Official Texas Highway Travel Map

The Official Texas Highway Travel Map is published annually by the Texas Highway Department in the interest of the general public. Special efforts have been made in compiling data to show a maximum amount of information in the most legible manner.

All distances are listed to the nearest mile. Highway Department Official County Maps are available at Austin at a nominal cost and should be referred to for fractional mileage and other detailed information. As a rule, mileage between points is measured from a courthouse, post office, or center of the business district, but in some cases, a major traffic circle or junction is used. Red mileage figures are computed along the shortest highway routes between red triangles. The city insets are not intended to serve as detailed city maps but to assist cross-country motorists in traveling through these larger metropolitan areas.

Limited space necessitates omission of certain data, including some of the important smaller communities; however, villages located at junctions are listed, and all county seats are shown. Only those Farm and Ranch to Market roads that connect arterial highways and communities are shown. The major streams and public lakes of Texas are indicated. Elevations are listed for all county seats. The legend should be referred to and used as a key to the various symbols and information reflected on this map.

Texas Highway Tourist Bureaus

Location	Address	Phone
Anthony	Interstate Highway 10	WA 6-2511
Denison	U.S. Highways 75 and 69, north	HO 5-5577
Jacksonville	U.S. Highway 69, north	RA 3-4331
Laredo	U.S. Highways 81 and 83, north	RA 3-4331
Orange	Interstate Highway 10, east	TU 3-9416
Texarkana	U.S. Highway 67, west	33-3921
Waskom	U.S. Highway 80, east	MU 7-3378
Wichita Falls	U.S. Highways 277, 281, 287, north	723-7931

Texas Department of Public Safety Offices

Location	Phone No.	Address
Headquarters	HO 5-5471	5805 North Lamar, Austin
Alpine		
OR 4-7248,	OR 4-7249	2064 Buttermut Street
Amarillo	FR 3-5725	2200 East 10th Avenue
Austin	HO 5-7611	5605 Adams
Beaumont	TE 8-4728	1899 Beech (U.S. 90 Freeway)
Corpus Christi	TU 2-8855	1402 South Port Street
Dallas	DA 7-4221	1626 East Northwest Highway
Fort Worth	JE 6-0025	324 Rand Street
Harlingen		
GA 31140,	GA 3-1161	504 East Monroe
Houston	OX 4-2374	6005 Airline Freeway
Lubbock	SH 4-4504	4010 Avenue R
Midland	MU 2-7921	3701 North Big Spring Street
San Angelo		4138 Tom Green County Courthouse
San Antonio	WA 4-2331	722 Roybum, Drive
Tyler	TY 4-7221	2200 Southeastern Blvd.
Waco	PL 3-7521	3316 Franklin Avenue
Wichita Falls		
723-4364, 723-4365		1412 Beverly Drive

Tourist information, descriptive literature, or specific data relative to the Highway System may be obtained by writing directly to the Texas Highway Department, Austin 14, Texas.

Texas Highway District Offices

Location	Dist. No.	Phone	Address
Abilene	(8)	OR 3-3761	Box 150
Amarillo	(4)	DR 6-8238	Box 2708
Atlanta	(19)	SW 6-2851	Box 231
Austin	(14)	HO 5-7617	Box 797
Beaumont	(20)	TE 2-1691	Box 3190
Brownwood	(23)	MI 3-4391	Box 631
Bryan	(17)	TA 2-0151	Box 511
Childress	(25)	WE 7-2571	Box 829
Corpus Christi	(16)	TE 5-8281	Box 7038 Morgan Street Station
Dallas	(18)	DA 1-6421	Box 3067
Del Rio	(22)	77 5-2451	Box 1082
El Paso	(24)	PR 5-4254	Box 472
Ft. Worth	(2)	WA 6-1711	Box 6868
Houston	(12)	UN 4-2886	Box 1386
Lubbock	(5)	SH 4-8411	Box 771
Lufkin	(11)	NE 4-4433	Box 29
Odessa	(6)	FE 2-0501	Box 3589
Paris	(1)	SU 4-4311	Box 178
Pharr	(21)	ST 7-2771	Drawer EE
San Angelo	(7)	65 3-1436	Box 1841
San Antonio	(15)	DI 4-2331	Box 5250 Beacon Hill Station
Tyler	(10)	LY 2-7327	Drawer 2031
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SEE TEXAS . . .

As Governor of Texas, I invite you to explore the Lone Star State. Our scenic, recreational, and historic points of interest make Texas truly a vacation land. Our comfortable climate and modern network of highways make recreational travel in Texas a pleasant adventure the year round. See Texas and remember—please drive safely!

Price Daniel

Price Daniel
Governor of Texas

GOOD HIGHWAYS: A TEXAS TRADITION

In Texas, fine highways are a tradition. The Texas Highway Commission takes great pride in the Lone Star State's vast 62,000-mile highway network which offers the maximum in safety, comfort, and convenience for all types of travel.

Texas highways are products of the latest scientific technology, designed and located to carry the most traffic with the least hazard, and they embody the newest ideas in safety design.

The variety of Texas' highway system allows the motorist to tailor his travel speed to his own desires. He may move along high-speed expressways to his destination; or if his pace is unhurried and scenic enjoyment is his paramount desire, many less-traveled state highways and farm to market roads maintain traveling comfort while offering a closer look at the scenic Texas countryside.

Safest highways in Texas are those of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The Interstate System, a nationwide network of super highways, will eventually carry three times as much traffic as regular highways—and three times as safely. Texas leads the nation in number of miles of Interstate Highways open to traffic and under construction, and will have more than 3,000 miles of these ultra-modern highways when the system is complete.

Urban expressway facilities, such as the bypass and loop, cut travel time and carry the traveler into and through the great metropolitan areas with a minimum of delay and discomfort. Modern design and careful maintenance of Texas highways also mean economy for travelers by reducing travel time and cutting fuel costs.

Today Texas has more than 2,100 miles of multilane divided highways where heavy traffic or road terrain makes it advisable for the safety and convenience of drivers. Divided highways virtually eliminate head-on collisions and sharply reduce night headlight glare, and they are an example of modern engineering techniques which build safety into the highway by reducing the number of decisions drivers must make.

Highway design engineers and landscape architects work together to blend highways with surrounding landscapes and to conserve natural beauty, with added safety a "plus factor." Maintenance crews keep roadsides neatly mowed not only for appearances, but also to keep traffic signs, guard posts, culverts, and markers fully visible to motorists. Roadsides are planted with grass to prevent soil erosion and to provide a firmer, safer base for any motorists who must pull off the road. Trees, shrubs, and picturesque rock outcroppings are preserved as a "safety through scenery" measure, as these aspects of nature help relieve driver fatigue, maintain alertness, and frame views of the right of way more clearly.

More than half a million signs are placed along Texas highways to give information, direct the flow of traffic, and warn motorists of items requiring driving caution.

When nature is in a violent mood, maintenance crews stand ready 24 hours a day to keep highways clear and to assist distressed motorists. During inclement weather, crews place warning and detour signs where necessary. These men are equipped with two-way radio communications which allow up-to-the-minute reports on road conditions at all times.

Texas has been a leader in developing the Safety Rest Areas (roadside parks) which are indicated by green dots on this map. There are now more than 1,000 of these areas which offer the traveler a safe place to pull off the highway and relax, stretch the limbs, take a quick nap or enjoy a picnic meal before continuing the journey.

As a further safety measure and convenience to the traveling public, the Highway Department issues a monthly Road Condition Bulletin listing major construction projects. This alerts motorists to drive with caution in the construction areas, reduces the number of vehicles using roads undergoing work, and reduces the chances for accidents.

Eight Tourist Bureaus are operated by the Highway Department to provide free travel services for the motoring public. Courteous travel counselors assist travelers in planning routes through Texas and furnish information and descriptive literature on points of scenic, recreational, and historical interest.

Forty years of advancement in highway design, the best in modern building materials, careful maintenance by career experts, and special traffic services have combined to make Texas highways as safe as man can devise. The Texas Highway Commission urges the motoring public to enjoy Texas highways in full measure, and to drive courteously and safely.

TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION



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FAR HORIZONS . . . unfold before travelers rounding a curve of this wide highway. Texas' vast distances are diminished by the modern highway network linking verdant east with western plains, modern cities with remote ranches.

SEE TEXAS



Vacation activities in Texas are as varied as the landscape of the Lone Star State itself. On the beaches of Texas, a visitor has the choice of deep-sea fishing, swimming, picnicking, or just lazing away the hours beneath a semitropical sun. In the Lower Rio Grande Valley where the mean annual temperature is 72 degrees, citrus fruit is picked during midwinter right from the trees. Visitors make delightful side trips into Mexico to see the bullfights and visit curio shops the year round.

Measured in volume of visitors, the Texas Gulf Coast takes a top place as a recreational area. Modern Texas highways make coastal beaches and waters easily accessible. Texas beaches are comfortably populated—but not overcrowded. Many coastal sites attract the salt-water fisherman and his family, and Padre Island, one of the longest undeveloped beach areas in the United States, is tempting to those who like to "get away from it all."

For visitors who love the outdoors, Big Bend National Park offers the flavor of the Wild West. Big Bend is a majestic and beautiful world unto itself, a huge 700,000-acre park which is one of the last really untouched sections in this nation. Cabins and campsites in the park headquarters located in the Chisos Mountains provide facilities for overnight or vacation stays. The Davis Mountains in West Texas rise high and cool in an alpine-like area.

Central Texas presents a land of rolling hills, guest ranches, rushing streams, and quiet lakes. Here a visitor may rough it if he wishes or find comfortable accommodations with a swimming pool by his door.

On all sides of a Texas tourist lies the rich historical heritage of a land once subject to Spanish, French, and Mexican domination—and later an independent republic. The traces of Texas' colonial background are all around, with old mission buildings such as the Alamo being among the better-known historical landmarks. In 1845 the Republic of Texas was admitted to the Union. The new state had derived its name originally from the Indian word "tejas," meaning "friendly." From the friendly Indians of yesterday to the friendly Texans of today, a warm, hospitable atmosphere has permeated the vast ranges of Texas.

Great cattle ranches contribute to the bustling Texas economy, offering a glance backward to the days of the cattle kings and the long, dusty trails to the northern railheads.

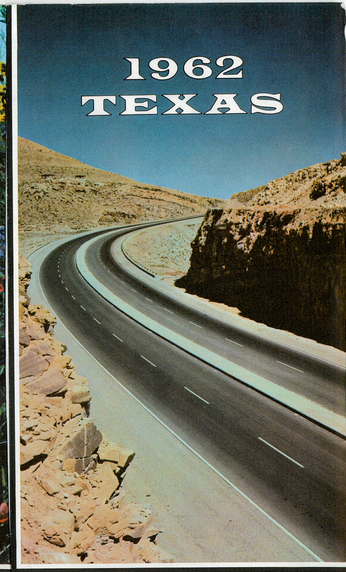
The cities of Texas, some of the largest in the nation, are informally cosmopolitan, great centers of business and industry, fashion, and modern living.

Sportsmen in Texas find a wealth of large and small inland lakes with fish of many kinds which may be caught the year round (there is no closed season on fishing in Texas). To the delight of hunters, an abundance of game animals and fowl are found throughout the state. In Texas' four national forests, hunting is free provided park rules are observed and the hunter has complied with state and local regulations regarding hunting licenses.

The vacation season in Texas is not confined to certain months but is enjoyed all through the year. Because of a wide range of temperature and climate, a vacationer may come to Texas at any time of the year and discover those activities which interest him most. The Texas climate ranges from the semitropical latitudes of the Rio Grande Valley to the crisp heights of the Davis Mountains, with something to suit everyone.

Travelers may obtain free travel information and descriptive literature, maps, road information, and other material from the Travel and Information Division, Texas Highway Department, Austin 14, Texas. Service may also be obtained at any of the Highway Department's Tourist Bureaus located at Anthony (north of El Paso), Denison, Gainesville, Laredo, Orange, Texarkana, Waskom, and Wichita Falls.





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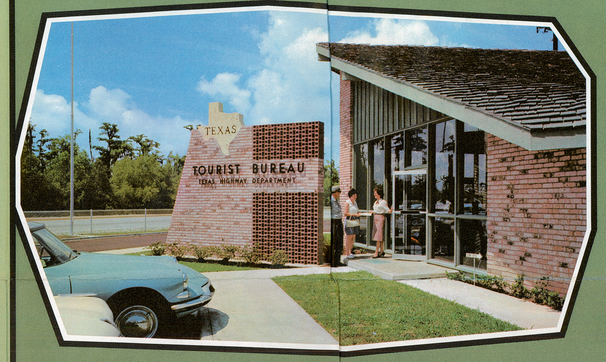


TOURIST BUREAUS . . . The welcome mat is out at the eight tpal gateways to the state. This new hospitality center of the Texas Highway Department is near Ge, on the Southeastern border of Texas.



MAJESTIC PALM TREES . . . tower over citrus orchards in the semitropical Rio Grande Valley, beckoning visitors to a year-round vacation land. This modern divided highway offers the traveler a safe and convenient route to the "Magic Valley."



THE PAST AND THE FUTURE . . . meet in historic San Ario where the latest in urban expressways offers the motoring public a safe and convenient route forring and leaving the "Venice of the Prairie."



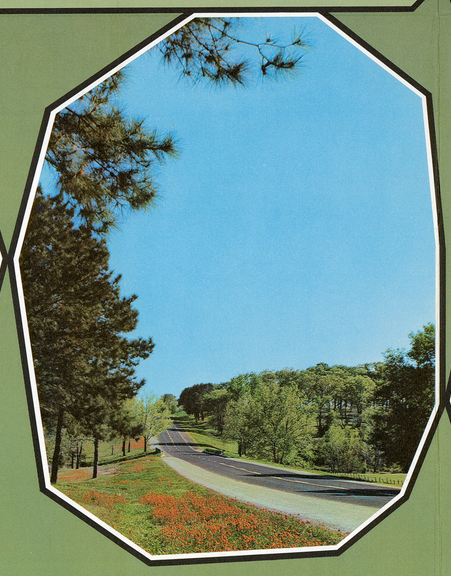
HOSPITALITY BEGINS HERE . . . Entering Texas on Interstate 10 north of El Paso in West Texas, the traveler finds one of eight Highway Department Tourist Bureaus. Road condition bulletins, maps, descriptive tourist literature, information, and a friendly greeting are dispensed by Bureau personnel.



SPANISH DAGGERS . . . stand as sentinels along a South Texas highway as the blanket of bluebonnets begins its annual trek across the Lone Star State. Later, a solid spread of blue will cover the landscape.



VIBRANT PALETTE . . . The artistry of Nature combines the soft greens of summer with the warm hues of autumn along this East Texas highway.



NATURE'S WELCOME . . . Springtime in Texas finds a carpet of wildflowers rolled out to greet motorists over the entire state. The serenity of tall evergreen pines and rolling woodlands makes travel special any season of the year.



EL CAPITAN PEAK . . . The Guadalupe Mountains, Texas' tallest, provide a setting of austere magnificence for one of the state's 1,000 highway Safety Rest Areas (roadside parks). Ofer a place for the traveler to relax and stretch; most include a shady parea.

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