



KILLEEN IS A UNIQUE PLACE WHERE YOU'LL FIND ALL THE AMENITIES OF A LARGE CITY  
BUT WITH SMALL TOWN TEXAS CHARM AND PLENTY OF SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY.

Killeen, Texas, is a place of many possibilities. This Central Texas town is perhaps best known for its northern neighbor that just so happens to be one of the largest military installations in the world: Fort Cavazos.

Although there are several museums and other interesting things to see and do within Fort Cavazos, that's not the sum of all that Killeen has to offer.

Located in Bell County, Killeen has grown in multitudes of people from all over the world. With the addition of the University of Central Texas A&M, Central Texas College, and homes being built at a rapid rate, Killeen is becoming one of the fastest-growing cities in America. As the population grows, new businesses are pouring in.

Residents of the Killeen-Temple MSA enjoy an unparalleled quality of life. Whether it's employment, shopping, dining or family recreation, the region has it all.

### **HOME OF THE BRAVE**

In Killeen, there is evidence of a military presence everywhere – flags flown high on homes, vehicles, and office buildings. Fort Hood embraces its connection with Killeen by opening its gates to civilians from the nearby city to gain employment and experience various celebrations on post. The love is reciprocated by Killeen, as many soldiers and their families take up residence in the city. Many Killeen businesses offer military discounts to those possessing a military identification card. These perks are just a small way that Killeen says 'Thank You for your Service!'

### **KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

KISD proudly serves the Central Texas communities of Killeen, Fort Cavazos, Harker Heights, and Nolanville. The Killeen Independent School District is committed to

providing excellent educational opportunities to ensure all students served are able to reach their maximum learning potential.

Students within KISD attend 31 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, 6 high schools including an Early College High School, and 4 special campuses including a state-of-the-art Career Center serving approximately 44,000+ students. KISD is the 4th most diverse district in Texas and the 24th largest district in Texas.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Home to Texas A&M University-Central Texas, Central Texas College, Temple College, and the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, which produces 7,500 graduates annually and ensures that area residents and business benefit from a world-class education and career opportunities.

### **MEDICAL FACILITIES**

Killeen residents are blessed with excellent medical facilities including AdventHealth Central Texas, Seton Medical Center, and Baylor Scott & White. Considered the gateway to the Hill Country, Killeen is a fantastic place to put down roots.

### **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN**

is a lively and charming destination that blends history, culture, and community. Stroll through streets lined with unique boutiques, antique shops, and art galleries, where you'll find one-of-a-kind treasures and handmade goods. Savor a culinary journey with locally owned restaurants offering flavors from around the world, all in an inviting and walkable setting. With its rich history, vibrant murals, and welcoming atmosphere, downtown Killeen is the perfect place to shop, dine, and immerse yourself in the heart of this thriving city.

## **Things to Do**

### **CENTRAL TEXAS THEATER**

The Central Texas Theatre is a cultural gem in Killeen, offering an unforgettable experience for theater lovers and performing arts enthusiasts. In the heart of the city, this historic venue hosts a diverse lineup of productions, from classic plays and musicals to contemporary performances and local showcases.

### **MAYBORN SCIENCE THEATER**

The Mayborn Science Theater is a state-of-the-art planetarium situated on the campus of Central Texas College in Killeen. Laser light and planetarium shows are held in the theater, a 60-foot dome shaped to provide a view of the stars that no one in an urban area would ever see.

### **A TEXAS MUSIC FRIENDLY CITY!**

Discover the vibrant sounds of Killeen, where music thrives and creativity knows no bounds. As an official Texas Music Friendly City, Killeen proudly supports musicians, venues, and the local music community. Killeen is more than a destination—it's a stage for talent and innovation.

## **Outdoor**

### **Belton Lake**

Belton Lake is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reservoir on the Leon River in the Brazos River basin. The lake provides some of the best fishing and boating in Central Texas. Belton Lake features numerous parks and outdoor activity areas:

**Miller Springs Nature Area** located below Belton Dam, includes a hiking trail, a restored historic bridge, and several wildlife viewing points.

**Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area** *For thrills and spills, few places are better than the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area. Two 300-foot waterslides, a swim beach, a marina, a paintball course, mountain biking trails, and picnic areas. Canoes, kayaks, knee boards, and wake boards can be rented.*

**Temple Lake Park** is a day-use facility with over 60 picnic sites and one reservable group area on the southern shore of Belton Lake. The park offers amenities such as showers, a playground, a swim beach, and two, two-lane boat ramps.

### **STILLHOUSE HOLLOW LAKE**

Stillhouse Hollow Lake offers some of the best fishing, camping and boating in Central Texas. Stillhouse Park is a day use area that has two reservable group pavilions and is popular for family gatherings and other large group events.

**Chalk Ridge Falls Park** features an environmental learning center, a beautiful waterfall and trails for all skill levels. There are also plenty of camping areas at Dana Peak and Union Grove.

### **ANDY K. WELLS HIKE & BIKE**

The Andy K. Wells Hike and Bike Trail is the first ever of its kind within the City of Killeen. It starts at 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd (located behind the Killeen Community Center) and is 2.5 miles long.

### **LIONS CLUB PARK/ AQUATIC CENTER The Lions Club**

Park and Aquatic Center offers a great outdoor water park for the whole family. The Family Recreation Center offers basketball courts and exercise facilities. The second-floor weight room at the Family Recreation Center is called the Tommie Harris Fitness Center, as a tribute to the NFL Player, Tommie Harris.

### **GOLF**

The gently sloping hills of Central Texas offer the ideal setting for some great golf. Golfers have their pick of three golf courses near Killeen that offer a combined total of more than 60 holes to play.

Start at Killeen's Stonetree Golf Course, an 18-hole public course that includes a double-ended driving range, a practice facility, and short game area where you can brush up on your skills.

Meanwhile, the Courses of Clear Creek in Fort Cavazos has three nine-hole courses, a four-hole course designed for children, and a challenging set of sand bunkers and water traps throughout.

Your third option is the 18-hole Hills of Cove Golf Course, located just west of Killeen in Copperas Cove. Here you'll find a set of challenging holes spread among rolling hills, with two large ponds and a creek providing a nice addition to the scenery, along with a playing hazard.

### **Events**

**PRCA RODEO** Come see the best compete in barrel racing, bull riding, and steer roping!

**EPICALLY GEEKY EXPO** A celebration of all things geek! It fosters creativity and a sense of community among attendees while raising funds for CTC student scholarships and programs.

**CELEBRATE KILLEEN** Activities include, a car show, carnival, food trucks, performances, and vendors.

**NATURE IN LIGHTS** Come and see a winter wonderland with hundreds of lighting displays plus visit with Santa!

**HOLIDAY UNDER THE STARS** A Christmas Parade, lighting of a 50-foot silhouette Christmas tree, and market.

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