

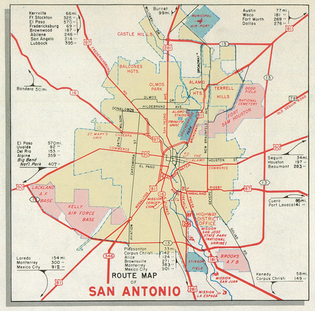

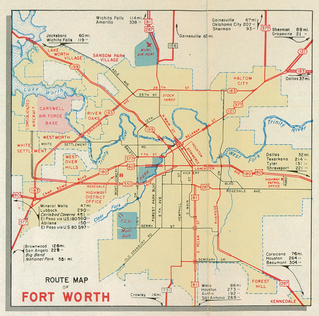



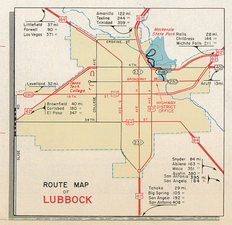

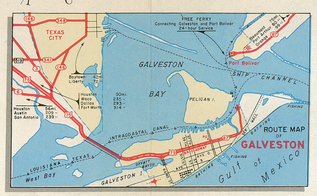

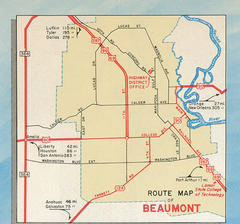

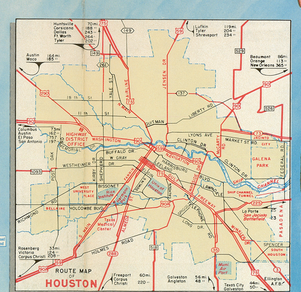

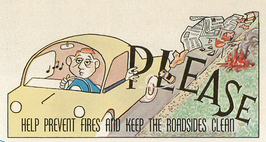

MILEAGE CHART

All distances are computed over the shortest US and State routes only. No Farm-to-Market road mileage is used in the computation of this chart.

	Abilene	Amarillo	Austin	Beaumont	Big Bend Nat'l Park	Big Spring	Brownsville	Brownwood	Bryan	Corpus Christi	Dallas	El Paso	Fort Stockton	Fort Worth	Galveston	Greenville	Houston	Junction	Laredo	Lubbock	Luffkin	Marshall	McAllen	Mineral Wells	Mexico City	Mexico City	Mexico City	Mexico City	Monterrey	Palestine	Paris	Pecos	Port Arthur	San Angelo	San Antonio	Sherman	Temple	Texarkana	Tyler	Victoria	Waco	Wichita Falls
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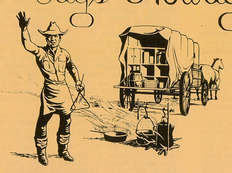

Texas, the land of hospitality, encompasses 171,096,960 sprawling acres creating a variety of terrain and recreational facilities. It is also a prosperous land with a diversified economy. The 8 1/3 million people inhabiting the Lone Star State lay claim to many firsts, bests, mosts, and biggests; however, their greatest virtue lies in their genuine friendliness. This trait has become somewhat symbolic of the state and it is known the world over.

The colorful and romantic history of Texas reflects the story of a group of pioneers who possessed courage, determination, and vision. Texas has served under six flags and her sovereignty has changed eight times. The most hallowed pages found in the annals of Texas history describe the War of Independence. Recorded indelibly are the heroic and gallant deeds performed by Texans in their effort to overthrow an obdurate government and establish a Republic of Texas.

Recreational opportunities are excellent. Fishing and hunting are most popular. The angler can find more than two hundred different species of fish in both fresh and salt waters. Hunting for predatory animals, including mountain lion, coyote, wolf, and others, is particularly thrilling in the vast undeveloped areas. An abundance of deer, turkey, geese, quail, and other wild game provides excellent hunting in practically all parts of the state during seasons. The Gulf Coast with its superb islands and beaches offers fishing, sports, and plenty of healthful sunshine the year round. Texas has numerous inland lakes with excellent recreational facilities and all are well stocked with fish.

The Big Bend National Park in West Texas encompasses over 707,000 acres of majestic mountains and canyons, which are inhabited by all types of animals native to the Southwest. Nature was especially kind to this region in creating scenic wonders. Excellent accommodations are provided in the park and the scenery and restful solitude are unequaled.

There are 47 state parks, providing all types of recreation for the entire family.

No mention of attractions in Texas would be complete without including the historical points of interest. Missions, monuments, and other historical milestones are sprinkled throughout this land, rich in both history and legend. The varied terrain affords an assortment of interesting and spectacular scenes, ranging from the majestic mountains in the west to the cypress bayous in the east, from the Rio Grande Valley in the south to the Great Plains in the northern Panhandle.

There are over 4,000 different species of wild flowers, some of which grow exclusively in Texas. The native flora ranges from rugged cacti to delicate orchids; however, the most notable flower is the bluebonnet, the official state flower. The timber belt in Texas produces lumber (both pines and hardwoods) paper pulp, and various other forest products.

Texas produces more than 130 crops, with King Cotton first, closely followed by a variety of grains and vegetables. Citrus and deciduous fruits, along with all kinds of vegetables, are grown the year round in the Rio Grande Valley.

The cattle industry is one of the oldest and most important industries in Texas. Today about 10 per cent of the total cattle in the United States is raised in Texas. Nearly 4/5 of the farm and ranch land is pasture and range land. In the production of mohair Texas exceeds the rest of the world and is the top wool-producing state in the Union.

Texas leads the nation in the total value of minerals produced, including some 2/5 of the nation's supply of petroleum and 1/4 of the world's supply of sulphur. Many other natural resources, including salt, mercury, gold, silver, copper, and iron are also mined.

An abundance of raw materials and natural resources, along with an adequate transportation system, have made Texas the manufacturing and industrial state of the South.

Texas normally enjoys a comfortable climate throughout the year, with temperatures varying from an annual mean of 56 degrees in the Panhandle to 74 degrees in the Lower Rio Grande Valley area. The summers are delightful in the higher altitudes and on the coast. The winters range from occasional freezing northers and some snow in the northern area to the tropical sunshine enjoyed in the southern extremities all year. Rainfall varies from an annual average of more than 50 inches in the east to less than 10 inches in the west.

The official designations of the state are as follows:

State Flower:	Bluebonnet (Lupinus texensis)
State Bird:	The Mockingbird
State Song:	"Texas, Our Texas"
State Motto:	"Friendship"
State Tree:	The Pecan
State Sobriquet:	"The Lone Star State"

There are many factors which make Texas a unique and great state. Its size, its wealth, its natural resources, its history and cultural environment all contribute; but its greatest asset is its people—they make Texas the land of hospitality.



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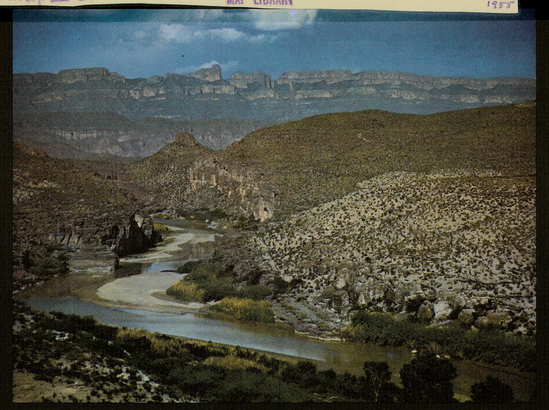
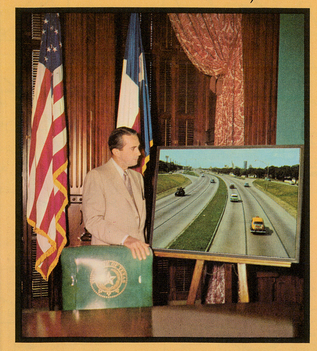
'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE IN BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK . . . There is nothing that equals a horseback ride in the evening in this mile-high climate, especially if good food and hot coffee await you at the end of the trail.



BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK . . . Here the lazy Rio Grande slowly threads its way through the spectacular Carmen Mountains dividing Texas and Mexico.

Enjoy TEXAS . . . the FRIENDSHIP State

Welcome To Texas



Greetings . . .

We invite you to travel over the Texas Highway System, for we are justly proud of the safety, comfort, and convenience it offers. You will find sections of our highways under construction or reconstruction, since we are striving to the best of our ability to keep the Texas Highway System up to a standard commensurate with the expansion of our economy and the ever-increasing tourist travel in our State. These improvements are a part of a long-range construction and maintenance program designed to keep Texas highways among the best in the nation.

For your added pleasure, convenience, and guidance, we have approximately one thousand roadside parks and seven information bureaus which you are cordially invited to visit.

Allan Shivers
Governor of Texas

OFFICIAL HIGHWAY TRAVEL MAP
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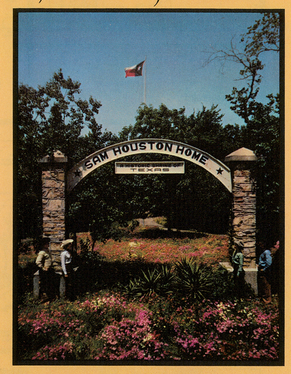

"MOUNT VERNON OF TEXAS" . . . is the home of General Sam Houston, which is preserved as a park in Huntsville.

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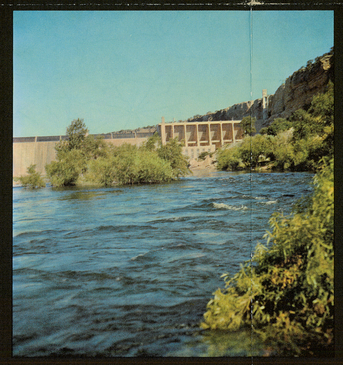
PADRE ISLAND . . . is fast earning the reputation of the finest playground in America. In addition to excellent fishing and swimming, the island is rich in legends and relics from the past.



POSSUM KINGDOM DAM . . . One of the numerous man-made lakes which provide excellent fishing, sports, and recreation in Texas.



WORLD-FAMOUS DOGWOOD . . . Near Rusk in East Texas stands the largest dogwood tree known to man.



THE ANGLER LANDS A BIG ONE . . . The many streams and lakes in Texas are well stocked with fish. Anglers are rewarded both in their catches and in the thrill of landing the big ones.



MEXICAN SERENADE . . . This young senor sings a love song to his senorita against a background typifying the Spanish influence found throughout the colorful Southwest.



GOAT HERDING . . . Texas, usually thought of as a cattle-producing state, leads the world in the production of mohair and the nation in wool.



Viznaga or Barrel cactus
(Echinocactus wislizeni)



THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY . . . produces some of the world's finest citrus, including the famous Texas Ruby Red grapefruit, here being inspected by another Texas product of which the Valley can be proud.



Spider lily
(Hymenocallis occidentalis)



Spanish dagger
(Yucca torreyi)



Standing cypress
(Gilia rubra)



Foxglove
(Pentstemon cobaea)



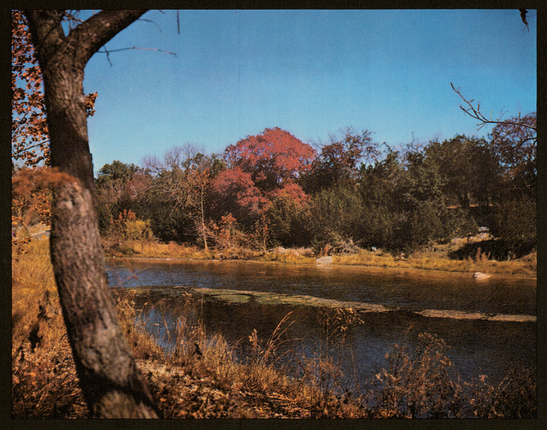
PEACHES AND WATERMELONS . . . are grown in the greater portion of the state and are typical of the diversified agriculture of Texas.



Orange milkweed
(Asclepias tuberosa)



"GIT ALONG LITTLE DOGIES" . . . A herd of white-face cattle is watched over by cowboys on the High Plains in the Panhandle — "where you can see into tomorrow."



GUADALUPE RIVER . . . Just as the spring brings an array of wild flowers in this area so does the fall add its color to the various flora found in this region. Tones range from dark maroons to the evergreen of the cedars.



ROADSIDE PARK . . . Almost one thousand roadside parks are provided for the traveling public by the Texas Highway Department. Many of these parks offer drinking water, firewood, and shade in isolated areas for weary motorists.



URBAN EXPRESSWAY . . . Typical of the many modern urban thoroughfares which have been built in the larger Texas cities to move huge volumes of traffic with a maximum of safety and speed.



PORT ARTHUR-ORANGE HIGH BRIDGE . . . Spanning the Neches River, this structure permits ocean-going vessels to pass under the bridge without interference or delay to motorists. The bridge is 177 feet high and nearly a mile and one-half in length.