

History Road Trips for Kids

# AFRICAN AMERICAN

HISTORY SITES IN DALLAS

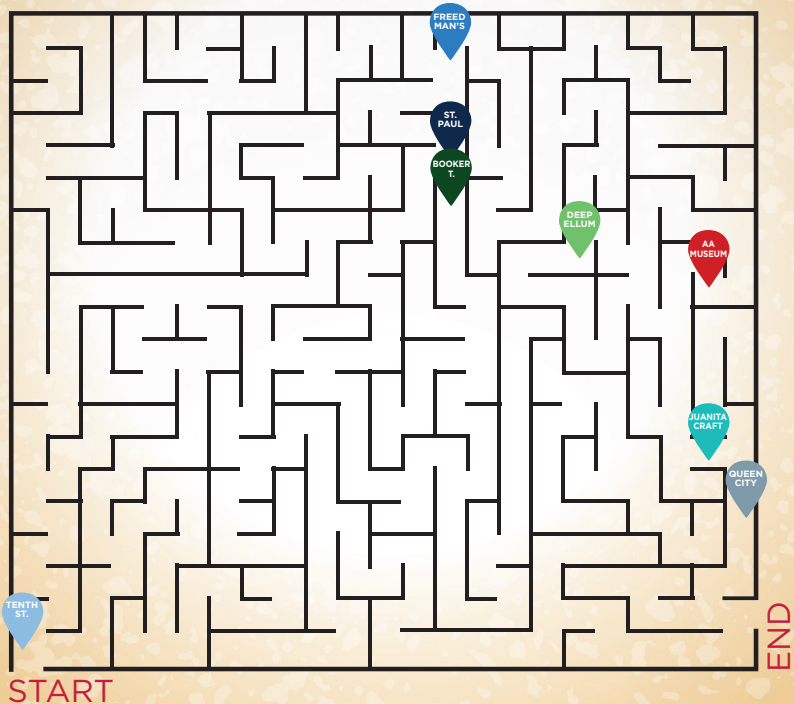


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# FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH HISTORIC DALLAS

Texas was one of the last states to tell enslaved people they were free. Churches, schools, and museums save and share the untold stories of Black history and activism.



Start at Tenth St. Historic District, then find Freedman's Memorial Cemetery, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Booker T. Washington High School, Deep Ellum Historic District, African American Museum of Dallas, Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House, and end at Queen City Heights Historic District.

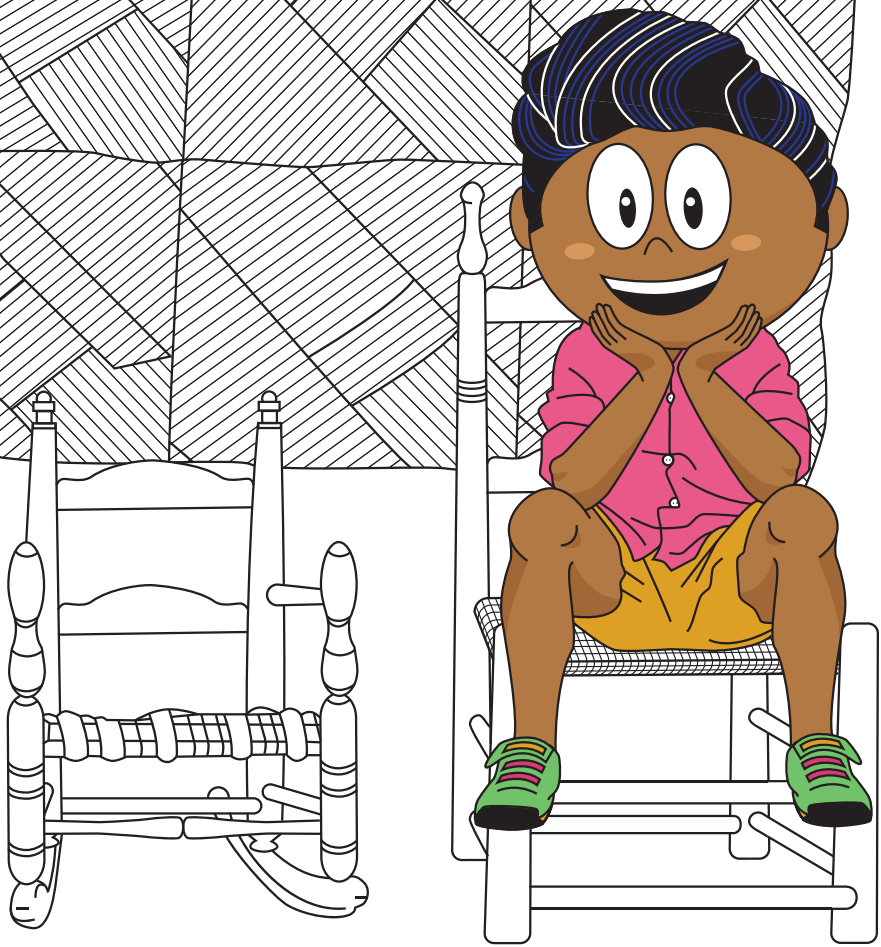
## BONUS SITES

Three Texas Historical Commission state historic sites are less than a two-hour drive north from Dallas. Take time to visit Eisenhower Birthplace, Sam Rayburn House, and Sam Bell Maxey House.

ON THE COVER: Deep Ellum mural.



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## AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF DALLAS

[texaslakestrail.com/african-american-museum-dallas](http://texaslakestrail.com/african-american-museum-dallas)

This museum cares for artifacts, folk art, furniture, and decorative pieces relating to the African American experience. Special exhibits, lectures, workshops, music festivals, and other events help educate the public about African American history and culture.

# BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS (BTWHSPVA)

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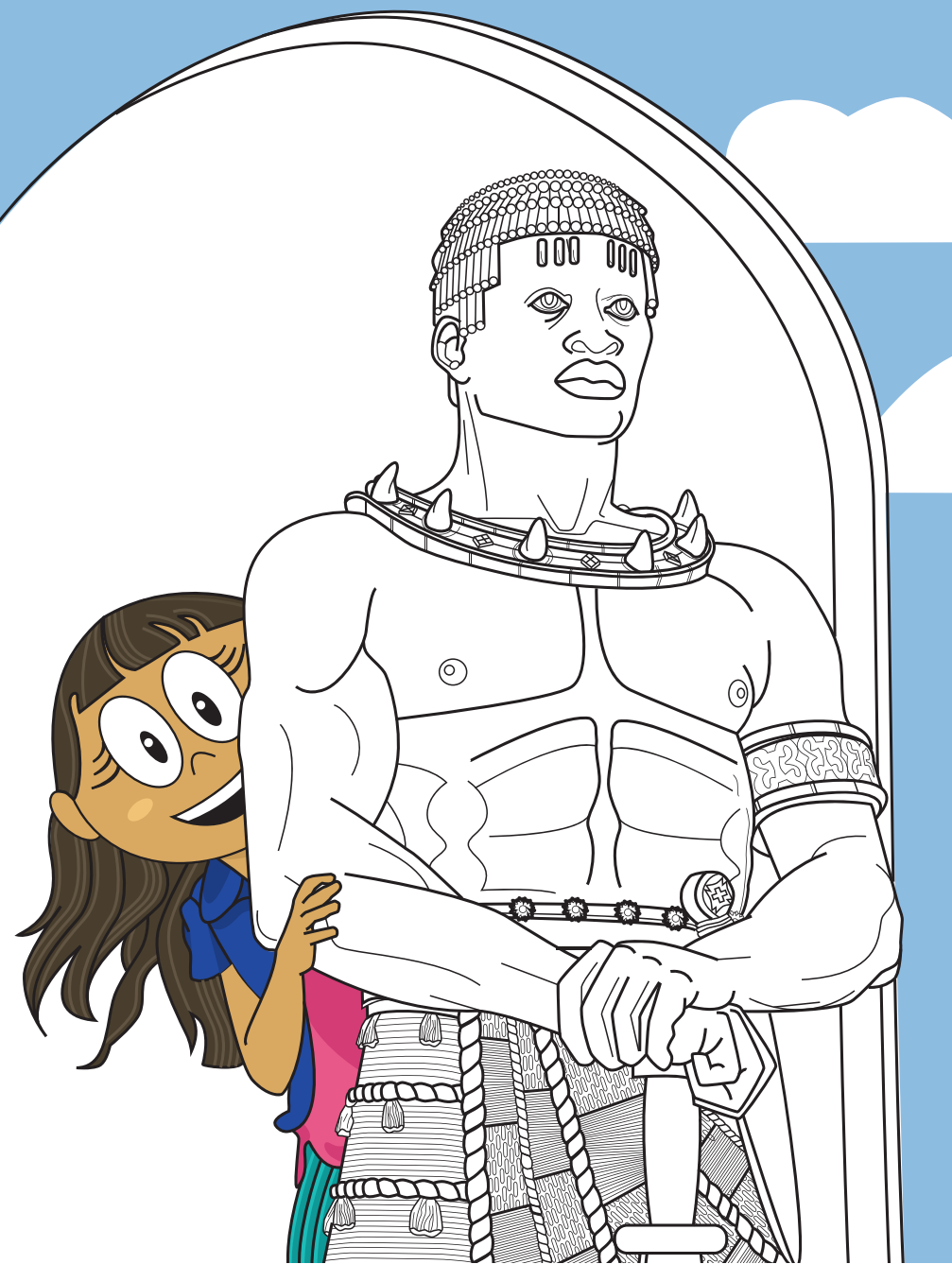


Booker T. Washington was one of the most important men in history. Washington was an excellent student in school. He especially liked studying about plants and animals. He felt a good education would help people be successful. Booker T. Washington is known for founding a university, now Tuskegee University. In 1901, he became the first African American to be invited to the White House by Theodore Roosevelt. At the

BTWHSPVA, students can take courses focusing on dance, music, theater, and visual arts.



Graduates of BTWHSPVA include Grammy Award® winners Norah Jones, Erykah Badu, and Roy Hargrove.



## FREEDMAN'S CEMETERY

[texaslakestrail.com/freedmans-cemetery-memorial](https://texaslakestrail.com/freedmans-cemetery-memorial)

Freedman's Cemetery belonged to a community of formerly enslaved people. More than 1,000 graves were carefully uncovered and relocated, and locals built this memorial.

David Newton's sculptures tell the story of African Americans' journey from slavery to emancipation.



## ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

[texaslakestrail.com/st-paul-united-methodist-church](https://texaslakestrail.com/st-paul-united-methodist-church)

St. Paul United Methodist Church is one of the oldest African American congregations in Dallas. Most records show that construction on the church began in 1901 and finished in 1927.

Emancipation, or freedom, was announced in Texas on June 19,



1865. Newly freed African American families, adults, and children began to move to the Dallas area. Some settled in the area of Dallas where the church is now located. This Black community was originally known as Freedman's Town.

Church history documents show that bricks for the church were bought in small amounts when the church had money. This is why you can still see different colors of bricks on the church building. Church and community members worked together to lay some of the bricks themselves.

# DEEP ELLUM HISTORIC DISTRICT

[texaslakestrail.com/deep-ellum-historic-district](http://texaslakestrail.com/deep-ellum-historic-district)

Many restaurants in the Deep Ellum Historic District in Dallas have homemade banana pudding on their dessert menus.

Here's a recipe you can try!

## Cooking Supplies

Measuring cups

Spatula

Large mixing bowl

Pudding or baking dish or bowl

Electric mixer (optional)

## Ingredients

6 to 8 ripe bananas, sliced

2 boxes vanilla wafers (save some to crush for a topping)

1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk

1 box (5 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix

1 container (12 oz.) whipped topping

2 cups milk

## Instructions

- Slice bananas into small rounds and set aside.
- Pour vanilla pudding mix, milk, and condensed milk into a large bowl. Make sure to mix everything together until it is well blended and thick. You can use an electric mixer, or you can stir together with a spatula.
  - Arrange a layer of vanilla wafers on the bottom of your dish or bowl. Then put a layer of sliced bananas on top of the wafers. Spread a layer of pudding on top of the bananas. Repeat these three layers until you get to the top of your dish or bowl.
  - When all the layers are done, put the pudding in the refrigerator for at least three hours.
  - Carefully crush some wafers to use as a topping. Set aside for later.
  - When the pudding is cold, spread a layer of whipped cream on top and sprinkle with the crushed wafers. Serve and enjoy this Deep Ellum dessert!



[simplylakita.com/homemade-banana-pudding-recipe/](http://simplylakita.com/homemade-banana-pudding-recipe/)



# JUANITA J. CRAFT CIVIL RIGHTS HOUSE

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Juanita Jewel Craft was a leader in America's civil rights movement. She worked hard all her life to make sure all Americans received equal rights. In her will, Mrs. Craft left her historic house to the city of Dallas to use as a center for inspiration and education. Mrs. Craft was the first African American woman in Dallas County to vote. She was also the first African American woman to serve on the Dallas City Council.

[facebook.com/TexasHistoricalCommission/posts/the-juanita-j-craft-civil-rights-house-in-dallas-is-one-of-only-three-house-muse/3207393059373477/](https://facebook.com/TexasHistoricalCommission/posts/the-juanita-j-craft-civil-rights-house-in-dallas-is-one-of-only-three-house-muse/3207393059373477/)



Make your own  
civil rights  
movement sign!

# TENTH ST. HISTORIC DISTRICT

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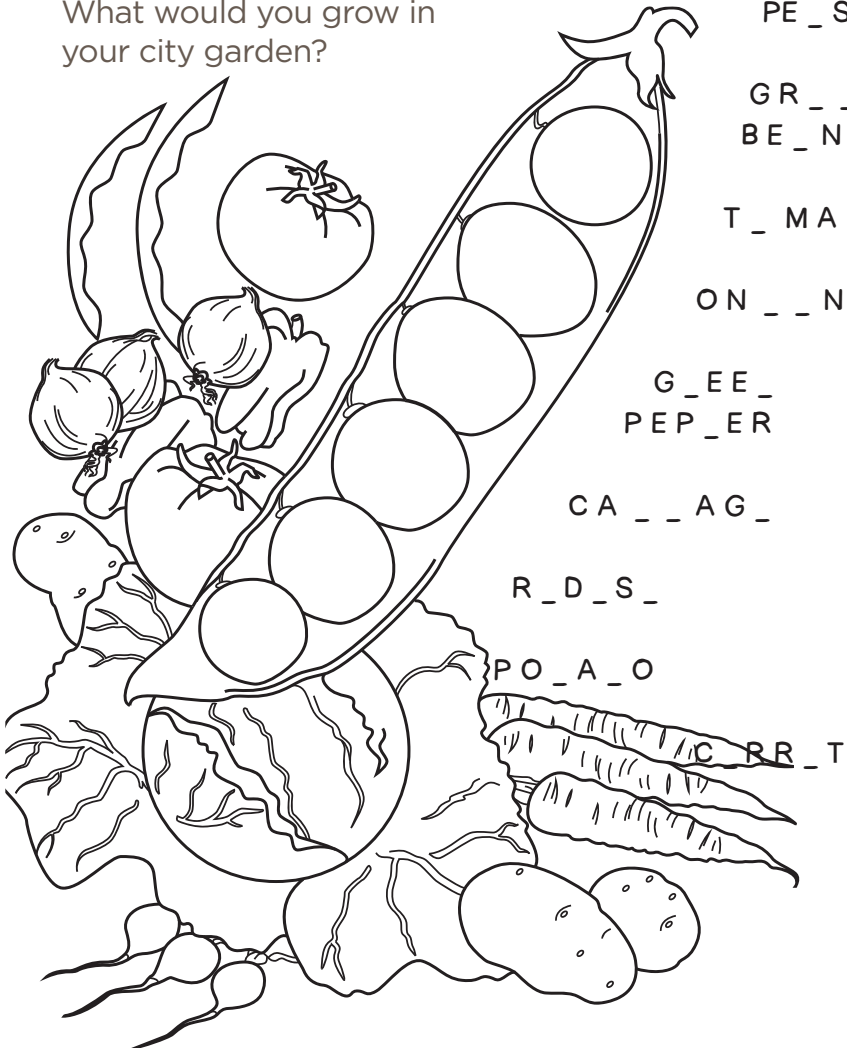
This is one of the few remaining freedom colonies in the South that still retains original smaller shotgun houses, double shotguns, and camelback houses. Most of these homes were built before World War II, and a few date to the 1890s.

# QUEEN CITY HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT

[texaslakestrail.com/queen-city-heights-historic-district](http://texaslakestrail.com/queen-city-heights-historic-district)

Farmers and workers settled here during Reconstruction. Queen City Heights attracted working-class African American families as Dallas grew throughout the 20th century and helped to grow surrounding African American neighborhoods.

What would you grow in your city garden?



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# OH, THE PLACES WE CAN GO!

[thc.texas.gov/historic-road-trips](http://thc.texas.gov/historic-road-trips)

To learn more about Black history in Dallas and throughout the state, visit [AfricanAmericansInTexas.com](http://AfricanAmericansInTexas.com).



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