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CAMERON PARK ZOO, SURPRISE THE HAPPIEST SURTEXAS!

CAMERONPARKZOO.COM







1701 N. 4th St, Waco 254.**750.8400** Mon-Sat 9am-5pm Sun 11am-5pm

Welcome to –

Conveniently located on I-35 in the center of the state, just 90 miles from Dallas and Austin, Waco has long been known as the "Heart of Texas." Named after the Waco Indian tribe, the town was incorporated in 1856 and was the crossroads of early Texas. The Chisholm and Shawnee Trails both came through Waco on their way to northern cattle markets.

Today, Waco is a diverse, bustling city of 130,194, with a university, two colleges, over 40 hotels and 300+ restaurants. We are home to the famous Magnolia Market, owned by HGTV "Fixer Upper" stars Chip and Joanna Gaines, and the home of Dr Pepper.

Explorer our lively cultural district. Discover open-air festivals and concerts by the river, top sporting events, a popular Saturday morning farmers market, "First Fridays" downtown, theatre, movies, live music (of all kinds), rodeo, comedy, dance, art galleries, and a world-class symphony orchestra.

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CAMERON PARK ZOO

The Cameron Park Zoo rests on 52 acres adjacent to the Brazos River. Lush native vegetation, splashing waterfalls, a picturesque lake and ponds surround different natural habitats that are home to giraffes, lions, white rhino and elephants. The Asian Forest features critically endangered orangutans, Sumatran tigers, and Komodo dragons. Other residents include gibbons, lemurs, Galapagos tortoises and the Brazos River Country's variety of North American animals that live on the Brazos River. Enjoy a 50,000-gallon coral reef salt water aquarium and the playful river otters as they swim around the children who slide through the otter exhibit.

Hours: 9 am-5 pm *(Monday – Saturday)* 11 am-5 pm *(Sunday)*

1701 N. 4th St., Waco, TX 76707 (254) 750-8400 • cameronparkzoo.com Admission Charge

DR PEPPER MUSEUM & FREE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

A museum dedicated to Dr Pepper, the nation's oldest major soft drink. The museum offers two buildings of exhibits featuring many different soft drinks and the new Emerson Holt – Ted Getterman Gallery. Exhibits change regularly. Visit Frosty's Soda Shop and Peggy Pepper's Emporium anytime without paying admission.

Hours: 10 am-5:30 pm (Monday – Saturday) and Noon-5:30 pm (Sunday) (Last Ticket Sold at 4 pm)

300 S. 5th St., Waco, TX 76701 (254) 757-1025 • drpeppermuseum.com Admission Charge

Waco is the birthplace of Dr Pepper!

HISTORY OF WEST MUSEUM

Galleries in the museum include a replica of the early pioneer town of West, farming and ranching, military and veterans, an ancestor's gallery, Czech Heritage gallery, and a memorial gallery dedicated to the heroes of the April 17, 2013 fertilizer plant explosion.

Hours: 10 am-4 pm (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

112 E. Oak St. West, TX 76691

(254) 826-4639 historyofwestmuseum.com FREE Admission

HOMESTEAD CRAFT VILLAGE

Homestead Craft Village, located 10 miles outside Waco, offers shopping, dining, and self-guided tours. The 18 acre complex includes a 200-year old Barn, Potter's House, a woodworking shop, a restored 1760 gristmill, fiber arts, herb garden, and more. Café Homestead, serving natural beef and homemade baked goods, is one of the top-rated restaurants in the Waco area.

Hours: 10 am-6 pm (Monday – Saturday)

608 Dry Creek Rd. Waco, TX 76705

(254) 754-9600 homesteadcraftvillage.com <u>FREE Admission. Gu</u>ided Tours

Are Available By Appointment

History of West Museum

Located 12 miles north of Waco in the small, Czech community of West, the museum showcases the arrival of early settlers, the railroad, farming & ranching, military veterans and the Czech & German immigrants who brought their unique social and cultural heritage.





Thursday – Saturday 10am-4pm Free admission

> 112 E. Oak St. West, TX 76691 (254) 826-4639

historyofwestmuseum.com

MAYBORN MUSEUM COMPLEX

The Mayborn Museum Complex, on the campus of Baylor University, brings together the resources of hands-on discovery rooms and interactive natural science and cultural history galleries. This rich combination provides a wide spectrum of engaging learning opportunities for visitors of all ages. The complex also includes the Gov. Bill & Vara Daniel historic village, depicting life in Texas from the late 1800s to the early 20th century, plus a theatre, gift shop, and snack bar.

Hours: 10 am-5 pm (*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday*) 10 am-8 pm (*Thursday*), 1 pm-5 pm (*Sunday*)

1300 S. University Parks Dr., Waco, TX 76706

(254) 710-1110 • maybornmuseum.com Admission Charge

Fun for all ages!

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TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

One of the most popular attractions in the state, the **Texas Ranger Hall of Fame** & Museum is the official State Hall of Fame and Museum for the Texas Rangers. History buffs, gun collectors and those enchanted by the Wild West and Ranger lore will love it here. The museum's 14.000 artifacts date back to the early days of Texas, and include badges, firearms, tack and personal gear. **Displays include a Bonnie** & Clyde exhibit, and memorabilia from The Lone Ranger and Walker, Texas Ranger. The Hall of Fame commemorates 30 brave Rangers who died in service and served with distinction.



SHOP THE TEXAS RANGER MUSEUM GIFT SHOP! SPECIALTY ITEMS MADE IN THE TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM, BOOKS, COFFEE MUGS, T-SHIRTS, REPLICAS, TOYS, DECOR, JEWELRY & MORE!



Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. We ship worldwide. Open 9am to 4:30pm CST daily. Closed Thanksgiving. Chistmas and New Years Day. Toll free phone: (877) 750-8631 Email: thestore@texasranger.org

http://texasranger.org/store/store.htm

Hours: 9 am-5 pm (*Daily*) Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Last guest admitted at 4:30 pm

100 Texas Ranger Trail, Waco, TX 76706

(254) 750-8631 • texasranger.org Admission Charge

TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Featuring legends like Nolan Ryan, Troy Aikman, Tom Landry, and "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame celebrates the athletes who have made a lasting impact on Texas sports. The 35,000-square-foot building also includes the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame, the Nolan Ryan Museum, the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, and the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame.

BASEBALL

Hours: 9 am-5 pm (Monday – Saturday)

1108 S. University Parks Dr. Waco, TX 76706

(254) 756-1633 texasranger.org Admission Charge

WACO DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

Operating year-round, the Waco Downtown Farmers Market is much more than a place to buy fresh produce. It's the place to hear live music, enjoy good food prepared on site, and see locally created artwork and crafts. The market features the best local agricultural producers and artisan vendors within 150 miles of Waco.

Hours: 9 am-1 pm (Saturdays) Location: McLennan County Courthouse Parking Lot, 5th & Washington

wacodowntownfarmersmarket.com FRFF Admission

WACO HISPANIC MUSEUM

A museum dedicated to preserving Hispanic culture and promoting Hispanic involvement in Waco and Central Texas.

Location: South Waco Community Center

2815 Speight Ave., Waco, TX 76711 (254) 548-9730

WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT

In July 2015, this site was declared a National Monument due to its historical significance. This paleontological site represents the nation's only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Columbian mammoths. Visitors can view "in situ" fossils including female mammoths, a bull mammoth, and a camel that lived approximately 67,000 years ago.

Hours: 9 am-5 pm (Monday – Sunday)

6220 Steinbeck Bend Drive, Waco, TX 76708 (254) 750-7946 • wacomammoth.com Admission Charge

1990, the fossil remains of 22 Columbian mammoths were discovered.

Between 1978 and



– Historic Homes of WACO

Waco offers five restored historic homes. These house museums contain furnishings typical of the period and, in some cases, original to the house. Special exhibits can be seen throughout the year at Fort House. Please check the websites for hours. Some are by appointment only.

EAST TERRACE

(Italianate Villa, 1874 - 1884)

100 Mill St., Waco, TX 76704 (254) 753-5166 • historicwaco.org Admission Charge

EARLE-NAPIER-KINNARD HOUSE

(Greek Revival, 1858 - 1869)

814 S. 4th St., Waco, TX 76706 (254) 753-5166 • historicwaco.org Admission Charge

THE EARLE-HARRISON HOUSE & PAPE GARDENS (Greek Revival, 1858)

1901 N. 5th Street Waco, TX 76708 (254) 753-2032 earleharrison.com

Admission Charge and Reservations Required

FORT HOUSE MUSEUM

(Greek Revival, 1868)

503 South 4th Street Waco, TX 76706 (254) 753-5166 historicwaco.org Admission Charge

MCCULLOCH HOUSE

(Greek Revival, 1866 - 1872)

407 Columbus Ave. Waco, TX 76701 (254) 753-5166 historicwaco.org Admission Charge





Start Where it All Began...





McCulloch House





East Terrace

Earle-Napier-Kinnard House

Tour Waco History at its Finest

HISTORIC WACO FOUNDATION

(254) 753-5166 • historicwaco.org

Fraternal MUSEUMS

LEE LOCKWOOD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

2801 W. Waco Dr. Waco, TX 76707

(254) 754-3942 leelockwood.org

Hours: 9 am-4 pm (Monday – Friday) FREE Admission



MASONIC GRAND LODGE

715 Columbus Ave., Waco, TX 76701

(254) 753-7395 • grandlodgeoftexas.org

Hours: 10 am-2 pm (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) FREE Admission

REDMEN MUSEUM

4521 Speight Ave., Waco, TX 76711

(254) 756-1221 • redmen.org/museum

Hours: 8 am-4:30 pm (Monday – Friday) FREE Admission

> The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas is the oldest continuously operated organization in the State of Texas.

Waco's SHOPPING

Waco has recently become known as a destination for specialty shopping. Although it is impossible to list all retail shopping in Waco, we list for your convenience those shops within a mile radius of Magnolia Market, offering home décor and specialty items especially for our Magnolia visitors. We also list some of Waco's collections of shops.

MAGNOLIA MARKET

Magnolia Market and its famous landmark silos occupy two city blocks in downtown Waco. Owned by HGTV "Fixer Upper" stars Chip and Joanna Gaines, the store offers items in Joanna's unique style. Admission to the complex is FREE. Visitors can play free games on the lawn or picnic in the shade. Food trucks, Silos Baking Co., and Magnolia Seed and Supply round out the complex.

DOWNTOWN SPECIALTY SHOPS AND COLLECTIONS OF SHOPS

Please Note: Some of these shops are open limited hours or by appointment only. Specialty shops listed here are located within a mile of Magnolia Market. Malls and collections of shops are located within the county, and are indicated with an asterisk (*).

Anthem Studio

601 Franklin (254) 207-8998

ARtich Resale 2420 Washington Ave. (254) 757-0982

Barefool Campus Onlitter 1508 Speight Ave. (254) 230-4405

Cameron Trading Co* 618 Austin Ave. (254) 756-7662

Gedar Chest Antiques* 31707 W. HWY 84 (254) 840-2300

Central Texas Marketplace*

2400 W. Loop 340 (254) 662-5700

Christi's 1023 Austin Ave. (254) 135-1047

Graft Gallery*

7524 Bosque Blvd. (254) 751-0693

Fox & Gray 300 S. 6th St. (254) 732-3548

Harp Design Company 808 N. 15th St. (254) 230-2054

Herbert Annos Clothiers 1508 Speight Ave., Ste. 150 (254) 340-4233

Hey Sugar 808 Austin Ave. (254) 339-1700

Honey's Home + Style 1700 Austin Ave. (254) 754-3311

Junk Exchange

606 N. 18th St. (254) 640-9722





CRAFIS BATH & BODY GREETING CARDS BABY GIFTS JEWELRY VINTAGE FINDS Kids CLOTHING CANDLES COLLEGIATE SHOES SOUVENIRS MEN'S GIFTS Home Décor Stationery



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MON-SAT 10-6 & SUN 12-5

SpiceWaco.com o



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The Junky Monkey 1715 La Salle Ave. **(254) 214-7359**

Junque in the Trunk 910 La Salle Ave. (254) 749-1849

Junque Queens 1518 Austin Ave. (254) 717-9760

Latirange 1522 Austin Ave. (254) 292-3000

Lane's on Austin 1601 Austin Ave. (254) 754-3641

LaSalle Shoppes* 2223 La Salle Ave. (254) 753-20<u>59</u>

Laverty's 600 N. 18th St. (254) 734-3238

Magnolia Silos 601 Webster (254) 235-6111

Mainstream Bouilque 600 Franklin Ave., Ste. E (254) 300-8054

Marilyn's Gift Gallery 818 Elm Ave. (254) 755-8218

Interior Glow 601 Franklin Ave. (254) 315-7686

Mary Avenue Market* 300 S 6th St.

Maud Elizaboth 1526 Austin Ave. (254) 300-3816

Melange Boutique 708 Austin Ave. (254) 741-9393

Papilion Antiques 1025 Austin Ave. (254) 235-0922

Hichland Mail* 6001 W. Waco Dr. (254) 776-6631

Riverside Relics 1105 La Salle Ave. (254) 733-8365

Riversquare Center* 213 Mary Ave. Roots Boutique 201 2nd St. (254) 759-1771

Salvage Sisters 1708 Austin Ave. (254) 235-0735

Savage Finds 324 S. 6th St. (254) 739-9990

Shabby La Chie 1522 Austin Ave. (903) 388-7012

Shades of Shabby 926 La Salle Ave. (936) 334-2297

Show and Tell Antiques 1525 Morrow Ave. (254) 752-5372

Simple Irresistible 1018 Austin Ave.

Sironia* 1509 Austin Ave. (254) 7<u>54-7467</u>

2nd & Franklin (254) 757-0921 (213 Mary Ave.)

The Findery 501 S. 8th St. (254) 235-1777

The Vibe Market (McGregor) 501 S. 8th St. (254) 715-4745

Warehouse at the Findery

910 Webster Ave. (254) 235-1777

Waco Downtown Farmers Market McLennan County Courthouse Parking Lot, on Washington between 5th and 6th

W Promotions 906 Austin Ave. (254) 753-3411

Whinsically Boolique 112 N. 25th St. (254) 235-1405

Wildland Supply Co. 721 Washington Ave. (254) 732-1096

*Malls and Collections of Shops



HOME DECOR & GIFTS







7524 Bosque Blvd # I Waco, TX 76712 254-751-0693 craftgallerygiftstore.com

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Waco has a thriving arts scene, including murals, sculptures, working artist studios, and much more throughout downtown and beyond.

WACO DOWNTOWN CULTURAL DISTRICT

The Waco Downtown Cultural District is a walkable, connected area with a concentration of cultural activity and encompasses Waco's Historic and Main Street zones on both banks of the river. Murals, sculptures, artist studios, attractions, shopping, restaurants, and beautiful historic buildings are all part of this important district.

ARMSTRONG BROWNING LIBRARY

This Italian Renaissance-style building holds the world's largest collection of works and memorabilia of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, plus bronze sculptures, Renaissance paintings, books, and manuscripts from the 19th century. The stained-glass windows depict Browning themes.

710 Speight Ave., Waco, TX 76706 (254) 710-3566 browninglibrary.org FREE Admission



ART CENTER WACO

The center features rotating exhibits of various media—paintings, sculptures, woodcarvings, pottery and weaving—in a Mediterranean-style home with a courtyard.

1300 College Drive, Waco, TX 76708 (254) 752-4371 • artcenterwaco.org FREE (Donations Suggested)

ART FORUM OF WACO

Art gallery, working artist studios and classes.

1826 Morrow Ave., Waco, TX 76707 (254) 652-5119 • facebook.com/waco.art.forum

JUBILEE THEATRE

Originally called the Texas Theatre, a movie house built in the late 1930s. The Jubilee Theatre was renovated in the '90s and now hosts plays, meetings, creative dance, summer youth camps, and special events.

1319 N. 15th St., Waco, TX 76707 (254) 753-4900 • jubileetheatre-waco.org FREE Admission

MARTIN MUSEUM OF ART (on Baylor campus)

Museum features exhibits by national and international artists and touring historical art shows. Permanent collection of modern and contemporary painting, sculpture and prints.

60 Baylor Ave., Waco, TX 76706 (Inside Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center) (254) 710-1867 • baylor.edu/martinmuseum

STANTON STUDIOS

Bryant Stanton is famous for his stained glass work, but he also creates architectural art. His work can be found in cathedrals and buildings across the state of Texas. Many of the stained glass pieces in the Driskill Hotel in Austin, Texas were created and built in their studio.

318 Rogers Hill Rd. Waco, TX 76705

(254) 829-115 stantonstudiostx.com

WACO CIVIC THEATRE

Classical & modern plays are presented in this circa-1950 theatre.

1517 Lake Air Dr. Waco, TX 76710

(254) 776-159 wacocivictheatre.org The most rewarding live music experience in Central Texas

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For concert information: www.WacoSymphony.com

245-754-0851

WACO HIPPODROME THEATRE

Constructed in 1914, the theatre originally hosted vaudeville acts and silent movies. Today, the Hippodrome presents new and classic movies, plays and concerts, plus in-theatre dining. The mezzanine level restaurant and bar overlooks historic Austin Avenue.

<u>724 Aust</u>in Ave., Waco, TX 76701

(254) 296-9000 wacohippodrometheatre.com

Waco Hippodrome was built in 1914.

WACO HISPANIC MUSEUM

A museum dedicated to preserving Hispanic culture and promoting Hispanic involvement in Waco and Central Texas.

2815 Speight Ave. Waco, TX 76712

(254) 548-9730

WACO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Waco Symphony Orchestra has been a cornerstone of Waco culture since the early 1960s. The season runs from September through April and features world-class guest artists and beautiful music from celebrated composers. Stephen Heyde, Conductor/Music Director.

600 Austin Ave. Waco, TX 76701 (Concerts Performed at Waco Hall)

(254) 754-1035 wacosymphony.com

H<u>IPPODROM</u>E

The Waco Hippodrome Theatre is your source for films both new and old, live music, comedy and theatre. The Hippodrome is also home to Waco's most uniuqe dining experience, boasting full service in-theatre dining and a restaurant & bar.

> 724 Austin Avenue WacoHippodromeTheatre.com





GUIDED TOURS

BLUESKY HELICOPTER TOURS

Several helicopter tours are offered, including Scenic City Tour, Lake Waco Tour, Sunset Tour, and Night Vision Goggles tour, ranging from 10 to 30 minutes.

(800) 935-9218 blueskyhelicoptertours.com

LIVING HISTORY TOURS OF WACO° BY SNOBBY TOURS°, INC."

Guided themed heritage tours covering the past 170+ years of Waco history, gathered through personal stories, written records, oral accounts, and even some local "legends and lore". Each "Living History Tour" may be guided by either a local historian or by a costumed historical reenactor portraying a real life person from Waco's colorful past. Reservations must be made at least 45 days in advance of the group's desired tour date. There is a 10 person minimum.

Toll-Free: **1.866.284.8687** (From Inside U.S.A.) International: **011.254.754.8687**

(254) 754-8687 snobbytours.com/wacotours.html Group Tours

WACO RIVER SAFARI

This scenic river tour is full of interesting history and fascinating views of the Brazos and Bosque rivers. Relax as you embark on a tour through downtown Waco and up the Bosque River. Learn about the Suspension bridge, Huaco Indians and how the Brazos shaped Waco today. Sunset dinner cruises also also available.

(254) 981-4279 wacoriversafari.com Ticketed Tours

WACO TOURS

The tours are run by Luke and Rachel Whyte and David Ridley, good friends whose homes were renovated on a popular TV show based in Waco, Texas. The tours provide an inside look at the many things to do and places to see in Waco. From Baylor to the Brazos River, Cameron Park to the Suspension Bridge, the tours will show you Waco's history, homes and hidden gems. Both private tours (5 person minimum) and shared tours are available.

(254) 300-8725 waco-tours.com Ticketed Tours (7 Days a Week)



CHECK OUT OUR EXCELLENT REVIEWS!

We will help ensure your time in Waco is meaningful and memorable.

Book your tour online, and let us show you around!

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Waco's SPECIALTY TOURS

BALCONES DISTILLERY

Come behold the beautiful copper pot stills from Scotland, see grain silos and fermenters, and explore the award-winning flavors of Balcones in a fun and also educational experience that walks you through the whisky making



that walks you through the whisky making process from grain to glass. *Tours are available through website booking only.*

225 S. 11th St., Waco, TX 76701

(254) 755-6003 balconesdistilling.com

MCLANE STADIUM TOURS

90-minute guided tours of McLane Stadium, home of the 2014 Big 12 Champion Baylor Bears and also Central Texas' new state-of-the-art entertainment and sports venue. The tours include: Baylor locker room, Presidential Level, press box, recruit lounge, the Baylor Club and field access.

mclanestadium.com/mclane-stadium-tours

WACO ANTIQUE SHOPPING WITH KAT

Offers area antiquing shopping tours—personally guided and curated by Kat, on charter transportation.

(409) 276-7129 wacojunqueandfunque.com/contact

MALANE STADIUM

Recreation & OUTDOORS ATTRACTIONS

BICYCLE WORLD

Rent a mountain bike or a bicycle built for two to start your Waco adventure.

215 S. University Parks Dr., Waco, TX 76701

(254) 300-4448 visitbicycleworld.com/locations/waco

BILL & EVA WILLIAMS BEAR HABITAT

The Bear Habitat is home to Baylor's two mascots, Joy and Lady. The bear was chosen as Baylor's mascot in 1914, when students voted to name the bear the official "Patron Saint of all Baylordom." The first bear to arrive on campus was a gift from soldiers stationed in Waco in 1917.

5th St. & ML Daniel Esplanade, Waco, TX 76706 (Next door to the Bill Daniel Student Center)

(800) 229-5678 baylor.edu/bear/index.php?id=82037 FREE Admission

BRAZOS BLUFFS STABLES

Rent a horse for a leisurely ride along the Brazos River.

1200 Bluff Branch Rd., Waco, TX 76705 (254) 829-0300 • brazosbluffsranch.com

BRAZOS RIVER

The Brazos River winds through downtown Waco and is a recreational hub for visitors and Wacoans alike. Rent a kayak, canoe, or paddleboard and enjoy yourself!

BSR CABLE PARK

This state of the art water ski cable park allows skiers and wake boarders to be pulled around 12 acres of lake by a cable system. The park also has a beach, the world's longest Lazy River, and the tallest and longest water slide in the world. Rentals of equipment are available onsite.

5347 Old Mexia Rd., Waco, TX 76705 (254) 227-6388 • bsrcablepark.com Admission Charge Catch some air at the BSR Cable Park.

CAMERON PARK

The 416-acre park, a gift of the William Cameron family, offers towering oaks, two rivers, breathtaking cliffs overlooking the Brazos and Bosque Rivers, and a National Recreation Trail system. Mountain bikers and hikers share the park with disc golfers, picnickers, and bird watchers. Cameron Park is a natural treasure, and it's yours to explore.

(254) 750-5980

waco-texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation FREE Admission

CARLEEN BRIGHT ARBORETUM

This eight acre botanical garden boasts a certified Monarch way station, pond and waterfall, rose garden, two McLennan County Master Gardener demonstration gardens – the Texas Superstar Bed and Trailside Gardens – and the Todd Willis Nature Trail.

9001 Bosque Blvd., Woodway, TX 76712 (254) 399-9204 woodway-texas.com/carleen-bright-arboretum FREE Admission

HAWAIIAN FALLS WACO

This Waco water park features a wave pool, 800-foot-long lazy river (with free tubes), splash zones, and lots of slides like the six-story white-knuckler, Tempest Tower. The park is open from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day.

900 Lake Shore Drive, Waco, TX 76708 (254) 892-0222 • hfalls.com/waco Admission Charge

LAKE WACO

Lake Waco is open to all water sports - boating, jet skiing, water skiing, and swimming. The lake is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Fishing, bird watching, hiking and biking trails are also options.

(254) 756-5359 • swf-wc.usace.army.mil/waco Admission Charges at Some Parks

LAKE WACO WETLANDS

Created to mitigate the habitat loss when Lake Waco was raised by seven feet in the year 2000, the wetlands offers 3.5 miles of nature trails for hiking, bird watching, and photography. The Research and Education Center teaches school groups about water quality and conservation.

1752 Eichelberger Crossing Road Waco, TX 76633

(254) 848-9654 waco-texas.com/cms-wetlands

LIONS PARK

Lions Park is especially suited to younger children. A carousel, kiddieland rides, a train, putt putt golf and a new barrel ride. Seasonal hours.

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1716 N. 42nd St. Waco, TX 76710

(254) 772-4340 Rides and Activities Require Ticke

PURA VIDA PADDLE

Offering Stand up Paddle Boards for rent so that you can enjoy the river up close and personal. Also offering yoga classes on paddle boards.

(254) 741-9393 puravidapaddle.com

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Paddle along the Brazos River.

SKATE COUNTRY

Roller skating for all ages. Also has a 3-story indoor playground for kids under 10.

500 N. Loop 340 Waco, TX 76705

(254) 799-8899 skatecountrywaco.com Admission Charge

SKATE WORLD

Roller skating for all ages. Includes Laser Blast, the only indoor laser tag arena in central Texas.

401 Towne Oaks Dr. Waco, TX 76710

(254) 772-0042 skateworldwaco.com Admission Charge

WACO PADDLE CO.

Renting Paddle boards, single kayaks, double kayaks, and canoes for some fun on the Brazos River!

200 S. University Parks Dr. Waco, TX 76701

(254) 424-3253 wacopaddlecompany.com



DISC GOLF COURSES

Cameron Park, Brazos Park East, and Hewitt Park wacodga.com

COTTONWOOD CREEK GOLF COURSE

The 18-hole, par 72 municipal golf course winds through rolling plains and features pristine greens and landscaping. The golf course also features a pro shop and snack bar.

5201 Bagby Ave., Waco, TX 76711

(254) 745-6009 waco-texas.com/cms-cottonwoodcountryclub

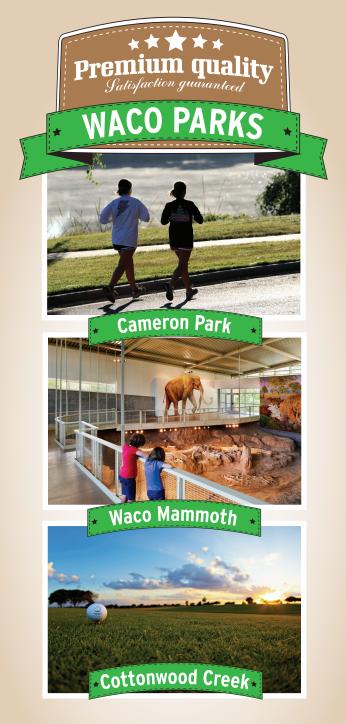
TWIN RIVERS GOLF CLUB

1000 Bear Ridge Dr., Waco, TX 76712

(254) 265-9394 • twinriversgolfclubwaco.com

LAKE WACO GOLF CLUB

5608 Flat Rock Rd., Waco, TX 76708 (254) 756-2161 • lakewacogolf.com



With riverfront parks, a National Monument and a pristine golf course, the City of Waco gives visitors the opportunity to discover and enjoy the Great Outdoors! www.waco-texas.com



BALCONES DISTILLING

This local craft distillery has been racking up awards since opening in 2008. The factory began in a small building on 17th St., and recently moved to its present location. Tours available through website booking only.

225 S. 11th St. Waco, TX 76701

(254) 755-6003 balconesdistilling.com

VALLEY MILLS VINEYARDS

Located halfway between Waco and the town of Valley Mills, this winery and tasting room features six varieties of grapes grown right here in Texas. Tours, classes, and live music events are held regularly, as are private parties and wine club get-togethers.

8532 Hwy. 6 North Waco, TX 76706

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(800) 848-4343 valleymillsvineyards.com

WACO WINERY & VINEYARDS

Formerly Tehuacana Creek Winery, this local winery is under new ownership. Check the website for hours open for tastings of their authentic Texas wines.

Vineyards: 6826 State Hwy. 6, Waco, TX 76705 Downtown Tasting Room: 708 Austin Ave. Waco, TX 76701

(254) 875-2375 wacowinery.com

KISSING TREE VINEYARDS

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109 3rd St. Eddy, TX 76524

(254) 859-8039 kissingtreevineyards.com

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2515 La Salle Ave. Waco, TX 76706

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— Points of — INTEREST

HISTORIC SUSPENSION BRIDGE (1870)

Waco's Suspension Bridge is the oldest suspension bridge still in use in Texas. Built in 1870, it was the first bridge to span the mighty Brazos River. Cattle drives crossed the river using the bridge, following the course of the Chisholm Trail or Shawnee Trail. An official Chisholm Trail marker can be seen on the east side of the bridge. On the west side, in Indian Spring Park, the "Branding the Brazos" cattle drive sculpture group pays homage to Waco's role in the historic Texas cattle drives.

Washington Ave. at University Parks Drive to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at Elm St. *No Admission Charge*

RIVERWALK

The Riverwalk is found on both sides of the Brazos River in downtown Waco. On the west side, the paved walk extends from Baylor University all the way to McLennan Community College, via Cameron Park. The riverwalk trail within Cameron Park is not paved, while the rest of the trail is made of concrete and is ADA accessible.

Entrances all along the Brazos River. ADA accessible entrance near Washington Ave., and University Parks Dr. *No Admission Charge*

— Waco — DINING

We couldn't possibly list all the great restaurants in the Waco area. However, we can point you to some good resources.

- Visit our website at wacoheartoftexas com/visitors/dining/ for a list you can sort by cuisine type or area. These can also be printed from the website.
- Visit the Waco Tourist Information Center and ask our Tourism Counselors for recommendations. Pick up a "Greater Waco Directory and Map" at the Tourist Information Center, for a listing of downtown restaurants.
- Waco also has two food truck courts: one at Magnolia Market at the Silos, and one at the corner of University Parks Drive and Franklin Avenue.

-----Major FESTIVALS & ANNUAL EVENTS

For more information about Waco festivals and events, see our online calendar at **wacoheartoftexas.com/events**.

JANUARY – MARCH

- Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo (January)
- Deep in the Heart Film Festival (February)
- Mammoths on the March (March)
- South 40 Outdoor Expo (March)
- Spring at the Silos (March)

APRIL – JUNE

- Art on Elm (April)
- Heart of Texas Airshow (April)
- Cinco De Mayo (May)
- Brazos Nights (April July)
- Juneteenth Family Fun Day (June)
- Party for the Planet (April)
- Pints in the Park (April)

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- Rootstock: A Texas Wine Festival (April)
- Texas Food Truck Showdown (April)
- Waco Texas Steak Cookoff and Wine Festival (May)

JULY – SEPTEMBER |

- Fourth on the Brazos (July)
- Margarita and Salsa Festival (August)
- Westfest
 (September)
- Labor Day Sorghum Festival (September)
- Heart of Texas Wine & Food Fest (September)

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

- Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo (October)
- Fall Fossil Festival (October)
- Homestead Heritage Thanksgiving Crafts Fair (November)
- Silobration (October)
- Waco Cultural Arts Fest (October)
- Waco Wild West Century Bike Ride (October)
- Waco Wonderland
 (December)



Westfest was founded in 1976.





www.HeartofTexasAirshow.com

Waco LODGING

Please note: No guarantee as to the suitability of these accommodations is implied. For a more complete listing of lodging options, please visit our website at **wacoheartoftexas.com**.

HOTELS & MOTELS

Atria Hotel & RV Park 711 West McGregor Dr. McGregor, TX 76657 (254) 840-0444

Best Western Plus 1502 Interstate 35 N. Bellmead, TX 76705 (254) 799-1766

Candlewood Suites 2700 S. New Rd. Waco, TX 76706 (254) 662-0520

Comfort Suites North 810 I-35 North Waco, TX 76705 **(254) 799-7272**

Comfort Suites South 2700 LaSalle Ave. Waco, TX 76706 **(254) 537-0413**

Courtyard by Marriott 101 Washington Ave. Waco, TX 76701 **(254) 752-8686**

Days Inn 1504 Interstate 35 N. Waco, TX 76705 **(254) 799-8585** Deluxe Inn 1430 Interstate 35 S. Waco, TX 76706 (254) 752-1991

Hampton Inn & Suites Waco South 2501 Marketplace Dr. Waco, TX 76711 (254) 662-9500

Hilton Garden Inn – Opening in 2018 5800 Legend Lake Parkway Waco, TX 76712

Hilton Waco 113 S. University Parks Dr. Waco, TX 76701 (254) 754-8484

Holiday Inn Express Waco South 5701 Legend Lake Pkwy Waco, TX 76712 (254) 732-1028

Holiday Inn Waco Northwest 1801 Development Blvd. Waco, TX 76705 (254) 799-9997

Home2 Suites by Hilton 2500 Bagby Ave. Waco, TX 76706 (254) 752-4400 Homewood Suites by Hilton 5620 Legend Lake Parkway Waco, TX 76712 (254) 644-4663

Hotel Indigo 211 Clay Ave. Waco, TX 76706 (254) 754-7000

Motel 6 (South) 3120 Interstate 35 S. Waco, TX 76706 (254) 662-4622

Motel 6 (#411) 1509 Hogan Lane Waco, TX 76705 (254) 799-4957

Quality Inn & Suites North 1508 IH-35 S. Waco, TX 76705 (254) 799-9989

Quality Inn and Suites South 2410 S. New Road Waco, TX 76711 (254) 296-0550

HOMEWOO

Ramada Inn Hewitt 778 Sun Valley Blvd. Waco, TX 76643 (254) 732-9823

Red Roof Inn 720 N. M.L.K. Jr. Boulevard Waco, TX 76704 (254) 752-3388

Residence Inn 501 University Parks Dr. Waco, TX 76706 (254) 714-1386

Sleep Inn & Suites 209 Enterprise Blvd. Waco, TX 76643 (254) 420-3200

Super 8 University 1320 Interstate 35 S. Waco, TX 76706 (254) 754-1023

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1700 S. 2nd 1700 S. 2nd St. (254) 304-8838 **1700south2nd.com**

505 Pecan Lodge* 505 N. 33rd St. Waco, TX 76707

Airstream in the Park 700 Cedar Crest Waco, TX 76708 (254) 723-0747 wacovacationrentals.com

Anita's Cottage 9519 China Spring Rd. Waco, TX 76708 (254) 366-5948 anitascottage.com

Cabins at Lake Waco 3200 Overflow Rd. Waco, TX 76708 (254) 848-4471 Iakewacomarine.com/ Iake-cabins.html

Cameron Park House 633 Baker Lane Waco, TX 76708 (254) 723-0747 wacovacationrentals.com

Camp LaDeDa* 2921 Rickert Dr. Waco, TX 76710

Colcord House Bed and Breakfast 2211 Colcord Ave. Waco, TX 76707 (254) 753-5537 colcordhouse.net

Cottage in Cameron Park 700 Cedar Crest Waco, TX 76708 (254) 723-0747 acovacationrentals.com Cotton Palace Bed & Breakfast 1910 Austin Ave. Waco, TX 76701 (254) 753-7294 thecottonpalace.com

German Schmear House* 5517 Lake Highlands Rd. Waco, TX 76710

Gorman House* 2001 Gorman Ave. Waco, TX 76707

Haley House Address unlisted by request of owner (907) 262-6123 wacohaleyhouse.com

Harp House 822 N. 15th St. Waco, TX 76708 Harpdesignco.com/ harphouse

Hymnsinger House 1825 Washington Ave. Waco, TX 76701 (254) 307-1144 hymnsingerhouse.com

Lyle House 3126 Lyle Ave. Waco, TX 76710 (254) 714-1000 wacovacationrentals.com

Magnolia House 323 S. Madison Ave. McGregor, TX 76657 magnoliamarket.com/stay

Mailander House* 1403 N. 5th St. Waco, TX 76707

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Mid-Mod House* 2517 Wooded Acres Waco, TX 76708

Migel House Bed and Breakfast 1425 Columbus Ave. Waco, TX 76701 (254) 523-6611 migelhouse.com

Private Room in Cameron Park 700 Cedar Crest Waco, TX 76708 (254) 723-0747 wacovacationrentals.com

Spencer House Bed and Breakfast 2425 Colcord Ave. Waco, TX 76707 (254) 537-4720 spencerhousewaco.com

The Cottage at Chapel Ridge* 1312 Chapel Ridge Rd. Waco, TX 76712

The Cottage at Tell Story Walk B&B 1945 Fort Graham Rd. Waco, TX 76705 (254) 829-1800 **The Downs House*** 1902 Alexander Ave. Waco, TX 76708

The Haven at Chapel Ridge* 1314 Chapel Ridge Rd. Waco, TX 76712

The Morrow House 724 N. 19th Street Waco, TX 76707 (817) 707-7735 themorrowhouse.com

The Retreat on Chapel View* 918 Chapel View Dr.

Waco, TX 76712

The Talking House* 3109 Carroll Drive Waco, TX 76708

2 Island Bachelor Pad* Waco, TX 76710

Urban Myrtle* 618 S. 7th St. Waco, TX 76706

Waco Downtown Loft* 601 Franklin Ave. Waco, TX 76701

*Do not accept reservations directly. They can be viewed and booked on Airbnb.com, Homeaway.com or vrbo.com. Those with a website listed usually accept reservations on their website.



indigo-waco.com (254) 754.7000



— Major — VENUES

EXTRAGO EVENTS GENTER

The Extraco Events Center is the home of the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo. It hosts over 225 events annually, with an attendance of 420,000. 6,000 seat Coliseum, 24,000 sq. ft. Extraco Exhibits Building, 14,000 sq. ft. Extraco Creative Arts Building, 710 horse stalls, and more.

4601 Bosque Blvd., Waco, TX 76710

(254) 776-1660 extracoeventscenter.com

MCLANE STADIUM

McLane Stadium is home to Baylor football games and a number of other exciting events throughout the year. The stadium has a capacity of 45,140 spectators and is expandable to 55,000. Events take place year-round. The stadium also includes the Baylor Club, an exclusive area with panoramic views of downtown Waco, perfect for weddings, galas, corporate meetings, and other events.

1001 South M.L.K. Jr. Boulevard, Waco, TX 76710

(254) 710-1000 mclanestadium.com

WAGO CONVENTION GENTER

Waco's premier meeting and event facility, the Waco Convention Center hosts 200+ events each year. Meetings, conventions, social events, and fundraisers are all part of the event mix at this beautiful facility, located across the street from the Suspension Bridge and adjacent to two hotels, restaurants, and the bustling downtown area. Largest spaces include Chisholm Hall at 32,000 sq. ft., McLennan Hall at 15,000 sq. ft., and Brazos Ballroom, 13,818 sq. ft. Fifteen additional smaller rooms.

100 Washington Ave., Waco, TX 7670

(254) 750-5810 wacocc.com

----*Transportation*-----AROUND WACO

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Uber (uber.com/cities/waco/) Lyft (lyft.com/cities/waco-killeen-tx)

Waco Streak (Transportation to D/FW and Love Field) (254) 772-0430

Waco Transit (City Bus System) (254) 750-1613

<mark>Yellow Cab</mark> (254) 756-1861



AIR TRANSPORTATION

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle flying to/from D/FW

American Eagle (800) 433-7300

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Check out wacoheartoftoxas.com/ events to find out what's happening during YOUR visit.

PARKING AND GETTING AROUND WACO

We encourage you to park in our free downtown parking garage. This garage is located on 4th St. between Franklin and Austin. Enter on 4th St. and follow the signs.

Then catch the free Waco Downtown Trolley at 4th and Franklin, and ride it around Waco's downtown area. The trolley stops at Magnolia Market, and gives you access to shops, restaurants, and attractions. The trolley is a flag stop, which means you can flag it down anywhere along its route by catching the driver's eye and waving your arm. See the

the most up to date trolley map at wacoheartoftexas.com/map.

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Tourism and ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

CITY CENTER WACO

City Center Waco realizes the Imagine Waco Plan through developing the built environment, inspiring and collaborating with partners to implement the plan, and continuing the conversation of Imagine Waco with stakeholders and the community. City Center staff also oversee the Main Street program, providing expert advice on historic preservation and small business development.

801 Elm Avenue, Waco, TX 76704 (254) 754-8898 downtownwacotx.com

CREATIVE WACO

Creative Waco is a nonprofit organization with a vision to grow and support a thriving cultural and creative community in Waco.

101 S. 3rd St., Waco, TX 76701 (254) 300-8677 • creativewaco.org

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Downtown Public Improvement District provides a multitude of services that aid the downtown Waco community. They encourage the development of new businesses and promote opportunities for dining, housing and retail shopping. Additionally, the PID works to maintain a clean and safe environment within

the central business district.

GREATER WACO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Waco Texas region is a great place to call home and conduct business, with an outstanding array of community assets—from arts to education and big-time college sports to recreation—coupled with a strong, diverse and growing economy to support further improvements in its guality of life.

101 S. 3rd St., Waco, TX 76701 (254) 757-5600 • wacochamber.com







Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau (800) 321-9226 • (254) 750-5810

Waco Tourist Information Center (800) 922-6386 • (254) 750-8696

Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce (254) 752-6551

Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce (254) 235-3204

Cen-Tex Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (254) 754-7111

Bellmead Chamber of Commerce (254) 799-1552

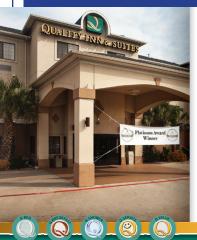
Hewitt Chamber of Commerce (254) 666-1200

McGregor Chamber of Commerce (254) 840-2292

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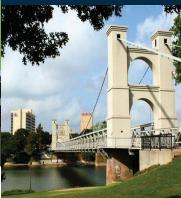
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— About the Waco — CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

The Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is responsible for marketing Waco as a destination for visitors, meeting planners, and other types of groups. The CVB is funded by City of Waco hotel occupancy tax, along with contributions from its partner cities of Bellmead, Hewitt, and McGregor. The CVB also manages the Waco Convention Center and Tourist Information Center.

WACO CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

P.O. Box 2570 Waco, TX 76702-2570

OFFICE LOCATION:

Waco Convention Center 100 Washington Avenue Waco, TX 76701

Toll-Free: **(800) 321-9226** Main Office: **(254) 750-5810**

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

106 Texas Ranger Trail Waco, TX 76706

Toll-Free: **(800) 922-6386** Office: **(254) 750-8696**



This visitor's guide is meant to introduce you to some of the attractions and things to do in the Waco area. No printed guide can list everything that might be of interest. We hope you'll consult our website at wacoheartoftexas.com for a more complete listing. If you see something missing, please send an email to wacotxcvb@gmail.com and we will be glad to consider your suggestion.

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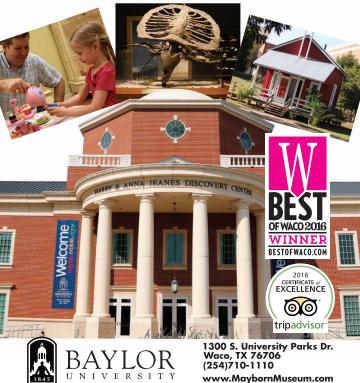
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