

visit CEDAR HILL TEXAS

WHERE **FUN & ADVENTURE** GROW NATURALLY



VISITORS GUIDE





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WELCOME TO CEDAR HILL, TEXAS

Just a short drive south of Dallas, Cedar Hill is a charming natural escape with outdoor destinations like Cedar Hill State Park and Joe Pool Lake.

Find serenity on peaceful nature walks, feel your adrenaline surge on a mountain bike trail, or brighten your outlook at a beautiful vista. Whatever your pace, Cedar Hill has something for you.

A regional shopping and retail hub, Cedar Hill offers nationally recognized retailers and familiar favorites alongside unique shops and local eateries.

With a calendar full of community events year-round, Cedar Hill is a lively destination packed with fun for the entire family!



The area also offered dense forests, fertile blackland soil, abundant creeks and streams, and endless opportunity.

Through hard work, ingenuity, foresight, and determination, our forefathers transformed this rugged land into the thriving city it is today—a community rooted in family values, tradition, and a deep sense of history.

Immerse yourself in the story of Cedar Hill with a visit to the [Cedar Hill Museum of History](#), or explore at your own pace with a self-guided walking tour.

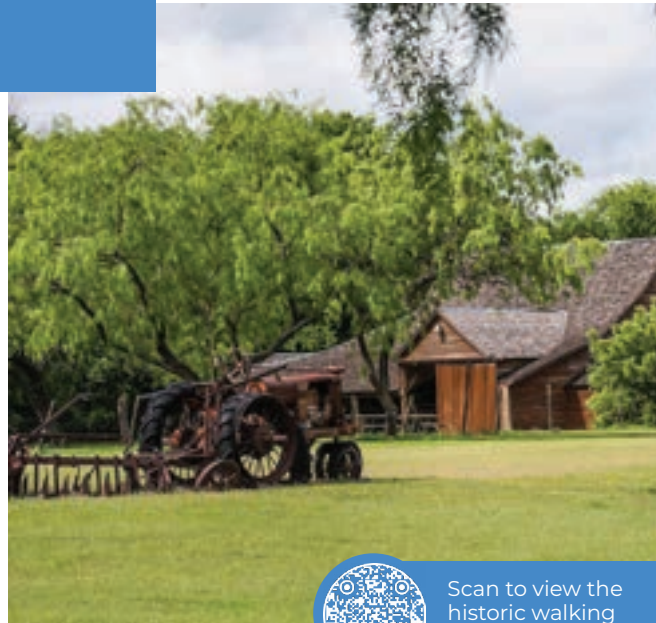
Visit [Penn Farm Agricultural Center](#) at Cedar Hill State Park to tour the remnants of the Penn family farm, which date back to the 1850s. Learn about the evolution of the family farm and rural life, when farm machinery replaced the horse and mule almost a century ago.

CEDAR HILL HISTORY

Cedar Hill, first known as the cedar brakes, was founded around 1846 by a small group of settlers from the Peters Colony.

They traveled to North Texas on horseback and ox-drawn wagons, they followed trails beaten into existence by Native Americans, buffalo and early explorers. These pioneers sought a place to build their homes, to socialize, worship and conduct business.

Drawn by the area's lush natural beauty, they found the elevated, rocky terrain not only provided breathtaking views but also served as a natural defense against intruders.



Scan to view the historic walking tour



THE GREAT GREENWAY

Cedar Hill is home to The Great Greenway, an ecologically rich expanse of natural spaces and preserves that beckons to nature lovers of all ages, abilities, and experience levels.

Find serenity on peaceful nature walks through lush landscapes, or feel your adrenaline surge during high-powered mountain biking excursions. Explore the scenic Balcones Trail, go birdwatching in the picturesque Dogwood Canyon, or enjoy a day splashing and paddling at Joe Pool Lake in Cedar Hill State Park.

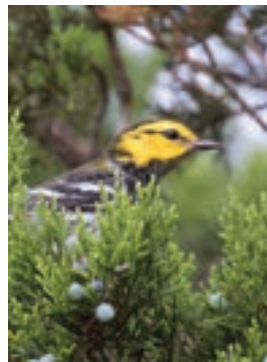
This natural haven truly offers something for everyone.



Cedar Hill State Park

Relax by the lake, tour an old Texas farm, or explore 1,800 acres of rugged limestone hills and rare prairie pockets on foot or by mountain bike.

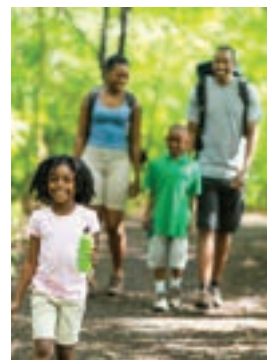
cedarhilltx.com/statepark
972-291-3900
1570 W. FM 1382



Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center

This 200+ acre preserve is home to the most colorful and vocal songbirds in the region. Enjoy hiking and birdwatching on 3 miles of natural surface trails.

cedarhilltx.com/dogwood
469-526-1980
1206 W. FM 1382



Cedar Ridge Preserve

Explore more than 9 miles of natural surface trails through 600 acres of Hill Country habitat. Trail range from easy to difficult, providing the perfect experience for any hiker.

cedarhilltx.com/cedarridge
972-709-7784
7171 Mountain Creek Parkway



Lester Lorch Park

Play a round of disc golf, or pack a picnic to enjoy in a peaceful meadow at Lester Lorch Park. The park is also home to a 5-acre pond that is open for recreational fishing.

cedarhilltx.com/lorch
469-291-5130
1823 Plume Rd



Cedar Mountain Preserve

Walk the one-mile natural surface trail to explore the various ecosystems that converge in this area where the limestone escarpment meets blackland prairie.

cedarhilltx.com/cedarmountain
469-291-5130
1206 W. FM 1382



Big Cedar Wilderness

Grab your mountain bike and ride up to 22 miles of trails through cedar and hardwood forests. Trails range from beginner to advanced with a variety of elevation changes.

cedarhilltx.com/bigcedar
5950 Eagle Ford



Balcones Trail

The concrete trail connects Cedar Hill State Park, Cedar Mountain Preserve, and Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center. Take a break at the scenic overlook with a vista of Joe Pool Lake.

cedarhilltx.com/balcones
469-291-5130
1206 W. FM 1382



City Parks & Trails

With more than 32 parks and 36 miles of trails, Cedar Hill is full of opportunities for outdoor play and adventure for all ages and abilities.

cedarhilltx.com/parks
469-291-5130





HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Brimming with distinctive character, the downtown district has been a hub of community life since Cedar Hill was founded in 1846. Today, Historic Downtown is home to unique restaurants, charming shops, and lively special events.

DINING

Grab a slice of New York-style pizza, savor southern comfort food, or sample award-winning barbecue from some of Cedar Hill's favorite local restaurants.

SHOPPING

Find a one-of-a-kind gift or snag some goodies for yourself at unique shops downtown.

ART

Be sure to snap a photo with one of the five vibrant downtown murals, created by talented Texas artists—perfect for your next Instagram-worthy moment!

Explore local artistry at Sly Cat Gallery, where you'll find a stunning collection of artwork, jewelry, and handcrafted artisan creations.



Scan for more
on downtown
offerings



FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN

Hillside Village Shopping Center

This open-air mall delivers the ultimate shopping experience with a perfect blend of major retailers and specialty shops. Discover more than 65 stores and restaurants, children's play areas, and a calendar full of family-friendly events.

shophillsidevillage.com

972-637-6300
305 W. FM 1382

The Lagoon Outdoor Aquatics Center

Open seasonally, the Lagoon features almost 10,000 square feet of water surface, a zero-depth entry pool, separate lap swim pool, lazy river, three-turn slide, and play features.

cedarhilltx.com/lagoon

972-291-5318
631 Somerset Dr.

Traphene Hickman Library & Signature Park

This state-of-the-art public library is surrounded by a vibrant park and trail. It features rooftop reading and event decks, a recording studio, music garden, meeting spaces, and EV charging stations. Daily programming for children, teens and adults will keep the whole family entertained and engaged.

cedarhilllibrary.org

972-291-7323
450 Pioneer Trail

Cedar Hill Museum of History

Step into the past and explore Cedar Hill's colorful history, beginning 66 million years ago when the area lay under water, part of the Western Interior Seaway.

cedarhillmuseum.org

972-293-3806
450 Pioneer Trail



ANNUAL EVENTS

CEDAR HILL FARMERS MARKET

SECOND & FOURTH SATURDAYS
MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

Shop locally grown and handcrafted
products in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill

MUSIC IN THE PARK

FRIDAYS IN JUNE

Bring a lawn chair and a friend to enjoy
live music at Valley Ridge Park

COUNTRY DAY ON THE HILL

SECOND SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

Enjoy live entertainment, arts and crafts
vendors, kids activities, and a parade in
the heart of Historic Downtown

SCARE ON THE SQUARE

SATURDAY BEFORE HALLOWEEN

Gather your goblins and ghouls for a
free family trunk-or-treat event in
Historic Downtown Cedar Hill

HOLIDAY ON THE HILL

FIRST THURSDAY IN DECEMBER

Get in the holiday spirit with festive
performances, Santa photos, and the
official lighting of the Cedar Hill tree



Scan to view the
most current
event calendar





WHERE TO STAY

| HOTELS/MOTELS | # OF ROOMS | BREAKFAST | INTERNET | MEETING ROOMS | PETS | POOL | FITNESS ROOM |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|---------------|------|------|--------------|
| COMFORT INN & SUITES 1419 N. US Highway 67 469-575-5620 | 74 | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ |
| FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES 409 North Clark Rd. 469-575-0221 | 90 | ★ | ★ | ★ | | ★ | ★ |
| HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 1007 N. US Highway 67 972-291-4037 | 74 | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ |
| MAGNUSON HOTEL 1439 N. US Highway 67 972-299-0100 | 68 | ★ | ★ | ★ | | ★ | |



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other lodging

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