owned by the City of Center, lake is 12 miles southwest of Center off Texas 7.

**Possum Kingdom, Lake**—Dotted with lakeside resorts and camps, the 14,440-acre reservoir is among Texas' most popular outdoor recreation destinations for swimmers, skin divers, boaters and fishermen. Lake fish records include hybrid striped bass, 15.12 lbs.; largemouth bass, 16.02 lbs.; small-mouth bass, 6.4 lbs.; and striped bass, 31.6 lbs. Scenic woodlands surround lake offering good hunting during season. Possum Kingdom State Park (see CADDO) is located on southwestern shoreline. About 30 miles northwest of Mineral Wells via Texas 337; also accessible from Breckenridge, Caddo, Graford and Graham.

**Proctor, Lake**—U.S. Corps of Engineers conservation, flood control and recreational impoundment on Leon River covering 4,610 acres. Lakeside camps, resorts, marinas and services. Boating and water sports, plus excellent fishing. Record fish for lake are flathead catfish, 59 lbs. and hybrid striped bass, 16.31 lbs. For details on facilities, contact reservoir headquarters at dam; 8 miles northeast of Comanche off U.S. 67/377; 8 miles south of De Leon off Texas 16; also accessible from Dublin.

**Quitman, Lake**—Covering 814 acres, one of four small Wood County lakes for flood control and recreation. Lakeside facilities include marinas, boat service and rentals, tent and RV campsites with hookups, swimming area. Popular for bass (record largemouth bass 12.58 lbs.), crappie, catfish, and bluegills. Access 4 miles north of Quitman via F.M. 2966 (not shown on most maps).

**Ray Hubbard, Lake**—Large 22,745-acre reservoir on the East Fork of the Trinity River, owned by city of Dallas for municipal water supply and recreation. Lakeside marinas, camps, leisure home areas; fishing and boating excellent. Anglers set records with black crappie, 4.38 lbs.; bowfin, 4.68 lbs.; largemouth bass, 8.5 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 19.66 lbs.; and striped bass, 22.44 lbs. About 10 miles east of Dallas off I-30; also accessible from Mesquite, Garland, Rockwall,

Rowlett, and Forney.

**Ray Roberts Lake**—One of Texas' newest lakes with a surface area of 29,350 acres. Dam is at river mile 60 on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River midway between the towns of Sanger and Pilot Point, approximately 12 miles northeast of Denton off I-35. Owned by cities of Dallas and Denton. Popular destination for swimming, boating, and fishing. Isle du Bois State Park encompasses more than 1,300 acres for recreational use, including a 12-mile multi-use trail for hiking, bicycling, and equestrian use (your horse). Accessible from Gainesville, Sanger, Aubrey, Pilot Point, and Tioga, as well as the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex Cities.

**Red Bluff Lake**—Water conservation/irrigation project on Pecos River, just south of Texas-New Mexico line. The 11,700-acre impoundment provides a variety of water sports in this arid region, excellent fishing for native catfish, white bass, and hybrid striped bass. Five miles north of Orla off U.S. 285; 43 miles north of Pecos.

**Richland-Chambers Lake**—A 44,752-acre reservoir impounding waters of Chambers and Richland Creeks for Tarrant County (Fort Worth) water supply and outdoor recreation. Built in the 1980s, lakeside facilities are still under development. Current visitors will find public boat ramps, a marina, and a lakeside campground. Excellent fishing for native largemouth and Florida-strain bass, sand bass, crappie, copperside bluegill, and catfish. Details at lake headquarters, Tarrant County Water District Office, F.M. 416 east of I-45/Streetman. Also accessible from Athens, Corsicana, Eureka, Powell, Kerens, Cayuga, and Fairfield.

**Sabine Lake**—Common mouth of Sabine and Neches Rivers; main body of lake is some 19 miles long by 7.5 miles wide at greatest width. Fishing from two mile-long levees for saltwater speckled trout, redfish, flounder and numerous other species. Crabbing is popular and productive. Accessible from Port Arthur and Orange.

**Sam Rayburn, Lake**—Giant lake in heart of Angelina National Forest, one of most popular recreation areas in East Texas. Largest body of water wholly within state, it covers 114,500 acres at normal capacity. Corps of Engineers and National Forest Service parks, camps, marinas and recreational areas dot 560-mile shoreline. Open water for all types of boating activities, plus huge areas of flooded timber providing prime fish habitat. Boat roads through flooded timber areas. Fishermen take black bass, white bass, striped bass, Florida bass, walleye, crappie, catfish, and bream. Lake record fish include largemouth bass, 12.75 lbs.; blue catfish, 30.47 lbs.; largemouth buffalo, 50 lbs.; and spotted bass, 5.5 lbs. For details on facilities, contact project headquarters at west end of dam on F.M. 255, or chambers of commerce in nearby towns. Huge lake is about 20 miles north of Jasper via U.S. 96 and F.M. 1007 west; also accessible from Zavalla, Huntington, Lufkin, Etoile, San Augustine, Broadus, Hemphill, Pineland and Brookeland.

**Somerville, Lake**—85-mile shoreline around 11,460 acres of water. Corps of Engineers lake has numerous camping and park areas, commercial marinas and public areas. Lake fish records include blue catfish, 69 lbs., largemouth bass, 10.37 lbs., and hybrid striped bass, 8.25 lbs. Obtain details at headquarters, north end of dam off Texas 36. Also, Lake Somerville State Park (see SOMERVILLE) on north and south shores has facilities for camping and water sports. East of Somerville via Texas 36 north to Lyons, F.M. 60 west; also accessible from Brenham and Caldwell.

**Squaw Creek Lake**—Built for cooling of nuclear power plant, the 3,228-acre lake is unusually deep and clear, with a rocky shoreline. Excellent fishing for stocked population of spotted, smallmouth and hybrid striped bass and walleye, and native game fish. Fee access; about 4 miles north of Glen Rose off Texas 144.

**Stamford, Lake**—4,690-acre impoundment popular for fishing, boating and water skiing; campsites and vacation cabins at lakeside. Stamford municipal park includes concessions, lodges, cabins and docks. About 15 miles northeast of Stamford via U.S. 277 and F.M. 618 east. About 14 miles southeast of Haskell.

**Stillhouse Hollow Lake**—6,430-acre impoundment of the Lampasas River features broad areas of open water between rocky, steep shorelines; one of the few Texas lakes where anglers may take smallmouth, largemouth, and Kentucky spotted bass on the same outing. Also trophy-size hybrid striped bass, and popular panfish species. Lake record fish include hybrid striped bass 11.63 lbs., and smallmouth bass, 4.31 lbs. Five public parks offer marina service, camping, picnicking, and boat-launching ramps. Details at Corps of Engineers headquarters area at the dam, F.M. 1670. Eight miles southwest of Belton, access via F.M. 1670 off U.S. 190 west, or via F.M. 2766 and F.M. 1670 west of I-35 from Salado. Also accessible from Killen and Temple.

**Striker, Lake**—(Formerly Striker Creek Reservoir) 2,400 acres used for recreation, power generation and industrial water supply. A great bass lake with marina services and boat launching facilities, plus picnicking and camping areas. Eighteen miles southwest of Henderson off U.S. 79; also accessible from Jacksonville, New Salem and New Summerfield.

**Sulphur Springs, Lake**—City park on 1,340-acre impoundment offers picnicking, boat ramps, water skiing, fishing, campsites for self-contained units. Access 2 miles north of Sulphur Springs via Texas 19 and Airport Road west to the lake.

**Sweetwater, Lake**—Spacious municipal park surrounds meandering 630-acre impoundment. Fishing, water sports, and golf course on lakeshore. A 8.06-lb. largemouth bass holds record for lake. About 8 miles southeast of Sweetwater via F.M. 1856.

**Tawakoni, Lake**—36,700-acre Sabine River Authority reservoir, one of the larger lakes entirely within Texas; spreads over portions of three counties with 200-mile shoreline. Hosts of marinas, camps and parks along wooded shores with boat ramps, weather reporting station and designated water ski areas. Some of the state's best fishing in countless coves and inlets; more than five square miles of submerged timber provide prime habitat. Lake records for fish include flathead catfish 104 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 15.25 lbs.; largemouth bass, 9.53 lbs.; white crappie, 1.56 lbs., and striped bass, 20.25 lbs. For information on facilities contact Sabine River Authority at north end of Iron Bridge Dam, off F.M. 47 south of Point. Lake is some 16 miles southeast of Greenville off U.S. 69; also accessible from Commerce and nearby towns of Wills Point, Quinlan, Edgewood, Emory, Point and Lone Oak.

**Texana, Lake**—11,000-acre reservoir extends 18 miles up the Navidad River from Palmetto Bend Dam, with 125 miles of shoreline. Ten boat ramps around lake provide launching spots and parking areas. Park sites, camping areas, marina, picnic sites and nature trails. Headquarters at dam site 8 miles southeast of Edna via F.M. 1822. Also accessible from Ganado.

**Texoma, Lake**—Huge reservoir spreads over 89,000 acres of Texas and Oklahoma; impoundment of the Red River. Shoreline of 580 miles includes innumerable scenic coves and inlets. One of the most popular Corps of Engineers lakes in the nation, logging more than nine million visitors

annually. Modern facilities include 57 campgrounds, scores of trailer parks, 110 picnic areas, more than 100 shelter buildings, and over 80 boat ramps. Superb marinas and luxury resorts on both the Texas and Oklahoma shores. Room for every kind of boating activity; 10,000 boats are registered on Texoma, and thousands more are trailered in. Fishing is some of best in nation. Popular species are native black bass, smallmouth bass, Florida bass, white bass (called sand bass or sandies), striped bass (to 30 + lbs.), crappie, walleye, and "man-sized" catfish. (Well, almost. A sport fisherman on Texoma landed the national-record blue cat, a 118 1/2-pounder, in 1988.) Other lake records include hybrid striped bass, 11.34 lbs.; smallmouth bass, 6.53 lbs.; largemouth bass, 9.5 lbs.; spotted bass, 4.38 lbs.; largemouth buffalo, 41.5 lbs., and striped bass, 35.12 lbs. Several enclosed docks provide fishing in air-conditioned comfort. Reservoir maps and information on facilities available at project headquarters, south end of the dam on U.S. 75A. A few miles north of Denison via U.S. 75A; also accessible from Sherman and Whitesboro.



**Toledo Bend Reservoir**—Gigantic impoundment on Sabine River between Texas and Louisiana, 65 miles long, covering 181,600 acres with 650 miles of shoreline. Joint project of the two states, largest lake in Texas or on its borders. Parks of Sabine River Authority and National Forest Service at lakeside, plus almost unlimited commercial camps, resorts and marinas. Vast open water areas provide room for sailing and boating of all kinds; equally large regions of submerged timber are prime fish habitat. Fishing is superb with native largemouth bass the favorite game fish, plus huge striped bass, abundant

white bass, crappie, catfish, bluegills and bream species. Lake fishing records include black crappie, 3.69 lbs.; blue catfish, 40.75 lbs.; flathead catfish, 75 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 15.81 lbs.; largemouth bass, 9.38 lbs.; striped bass, 33.22 lbs.; and white bass, 4.25 lbs. Maps and information about lakeside facilities available at nearby towns and at seven offices of Texas Sabine River Authority: at dam north of Burkeville, F.M. 692 and F.M. 3125 (not shown on most maps); off Texas 87 south of Hemphill; off Texas 21 as it crosses lake east of Milan; southeast of Patroon on local roads; east of Shelbyville on F.M. 2694 (not shown on most maps); northeast of Shelbyville via F.M. 417, F.M. 139 north; and southeast of Joaquin off F.M. 139. Lake is accessible from Center, San Augustine, Hemphill and other nearby towns.

**Town Lake**—Stabilized course of Colorado River through Austin. Scenic; site of Aqua Festival activities and water parade. The *Lone Star* paddle wheel sightseeing boat offers cruises Memorial Day to Labor Day. (See AUSTIN.) Fishing available at lakeside. Anglers have the following records: blue catfish, 41 lbs.; Guadalupe bass, 3 lbs.; largemouth bass, 9.5 lbs.; redear sunfish, 1.12 lbs.; smallmouth bass, 5.75 lbs. and striped bass, 29.94 lbs. Sailing and canoeing; no swimming or power boats permitted. (Not shown on most maps.)

**Trammell, Lake**—(Not shown on many maps.) Smallest of Sweetwater's lake system, a quiet fisherman's lake; record largemouth bass is 8.5 lbs. No swimming, skiing or boating; bait and permit service at the lake shore. About 10 miles south of Sweetwater via F.M. 1809.

**Travis, Lake**—18,930-acre reservoir of Lower Colorado River Authority, one of famous Highland Lakes that stair-step up the Colorado from Austin. Winds between steep, scenic hills for 65 miles; 270 miles of shoreline largely devoted to camps, marinas, resorts and leisure home developments. Immensely popular for boating, skiing, sailing and fishing; interesting mineral outcroppings and fossils. Lake fish records include Guadalupe bass, 3.69 lbs.; striped bass, 30.5 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 13.75 lbs.; largemouth bass, 8.75 lbs., and white bass, 2.88 lbs. Several resort airstrips near lake. For maps and information on facilities contact LCRA headquarters, 3700 Lake Austin Blvd. in Austin, or Box 220, Austin 78767.

**Twin Buttes Reservoir**—Impoundment on Middle and South Concho Rivers has one of longest earthfill dams ever built by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation: 8.1 miles long with maximum height of 131 feet. Conservation pool covers 9,080 acres; offers boating, swimming, fishing and other water sports, lakeside camps and service facilities. Anglers took blue cat, 45.44 lbs.; largemouth bass, 13 lbs.; smallmouth bass, 5.31 lbs., and walleye, 8.25 lbs. for lake records. Lake Nasworthy (which see) is an adjacent impoundment. About 8 miles southwest of San Angelo off U.S. 277.

**Tyler and Tyler East, Lakes**—Adjacent municipal lakes for water supply and public recreation cover 4,880 acres. Lakeside facilities offer a marina, boat ramps, camping and RV sites with hookups. Fishing for black bass, crappie, catfish, and a variety of scrappy panfish. Lake Tyler records include

channel catfish, 20.44 lbs., flathead catfish 72 lbs., and largemouth bass, 12.9 lbs. About 12 miles southeast of Tyler via Texas 110 south and F.M. 346 east; also accessible from Arp, Troup and Whitehouse.

**Waco, Lake**—7,270-acre impoundment of Bosque River; 60 miles of shoreline, much within the city limits of Waco. Boating, long sand beaches, swimming, year-round fishing, lakeside camps, marinas and parks. Record fish is striped bass, 16 lbs. Northwest edge of Waco.

**Walter B. Long, Lake**—1,269-acre city of Austin impoundment, primarily a fishing lake; boat ramp. Surrounding lands administered as city park. Some surprised anglers hook saltwater flounder and redfish that have been stocked in the lake along with native freshwater species. Record fish include largemouth bass, 12.21 lbs.; and smallmouth buffalo, 43.10 lbs. Accessible just east of Austin via F.M. 969 east, F.M. 973 north.

**Weatherford, Lake**—1,210-acre municipal lake owned by city of Weatherford on Clear Fork of Trinity River. Several public fishing areas are designated, and commercial facilities are easily accessible. About 7 miles east of Weatherford via U.S. 80/180 and F.M. 730.

**Welsh Reservoir**—1,365-acre impoundment is locally popular for fishing—largemouth bass (record for lake is 15.23 lbs.), crappie, bream, and catfish. Lakeside camping areas, cabins, boat ramps, bait and tackle. Access about 11 miles southeast of Mount Pleasant via Texas 49 east and F.M. 1735 south. Also accessible from Pittsburg.

**White River Reservoir**—1,808 acres, supplies water for Crosbyton, Post, Spur and Ralls; features camping areas, lakeside cabins, boat launch and rental, picnic areas and fishing supplies. A sport fisherman landed lake record largemouth bass weighing 8.69 lbs. On tributary of Salt Fork of the Brazos about 16 miles southeast of Crosbyton via F.M. 651 south, F.M. 2794 east. Accessible from Post, Dickens and Spur.

**White Rock Lake**—Scenic 1,119-acre lake in White Rock Lake Park, northeast Dallas; city's most popular lake. Fishing, boating, lakeside picnic and park facilities. Record fish: flathead catfish, 38 lbs., largemouth bass, 4.75 lbs., and smallmouth buffalo, 5.41 lbs. No skiing. Lake shown only on city maps. Access off Texas 78 and Loop 12.

**Whitney, Lake**—23,560-acre Corps of Engineers impoundment on the Brazos River, one of most popular water recreation areas in nation. Attendance figures show more than four million visitors annually, but there is ample room on the lake that stretches 45 miles up the Brazos River Valley. Scores of campsites, marinas, parks, recreation areas, and leisure home developments along the shore. Fishing excellent in innumerable sheltered coves and inlets; lake record fish include channel cat, 23.75 lbs.; blue catfish, 41.5 lbs.; hybrid striped bass, 13.5 lbs.; white bass, 2.5 lbs.; largemouth bass, 9.06 lbs.; striped bass, 39.69 lbs. white crappie, 2.13 lbs., and smallmouth bass, 7.72 lbs., which was also a state record, caught Nov. 1988. Towering cliffs often edge the clear blue waters, and scuba divers explore depths that range to nearly 100 feet. Lake Whitney State Park is on the eastern shore (see WHITNEY). A few miles west of Whitney via F.M. 1244 or F.M. 1713; also accessible from Clifton, Meridian and Hillsboro.

**Wichita, Lake**—Small 2,200-acre lake at south limits of Wichita Falls, popular for swimming, picnicking, weekend outings; on Holliday Creek. Fishing is excellent and lake record includes largemouth bass at 10.25 lbs.

**Winnsboro, Lake**—An 806-acre recreational impoundment with lakeside campsites, RV hookups, picnicking, swimming, marina, boat rentals, bait and tackle. Site of annual bass tournaments; lake record largemouth bass is 10 lbs. and black crappie, 3.19 lbs. Six miles southwest of Winnsboro via Texas 37; also accessible from Quitman.

**Worth, Lake**—3,560 acres in northwest Fort Worth, noted for scenic vistas along Meandering Drive, which wanders nearly all around it. Locally popular for boating, skiing and sailing. City parks and picnic areas edge the shoreline. Location of Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge (see FORT WORTH). Accessible via local streets and roads from Texas 199.

**Wright Patman Lake**—20,300-acre Corps of Engineers lake on Sulphur River, an immensely popular recreation area of northeast Texas. Many public parks and commercial facilities are along shoreline. Water sports, camping, picnicking, and hiking trails; fishing consistently good. Atlanta State Park is on south shore (see ATLANTA). About 12 miles southwest of Texarkana off U.S. 59; also accessible from Atlanta, Douglassville, Linden, Maud and Queen City.



Lake Bastrop





Caprock Canyons State Park

### Reservation Center

Most Texas state parks require an admission fee, plus a range of facility fees for camping and other accommodations. Texas parks are very popular, and reservations for park camping/accommodations are always advisable. Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. has a centralized reservation center for all state parks, except for Indian Lodge in the Davis Mountains State Park and the Texas State Railroad. These facilities have their own reservation system. Otherwise, call 512-389-8900 to make reservations Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. To cancel reservations, call 512-389-8910.

# TEXAS STATE PARKS

**N**o trip to or through Texas would be complete without visiting some of the state's marvelous variety of handsome, beautifully maintained state parks.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department currently offers some 114 operational parks whose features range from natural areas to outdoor recreational areas to historic sites. Park visitors find abundant camping facilities, hiking and nature trails, close-up views of colorful birds and wildlife, flora from shady forests to desert cacti, and frequent opportunities for fishing, swimming, and boating. Fishing is allowed in all water-access state parks, and fishing licenses are available at most.

Landscape variety includes eerie subterranean chambers, mile-high mountain vistas, spectacular canyons, and sandy seashores.

Parks accenting Texas' historical heritage preserve centuries-old Spanish missions, the San Jacinto Battleground where Texas won its independence from Mexico in 1836, rough-hewn frontier army forts, and dignified mansions from gracious, bygone eras.

This book's index provides page-number references for individual state park names whose narrative descriptions are under the park's (nearest) city heading in the body of the book. Park facilities are detailed in the chart on the following pages.

## FACILITIES

- \*\* FACILITIES NOT OPERATED BY PARKS AND WILDLIFE
- PERMITTED BUT FACILITIES NOT PROVIDED
- \* SEASONAL
- FACILITIES OR SERVICES PROVIDED FOR ACTIVITY
- A AUDITORIUM
- \*B BOATS FOR RENT
- C GROUP CAMP
- CT CHEMICAL TOILETS
- D SCENIC DRIVE
- G GOLF
- GB GROUP BARRACKS
- H RECREATIONAL/DINING HALL
- L TEXAS LONGHORN HERD
- \*M MINIATURE GOLF
- P GROUP PICNIC
- \*R RENTAL HORSES
- S HORSEBACK AREA/TRAILS
- T GROUP TRAILER FACILITIES
- X OPEN SHELTERS
- Z PRIMITIVE CAMPING

For the mobility impaired, the following chart has a column in which it is indicated that at least some of the facilities in the park so identified are accessible to the handicapped. This is based on past standards rather than the current Americans with Disabilities Act Standards. TP&WD is presently surveying all facilities for ADA compliance. It is recommended that the visitor use this chart as a guideline, but call the specific facility to verify the accessible features required prior to visiting.

Texas Conservation Passports permitting unlimited visits to Texas state parks are available at the headquarters building of individual parks, or from Texas Parks & Wildlife headquarters at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin 78744. For information about Texas parks, hunting, and fishing, call the toll-free Parks & Wildlife number in Austin: 1-800-792-1112 or 512/389-4800 weekday business hours.

*TEXAS PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS is a publication of the Texas Department of Transportation that lists descriptions and telephone numbers for all state parks with camping facilities, as well as parks operated by federal, municipal, county, and other government authorities such as the Corps of Engineers. The brochure is available free from all Travel Information Centers, or by mail from TEXAS PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS, P.O. Box 5064, Austin 78763-5064.*

**PARK NAME**

**NEAR THE TOWN OF:**

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Blanco 210/833-4333	Blanco	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●		○	○							●	●	●	B
Bonham 903/583-5022	Bonham	●		P GB		●	●	●	●		●	○			●				●	●	●	B
Brazos Bend 409/553-3243	Richmond	●	●	H		●	●	●	●		●				●				●	●	●	P
Bryan Beach (Undeveloped Beach) 409/737-1222	Freeport	○								○	○	○										P
Buescher 512/237-2241	Smithville	●	●	H		●	●	●	●		○	○							●	●	●	P
Caddo Lake 903/679-3351	Karnack	●	●	H	●	●	●	●	●		●	○	○	●	●				●	●	●	B
Caddoan Mounds** 409/858-3218	Alto						●									●	●	●	●		●	
Caprock Canyons 806/455-1492	Quitaque	●		P	●	●	●	●	●		●	○			●	●			●	●	●	SZ
Cedar Hill 214/291-3900	Cedar Hill	●		P	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	○	●						●		Z
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Choke Canyon (South Shore) 512/786-3538	Three Rivers	●		P	●	●	●	●	●		○	○	○	●					●	●		
Christmas Bay 713/471-3200	Baytown	●								○	○	○										
Cleburne 817/645-4215	Cleburne	●	●	GB	●	●	●	●	●		○	○			●				●	●	●	B
Colorado Bend 915/628-3240	Bend	○					●			○	●				●						●	D
Confederate Reunion Grounds 817/562-5751	Mexia			P			●				○	○				●	●				●	
Cooper Lake 903/945-3132	Cooper															●				●		
Copano Bay Fishing Pier** 512/729-8633	Rockport						●					●			●					●		
Copper Breaks 817/839-4331	Quanah	●		P	●	●	●	●	●		●	○			●				●	●	●	Z LS
Daingerfield 903/645-2921	Daingerfield	●		P	●	●	●	●	●		●	○			●				●	●	●	B
Davis Mountains Lodge: 915/426-3254 Park: 915/426-3337	Fort Davis	●		P	●	●	●	●	●							●			●	●	●	D
Dinosaur Valley 817/897-4588	Glen Rose	●		P	●	●	●	●	●		○	○				●			●	●	●	L
Eisenhower (Marina) 903/465-1956	Denison	●	●	TH	●	●	●	●	●		●	○	○	●					●	●	●	
Eisenhower Birthplace** 903/465-8908	Denison						●									●	●	●	●			
Enchanted Rock 915/247-3903	Fredericksburg	●		P			●	●	●										●		●	CZ
Fairfield Lake 903/389-4514	Fairfield	●				●	●	●	●		●	○	○	●					●	●	●	Z
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Fanthorp Inn 409/873-2633	Anderson						●		●						●	●	●	●				
Fort Boggy (Limited Tours—By Permit Only) 903-389-4514	Centerville																					
Fort Griffin 915/762-3592	Albany	●		P	●	●	●	●	●		○					●	●	●	●	●	●	L
Fort Lancaster** 915/836-4391	Ozona						●			○						●	●	●	●			
Fort Leaton 915/229-3613	Presidio						●									●	●	●	●			
Fort McKavett** 915/396-2358	Fort McKavett						●			●						●	●	●	●		●	
Fort Parker 817/562-5751	Mexia	●	●	GB	●	●	●	●	●		●	○		●					●	●	●	B
Fort Richardson 817/567-3506	Jacksboro	●		P	●	●	●	●	●		○				●	●			●	●	●	Z
Franklin Mountains 915/566-6441	El Paso						●			●									●		●	
Fulton Mansion 512/729-0386	Fulton									●						●	●	●				
Galveston Island 409/737-1222	Galveston	●	●	T		●	●	●	●		○	○							●	●	●	
Garner 210/232-6132	Concan	●	●	CH	●	●	●	●	●		○	○							●	●	●	MB
Goliad 512/645-3405	Goliad	●	●	TH	●	●	●	●	●		○	○				●	●		●	●	●	PZ
Goose Island 512/729-2858	Rockport	●		TH	●	●	●	●	●		●	○	○	●					●	●		
Governor Hogg Shrine 903/763-2701	Quitman			P			●		●							●	●	●	●			
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Hill Country 210/796-4413	Bandera	○										○	○								●	Z
Hueco Tanks 915/857-1135	El Paso	●					●	●	●	●										●	●	
Huntsville 409/295-5644	Huntsville	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●		●	○		●	●				●	●	●	B
Inks Lake 512/793-2223	Burnet	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●		●	○	○	●					●	●	●	CZ
Jim Hogg 903/683-4850	Rusk						●		●										●	●	●	
Jose Antonio Navarro 210/226-4801	San Antonio						●												●	●	●	

PARK NAME	NEAR THE TOWN OF:	FACILITIES																				
		CAMPING	SCREENED SHELTERS	GROUP FACILITY	CAMPITES ELEC/SEWAGE	CAMPITES WATER/ELEC	REST ROOMS	SHOWERS	CABINS	PICNICKING	GROCERIES (SEASONAL)	FISHING	SWIMMING	WATERSKIING	BOAT RAMP	MUSEUM AND/OR EXHIBIT	HISTORIC STRUCTURE	DAY USE ONLY	FACILITIES FOR HANDICAPPED	TRAILER DUMP STATION	NATURE/HIKING TRAILS	MISCELLANEOUS
Kerrville-Schreiner 210/257-5392	Kerrville	●	●	HP	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Arrowhead 817/528-2211	Wichita Falls	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	S
Lake Bob Sandlin 903/572-5371	Mount Pleasant	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Z
Lake Brownwood 915/784-5223	Brownwood	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Casa Blanca 210/725-3826	Laredo	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Colorado City 915/728-3931	Colorado City	●	●	HP	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Corpus Christi 512/547-2635	Mathis	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	B
Lake Houston 713/354-6881	New Caney	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Livingston 409/365-2201	Livingston	●	●	T	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Mineral Wells 817/328-1171	Mineral Wells	●	●	CH	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	SB
Lake Ray Roberts (Isle du Bois) 817/686-2148	Denton	●	●	PC	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Somerville Birch Creek: 409/535-7763 Nails Creek: 409/289-2392	Somerville	●	●	T	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	CZ
Lake Texana 512/782-5718	Edna	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lake Whitney 817/694-3793	Whitney	●	●	C	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Landmark Inn 210/538-2133	Castroville	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
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Lockhart 512/398-3479	Lockhart	●	●	H	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	GZ
Longhorn Cavern** 512/756-4680 Tours: 512/756-6976	Burnet	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lost Maples 210/966-3413	Vanderpool	●	●	T	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	CZ
Lubbock Lake Landmark 806/741-0306	Lubbock	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Lyndon B. Johnson 210/644-2252	Stonewall	●	●	H	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	LA
Magoffin Home 915/533-5147	El Paso	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Martin Creek Lake 903/836-4336	Tatum	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Martin Dies, Jr. 409/384-5231	Jasper	●	●	H	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Matagorda Island (Boat Access Only) 512/983-2215	Port O'Connor	○	○		CT	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	CZ
Matagorda Peninsula 713/471-3200	Matagorda	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
McKinney Falls 512/243-1643	Austin	●	●	CH	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Meridian 817/435-2536	Meridian	●	●	C	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Z
Mission Tejas 409/687-2394	Weches	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Monahans Sandhills 915/943-2092	Monahans	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery 409/968-5658	La Grange	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mother Neff 817/853-2389	Moody	●	●	X	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mustang Island 512/749-5246	Port Aransas	●	●	T	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	CZ
Old Fort Parker** 817/729-5253	Groesbeck	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Palmetto 210/672-3266	Luling	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	X
Palo Duro Canyon 806/488-2227	Canyon	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	RS LD
Pedernales Falls 210/868-7304	Johnson City	●	●	T	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	CZ
Port Isabel Lighthouse 210/943-1172	Port Isabel	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Port Lavaca Pier** 512/552-4402	Point Comfort	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Possum Kingdom 817/549-1803	Caddo	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	LB
Purtis Creek 903/425-2332	Eustace	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rusk-Palestine 903/683-5126	Palestine & Rusk	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sabine Pass Battleground 409/971-2451	Port Arthur	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sam Bell Maxey House 903/785-5716	Paris	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
San Jacinto Battleground (Monument) 713/479-2431	Deer Park	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
San Jose Mission 210/229-5701	San Antonio	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sea Rim 409/971-2559	Port Arthur	●	●	T	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Z
Sebastopol 210/379-4833	Seguin	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Seminole Canyon 915/292-4464	Langtry	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
South Llano River 915/446-3994	Junction	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Starr Family Historic Site 903/935-3044	Marshall	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Stephen F. Austin 409/885-3613	San Felipe	●	●	H	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	G
Texas State Railroad In Texas 1-800-442-8951 903/683-2561	Rusk	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Tipps** 512/786-2528	Three Rivers	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Tyler 903/597-5338	Tyler	●	●	TPC	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	B
Varner-Hogg Plantation 409/345-4656	West Columbia	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Village Creek 409/755-7322	Lumberton	●	●	PC	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Z
Washington-on-the-Brazos 409/878-2214	Washington	●	●	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	A

# NATIONAL FORESTS

**R**eferred to collectively as the National Forests in Texas, the Angelina, Sabine, Davy Crockett, and Sam Houston National Forests are in the heavily forested "Piney Woods" of East Texas. They are comprised of 634,912 acres of federally owned land scattered

throughout 12 counties. The National Forests are administered by the U.S. Forest Service under the multiple use principle with each natural resource—timber, water, forage, wildlife and recreation—managed under a coordinated, balanced plan. Primitive camping is allowed in all areas except where posted. No electric, water or sewer hookups are provided at any camping area. Hunting and fishing in National Forests is regulated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Developed recreation areas have varying facilities as shown in the chart. Fee areas require self-deposit of fees for overnight camping or day use of developed swimming beaches. Some areas have been set aside as "wilderness areas" to provide totally primitive camping experiences. No wheeled vehicles of any kind are permitted in the wilderness areas.

**ANGELINA NATIONAL FOREST**—Smallest with 154,307 acres in Angelina, Jasper, Nacogdoches and San Augustine Counties, with these recreational areas:

**Bouton Lake**—Southeast of Zavalla: 7 miles east on Texas 63, 7 miles south on Forest Service Road (FSR) 303.

**Boykin Springs**—Southeast of Zavalla: 11 miles east on Texas 63, 3 miles south on FSR 313.

**Caney Creek**—On Lake Sam Rayburn about 14 miles southeast of Zavalla via Texas 63, F.M. 2743.

**Harvey Creek**—On Lake Sam Rayburn about 9 miles east and south of Broadus via F.M. 83, F.M. 2390.

**Sandy Creek**—On Lake Sam Rayburn about 21 miles southeast of Zavalla via Texas 63, FSR 333.

**Townsend**—F.M. 103 east of Lufkin 28 mi.; right on F.M. 1277 3 mi.; right on F.M. 2923 2 mi.

NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION AREAS	DESIGNATED FEE AREA	PICKNICKING	CAMPING	SWIMMING	BOATING	SKIING	SHELTER	CONCESSIONAIRES	SANITARY FACILITIES	HIKING TRAILS	DRINKING WATER	INTERPRETIVE TRAILS
<b>ANGELINA NATIONAL FOREST</b> (Ranger office in Lufkin)												
Bouton Lake		•	•		☆				•	•	•	
Boykin Springs	•	•	•	•	☆		•		•	•	•	
Caney Creek	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•
Harvey Creek	•	•	•		•		•		•		•	
Sandy Creek	•	•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Townsend	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•
<b>DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST</b> (Ranger offices in Crockett & Apple Springs)												
Big Slough Canoe Trail					•							
4-C's Hiking Trail										•		
Kickapoo		•							•		•	•
Neches Bluff		•								•		
Ratcliff Lake	•	•	•	•	☆		•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>SABINE NATIONAL FOREST</b> (Ranger offices in San Augustine & Hemphill)												
Indian Mounds	•	•	•		•				•		•	
Lakeview			•						•		•	
Ragtown	•		•		•				•		•	
Red Hills Lake	•	•	•	•	☆		•				•	•
Willow Oak	•	•	•		•				•		•	•
<b>SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST</b> (Rangers offices in Cleveland & New Waverly)												
Double Lake	•	•	•	•	☆		•	•	•	•	•	•
Kelley Pond			•						•			
Lone Star Hiking Trail										•		

☆ No Motors Allowed

**DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST**—161,500 acres in Houston and Trinity Counties, containing these recreational areas:

**Big Slough Canoe Trail and Wilderness Area**—On Neches River near Neches Bluff. From Ratcliff, F.M. 227 north 2 miles, east 5 miles on FSR 547, north on FSR 511.

**4-C's Hiking Trail**—A 19-mile trail between Ratcliff Lake and the Neches Bluff overlook south of Texas 21.

**Kickapoo**—About 1.5 miles southeast of Groveton on U.S. 287.

**Neches Bluff**—On Neches River about 7 miles southwest of Alto via Texas 21, FSR 511.

**Ratcliff Lake**—On Texas 7, 20 miles east of Crockett.

**SABINE NATIONAL FOREST**—Includes 157,951 acres in Jasper, Sabine, San Augustine, Newton and Shelby Counties with these recreational areas:

**Indian Mounds Recreation Site and Wilderness Area**—On Toledo Bend Reservoir, east of Hemphill via F.M. 83 about 5 miles, and 7 miles southeast and south on FSRs 115 and 115A.

**Lakeview**—On Toledo Bend Reservoir, primitive camping area, 16 miles southeast of Hemphill via Texas 87 and local road.

**Ragtown**—On Toledo Bend Reservoir about 15 miles southeast of Shelbyville via Texas 87, east on F.M. 139 and FSR 132.

**Red Hills Lake**—About 3 miles north of Milam via Texas 87.

**Willow Oak**—On Toledo Bend Reservoir about 14 miles southeast of Hemphill via Texas 87, FSR 117.







**SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST**—161,154 acres in Montgomery, San Jacinto and Walker Counties with these recreational areas:

**Double Lake**—About 4 miles south of Coldspring via Texas 150, F.M. 2025.

**Kelley Pond**—Off-road vehicle area. From New Waverly, F.M. 1375 west 11 miles; south one mile on FSR 204; west one mile on FSR 271.

**Lone Star Hiking Trail**—A 27-mile segment of 140-mile forest hiking route is designated National Recreation Trail. Begins near Montague Church on F.M. 1725 approx. 6.7 miles northwest of Texas 105 (near Cleveland). Obtain map from forest ranger.

**Stubblefield Lake**—On West Fork of San Jacinto River about 12 miles north and west of New Waverly. From I-45, F.M. 1375 northwest 7.8 miles; FSR 215 southwest 3.3 miles.

# STATE FORESTS

**T**exas' five state forests, managed by the Texas Forest Service that is part of the Texas A&M Univ. System, display results of modern forestry techniques. State forests are wildlife refuges; hunting is prohibited. Fishing is permitted in designated areas.

No overnight camping permitted in any state forest.

Information about forestry is available from district foresters and Forest Service headquarters at A&M Univ. at College Station.

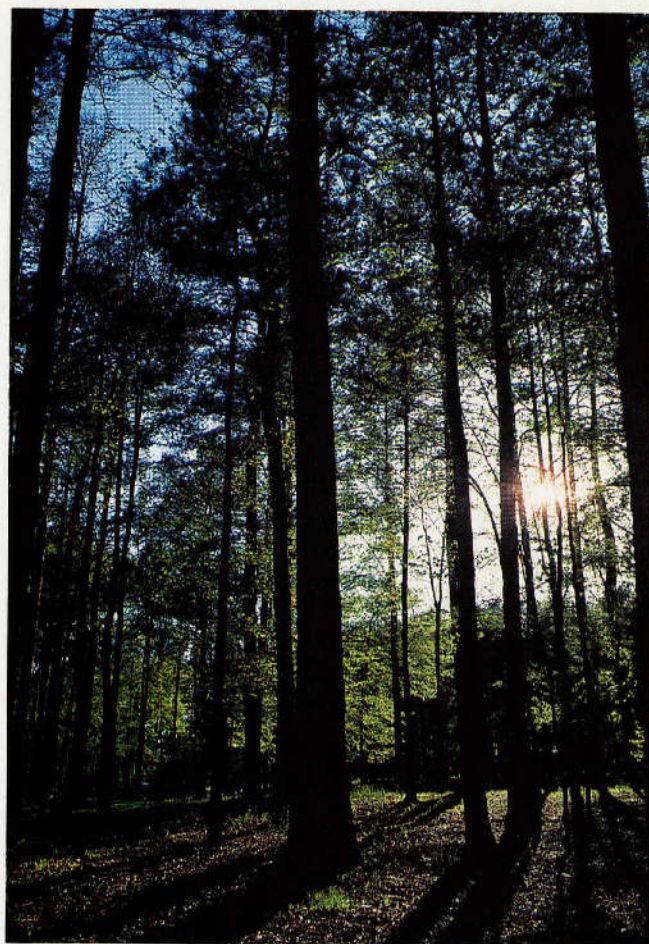
Forest Service operates Indian Mound Tree Nursery on Texas 21, near Alto, which provides some 25 million seedlings annually to private landowners for reforestation of their land.

**Fairchild State Forest**—Named for State Senator I.D. Fairchild of Lulkin; 2,740 acres in five tracts—largest 13 miles west of Rusk along U.S. 84. Originally owned by state prison system, most of area was first logged over in 1909-10. Small day-use area with fishing, hiking, picnicking in main tract one-quarter mile south of U.S. 84.

**Jones State Forest**—Purchased in 1926 and named for founder of Texas Forestry Assn., W. Goodrich Jones; 1,725-acre area 5 miles south of Conroe was first logged in 1892; 1923 fire burned over entire area. Nesting site of rare red-cockaded woodpecker. Self-guided nature trail of interpretive forestry in northwest corner of forest, and small pond near district headquarters offers picnic grills and rest rooms.

**Kirby State Forest**—Donated in 1929 by John Henry Kirby, pioneer lumberman; 600-acre area 14 miles south of Woodville off U.S. 287; picnicking.

**Masterson State Forest**—Donated in 1985 by Leonora Masterson in honor of her husband Paul; 519 acres 3 miles southeast of Buna on F.M. 2938 (not shown on most highway maps). No public facilities.



**Siecke State Forest**—1,722-acre forest is named for E.O. Siecke, State Forester 1918-1942. Main tract 5 miles southeast of Kirbyville via U.S. 96 and F.M. 82; 100-acre adjunct a mile west. Fishing permitted in small pond near entrance to district headquarters and in Trout Creek; swimming, picnic shelters and fireplaces along creek open year round.



# HUNTING AND FISHING IN TEXAS

**H**unting and fishing in Texas rank with the best in the nation. The variety of fish and game is great, and is often abundant. Fishermen may try more than 5,175 square miles of inland freshwater—hundreds of creeks, rivers and

lakes—plus scores of tidal bays and 624 miles of shoreline along the Gulf of Mexico.

Native freshwater game fish include black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, Guadalupe, spotted bass), crappie, bluegill (bream), various other sunfish, white or sand bass, and catfish including channel, blue and flathead (yellow). In recent years, outstanding success has been achieved with non-native species stocked in Texas lakes and rivers. They include Florida bass (a bigger cousin of the native largemouth), walleye, rainbow trout, and original saltwater species such as redfish and striped bass. Several Texas lakes are now producing striped bass weighing over 30 pounds!

Along the Gulf Coast some 250 different species await lure or bait. Among the most popular are redfish, speckled trout, king and Spanish mackerel, wahoo, bonito, tuna, sailfish, marlin, pompano, flounder, grouper, jewfish, red snapper, sheepshead and drum. Many taken from beach, jetty or pier.

The feature Texas game animal is the white-tailed deer, found almost statewide, but most densely in the Hill Country of Central Texas where they live in greater numbers than anywhere else in the nation. Mule deer and pronghorns are found in West Texas. Other wild animals include javelinas, wild boars, feral hogs and squirrels.

Game birds include a great variety of migratory waterfowl that winter in Texas, plus wild turkey, bobwhite and blue quail, mourning, white-tipped,

and white-winged doves, pheasants, prairie chickens, sandhill cranes and chachalacas.

Of unusual interest are several ranches where exotic game animals are stocked for year-round hunting. Among popular species are Indian black-buck antelope, wild Corsican rams, African aoudad sheep, axis and sika deer.

Hunting in Texas can be very rewarding, though requiring some special arrangements for the nonresident. Texas has four large areas of public lands (national forests) in the eastern part of the state freely accessible for hunting. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department offers a variety of public hunting opportunities on over one million acres of land under its control in which people may participate either through purchase of an annual permit, daily permit, or selection in a drawing. Almost all other lands are privately owned, requiring permission from the landowner before entering or hunting.

The situation has given rise to the hunting lease system: fees paid landowners for permission to hunt. Some leases may be had on a daily basis. A central list of leases and public hunting information is available from the Parks & Wildlife Dept. by calling toll-free in Texas 1-800-792-1112 or 512/389-4505 for nonresidents.

## REGULATIONS

The following is a brief summary of Texas hunting and fishing fees that were in effect at the time this book was printed. Because changes do occur, all persons intending to hunt or fish should obtain a current copy of the free pamphlet, *A Guide to Texas Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations*, from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. The guide provides seasonal dates, size, bag and possession limits, and special provisions of fishing and hunting laws. In addition, questions about Texas hunting and fishing may be answered by calling 512/389-4800 or 1-800-792-1112.



Licenses are sold at most sporting goods and tackle stores, county courthouses, Parks & Wildlife Dept. offices, and by some, not all, local game wardens. All annual licenses are valid from Sept. 1 through the following Aug. 31, no matter when purchased.

### LICENSES-COMBINATION

Available for Texas residents only, a combination hunting and fishing license costs \$25.

### FISHING LICENSES

A fishing license is required for all nonresident fisherman. For residents, only those between 17 and 65 years of age are required to have a fishing license. Saltwater stamps and freshwater trout stamps are not required for those who are exempt from fishing licenses.

RESIDENT, ANNUAL: \$13.00

RESIDENT, TEMPORARY 14-DAY: \$10.00

NONRESIDENT, ANNUAL: \$30.00 (No age exemptions, except for residents of Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Kansas.)

NONRESIDENT, TEMPORARY 5-DAY: \$20.00

SALTWATER STAMP: \$7.00

FRESHWATER TROUT STAMP: \$7.00



### HUNTING LICENSES

RESIDENT: \$13.00. Required of all Texas citizens. Texans under 17 or over 65 years of age do not need a regular hunting license, but must have a \$6.00 Special Resident Hunting License.

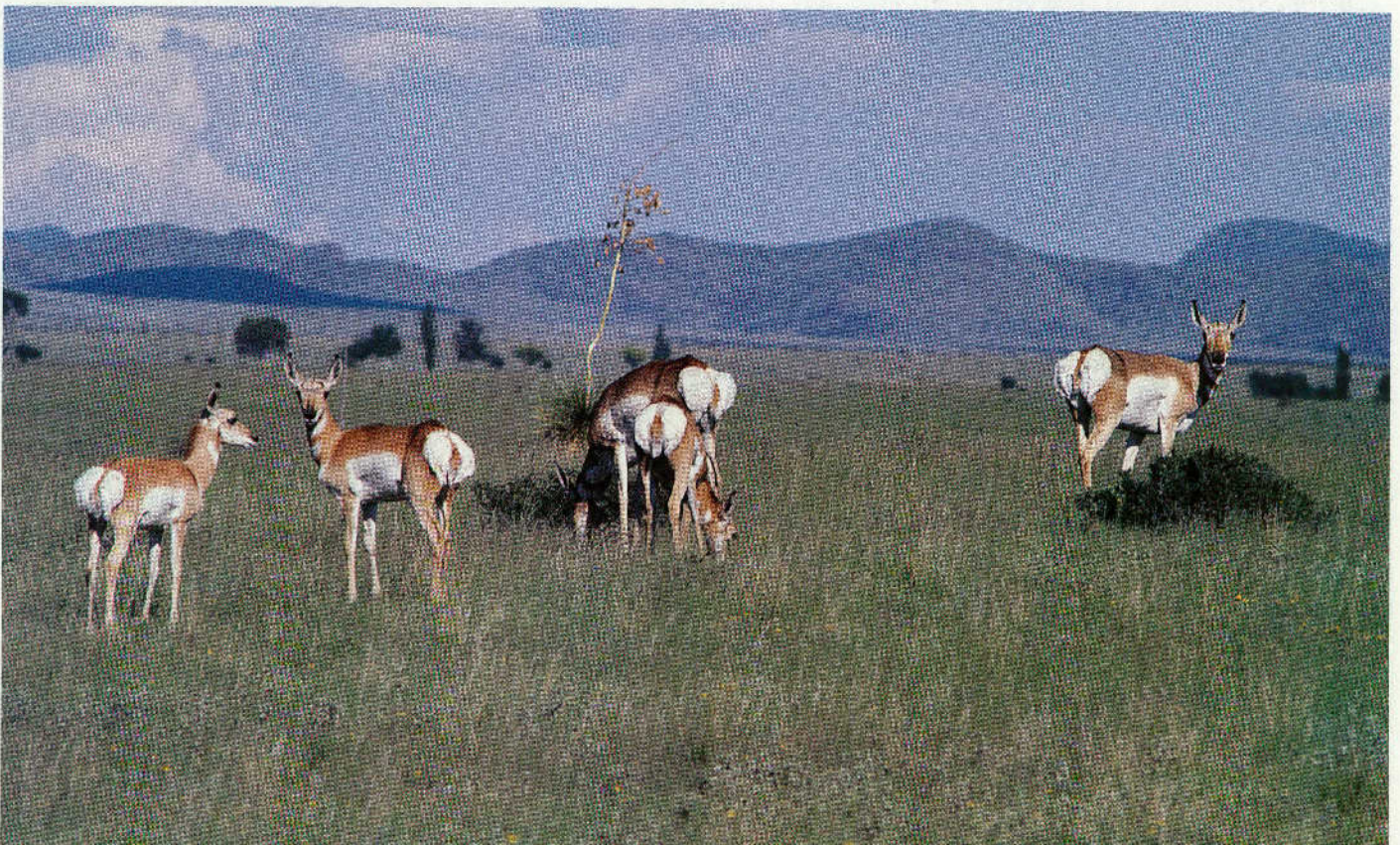
NONRESIDENT GENERAL HUNTING: \$200.00. Valid for all game species.

NONRESIDENT SMALL GAME: \$75.00. Valid for nongame animals and all game birds except turkey; not valid for game species except squirrels.

NONRESIDENT 5-DAY: \$25.00. (Not good for deer or turkey.)

NONRESIDENT SPRING TURKEY LICENSES: \$75.00. Valid to hunt turkey only during open spring season.

**Hunting and Fishing in Mexico:** See MEXICO at beginning of book.





Red-Tailed Hawk



Roadrunner



Lichtenstein's Oriole

# BIRDS OF TEXAS

**W**ith three-fourths of all American birds represented in Texas, there are birds for the watching anytime, anywhere in the state. No other state offers the birding variety (or challenge) that Texas does. In fact, Roger Tory

Peterson devotes an entire volume just to this state: *A Field Guide to the Birds of Texas*, available at virtually any bookstore. Varied vegetation, altitudes from sea level to over 8,000 feet, rainfall from less than 10 inches annually to more than 55 inches, and a strategic position on the North American continent, combine to provide Texas' diversity of avian habitats. In addition, Texas' resident bird population is augmented by multitudes of migrating species.

Refuges offer exceptional viewing of both rare specimens and large concentrations of familiar species. (See WILDLIFE REFUGES, Index.)

The 624-mile Texas coastline teems with shorebirds—gulls, pelicans, egrets and roseate spoonbills, plus the world's few remaining whooping

cranes that winter at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge.

The lower Rio Grande Valley area hosts tropical birds, Inca and white-winged doves, and is the only place in the nation where such species as white-fronted doves, chachalacas, and green jays may be observed. Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge is an ideal spot to add them to a life list.

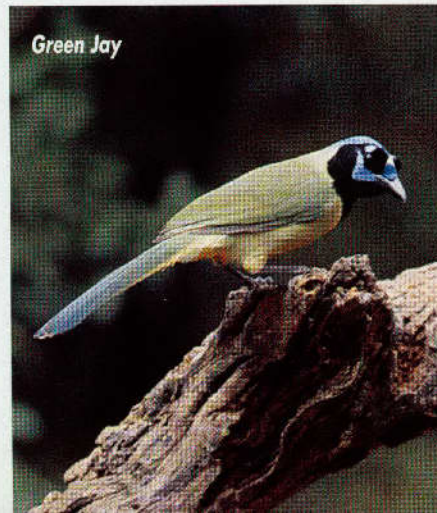
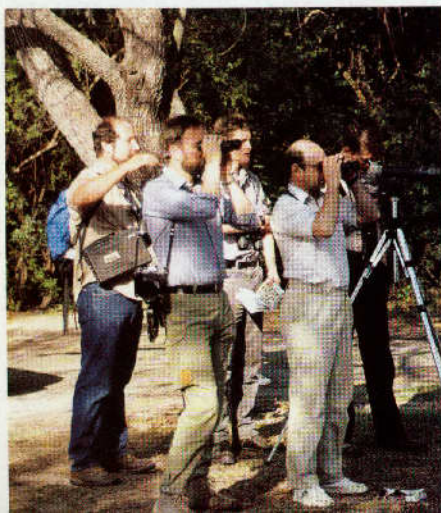
The Texas Panhandle is home to horned larks, kites and prairie chickens. Lakes attract mallard, baldpate and pintail migrants. Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge is haven for thousands of wintering sandhill cranes.

In West Texas are rare Colima warblers and eagles, canyon wrens, desert-dwelling flycatchers and tiny verdins.

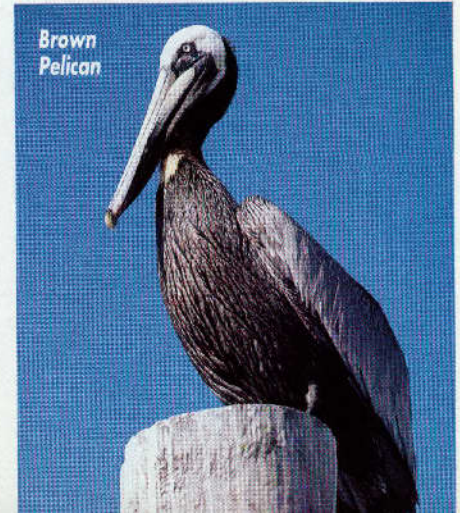
The Hill Country hosts large flocks of wild turkeys, almost countless resident and migrant species, and is the nesting place of rare golden-cheeked warblers. More open terrain is habitat of fleet-footed roadrunners.

The East Texas pine forests are the home of several eastern species including the wood thrush, Acadian flycatcher and Kentucky warbler. A few swallow-tailed kites may live here with, perhaps, the once-thought-to-be extinct ivory-billed woodpeckers.

Birding in Texas can be a rewarding experience!



Green Jay



Brown Pelican



Spider Lily



Bougainvillea

# FLOWERS OF TEXAS

**I**n East Texas' humid marshlands, carnivorous pitcher plants trap unwary insects. Far across the state, rare, red Mexican silenes seek the seclusion of cool canyons. On sun-swept Padre Island, rosy beach morning glories ramble across lonely dunes. Such is the story of Texas'

5,000 wildflower species—products of the state's diverse environment. More gregarious types such as bluebonnets, buttercups and Indian paintbrushes roam statewide, draping festive serapes over meadows and highway shoulders each spring.

Other seasons offer their own specialties. The sun-drenched western desert can blithely ignore the calendar. In almost any month, "spring" follows each rare welcome rain; thirst quenched, the yuccas, ocotillos and cacti erupt in a brief frenzy of blooms.

Throughout the year in the lower Rio Grande Valley, towering palms accent bougainvillea-draped boulevards. In winter, giant poinsettias decorate homes to the eaves for the holiday season.

Write for a free *Wildflowers of Texas* folder from P.O. Box 5064, Austin, Texas 78763-5064, or get a copy at any Travel Information Center (see list).



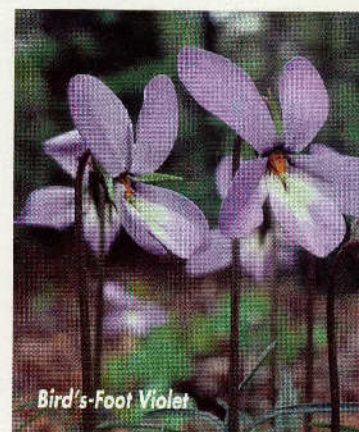
Bluebonnet



Water Lily



Indian Blanket



Bird's-Foot Violet



Poinsettias



Strawberry Cactus

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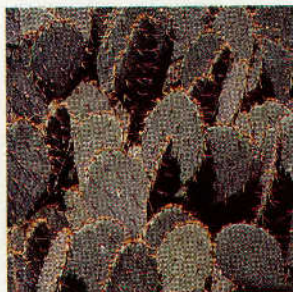
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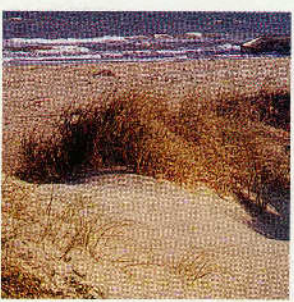
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