

# Historic Lanes Scenic Trains

Home of the Texas Dogwood Trails



PALESTINE CVB  
[www.VisitPalestine.com](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)  
1-800-659-3484



# Relax & Rejuvenate

2009 Palestine CVB Visitor Guide

## *Table of Contents*

Attractions . . . . .	2-3
Entertainment & Festivals . . . . .	4-5
Restaurants . . . . .	6-7
Shopping . . . . .	8
Accommodations . . . . .	9
Bed & Breakfasts . . . . .	10
Palestine City Map . . . . .	11

## *Free Upon Request*

Additional Travel Information  
Convention Planning & Coordination  
Chamber of Commerce Magazine

Call the Palestine CVB at  
1-800-659-3484 or 903-723-3014  
Email: [PalestineCVB@flash.net](mailto:PalestineCVB@flash.net)  
Web: [www.VisitPalestine.com](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)  
Fax: 903-729-6067  
825 Spring St., Palestine, TX 75801

*Getaway to Palestine!*  
[www.VisitPalestine.com](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)



[www.PalestineMainStreet.org](http://www.PalestineMainStreet.org)



# Attractions

## Anderson County Courthouse

features neo-classical architecture with a double spiral staircase and a beautiful stained glass montage within the dome. Admission is free. Open Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call the Palestine CVB at 1-800-659-3484

## Carnegie Library

Built in 1914, is one of a series of libraries built across the country by the Carnegie Foundation. It is located in historic Main Street Palestine at 502 N. Queen and is currently the headquarters for the Palestine Main Street Program. For more information call 903-731-8442 or 903-724-3052. The facility may be rented for special events. Call 903-723-2026 for rentals.

## Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility

Operated by NASA, and 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>

## Davey Dogwood Park

Encompasses 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 more information call the Palestine CVB at 1-800-659-3484.

## 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, perennial gardens, Texas native plants and a B&B. For more information, call 903-549-2715, or 903-723-1630 or visit [www.elmwoodgardens.com](http://www.elmwoodgardens.com)

## Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area (GEWMA)

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. The area is 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](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/wma)

## Howard House Museum

Open for tours and social functions by appointment and for 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 the Palestine CVB at 903-723-3014.

## Museum For East Texas Culture

Rooms in the 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., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$2.00. Located in Reagan Park, 400 Micheaux Ave. For more information call the Museum at 903-723-1914 or visit [www.museumpalestine.org](http://www.museumpalestine.org)

## Palestine Community Forest

Contains seven-hundred acres of pine and hardwood trees

offering scenic drives leading to four lakes with fishing, boating, and picnicking. Sumac, yaupon and sweetgum trees add accents of brilliant color during autumn. Take Texas 19/U.S. 287 a few miles northwest of Palestine, turn on Armory Rd.

## Palestine Main Street District (Texas Main Street City)

Downtown & Old Town Palestine offer historic architecture, shopping, restaurants and more. 903-731-8442 or 903-724-3052. For more information visit [www.palestinemainstreet.org](http://www.palestinemainstreet.org)

## Pilgrim Church

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

Now operated by American Heritage Railways, steam and diesel engines and cars take visitors through the East Texas woodlands. Many special event and seasonal rides. For information and reservations call 1-888-987-2461 or 903-683-2561 or visit [www.TexasStateRR.com](http://www.TexasStateRR.com)

## Visitor Information Center

A restored Historic Depot more than 120 years old. 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. Contact the CVB at 903-723-3014; 1-800-659-3484 or [palestinecvb@flash.net](mailto:palestinecvb@flash.net) or on the web at [www.VisitPalestine.com](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)





# Entertainment & Festivals

## Texas Dogwood Trails Celebration

This long-time festival takes place 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 crafts fair, Dulcimer Festival, live music, live theatre productions and a bicycle race. For more information call 903-729-6066 or view [www.palestinechamber.org](http://www.palestinechamber.org)

## Annual Dogwood Classic Rodeo

The Palestine PRCA Rodeo & The Anderson County Livestock Show Take place in April at the Anderson County Youth Livestock Pavillion on Hwy 287 North. For more information call 903-549-2466 or 903-723-3014

## Texas Music Awards (TMA Show)

Great musical entertainment by many of Texas' best musicians/singers of every genre along with recognition of their talent, takes place in April at the Palestine Civic Center, Hwy 287/19 N & Loop 256. [www.tmatexas@aol.com](mailto:www.tmatexas@aol.com) or call 800-659-3484

## WonderFall Oktoberfest

Palestine comes alive when the seasons change, and festival enthusiasts will not want to miss this event, the last Saturday in October. Downtown and Old Town feature a Kidz-Zone, arts & crafts, concerts, live theatre and more. For more information call 903-729-6066. [www.palestinechamber.org](http://www.palestinechamber.org)

## 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 the beautiful Main Street area and you have Palestine's Christmas Parade of Lights the first Saturday in December. For more information on additional Christmas events call 1-800-659-3484 or view [www.VisitPalestine.com](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)

## Christmas Tour of Homes

Each year Dogwood Garden Club sponsors and decorates homes for this tour. Each home represents an exquisite example of the architecture of its period. Special decorative touches added by the garden club compliment the beautiful homes. The tour takes place the first weekend in December.

## Dogwood Jamboree

The Palestine country music concerts take place five times a year. Join us for Branson-Style family entertainment featuring great country & western music and more. Call 800-659-3484 for information and tickets. email: [palestinecvb@flash.net](mailto:palestinecvb@flash.net) or view dates at [www.VisitPalestine.com](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)

## Year-Round Entertainment

### Anderson County Concert Association

The Anderson County Concert Association presents periodic Musical Productions. For more information call 903-391-0086

### Classic Movies in Reagan Park

Step back in time the first Saturday of each month. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to Reagan Park and enjoy classic movies under the stars. Popcorn and sodas 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](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)

### Dogwood Junction

Video games, go-carts & miniature golf. 555 E. Palestine Ave., 903-729-8900 or visit [www.mydogwoodjunction.com](http://www.mydogwoodjunction.com)

### "Embrace the Arts"

Presents Art Exhibits/ Events throughout the year. For more information call 800-659-3484

## Grapeland Drive-Thru Safari

One mile north of Grapeland (20 miles south of Palestine) on U.S. Hwy. 287 S., 936-687-5272, [www.grapelanddrivethrusafari.com](http://www.grapelanddrivethrusafari.com)

## Palestine Community Theatre Productions

Live entertainment at the historic Texas Theater in Main Street Palestine. Visit the website for dates: [www.thetexasattheater.com](http://www.thetexasattheater.com)

## Pine Dunes Golf Course

Golf Digest says it's one of the "Top Ten Best New Upscale Public Courses in America". Open year-round. Pine Dunes Resort and Golf Club is located at 159 Private Road 7019 in Frankston 23 miles from Palestine on Hwy 155. Call 903-876-4336

## Schulman Theaters Dogwood 6 Movie Theater

545 E. Palestine Ave, 903-5729-7291, [www.schulmantheatres.com/Showtimes](http://www.schulmantheatres.com/Showtimes)

## Sweet Dreams Winery

2549 ACR 441, 903-549-2027, [www.sweetdreamswinery.com](http://www.sweetdreamswinery.com)

## Texas State Railroad

The Texas State Railroad, est. 1881, is truly a "Texas Treasure!" This historic train offers both steam and diesel excursions that travel through the scenic piney woods and hardwood creek bottoms of East Texas where rolling hills, nature and wildlife abound. Passengers may board excursion trains at either the Rusk or Palestine depots where southern hospitality is the norm. Beautiful Victorian styled depots are surrounded by large 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. Open Year-round! For more information, call 1-888-987-2461 or visit [www.TexasStateRR.com](http://www.TexasStateRR.com)

*All dates and times subject to change. Please call to confirm & for additional information 1-800-659-3484*



Photo: Pete Martinez, TX-DOT



# Restaurants

## Americana

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar	
2225 South Loop 256	.903-729-8888
Bird's Egg Cafe	
1605 West Palestine Ave	.903-729-6891
Chip's Burger Ranch	
908 West Palestine Ave	.903-723-1016
Cotton Patch Cafe	
1711 South Loop 256	.903-731-9220
Dogwood Diner	
2000 South Loop 256	.903-723-3240
Downtown Bistro & Steakhouse at the Redlands	
400 North Queen St	.903-729-3600
Herschel's Family Restaurant	
1925 South Loop 256	.903-729-7811
Pitt Grill	
1600 West Palestine Ave	.903-723-9120
Ryan's Steak House	
2800 South Loop 256	.903-729-5732

## Bakeries

Eilenberger's	
512 North John St	.903-729-0881
Jung's Olde World Bakery	
411 West Palestine Ave	.903-723-3979

## Bar-B-Q

Baby J's Bar-B-Que & Fish	
111 ACR 1405	.903-729-8402
Shep's Bar-B-Q & Catering	
1013 East Palestine Ave	.903-729-4206

## Seafood

Village Seafood	
2503 Oak St	.903-723-9705

## Chinese

Beijing Chinese Buffet	
2734 South Loop 256	.903-729-1188

## Coffee Houses & Tea Rooms

Madeline's Tea Room	
909 FM 2419	.903-731-7095
Old Magnolia Coffee Shop	
120 West Oak St	.903-729-4410

## Fast & Easy

Chicken Express	
2117 Crockett Road	.903-723-0339
Church's Fried Chicken	
419 West Palestine Ave	.903-729-1888
Dairy Queen No. 47	
2101 South Loop 256	.903-729-2014
Jack In The Box	
2207 West Oak St	.903-723-6233
KFC / A & W Rootbeer	
1711 West Palestine Ave	.903-723-5515
Long John Silver's	
2111 Crockett Rd	.903-723-0365
McDonald's Restaurant	
2120 South Loop 256	.903-729-5000
2223 South Loop 256 (Inside Wal-Mart)	.903-729-8977
Sonic	
220 West Palestine Ave	.903-729-8207
2727 South Loop 256	.903-731-9173

Taco Bell	
2104 Crockett Rd	.903-729-8034
Wendy's	
2215 South Loop 256	.903-729-6973
Whataburger	
1717 South Loop 256	.903-729-5737

## International & Italian

Fig Tree Manor Bed, Breakfast & Bistro	
203 Erwin St	.903-729-3457
Giovanni's Ristorante Italiano	
2027 West Oak St	.903-729-3595
Sabor a Pasi3n	
110 ACR 406	.903-729-9500

## Pizza

Domino's Pizza	
1926-B Crockett Rd	.903-723-2200
Little Caesars	
321 East Spring St., Ste 101	.903-723-2620
Mazzio's Pizza	
1929 South Loop 256	.903-723-1400
Pizza Hut	
3400 Loop 256	.903-723-5109

## Mexican/Tex-Mex

Don Jose's	
1103 East Palestine Ave	.903-729-5054
El Toro	
2111 South Loop 256	.903-729-8588
La Chaparra's Restaurant	
204 North Church	.903-723-0271
Little Mexico	
Hwy 79 West	.903-723-3143

Taqueria Mexicano Grill	
1717 West Palestine Ave	.903-723-0333

## Sandwiches & Subs

Old Magnolia Sandwich Shop	
120 West Oak St	.903-729-4410
Subs & Dogs	
407 West Palestine Ave	.903-729-5356
Subway	
2006 A. Crockett Rd	.903-729-2062
2213 South Loop 256	.903-731-9106





# Shopping

## Antiques & Gifts

- Bowers Mansion B&B, Antiques**  
301 South Magnolia .....903-723-7263
- Charlene & Asscoiates**  
1131 West Oak .....903-723-9220
- Duncan Depot Antiques**  
106 West Main St .....903-723-2899
- Historic Connections**  
505 West Spring .....903-723-5336
- MaryJean Collection**  
302 East Crawford .....903-731-4434
- Mercantile on the Creek**  
215 East Crawford .....903-729-1200
- Oak Creek Village Shoppes**  
201 West Oak St .....903-729-4099



Palestine has it all -  
from antique treasures  
to the latest in fashion,  
jewelry & gifts.

- 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

- Grimes Sewing Center**  
619 West Oak .....903-729-2889
- Sherry's Custom Framing & Gifts**  
411 Avenue A .....903-729-1286

- Texas Art Depot**  
301 West Oak St .....903-729-1940 or 888-717-9846

## Book Stores

- Mary's Books - Used & New**  
211 West Oak .....903-729-7555

## Clothing & More

- Beall's Department Store**  
2000 Crockett Road .....903-729-5276
- Burke's Outlet**  
2000 South Loop 256 .....903-723-8193
- Co-Ed Shoppe**  
203 West Main St .....903-729-6456
- Factory Connection**  
2008 Crockett Rd .....903-723-0728
- Goody's**  
2051 South Loop 256 .....903-729-0794
- JC Penney, Inc.**  
1930 South Loop 256 .....903-729-0103
- 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
- Rue 21**  
2010 B Crockett Rd .....903-723-1921

## Jewelers

- Charles E. Dickens Fine Jewelry & Gifts**  
100 West Oak .....903-729-8796

## Hotels & Motels

- Best Western of Palestine**  
AAA, AARP & Senior Discounts  
1601 West Palestine Ave.  
903-723-4655  
1-800-523-0121  
www.bestwestern.com/palestine

- Express Inn & Suites**  
Senior & Corporate Rates,  
Iron Horse Sports Bar  
1100 East Palestine Ave.  
903-729-3151 / 1-800-944-1143

- Holiday Inn Express**  
Jacuzzi Suites, Free Deluxe  
Continental Breakfast, Meeting  
Room, Business Center  
1030 East Palestine Ave.  
903-723-4884  
1-800-HOLIDAY  
www.hiexpress.com/palestinex  
holidayexp@embarqmail.com

- LaQuinta Inn & Suites**  
Complimentary Continental  
Breakfast, Free Wireless  
High-Speed Internet Access, Free  
Local Calls, Meeting  
Facilities Available, Guest  
Laundry Facilities, Outdoor  
Swimming Pool, Fitness  
Center, Pets Welcome  
3000 South Loop 256  
903-723-1387 1-800-753-3757  
www.laquintainnandsuites.com  
steven@swwn.com

- Pal-Tex**  
1520 East Palestine Ave.  
903-729-3275

- Quality Inn & Suites**  
Senior & Corporate Rates,  
Meeting Room, Wireless Internet,  
Complimentary Executive  
Continental Breakfast  
1101 East Palestine Ave.  
903-723-7300  
1-800-657-1880  
www.choicehotels.com/hotel/tx946  
quality946@yahoo.com

- Super 8 Motel**  
King Mini Suites, Jacuzzi Rooms  
Meeting Room, Commercial  
Rates, Free Continental  
Breakfast  
2300 West Oak  
903-731-9495  
1-800-800-8000  
www.super8.com

- Tex-Ann**  
805 East Palestine Ave.  
903-729-6049

- Town & Country**  
205 East Palestine Ave.  
903-729-1660

## Retreats

- Lakeview Methodist  
Conference Center**  
400 P.R. 6036  
903-538-2711  
www.lakeviewmcc.org

## RV Parks & Campgrounds

- Bar-S RV Camp**  
1140 ACR 156  
903-724-8834

- Dogwood RV Park**  
4508 West Oak  
903-729-1222

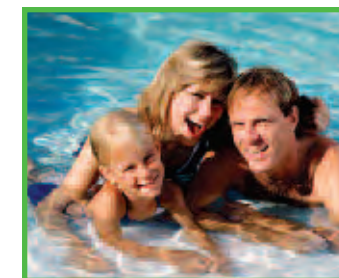
- Hwy 155 RV Park**  
3202 Hwy 155 North  
903-729-7778

- Lake Palestine Campground & Lodge**  
Highway 155 & Echo Hill Rd.  
Frankston  
903-876-2253

- "R" Place RV Park & Campgrounds**  
14000 East US Hwy 84  
903-723-8887  
www.rplacervpark.com

- Red Rock Ranch RV Park**  
300 ACR 389  
903-723-1836

- Texas State Railroad Campgrounds**  
Park Rd 70 off Hwy 84 East  
903-683-2561/1-888-987-2461



Palestine offers a  
wide variety of  
accomodation options  
from Hotels & B&B's  
to RV Parks &  
Campgrounds.  
Come Stay with Us!



# Bed & Breakfasts & Extended Stays

## B & B's

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

**Bailey Bunkhouse**  
4701 ACR 441 .....559-362-5873  
www.baileybunkhouse.com

**Bar-S Ranch Bed & Breakfast**  
2001 ACR 156 .....903-729-6975  
www.barsranchresort.com

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

**Dogwood Inn Bed & Breakfast**  
921 North Perry .....903-729-2059  
www.dogwoodinnbedandbreakfast.com

**Elmwood Gardens**  
680 ACR 446 .....903-549-2716  
www.elmwoodgarden.com

**Fig Tree Manor Bed, Breakfast & Bistro**  
203 Erwin .....903-729-3457  
www.figtreemanor.com

**Fox Meadows Bed & Breakfast**  
650 ACR 468 .....903-549-3400  
www.foxmeadow.ws

**Sabor a Pasión Country House & Bistro**  
110 ACR 406 .....903-729-9500  
www.saborapasion.com

**The Redlands Historic Inn**  
400 North Queen Street .....800-550-5445  
www.redlandshistoricinn.com

## Extended Stays

**Annie's Guesthouses**  
1014 North Sycamore Street .....903-729-1789  
www.appleanniesbedandbreakfast.com

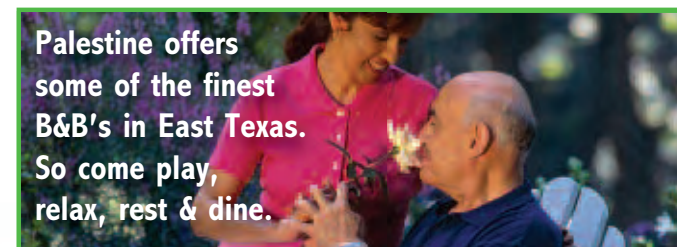
**Bailey Bunkhouse**  
4701 ACR 441 .....559-362-5873  
www.baileybunkhouse.com

**Bar-S Ranch Bed & Breakfast**  
2001 ACR 156 .....903-729-6975  
www.barsranchresort.com

**Dogwood Inn Bed & Breakfast**  
921 North Perry .....903-729-2059  
www.dogwoodinnbedandbreakfast.com

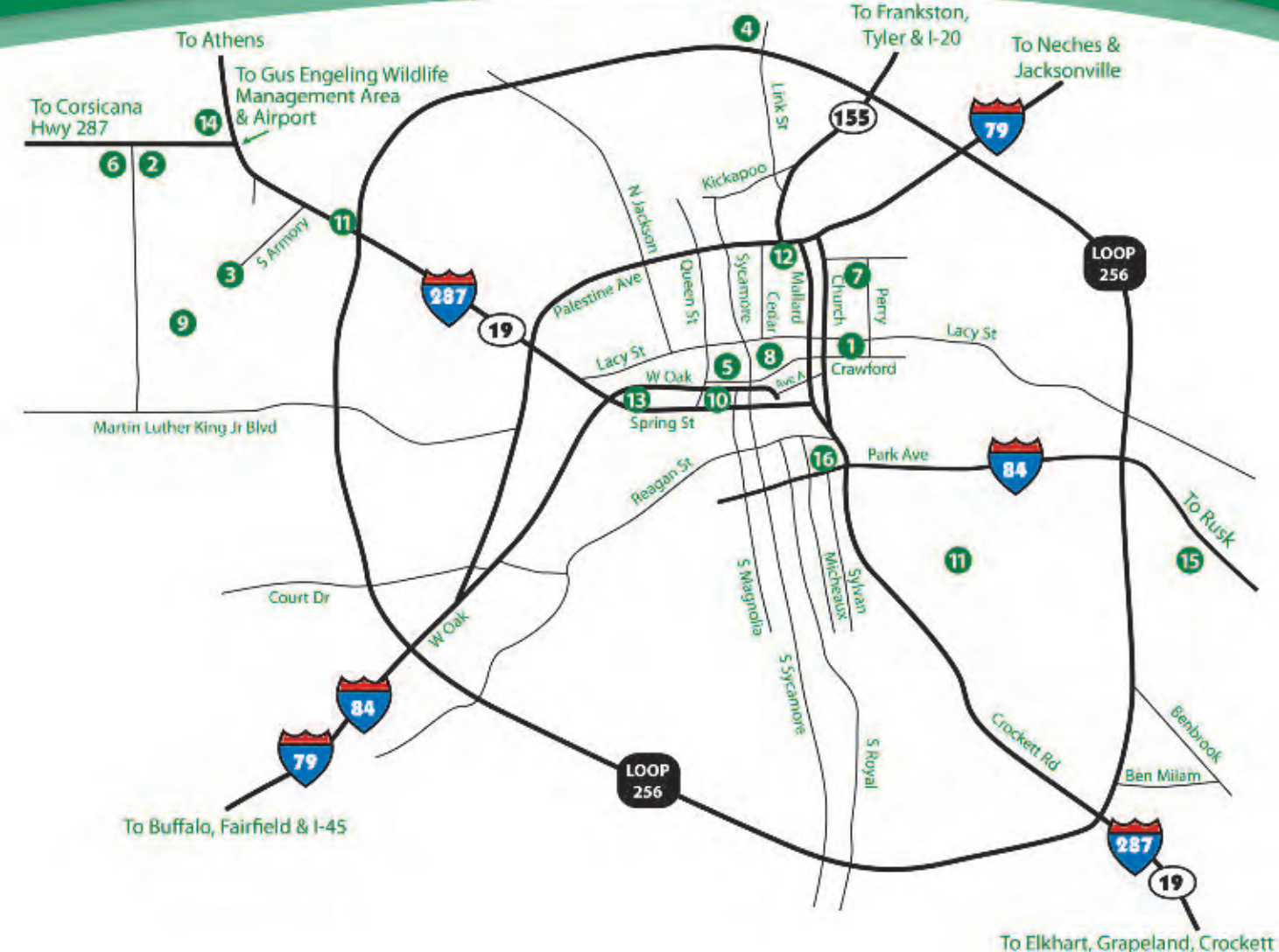
**Fig Tree Manor Bed, Breakfast & Bistro**  
203 Erwin .....903-729-3457  
www.figtreemanor.com

**The Redlands Historic Inn**  
400 North Queen Street .....800-550-5445  
www.redlandshistoricinn.com



**Palestine offers  
some of the finest  
B&B's in East Texas.  
So come play,  
relax, rest & dine.**

# City of Palestine



1. Anderson County Courthouse
2. Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility
3. Community Forest
4. Davey Dogwood Park
5. Main Street Area
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 & Expo Center
15. Texas State Railroad (3 miles outside loop)
16. The Museum for East Texas Culture & Reagan Park

*Getaway to Palestine!*

# Getaway to Palestine, Texas!

[www.VisitPalestine.com](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)



Need help planning your next visit or meeting?  
Call 1-800-659-3484 or visit  
[www.VisitPalestine.com](http://www.VisitPalestine.com)



[www.TexasForestTrail.com](http://www.TexasForestTrail.com)



[www.TexasLakeCountry.com](http://www.TexasLakeCountry.com)