

# Taylor



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## VISIT TAYLOR

Nestled on the edge of Austin, the City of Taylor offers a cozy small-town atmosphere with a reputation for live music, artisan crafts, and delicious barbeque. The past decade has brought tremendous growth to Taylor.

If live music is your fancy, you can catch some of the best musicians on one of Taylor's stages every weekend. You can soak up the sun at one of the abundant outdoor spaces such as the City's five major parks, a hike and bike trail, fishing pier, basketball and tennis courts, two pools, splash pads, and even a state-of-the-art skate park. Or if a leisurely stroll is more your speed, explore the beautiful buildings on our architectural walking tour through the historic downtown area.

**Taylor ISD** is home to 3,200 students with six schools. In addition to a comprehensive high school, middle school, and three elementary schools, Taylor ISD has an Early College High School where students earn up to 60 hours of college credit. Located in one of the fastest growing counties in the nation, students can earn workplace certifications, college credit, and participate in multiple extracurricular activities.

## VISIT FILM SITES

Test your film knowledge and see if you can recognize these famous film locations. Tour through Taylor and pick out scenes from movies such as *Transformers: Age of Extinction*, *Varsity Blues*, or, for a more chilling effect, the new *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* series.

## DINING

Whether you're here for a tour of Texas' best barbecue or are looking to expand your taste buds at one of our unique restaurants, we're sure you'll find a great bite in Taylor. You can expect to be treated like family at any one of our locally owned diners or cafes for breakfast, lunch or dinner. If you're looking for something fresh and unique, you can enjoy world-class flavors from Poland, Peru, Latin America, Czechoslovakia, Asia and beyond at our local bistros, bakeries and eateries.

## BARBECUE

For the hungry traveler, Taylor claims a few of the best barbecue spots on the infamous Texas BBQ Trail. BBQ Trail. Taylor is known for its world-famous barbecue and is in the Heart of the Texas BBQ Trail. We offer four locations in town that are champions of their craft – whether it's brisket, sausage, ribs or chicken – and all four restaurants are featured on the Texas BBQ Trail. Some have even made their name known on popular television shows and at BBQ cook-off events.

## SHOPPING

If you're looking for an eclectic or treasured find, we've got you covered with our mix of antique, boutique and specialty stores in Taylor. Our downtown shopping district features more than 20 stores catering to your needs for home décor, vintage treasures, the latest fashions or spectacular jewelry and gifts with local artisan flair. You can find it all in Taylor Made Texas!

## **Parks & Recreation**

The City of Taylor takes great pride in its lush, green areas which include over eight miles of hike and bike trails in five major parks: Bull Branch, Murphy, Heritage Square, Fannie Robinson and Taylor Regional. Wi-Fi is available in all of our public parks as well as other fantastic amenities such as public swimming pools, a fishing pier, basketball courts, tennis courts, playscapes, botanical gardens and covered pavilions.

### **Bull Branch Park**

Bull Branch park is located at Lynn and Davis Street and boasts more than 65 acres of beautiful park area that includes recreational amenities and a hike and bike trail. Amenities include 2 baseball fields, 1 softball field, 1 basketball court, 1 pond with fishing pier, 1 pavilion, 5 picnic tables, 2 park benches, 1 playground and 1 restroom.

### **Murphy Park**

This 120-acre park includes athletic facilities, playgrounds, swimming pools, a lake and ample picnic sites. Located at 1600 Veterans Drive, Murphy Park offers various recreation amenities, including 2 baseball fields, 2 practice fields, 10 tennis courts, 1 tennis hitting wall, 1 football field, 1 pavilion, 2 swimming pools, 1 lake, 1 bandstand, 42 picnic tables, 2 playgrounds, sand volleyball courts and 3 restrooms.

### **Heritage Square Park**

Heritage Square Park is located in Historic Downtown Taylor at 400 N. Main Street and serves as homage to our rich cultural history. This historical park includes 15 park benches, 1 flagpole, and 1 gazebo. Heritage Square Park is open for public use free of charge. Please check with the Parks and Recreation Department for special event planning. Heritage Square Park houses an elaborate Christmas "Lights of the Blackland" display during the holidays.

### **Mustang Creek Golf Course**

Mustang Creek Golf Course is a staple in Taylor history, having recently celebrated their 100th year in operation. This lush, challenging 9-hole course offers stunning views of Taylor and a friendly atmosphere that is welcoming for the whole family. Mustang Creek Golf Course has been lauded by Golf USA Tour as one of the finest and most challenging courses in the USA.

### **Taylor Regional Park & Sports Complex**

This 75-acre park and sports complex is located near the Williamson County Expo Center and hosts 10 baseball and softball fields, 2 soccer fields and 1 football field. Additionally, the park boasts a 6-acre lake and nature preserve and connected hike and bike trails.

## **Music**

Taylor welcomes the best musicians in Texas to its stages almost every weekend. From country to rock, our stages are filled with the sounds and spirits of local residents and travelers alike.

### **Lake Granger**

Located just 8 miles from Taylor, Lake Granger offers fishing, camping, swimming and boating activities for the whole family.

### **Pierce Park**

Pierce Park, Taylor's new skatepark is located at 200 East 4th Street. The name was chosen to honor the late Lt. Commander Thomas Floyd Pierce, the father of Chisum Pierce who donated the land downtown for the skate park. This is a great place for kids and adults alike to break out their boards and bikes and be active! See how things came together and watch skaters test out the bowls at Pierce Park.

### **Taylor Station**

Taylor Station is not just a bar and music venue... it's a true destination. Located in the heart of downtown Taylor, it is just around the corner from other popular sights and shops in the town. Where past meets the present, this unique bar offers a place to relax and enjoy beer, wine and music with your friends.

### **Black Sparrow Music Parlor**

The Black Sparrow Music Parlor has taken flight! Built in an old bookstore, the venue is the perfect mix of historic resonance with updated features. The venue offers a huge stage, variety of beverages and a friendly staff to make your concert-going experience remarkable.

## **Arts**

The artist culture is strong in Taylor. From always-changing exhibits in our museum and gallery, to hands-on experiences and learning opportunities, Taylor welcomes the creative expressions of artists from all over Texas.

### **Moody Museum**

The Moody Museum shares the story of Governor Dan Moody's passion for justice, his family and the Taylor community that helped shape his legacy as Texas' youngest governor.

### **Howard Theatre**

Enjoy an evening watching the newest big screen films in one of Taylor's most historic buildings. The Howard Theatre has been renovated to meet the needs of today's cinema experience while maintaining its historical charm and charisma.