



HISTORIC SITES DIVISION

The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Historic Sites Division is responsible for operating the agency's 22 historic properties throughout the state. These sites tell the real stories of Texas history in authentic settings. Staff provide expertise in the following areas:

- Architecture
- Archeology
- Collection Management
- Interpretation
- Marketing



San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site's new museum.

THC State Historic Sites

Acton • Acton, Hood County
visitactontx.com

Located in Acton Cemetery, the site memorializes the final resting place of Elizabeth Patton Crockett, second wife of Davy Crockett, with a grand monument.

Caddo Mounds • Alto, Cherokee County
visitcaddomounds.com

This site was a village for Caddo Indians who lived in the region for 500 years beginning circa A.D. 800. It includes earthen ceremonial and burial mounds, a new visitors center, and an interpretive trail.

Casa Navarro • San Antonio, Bexar County
visitcasanavarro.com

The site showcases the original 1850s home of Tejano leader José Antonio Navarro, with exhibits about his role as a political leader and advocate for Texas independence.

Confederate Reunion Grounds • Mexia, Limestone County
visitconfederatereuniongrounds.com

The site, featuring an 1893 dance pavilion, a Civil War-era cannon, and the scenic Navasota River, commemorates where Civil War veterans gathered from 1889 to 1946 to remember their experiences.

Eisenhower Birthplace • Denison, Grayson County
visiteisenhowerbirthplace.com

Located in the heart of Denison, the site preserves the first home of 34th U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower and illuminates the working-class life of the Eisenhower family.

Fannin Battleground • Fannin, Goliad County
visitfanninbattleground.com

The site memorializes the brave soldiers who fought the Battle of Coleto Creek in 1836 during the Texas War for Independence. An interpretive exhibit, group pavilion, and picnic area are also on the 14-acre grounds.

Fort Griffin • Albany, Shackelford County
visitfortgriffin.com

Built by the U.S. Army, Fort Griffin served as one in a line of western defensive forts from 1867 to 1881. The site includes remnants of historic structures, a visitors center with exhibits, and campgrounds. Fort Griffin is also headquarters for the official Texas Longhorn Herd.

Fort Lancaster • Sheffield, Crockett County
visitfortlancaster.com

Spanning 82 acres in remote West Texas, the U.S. Army established this fort in 1855 to guard the San Antonio-El Paso Road. The site features fort ruins, a visitors center with exhibits, and walking trails.

Fort McKavett • Fort McKavett, Menard County
visitfortmckavett.com

The 1852 U.S. Army fort housed various infantry and cavalry units, including four regiments of Buffalo Soldiers. Today, it boasts 19 surviving historic structures, exhibits, walking trails, and interpretive tours.

French Legation • Austin, Travis County
visitfrenchlegation.com

The French Legation is a historic house built in 1841 for France's representative to Texas. The site is currently closed for restoration and scheduled to open in the Fall of 2019.

Fulton Mansion • Rockport, Aransas County
visitfultonmansion.com

Located in Rockport on Aransas Bay, the elegant 1877 historic home is one of the state's best surviving examples of a grand Victorian villa.

Landmark Inn • Castroville, Medina County
visitlandmarkinn.com

The 1850s inn provides quaint and comfortable historic lodging on the Medina River in the Alsatian community of Castroville, as well as interpretive walking tours and special events.

Levi Jordan Plantation • Brazoria, Brazoria County
visitlevijordanplantation.com

Scheduled to open to the public in 2023. The site includes an antebellum plantation house and significant archeological remains, including slave quarters and evidence of African American lifeways and culture.

Magoffin Home • El Paso, El Paso County
visitmagoffinhome.com

A prime example of Territorial-style architecture, the site explores a multi-cultural border family's experience with American expansion, West Texas settlement, Civil War turmoil, and U.S.-Mexico relations.

Mission Dolores • San Augustine, San Augustine County
visitmissiondolores.com

The site was a Spanish mission built in 1721 in what is now San Augustine County. Visitors can explore the site's history museum where interpretive displays tell the story of Mission Dolores. The property also has a campground, picnic area, and group pavilions.

National Museum of the Pacific War

Fredericksburg, Gillespie County
pacificwarmuseum.org

The site is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II. It offers extensive indoor and outdoor exhibits and programs.

Sabine Pass Battleground • Sabine Pass, Jefferson County
visitsabinepassbattleground.com

This site tells the story of Confederate Lt. Richard "Dick" Dowling and his 46 men who thwarted an attempted Union attack on Sabine Pass, a primary Texas port for Confederate shipments of supplies and vital to the war effort.

Sam Bell Maxey House • Paris, Lamar County
visitsambellmaxeyhouse.com

Built in the High Victorian style, the grand structure was the home of Confederate Gen. and U.S. Sen. Sam Bell Maxey. It houses family furnishings, clothing, and documents, chronicling generations of Maxey family history.

Sam Rayburn House Museum • Bonham, Fannin County
visitsamrayburnhouse.com

The site is the home of Sam Rayburn, long-serving Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and one of the most powerful and respected politicians of the 20th century.

San Felipe de Austin • San Felipe, Austin County
visitsanfelipedeAustin.com

The site preserves the location where Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas," established his colony in 1823. A new, 10,000 square-foot, state-of-art museum opened in April 2018.

Starr Family Home • Marshall, Harrison County
visitstarrfamilyhome.com

This site reflects the 150-year history of the noted Starr family in Texas. The 1871 home, Maplecroft, was built by Frank, son of James Harper Starr, first president of the Board of Land Commissioners and later secretary of the treasury for the Republic of Texas.

Varner-Hogg Plantation • West Columbia, Brazoria County
visitvarnerhoggplantation.com

Settled in 1824 by one of Texas' first colonizers, the site was originally used as a rum distillery and cotton plantation. Later acquired in the late 19th century by Texas Gov. James Hogg, it was developed as a showplace of Texas history.

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