



Brazos on a Budget

On a budget? Waco & the Heart of Texas offers many ways to spend your time without spending all your money. Note that prices are subject to change, and some attractions are only free at specific times or under specific circumstances.

9:00 am Baylor Bear Habitat

Allow 30 minutes to visit the bears. Begin your day at the Baylor Campus. The Bill and Eva Williams Bear Habitat exemplifies the dedication of Baylor University to its beloved Baylor Bear mascots. The bears' environment features a waterfall, pools, caves, deadfall trees and digging areas. It is the most visited attraction on the Baylor campus.



9:45 am Armstrong Browning Library



Allow 1 hour to tour the Browning Library and Museum. "How do I love thee . . ." Enjoy a guided tour of the world's largest collection of historic and personal effects of the great British poets Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. The Armstrong Browning Library includes 62 breathtaking stained glass windows depicting the Brownings' poetry.

11:00 am Historic Waco Suspension Bridge and Cameron Park

Allow 2 hours to explore the park and enjoy a picnic lunch. Cameron Park is one of the state's largest municipal parks and has been awarded National Trails System recognition. The 416 acres of Cameron Park offer something for everyone. For the water lover, the Brazos and Bosque Rivers make for a fun day of fishing, canoeing, or kayaking, complete with easy-access boat ramps. Hiking and biking trails are available for all skill levels. There are also playgrounds, picnic areas, and disc golf courses. The park underwent major renovations in 2010 – it's 100th anniversary. The Historic Waco Suspension Bridge is hailed as the first bridge across the Brazos. At one time, it served as the river crossing for the Chisholm Trail. Great photo ops abound at the bridge and among the 'Branding on the Brazos' statues that adorn the entrance to the bridge.

1:15 pm Masonic Grand Lodge

Allow 45 minutes for tour. The Masonic Grand Lodge includes both a library and a museum loaded with historic artifacts ranging from a lock of Sam Houston's hair to Ben Milam's gun. The other installations at the Masonic Lodge in Texas include a large military exhibit, Masonic relics, railroad artifacts, and an exhibit dedicated to the Nazi persecution of Freemasons during the Holocaust.

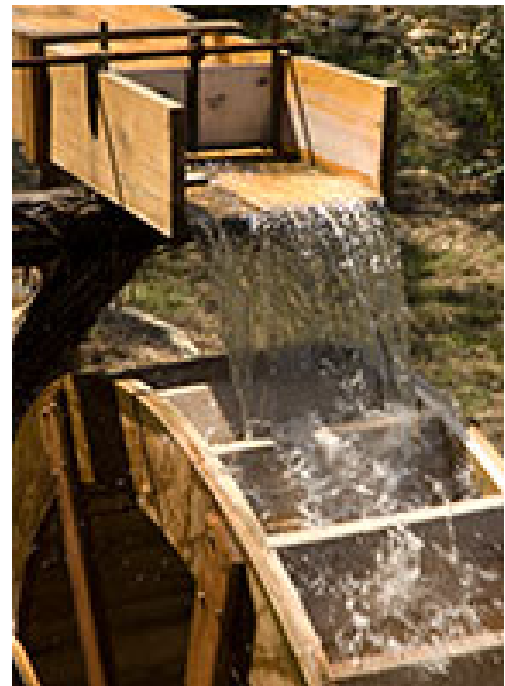


2:15 pm Arabians, Ltd.

Allow one hour to tour. As one of the world's most successful breeders of straight Egyptian Arabians, Arabians Ltd. has been producing Egyptian Arabian champions for the past 30 years and helping clients breed their dream Arabians. You'll admire the beautiful horses, and even get to pet and feed some of them!

3:30 pm Homestead Heritage Traditional Crafts Village

Allow 1.5- 2 hours for self-guided tour. Celebrate life as it used to be - and continues to be - within this homestead. Tour the potter's house, gristmill, forge, fiber crafts, & wood shop. You won't want to leave without purchasing some homemade baked goods and handmade crafts! The craft village is open until 6 pm.



Waco & the Heart of Texas tourism staff and volunteers are happy to assist with hotel and restaurant selection, serve as step-on guides and more. For details, call Susan Morton, 254-750-8610.