Toads in Town

Get ready to hunt for toads! Eight bronze toad sculptures are hiding throughout Historic Downtown Bastrop, each one inspired by the Houston toad, a federally endangered species that calls the Lost Pines home.

The sculptures were created by Texas artist Clint Howard, owner of Bastrop's Pyrology Foundry, and celebrate the importance of protecting this special local species.

As you explore downtown, see how many toads you can find, discover their unique stories, and learn why the Houston toad is such an important part of Bastrop's natural heritage.

Once you've discovered all eight toads, bring this brochure back to the Bastrop County Museum & Visitor Center to claim your Toads in Town Scavenger Hunt prize!

Want to take a toad home? The sculptures, in various sizes, are available for purchase at Found Fine Art, 912 Water Street, Bastrop.

PYROLOGY FOUNDRY & STUDIO

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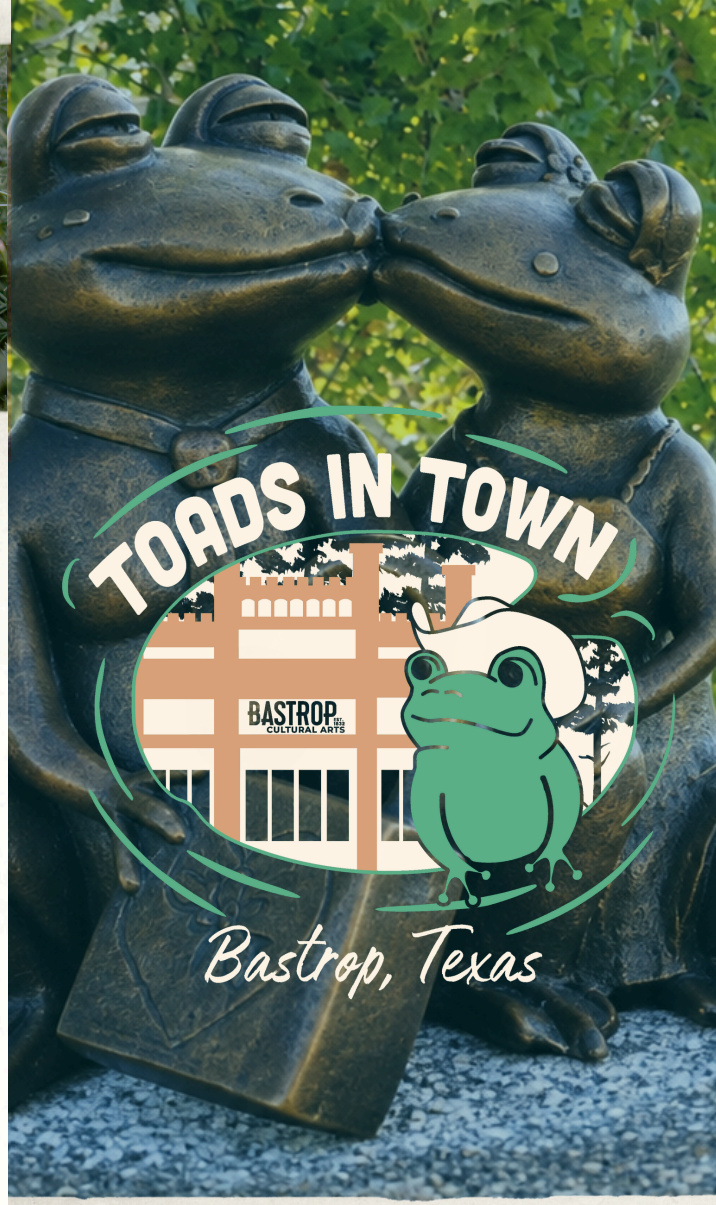
MEET THE HOUSTON TOAD

The Houston toad is a small, federally endangered amphibian found in East-Central Texas, and Bastrop County is one of its most important strongholds. Usually just 2–3½ inches long, Houston toads can range from light brown to gray or purplish-gray, sometimes with greenish patches.

These land-loving toads make their homes among the deep sandy soils, pine and oak woodlands, and native grasses of the Lost Pines. When it's time to reproduce, they gather around shallow, temporary pools of water. Males announce their presence with a distinctive, high-pitched trilling call.

Habitat loss and alteration are among the biggest threats to the Houston toad. Protecting the Lost Pines helps protect this unique little piece of Texas, and the many other plants and animals that share its home.

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



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FLOATIN' GARY

I'm soaking up the sun, floating by the river just for fun!

Look where the stairs lead below, where the Colorado River flows.

Near where neighbors meet, i'm kicking back in my seat!

WHERE DID YOU FIND GARY?

The _____ of the stairs.



BECKHAM

I kicked, passed and gave my all, chasing, dribbling, and kicking the ball.

I played where fishers go, then found a spot to watch the park below!

WHAT PARK WAS I PLAYING IN?

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CROAKIO & JULIET

A little romance is in the air, these toads are the perfect pair!

With the Colorado River shining below, it's the perfect spot for love to grow!

WHERE DID YOU FIND THEM?

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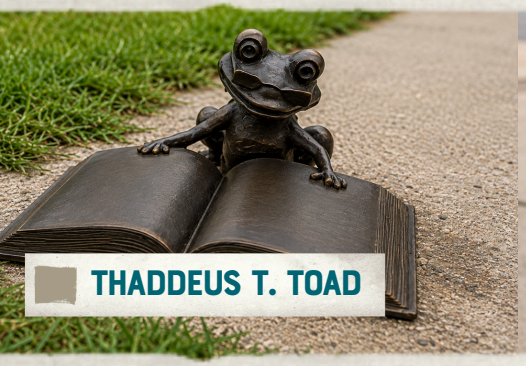
TIANA & TAD

We're done shopping, so take a peek, there's a little hidden path we seek.

Near a spot where local brews are made, we're taking a shortcut to the parking lot in the shade!

WHAT BUSINESS ARE WE NEXT TO?

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THADDEUS T. TOAD

I've picked a book and found a spot, a quiet place is what I've got!

Find me where the readers go, something is towering over while I read below.

WHAT AM I READING BESIDE?

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TEX

I love the hustle, I love the crowd, Downtown Bastrop makes me proud!

I've found my spot where two streets meet, with plenty of people passing by my feet!

WHAT STREETS MEET NEAR TEX?

_____ & _____



MON AMI PIERRE

I've found the perfect place to draw, a historic sight that fills me with awe!

Near where Pine and Water meet, There's a historic sight that can't be beat!

WHAT LANDMARK AM I SKETCHING?

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WAILIN' WILLIE

On Saturday night, when the bands take the stage, I'll be ready to rock and turn the page.

I've found the perfect spot to wait for my cue, with a stage and a crowd waiting just in view!

WHAT BUSINESS WILL I PLAY AT?

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