

VARNER-HOGG PLANTATION

state historic site

EDUCATOR GUIDE

The Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site tells the story of its three owners: Austin colonist Martin Varner, sugarcane mogul Columbus Patton, and Texas Governor James S. Hogg. This property hosted sugar cane production, rum distilling, and oil drilling as it transitioned through families. Explore the plantation house, stroll the magnificent grounds, and hear stories of 19th and early 20th century Texas.

Contact Information

1702 N. 13th St.
West Columbia, TX 77486
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Hours and Reservations

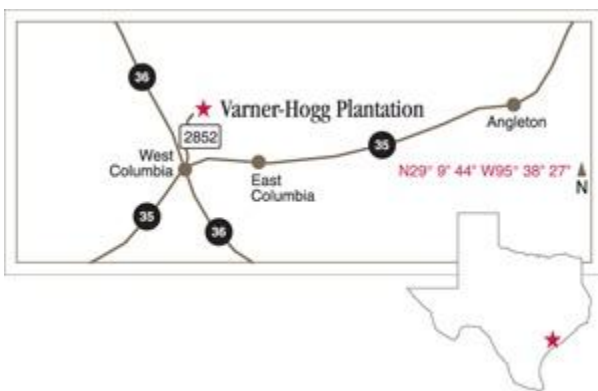
School tours are available by reservation only Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please make reservations by calling 979.345.4656 at least two weeks in advance.

General Admission

Admission for student groups is \$1 per student and includes a tour of the 1835 antebellum plantation house. Tour length is approximately one hour. One adult chaperone per 10 students is required. Admission fees for chaperones will be waived. Payment arrangements must be made at the time of the reservation. Additional programs are available, but carry additional charges. Please see details below.

Directions

Varner-Hogg Plantation is located two miles north of West Columbia on FM 2852. From Houston, take State Highway 288 south to State Highway 35. Turn south on State Highway 35 and travel 12 miles to West Columbia. Outside West Columbia, take FM 2852 to Park Road 51 (1702 North 13th St.).



Facilities

Picnic tables can be used for sack lunches. Men's and women's restrooms and one wheelchair-accessible bathroom are available for visitors.

Social Studies TEKS Connections

4.4A, 4.4B, 4.13A, 4.20A
7.5B, 7.6A, 7.6B

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Grounds Tour (10–40 students)

Cost: \$2 per student

Recommended grades: K–12th

Approximate length: 45 minutes

Students will compare and contrast the lifestyles of the various people who lived and worked at the site. A guided exploration includes the remains of the plantation’s sugar mill, slave cabin ruins, Patton family cemetery, and swimming hole.

Folkways of the Past (10–50 students)

Cost: \$3 per student

Recommended grades: K–6th

Approximate length: 1.5 hours

Students will explore daily life during the late 19th and early 20th centuries through a series of hands-on activities. As they participate in “chores,” the class will use their experiences to understand the difficulties of living around the turn of the century, as well as how technology has made our lives easier today.

Self-Guided Grounds Tour (10–50 students)

Recommended for: K-12th

Cost: \$1 per student

Approximate length: 30 minutes

Teachers can escort their students on a self-guided grounds tour at their own pace. A short description of each point of interest is listed on a provided site map. Note: This option is free with the Grounds Tour, House Tour, or Folkways.