

SMITHVILLE Texas

The City of Smithville is located in a still-rural section of eastern Bastrop County. Smithville is situated between Houston and Austin along the Highway 71 corridor and within two hours of San Antonio, San Marcos and College Station, making Smithville a very convenient location and an ideal place to live, work, and play.

Smithville offers a wide variety of local attractions and amenities with convenient access to the Colorado River and Buescher State Park. Our downtown historic district contains many eclectic shops and eateries for residents and visitors alike.

Smithville boasts an airport, a recreation center, multiple city parks, and some of the friendliest people on the planet. Smithville was designated a Texas Commission on the Arts Cultural District in 2013 due to its focus on history, culture, arts, entertainment (music and theater), and artisan crafts.

With railroad artifacts dating from 1886, Smithville's Railroad Museum is fun for visitors of all ages. Smithville has a rich music history with many legendary blues musicians—BB King, Etta James, T-Bone Walker, Sonny Rhodes and Hannibal Lokumbe—who played at West End Park, one of the last standing venues on the Texas Chitlin' Circuit. Satchel Paige of the Kanas City Monarchs pitched a baseball game at this historic site.

Smithville is undergoing an economic resurgence and is poised for explosive growth. More and more people are buying property, renovating, and opening businesses within our downtown historic district. The City helps encourage this growth through an expedited plan review and permitting process for entrepreneurs and developers. "It's Possible in Smithville" is the rallying cry of the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce, because dedicated citizens take full advantage of partnerships among local organizations, available programs, and potential sources of outside funding in an effort to maximize our own resources, which include the time and effort many volunteers are willing to contribute to make things happen—and great things are happening in Smithville. Stop by for a visit—you'll be glad you did!



Smithville offers beauty and recreation, a centralized location that's perfect for commerce of all types and a community atmosphere that invites you to visit for awhile. From our easy access to the Colorado River to our rich railroad history, our eclectic, charming Main Street to our modern conveniences and lovely B&B's, Smithville invites visitors to come and relax. Our central location, between Austin, San Antonio and Houston, makes doing business in Smithville a great alternative for your business.

RECREATION

GOLFING

Smithville is in the middle of seven golf courses within 25 miles – four 18 hole courses and 3 nine hole courses.

The famous ColoVista Golf Course winds through the surrounding residential community amid majestic vistas, providing golfers with challenging terrain, subtle turns and treacherous optical illusions. The first nine holes are situated in the valley and gradually ascend to higher ground. The signature par-3, No. 15, features a 100-foot elevation change from tee to green, requiring golfers to be mindful of club selection. The view of the Colorado River from the raised tee box is jaw-dropping and starts a string of stunning finishing holes rivaling all others in Texas.

Bastrop State Park has an 18-hole golf course which is very popular, especially among the senior group who hold regular tournaments.

Pine Forest Golf Club is an 18-hole course lying along the Colorado River in Tahitian Village. Several tees are overlooked by the cliffs of the Colorado. Approximately 12 miles west of Smithville, take Tahitian down to Riverside Drive.

Wolfdancer Golf Club, an 18 hole course about 25 miles west of Smithville, is owned and operated by the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort. There is also a 13-acre driving range.

The nine hole golf courses are at Frish Auf Country Club in LaGrange to the east, Giddings Country Club in Giddings to the north and the Flatonia Golf Course in Flatonia to the south.

SMITHVILLE INDOOR RECREATION CENTER

The pride of Smithville, the Smithville Recreation Center has a large gym with basketball courts for Little Dribblers basketball games and Little Bumpers volleyball. A room with free-to-use public access computers, a weight room, two dance studios and a racquetball court round out the activities. The Rec Center has activities for children and adults throughout the year.

Smithville was the first Film Friendly Community designated by the Texas Film Commission. Nearly 70 film productions have been made in our community since 2008. Movie locations from Hope Floats, The Tree of Life, and Bernie can be seen on self-guided tours.

WHY SMITHVILLE IS A HOTSPOT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

SMITHVILLE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Interstate Access: Interstate 71 has two easy access points into Smithville as well as long frontage along the HWY 71 corridor. Also access to State Highway 95 throughout the community.

- Access to a major railway within Smithville as well as throughout the county.

- Utility Providers: Electric, Water, Sanitation, and Sewer services provided by the city of Smithville. Telephone, gas, cable television, and internet all provided by multiple providers including LiveAir Networks, AT&T, Dish Network, Centerpoint Energy and Time Warner Cable.

- SCT Broadband: Smithville is home to Central Texas's first High Speed Fiber network. LiveAir is proud to bring state-of-the-art video, Internet, and phone services to the community via a 100% fiber optic system capable of providing the utmost in entertainment needs.

- Express and Motor Freight: At least ten motor freight companies service Smithville on an as needed basis - United Parcel Service (UPS) and FedEx are among those that service our community.

- Retail Sales - Smithville has experienced tremendous growth in retail sales over the past five years with sales tax revenues increasing each month in the past twelve months.

- Smithville offers local healthcare in a cost-effective manner. Seton Smithville Regional Hospital boasts a busy emergency room, family physicians, outpatient surgical services and much more! Smithville has the ONLY hospital in Bastrop County.

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