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This tour features a full day of Waco's flora and fauna and is ripe with photo ops! The tour can be customized to meet your needs. For instance, choose to add more time to stroll along the river walk or explore some of the Cameron Park hiking trails.

8:15 am Waco Tourist Information Center

Located at Exit 335B off IH 35- *Allow 20 minutes for rest stop and welcome reception including complimentary cookies and coffee.*



8:30 am Waco's Historic Suspension Bridge and Cameron Park

Located on University Parks Drive – *Allow 30 minutes scenic drive.* An important landmark in Waco's history, Waco's Historic Suspension Bridge is a great place to begin your tour of scenic Cameron Park. This park, nestled within the city like a secret garden, offers 416 acres of beautiful landscapes that include wildflowers, mountain bike trails, a bridle path, and disc golf course.

9:00 am Cameron Park Zoo

Located on 4th Street – *Allow 2 hours to tour the Zoo.*

This award-winning natural-habitat zoo celebrates the spirit of wild animals with its free-form surroundings and progressive attitude.

Allow 15 minutes for driving and loading time.

11:20 am The Earle-Harrison House & Pape Gardens

Located on 5th Street – *Allow 1 hour to tour.*

This historic home is prized for the beauty of its botanical garden and grounds, as much as for the house itself. Stretching over five acres, the groundskeepers tend to the blooming flowers, lily pond, towering live oaks, manicured lawns, fragrant herbs, fresh vegetables and breathtaking 75 foot rose arbor.



Allow 25 minutes for driving and loading time.

12:40 pm Homestead Heritage (Lunch and Tour)



Located 11 miles North of Waco – *Allow 1.5 hours to tour the community.*

Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring the freshest ingredients, including homemade breads, pastries, and ice creams. After lunch, take a hayride through the grounds or watch the craftsmen at work.

Allow 20 minutes for driving and loading time

3:15 pm Waco Mammoth National Monument

Located on Steinbeck Bend Road - *Allow 1 hour to tour.*

“The Nation’s first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Pleistocene mammoths.” – National Park Service. Though the first bones at the site were discovered in 1978, the site remained closed to the public until the end of 2009. Baylor University staff, students and volunteers spent countless hours excavating the site during the past 30 years. On July 10, 2015, the site became a National Monument – part of the National Parks System.

Allow 30 minutes for driving and loading time



4:45 pm Lake Waco Wetlands

Located at the upper end of Lake Waco along the North Bosque River – *Allow 1.5 hours to tour.*

Habitat to numerous aquatic plants, insects, reptiles, mammals, amphibians as well as many migratory birds, the Wetlands are a favorite of birdwatchers. The local Audubon Society has documented over 185 species of birds.

Allow 25 minutes for driving and loading time

Waco & the Heart of Texas tourism staff and volunteers are happy to assist with hotel and restaurant selection, serve as step-on guides and more. For details, call Susan Morton, 254-750-8610.