



Things to Do

In Bell County



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Bell County, in east central Texas, is located along the Balcones Escarpment approximately forty-five miles north of the Capitol in Austin and is bordered by Coryell, McLennan, and Falls counties on the north, on the east by Falls and Milam counties, on the south by Milam and Williamson counties, and on the west by Lampasas and Burnet counties.

Belton, the third largest town in the county, serves as the county seat and is sixty-five miles north of Austin. Interstate Highway 35 and State highways 195, 95, and 317 are the major north-south roads in the county; U.S. Highway 190 and State Highway 36 cross the county east and west. Bell County is also served by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and the Union Pacific railroads.

Bell County comprises some 1,055 square miles and is divided into regions by the Balcones Escarpment, which runs through the approximate center of the county from southeast to northwest. The eastern part of the county, on the Blackland Prairie, consists of comparatively level prairieland, mainly undulating to gently rolling. The western half of the county belongs to the Grand Prairie region of Texas, and includes undulating to rolling uplands, deeply cut with stream valleys that, in places, have stony slopes and steep bluffs.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Academy
- Bartlett
- Belton
- Copperas Cove
- Florence
- Gatesville
- Holland
- Killeen
- Lampasas
- Moody
- Rogers
- Rosebud
- Salado
- Temple
- Troy

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

LOCAL CITIES

- Belton
- Fort Cavazos
- Harker Heights
- Killeen
- Little River- Academy
- Moody
- Morgans Point Resort
- Nolanville
- Rogers
- Salado
- Temple
- Troy

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Central Texas College
- Texas A&M Central Texas
- Temple College
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor



Belton

FROM ITS HISTORIC DOWNTOWN AREA OUTWARD TO ITS TWO WELCOMING LAKES, BELTON IS LOADED WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN ACTIVITIES.



OVERVIEW

You're in for a relaxing time in beautiful Belton. Less eccentric than Austin and less frantic than Dallas, Belton offers a laid-back place where you can enjoy gorgeous Texas scenery, eat great food, hear every genre of music, and take in the carefully preserved history of this part of the greatest state in the union.

The home of a respected university, a world-famous barbecue joint, and some of the friendliest people you're likely to meet, Belton is a one-of-a-kind Texas town. Tucked between Temple to the east and Killeen to the west, the city is blessed with enchanting landscapes, an idyllic creek running through town, and the picturesque Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lakes. It's this beautiful setting that has drawn people to the area for many years.

Originally dubbed Nolanville for horse-trader and veteran Philip Nolan, the city was renamed Belton (for Texas governor Peter Bell) in 1851. After the Civil War, the adjacent Chisholm Trail brought many cattle drives through the area, and with them came cowboys with money to spend. The 1880's saw the creation of the city of Belton's storied courthouse and the arrival of Baylor Female College (now University of Mary Hardin-Baylor). Although Belton lost out to Temple as a railroad junction around this time, cotton kept the city's economy moving until the creation of nearby Fort Cavazos brought new life and new customers to the area and its businesses.

Though it has been renovated several times since the 1880's, Belton's Renaissance Revival-style courthouse is still standing today in the downtown square. It's part of an elegant historic district (of which Belton has five) that boasts more than 90 buildings built as far back as 1870. Also in downtown, the award-winning Bell County Museum offers visitors a look back into the history of not just Belton, but the land and the people that lived there for millennia before.

In fact, Belton's rich history pervades many of the unique attractions you'll find in town. Witness it as you shop for souvenirs of your trip at Cochran Blair & Potts, the oldest operating department store in the state. Taste it when you dine at The Gin at Nolan Creek, a restaurant housed within a 1920's-era cotton gin. Feel it as you walk the grounds of the South Belton Cemetery, an official Historic Texas Cemetery where several Confederate soldiers and early Belton settlers are interred.

Of course, today's Beltonians are busy writing their stories on the pages of the city's history books, and Belton is as bustling as ever. Known as "the live music capital of Bell County," you can hear just about any type of music drift through the night from inside the Cadence Bank Center or local hangouts like Dead Fish Grill and Schoepf's Bar-B-Que. The city's Market Days, held twice a year, are some of the best times to get out and meet some of the local business owners and bargain hunters.

Belton Things To Do

No matter what time of year, Belton offers many great locations for sightseeing, exercising, and just generally having a good time. It's definitely not the place to come if you've just started a diet. Belton has great BBQ, great lakeside dining, Italian cuisine, rooftop dining, Thai food, creekside dining, river side dining, and more, Belton has a medley of world flavors with great views.

Discover Historic Downtown Belton

Belton's downtown commercial district is both a great place to experience local history and a hotspot for unique dining and shopping opportunities. For the latter, the highlight is Cochran Blair & Potts, the oldest operating department store in the state. Nearly 100 other buildings that were built between 1870 and 1959 remain, including the majestic Bell County Courthouse, originally constructed in 1884.

Live It Up at the Lake

Belton is bordered by not one, but two large lakes that are home to some of the area's best camping, boating, and fishing. North of town you'll find Belton Lake, whose limestone bluffs and deep, clear water make it quite the scenic spot. But you'll want to do more than enjoy the scenery when you visit. The lake is perfect for skiing, tubing, boarding, swimming, and fishing, not to mention hiking at Miller Springs. At the *Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area* (BLORA), you can get in some paintball action or go horseback riding.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake, located just west of Belton, is one of the highest-rated lakes in the state for water quality. You can launch your boat from one of the handful of free ramps or stay close to the bank, with public swim beaches available and fishing allowed everywhere except restricted areas. The three parks around the lake offer dozens of covered picnic tables, charcoal grills, and restroom facilities, making it a fantastic place to come for a family picnic.

Belton Market Days

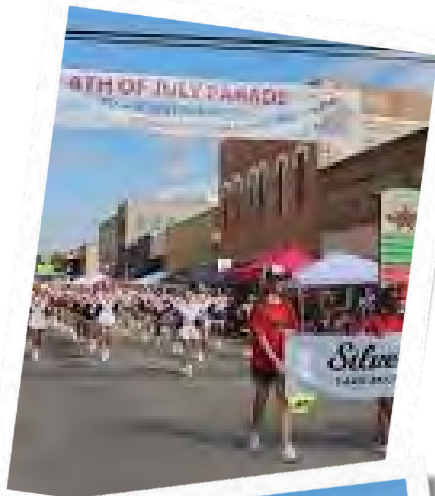
Twice a year, once during the spring and fall, downtown Belton becomes an outdoor bazaar during the town's Market Days. Central Avenue and the courthouse square are lined with vendors peddling all kinds of unique wares, from handmade jewelry and vintage clothing to sports cards and collectibles. Food vendors churn out Texas barbecue and other hot goodies, while area farmers sell locally grown, fresh seasonal produce. The event is a modern revival of Belton Merchants First Mondays, a time when the city's earliest townfolk would assemble to shop and swap in their Sunday finest.

See a World-Class Performance

It's easy to see a great concert, show, or other live events in Belton. Throughout the year, the 8,000 plus seat Cadence Bank Center hosts a wide array of dynamic events that help make Belton a favored destination for folks from all over the state. Some of the most popular annual events include the 4th of July PRCA Rodeo, the Central Texas State Fair, Bell County Comic Con, and the Bell County Youth Fair. The Cadence Bank Center has also helped Belton earn the nickname of "live music capital of Bell County." Big-name country and rock music acts to pass through in recent years include Casting Crowns, Parker McCollum, Foreigner, Tracy Lawrence, and Jon Pardi.

Belton Depot & The Katy Building

Built in 1899, the Belton Depot served as a train station for the Katy Railroad and later the Belton Railroad company for many decades until it fell into obscurity. Thanks to local developers it has been renovated into the latest retail hotspot downtown. New businesses have found their home in the old station complex including Off the Rails Wine Bar, Railway Express Diner, 100x35 Latin Cuisine, Sly Fox Coffee House, Warm Cookie Company, Pizza PieRos, Blackbird Books & Spirits, Early Light Creperie, Z&H Candy, Toys & Soda, and the Katy Deli.



Belton Things To Do

Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area

BLORA is Belton Lake's 89-acre home for watersports, camping, biking, paintball, and wildlife spotting. Stay in an on-site cottage or hook up your RV to one of the many full-featured pads. Kayak, canoe, ski, wakeboard, and tube rentals are available at the checkout center.

Cochran, Blair and Potts

Since 1884, Cochran, Blair and Potts has provided the good people of Belton with everything from coffee beans to coffins. You can still step into the oldest operating department store in the state for clothes or footwear, or some memorabilia from the in-store museum.

Dead Fish Grill

Come for the comfort food and stay for the most unbeatable view in town. Enjoy some surf and turf with a refreshing beer to wash it down as you look out over Belton Lake.

Miller's Smokehouse

Texas Monthly anointed this Belton eatery one of the 50 best barbecue joints in the world. It's known for its three versions of pork-and-beef sausage and brisket that practically melts in your mouth.

Miller Springs Nature Center

The 260 acres that comprise this nature park include 10 trail loops totaling over 10 miles of hiking, jogging, and biking space. The diverse ecosystem of wetlands, forest, canyon, and prairie land make for fantastic wildlife viewing.

Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail

This trail connects three parks in the heart of Belton: Liberty, Yettie Polk, and Harris Community. The latter features a butterfly garden, fishing deck, and splash pad, while the highlight of the trail is a 400-foot bridge over Nolan Creek.

Schoepf's Bar-B-Que

Schoepf's is well-known for serving up mouth-watering brisket and tender ribs to the folks in Belton. It has also become a hub for live Texas music, hosting a free concert series in the summer. Best of all, it's open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, so you can get three squares there in a single day if you just can't get enough of their barbecue.

South Belton Cemetery

An official Historic Texas Cemetery, South Belton is the final resting place for many of the earliest settlers of Belton and Bell County, with the earliest gravestone dating back to the year 1851.

The Gin at Nolan Creek

Get your fill of hearty meat and potatoes inside a former cotton gin that was built in the late 1920s. During the warmer months, you can hear live music on Thursday through Saturday nights or simply hang out on the patio that overlooks the creek.

The Beltonian

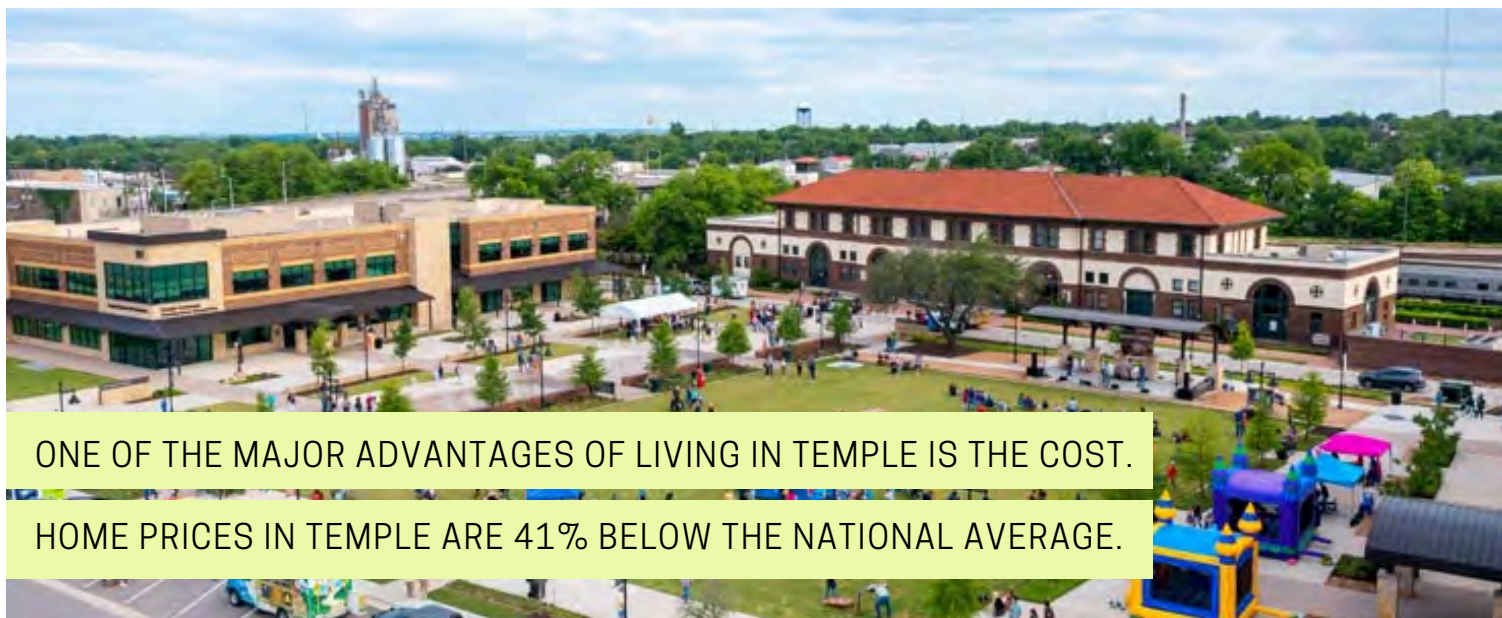
Classic movies and live events since 1922. This historical movie theatre in the heart of Downtown Belton, Texas showcases classic movies.

Grand Avenue Theater

On May 4, 2012, Belton's very own Grand Avenue Theater was opened. A group of active community members saw a chance to meet a need in the Belton area for a family-friendly movie theater. A place to meet, dine, and enjoy. From the get-go, "Clean. Courteous. Classy." was used as a guiding principle for the quality and service. With community events like National Night Out, Movies in the Park, and others, Grand Avenue seeks to continually serve and better our community. The people of Central Texas have graciously supported this theater, and the staff and Grand Avenue hopes to support them for many years to come.



Temple



ONE OF THE MAJOR ADVANTAGES OF LIVING IN TEMPLE IS THE COST.

HOME PRICES IN TEMPLE ARE 41% BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

Where is Temple, Texas?

Perfectly positioned on the I-35 corridor, Temple is a stone's throw from Waco and a 45-minute drive from Austin. San Antonio and the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex are roughly two hour drives that give you access to international airports, pro sports, and major attractions.

Temple offers the perfect compromise between welcoming small-town living and the hustle of a big city. Striking a balance between vibrancy and livability, Temple continues to grow its amenities for residents, while maintaining a safe, family-friendly, caring culture. Whether it is the scenic parks and trails, the family friendly atmosphere, or the unique neighborhoods with Texas charm you'll find something here for everyone.

Affordable Living and Ample Choices

Temple, Texas has evolved from its humble beginnings as a settlement for railroad workers into a thriving city with a rich housing market. Today, it offers a diverse range of affordable housing options, making it an attractive destination for individuals and families. With a stable economy, rising job opportunities and a lower cost of living compared to larger urban areas, Temple provides the best of both worlds.

A Place for Lifelong Learning

In Temple the community prides itself on robust education from distinguished public and private K-12 schools to advanced colleges and universities.

Temple ISD is a diverse, vibrant 6A school district in Central Texas with more than 8,700 students excelling in advanced

academics, fine arts, athletics and career and technical education programs. Over 200 National Merit Scholar Award Winners have graduated from Temple High School.

Higher and Continuing Education

Temple and the surrounding Central Texas region is home to eight colleges, universities, and institutes.

Private Schools

A number of excellent private schools provide religiously-affiliated, special education, and academically-focused options for students. Average student to faculty ratio is 7:1, and families benefit from lower costs on private tuition compared to the national average.

Industry Diversity

Dive into Temple's vibrant industry landscape, where arts, education, healthcare, logistics, manufacturing, engineering, tech, and finance converge to offer a rich tapestry of career paths.

Temple, Texas has established itself as a leader in healthcare and innovation, driven by the presence of prominent institutions such as Baylor Scott & White Health. With a highly skilled workforce and a diverse range of services, Temple offers high-quality health care to its residents and attracts patients from across the region. The city's commitment to excellence, innovation and patient-centered care continues to shape its thriving health care sector and foster the development of cutting-edge medical technologies.

Temple Things To Do

An Ideal Escape from the Daily Grind

Nestled in the heart of Central Texas, the Temple area offers a perfect blend of delightful weather and an abundance of outdoor recreational activities, making it an idyllic retreat from the monotony of everyday life. From breathtaking parks and scenic trails to invigorating water sports, boating, fishing and wildlife viewing, Temple presents a haven for the entire family to indulge in nature's wonders.

Water Lovers: Dive into Adventure

The state-of-the-art Lions Junction Water Park is a premier attraction within Temple. Featuring a 300-foot lazy river, two thrilling 30-foot water slides, a beach-entry pool and a deep-water pool, complete with a diving board and rock-climbing wall, this water park magnetizes families from all over Central Texas.

When the heat gets intense, families can enjoy a quick and refreshing cooldown at one of Temple's various splash pads. Ferguson Park houses an interactive splash pad with eleven colorful sprayers enthralling children (of all ages!). Similarly, Miller Park and West Temple Park offer delightful splash pads throughout the summer. Moreover, the City of Temple operates four public pools across town, providing additional options for aquatic leisure.

Lakeside Bliss: Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lakes

A mere three miles beyond Temple's city limits, Belton Lake sprawls across 12,385 acres along the Leon River. A vital water supply, a sanctuary for fish and wildlife, and a recreational paradise, Belton Lake is a true gem. The lake offers a range of amenities, including boat ramps, lakeside marinas, bank fishing access, swimming areas, camping spots, picnicking sites, scenic hiking trails and prime locations for wildlife enthusiasts.

Temple Lake Park at Belton Lake caters to swimmers with its designated swimming area, sandy beach, restrooms, picnic tables, boat ramps and a group shelter. Operated year-round by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, this park charges a small entry fee to maintain its facilities and ensure an exceptional experience.

Adjacent to Temple lies Stillhouse Hollow Lake, a breathtaking reservoir nestled within the Belton/Salado area. With over 58 miles of pristine shoreline, this 6,430-acre lake showcases a splendid array of activities such as boating, fishing, swimming, camping, picnicking, scenic trails, birdwatching, two charming parks and a lakeside marina. The opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts are endless.

Thrilling Adventures: Extreme Sports and More

For those seeking adrenaline-pumping experiences, Temple offers an assortment of extreme sports. At Miller Springs Nature Center, rock climbing and mountain biking enthusiasts can revel in a 260-acre scenic natural area between the Leon River and striking 110-foot-high bluffs near the Belton Lake Dam. This remarkable region features awe-inspiring scenic overlooks, winding trails, serene waterways and abundant wildlife.



Temple Things To Do

Thrill-seekers can enjoy skateboarding at the Temple Skate Park, scuba diving at Belton Lake or Stillhouse Hollow Lake and taking the plunge with Skydive Temple. Whether on land or in the air, Temple provides exhilaration for all seeking adventure.

Golfing Delights: Unleash Your Swing

Sammons Park Golf Course, a city-run golfing haven, invites golf enthusiasts to enjoy a memorable round. Complete with a clubhouse, golf cart facility, lighted driving range, putting green and restaurant, this course ensures a fulfilling day on the greens. For those seeking a private club experience, Wildflower Country Club offers an 18-hole course, tennis courts, a swimming pool, a restaurant and a pro shop.

Outdoor Fun for All: Pristine Parks and Recreational Gems

Temple prides itself on its immaculate parks and state-of-the-art recreational facilities. With an extensive network of over 25 miles of walking, hiking, and biking trails, playgrounds and various fitness opportunities, Temple seamlessly integrates recreation into an active lifestyle. The city organizes family-oriented programs, including youth camps, athletic leagues, a bark park for furry friends, pickleball courts and disc golf courses.

Recently unveiled in West Temple, Crossroads Park is a 260-acre state-of-the-art recreation complex. Operated by the City of Temple, this facility boasts baseball, softball, and soccer fields, tennis courts, a 27-hole disc golf course and other amenities. As a regional hub for recreational athletics, Crossroads Park attracts a diverse range of sports tournaments, fostering a vibrant sports culture within Temple.

In addition to Crossroads Park, Temple houses two additional disc golf courses at South Temple Community Park and Lions Park. These courses offer thrilling and challenging games.

One of Temple's highlights is the nationally recognized walking trail at Lions Park. This trail combines two distinct trail types. It meanders through a lower park section, revealing wetlands and a picturesque pecan grove. Along the hillside, walkers enjoy a cedar grove, a serene fishing pond, inviting pavilions and a captivating view of Temple. Lions Park also features the Rotary Club of Temple South Accessible Playground, designed to cater to children of all ages with disabilities and the Central Texas Bark Park. With so many options, your family will undoubtedly agree that the Temple area is an outdoor haven, offering an escape into nature's bounty.



Harker Heights

HARKER HEIGHTS OFFERS A UNIQUE BLEND OF SMALL TOWN HOSPITALITY AND THE CONVENIENCE OF CITY LIVING.



LOCATION

Situated in Bell County, Harker Heights, is a vibrant community located near Fort Cavazos. Just 4 miles southeast of Killeen and 56 miles north of Austin, it offers a strategic location within Central Texas.

The City of Harker Heights is a dynamic, actively growing community located in the fifth fastest growing Metropolitan Statistical Area in the State of Texas (source: POLICOM Crop Study). Harker Heights has experienced historic residential and commercial growth over the past few years.

In 2022, Harker Heights earned the prestigious designation as an official Certified Music Friendly Community by the State of Texas, adding to its allure as a dynamic hub of artistic expression.

As part of the thriving Killeen-Temple metropolitan area, Harker Heights enjoys a diverse population, drawing residents from all corners of the globe. With approximately 34,414 residents, the city embodies a blend of cultures, traditions, and experiences, making it a welcoming and inclusive community.

Whether you're exploring its scenic parks, attending local events, or simply enjoying the company of its friendly residents, Harker Heights offers a unique blend of small-town charm and big-city amenities. Harker Heights offers numerous recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Among the local parks and playgrounds are the Carl Levin City Park, Purser Family Park, Kern Park,

Skipcha Park, Cardinal Greenspace, Summit Soccer Complex, Booker Greenspace, and Sprint Park. Dana Peak and Stillhouse Hollow Lake provides facilities for fishing, hiking, camping, hunting, picnicking, and swimming. Golf lovers can also visit the Killeen Municipal Golf Course.

Killeen Independent School System (KISD)

KISD provides quality public education for the Citizens of Harker Heights. The KISD system serves the educational needs of the Cities of Harker Heights, Killeen, and Nolanville. In addition, the district serves associated areas of the County and Fort Hood. The district includes 30 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, and 5 high schools. Serving the City of Harker Heights are 4 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 1 high school. These schools and their contacts are as follows:

- Harker Heights Elementary
- Mountain View Elementary
- Nolanville Elementary
- Skipcha Elementary
- Eastern Hills Middle School
- Union Grove Middle School
- Harker Heights High School

Harker Heights Higher Education

Central Texas College, Central Texas A & M University, Temple College, Tarleton State University and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor are the nearby institutes of higher education.

Harker Heights Things To Do

Dana Peak Park

Enjoy a day of fishing and kayaking on the crystal clear waters of Stillhouse Hollow Lake or birding along Dana Peak Park's gorgeous, wooded trails. Pretty and pristine, Dana Peak Park is a natural paradise, enticing families and friends with loads of outdoorsy things to do. Stay the weekend at the Dana Peak Campground and wake up to a day of horseback riding, biking, or water sports.

Market Heights Shopping Center

Enjoy dozens of stores, services, and eateries at the 82-acre Market Heights Shopping Center, an inviting complex that features Target, Barnes & Noble, Cinemark, many boutiques, restaurants, and much more. Pick up the latest fashions, get your nails and hair done, grab a bite, and discover something new for the home.

Carl Levin Park

Stretch your legs at this charming 35-acre community park which includes a running and walking trail, gazebo, picnic pavilion, children's playground, outdoor pool, and plenty of greenspace. Host a family reunion, throw the frisbee for your pooch, and go for a swim. There's something here for everyone.

Stillhouse Hollow Lake

Less than 15 minutes from Harker Heights is Stillhouse Hollow Lake, the perfect place to spend the day or weekend fishing, boating, swimming, and picnicking. The 6,430-acre lake is stocked with many varieties of bass, as well as catfish and crappie. Enjoy an overnight stay or an afternoon of picnicking at Dana Peak Park, one of the top lakeside recreational areas.

Painting with a Twist

Sip, socialize, and create your own personal work of art at this lively creative studio. Painting with a Twist is the perfect spot for a girl's night out, showers, date night, and family fun. Pop in and paint, or attend a regular themed, in-studio event.

Boulders Climbing Center

Whether you're a rock-climbing enthusiast or a total beginner, Boulders Climbing Center is the place to be. Enjoy 40-foot realistic walls with top rope stations, auto-belays, lead wall, bouldering area with a free-standing boulder, slab, and cave. There's also a fitness area, a climbing training area, and a lounge deck for playing board games or foosball!

Union Grove Park


Located on the southwestern shore of Stillhouse Hollow Lake, Union Grove Park is a favorite spot to relax and enjoy the beauty of Central Texas. The park offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities, including watersports, hiking, biking, horseback riding, picnicking, large group pavilions, hunting, and fishing.

Central Texas Theatre

Staging dynamic performances for children and adults for more than 40 years, the Central Texas Theatre, also known as Vives Les Artes, is a fantastic place to take in a play or musical. Catch family favorites, comedies, and dramas at this popular venue, which offers year-round arts programming.



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

The Village of Salado, Texas, is a friendly, vibrant, rural community with 2,394 residents located in the rolling hills of Bell County. Salado has a land area of 2.8 square miles. The Village is located between the cities of Waco and Austin. Tourists visit the Village to enjoy Salado Creek, Salado's Cultural Arts District, unique boutiques, and 2,000 acres of surrounding beauty, with opportunities for picnicking, hiking, and fishing, along with desirable employment and educational opportunities.

Located 50 miles north of Austin and 50 miles south of Waco is central Texas' escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Our year-round, spring-fed Salado Creek winds through the historic district, past our legendary shopping boutiques and the galleries of our world-renowned artists, and out to the picturesque Mill Creek Country Club. The Village of Salado offers a quiet respite in the heart of Texas, an inspiring place where passion, creativity, and community flourish.

Salado has been inspiring people for generations, beginning with the Tonkawa Native Americans who camped along the lush banks of the creek, and extending to the American settlers who arrived permanently in the 1850s. The founders of Salado established one of the nation's first coeducational colleges, Salado College, which brought many visionary families to the area and established it as a beacon of culture. Salado's early development was also defined by its location

along the stagecoach route and the Chisholm Trail, both of which brought a steady influx of visitors that helped to establish one of the oldest hotels in Texas, now known as the Stagecoach Inn.

In the 1960s, Salado became known for the haute couture shop of Grace Jones, a former WASP and model who attracted a worldly clientele including Lady Bird Johnson and Liz Carpenter.

Today, Salado is a diverse, creative destination that continues to inspire with its artists, boutiques, wineries, microbrewery, fine restaurants, and more. Designated a Cultural District by the Texas Commission on the Arts due to our dynamic community of world-renowned artists, a visit to Salado wouldn't be complete without checking out the studios and galleries of our glassblowers, potters, jewelers, painters, and more. The Stagecoach Inn pays homage to our rich past while also forging a modern identity of rustic luxury. In Salado, you'll enjoy one-of-kind shopping experiences, world-class food, exciting art, and a sense of serenity found nowhere else.

WHY SALADO?

Salado offers a thriving creative and cultural arts community, unique shopping and dining, historic lodging, bed and breakfasts, live music concerts, and a growing number of wineries and breweries. Salado's current rate of economic growth has created an ideal location for new businesses and their families to prosper.

Salado Things To Do

Psalado Museum & College Park

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

“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.

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.

Gault 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”.

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.

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.

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.

