



Itinerary suggestion

Eccentric yet humble, revitalized and evolving, Waco offers enough to keep visitors busy for days! Here, we offer suggestions on ways to fill your time in our funky, friendly city.

DAY ONE

Guided tours: Waco Tours and Brazos Tours offer options, and either is a great way to get your bearings. Allow up to 3 hours for guided tours. Both companies also offer evening river tours, and Brazos Tours offers a fun haunted tour.

Magnolia Market and the Silos: This sprawling retail complex also offers food trucks, a whiffle ball field, and a lawn area for relaxing or play. Dedicated shoppers will also want to explore other downtown treasures like **Spice Village, Simply Irresistible, Fabled, Design House, Gather, Ramble & Company, Hey Sugar, Lone Star State of Mind, Coming Home to Waco, Urban Bliss, Wildland, LaSalle Shoppes, Lane's, Mainstream Boutique, Central Goods, Grocery, Cameron Trading Co., Cottontail Jones, Cactus Rose, Paper Crown, Falcon & Owl** and many more!

Waco Surf: Known to surfers worldwide as a go-to place for consistently perfect waves, this amazing inland water park offers wakeboarding, a mile long lazy river, daring water slides and, of course, surfing. Celebrity sightings are not uncommon.

Brew City: Waco is a designated Craft Brewery Destination. Downtown breweries include Waco Ale, Brotherwell Brewing, Southern Roots Brewing Co., Bare Arms Brewing, Pivovar, and the suds at Balcones Distilling. Other places to grab a brew include Dancing Bear Pub and Pinewood Public House.

DAY TWO

Start your day with breakfast! Good choices abound, including the Olive Branch, Cafe Cappuccino, Our Breakfast Place, George's, Harold Waite's, The Toasted Yolk, Magnolia Table, or downstairs at Hotel 1928.

Dr Pepper Museum: America's oldest soft drink was created in downtown Waco, and its museum holds one of the finest collections of soft drink memorabilia in the world. An old-time soda fountain offers treats and Dr Pepper floats. Expect to spend 1.5 to 2 hours here.

Waco Mammoth National Monument: Let a park ranger guide you through this active dig site, where the actual remains (not casts!) of Columbian mammoths remain in situ. A



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climate-controlled building protects the remains, though a shady walk of about 100 yards (on pavement) is necessary to get to the site. Plan to spend about 1 hour here.

Homestead Craft Village: This traditional, faith-based community allows visitors to watch artisans demonstrating blacksmithing, woodworking, pottery throwing, fiber crafting, cheese making and more. Cafe Homestead offers farm-to-table fresh food. Plan to spend about 3 hours for lunch and a self-guided tour.

Sunset horseback tour: Brazos Bluffs Ranch offers a true Texas experience. This memorable excursion includes snacks, drinks, and an amazing view from the bluffs overlooking the river.

Other points of interest

The **Armstrong Browning Library and Museum** is a magnificent space dedicated to the lives and works of Victorian-era poets Robert and Elizabeth Barret Browning. Personal effects on display include writings, drawings, love letters, furnishings, and an extensive collection of Wedgwood china. Sixty two stained glass windows, the largest secular collection in the world, depict the lovers' poetry. Paintings by their son, Pen, are on display, too. Expect to spend 1- to 1.5 hours.

The **Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum** is the official state repository of Texas' legendary law enforcement officers. Expect to spend 1.5 hours here.

The **Mayborn Museum Complex** is a must for kids! Natural science and hands-on fun abound. Don't leave without visiting the historic, old American West village out back. Plan on 2-3 hours here.

The **Cameron Park Zoo** is a treasure tucked into the gorgeous scenery of downtown's Cameron Park. Be sure to visit the Brazos River Country exhibit to learn about the plants and creatures who call Texas home. Plan on 3 hours.

The **Texas Sports Hall of Fame** is home to more than 400 Texas sports legends and some 6,000 pieces of Texas sports memorabilia, and is the first American hall of fame with memorabilia from each inductee, dating back to the first class in 1951. Anticipate 1.5 hours.

The **Lake Waco Wetlands** is a must see for nature lovers and birdwatchers. More than 180 acres of habitat for native animals and plants beckon. The wetlands offer 3.5 miles of nature trails for hiking, bird watching, and photography opportunities.