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CULTURE

Attractions

Welcome!

Armstrong Browning Library

Dr Pepper Museum

ARMSTRONG BROWNING LIBRARY

710 Speight Ave. (Baylor University) > 254-710-3566
> www.browninglibrary.org > **Monday – Friday 9 AM – 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM** > Free guided tours for 10 or more available by advance appointment

This grand, three-story Italian Renaissance-style building with 62 magnificent stained glass windows, soaring marble columns and sweeping halls astonishes the over 25,000 visitors who tour the library each year. But it's not just the compelling beauty of the library or its quiet serenity that astonishes. The library is the permanent home to the world's largest collection of personal Browning artifacts. The extensive collection includes the British poets' furnishings, decorative arts, paintings, and sculptures. Elizabeth's own salon has been recreated with her personal treasures. It also houses the William and Sue Dotson Wedgwood collection.

DR PEPPER MUSEUM AND FREE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

300 S. 5th St. > 254-757-1024 > www.drpeppermuseum.com
Monday – Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday Noon – 5 PM, last ticket sold at 4:15 PM > \$8 adults, \$6 seniors (65+), \$5 students/children (ages 3-17) > Group rates available. Audio wand tour additional \$1

Dr Pepper is a favorite soft drink, but did you know that it was created by Waco pharmacist Charles "Doc" Alderton in 1885? It's the oldest major soft drink in America and was originally bottled in a 1906 building in downtown Waco. Now the historic Dr Pepper building featuring an animatron of Doc Alderton is home to the museum. It's a fun place for all ages with three floors of exhibits including an interior artesian well, 25 years of Dr Pepper commercials and a re-creation of a 1930s country store. "Belching is not encouraged," quips the website, but a sip at the restored turn-of-the-century soda fountain is!

EARLE-HARRISON HOUSE & PAPE GARDENS

1901 N. 5th St. > 254-753-2032 > www.earleharrison.com
> All visits are by appointment only, and conducted during these times: **Monday – Thursday 8 AM – 8 PM, first Sunday of each month 8 AM – 8 PM**
> \$5 per person

Surrounded by five acres of towering live oaks, a 75-foot rose arbor, and a lily pond, this stately Greek Revival style mansion offers a stunning collection of 19th century heirlooms, many original to the home. The structure is actually half a house and has a unique story to tell about completion plans thwarted by an untimely death. When you visit, plan to bring a picnic and enjoy the beautiful gardens surrounding the stately mansion.

Pape Gardens

HISTORIC WACO FOUNDATION

> www.historicwaco.org

Waco's history comes alive in four landmark, fully restored Victorian homes. These house museums, built after the Civil War, contain furnishings of the period and in some cases original to the respective house. Special exhibits can be seen throughout the year at Fort House. For those who love history, each house and each collection reveals secrets of the past.

- > \$3 adults, \$2.50 seniors, \$2 students
- > Military discounts available.

Hoffman House (Main Office)

810 S. 4th St. > 254-753-5166 > Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM – Noon and 1 PM – 5:30 PM

Fort House

503 S. 4th St. > 254-756-4161 > Saturday: 2 PM – 5 PM from January – June, Sunday: 2 PM – 5 PM from July – December. Tuesday – Friday: 11 AM – 3 PM in April, May, June

East Terrace

100 Mill St. > 254-756-4101 > Saturday: 2 PM – 5 PM from July – December, Sunday: 2 PM – 5 PM from January – June. Tuesday – Friday 11 AM – 3 PM in July, August, September

Earle-Napier-Kinnard House

814 S. 4th St. > 254-756-0057 > Saturday: 2 PM – 5 PM from January – June, Sunday: 2 PM – 5 PM from July – December. Tuesday – Friday 11 AM – 3 PM in October, November, December

McCulloch House

407 Columbus Ave. > 254-756-2828 > Saturday: 2 PM – 5 PM from July – December, Sunday: 2 PM – 5 PM from January – June. Tuesday – Friday 11 AM – 3 PM in January, February, March

Homestead
Heritage



Mayborn
Museum

HOMESTEAD HERITAGE TRADITIONAL CRAFTS VILLAGE

608 Dry Creek Rd. > 254-754-9600

> www.homesteadheritage.com

> Monday – Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM

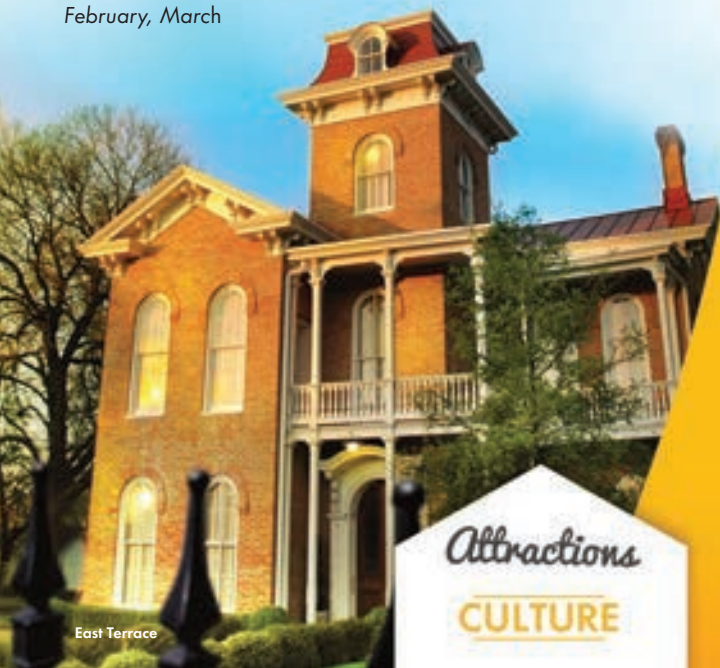
Enjoy an afternoon at Homestead Heritage Traditional Crafts Village. This 510-acre Christian agricultural settlement, located a few miles outside Waco, allows visitors to enjoy a simple change of pace and an agrarian atmosphere. Inside the 200-year old restored barn is a showcase of the work of the village's craftspeople and includes pottery, quilts, beeswax candles, natural soaps, and needlework. Enjoy lunch at Cafe Homestead, one of the only locally sourced, organic restaurants in the Heart of Texas – and be sure to leave room for dessert!

MAYBORN MUSEUM COMPLEX

1300 S. University Parks Dr. > 254-710-1110

> www.baylor.edu/mayborn > Monday – Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Thursday 10 AM – 8 PM, Sunday 1 PM – 5 PM > \$6 adults, \$5 seniors (65+), \$4 children 18 mos. – 12 years > Group & military discounts available

This museum complex is designed to engage the entire family and encourage a unique museum experience. From the 17 hands-on discovery rooms in the Jeanes Discovery Center for children to the walk-in dioramas in the Natural Science and Cultural History Museum and the nine wood framed buildings at the Gov. Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village, there are hours of interesting and fun things to experience. The whole family will enjoy exploration stations showcasing geology, paleontology, archeology and natural history. In the summer, some of the best and brightest traveling exhibits in the country come to the Mayborn. We invite you to engage, explore and enjoy!



East Terrace

Attractions
CULTURE

TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME

1108 S. University Parks Dr. > 254-756-1633

> 800-567-9567 > www.tshof.org > **Monday –**

Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday Noon – 5 PM

> \$7 adults, \$6 seniors (60+), \$3 students, 6 and under free

> Group rates available > Active military free

Without a doubt, Texans are passionate about their sports and sports heroes! From little leaguers with big dreams to the veterans of Friday night football games, this interactive museum has something for everyone. The Tom Landry Theater shows great football plays from the past as well as the near-present. Portions of the

Hall of Fame are dedicated to tennis, basketball and football with a special Southwest Conference Gallery. Come see the best of Texas sports and relive the exciting white-knuckled moments again.



STANTON GLASS STUDIOS & WOODWORKS

318 Rogers Hill Rd. > 254-829-1151 > www.stantonglass.com

> By Appointment Only > \$5 per person

Stanton Glass Studios has been making beautiful art for over 30 years. Stanton's work appears in hotels, resorts, restaurants, churches and homes around the United States. Custom stained glass, woodworking and hot glass along with education seminars are all part of the services performed at their Waco studios. Visitors can tour the studios, relax on the deck and purchase a one-of-a-kind piece of art in their gift shop!

MASONIC GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

715 Columbus Ave. > 254-753-7395

> www.grandlodgeoftexas.org

> **Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4 PM**

The Freemasons are the oldest continuously operating organization in Texas. In fact, all presidents of the Republic of Texas as well as many other Texas dignitaries were Freemasons. Interesting and educational, this museum bears witness to Freemason's part in Texas history with artifacts and memorabilia dating back to the Republic of Texas in the 1830s. Also included is a large military exhibit, railroad artifacts and a Holocaust exhibit tracing the persecution of all groups who did not adhere to the ideology of the Nazi regime, including Freemasons.

Attractions
CULTURE

Mayborn MUSEUM

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www.MaybornMuseum.com

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RED MEN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

4521 Speight Ave. > 254-756-1221

> www.redmen.org > **Monday – Friday 8 AM – 4:30 PM**

> Free admission > Weekends By Appointment

If you are looking for the unique, here is where you will find treasures such as a bugle recovered from the battlefield at Gettysburg, a peace blanket belonging to Apache warrior Geronimo and a writing desk once owned by Aaron Burr. A popular place for researchers, the extensive library includes the entire Nuremberg War Criminal Trials report.

Wineries / Distilleries

BALCONES DISTILLERY

212 S. 17th St. > 254-755-6003 > www.balconesdistilling.com

> By appointment only

Winner of numerous awards from around the world for their whiskies and spirits, Balcones uses only the finest ingredients and utmost care in crafting their whiskies. Each batch is tasted to ensure their quality to create a truly unique and world-class spirit.

VALLEY MILLS VINEYARDS

8532 N. Hwy. 6 > 254-848-4343 > www.valleymillsvineyards.com

> **Thursday & Friday 2–7 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 7 PM,**

Sunday 12–5 PM

Valley Mills Vineyards is a boutique winery that strives to craft the highest quality of Texas wines. The tasting room allows visitors a chance to sit back, relax, and enjoy a selection of their fine wines. On Saturday evenings from 8-11 PM live music enhances the experience.

TEHUACANA CREEK VINEYARDS

6826 East State Hwy. 6 > 254-875-2375 > www.wacowinery.com

> Hours vary, see website

TCV Winery, a family-owned boutique winery, makes over 18 different kinds of authentic Texas wines. Guests can tour the winery, enjoy a tasting, or attend one of many special events the winery hosts annually.

CULTURE

Art Museums

Art Center Waco

ART CENTER WACO

1300 College Dr.

(McLennan Community College)

> 254-752-4371

> www.artcenterwaco.org

> Museum & shop: **Tuesday – Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 1 PM – 5 PM**

> Donation: \$2 adults, \$1 educator, \$1 children 5-12

> Sculpture garden open daily

Take a walk on the creative side at Art Center Waco. Browse the gallery which showcases the work of new and established artists from across Texas, as well as exhibitions of other top award-winning photographers and painters. This art museum overlooks the beautiful Brazos River Valley and boasts a sculpture garden with over 35 works of art. The path of the garden is open at any hour, day or night. Be sure to visit the Gift Gallery shop which features unique items, many of which are made by local artists.

MARTIN MUSEUM OF ART

60 Baylor Ave.

(Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center) > 254-710-1867

> www.baylor.edu/martinmuseum

> **Tuesday – Friday 10 AM – 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM, Sunday 1 PM – 4 PM**

The Martin Museum of Art, located on the Baylor campus, houses a permanent collection of approximately 1,300 modern and contemporary paintings, sculptures & prints. The collection contains artwork by well-known artists such as Robert Rauschenberg, Kathe Kollwitz, and Edouard-Leon Cortes. Be sure to check the museum's online calendar for frequent exhibits of national and international artists.

Martin Museum of Art

Theatre CULTURE



BAYLOR THEATRE

1401 S. University Parks Drive > 254-710-1865

> www.baylor.edu/theatre/

Baylor University's Department of Theatre Arts presents professional-grade productions featuring talented students, stunning costumes and breathtaking scenery. Performances are open to the public, but tickets in advance are highly encouraged. The American Actors Company is the professional producing arm of the Baylor Theatre. Its mission is to promote the artistic community and encourage the work of authentic American voices.

MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEATRE

1400 College Dr., on the MCC Campus > 254-299-8200

> www.mclennan.edu/departments/a&s/dram > **Box office Monday**

– **Friday 1–5 PM** > Waco is fortunate to have two extraordinary college theatre departments and visitors flock to both. McLennan Community College presents impeccable theatre at three venues on campus: Ball Performing Arts Center, Fine Arts Theatre and the Bosque River Stage. Four times a year the department produces plays, musical theatre and originally conceived dance works. In addition, the Music Department performs a fully-staged opera.

WACO CIVIC THEATRE

1517 Lake Air Dr. > 254-776-1591 > www.wacocivictheatre.org

> **Box office Monday – Friday 2 PM – 5 PM** > Prices vary

Waco Civic Theatre features stellar productions ranging from theatre classics to contemporary productions. Each season consists of six main stage productions, several children's theatre shows, and a variety of special events, from concerts to fundraisers to one-night-only engagements.

JUBILEE THEATRE

1319 N. 15th St. > 254-753-4900 > www.jubileetheatre-waco.org

> *Call for current programs and ticket prices*

"Most original performance I've seen anywhere," is often heard as patrons leave this theatre. The theatre is run by Mission Waco, a non-profit organization that has turned the venue and the surrounding location into a hub of activities where folks can enjoy an exciting mix of plays, dances, and concerts.

BRAZOS THEATRE GROUP

254-313-8920 > www.facebook.com/BrazosTheatre

Brazos Theatre Group is a local group of actors and individuals offering a variety of theatrical productions including mystery dinner theatre, comedies, musicals and dramas.

CULTURE

Performing Arts Venues

BOSQUE RIVER STAGE

1400 College Dr.

(McLennan Community College) > 254-299-8283

> www.bosqueriverstage.com

Every musical style from Rock & Roll to Country and Jazz can be enjoyed at this modern, open-air amphitheater on the banks of the Bosque River. Groups such as Three Dog Night to Australian guitar soloist Tommy Emmanuel have performed to sold-out crowds. Each Thursday in June the Bosque River Stage presents a River Sounds concert free to the public.



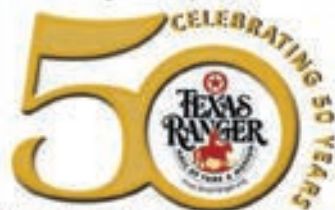
Bosque River Stage

STARS OVER TEXAS JAMBOREE

> 254-755-7257

This family style musical jamboree is held monthly at the Lee Lockwood Library, 2801 West Waco Drive. Featured music includes country, oldies, gospel and bluegrass and entertainment can range from cloggers and dancers to comedians.

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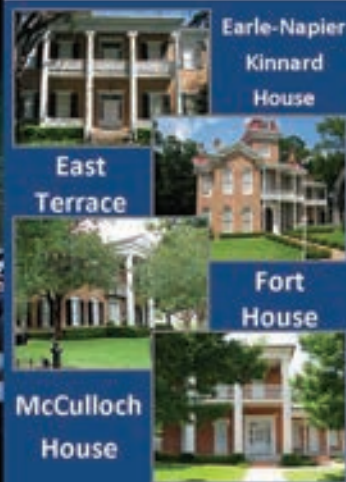
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and Suspension Bridge

HISTORIC SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND RIVERWALK

Washington Ave. at University Parks Dr. to
Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at Elm St.

> www.waco-texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation/page.aspx?id=50

Waco's Historic Suspension Bridge was the longest single-span suspension bridge west of the Mississippi when it was completed in 1870. The bridge was originally built for cattle drives crossing the Brazos River on the Chisholm Trail while today it stands as an icon of Waco history. Located in the center of downtown Waco, the surrounding parks are where many community festivals and free events take place including the 4th on the Brazos celebration and Brazos Nights concerts in the summer.

The **Riverwalk trail** on the west side of the river extends from Baylor University, past the Historic Suspension Bridge and continues to McLennan Community College via Cameron Park. The trail within Cameron Park is soft surfaced while the rest of the trail is concrete and ADA accessible. The Riverwalk crosses the Brazos at the Herring Avenue Bridge in Cameron Park and loops back along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Franklin Avenue. The Riverwalk on the east bank of the river allows visitors to either walk or jog while taking in the beautiful scenery.

The "Branding the Brazos" sculpture grouping pays homage to Waco's role along the historic cattle drive trail.

Longhorns and two cowboys on horseback provide great photo ops!



Enjoy!

Waco Mammoth Site

TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

100 Texas Ranger Trl. > 254-750-8631 > 877-750-8631

> www.texasranger.org > **Monday – Sunday 9 AM – 5 PM, last guest admitted at 4:30 PM** > \$7 adults, \$6 seniors adults and military, \$3 children 6-12, 5 and under free > Group and school rates are available

One of the most popular attractions in the state, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum is the official State Hall of Fame for the Texas Rangers. History buffs, gun collectors and those enchanted by the Wild West and Ranger lore will love it here. Dating back to Spanish and Mexican origins, the museum's 12,000 irreplaceable artifacts include badges, firearms, tack and personal gear. On display as well are weapons and possessions of notorious outlaws Bonnie and Clyde. The Hall of Fame is dedicated to the 30 brave Texas Rangers who gave their lives in the line of duty and others who served with great distinction.

The Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center is the official library of the Texas Rangers. It contains artifacts and materials related to Texas and the American West, law enforcement, Southern Plains Indian history, and firearms history and technology. Visitors can research genealogies as well as historical accounts of life as a Texas Ranger.

WACO MAMMOTH SITE

6220 Steinbeck Bend Rd. > 254-750-7946 > www.wacomammoth.com

> **Tuesday – Friday 11 AM – 5 PM, Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM**

> \$7 adults, \$6 seniors (60+), \$6 veterans, \$6 students age 13-18 or with valid college ID, \$5 children (4-12), 3 and under free

Hailed as "the nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Pleistocene mammoths," the Waco Mammoth Site is one of the most unique destinations in Texas. Every year, thousands of visitors experience the history of these mighty creatures at the dig shelter that is located among 100 acres of wooded parkland. Excavation began when the site was discovered in 1978 and to date the remains of 24 mammoths, a camel, the tooth of a juvenile saber-tooth cat as well as unidentified animals have been found. This is an experience your family won't soon forget.

SPORTS

Golf Water Skiing



TWIN RIVERS GOLF CLUB

1000 Bear Ridge Dr. (off Hwy. 84) > 254-848-7800
> www.twinriversgolfclub.net > Public course

COTTONWOOD CREEK GOLF COURSE

5201 Bagby Ave. > 254-745-6009
> www.waco-texas.com/cms-cottonwoodcountryclub
> Municipal Golf Course

JAMES CONNALLY GOLF COURSE

7900 Colcord Rd. > 254-799-6561
> www.jamesconnallygolfcourse.com > Public course

LAKE WACO GOLF CLUB

5608 Flat Rock Rd. > 254-756-2161 > www.lakewacogolf.com

RIDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

7301 Fish Pond Rd. > 254-772-0160
> www.ridgewoodwaco.com > Private course.
Membership required.



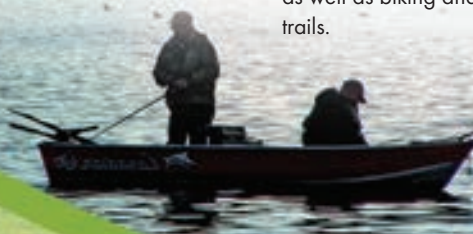
BSR CABLE PARK

5347 Old Mexia Rd.
> 254-227-6388
> www.bsrcablepark.com
> **Park hours: Tuesday – Sunday 12 PM – Dark**

One of the country's newest water ski cable parks, this state of the art sports facility allows skiers to be pulled around 12 acres of lake by one of the two cable systems. BSR Cable Park also has a beach, lazy river, regulation size volleyball court, ping pong table, pro shop, and a walking track.

LAKE WACO

254-756-5359
> www.corpslakes.us/waco
Lake Waco allows visitors to go boating, jet skiing, water skiing, and swimming. This U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operated lake also has an area for fishing and birding, as well as biking and walking trails.



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ATTRACTION COLOR KEY:

- Waco Area
- Waco's Downtown District
- Outside of Map Area

- 1 Tourist Information Center
- 2 Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum
- 3 Waco Suspension Bridge, River Walk and Indian Spring Park & Cattle Drive Sculptures
- 4 Dr Pepper Museum & Free Enterprise Institute
- 5 Texas Sports Hall of Fame
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OUTDOOR WACO

215 S. University Parks Dr. #101
 > 254-300-4448 > www.outdoorwaco.com

> **Rental hours: Monday – Thursday, & Saturday 9 AM – 7 PM, Friday 10 AM – 7 PM, Sunday Noon – 6 PM**

Park trails, rivers and a lake can be enjoyed year-round in Waco. Call Outdoor Waco to rent your equipment. Watercraft rentals include paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes. Bicycle options include mountain, road, hybrid, and tandem bikes.

CAMERON PARK TRAIL SYSTEM

> 254-750-5980
 > www.waco-texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation

The Cameron Park trail system offers miles of twisting, multi-use trails in beautiful Cameron Park. The trail takes you through the 100-foot bluffs that overlook the Brazos and Bosque Rivers. If you prefer a slower pace, you can stroll along the River Trail and the bamboo filled California 56. The trails also feature handcrafted bridges, varying terrain and breathtaking views, allowing for countless outdoor adventures for people of all ages.

Explore!

Cameron Park Trails

SPORTS

*Canoeing
Tennis*

Waco Regional Tennis
and Fitness Center

GEARED

4227 N. 19th St. > 254-537-3697

> www.geared.shutterfly.com

> **By Appointment Only**

Waco has beautiful rivers and a lake to enjoy, but you'll need water equipment to enjoy it to the max. Call Geared and rent sit on tops, sit insides, anglers, tandem kayaks, canoes and stand up paddle boards.

WACO REGIONAL TENNIS AND FITNESS CENTER

900 W. Lake Shore Dr.

> 254-753-7675

> www.wacotennis.com

> **Monday – Thursday 5 AM – 10 PM, Friday 5 PM – 8 PM, Saturday 8 AM – 8 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 6 PM**

Home to Waco's premiere tennis and fitness facility, the Center features 18 outdoor lighted hard courts. Many tournaments and social events are held here throughout the year, as well as providing excellent youth and adult tennis programs.



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Zoos & Parks

Cameron Park

Cameron Park Zoo

CAMERON PARK ZOO

1701 N. 4th St. > 254-750-8400

> www.cameronparkzoo.com

> **Monday – Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM,**

Sunday 11 AM – 5 PM

- > \$9 adults, \$8 seniors (60+), \$6 children 4-12, under 3 free
- > Group rates for 21 or more, fully-accessible to the physically challenged

Take a walk on the wild side and visit Waco's award-winning zoo. Located on 52 acres adjacent to the Brazos River, Cameron Park Zoo showcases lush grasses and natural shelters which provide an at-home feel for species from around the globe. Visitors will be able to see over 1,700 animals representing 300 species living as they would in their natural habitat.

Within the zoo, you will see tortoises from the Galapagos Islands and birds from Africa. Laugh at the gibbons as they play together on their own island of fun or watch the lions as they eat, drink and play in their kingdom.

Inside the Asian Forest exhibit, you will be given an up close and personal experience with the mighty Sumatran tigers, as well as the critically endangered orangutans and Komodo dragon.

The popular "Brazos River Country" exhibit will take you on a Texas-size journey – beginning from the Gulf of Mexico to the Caprock region of West Texas. While on your excursion discover the variety of wildlife, culture, and history along the Brazos River's 840-mile passage through Texas.

LAKE WACO WETLANDS

1752 Eichelberger Crossing Rd. > 254-848-9654

> www.lakewacowetlands.com/ > **Hours: Monday – Friday 8 AM – 4 PM Alternating Saturdays 8 AM – Noon Closed on Saturdays that feature special events**

This 180-acre site provides habitat to numerous aquatic plants, insects reptiles, mammals, amphibians as well as many migratory birds.

AMSLER PARK

While you are taking in the sites in McGregor enjoy some fun in beautiful Amsler Park. Located on Highway 317, Amsler Park has a terrific walking trail and an aquatic center. Take a picnic and enjoy the afternoon.

BRAME PARK

Calling all families! Brame Park, located at Oakgrove Street and Hogan Lane in Bellmead, features a splash pad water park (open on a seasonal basis), a covered picnic pavilion, playground equipment, and a quarter-mile walk track.

CAMERON PARK

One of the biggest and best municipal parks in the nation, Cameron Park's history and lore date back to the Huaco Indians who lived and hunted on its cliffs and shores. Today, it is a gathering place for locals and tourists who seek both adventure and solitude. The city celebrated the Cameron Park Centennial in 2010, which commemorated the gift that the William Cameron family bestowed on the citizens of Waco.

Some enjoy walking, running or cycling on the miles of trails that meander through the park, while others can find peace and solitude by lying on a blanket while reading a book. The 416-acre park, which overlooks the Brazos and Bosque Rivers, gives nature lovers the opportunity to choose from a variety of sports including hiking, biking, fishing, or playing a game of disc golf. Families can spend quality time together either by having a picnic at the beautiful Pecan Bottoms or by watching their kids play at Miss Nellie's Pretty Place.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS IN WACO

Waco is home to over 30 neighborhood parks and recreation venues each with different amenities.

Families can play a wide variety of sports, go fishing, or enjoy a picnic together.



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HEWITT PARK

Hewitt Park, located at 801 Hewitt Drive, is a beautiful 32-acre park with a variety of sports-related activities including two volleyball courts, two soccer fields, two lighted basketball half courts, and a disc golf course. Younger children will be able to enjoy the two playgrounds that are open to the public. The park also has a picnic area, two covered shelters, a half mile walking track, and a covered pavilion.

WARREN PARK

Warren Park, named after long time Hewitt resident and community leader Homer Warren, is located off of Old Temple Road. It features a 10-acre walking trail, a volleyball court, two playgrounds, and a small pavilion perfect for family gatherings or small church functions. The park also has picnic areas, a baseball/softball diamond, a soccer field, and a covered shelter.

SPRAY PARKS

www.waco-texas.com/cms-parksandrecreation > 254-750-8080
> www.bellmead.com/departments/park-info.php (Brame Park only)
> 254-799-2436

Free spray parks are available for all children to enjoy. You can find them at Brame Park in Bellmead and at Cameron Park, Chapel Park, Dewey Park, Kendrick Park, Mountainview Park, and Oscar DuConge Park in Waco.

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BRAZOS BLUFFS RANCH

1200 Bluffs Ranch Rd. > 254-722-9182 > brazosbluffsranh.com

The Brazos Bluffs Ranch is situated on the banks of the beautiful Brazos River, surrounded by high bluffs and wooded valleys. Horseback riding, canoe trips or hiking is available to visitors.

WACO DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

> wacodowntownfarmersmarket.com

This riverside market is much more than a place to buy fresh produce. On Saturday mornings, it's the place to hear live music, enjoy good food and chat with the vendors. Located at 400 South University Parks Drive, the market is open every Saturday from 9 AM - 1 PM year-round.

HAWAIIAN FALLS WATER PARK

900 Lake Shore Dr.
> 254-892-0222
> www.hfalls.com

Hawaiian Falls Waco is a favorite spot in the summer for visitors from all over Texas. Incredibly fun, the water park boasts a huge wave pool, two six-story slide complexes, fun slides geared for beginners through racers, and the all-time favorite 800-foot lazy river. Be sure to plan a cool-down day in the summer at Hawaiian Falls.



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WACO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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254-754-0851 > www.wacosymphony.com > **Monday – Thursday
9 AM – 12 PM & 1–4:30 PM, Friday 9 AM – 1 PM**

Since 1963, the Waco Symphony Orchestra has been a cornerstone of Waco culture. The Symphony Seasons runs from September through April and features music genres from classical to classic rock. Classical concerts highlight world-renowned soloists and special events range from holiday pops concerts to Sunday afternoon chamber music performances.

Area College Music Programs

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254-710-3571 > www.baylor.edu/music/

Whatever your music taste, you are sure to find a concert at the Baylor School of Music that will suit your fancy. These talented students along with featured guest artists and faculty perform more than 300 concerts a year.

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254-299-8283 > www.mclennan.edu/departments/a&s/musi/

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SKATE COUNTRY FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

500 N. Loop 340 > 254-799-8899

> www.skatecountrywaco.com

Located in Bellmead, Skate Country allows kids to roller skate and meet new friends. If the kiddos are under ten they will love the "one more time" slide in the 3-story Playsmart Playground. Plus there is a great quick-service snack bar with plenty of choices.

SKATE WORLD WACO FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

401 Towne Oaks Dr. > 254-772-0042

> www.skatewaco.com

Skate World is a full service entertainment center that offers roller skating for all ages and Laser Blast, the only indoor Laser Tag arena in Central Texas. There is also a great quick-service snack bar offering a variety of choices.

LANSHARX X-BOX AND PC GAMING CENTER

3126 Franklin Ave. > 254-759-8884

> www.lansharx.com

Lansharx is the largest video gaming center in Texas. They have 40 PCs and 24 Xbox 360's connected to the internet. There are also pool and air hockey tables for additional kid-friendly fun.

LIONS PARK

1716 N. 42nd St. > 254-772-4340

> www.facebook.com/pages/Waco-Lions-Park/112216222163418

> Call for hours

Lions Park is fun for kids of all ages. The park features a carousel, kiddieland rides, a train, putt putt golf and go-karts. There are covered patio areas for relaxing and two air-conditioned party rooms available for rental.

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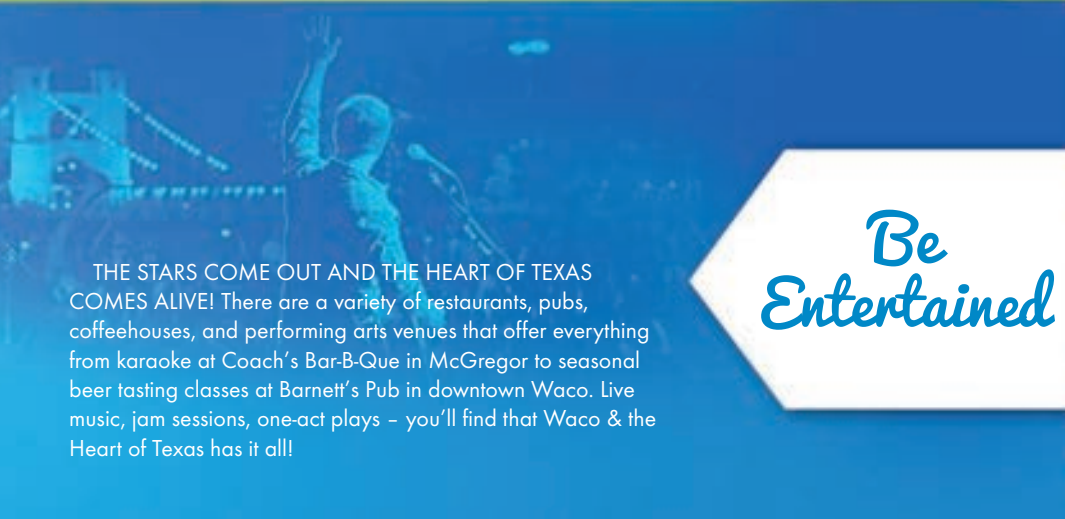
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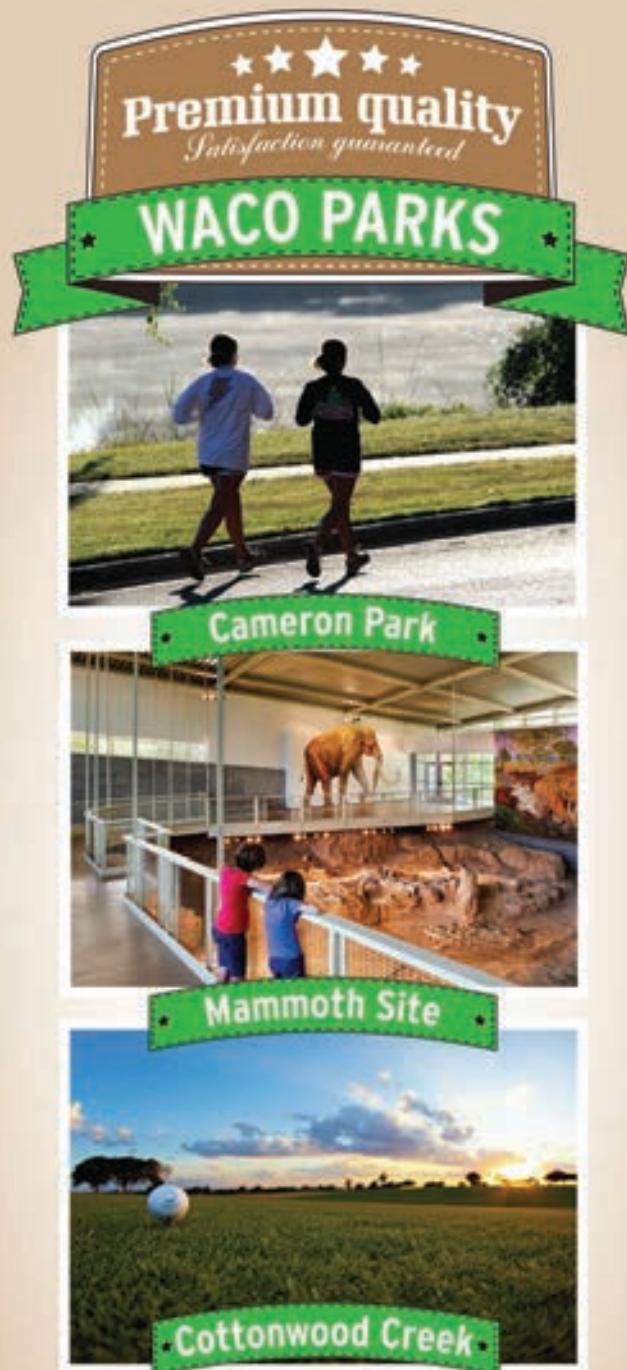
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