



[McClendon Historical Estate](#) - 806 W. Houston - 903-592-3533 · 903-312-0314

Architecture aficionados will want to schedule a visit to this historic home (1878), one of East Texas's best remaining examples of Eastlake Bracketed Victorian architecture. The home, restored by Tyler citizens in the early 1980s, has been furnished with authentic, 19th-century antiques, many of them original to the home. Knowledgeable docents provide guided tours of the home and grounds.

Hours: Appointment only
Tours: \$7.00
Cash only

[1895 Goodman-Legrand House and Museum & LeGrand Park](#)

- 624 N. Broadway, Tyler, TX - 903-531-1286



A delight for antique lovers and historians, this Tyler landmark brings the past to life with original furnishings, photographs and memorabilia dating from the mid-1800's. The lush grounds cover most of a city block.

Hours: Tue-Sat 10-4
Admission: Free. \$2.00 Donation Suggested
Tours Available

[Tyler Museum of Art](#)

- 1300 S Mahon, Tyler Junior College, Tyler, TX 75701 - 903-595-1001

When this impressive facility was conceived in the 1950s, no art museum existed within 100 miles of Tyler. Even then, it was some 20 years later until the museum opened its doors - in a small facility located in the old Jamie T. Smith home. In subsequent years, the museum grew and eventually found itself in its current, modernesque digs on the tree-lined campus of Tyler Junior College. Today, the museum's surprisingly broad collection of original 19th and 20th century artwork is perennially well received, and the facility hosts several temporary exhibits each year that focus on both regional and international artists.

Hours: Museum Tue-Sat 10am-4pm
Archives Wed 1pm-4pm
Admission: Free except for some special exhibits



[Caldwell Zoo](#)

- 2203 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd - (903) 593-0121

This beautiful, 85-acre compound - a gift to the people of Tyler by D.K. and Lottie Caldwell - is home to more than 2000 animals from around the world, including some from endangered or threatened species. Among Caldwell Zoo's more popular residents are an African elephant, a giraffe, Attwater's prairie chickens, a black rhinoceros, and a Nile crocodile.

Hours: Mar - Labor Day Daily 9am-5pm
After Labor Day - Feb Daily 9am-4pm
Admission: Adult \$8.50; Senior (55+) \$7;
Child (3-12) \$5; Child (2 and under) Free



[Tyler Municipal Rose Garden and Rose Center](#) - 420 Rose Park Dr, at Hwy 31 W - 903-597-3130

Tyler, Texas, didn't earn the title of "Rose Capitol" for no reason, as this lovely garden (billed as one of the largest of its kind) no doubt proves. Spanning some 14 acres, Municipal Rose Garden springs to life in May and is afire with myriad colors until the fall. Highlights include the Heritage Rose and Sensory Garden, which features more than 30 types of 19th-century garden roses. Guests should also take time to stop by the Tyler Rose Museum, which chronicles the city's widely popular Rose Festival and features antiques and oddities from the Tyler of days gone by.

Hours: Mar-Sep, Tues-Sat 9-5
Oct-Feb, Tues-Sat 10-4
Admission: Gardens FREE



[Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge](#) - 17544 Hwy 14 - 903-858-1008



East Texas as a habitat for tigers and other large felines that have been abused or displaced? You bet! At the Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge, big cats from around the world – including endangered species like Bengal tigers and African lions – find refuge and safe haven. Guests to the park may participate in the "Adopt-a-Cub" or "Adopt-a-Tiger" programs. Guided tours of the park are available, too.

*Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm
Admission: Adult \$10.00, Child (4-12) \$8,
Senior (65+) \$9.00*

[Ballet Tyler](#) - (903) 596-0224



advanced studies.

Ballet Tyler is made up of 20 local dancers from East Texas aging from 11 to 20. The purpose of the Ballet Tyler is to provide opportunities for both dancers and East Texas audiences to experience the fine art of dance at the highest possible quality. This is accomplished through classroom instruction, special workshops, and reasonably-priced performances. Ballet Tyler helps provide scholarship assistance to deserving dancers for

*Times & Admission: Varies
See Website for Performance Information*

[Historic Aviation Memorial Museum](#) - 150 Airport Dr, Pounds Air Field

- 903-526-1945

Honoring military pilots from all generations, HAAM gives particular focus to the intrepid veterans of the 1st and 2nd World Wars.

The museum's several thousand square feet of display space houses unique collections of aviation memorabilia, historic photos, and documents, most of which were donated by private citizens. In addition, the hangar is home to historic military and civilian aircraft, including a Russian MiG.

*Hours: Tues-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5
Admission: Adults \$5.00, Active Military \$4.00, Teens (13-17) \$3.00, Child (12 and under) free*



[Kiepersol Winery](#) - 3933 FM 344 East - 903-894-8995



Kiepersol Estates Winery is nestled in a beautiful 33-acre vineyard hand-planted in April 1998 and May 1999. Kiepersol's first vintage was in 2000 and continues to grow in acclaim as well as production. Visitors are invited for wine tastings, tours of the winemaking process, and to relax on the veranda overlooking the expansive vista of the vineyard.

*Tours: Saturday at 2:00 pm or 4:00 pm, \$5 per person.
Tastings: \$1.00 per 1oz pour
Fine Dining Restaurant Nearby*

[Smith County Historical Museum](#) - 125 S College Ave - 903-592-5993



This downtown museum falls under the auspices of the Smith County Historical Society, which dedicates itself to preserving historical items, documents, and photographs relating to the Tyler area. Among the museum's more noteworthy holdings are artifacts from native Caddo Indians and from Camp Ford, a Civil War-era POW camp. Guided tours available for groups.

*Museum: Tues-Sat 10am-4pm
Archives: Wed 1pm-4pm
Admission: FREE, donation suggested*

[Brookshire's World of Wildlife Museum](#) - 1600 WSW Loop 323 - (903) 534-2169



Features over 450 mounted examples of wildlife and a replica 1920's grocery store. Picnic and playground facilities available.

*Hours: Mar-Sep, Tues-Sat 9-5
Oct-Feb, Tues-Sat 10-4
Admission: FREE*

[Tyler State Park](#) - 789 Park Rd 16 (off Hwy 14) - 903-597-5338 · 800-792-1112



Spreading across nearly 1000 acres, this segment of the Texas State Park System offers a wide range of recreational pursuits. The park's lovely, spring-fed lake is a favorite with sailboaters, swimmers, and canoers, and the pineywoods surrounding the lake are crossed by numerous trails, ideal for bird-watching or an afternoon hike. Anglers, meanwhile, may take on the perch, bass, and crappie that populate the 64-acre lake

*Hours: Sunrise-sunset
Admission: Adult \$3.00, Child (under 13) Free*

[Discovery Science Place](#) - 308 N Broadway Ave - 903-533-8011 · 800-218-8073



Ready for an excitement-filled afternoon of family-friendly exhibits and activities? Be sure to slate Tyler's Discovery Science Place at the top of your "to-do" list. With displays like the realistic Honey Bee Hive, the Magic School Bus, and Kids TV, the center offers kids of all ages plenty of stimulation. In addition, it features a variety of temporary exhibits intended to entertain and educate, including ones that focus on building basics and ones that emphasize the colorful history of the Lone Star State.

*Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm
Admission: Adult \$5, Child (under 3) Free*

[Dewberry Plantation](#) - 14007 FM 346 W, Bullard, TX 75757 - 903-825-9000



Located south of Tyler, near Teaselville, this antebellum plantation was completed by Colonel John Dewberry, a native Georgian who earned fame during the War of 1812. The main home, Myrtle Vale, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is noteworthy for being the only two-level home from pre-Civil War years still standing in Texas. The home's grounds were once the stomping ground of Native Americans and served as a campground for soldiers commissioned by the Republic of Texas during its war with the Cherokee.

*Hours: Appointment Only
Admission: Call for rates*

[Camp Ford Historic Park](#) - US Hwy 271, 0.8 miles north of Loop 323 - (903) 592-5993



Camp Ford was the largest Confederate Prisoner of War Camp west of the Mississippi River during the American Civil War. The site of the camp is now a public park, managed by the Smith County Historical Society. The park features a kiosk with extensive graphics detailing the history of the camp, a walking trail with interpretive signage, a reconstruction of a POW cabin, and picnic facilities.

*Hours: Sunrise to Sunset everyday
Admission: FREE*

[Cherokee Trace Drive Through Safari Park](#) -1200 C.R. 4405, Jacksonville, TX - (903) 683-3322



Nestled in the lush piney woods of East Texas, Cherokee Trace Drive Thru Safari Park is home to hundreds of exotic and endangered animals. These amazing animals thrive in an open habitat similar to their native territory. Enjoy a leisurely, self-guided drive through the hills and open savanna of the 300 acre preserve. From the comfort of your own vehicle, observe, feed and photograph these beautiful creatures.

Please call or visit web site for most up-to-date hours and pricing.

[Cotton Belt Depot](#) – 210 E. Oakwood St. (downtown, 2 blocks NE of the Chamber of Commerce) – (903) 533-8057



The Cotton Belt Depot was built in 1905 and began serving passengers on the Cotton Belt Line in 1907. Visitors are encouraged to take a look around and step back in time, remembering the thousands of travelers who passed through this historic structure in the early and mid-1900's. In addition to touring this historic building, visitors can also enjoy The Bragg Model Train Collection on permanent display at the depot.

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm
Sat in Dec. and Azalea Trails
Admission: FREE

[Camp Fannin Veteran's Memorial](#) – 11937 US Hwy 271



Self guided tour of the original 15,000 acre camp; including Regimental markers and site locations for various training exercise areas are indentified in the guide. Guides may be obtained at the The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Hospital Information Desk.

Admission: FREE

[UT Cowan Center Performing Arts](#) – 3900 University Blvd (at UT Tyler) – 903-566-7472



The UT Tyler Cowan Fine & Performing Arts Center presents national and international touring arts and educational programming to enrich the cultural climate for the East Texas Region. Artists presented by the Cowan Center's many series have included Bill Cosby, Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, David Copperfield, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Lyle Lovett, Momix, Gregory Hines, Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, and Broadway shows Miss Saigon, Annie, Chicago, Cats, and Stomp.

Times & Admission: Varies
See Website for Performance Information

[East Texas Fishing Guide Service](#) – Frankston, TX (Lake Palestine) – 903-876-2381



Mike's goal has always been to be the best fishing guide on Lake Palestine and he remains dedicated to it. He loves to fish, but, even more, Mike loves guiding his clients to the finest fishing experience they could ever imagine. He especially enjoys the reward of seeing a child catch their first fish. As Mike would say, "I provide the boats, bait, tackle and over 30 years experience. Whatever you catch, I'll clean and bag. If you catch nothing, you'll receive a certificate for a free fishing trip. So, bring your drinks & snacks, hop on board and let's go fishin'!"

Please call or visit web site for most up-to-date pricing.

[East Texas Symphony Orchestra](#) – 502 S Broadway, Suite 101 – 903-526-3876



Conducted and directed by Per Brevig, whose repertoire runs the gamut from Renaissance to contemporary music. The ETSO strives to bring classical music to a broader segment of our community with their Masterworks Season, a series of five concerts, and their Young People's Series.

Times & Admission: Varies
See Website for Performance Information

[Fire Mountain Amusements](#) – 14662 Hwy 155 South – 903-561-2670



Great Fun for the entire family! Featuring: Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, Video & Redemption Arcade and Miniature Golf. FREE Admission - Rides & Attractions Individually Priced

Please call for hours and attraction pricing.

[Harold's Model Train Museum](#) – 8102 US Hwy 271 North – 903-531-9404



1200 pieces of rolling stock on more than 300 feet of track.
1100 trains in lighted showcases.

*Hours: Tues-Sat 10am-4pm
Admission: Adults \$3.50, Seniors \$2.00, Children under 12 \$2.00*

[Hudnall Planetarium](#) – 1200 S Mahon, (on TJC Campus) – 903-510-2312



Multimedia presentations and "star parties" make for great family fun. Open by appointment only.

Please call for appointment, pricing, and event information.

[Los Pinos Vineyard and Winery](#) - 658 County Road 1334 (Pittsburg) – 903-855-1769



A small winery founded by the Sneed family upon leaving southern California for a new life in Texas. The main aim of the winery is to produce premium wines from Texas grapes, grown in Los Pinos' vineyards or purchased from other small local growers. At Los Pinos there is an unhurried approach to life, and every guest becomes a member of our "Big Italian Winery Family." The tasting room has a relaxing old world ambiance where wine lovers can

*Winery Hours: Fri-Sat 12pm-11pm, Sun 12pm-6pm
Please call or visit website for event information.*

leisurely share some of our tapas and a glass of wine. Every month there is a themed event that includes fine live music, flamboyant and romantic dinners, and dancing.

Moore Farms - 22142 County Road 181, Hwy 344 W (Bullard, TX) – 903-894-1030



300 acres west of Bullard, owned and operated by 5th generation of Newburn descendants. Moore Farm's goal is to educate the public about agriculture and farm life as well as market organic produce and homemade Texas goods. Fun Family Programs include Fall hay rides, full Farm pass, Corny Maze Craze, The Pumpkin Package, Farm Camp, fresh cut flowers, subscription farming service.

Call or visit website for event times and pricing.

[Zipline Adventures](#) - 7290 C R 4328, New York/LaRue, TX - 903-681-3791



Leave your fears behind...as you experience the thrill of a lifetime at New York, Texas ZipLine Adventures. You will be on a guided adventure tour with 6 or 9 ziplines topped off with some of the most breathtaking 30-plus mile views of the East Texas Countryside. Your zipline adventure will take you soaring through towering pines, hardwoods and high above the rocky hillside of one of the highest elevations in East Texas. Reservations required.

Call or visit website for reservations, pricing, and restrictions.

[Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center](#) - 5550 F.M. 2495, Athens, Texas - 903-676-2277



Built as a joint venture between TPWD, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and the community of Athens, TFFC combines a Visitor Center, educational programming and a production freshwater hatchery. Developed on a 107-acre site, the facility includes over 300,000 gallons of indoor and outdoor aquariums displaying dozens of species of native fish, waterfowl, alligators and amphibians in recreated

habitats. A 14,000-sq.ft conservation center completed in 2007 provides space for meetings and special events.

*Hours: Tues-Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 1pm-4pm
Admission: Adult \$5.50, Senior (65+) \$4.50, Child (under 12) \$3.50*

[Texas State Railroad](#) -Depots in Palestine and Rusk - 888-987-2461



This historic train travels through the scenic piney woods and hardwood creek bottoms of East Texas where rolling hills, nature and wildlife abound. The Texas State Railroad offers both steam and diesel train excursions reminiscent of days gone by. Passengers may board excursion trains at either the Rusk or Palestine depots, which were built with an eye for detail and the elegance of Victorian charm. They are surrounded by beautiful parks with lakes and streams offering visitors full-service campground facilities, picnic areas, concessions and a great

deal more to enhance a four-season vacation experience. Operating train excursions year-round plus special events and dinner trains throughout the year.

Call or visit website for reservations, pricing, and special events.

[Waterpark at the Villages](#) - 18270 Singing Wood Ln, Flint, TX - 903-534-8400



The newest indoor water park in Texas is also one of the largest, with 25,000 square feet of fun for the entire family. Our 19,000-square-foot, glass-enclosed recreational area is climate controlled and features a retractable roof for outdoor summer excitement. The WaterPark @ The Villages features a lazy river with a whirlpool for tubers, 4 exciting 3-story water slides and a Forest Ranger children's playscape with a giant, 10,000-gallon bucket dump, three kid-size body slides and life-size figures of bears and moose.

Call or visit website for current hours and pricing.

[Rose City Flying Clays](#) - 8474 County Road 485 (Texas College Rd), One mile north of Loop 323 - 903-597-3345



Our facility includes 3 skeet fields, 2 trap fields, 1 5-stand field, a 12 station sporting clays range, RV slots and coming soon our new Pro Shop.

Call or visit website for current hours and pricing.

[Roseland Plantation](#) - 2601 State Hwy 64W (Ben Wheeler, TX) - 903-849-5553



Originally a 3,300 acre cotton plantation established by Mr. Burwell Hambrick, Roseland Plantation is now 14 acres of combination manicured lawn and beautiful east Texas wood. Roseland Plantation has five historic buildings, all dating back to the 1800's, and a rich and colorful history starting from pre-civil war to today. Tours are described as interesting, informative, with happy and sad tales and an unexpected surprise at the end! Voted

2006 east Texas' #2 attraction by the East Texas Motorcoach FAM tours.

*Tours: By Appointment Only
Pricing: \$12.00+tax*

[Splash Kingdom Waterpark](#) - 18814 I-20, Canton, TX - 903-567-0044



East Texas' largest waterpark beautifully set on ten tree shaded acres, this family-friendly environment is perfect for a day of "fun in the sun". Come enjoy the wave pool, lazy river, huge slides and children's castle. Indoor party facility open all year long.

Call or visit website for current pricing and hours.

[Texas Rose Horse Park](#) - 14078 State Hwy 110 N (I-20, exit 548) - 903-882-8696



Texas Rose Horse Park is more than another equestrian center; with state of the art amenities, spacious barns and expertly designed grounds Texas Rose Horse Park was created with the rider and horse in mind. Texas Rose Horse Park amenities include 45 RV hookups, dump station, security cameras with webcasting, 17 acre fishing lake, trailer parking, exhibitor parking, concessions, three professionally designed barns and 5 all weather arenas all located on 1,700 beautiful East Texas acres. Riding lessons and events available throughout the year.

Call or visit website for current events and pricing.

[Tyler Skate Plex](#) - 7922 South Broadway - 903-939-3330



Tyler Skateplex has the largest skating floor in the country. Over 22,000 square feet of maple and an additional 6,000 square feet skate park gives skaters over 28,000 sq ft to skate on. The rink itself is nearly 1 acre under roof. Lock-ins, tournaments, and events throughout the year.

Hours and Admission Varies. Call or visit website for more information.

[Wired \(Zipline\)](#) - 796 N. Trade Days Blvd., Canton, TX - 903-567-2681

WIRED is a unique, state of the art zip line and challenge course located 1/2 mile south of Interstate 20 on Hwy. 19 directly across from Canton's First Monday Trade Days. We have some of the tallest towers and longest zip lines in Texas. Our staff are trained and certified on the WIRED course. We will prepare you with a thorough ground school to help you enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

Hours: Weekends 9am-dusk
Reservations Recommended.
Call for Pricing.

[Green Acres Bowling](#) - 2311 ESE Loop 323 - 903-561-2911

Green Acres Bowl offers 32 lanes of bowling for league and recreational games. An on-site pro shop sells balls, bags and other accessories. Custom fittings for balls are available. Relax after your game in The 11th Frame Lounge.

Hours: Weekends 9am-dusk
Reservations Recommended.
Call for Pricing.

[Putt-Putt Fun Center](#) - 2311B East/Southeast Loop 323 - 903-561-7750

Miniture Golf, arcade games, and family fun abound.

Hours: Weekends 9am-dusk
Reservations Recommended.
Call for Pricing.

Public Pools - Tyler Parks and Recreation 903-531-1373

Fun Forest Pool & Sprayground - 900 N. Glenwood Blvd, Tyler 903-531-1363
Open Tues-Sun 1-6 pm, Saturday Nights from 6:30 - 8 pm. - Admission \$1 per person.
Woldert Swimming Pool - 701 W. 32 Street, Tyler 903-531-1362
Open Mon-Sat 1-6 pm, Friday Nights from 6:30 - 8 pm. - Admission \$0.25 per person.

Open May - August.

East Texas Oil Museum - Hwy. 259 at Ross St., Kilgore, Texas 75662 (On the Kilgore College campus)
- (903) 983-8295



The easy-going rural life of East Texas changed drastically with the discovery of oil in 1930 and 1931 – years of hardship, scorn, luck and wealth which brought people, ideas, institutions and national attention to East Texas. See hoe life was lived during these exciting times for East Texas.

*Hours: Tues-Sat 9am-4pm
Sun 2pm-5pm
April-Sept Museum closes at 5pm
Admission: Adults \$6.00, Child (under 12) \$4.00*

Glass Recreation Center - Workout Facilities - 501 W. 32nd St. – 903-533-1397



The Center is a multi-use facility, with locker rooms and showers, a weight room, two multi-purpose rooms, arts and crafts room, kitchen facilities, basketball/volleyball courts in the gymnasium, walking/jogging track, computer lab and administrative offices.

*Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-10pm
Sat 9am-3pm
Membership: Adult \$15.00 per year
Child \$10.00 per year
Day Pass \$5.00*

The weight room, available to those 16 and older, features cardio equipment that includes treadmills, recumbent bike, and elliptical glider. There are also free weights, squat rack and squat bench, with other equipment for leg extensions, leg presses, leg curls, lat pull downs, bicep and abdomen curls, and lower back extension. All of the equipment featured is designed for bodybuilding, muscle toning, and improving cardiovascular efficiency.

A number of fitness classes are currently in place at the recreation center, with more to be introduced throughout the year. They include step aerobics, high impact aerobics, circuit training and karate classes. Summer programs include computer classes, arts and crafts, ceramics, gymnastics, basketball clinics, cheer leading clinics, and other special activities for children.

YMCA – 225 S. Vine - 903-593-7327

Weight room, cardio equipment, separate hot tub and sauna for men and women.

*Day Pass: 1 Activity \$5.00,
2+ Activities \$10.00*

Rose Rudman Park – Walking Trails – Shiloh Rd at Donnybrook



With almost 3 miles of paved walking trails arranged for both long and short walks, Rose Rudman Park is the perfect location for a bit of exercise. Trails run in two directions from the main park for variety in your daily walk.

*Hours: Sunrise – Sunset
FREE*

[Ye Old City Antique Mall](#) - 302 E Locust St - 903-705-1145

Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5p



This Antique Mall, Flea Market, and Auction house is located near downtown Tyler. More than 50 booths are filled with antiques, vintage clothing, arts and crafts, jewelry, home decor items, and collectibles can be found.