

VZPOMÍNKY (23)

WACO, TEXAS

Město vzniklé v Texasu ve 30. letech 19. století

Na půl cesty mezi Dallasem a Austinem, u řeky Brazos.

Historie

Oblast, kde tisíc let sídlil indiánských kmen Wichitů "Waco"

1823

Založen legendární policejní sbor Texas Rangers

1824 - 1865

Vznik města a jeho rozmach, indiánský kmen přemístěn do Oklahomy (1875), členové kmene se stali občany USA

1849

Postaven 1. blok města a první dům postavil Shapley Prince Ross (z tohoto důvodu považován za zakladatele města Waco

1885

Vznik oblíbeného nápoje Dr. Pepper

1964

Vznik Muzea Texas Rangers, v roce 1976 zřízena Síň slávy Texas Rangers

THE TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM WACO, TEXAS



OFFICIAL STATE HALL OF FAME FOR THE TEXAS RANGERS



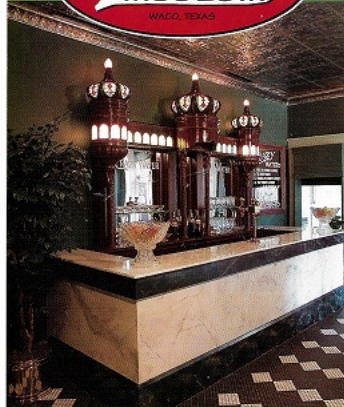
The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum complex is dedicated to the history and lore of the legendary Texas Rangers—the oldest state law enforcement agency in the nation and an enduring symbol of Texas and the American West.

The Homer Garrison Museum houses the largest existing collection of artifacts related to the Texas Rangers, some dating back to their Spanish and Mexican origins. Among the treasures are Texas Ranger badges, firearms, tack, and personal gear; the weapons and possessions of notorious outlaws Bonnie & Clyde; famed Billy-the-Kid's 1873 Winchester Carbine and the shotgun he used to escape from the Lincoln County, New Mexico jail.

The Hall of Fame memorializes Texas Rangers who gave their lives in the line of duty or served with great distinction.

The Moody Texas Ranger Memorial Library contains books, archives, photographs and oral histories related to the Texas Rangers.

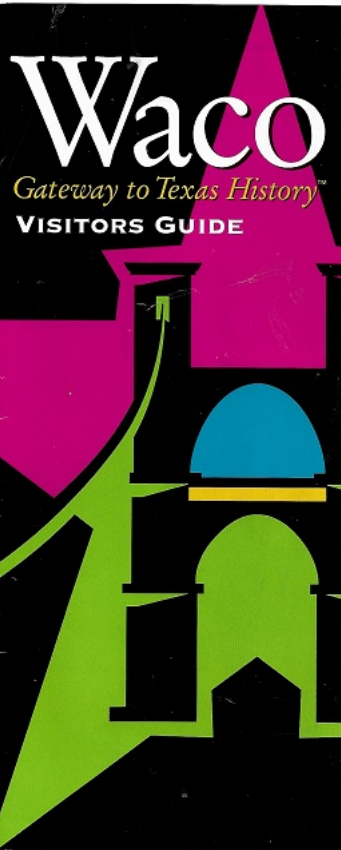
The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is located in Waco, Texas (midway between Dallas and Austin) at Interstate-35, Exit 335B in Fort Fisher Park.



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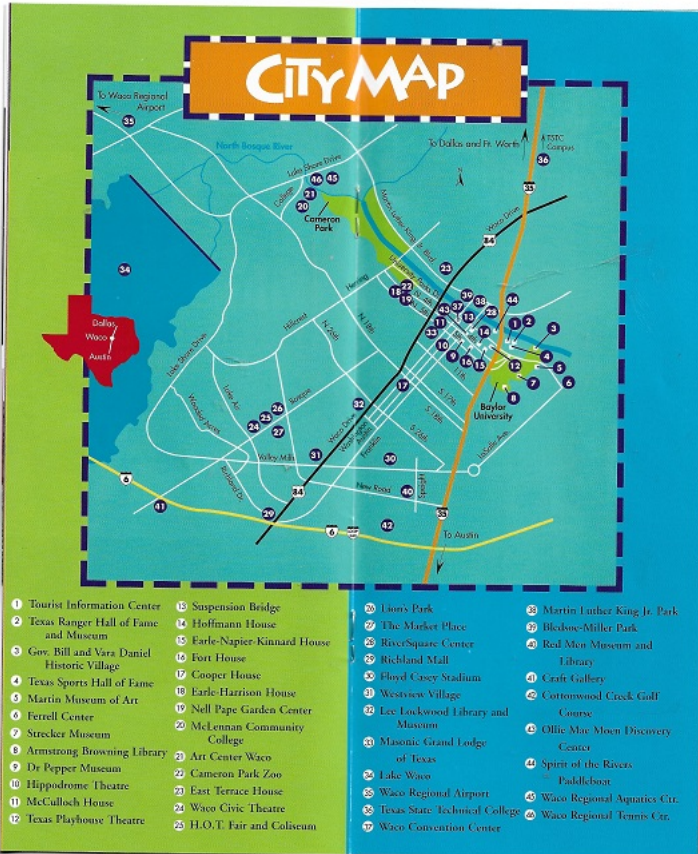
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The Waco Indians settled on the banks of the Brazos River in the late 1700s and

**LISTEN
TO THE
RIVER
AND WAIT
FOR THE
MAGIC...**

believed these spring-fed waters held the magical protection of the Indian spirit, "Woman Having Powers in the Water."



From this peaceful tribe, we take our name, and our love of lore and legend.

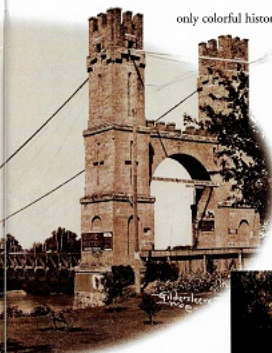
Some 50 years later, entrepreneurs, cowboys, farmers and ranchers began streaming into the area to seek their fortune. With the building of the Suspension Bridge in 1870, settlers could finally cross the mighty Brazos



River without fearing for their lives, and Waco became

the gateway for settlers looking to move into new lands in south and west Texas.

The bold result for Waco visitors includes not only colorful history but



today's panorama of parks, paths, courses and waterways — claimed and designed for the physical senses.

Let our rivers with their magical powers entice you to experience our past and share in the soul of our city.





Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum

Extensive collection of Texas Ranger and Old West artifacts. Open daily 9 am-5 pm—no admittance after 4:30 pm. Admission \$5 Adults, \$2.50 Children. Ft. Fisher Exit 335B, IH-35 at University Parks Dr., (254) 750-8631.

Dr Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute

The 1906 "Home of Dr Pepper" features exhibits, a working turn-of-the-century soda fountain with floats and shakes, and a gift shop full of memorabilia. Mon.-Sat. 10 am-4 pm (open extended hours in summer), Sun. noon-4 pm. Adults \$4.50, seniors \$4, students \$2.50. 300 S. 5th St., IH-35 Exit 335A. (254) 757-1025.



ATTRACTIONS

Suspension Bridge

Built in 1870 and a model for the Brooklyn Bridge, this famous Waco landmark provided cattle and cowboys following the Chisholm Trail the only span across the Brazos River. Enjoy free summer concerts in Indian Spring Park. Stroll the River Walk all year long! IH-35 exit 335B, University Parks Drive and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive between Franklin and Washington Avenues.



(photo credit: Nancy Rencus)

Texas Sports Hall of Fame

See Texas sports history come alive with the Tom Landry Theater and interactive displays! Open

Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm,

Sun. noon-5 pm.

Adults \$5, Seniors \$4,

Students \$2, Children

under 6 free. 1108 S.

University Parks Dr.,

IH-35 Exit 335B,

(254) 756-1633.



HISTORIC HOMES



The Earle-Harrison House & Gardens on 5th Street

1858 Greek Revival style home. Open Mon.-Fri. 9:30 am-4 pm, Sat. 1:30-5 pm. \$2 adults, under 12 free. IH-35, exit 335A, 1901 N. 5th St., (254) 753-2032.

Gardens on 5th Street include five acres of flowers, pond and rare double gazebos. Open for self-tour Mon.-Fri. 9 am-4 pm, Sat. 1:30-5 pm. Pick up a self-tour brochure on the front porch of the house. Free donations suggested.

Historic Waco Foundation

The foundation maintains four historic homes. All are fully restored and feature authentic period furniture, china and decorative art from the late 1800s. Office and gift shop: 810 S. 4th St., (254) 753-5166. Special tours arranged on request.



Fort House

1868 Greek Revival style. Open Sat.-Sun. 2 pm-5 pm. \$2. IH-35, exit 335A, 503 S. 4th St.

East Terrace

1872 Italianate Villa. Open Tues.-Fri. 11 am-3 pm, Sat.-Sun. 2 pm-5 pm. \$2. IH-35, exit 335C, 100 Mill St.

Earle-Napier-Kinnard House

1869 Greek Revival style. Open Sat.-Sun. 2 pm-5 pm. \$2. IH-35 exit 335A, 814 S. 4th St.

McCulloch House

1872 Greek Revival style. Open Sat.-Sun. 2 pm-5 pm. \$2. IH-35 exit 335A, 407 Columbus Ave.

For information call Historic Waco Foundation, (254) 753-5166.

The Gov. Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village

Step into an 1890s Texas river village. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 am-4 pm. Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Children (6-15) \$1. 5 and under free. IH-35, exit 335B, 1218 S. University Parks Dr., (254) 710-1160.



Red Men Museum

View artifacts of historical significance such as a watercolor by Adolph Hitler and a Colt 45 and Colt 38 once belonging to notorious outlaws Bonnie and Clyde. Open weekdays 9 am-noon, 1 pm-4 pm and weekends by appointment only. Call ahead to schedule your visit. Free admission. IH-35 exit 331, 4521 Speight Ave., (254) 756-1221.



Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas

Artifacts and exhibits which tell the story of Freemasonry in Texas. Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am-4 pm. Call ahead to schedule your visit. IH-35, exit 335A, 715 Columbus Ave., (254) 753-7395. Free admission.