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# BEST of WEST TEXAS ANNUAL EVENTS

Use this handy calendar of our major events to plan your trip — and check your favorites along each color-coded loop. Find full descriptions on our website, [www.WestTexasTrip.com](http://www.WestTexasTrip.com)

## JANUARY

- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Abilene Winter Spectacular Cutting **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo **Odessa** ●●●

## FEBRUARY

- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Texas Farm-Ranch-Wildlife Expo **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Midessa Boat, RV, Sport and Gun Show **Odessa** ●●●
- ☐ Thin Line Film Fest **Denton** ●
- ☐ Trappings of Texas cowboy and Western gear and trappings show (thru April) **Alpine** ●
- ☐ Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering **Alpine** ●

## MARCH

- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ World's Largest Rattlesnake RoundUp **Sweetwater** ●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ North Texas Horse Country Tour **Denton** ●
- ☐ Texas Storytelling Festival **Denton** ●
- ☐ Trappings of Texas cowboy and Western gear and trappings show (thru April) **Alpine** ●

## APRIL

- ☐ Apple Blossom Celebration **Idalou** ●●●
- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Lubbock Arts Festival **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Concho Valley Bluegrass Festival **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Fort Concho Frontier Day **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ San Angelo Ceramic Competition **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ San Angelo Wine and Food Festival **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Texas Mesquite Festival **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Key City Rhythm & Blues Festival **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ Buffalo Gap Food and Wine Festival **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ Outlaws and Legends Music Fest **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ North Texas Horse Country Tour **Denton** ●
- ☐ Thin Line Film Fest **Denton** ●
- ☐ Denton Arts and Jazz Festival **Denton** ●
- ☐ Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival **Fort Worth** ●●●
- ☐ Trappings of Texas cowboy and Western gear and trappings show **Alpine** ●
- ☐ First Thanksgiving Celebration at the El Paso Mission Trail **El Paso** ●

## MAY

- ☐ TEXAS Musical Drama **Palo Duro Canyon** (thru August) ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Western Heritage Classic rodeo **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Franklin Mountains Poppies Celebration **El Paso** ●
- ☐ KLAQ International Balloon Fiesta **El Paso** ●
- ☐ Celebration of the Arts **Midland** ●●●
- ☐ Fiesta West Texas & Cinco de Mayo Celebration **Odessa** ●●●
- ☐ North Texas Horse Country Tour **Denton** ●
- ☐ Texas Frontier Forts Days **Fort Worth** ●

## JUNE

- ☐ Summer Mummies melodrama **Midland** ●●●
- ☐ Mex-Tex Family Fiesta **Midland**, 1st weekend ●●●
- ☐ TEXAS Musical Drama **Palo Duro Canyon** (thru August) ●
- ☐ Amarillo Chamber Summer Celebration **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ High Noon on the Square concert series **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Llano Wine & Clay Festival **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Moonlight Musicals **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Children's Art and Literacy Festival (CALF) **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Showdown in San Angelo boat races **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Fort Griffin Fandango **Albany** ●
- ☐ Denton Airshow **Denton** ●
- ☐ Viva! El Paso outdoor musical **El Paso** ●

## JULY

- ☐ Summer Mummies melodrama **Midland** ●●●
- ☐ Tall City Blues Fest **Midland** ●●●
- ☐ TEXAS Musical Drama **Palo Duro Canyon** (thru August) ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●

- ☐ High Noon on the Square concert series **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ Moonlight Musicals **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Fourth on Broadway **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ July 3rd Pops Concert **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Firecracker Fandango **Odessa** ●
- ☐ Coolest 4th **Fort Davis** ●
- ☐ Viva! El Paso outdoor musical **El Paso** ●

## AUGUST

- ☐ Summer Mummies melodrama **Midland** ●●●
- ☐ CAF AIRSHO **Midland** ●●●
- ☐ Rock the Desert Christian music festival **Midland & Odessa** ●●●
- ☐ TEXAS Musical Drama **Palo Duro Canyon** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ Center City Block Party **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ Moonlight Musicals **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ North Texas Fair and Rodeo **Denton** ●
- ☐ A Taste of Terry County Vineyard Festival **Brownfield** ●
- ☐ Plaza Classics Film Festival **El Paso** ●
- ☐ Viva! El Paso outdoor musical **El Paso** ●

## SEPTEMBER

- ☐ Summer Mummies melodrama **Midland**, thru Labor Day ●●●
- ☐ Septemberfest **Midland**, 1st weekend ●●●
- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ Jazztober **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Buddy's Birthday Bash **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Boys Ranch Rodeo and AdventureFEST **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ Good Times Celebration Barbecue Cook-Off **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Lily Fest **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Moonlight Musicals **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Apple Butter Festival **Idalou** ●●●
- ☐ Southwest Shakespeare Festival **Odessa** ●●●
- ☐ Permian Basin Fair and Exposition **Odessa** ●●●
- ☐ West Texas Book Festival **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ West Texas Fair and Rodeo **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ Big Country Hot Air Balloon Festival **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ Arts, Antiques and Auto Extravaganza **Denton** ●
- ☐ Chihuahuan Desert Fiesta **El Paso** ●

## OCTOBER

- ☐ Haley Library Fall Gathering Ranch Storytelling **Midland** ●●●
- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Grape Day **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Art-ober-Fest **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ North Texas Horse Country Tour **Denton** ●
- ☐ Celebration of Our Mountains **El Paso** ●
- ☐ Hueco Tanks Interpretative Fair **El Paso** ●

## NOVEMBER

- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Lubbock Artist Studio Tour **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ 24fps International Short Film Festival **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ North Texas Horse Country Tour **Denton** ●
- ☐ Tejano Super Car Show **Odessa** ●●●
- ☐ Amigo Airsho **El Paso** ●

## DECEMBER

- ☐ Christmas at the Mansion **Midland** ●●●
- ☐ City Sidewalks **Abilene** ●●●
- ☐ Christmas at Old Fort Concho **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Center City's Electric Light Parade **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Walk **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ Farm and Ranch Show **Amarillo** ●
- ☐ First Friday Art Trail **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ Candlelight at the Ranch **Lubbock** ●●●
- ☐ 3rd Thursday Art Walk **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ Concho Christmas Celebration **San Angelo** ●●●
- ☐ North Texas Horse Country Tour **Denton** ●
- ☐ Merry Marketplace **Odessa** ●●●
- ☐ Heritage Holiday Festival and Parade **Odessa** ●●●
- ☐ Frontier Christmas Weekend **Fort Davis** ●

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**HORSE COUNTRY TO THE CONCHO VALLEY: THE RED LOOP** features attractions in Fort Worth, Denton, Abilene, San Angelo, and Granbury. It travels through the Lakes and Forts Trail Regions, where frontier forts of Texas were once lonely outposts in wild country and the cowboy spirit still lives today.

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**6 Denton County Courthouse / Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum, Denton** Denton's 160-year-old, real-deal downtown is pulsing with shops, eateries, and entertainment, all just steps from Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum, one of Texas' most photographed historic county courthouses. [www.discoverdenton.com](http://www.discoverdenton.com)

**7 Denton Firefighters Museum** Located in the lobby of Denton's historic Central Fire Station, this museum showcases firefighting technology from the hand-pulled hand-cart era of the 1800s to vintage ladder trucks, fire report logs, and gear. [www.discoverdenton.com](http://www.discoverdenton.com)

**8 North Texas Horse Country Tours, Denton** On this popular tour, visitors wind their way through one of Denton County's most celebrated features: more than 400 premier horse farms that excel in every equine breed and discipline. Six behind-the-scenes tours a year are offered for individual travelers (see Events page); customized itineraries with complimentary step-on guides are available to group tours. [www.discoverdenton.com](http://www.discoverdenton.com)

**9 Fort Richardson State Park, Historic Site & Lost Creek Reservoir State Trailway, Jacksboro** Established in 1868 as the northernmost army outpost in Texas, Fort Richardson was the staging base for the final defensive effort against Comanches and Kiowas in the early 1870s. Tour seven of the original fifty-five structures, including the imposing post hospital. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fort-richardson](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fort-richardson)

**10 Old Post Office Museum and Art Center, Graham** Located in Graham's 1930s Art Moderne post office, the museum and art center is well known for its history (including the origins of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association), historical collections, and nationally recognized fine arts exhibits. [www.opomac.net](http://www.opomac.net)

**11 Fort Griffin State Historic Site, Albany** Holding command over the Southern Plains, Fort Griffin operated from 1867 to 1881. Remnants of the fort remain, now home to the official State of Texas herd of longhorn cattle. The town of Fort Griffin was the quintessential Wild West town where Doc Holliday, Wyatt Earp, and Big Nose Kate once reigned. [www.visitfortgriffin.com](http://www.visitfortgriffin.com)



**12 Old Jail Art Center, Albany** Within the restored 1878 "alphabet jail," this museum's permanent collection rivals big-city counterparts with Chinese porcelains, works by Renoir, Picasso, and Matisse, plus the Watt Matthews Ranching Collection. [www.theoldjailartcenter.org](http://www.theoldjailartcenter.org)

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- 24 Fort Chadbourne, Bronte** Built in 1852, Fort Chadbourne served as a frontier post and a Butterfield Overland Mail Stage before becoming one family's ranch headquarters for eight generations. Native American, military, and ranch history intertwine at this site. [www.fortchadbourne.com](http://www.fortchadbourne.com)

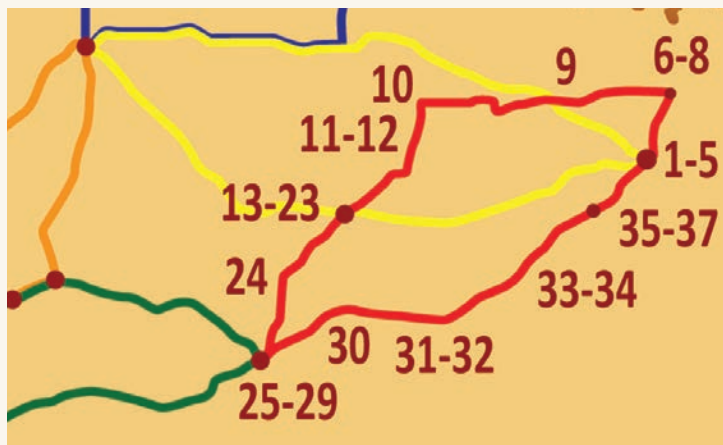
- 25 Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, San Angelo** Watch a reenactment or enjoy a festival at this national landmark established as an army outpost in 1867, home to the famed Buffalo Soldiers and one of the nation's best-preserved Indian Wars forts. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

- 26 International Water Lily Garden, San Angelo** Among this brilliant display of lilies from around the world is the famous Victoria, the world's largest lily. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

- 27 San Angelo Museum of Fine Art** This jewel of a museum, located in a rehabilitated mill building, displays ceramic art and other exhibits of all cultures and time periods, in a dramatic waterfront setting. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

- 28 Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum, San Angelo** Take a peek past the parlor — including the original beds! — in this former house of ill repute closed down by Texas Rangers in 1952. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

- 29 Santa Fe Depot & Railway Museum, San Angelo** Learn about the railroading history of the Concho Valley through memorabilia and artifacts. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)



- 30 Paint Rock Pictograph Excursions, Paint Rock** One of the largest Indian pictograph sites in the nation, with more than 1,600 ancient paintings visible along a limestone bluff just north of the Concho River. Site is on private property; call ahead for tours. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

- 31 Brown County Museum of History, Brownwood** Housed in the fortresslike former county jail, the museum's exhibits begin with the Plains Indians and end with WWII artifacts. [www.browncountyhistory.org/bcmoh.html](http://www.browncountyhistory.org/bcmoh.html)

- 32 Martin and Frances Lehnis Railroad Museum, Brownwood** Train enthusiasts will enjoy this collection of railroad memorabilia and equipment, photos and stories, and running model trains of every size. [www.brownwoodtexas.gov/228/Lehnis-Railroad-Museum](http://www.brownwoodtexas.gov/228/Lehnis-Railroad-Museum)

- 33 Dublin Bottling Works, Dublin** At the oldest soda bottling facility in Texas (and home to pure cane sugar soda), tour the bottling plant and the W. P. Kloster Museum, which houses Dr Pepper memorabilia. [www.dublinbottlingworks.com](http://www.dublinbottlingworks.com)

- 34 Ben Hogan Museum, Dublin** Pay tribute to the man and the golfer in his childhood home of Dublin. [www.benhoganmuseum.org](http://www.benhoganmuseum.org)

- 35 Historic Square Downtown, Granbury** Visit the most historic courthouse square in Texas and enjoy boutique shopping, restaurants, and eateries. [www.granburysquare.com](http://www.granburysquare.com)

- 36 Granbury Opera House, Granbury** Granbury's refurbished 1886 opera house produces eight to ten standing-ovation-worthy productions throughout the year. [www.granburytheatrecompany.org](http://www.granburytheatrecompany.org)

- 37 Hood County Museum, Granbury** Experience how the county's less law-abiding residents lived in the jail that served from 1885 to 1978. <http://hctxhs.org/Museums/jail.htm>





# BEST OF WEST TEXAS YELLOW LOOP

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**6 W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, Thurber** Telling the story of a company-owned town dedicated to the production of coal, bricks and oil, the Center is located in one of Texas' most famous ghost towns. [www.tarleton.edu/gordoncenter](http://www.tarleton.edu/gordoncenter)

**7 Conrad Hilton Center, Cisco** Conrad Hilton's first hotel is now a museum with five divisions, telling the stories of Hilton's rise to hotel mogul, the infamous Santa Claus Bank Robbery, and community history. [www.ciscochamberofcommerce.com/conrad-hilton-center.html](http://www.ciscochamberofcommerce.com/conrad-hilton-center.html)

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**20 Scurry County Museum, Snyder** Located on the campus of Western Texas College, the museum traces the colorful history of Scurry County and the surrounding area. [www.scurrycountymuseum.org](http://www.scurrycountymuseum.org)

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**22 Garza County Historical Museum; OS Museum; Silent Night Village, Post** In the city established by and named for the cereal magnate C. W. Post as a utopian community in 1907, the Garza County Historical Museum houses a large collection of mostly ranch, cowboy, Indian, and pioneer artifacts — along with C. W. Post's recreated original office — located in the 1912 two-story colonial-style Post Sanitarium and Nursing School. The OS Museum displays sculpture and paintings of Texas, the American West, and Asia in the 1911 former Post Land and Cattle Company building. [www.garzacountymuseum.org](http://www.garzacountymuseum.org)

**23 Harvey House, Slaton** The 1912 Harvey House restaurant and dormitory serving the Santa Fe Railroad has been restored as a meeting





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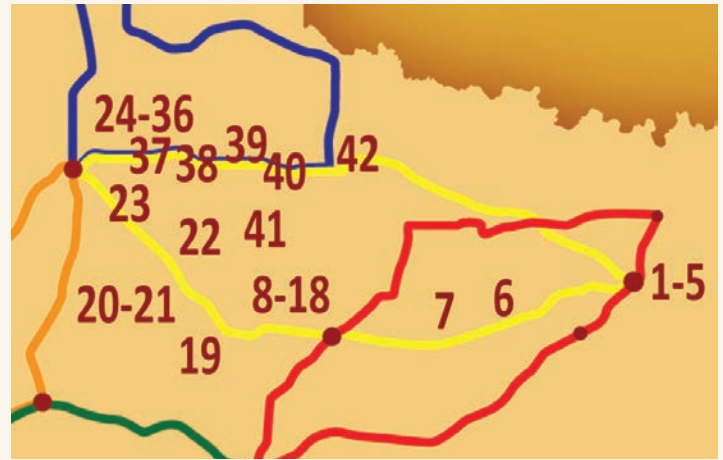
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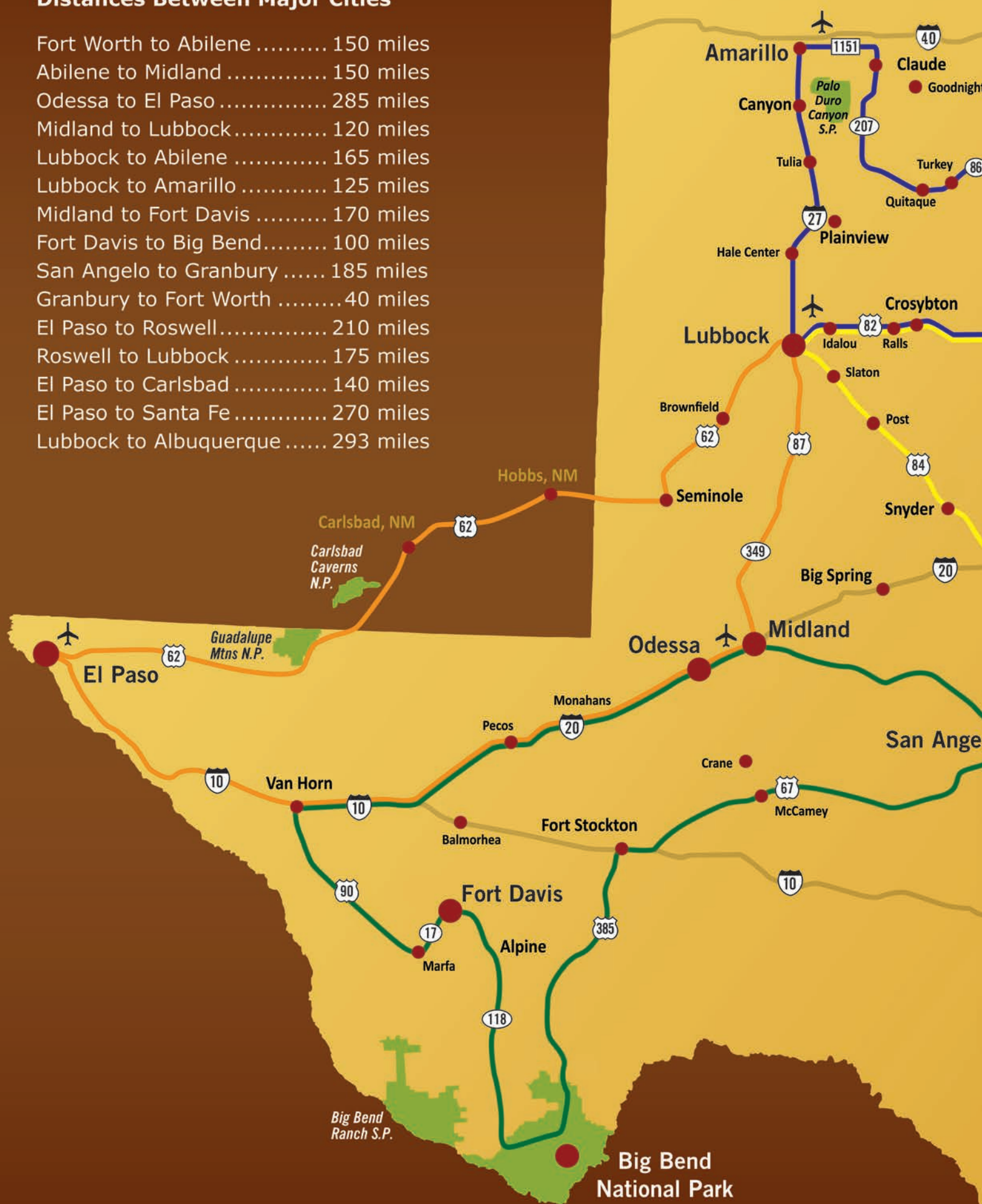
**41 Cross Shield Ranch Tours, Aspermont** Take a ringside seat to watch and listen while a horse whisperer trains an unbroken horse, cowboys separate cows from calves for branding, and a rancher's wife works with a cow dog. [www.doublemountaintradingpost.com/tours.html](http://www.doublemountaintradingpost.com/tours.html)

**42 Fort Richardson State Park, Historic Site & Lost Creek Reservoir State Trailway, Jacksboro** Established in 1868 as the northernmost army outpost in Texas, Fort Richardson was the staging base for the final defensive effort against Comanches and Kiowas in the early 1870s. Tour seven of the original fifty-five structures, including the imposing post hospital. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fort-richardson](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fort-richardson)



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**15 Hale County Farm & Ranch Museum, Hale Center** Housed in a restored 1911 Santa Fe Depot, 1907 farmhouse, and other buildings, exhibits feature artifacts relating to the early days of railroading, farming, and ranching in Texas. Collections include restored antique tractors, vintage farm equipment, and pedal cars. [www.texasplainstrail.com](http://www.texasplainstrail.com)

**16 Museum of the Llano Estacado/Jimmy Dean Museum, Plainview** From the geology, flora, and fauna of the Plains to Indians, settlers, ranchers, industrialists, and entertainers, the museum tells the story of the land and those who lived on it. [www.wbu.edu/museum](http://www.wbu.edu/museum)

**17 Kenneth Wyatt Art Gallery, Tulia** Visit the working studio and gallery of one of the most renowned Western painters of our day. [www.kennethwyatt.com](http://www.kennethwyatt.com)

**18 Ozark Trail Marker, Tulia** The routes of this early auto trail ran from St. Louis, Missouri, to El Paso, Texas, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, marked by tall concrete obelisks, of which only a handful remain. [www.TexasPlainsTrail.com](http://www.TexasPlainsTrail.com)

**19 Palo Duro Canyon, Canyon** At the U.S.'s second largest canyon, tour groups can enjoy scenic vistas from the rim, drive the canyon floor a thousand feet below, and learn about varied history and wildlife. In summer, home to the long-running TEXAS Musical Drama. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)

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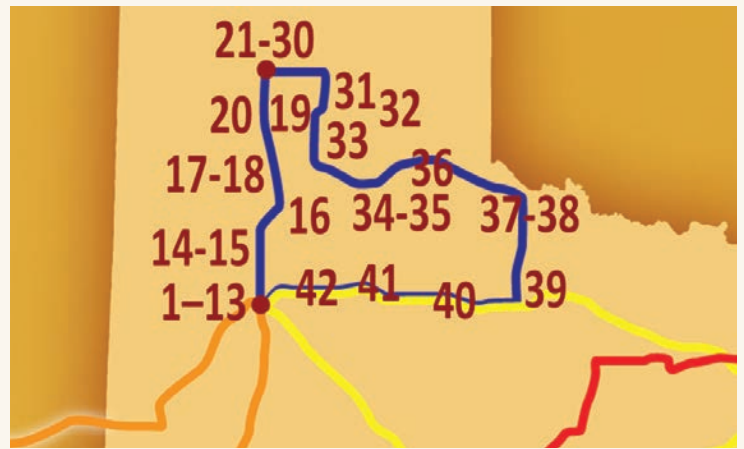
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- 22 Route 66 Historic District, Amarillo** Get your kicks along one continuous mile of antiques, boutiques, restaurants, and historic structures from the original 1926 highway. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)
- 23 Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Amarillo** Native flora are showcased over four acres of seasonal gardens, with an indoor tropical conservatory. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)
- 24 Cadillac Ranch, Amarillo** A roadside icon, public art installation, and must-see for Route 66 travelers. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)
- 25 Wildcat Bluff Nature Center, Amarillo** An outdoor classroom situated on more than 600 acres of rolling grasslands above the Canadian River along the historic Gregg-Marcy Wagon Trail; site of Quanah Parker Trail arrow marker. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)
- 26 American Quarter Horse Museum and Hall of Fame, Amarillo** Showcase of the original workhorse of the West. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)
- 27 Kwahadi American Indian Museum, Amarillo** Housed in a replica Pueblo Indian kiva (underground ceremonial chamber), the museum features fine art and exhibits of the crafts and cultures of the Pueblo and Plains Indian people, featuring the works of Thomas E. Mails and bronze artist Tom Knapp. Seasonal dance pageants by long-running Scout troop. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)



- 28 Big Texan Steak Ranch, Amarillo** Open since 1960 and home of the 72-oz. steak challenge, the Big Texan also offers a brewery, a hotel, and an RV park. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)
- 29 Texas Air & Space Museum, Amarillo** Located at a large hangar at Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport, the museum displays civilian and military aircraft as well as a wide range of air and space artifacts. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)
- 30 Cowgirls and Cowboys in the West, Amarillo** Year-round horseback riding on the rim of Palo Duro Canyon; group catering, including chuck wagon events. [www.visitamarillo.com](http://www.visitamarillo.com)
- 31 Armstrong County Museum & Gem Theatre, Claude** The museum, art gallery, and restored theatre with live shows provide a reflection of the heritage and culture of the Texas Panhandle in days gone by. [www.armstrongcountymuseum.com](http://www.armstrongcountymuseum.com)
- 32 Charles Goodnight Historical Center, Goodnight** Tour the legendary cattleman's restored 1877 Victorian-style home and outbuildings, along with an interpretive center, on the ranch's original site overlooking Palo Duro Canyon. [www.armstrongcountymuseum.com](http://www.armstrongcountymuseum.com)
- 33 Will Hamblen Memorial Drive, Armstrong County** This spectacular 15-mile drive across the eastern reach of Palo Duro Canyon, crossing the Prairie Dog Town Fork of Brazos River, follows the course of a road built by hand in the early 20th century to connect separated portions of Armstrong County. [www.armstrongcountymuseum.com](http://www.armstrongcountymuseum.com)



- 34 Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway, Quitaque** Bison roam free on 10,000 acres of dramatic parkland at the edge of the Llano Estacado as visitors drive through the canyons. Nearby, the railbed of the former Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway (including the last operating railroad tunnel in Texas, which is now home to a colony of Mexican free-tailed bats), has been converted to a 64-mile hiking/biking/horseback trail. [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/caprock-canyons](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/caprock-canyons)
- 35 Comanchero Canyons Museum, Quitaque** Exhibits tell the story of the sheep and cattle raisers who settled this valley in the late 19th century, and those who traded with them. [www.comancherocanyonsmuseum.com](http://www.comancherocanyonsmuseum.com)
- 36 Bob Wills Museum, Turkey** The hometown of the "King of Western Swing" really comes to life the last Saturday in April for Bob Wills Day. View the Texas Playboys bus parked at the vintage Phillips 66 station. [www.bobwillsday.com](http://www.bobwillsday.com)
- 37 Quanah, Acme & Pacific Depot Museum, Quanah** The 1909 Spanish Colonial Revival former rail depot houses exhibits Hardeman County's pioneer and railroad days, and items related to Chief Quanah Parker. [www.texasplainstrail.com](http://www.texasplainstrail.com)
- 38 Copper Breaks State Park, Quanah** Enjoy a scenic hike or drive, and a visit to the interpretive center, at this ruggedly beautiful 1,900-square-mile park that is home to part of the Texas State Longhorn herd. [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/copper-breaks](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/copper-breaks)
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- 1 Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Midland** The interactive museum takes visitors step by step through the dynamic search for black gold, from deposits 230 million years old to classic race cars and a working oil rig. The museum's 40-acre outdoor exhibit area of drilling rigs and related equipment is the largest collection of its type in the world. [www.petroleummuseum.org](http://www.petroleummuseum.org)
- 2 Susie's South Forty Confections Candy Factory, Midland** Tour, sample, and take home goodies from the mouth-watering candy factory that holds the Guinness World Record—holding largest piece of toffee. [www.susiessouthforty.com](http://www.susiessouthforty.com)
- 3 Museum of the Southwest, Midland** Features an art museum housed in the historic 1936 Turner Mansion, along with children's museum, planetarium, and sculpture garden. [www.museumsw.org](http://www.museumsw.org)
- 4 Haley Library & History Center, Midland** The first bell that hung over the Alamo is on exhibit, along with artworks of leading Western artists, in this research library built to house Texas and southwestern history, including the cattle and oil industries. [www.haleylibrary.com](http://www.haleylibrary.com)
- 5 George W. Bush Childhood Home, Midland** Nowhere else in the U.S. have so many prominent political figures called one place home: two presidents, two governors, a first lady, an ambassador, and a CIA director. [www.bushchildhoodhome.com](http://www.bushchildhoodhome.com)
- 6 Sibley Nature Center, Midland** From outdoor trails to indoor exhibits, celebrate nature and history at this unique nature center educating visitors about the plants and animals native to West Texas. [www.sibleynaturecenter.org](http://www.sibleynaturecenter.org)
- 7 I-20 Wildlife Preserve & Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, Midland** A 3.4-mile wooded walking trail with hawk tower and several bird blinds surrounds a 30-acre urban playa wetland on this 99-acre preserve also featuring a 1.45-mile ADA-accessible trail loop. [www.i20wildlifepreserve.org](http://www.i20wildlifepreserve.org)
- 8 Ellen Noël Art Museum, Odessa** An official Smithsonian affiliate, the museum displays rotating exhibits and works from its permanent

collection; a Sensory Garden features a commissioned work by celebrated artist Jesus Morales. [www.noelartmuseum.org](http://www.noelartmuseum.org)

- 9 Globe of the Great Southwest, Odessa** Enjoy performances from classical to modern at this replica of Shakespeare's sixteenth-century Globe Theatre in London; also tour the gardens and Anne Hathaway Cottage. [www.odessacvb.com](http://www.odessacvb.com)
- 10 Presidential Archive and Leadership Library, Odessa** A premier research library and exhibition space dedicated solely to the office of the American president, from George Washington to the present. [www.thepresidentialmuseum.org](http://www.thepresidentialmuseum.org)
- 11 MCM Ice Rink, Odessa** Located at the Music City Mall, an official-size skating rink and the only one between Fort Worth and El Paso. [www.memicerink.com](http://www.memicerink.com)
- 12 Stonehenge, Odessa** On the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin stands a limestone replica of the original Stonehenge in England. [www.odessahistory.com/menusthg.htm](http://www.odessahistory.com/menusthg.htm)
- 13 Ratliff Stadium, Odessa** Many of the action sequences for the 2004 feature film Friday Night Lights were shot in this stadium seating nearly 20,000, where the Odessa Permian High football team has played since 1982 and the UTPB team played its inaugural season in 2015. [www.odessacvb.com](http://www.odessacvb.com)
- 14 Meteor Crater, Odessa** Walk the trail around the second largest meteor crater in the U.S. and visit the interpretive center to see meteorite fragments. [www.odessacvb.com](http://www.odessacvb.com)



- 15 Monahans Sandhills State Park, Monahans** Glistening sand dunes as high as 70 feet offer camping, hiking, sand-surfing, nature viewing, and historical exhibits. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/monahans-sandhills](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/monahans-sandhills)
- 16 Million Barrel Museum, Monahans** The site of a large outdoor oil-storage tank, Rattlesnake Bomber Base Museum, Coca-Cola Museum, and other exhibits. [www.monahans.org](http://www.monahans.org)
- 17 West of the Pecos Museum, Pecos** Occupying the 1896 Orient Hotel and 1904 saloon, with three stories of exhibits, and including a relaxing outdoor park. [www.westofthepecosmuseum.com](http://www.westofthepecosmuseum.com)
- 18 Balmorhea State Park, Balmorhea** The largest spring-fed pool in the world, built in 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Balmorhea features overnight lodging, historic photos, and desert wetlands wildlife. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/balmorhea](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/balmorhea)

**19 Hotel El Capitan, Van Horn** Enjoy a drink at the Gopher Hole Bar in this elegantly restored Trost-designed 1930 hotel, closest lodging to the Guadalupe Mountains National Park. [www.hotelelcapitan.net](http://www.hotelelcapitan.net)

**20 Hotel Paisano, Marfa** Fully restored 1930 cattleman's hotel with enticing bar, courtyard, and gift boutiques; headquarters for the filming of the movie *Giant* with Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, and James Dean, all of whom lodged at the Paisano during filming. [www.hotelpaisano.com](http://www.hotelpaisano.com)

**21 Fort Davis National Historic Site, Fort Davis** Listen for the bugle's call -- and enjoy daily tours of six restored and furnished buildings at one of the best preserved remnants of an 1800s military frontier fort at the foot of the scenic Davis Mountains. Reenactments are scheduled periodically. [www.nps.gov/foda](http://www.nps.gov/foda)

**22 McDonald Observatory, Fort Davis** World-renowned observatory and astronomy center, managed by the University of Texas; offers star parties and group tours. [www.mcdonaldobservatory.org](http://www.mcdonaldobservatory.org)

**23 Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center and Botanical Gardens, Fort Davis** A Chihuahuan Desert botanical garden focusing on native plants of the area with over 200 species of succulents. [www.cdri.org](http://www.cdri.org)

**24 The Veranda, Fort Davis** More than a century old and a favorite of magazine features, this adobe B&B within easy walking distance of downtown boasts two-foot-thick walls and twelve-foot ceilings. [www.theveranda.com](http://www.theveranda.com)

**25 Hotel Limpia, Fort Davis** 1912 limestone hotel in downtown with a full-service restaurant, bar, pool, and relaxing courtyard on the main street through town. [www.hotellimpia.com](http://www.hotellimpia.com)

**26 Indian Lodge, Fort Davis** Located in the beautiful Davis Mountains State Park, this unique adobe hotel offers on-site restaurant, pool, meeting areas, and hiking trails to the park. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/indian-lodge](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/indian-lodge)

**27 Woodward Ranch/Rock Hunting Tours, Alpine** Featured on the Discovery Channel; offers rock hunting for all ages and mobility levels on an 1884 ranch famous for red plume and pom-pom Texas agate, jasper, labradorite, feldspar, calcite, opal, and other minerals. [www.woodwardranch.net](http://www.woodwardranch.net)

**28 Big Bend National Park** One of the last remaining wild corners of the U.S., scenic, historic Big Bend is often considered three parks in one (desert, mountains, river), offering awe-inspiring routes and stops, from the Rio Grande to an 8,000-foot elevation in the Chisos Mountains. [www.nps.gov/bibe](http://www.nps.gov/bibe)

**29 Paisano Pete, Fort Stockton** The world's tallest roadrunner statue makes a great photo op near the city's historic Comanche Springs. [www.historicfortstocktontx.com](http://www.historicfortstocktontx.com)

**30 Historic Fort Stockton** Established in 1859, this frontier fort consists of an original guard house, restored officers' quarters, and a museum with historical displays. [www.historicfortstocktontx.com](http://www.historicfortstocktontx.com)

**31 Annie Riggs Memorial Museum, Fort Stockton** 1899 hotel with local and regional artifacts, Queen Anne--style porch, and courtyard. [www.annieriggsmuseum.org](http://www.annieriggsmuseum.org)



**32 Grey Mule Saloon/Ste. Genevieve, Fort Stockton** Historic 1880s saloon, now a wine tasting room for the Ste. Genevieve Winery. [www.stegenwines.com](http://www.stegenwines.com)

**33 Mendoza Trail Museum, McCamey** This inviting stop just off US 67 in the Wind Energy Capital of Texas includes Santa Fe Park, the museum, and the 1915 Adrian House. [www.mccameycity.com](http://www.mccameycity.com)

**34 Museum of the Desert Southwest, Crane** The museum features exhibits of ranching and oil in Crane; 5 miles north of McCamey, travelers can enjoy views of historic Castle Gap along US 385.

**35 Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, San Angelo** Watch a reenactment or enjoy a festival at this national landmark established as an army outpost in 1867, home to the famed Buffalo Soldiers and one of the nation's best-preserved Indian Wars forts. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

**36 International Water Lily Garden, San Angelo** Among this brilliant display of lilies from around the world is the famous Victoria, the world's largest lily. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

**37 San Angelo Museum of Fine Art** This jewel of a museum located in a rehabilitated mill building displays ceramic art and other exhibits of all cultures and time periods, in a dramatic waterfront setting. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

**38 Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum, San Angelo** Take a peek past the parlor -- including the original beds! -- in this former house of ill repute closed down by Texas Rangers in 1952. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)

**39 Santa Fe Depot & Railway Museum, San Angelo** Learn about the railroading history of the Concho Valley through memorabilia and artifacts. [www.visitsanangelo.org](http://www.visitsanangelo.org)





Groups are encouraged to combine these different loops, depending on interests and length of the tour.



**TEXAS MOUNTAINS AND BORDERLANDS: THE ORANGE LOOP** features attractions in El Paso, Lubbock, Midland, and Odessa, and can be combined with a New Mexico tour. It travels through the Mountain, Pecos, and Plains Trail Regions.

- 1 Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Midland** The interactive museum takes visitors step by step through the dynamic search for black gold, from deposits 230 million years old to classic race cars and a working oil rig. The museum's 40-acre outdoor exhibit area of drilling rigs and related equipment is the largest collection of its type in the world. [www.petroleummuseum.org](http://www.petroleummuseum.org)
- 2 Susie's South Forty Confections Candy Factory, Midland** Tour, sample, and take home goodies from the mouth-watering candy factory that holds the Guinness World Record—holding largest piece of toffee. [www.susiessouthforty.com](http://www.susiessouthforty.com)
- 3 Museum of the Southwest, Midland** Features an art museum housed in the historic 1936 Turner Mansion, along with children's museum, planetarium, and sculpture garden. [www.museumsw.org](http://www.museumsw.org)
- 4 Haley Library & History Center, Midland** The first bell that hung over the Alamo is on exhibit, along with artworks of leading Western artists, in this research library built to house Texas and southwestern history, including the cattle and oil industries. [www.haleylibrary.com](http://www.haleylibrary.com)
- 5 George W. Bush Childhood Home, Midland** Nowhere else in the U.S. have so many prominent political figures called one place home: two presidents, two governors, a first lady, an ambassador, and a CIA director. [www.bushchildhoodhome.com](http://www.bushchildhoodhome.com)
- 6 Sibley Nature Center, Midland** From outdoor trails to indoor exhibits, celebrate nature and history at this unique nature center educating visitors about the plants and animals native to West Texas. [www.sibleynaturecenter.org](http://www.sibleynaturecenter.org)
- 7 I-20 Wildlife Preserve & Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, Midland** A 3.4 mile wooded walking trail with hawk tower and several bird blinds surrounds a 30-acre urban playa wetland on this 99-acre preserve also featuring a 1.45 mile ADA-accessible trail loop. [www.i20wildlifepreserve.org](http://www.i20wildlifepreserve.org)
- 8 Ellen Noël Art Museum, Odessa** An official Smithsonian affiliate, the museum displays rotating exhibits and works from its permanent collection; a Sensory Garden features a commissioned work by celebrated artist Jesus Morales. [www.noelartmuseum.org](http://www.noelartmuseum.org)
- 9 Globe of the Great Southwest, Odessa** Enjoy performances from classical to modern at this replica of Shakespeare's sixteenth-century

Globe Theatre in London; also tour the gardens and Anne Hathaway Cottage. [www.odessacvb.com](http://www.odessacvb.com)

- 10 Presidential Archive and Leadership Library, Odessa** A premier research library and exhibition space dedicated solely to the office of the American president, from George Washington to the present. [www.thepresidentialmuseum.org](http://www.thepresidentialmuseum.org)
- 11 MCM Ice Rink, Odessa** Located at the Music City Mall, an official-size skating rink and the only one between Fort Worth and El Paso. [www.mcmicerink.com](http://www.mcmicerink.com)
- 12 Stonehenge, Odessa** On the campus of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin stands a limestone replica of the original Stonehenge in England. [www.odessahistory.com/menusthg.htm](http://www.odessahistory.com/menusthg.htm)
- 13 Ratliff Stadium, Odessa** Many of the action sequences for the 2004 feature film Friday Night Lights were shot in this stadium seating nearly 20,000, where the Odessa Permian High football team has played since 1982 and the UTPB team played its inaugural season in 2015. [www.odessacvb.com](http://www.odessacvb.com)
- 14 Meteor Crater, Odessa** Walk the trail around the second largest meteor crater in the U.S.s and visit the interpretive center to see meteorite fragments. [www.odessacvb.com](http://www.odessacvb.com)
- 15 Monahans Sandhills State Park, Monahans** Glistening sand dunes as high as 70 feet offer camping, hiking, sand-surfing, nature viewing, and historical exhibits. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/monahans-sandhills](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/monahans-sandhills)
- 16 Million Barrel Museum, Monahans** The site of a large outdoor oil-storage tank, Rattlesnake Bomber Base Museum, Coca-Cola Museum, and other exhibits. [www.monahans.org](http://www.monahans.org)
- 17 West of the Pecos Museum, Pecos** Occupying the 1896 Orient Hotel and 1904 saloon, with three stories of exhibits, and including a relaxing outdoor park. [www.westofthepecosmuseum.com](http://www.westofthepecosmuseum.com)
- 18 Balmorhea State Park, Balmorhea** The largest spring-fed pool in the world, built in 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, Balmorhea features overnight lodging, historic photos, and desert wetlands wildlife. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/balmorhea](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/balmorhea)
- 19 Hotel El Capitan, Van Horn** Enjoy a drink at the Gopher Hole Bar in this elegantly restored Trost-designed 1930 hotel, closest lodging to the Guadalupe Mountains National Park. [www.hotelelcapitan.net](http://www.hotelelcapitan.net)
- 20 Indian Cliffs Ranch at Cattleman's Steakhouse, El Paso** The ever-changing scenery and contrasting terrain of this authentic working ranch will take you back to the Old West. [www.cattlemansranch.com](http://www.cattlemansranch.com)
- 21 El Paso Mission Trail** Along the Rio Grande, the oldest of three still-active religious congregations housed in adobe mission churches has been continuously active since 1680. [www.elpasomissiontrail.com](http://www.elpasomissiontrail.com)
- 22 Downtown Museum District, El Paso** Within easy walking distance of the heart of downtown are the El Paso Museum of Art, the El Paso History Museum, the El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center, and fine examples of Trost & Trost architecture such as the Anson Mills Building. The state-of-the-art Southwest University Park ball field is home to the AAA El Paso Chihuahuas. [www.visitelpaso.com](http://www.visitelpaso.com)
- 23 Magoffin Home, El Paso** The Adobe Territorial home of a pioneering multicultural family, now open for house and garden tours. [www.visitmagoffinhome.com](http://www.visitmagoffinhome.com)
- 24 Concordia Cemetery, El Paso** Legendary gunfighter John Wesley Hardin is buried in El Paso's own historic "Boot Hill" along with Buffalo Soldiers, Texas Rangers, Civil War veterans, Mormon pioneers, Florida (Lady Flo) Wolf, and lawman John Selman. [www.concordiacemetery.org](http://www.concordiacemetery.org)

**25 Wyler Aerial Tramway, El Paso** Aerial gondolas soar above a rugged canyon in the Franklin Mountains State Park, providing a view of more than 7,000 square miles, encompassing three states and two nations. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/wyler-aerial-tramway](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/wyler-aerial-tramway)

**26 National Border Patrol Museum, El Paso** Equipment, vehicles, weapons, and documents in this unique museum cover the history of the United States Border Patrol from the old West and the days of the Texas Rangers through Prohibition, WWII, right up to current operations. Guided tours may be booked in advance. [www.borderpatrolmuseum.com](http://www.borderpatrolmuseum.com)

**27 El Paso Museum of Archaeology & Wilderness Park, El Paso** The museum and nature trail tell the story of the first inhabitants of the El Paso area, the greater Southwest, and northern Mexico. <http://archaeology.elpasotexas.gov/>

**28 Keystone Heritage Park, El Paso** The park comprises a desert botanical garden, wetlands, and a 4,500-year-old archaeological site, one of the oldest villages in the United States. [www.keystoneheritagepark.org](http://www.keystoneheritagepark.org)

**29 Zin Valle Vineyards, El Paso** Enjoy a bottle of Rising Star wine from the vineyard patio, taking in the view of the majestic Franklin Mountains and experiencing the warm West Texas sun and the cool mountain breezes flowing through the Mesilla Valley. [www.zinvalle.com](http://www.zinvalle.com)

**30 Chamizal National Memorial, El Paso** More than just an urban park to recreate or enjoy a quiet afternoon, these grounds on the Rio Grande represent the peaceful settlement of a hundred-year border dispute between nations. [www.nps.gov/cham/](http://www.nps.gov/cham/)

**31 Hueco Tanks State Historic Site, El Paso** Preserving history from ancient pictographs to ruins of a stagecoach stop along the old Butterfield Overland Trail, Hueco Tanks is also a haven for hikers and rock climbers from around the world. [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/hueco-tanks](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/hueco-tanks)

**32 Guadalupe Mountains and Carlsbad Caverns National Parks** Two national parks are situated just 40 miles apart: Guadalupe Mountains NP, with the highest peak in Texas and a Butterfield Overland Mail Stage stop, and Carlsbad Caverns NP, renowned for its bat flight and famous caves. [www.nps.gov/gumo/](http://www.nps.gov/gumo/); [www.nps.gov/cave](http://www.nps.gov/cave)

**33 Carlsbad, New Mexico** Located on the scenic and historic Pecos River, Carlsbad makes a welcome stop for travelers between El Paso and Lubbock, Texas. Visitors may enjoy a river cruise or rented paddle boat on Lake Carlsbad, or visit the Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park. [www.carlsbadnewmexico.com](http://www.carlsbadnewmexico.com)

**34 Hobbs, New Mexico** Situated on the far western edge of the Llano Estacado, Hobbs is a convenient stop for travelers between El Paso and Lubbock, Texas. [www.hobbschamber.org](http://www.hobbschamber.org)

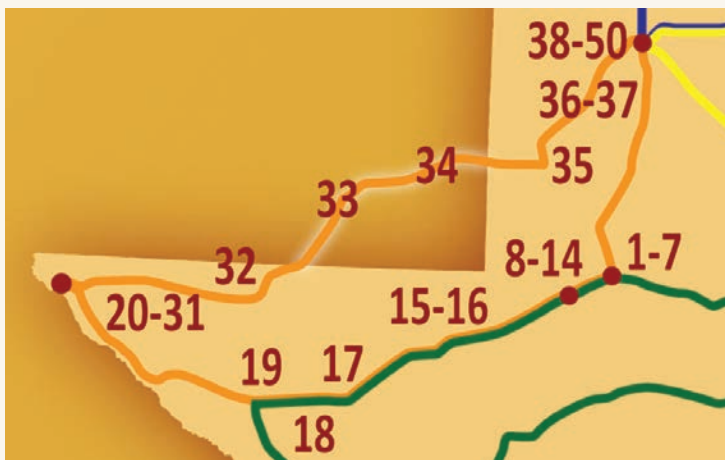
**35 Gaines County Museum, Seminole** The museum showcases the history of this agricultural and petroleum-producing county, depicting the stories of five major cultures that contributed to it: Comanches; early Anglo pioneers; Hispanics; Black Americans from whom the city of Seminole derived its name; and the German-speaking community (Mennonites). [www.gainescountymuseum.org](http://www.gainescountymuseum.org)

**36 Terry County Heritage Museum** The 1928 former home of A.M. Brownfield, built in 1928, displays exhibits from pre-historic artifacts to the modern era. The grounds also contain Terry county's first jail, Brownfield Depot, and a large windmill. [www.texasplainstrail.com](http://www.texasplainstrail.com)

**37 Texas Custom Wine Works** Situated in Terry County, the official Grape Capital of Texas, with more than 35 vineyards and 1,300 acres of grapes, this facility that makes wine for wineries across the state also features a tasting room and gift shop. [www.texascustomwineworks.com](http://www.texascustomwineworks.com)

**38 American Wind Power Center, Lubbock** More than 160 rare and fully restored windmills, indoors and out, tell the story of irrigation, ranching, and railroads that depended on underground water. View the awe-inspiring "Legacy of the Wind" mural and bring kids to see the world's largest model train layout. [www.windmill.com](http://www.windmill.com)

**39 Depot Entertainment District, Lubbock** The heartbeat of Lubbock nightlife, for a fun-filled music evening, Texas style. The historic Cactus Theater, with live performances, anchors a district with restaurants, clubs, boutiques, and galleries. [www.visitlubbock.org](http://www.visitlubbock.org)



**40 West Texas Walk of Fame/Buddy and Maria Elena Holly Plaza/Buddy Holly Statue, Lubbock** A larger-than-life tribute to the Lubbock musician who inspired the world of rock 'n' roll, and "Walk of Fame" honoring other West Texas music legends from Waylon Jennings to Natalie Maines. [www.civillubbock.com/walk.html](http://www.civillubbock.com/walk.html)

**41 Buddy Holly Center, Lubbock** Located in the historic Depot Entertainment District, the center houses a permanent exhibition dedicated to the life and music of Buddy Holly and displays unique memorabilia donated by the family, friends, and fans of Lubbock's favorite son. The newly restored J. I. Allison House, opened in 2013, invites visitors to see what home life was like in the 1950s for Buddy Holly and his Crickets band members. [www.buddyhollycenter.org](http://www.buddyhollycenter.org)

**42 Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, Lubbock** The hub of Lubbock's long-running, monthly First Friday Art Trail, this vibrant art gallery with multiple restored buildings showcases a variety of visual and performing arts. [www.lhuca.org](http://www.lhuca.org)

**43 Lubbock Lake Landmark National Historic Landmark, Lubbock** An internationally recognized archaeological and natural history preserve featuring an interpretive center, exhibits, and four miles of outdoor trails along an ancient valley where mammoth and bison once roamed. [www.museum.ttu.edu/lll](http://www.museum.ttu.edu/lll)

**44 Silent Wings Museum, Lubbock** Discover the fascinating story of the U.S. Military Glider Program and its role in WWII. [www.silentwingsmuseum.com](http://www.silentwingsmuseum.com)

**45 Texas Tech University Public Art Collection, Lubbock** More than sixty outdoor art installations, viewable from vehicle or on foot, grace the grounds of one of the nation's most beautiful university campuses. [www.texas-tech.edu/fpc/public-art-ph](http://www.texas-tech.edu/fpc/public-art-ph)

**46 Museum of Texas Tech University, Lubbock** In the museum's galleries, sculpture court, and planetarium, explore collections in the arts, humanities and sciences, numbering nearly five million objects. [www.museum.ttu.edu](http://www.museum.ttu.edu)

**47 Science Spectrum & Omni Theater, Lubbock** Hands-on museum featuring interactive science exhibits, children's activities, and IMAX films; home to Lubbock's only public aquarium. [www.sciencespectrum.org](http://www.sciencespectrum.org)

**48 Bayer Museum of Agriculture, Lubbock** This newly expanded museum situated on a prominent hilltop above the Canyon Lakes features unique exhibits from horse-drawn implements to crop dusters to GPS-driven equipment, showcasing the vital role of agriculture on the Plains. [www.agriculturehistory.org](http://www.agriculturehistory.org)

**49 National Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock** The story of ranching in North America is told through artifacts and art, and 48 authentic structures, from barn to railroad depot, from dugout to windmill, in a 27-acre scenic park setting. [www.nrhc.ttu.edu](http://www.nrhc.ttu.edu)

**50 Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University, Lubbock** The home of major research archives in ranching, the Vietnam War, and natural history, among many other subjects the Southwest Collection welcomes the public to view exhibits related to its extensive collections. [www.swco.ttu.edu](http://www.swco.ttu.edu)



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