

Llano



LOCATED IN THE HIGHLAND LAKES REGION OF THE HILL COUNTRY, EXPLORING THE BEST THINGS TO DO

IN LLANO, TX, CAN INCLUDE EVERYTHING FROM SEEKING OUT LOCAL STREET ART TO SPOTTING WILD

BALD EAGLES—AND QUITE A BIT IN BETWEEN!

An hour west of Austin the asphalt turns to lush hills and sparkling waters. Llano is located in the beautiful Texas Hill Country only 72 miles northwest of Austin and 90 miles northwest of San Antonio. Once here, there is more to make you stop than the 4 traffic lights!

You will enjoy the relaxed pace of a welcoming small town community and the serenity the beautiful landscape brings. Whether living in town, on the river, or out in the country, Llano's cadence will lure you to take pleasure in the unique simplicity of the Hill Country life.

With one-fourth of the population residing in the city & three-fourths in the county, Llano caters to very diverse living standards. Llano is a prime place to distance yourself from the city, raise a family, start a business, work some land, own a second home, or just retire.

Fun Things to Do in Llano, Texas

Sample some of the best barbecue in Texas.

Llano is, unsurprisingly, home to some truly fantastic barbecue—and in the case of Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que, it just may be the best in Texas! Just ask its many fans and long lines—in a near-impossible competition, Cooper's tends to rank near the top. However, its neighbor across the street, Inman's Kitchen Bar-B-Q, should not be overlooked.

Stroll across the Roy B. Inks Bridge.

Sometimes called simply the Inks Bridge or even the Llano Bridge, this 1935 bridge spans the Llano River and is the only bridge in town. You can easily walk across it, and it makes for excellent views of the river below.

Check out Llano's historic Red Top Jail.

Dating to 1895, Llano's Red Top Jail has—what else—a distinctive red roof, and a well-preserved interior (which only makes sense: it was a functioning jail until 1982).

Seek out Shakedown Street.

Part public art project and part local hangout, Shakedown Street is a collection of colorful murals and decor situated behind Charlie's Furniture in Llano. Located in the heart of town, it's easy to access Shakedown Street, but you may miss it unless you're specifically seeking it out. As an art project that clearly delights in its own whimsy.

Pay a visit to the Llano Historical Museum.

Housed in the former Bruhl's Drugstore (you can still see the original soda fountain inside when you visit), the Llano Historical Museum explores the history of Llano County. The small museum is open from Wednesday to Saturday, Don't miss the Pioneer Garden out back!

Follow the Llano Trail of Deer.

Uniquely painted deer statues are scattered throughout town, and they make excellent photo spots in Llano.

Drive Highway 71 during bluebonnet season.

Highway 71 near Llano is home to some of the prettiest bluebonnet patches in Texas from roughly late March to mid-April each year. Be sure to add this scenic drive to your list of fun things to do in Llano, TX!

Admire one of the most beautiful courthouses in Texas.

On any list of the most gorgeous Texas courthouses, you're virtually guaranteed to find the Llano Courthouse. Built in 1893, the courthouse and its distinctive clocktower are well worth checking out while visiting Llano.

Stop by the Dabbs Railroad Hotel.

Built in 1907, this hotel overlooking the Llano River is one of the last remaining railroad hotels of its kind. Situated near the train station, in the early 20th century the Dabbs Railroad Hotel catered to visitors passing through Llano.

Though it features beautiful views and plenty of Texas history, the Dabbs Railroad Hotel is arguably best known for its two most (in)famous guests: Bonnie and Clyde.

Seek out bald eagles.

Each winter, bald eagles call an area near Llano, Texas home. Without a doubt, this is one of the most unique things to do in Llano. November to March is generally the best time to spot the eagles, but their arrival date changes by the year.

Grab a drink at the Fuel Coffee House.

Housed in a historic grocery store mere steps from the main square, Fuel Coffee House doesn't just serve up some of the best coffee in Llano—it also provides a busy and beautiful non-profit community space.

Live music is common here, as are community meals, and of course plenty of casual studying and hanging out.

Be sure to add the charming Fuel Coffee House to your list of things to see in Llano!

Check out the LanTex Theater.

Dating to 1927, the LanTex Theater's red-and-white marquee is bound to catch your eye when wandering the main square. Showing first-run movies 3 times a week, and, once a month, the Llano County Opry, the theater is a delightful piece of both Llano's past and present.

Stroll along the Llano River.

Running through the center of town, it's impossible to miss the beautiful Llano River when visiting—and no trip to Llano is complete without a stroll alongside it!

Badu Park and Robinson City Park are both great places to visit and enjoy the river, but Badu Park is closer to the center of town.

Stop by Baby Head Cemetery for an interesting piece of local history.

This small cemetery dating to the 19th century lies a short drive outside of Llano, and it is the last remaining link to a town that no longer stands here: where was there was a town called Baby Head, now there is only this cemetery.

Head over to Enchanted Rock State Natural Area.

The fascinating and ever-popular Enchanted Rock lies only 25 minutes south of Llano! We recommend planning ahead: the park often fills to capacity, so booking reservations in advance is highly encouraged.

The Llano River Golf & RV Resort.

This a challenging 18 hole course. Its natural beauty and wildlife, along the picturesque Llano River which provides a beautiful backdrop to your golf outing. The pro shop has a complete line of golf equipment and apparel.

Inks Lake State Park.

The beautiful Inks Lake State Park is also only 25 minutes from Llano, this time due east. It's a popular place to combine with the best things to do in Llano, and for good reason: the lake is the perfect place to either hike or cool off in the water.