


# Salado



CENTRALLY LOCATED, THE VILLAGE OF SALADO OFFERS A  
QUIET RESPITE, INDEPENDENT SPIRIT, AND FRIENDLY  
ATMOSPHERE DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS.

## **THE VILLAGE OF SALADO**

As a welcome break from travel on Interstate 35 between Austin and Waco or as a destination, downtown Salado rewards visitors with art galleries, antiques stores and restaurants in 19th Century limestone buildings and historic residences. Salado's Main Street saw the dust of cattle headed to market along the Chisholm Trail and served as a well-known stopping point for stagecoaches. Wagon wheels carved permanent ruts in the bedrock of Salado Creek, where fish-filled springs lured Native Americans long before Spanish explorers and Anglo-American settlers arrived. The creek itself is a designated Texas Natural Landmark.

The town, platted in 1859, promoted education and culture from the start. Salado College rose on a hill above Main Street. (Stone ruins remain.) The school sponsored a men's debating group and a women's society that discussed books, presented plays and raised funds for a circulating library. The first farmers' Grange in Texas was organized in Salado in 1873. Today, visitors can retrace Salado history with a vaudeville show at the Tablerock Amphitheatre followed by a stroll by the historic Stagecoach Inn. The Inn, founded as Shady Villa in 1860, maintains the original frame buildings as a restaurant.

## **MUSIC FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

Being a Music Friendly Community means the Village of Salado is dedicated to promoting the music community by supporting and connecting music industry stakeholders and aiding in measures that formulate a conducive environment for a thriving local music scene.

## **SALADO MUSEUM & COLLEGE PARK**

The Salado Museum and College Park was established to preserve and promote the pioneer history of Salado and the diverse nationalities that settled this area. College Park, just south of the museum, is the location of the ruins and grounds of historic Salado College.

## **HISTORIC CEMETERIES**

Get in touch with the legendary figures of Salado's past with visits to our historical cemeteries. There are three to choose from!

## **SALADO HISTORICAL TOUR**

Originally designed by the Salado Historical Society, this self-guided tour leads you through some of our Village's most prized landmarks and uncovers the histories of our storied village.

## **GALT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE**

Step into the lives of some of the Americas' first settlers at this world-renowned archaeological site. Only a 15 minute drive out from Salado, you will have the chance to explore this site with its archaeologists as they help you understand the lives of our predecessors. Tours can also be arranged through the Williamson County and Bell County Museums. Reservations required.

## **HISTORIC SALADO GHOSTWALK**

Join local historian and storyteller Jonathan Hal Reynolds for a lantern-lit stroll down Salado's historic Main Street. Get lost in tales of cowboys, Indians, buried treasure, and ghosts! Held throughout the fall season, this is a "must-do".

Salado boasts a state cultural district designated by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

### **The Shoppes on Main in Salado**

Shop, Sip, Savor: Boutique & Café Haven Under One Roof. Each boutique within our marketplace is a labor of love, curated by passionate shop owners who share a deep dedication to craftsmanship and customer satisfaction. As you browse through the diverse selection, you'll find unique stories behind each shop, adding an extra layer of connection to your shopping experience. Here you will find a diverse array of home decor, gifts, fashion, accessories, handcrafted items and more, all lovingly curated for you. When you're ready to take a break, step into our charming café for a cozy sip and a scrumptious bite.

***From regional treasures to internationally recognized artists, Salado is home to potters, painters, sculptors, glassblowers, writers, musicians, actors, and more. Many of Salado's artists offer you the chance to experience their craft and create your own art to take home.***

### **Salado Sculpture Garden**

The vision of the Public Arts League of Salado and Keep Salado Beautiful, the Salado Sculpture Garden makes fine art accessible to everyone. The garden is situated in a lovely natural landscape and connected by walkways with seating throughout the area.

### **Salado Cultural Arts District**

Designated in 2017 as an Arts and Culture District by the Texas Commission for the Arts in 2017, the district's mission is to support and promote excellence in the arts and culture of Salado. As you travel around Salado you will find a variety of public art on display, including the iconic "Sirena and the Magical Catfish" on the banks of the creek.

### **Tablerock Festival of Salado**

Take in an outdoor performance of a variety of productions throughout the year. Tablerock Amphitheater hosts poetry events, recitals, a variety of plays and musicals, and is the home of "Salado Legends." This original, one-of-a-kind, show has been entered into the Library of Congress, and has been performed every summer for over 28 years.

***There's something for everyone in Salado! Enjoy family fun along the banks of Salado Creek while the kids play or bring your friends for a girls' getaway to shop or visit the local wineries and brewery to try the newest flavors. There's so much to see and do, you will be back again and again!***

### **"Miracle Mile" Shopping District**

Visit one of Texas' most unique shopping districts as you travel Salado's historic Main Street. Let our expert shopkeepers help you find your next mantelpiece display, fashionable attire, handcrafted art piece, or whimsical outdoor décor.

### **Royal Street District**

The south side of Salado Creek features art studios, jewelry makers, a brewery, several restaurants and food trucks, a taproom, boutiques, art studios, and frequent live music. Don't miss the Royal Street Art Walk (RAW), held on the fourth Friday of the month from March to October, with late night shopping and special events.

### **Mill Creek Country Club**

Experience this iconic Texas golf course, designed by the famed Robert Trent Jones, Jr. With tree-lined fairways and Salado Creek jutting around the greens, golfers of all levels will have a great experience mastering all 27 holes of the course.

### **Johnny's Outback**

Situated next to Johnny's Steaks and Bar-Be-Que, you can grab dinner and spend your music-filled evening all in one place. Catch a show from your favorite country legend or the latest rising star at Salado's legendary live music venue.

## **Events**

### **North Bound & Down Music Festival**

*March*

### **Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival**

*March*

### **Salado Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering**

*May*

### **Salado Springs Beer Festival**

*June*

### **Salado Legends Performances**

*July and August*

### **Salado Art Fair**

*August*

### **Sirena's Creekside Carnaval**

*October*

### **Christmas in October**

*October*

### **Barrow Volks Ride**

*October*

### **Fright Trail**

*October*

### **Scottish Gathering & Highland Games**

*November*

### **A Christmas Carol Performances**

*December*

### **Salado Christmas Stroll**

*December*