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Indicates attractions that may be of particular interest to children!



Indicates attractions that are by appointment only!


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- Additional Travel Information
- Convention Planning / Coordination
- Chamber of Commerce Magazine


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ANDERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE Neo-classical architecture with a double spiral staircase and a beautiful stained glass montage within the dome. Admission is free. Open Mon – Fri 8 am-5 pm. For more information call the Palestine CVB at 1-800-659-3484 or write us at P.O. Box 2828, Palestine, TX 75802.

 **CARNEGIE LIBRARY** Built in 1914, this is one of a series of libraries built across the country by the Carnegie family. It is located in historic downtown at 502 N. Queen. For more information call the Palestine CVB at 1-800-659-3484

perennial gardens, gift shop, antiques, Texas native plants, antique roses, B&B and restaurant. For more information, call 903-549-2715, or 903-723-1630 or visit www.elmwoodgardens.com

 **GUS ENGELING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA** Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area (GEWMA) is located in northwest Anderson County. This 10,958-acre area was purchased from 1950 to 1960 under the Pittman-Robertson Act using Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program funds. Open year round, except when closed for Special Permit hunts. For more information call 903-928-2251 or visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/wma

Sun. 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$2.00. Located in Reagan Park, 400 Micheaux Ave. For more information call 903-723-1914 or www.museumpalestine.org

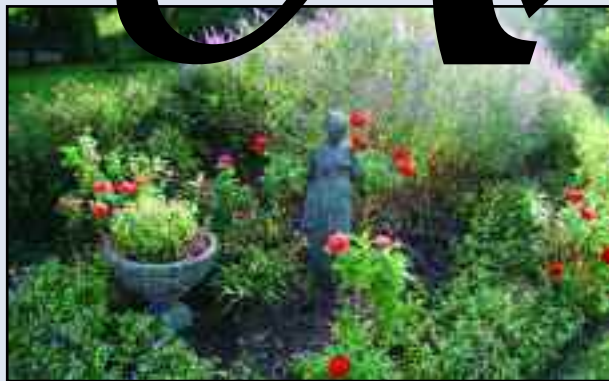
 **COLUMBIA SCIENTIFIC BALLOON FACILITY** Operated by NASA, balloons as large as 300 feet in diameter are periodically launched to conduct studies of upper atmosphere and outer space. For more information or to arrange a tour contact the public relations officer at 903-729-0271 or visit <http://topweb.gsfc.nasa.gov/balloon/index.html>


PALESTINE COMMUNITY FOREST Seven hundred acres of pine and hardwood trees offer scenic drives leading to four lakes with fishing, boating, and picnicking. Sumac, yaupon and sweetgum trees

1-800-442-8951 in Texas only or 903-683-2561 out of state. Visit their website at www.texasstaterailroad.com


TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER A Restored Historic Depot is home to the Visitor Information Center. Travel literature includes state and regional materials, maps of the city and surrounding area, a self-guided tour of Palestine and information on events and accommodations. Informational brochures and personal assistance for tourists and for tours and convention groups are available, along with Palestine Civic Center Rental. The Palestine Convention and Visitors Bureau is located at 825 Spring Street, corner of Spring and Oak streets. 903-723-3014; 800-659-3484; palestinecvb@flash.net

Attractions



 **DAVEY DOGWOOD PARK** More than 200 acres with picturesque roads throughout the park. The park is a featured area during the annual Texas Dogwood Trails Festival from late March to early April. Admission is free. For information call the Palestine CVB 1-800-659-3484.


ELMWOOD GARDENS Elmwood Gardens is located on the old homestead of Doc Morrow, a self-taught veterinarian who traveled by horse and buggy to the local farms. The five-acre display gardens are beautifully landscaped, featuring old-fashioned cottage gardens, herbs, and wildflower meadows. Experience beauty and tranquility, including ponds,

 **HOWARD HOUSE MUSEUM** Open for tours and social functions by appointment and during special events. The Howard House museum is one of the finest examples of Greek Revival architecture remaining in Texas and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Located at 1011 North Perry. For more information or tours call 903-723-3014.

MUSEUM FOR EAST TEXAS CULTURE Rooms in the old (1915) schoolhouse display artifacts and special interest exhibits. Exhibits include an authentic vintage classroom, a railroad memorabilia room and a refurbished caboose. Rotating art exhibits are on display upstairs. The museum is a recorded Texas Historic Landmark and listed on the national Register of Historic Places. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,

add accents of brilliant color during autumn. Take Texas 19/U.S. 287 a few miles northwest of Palestine.

PILGRIM CHURCH This is an authentic reconstruction of the original 1833 house of worship, said to be the first Protestant church in Texas. Drive four miles south of Elkhart on F.M. 861 (not shown on most maps). For more information call the Palestine CVB at 1-800-659-3484.

 **TEXAS STATE RAILROAD** Operated by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The antique steam engines and cars traverse the 25.5 mile route to Rusk through the East Texas woodlands. For more information or to make reservations call





Entertainment...

Festivals...

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Dogwood Jamboree - The Palestine country music concerts take place 5 times a year. Join us for good old fashioned family entertainment featuring great country and western music. Call 800-659-3484 for information and tickets. email: palestinecvb@flash.net

Texas Dogwood Trails Celebration - Held the last two weekends in March and the first weekend in April. Visitors enjoy the delicate beauty of the dogwood trees in Davey Dogwood Park and the surrounding area. Activities are scheduled each weekend to compliment the Dogwood Trails Festival, including an arts and craft fair, chili cook off, Dulcimer Festival, BBQ cook-off, live theatre productions and Dogwood Jamboree Concert. For more information call 1-800-659-3484 or visit www.visitpalestine.com

Art & Jazz Fest - Cool Music and Hot Art in Downtown Palestine. For more information call 1-800-659-3484 or visit www.visitpalestine.com

Heritage Balloon Festival - Sponsored by the Museum for East Texas Culture, this event takes place the first weekend in June with entertainment, tethered rides, balloon flights, and the "evening glow". For more information call 903-723-1914 or visit www.museumpalestine.org

Murder on the Texas State Railroad - An ultra interactive who-dun-it to die for. This elegant affair involving murder, mystery and mayhem is designed for sophisticated, mature adults. Mystery is rated PG-13 and semi-formal attire is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Texas State Railroad at 1-866-729-5543 or email: motsrr@earthlink.net

Murder on the DisORIENTed EXPRESS - Sponsored by Friends of the Palestine Public Library, this annual October event features a specially penned murder mystery that is enacted on the train. Passengers dine before boarding the train, and while traveling through the Piney Woods of East Texas, they are asked to solve a murder. Actors in period costumes lend a special touch to the entire evening. Proceeds benefit the Palestine Public Library and the Anderson County Literacy Council. For more information call the Palestine Chamber of Commerce at 903-729-6066.

Fall-Oktober Fest - Palestine comes alive when the seasons change and festival enthusiasts will not want to miss this event, the last weekend in October. Downtown and Old Town feature a kids zone, arts & crafts, concerts and much, much, more. For more information call 1-800-659-3484 or 903-723-3014.

The North Pole Express - This event is based on the book "The Polar Express" and takes place in November. Ride the Texas State Railroad from the Palestine Depot to mid-way point and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Kids may ride in their pajamas. Benefits the Champions for Children. For more information and tickets call 903-723-5567.

Victorian Christmas Train Ride - A Christmas from yesteryear awaits you at the Texas State Railroad the first three Saturdays in December, with Saint Nick, old world refreshments, strolling carolers and a train

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ride on a genuine steam train. Come dressed in your favorite Victorian costume and enjoy a gracious trip into yesteryear. (Not all of us have Victorian costumes, so join us and just 'come as you are'.) For more information and tickets call 1-800-659-3484 or visit www.visitpalestine.com

Christmas Tour of Homes - Each year local garden clubs sponsor three homes for this tour. Each home is an exquisite example of the architecture of various periods. Special decorative touches are donated by the garden clubs to complement the beautifully decorated homes. The tour takes place the first weekend in December.

Christmas Parade of Lights & Official Tree Lighting - A crisp December evening, twinkling lights, marching band music and Santa Claus add up to the perfect Christmas parade. Add clowns, mounted horsemen, antique cars and a beautiful downtown area and you have our Christmas Parade of Lights on the second Saturday in December. For more information call 1-800-659-3484 or visit www.visitpalestine.com

Classic Movies in Reagan Park - Step back in time the first Saturday of each month . . . bring your blankets and lawn chairs to Reagan Park. Enjoy Classic Movies under the stars. Popcorn and cokes are available for purchase. For more information call 1-800-659-3484 or 903-723-3014. For a listing of movies visit www.visitpalestine.com

Palestine Community Theater Productions - Live entertainment at the Texas Theater in Downtown Palestine. Check the website for details. <http://www.thetexasatheater.com/>



Restaurants



Americana

AAA Restaurant
1415 W. Spring 903-729-6790
Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
2225 S. Loop 256 903-729-8888
Chips Burger Ranch
908 W. Palestine Ave 903-723-1016
Cotton Patch Cafe
1711 S. Loop 256 903-731-9220
Dogwood Diner
2000 S. Loop 256 903-723-3240
Hamburger Bar
502 N. Tennessee Ave 903-729-5353
Herschel's Family Restaurant
1925 S. Loop 256 903-729-7811
The Ranch House
305 E. Crawford 903-723-8778

Bakeries

Eilenberger's
512 N. John 903-729-0881
Jung's Olde World Bakery
411 W. Palestine Ave. 903-723-3979

Bar-B-Q

Shep's Bar-B-Q & Catering
1013 E. Palestine Ave. 903-729-4206

Cajun

LaFitte's Cajun Cafe
7469 S. Hwy 79 S 903-538-2533

Chinese

P.W. Chan Chinese Restaurant
400 N. Queen 903-723-0496
Beijing Chinese Buffet
2734 S. Loop 256 903-729-1188

Coffee Houses & Tea Rooms

Dogwood Tea Garden
10309 N. Hwy 19 903-549-2779
Elmwood Gardens
680 Anderson County Rd 446 903-549-2716
Judi's Java Joint
213 E. Crawford 903-731-7097
Madeline's Tea Room
909 FM 2419 903-731-7095

Fast & Easy

Church's Fried Chicken
419 W. Palestine Ave. 903-729-1888
Dairy Queen No. 47
2101 S. Loop 256 903-729-2014
Jack In The Box
2207 W. Oak 903-723-6233
KFC / A & W Rootbeer
1711 W. Palestine Ave 903-723-5515
Long John Silver's
2111 Crockett Rd 903-723-0365
McDonald's
2120 S. Loop 256 903-729-5000
2223 S. Loop 256 (Inside Wal-Mart) 903-729-8977

Sonic

220 W. Palestine Ave 903-729-8207
2727 S. Loop 256 903-731-9173
Taco Bell
2104 Crockett Rd 903-729-8034
Whataburger
1717 S. Loop 256 903-729-5737
Wendy's
2215 S. Loop 256 903-723-8158

International & Italian

Fig Tree Manor Bed, Breakfast and Bistro
203 Erwin 903-729-3457
Giovanni's Ristorante Italiano
2027 W. Oak 903-729-3595
Sabor a Pasión
110 ACR 406, Palestine. 903-729-9500

Pizza

Domino's Pizza
1926-B Crockett Rd 903-723-2200
Mazzio's Pizza
1929 S. Loop 256 903-723-1400
Papa John's Pizza
2114 Crockett Rd 903-729-5550
Pizza Hut
402 E. Palestine Ave 903-723-5109

Mexican/Tex-Mex

Don Jose's
1103 E. Palestine Ave 903-729-5054
El Toro
2107-B S. Loop 256 903-729-8588
La Chaparra's Restaurant
2503 Oak St. 903-729-5100
Little Mexico
2025 W. Oak 903-723-3143
Taqueria Mexicana
1717 W. Palestine Ave 903-723-0333

Sandwiches & Subs

Old Magnolia Sandwich Shop
120 W. Oak St. 903-729-4410
Subs & Dogs
407 W. Palestine Ave 903-729-5356
Subway
2006 A. Crockett Rd 903-729-2062
2607 W. Oak St. 903-729-1266

Steaks & More

Beverly's
520 ACR 487 903-338-2004
Ryan's Steak House
2800 S. Loop 256 903-729-5732

Shopping

If you enjoy the search for antique treasures or crave the latest clothing and gifts, Palestine shops will be your shopping haven...



Antiques & Gifts

- Bayberry Clothing Company**
302 East Crawford 903-723-9998
- Bowers Mansion B&B/Antiques**
301 South Magnolia 903-723-7263
- Duncan Depot Antiques**
106 West Main St. 903-723-2899
- Frannie's Findings**
501 Avenue A 903-729-5807
- Historic Connections**
505 W. Spring 903-723-5336
- MaryJean Collection**
302 East Crawford 903-731-4434
- Mercantile on the Creek**
215 East Crawford 903-729-1200
- Oak Street Village Shoppes**
201 West Oak St. 903-729-4099
- Old Magnolia Mercantile**
120 West Oak St. 903-729-4410
- Silver Lady**
115 West Oak St. 903-729-0600
- Star of Texas Antiques**
107 West Oak St. 903-723-6363

Art/Crafts

- Art Depot**
301 West Oak St. 903-729-1940 or 888-717-9846
- Grimes Sewing Center**
619 W. Oak 903-729-2889
- Scrappin' Attitude**
210 West Oak or 190 Neches Trace 903-723-4006
- Sherry's Custom Framing & Gifts**
411 Avenue A 903-729-1286

Book Stores

- M. Wiggle's Used & New Books**
708 East Palestine Avenue 903-729-7555

Clothing & Such

- Beall's Department Store**
2000 Crockett Road. 903-729-5276
- Burke's Outlet**
2000 South Loop 256 903-723-8193
- Co-Ed Shop**
203 West Main St. 903-729-6456
- Factory Connection**
2008 Crockett Rd. 903-723-0728
- Goody's**
2051 S. Loop 256 903-729-0794
- JC Penny**
1930 South Loop 256 903-729-0103
- Jay Shop**
209 West Main Street. 903-729-2213
- L & L Shoe Store**
203 West Oak 903-729-2777
- Le' Fashion Clothing**
400 North Queen, Ste. 101. 903-723-0450
- Merle Norman Boutique**
213 West Oak 903-723-2400
- O'Sweet Pea**
302 East Crawford 903-948-7102
- Totah Brothers**
206 West Oak 903-729-4136
- Jewelers**
Charles E. Dickens Fine Jewelry & Gifts
100 West Oak 903-729-8796



Accommodations



Need a place to stay while visiting Palestine? We have a great variety of options from which to choose - Motels, B&B's or our convenient RV Parks & Campgrounds...

Motels

- Best Western of Palestine**
• AAA, AARP & Senior Discounts
1601 W. Palestine Ave.
903-723-4655
1-800-523-0121
www.bestwestern.com
- Pal-Tex**
1520 E. Palestine Ave.
903-729-3275
- Super 8 Motel**
• King Mini Suites
• Jacuzzi Rooms
• Meeting Room
• Commercial Rates
• Free Continental Breakfast
2300 W. Oak
903-731-9495
1-800-800-8000
www.super8.com
- Express Inn & Suites**
• Senior & Corporate Rates
• Iron Horse Restaurant & Sports Bar Hours
4p.m. to 12a.m. weekdays
4p.m. to 1a.m. weekends
1100 E. Palestine Ave.
903-729-3151
1-800-944-1143
- Tex-Ann**
805 E. Palestine Ave.
903-729-6049
- Town & Country**
205 E. Palestine Ave.
903-729-1660
- Quality Inn & Suites**
• Senior & Corporate Rates
• Meeting Rooms
• Wireless Internet
• Complimentary Executive Continental Breakfast
• Complimentary Bedtime Snacks
1101 E. Palestine Ave.
903-723-7300
1-800-657-1880
- Holiday Inn Express**
• Whirlpool Suite
• Free Deluxe Continental Breakfast
• Meeting Room
• Business Center
1030 E. Palestine Ave.
903-723-4884
1-800-HOLIDAY
www.hiexpress.com/palestinetcx



RV Parks & Campgrounds

- Hwy 155 RV Park**
3202 Hwy 155 North Palestine
903-729-7778
- Lake Palestine Campground & Lodge**
Highway 155 & Echo Hill Rd. Frankston
903-876-2253
- Red Rock Ranch RV Park**
300 Anderson County Rd 389 Palestine
903-723-1836
- Texas State Railroad Campgrounds**
Hwy 84 East Palestine
903-729-3171



Bed & Breakfasts

2BarG Ranch
401 ACR 2117 903-538-2575
www.2barg.com

Almost HeavInn Bed & Breakfast
CR 2120 (Maydell) 903-795-3181
www.almostheavinn.com

Apple Annie's Bed and Breakfast
1014 N. Sycamore Street 903-729-1789
www.appleanniesbedandbreakfast.com

BK Ranch
520 ACR 487 903-338-2004
www.bkranch.com

Bar S Ranch Bed and Breakfast
2001 Anderson County Rd 156. . . . 903-729-6975
www.barsranch.us

Bed and Breakfast at Tiffany's
3241 E. US Hwy 84. 903-727-2044
www.bbtiffanys.com

Bowers Mansion Bed and Breakfast and Antiques
301 S. Magnolia. 903-723-7263
www.bowersmansion.com

Dogwood Inn
921 N. Perry 903-729-2059
www.dogwoodinnbedandbreakfast.com

Dyerwood Inn
911 N. Sycamore 903-723-2250
www.dyerwoodinn.com

Elmwood Gardens
680 Anderson County Rd 446. 903-549-2716
www.elmwoodgardens.com

Fig Tree Manor Bed, Breakfast and Bistro
203 Erwin. 903-729-3457
www.figtreemanorbedandbreakfast.com

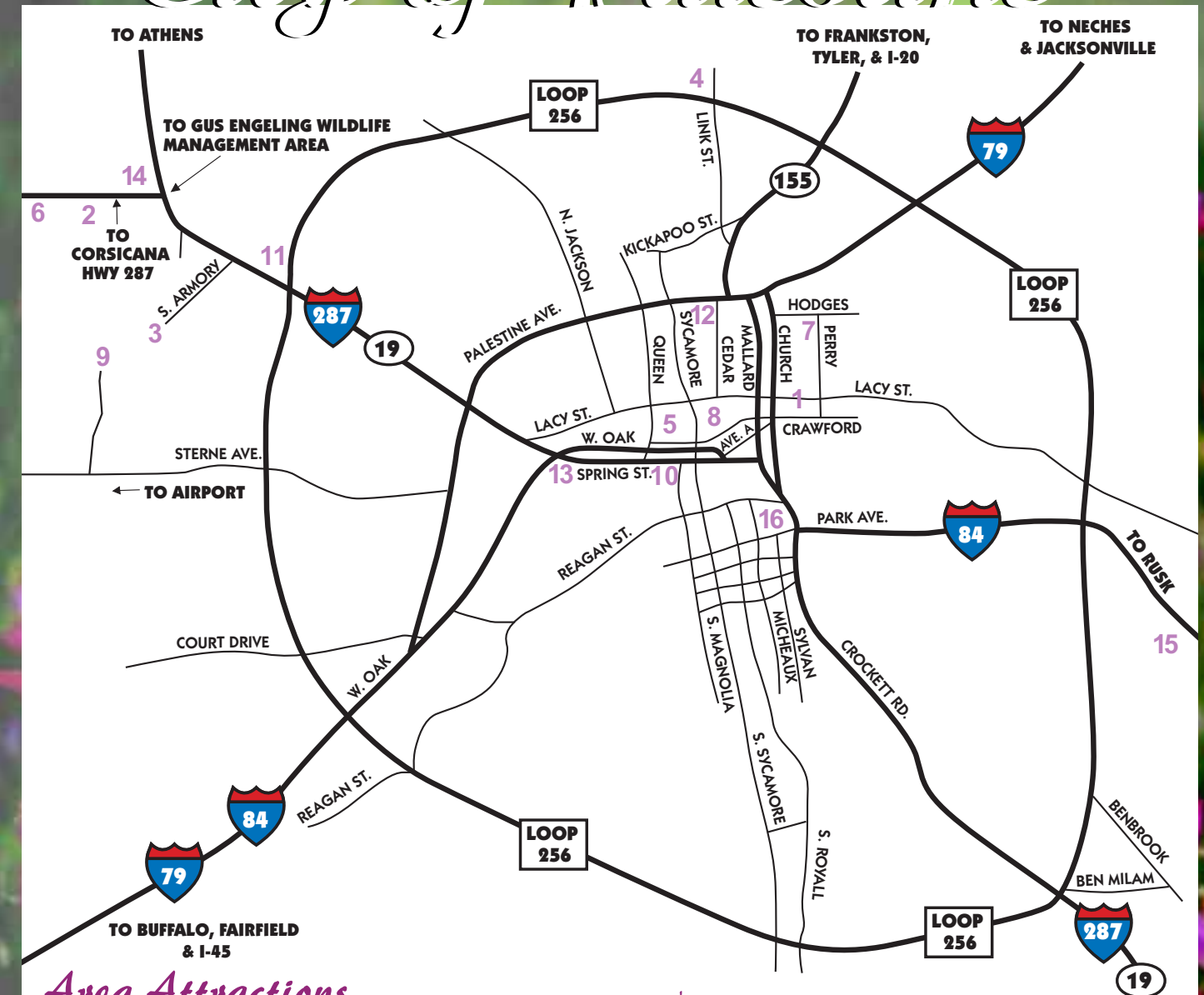
Fox Meadows Bed and Breakfast
650 Anderson County Rd 468. 903-549-3400
www.foxmeadows.ws

Little Bear's Big Green House
1001 North Sycamore. 903-253-2327(BEAR)
www.littlebearsbiggreenhouse.com

Sabor a Pasión Country House and Bistro
110 Anderson County Rd 406. 903-729-9500
www.saborapasion.com



City of Palestine



Area Attractions

- 1 Anderson County Courthouse
- 2 Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility
- 3 Community Forest
- 4 Davey Dogwood Park
- 5 Downtown Historic District
- 6 Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area
- 7 Howard House Museum
- 8 Old Town Palestine

- 9 Palestine Airport
- 10 Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce
- 11 Palestine Civic Center
- 12 Palestine Public Library
- 13 Palestine Visitor Information Center
- 14 Riding & Roping Arena and Expo Center
- 15 Texas State Railroad (3 miles from Loop 256)
- 16 The Museum for East Texas Culture/Reagan Park





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