

Agriculture, Technical, & Medical Tours



Marshall Pottery

4901 Elysian Fields Rd., Marshall
903-938-9201, 888-POT-USA,
marshallpottery.com



Big Bend Country Alpine

**Department of Biology
Sul Ross State University**
Biology WSB, Room 216, Box C-64
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, 79832
432-837-8050, sulross.edu/pages/3085.asp
Focus: on various biological topics, caters to tour group requests. Contact: Chris Ritzl. Accommodates 75–100 (by reservation only).

Del Rio Laughlin Air Force Base

47 FTW/PA, 561 Liberty Dr., Ste. 3
Laughlin AFB, 78843-5226
830-298-5980, laughlin.af.mil
Focus: History and mission or daily operations of the base. Contact: Joel Langton. Accommodates 10–50 (reservations required at least one week in advance).

Val Verde Regional Medical Center

801 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, 78840
830-778-3651, vrrmc.org
Focus: Facility and services, topics catered to tour groups. Accommodates 10–15 (by reservation only).

Midland Sibley Nature Center

1307 E. Wadley, Midland, 79705
432-684-6827, sibleynaturecenter.org
Focus: Flora, fauna, human, and natural history of the Llano Estacado. Nature Trail open daily. Contact Richard Galley for group tours. Accommodates up to 80.

Gulf Coast Bay City

Matagorda County CVB Agriculture Tours

201 Seventh St., Bay City, 77414
877-878-5386, visitmatagordacounty.com
Focus: Rice, turf, cattle, agriculture, and aquaculture. Contact: Heidi Simmons. Accommodates 30–50.

Corpus Christi Aransas National Wildlife Refuge

3 kilometers south of Austwell on FM
2040, 77950, 361-286-3559,
fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/aransas
Focus: Wildlife management of the wintering home of the only naturally migrating flock of whooping cranes. Auto tour and nature trails. Contact: Vicki Muller. Accommodates 100 (guided and van tours available by reservation).

CCA-CPL Marine Development Center

4300 Waldron Rd., Corpus Christi, 78418,
361-939-7784, tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/management/hatcheries/ccacpl
Focus: Fish hatchery, marine aquaculture. Contact: Debbie Grime. Accommodates up to 40 (by appointment only).

Padre Island National Seashore

20301 Park Rd. 22, Corpus Christi,
78418, 361-949-8068, nps.gov/pais
Focus: Surf fishing, windsurfing, beach vegetation and marine life, natural beach habitat,

sand dunes, mud flats, endangered species of turtles, and sunbathing. Contact: the Visitor Center. Accommodates unlimited.

Port Corpus Christi

222 Power St., Corpus Christi, 78401
800-580-7110, portofcorpuschristi.com
Focus: Maritime-related industries. Contact: Patricia Cardenas. Accommodates 100 (by appointment only)

Galveston Island Eco-Art Adventure

2415 Ave. K, Galveston, 77550
409-770-0722, artistboat.org
Focus: Kayak and walking environmental tours at Galveston Bay combined with art workshops. Accommodates 25 (reservations required).

Galveston Harbor Tours Pier 22 at The Texas Seaport Museum

Galveston, 77550
409-765-8687, galvestonhistory.com
Focus: Historical harbor tours with dolphin watching. Contact: Pamela Petty. Accommodates 49 (call for reservations for groups of 20 or more).

Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum

20th St. and Harborside Dr., Galveston,
77550, 409-766-7827, oceanstaroec.com
Focus: Offshore oil and gas drilling and production. Walk-ins are self-guided. Call for group guided tours.

Harlingen Aloe King Educational Farm Tours

1947 Mile 6 North Rd., Mercedes,
78570, 877-312-1835, aloking.com
Focus: Growing and processing of aloe vera, trolley rides, and nature trail. Contact: John Downing. Accommodates 10–24 (by appointment only).

Houston Sam Houston Boat Tour

7300 Clinton Dr. at Gate 8, Houston,
77029, 713-670-2416, portofhouston.com
Focus: International port operations and shipping. Can accommodate two groups of 45 (by appointment only).

Where the Chefs Eat Houston Culinary Tours

3815 Westheimer, Houston, 77027
713-437-5275, houstonculinarytours.com
Focus: International Cuisine. Accommodates 16 (Reservations Required)

South Padre Island Sea Turtle, Inc.

6617 Padre Blvd., South Padre Island,
78597, 956-761-4511, seaturtleinc.org
Focus: Sea turtle rescue and rehabilitation. Contact: Jeff George. Closed Mondays. Accommodates 120 (reservations required for groups of 20 or more).

University of Texas–Pan American/Coastal Studies Laboratory

100 Marine Lab Dr., South Padre Island,
78597, 956-761-2644, utpa.edu
Focus: Marine science. Contact: Dr. Miguel Nevarez. Accommodates 50 for self-guided tours (reservations required for large groups).

Hill Country

Austin

Boggy Creek Farm

3414 Lyons Rd., Austin, 78702
512-926-4650, boggycreekfarm.com
Focus: Organic vegetables, fruits, flowers, and smoke-dried tomatoes. Contact: Carol Ann Sayle. Accommodates 30.

Crowe's Nest Farm

10300 Taylor Ln., Manor, 78653
512-272-4418, crowesnestfarm.org
Focus: Stewardship of Texas agricultural and wildlife resources. Contact: Diane Crowe. Accommodates approximately 150.

SFC–Austin Farmers' Market

Fourth and Guadalupe, Austin, 78701;
Downtown 46th and Lamar, Austin,
78798; The Triangle, 3200 Jones,
Austin, 78745; At Sunset Valley,
512-236-0074, austinfarmersmarket.org
Focus: Largest certified growers' only farmers market in the state. Offers locally grown food year-round. Accommodates 5–10.

Fredericksburg

Texas Wine Tours

154 Deike Hunter Ln., Fredericksburg,
78624, 877-TEX-WINE,
texas-wine-tours.com
Focus: Wine tasting. Contact: Jim or Mary Thompson. Accommodates 2–14.

Kerrville

Heart of the Hills Fishery Science Center

5103 Junction Hwy., Mountain Home,
78058, 830-866-3356, tpwd.state.tx.us
Focus: Freshwater fisheries research and education. Contact: Bob Betsill. Accommodates based on call ahead reservation.

New Braunfels

Central Texas Technology Center

2189 FM 758, New Braunfels, 78130
830-609-2100, alamo.edu/district/cttc
Focus: Welding, manufacturing, mechanical, technical training, and traditional college curriculum. Contact: Chester Jenke. Accommodates 25.

San Marcos

A. E. Wood State Fish Hatchery

507 Staples Rd., San Marcos, 78666
512-353-0572, tpwd.state.tx.us
Focus: Bass and catfish. Contact: Robert Schmid. Call ahead for reservations for large groups.

San Marcos National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center

500 E. McCarty Ln., San Marcos, 78666
512-353-0011, usfishandwildlife.gov

Focus: Endangered aquatic species. Contact: Tom Brandt. Accommodates 20.

Uvalde

Uvalde National Fish Hatchery
754 County Rd. 203, Uvalde, 78801
830-278-2419, fws.gov

Focus: Raise threatened and endangered species. Accommodates by schedule.

Wimberly

Old Oaks Ranch and Fiber Arts Center

601 Old Oaks Ranch Rd., Wimberly, 78676
512-847-8784, theoldoaksranch.com

Focus: Yarn and fiber, alpacas and sculpture garden. Accommodates by schedule and reservation.

Panhandle Plains

Abilene

Cedar Gap Farm

293 County Rd. 563, Tuscola, 79562
325-669-2879, cedargapbirds@gmail.com

Focus: Birds and wildlife. Accommodates up to 40 (by reservation).

Nature Tours Abilene CVB

1101 N. First St., Abilene, 79601
325-676-2556, abilenevisitors.com
Focus: Cultural and heritage tours. Groups only. Reservations required.

Amarillo

Daphne's Tour and Travel

6703 Terryville Dr., Amarillo, 79109
806-372-3535, daphnestours.com

Focus: Cattle and agricultural tours. Accommodates 50 (by reservation).

Lubbock

American Wind Power Center

1701 Canyon Lake Dr., Lubbock, 79403
806-747-8734, windmill.com
Focus: Wind power and wind power history. Accommodates 20 (by reservations).

Apple Country at High Plains Orchards

12206 E. TX Hwy. 62, Dalou, 79329
806-781-1753, applecountryorchards.com
Focus: Apple picking and orchard tour. Accommodates unlimited number in orchards.

Buster's Gin, Ltd.

4165 Quail Rd., Ropesville, 79358
806-863-2669, cotton@bustersgin.com
Focus: Cotton. Accommodates 40 (tours only in the fall, reservations required).

Texas Tech Meat Science Laboratory

Indiana and Marsha Sharp Fwy., Lubbock, 79409, 806-742-2804, raiderredmeats.com
Focus: Meat-processing lab. Accommodates 20 (reservations required in April).

San Angelo

Aermotor Windmill Company, Inc.

4277 Dan Hanks Ln., San Angelo, 76904

325-651-4951, aermotorwindmill.com
Focus: Water-pumping windmill manufacturing.

Producers Livestock Auction

1131 N. Bell St., San Angelo, 76903
325-653-3371, producersandcargile.com
Focus: Livestock auction. Accommodates 50.

Piney Woods

Marshall

Marshall Pottery

4901 Elysian Fields Rd., Marshall, 75672
903-938-9201, marshallpottery.com

Focus: Hand-turned pottery, stoneware, center. Accommodates approximately 200.

Mount Pleasant Master Gardens

1708 Industrial Rd., Mount Pleasant, 75455
903-572-8567

Focus: Flower beds and rainwater harvesting.

Texarkana

International Paper, Texarkana Mill

9978 FM 3129, Queen City, 75572
903-796-7101, internationalpaper.com
Focus: Paper manufacturing. Reservations required.

Tyler

Chamblee's Rose Nursery

10926 US Hwy. 69 N., Tyler, 75706
903-882-5153, 800-256-7673, chambleerose.com
Focus: Rose-growing nursery. Accommodates 60. Reservations required.

Coffee City USA

13195 TX Hwy. 155 S., Tyler, 75703
903-509-9102, 888-583-9526, coffeecityusa.com
Focus: Coffee roasting and flavoring. Accommodates 50. Reservations required.

Moore Farms

22142 CR 181, Bullard, 75757
903-894-1030, moorefarms.com
Focus: Farmers' market and pumpkin patch. Open from the last weekend of September through October 31. Accommodates several hundred visitors (reservations suggested for large groups).

Prairies & Lakes

Arlington

River Legacy Living Science Center

703 N.W. Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington, 76006
817-860-6752, riverlegacy.org
Focus: Nature center, wildlife, plant life, Trinity River, environmental education, and preservation. Accommodates 25.

Brenham

Blue Bell Creameries

1101 Blue Bell Rd. S., Brenham, 77833
800-327-8135, bluebell.com
Focus: Ice cream production. Accommodates 45. Reservations required for 15 or more.

Burton Cotton Gin

307 N. Main St., Burton, 77835
979-289-3378, cottonginmuseum.org
Focus: Cotton and cotton ginning.

Accommodates 125. Reservations required for group tours.

Ellison's Greenhouses

2107 E. Stone St., Brenham, 77833
979-836-6011, ellisonsgreenhouses.com
Focus: Pick your own tomatoes.

Accommodates 70. Reservations required for guided tours.

Dallas

Baylor University Medical Center

3500 Gaston Ave., Dallas, 75246
972-687-5720, baylorhealth.com
Focus: Bronzed hand collection and other medical artifacts. Accommodates 25.

Mary Kay Manufacturing Facility

1330 Regal Row, Dallas, 75247
972-687-5720, marykay.com
Focus: Cosmetics. Accommodates 50. Reservations required 5 business days in advance.

Denton

North Texas Horse Country Tour

414 Parkway, Denton, 76201
940-382-7895, horsecountrytours.com
Focus: Horses and equine industry.

Fort Worth Mrs. Baird's

7301 S. Fwy., Fort Worth, 76134
817-615-3050, mrsbairds.com
Focus: Bread bakery. Accommodates 50. Reservations required 10-14 days in advance.

Granbury

The Windmill Farm

6625 Colony Rd., Tolar, 76476
254-835-4168, thewindmillfarm.com
Focus: Restored windmills. Contact: Ruby Rickgauer. Accommodates 50. Call ahead for guided tours.

La Grange

Jersey Barnyard

3117 TX Hwy. 159, La Grange, 78945
979-249-3406, 800-382-2880, texasjersey.com
Focus: Dairy production and barnyard animals. Accommodates 150.

McKinney

Chambersville Tree Farms

7032 CR 971, Celina, 75009
214-295-1058, chambersvilletreefarms.com
Focus: Sustainable organic horticulture. By appointment only.

Pat Lobb Toyota "Green" Dealership

3350 S. Central Expwy., McKinney, 75070
214-544-8696, patlobbttoyota.com

Focus: Energy and environmental design. Accommodates 40. Reservations required.

Richardson

NTX Automotive Museum and Event Center

677 W. Campbell Rd., Richardson, 75080
972-918-0084, ntxautomuseum.com
Focus: Classic and muscle cars. Accommodates 50. Fridays and Saturdays only.

Seguin

Texas Agricultural Education and Heritage Center

390 Cordova Rd., Seguin, 78155
830-379-0933, 830-379-1122, texagedu.org

Focus: Farming and ranching. Reservations required.

Sulphur Springs

Hopkins County Extension Agent

1200 W. Houston St. Sulphur Springs, 75482
903-885-3443, hopkins-co.tamu.edu
Focus: Agriculture, family consumer science, and youth development. Accommodates 30 (by appointment only).

Waco

Texas State Technical College

3801 Campus Dr., Waco, 76705
254-867-4806, waco.tstc.edu
Focus: All 45 areas of technical education. Accommodates 70.

South Texas Plains

Laredo

Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental Science Center

Laredo Community College
West End Washington St., Laredo, 78040
956-764-5701, lbvesc@laredo.edu
Focus: Environmental and water conservation, living lab, plant rescue for cactus and orchids confiscated at international bridges.

San Antonio

San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind

2305 Roosevelt Ave., San Antonio, 78210
210-533-5195, salighthouse.org
Focus: Industrial plant and rehabilitation center for the sight-impaired with computers that have Braille output. Accommodates approximately 30.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing

Visitor and Education Center
17340 Applewhite Rd., San Antonio, 78264, 210-263-4002, toyotatexas.com
Focus: Auto manufacturing. Accommodates 40. Guests must be at least age 6 or older.