

WACO FILM LOCATIONS

Waco Film Commission staff will work with you to identify locations throughout McLennan County to suit your filming needs, and assist you in identifying and contacting property owners.



FILM SUPPORT SERVICES IN WACO

The Waco area has vendors available for various film and TV production needs, including production companies, crew, equipment rentals, etc.

Please visit wacoheartoftexas.com/film/film-vendors-2/ to view our film vendors

ANNUAL FILM FESTIVALS

FEBRUARYWaco Family & Faith International Film Festival - Founded 2019.

APRILBlack Glasses Film Festival - Founded 1999.

JULYDeep in the Heart Film Fest - Founded 2017.



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KWTX-TV & THE HISTORIC WACO FOUNDATION PRESENTS



WHAT ABOUT WACO

THE AWARD-WINNING 4-PART
DOCUMENTARY SERIES

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FILMING
in
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THE TEXAS FILM COMMISSION has Certified Waco, Texas as a **FILM FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.**

The Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau is dedicated to helping grow the film industry in Waco. Our Film Commission staff stands ready to assist you throughout the process of filming in Waco.

WACO AREA FILM COMMISSION SERVICES

- Personal assistance with location scouting
- Assistance with information about permits for street closures
- Assistance with obtaining film permit
- Contacts for local services and vendors
- Assistance with hotel rooms for your cast and crew
- Assistance with sponsorship process

CITY OF WACO FILM PERMITTING PROCESS

- A film permit is required when filming involves City of Waco services, such as street closures.
- Filming on private property does not require a permit. Please notify us when you'll be filming, regardless of whether a permit is required.
- \$35 permit fee.
- Two forms to complete and sign.
- Insurance is required.
- City of Waco Parks and Recreation staff will review the permit, process any fees, and coordinate with other City departments on City services, such as street closures, security, etc.
- Waco Film Commission staff will assist you at any time needed during the process.

"I knew I wanted to include the iconic American Bank in Waco as part of our Texas shoot for *OLD MAN & THE GUN*, but I didn't expect to find so many other opportunities in Waco itself. We had a wonderful day shooting in and around the city, and we couldn't have felt more welcomed. It was a great place to shoot and I look forward to coming back in the future."

David Lowery, Director
Old Man & The Gun
Fox Searchlight Productions
(2018)



SPONSORSHIPS

- Hotel rooms may be comped for scout trips, depending on availability.

A SAMPLING OF FILMS SHOT IN WACO*

- *Old Man and the Gun*, Dir. David Lowery. Fox Searchlight, 2018. Starring Robert Redford, Casey Affleck, Sissy Spacek, Danny Glover, Elizabeth Moss. Opening scenes shot in Waco.
- *Friday's Child*. Dir. A.J. Edwards. Magnolia Pictures, 2018.
- *The Tree of Life*. Dir. Terrence Malick. Fox Searchlight, 2011. Starring Brad Pitt, Sean Penn, and Jessica Chastain. Nominated for three Academy Awards.
- *Where the Heart Is*. Dir. Matt Williams. Twentieth Century Fox, 2000. Starring Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd, Stockard Channing, and Joan Cusack.
- *Action U.S.A.*. Dir. John Stewart. A beloved locally-shot and produced film, with an 86% score on Rotten Tomatoes.

TV SHOWS FILMED IN WACO*

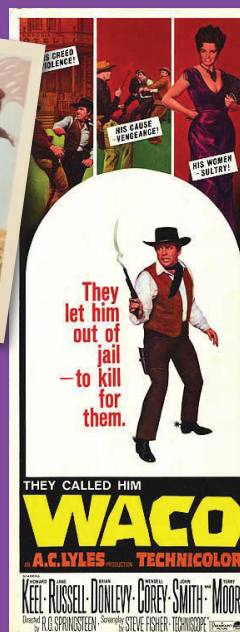
- *Magnolia Network* is a collection of original shows curated by Chip and Joanna Gaines. Available via streaming on Discovery+ currently. In January, 2022, Magnolia will take over the DIY channel. Many of the shows are filmed in Waco.
- *Fixer Upper*. HGTV, five seasons, 2013 – 2018. The series starred Chip and Joanna Gaines, who worked with homebuyers to turn dilapidated houses into dream homes. Filmed in the Waco area, this show became the highest-rated show in the network's history, with 3.4 million viewers per episode.
- *No Reservations*. Travel Channel, 2008. Starring Anthony Bourdain. Plot: After spending all day at the Ted Nugent Ranch listening to rock 'n' roll and riding ATVs, Tony and Ted head to a local BBQ brisket joint for some grub.



*partially or fully

FILMS AND TV SHOWS ABOUT WACO

- *Waco*. Dir. John Erick Dowdle and Dennie Gordon. Six part TV miniseries on Paramount Network. 2018.
- *What About Waco*. Dir. Chris Charles Scott. This 2017 documentary looks at five pivotal moments in the city of Waco's history: the construction of the Suspension Bridge; the Reservation, a district of legal prostitution; the 1916 Jesse Washington public lynching; the World War I training camp named Camp MacArthur; and the 1953 Waco tornado.



Waco has been the subject - and setting - for many movies over the years.