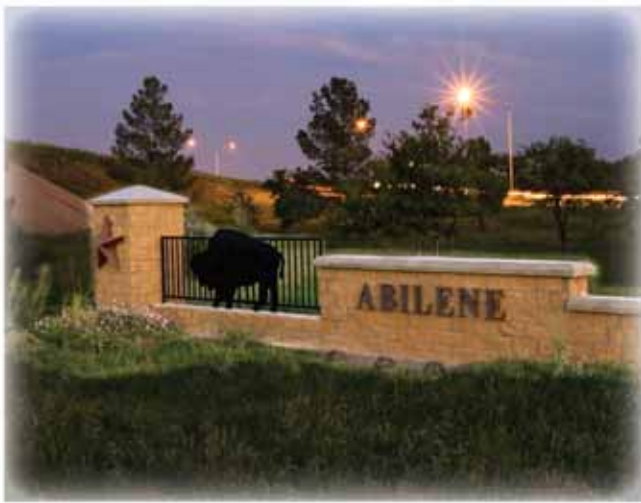


Abilene



The Friendly Frontier



Abilene, home of 120,000 friendly people, welcomes you. Relax, explore our city and enjoy our mix of old West heritage, contemporary culture and traditional values.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN (F4)

Historic downtown offers you art and history through its exciting museums and galleries; fine dining and shopping at unique gift and antique stores. On the 2nd Thursday of each month enjoy ArtWalk — 5 to 8:30 p.m. A fantastic, free family evening of art and entertainment. ArtWalk is sponsored by the Center for Contemporary Arts. For more information contact the CCA at 325-677-8389.



FRONTIER TEXAS! (F4)

625 North 1st • 325-437-2800

Monday - Saturday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

\$8—Adults; \$6—Ages 60+ & Military; \$5—Students & Teachers with ID; \$4—Ages 3 to 12; Free—Under Age 3



Experience the big picture of the Texas frontier between 1780 to 1880 as the story comes to life in this multimedia facility. Visitors can meet—at least figuratively—some of the real people who lived and died on the Texas frontier. You'll feel the terror of a wolf attack, the chaos of a buffalo stampede and the tension of a deadly card game shootout. Buffalo hunters, Comanche warriors, explorers and pioneers await you in the theatre called the *Century of Adventure*. Make plans to bring

the entire family! The **Abilene and Forts Trail Visitor Center** is located inside Frontier Texas! The visitor center offers free visitor information.

THE GRACE MUSEUM (F4)

102 Cypress • 325-673-4587

Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Thursday, closes at 8 p.m.) *Closed Sunday, Monday and Major Holidays*
\$5—Adult; \$4—Sr. Citizen, Student, Military; \$3—Ages 4 to 12; Free—Ages 3 and younger; Free on Thurs., 5 to 8 p.m.



For the full brochure click [here](#).



The Grace boasts three outstanding museums in one location.

- Children's Museum *Hands-on art, science and technology*
- Art Museum *Rotating and permanent exhibits*
- History Museum *Life in Abilene from 1900 to 1950*

The Grace also offers innovative children's programs and summer art camps.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED LITERATURE (F4)

102 Cedar • 325-673-4586

Free. Tues. - Sat, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The NCCIL (pronounced "nickel") celebrates the artistic achievements of children's illustrators by curating original gallery exhibitions of their work.

- Exhibits feature the best illustrators in children's literature, each exhibit travels to venues across the U.S.
- Free weekly art events for children and families



12TH ARMORED DIVISION MEMORIAL MUSEUM (F4)

1289 N. 2nd • 325-677-6515

Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Closed Sun., Mon. and Major Holidays* • \$3—Adults, \$1—Ages 7 to 12, Free—Children ages 6 and younger

In the short space of five months the 12th became one of the most feared fighting machines of WWII.

The Memorial Museum:

- Displays and interprets the Division's historical collection
- Serves as a teaching museum for the study of WWII and its impact on the American people
- Offers academic access to historical materials and provides educational programs for children



THE CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS (F4)

220 Cypress • 325-677-8389

Free - Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Closed Sunday, Monday and Major Holidays*

This unique arts center is home to more than 70-artist members and ten working studios.

The Center's four galleries present more than 24-exhibits annually by regional, national and international photographers and artists working in a variety of media.

The Center also sponsors ArtWalk on the 2nd Thursday of each month — 5 to 8:30 p.m. — *A fantastic, free family evening of art and entertainment.*



PARAMOUNT THEATRE (F4)

352 Cypress • 325-676-9620

Self-guided tours: Noon to 5 p.m., weekdays

This fully restored 1930s theatre features:

- Concerts, live theater and touring shows
- Classic, art house and special event films
- Outstanding architecture
Arched columns, two grand staircases, hand-blown glass chandeliers, Pueblo-Deco artwork ceilings and a 1,200-seat auditorium with twin-domed turrets, a velvet blue ceiling, drifting clouds and twinkling stars



ABILENE ZOO (F4)

Nelson Park, Hwy. 36 & Loop 322 • 325-676-6085

\$4—Ages 13-59, \$3—Ages 60 plus, \$2—Ages 3 to 12

Daily: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Memorial Day to Labor Day—Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) *Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day*

This outstanding zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.



The Zoo boasts:

- Over 202 Species! *Jaguars, giraffes, black bears, lions, monkeys, reptiles, amphibians, birds & butterfly gardens*
- Wetlands Boardwalk
- Climate controlled Creepy Crawler Center
- Children's programs and special events

BUFFALO GAP HISTORIC VILLAGE

133 N. William, Buffalo Gap, TX • 325-572-3365

Travel through time from the 1870s to the 1920s. The Village boasts:

- A rich collection of Indian artifacts and frontier firearms
- 21-buildings from the founding of the area
- Interactive audio tours and guide books
- Gallery with historic maps and art by area artists
- Bed & Breakfast accommodations
- Rental Facilities: Chapel and reception/meeting rooms
- Vintage baseball (call for schedule)

To reach the Village take FM 89 (Buffalo Gap Rd.) to

Buffalo Gap, turn right on Elm and go two blocks.

Summer Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day: Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sun., Noon to 6 p.m. Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., Noon to 5 p.m. *Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day*



\$5—Adults; \$4—Ages 65+ & military; \$2—Students (grades K-12 and college students with ID); Free—Children ages 5 and younger (interactive audio tours & guide books additional)

DYESS AIR FORCE BASE (F4)

325-696-2863, Public Affairs

Dyess is home to the 7th Bomb Wing with two B-1 squadrons and the 317th Airlift Group with two C-130 squadrons. Visitors will enjoy:

- Dyess Visitor Center (an overview of base history)
- Dyess Linear Air Park with its 33-planes from WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts, and Operation Desert Storm (due to security, the Linear Air Park is close to the public at this time.)



FORT PHANTOM HILL (G1)

Free. Open Daily dawn to dusk

Visit the ghostly ruins of this 1851 Army post. As you walk among the dozen chimneys and three buildings you can almost hear the soldiers going about their daily routine.

To explore the ruins, from Interstate 20, go north on FM 600 for 11 miles.



PUBLIC SCULPTURE

Abilene is known for its numerous public sculptures. For a complete list visit the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council web site:

www.abilenecac.org

Pictured is *Jacob's Dream*, by Abilene artist Jack Maxwell, an almost 40-foot bronze sculpture with four angels ascending and descending a ladder that reaches toward heaven. It illustrates the biblical account of Jacob's dream from Genesis 28. Surrounding the sculpture is a baptismal pool and 30-weathered stones, each engraved with words from scripture. The paths around the sculpture are linked by these words resulting in a different scripture depending on the direction you enter. *Jacob's Dream* is located on the east side of Abilene Christian University, 1600 Campus Court.



PRIMETIME FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER (G1)

4541 LOOP 322 • 325-696-2863

Sunday: 11:30 a.m. to Midnight, Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. to Midnight, Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Prime Time Family Entertainment Center is your source for fun in Abilene. The 43,000 square foot indoor facility features:

- 16 lane state-of-the-art bowling facility, with automatic scoring, automatic bumper rails, and bowling ramps for handicapped bowlers
- NASCAR Simulators • Laser Tag
- X-D Theater • Bumper Cars • Billiards
- Over 70 arcade games
- 36-hole miniature golf course
- 1,000 foot electric go-kart track
- Restaurant
- Meeting and party rooms

JANUARY

3rd Monday

Martin Luther King Dinner

3rd Saturday

West Texas Rehab Telethon

FEBRUARY

2nd Weekend

Disability Resources' Celebrity

Quail Hunt

3rd Saturday

The West Texas Sports Expo

4th Week

Texas Farm-Ranch-Wildlife Expo

MARCH

2nd Weekend

Sweetwater Rattlesnake Round-up

APRIL

2nd Weekend

Central Texas Gem and

Mineral Show

3rd Weekend

Buffalo Gap Food and Wine Summit

MAY

1st Weekend

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

2nd Weekend

Western Heritage Classic

Ranch Rodeo

JUNE

Last two weekends

Fort Griffin Fandangle -

Frontier life recreated with

song and dance in an

Outdoor theater. (Albany, 35

miles from Abilene)

JULY

4th of July

Big Country July 4th Family

Festival...complete with fireworks

AUGUST

3rd Weekend

Dyess Big Country Air Fest Fly-bys,

Airshow, Display & Car Show

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend

Chili Super Bowl

Starts Friday after Labor Day

West Texas Fair and Rodeo

4th Weekend

West Texas Book & Music

Festival

Last Weekend

Hot Air Balloon Festival

OCTOBER

1st Saturday

Spirit of the Frontier Festival

NOVEMBER

1st Weekend

Junior League of Abilene's

Christmas Carousel

2nd Weekend

Christmas in November

3rd Weekend

"The Nutcracker" Ballet

1st Tuesday after Thanksgiving

City Sidewalks - Downtown

merchants host an evening of

holiday fun. Parade, Shopping,

Entertainment, Games,

Gingerbread house contest,

Community tree lighting

DECEMBER

1st Thurs. in Dec. thru Dec. 24

Christmas Lane - Lighted

outdoor Christmas displays as

well as an indoor display that

includes animated dolls and

figures. Santa Photos and calls

to the North Pole!

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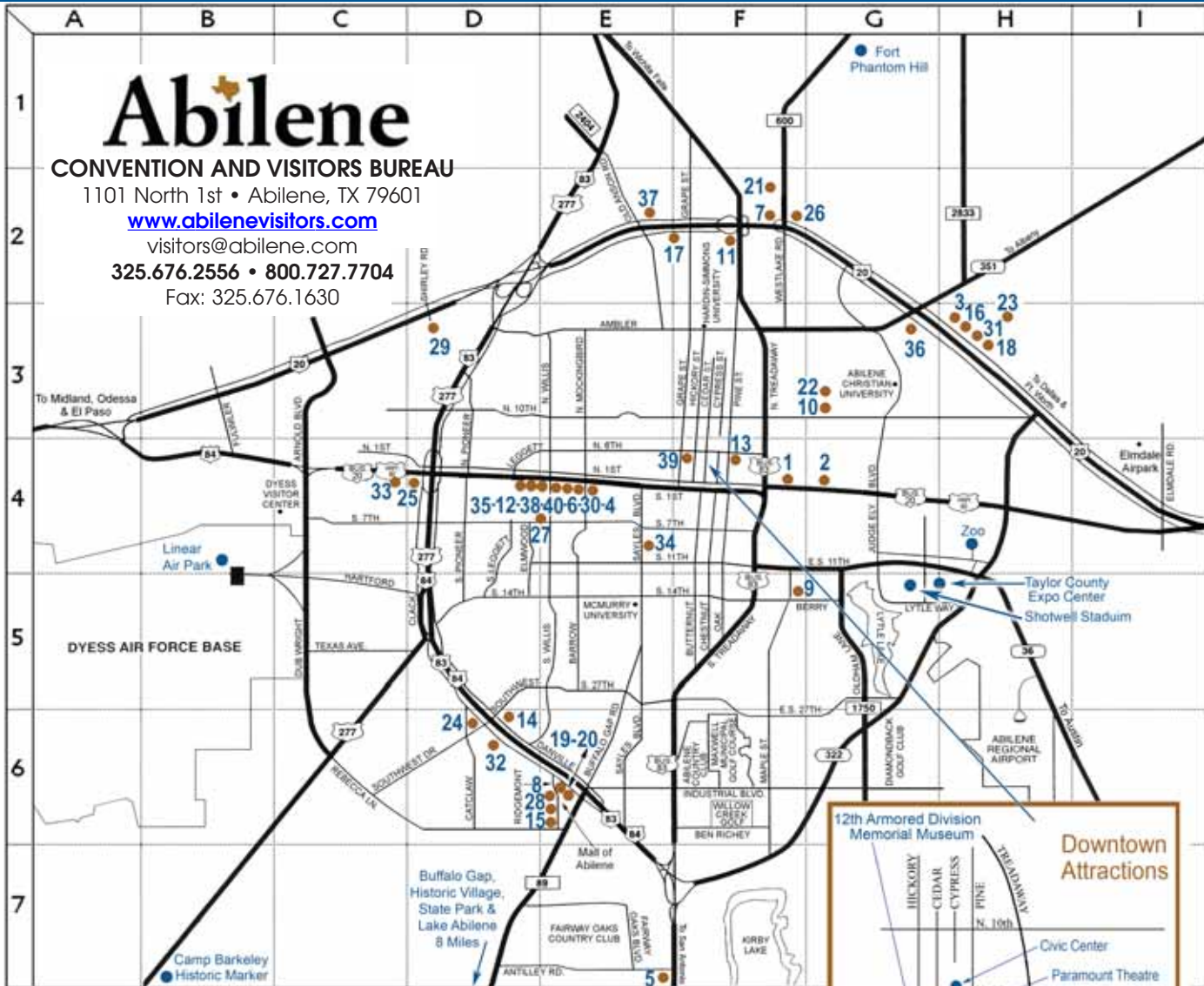
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ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Abilene Western Inn (F4)
2. Abilene Whitten Inn, Expo (G4)
3. Abilene Whitten Inn, University (H3)
4. Alamo Motel (E4)
5. Antilley Inn (E7)
6. Best Budget Inn (E4)
7. Best Western Abilene Inn & Suites (F2)
8. Best Western South Mall (E6)
9. Blankenship Guest House (F5)
10. Blue Willow (G3)
11. Budget Host Colonial Inn (F2)
12. Century Lodge (D4)
13. Civic Plaza Hotel (F4)

14. Comfort Suites (D6)
15. Courtyard by Marriott (E6)
16. Days Inn (H3)
17. EconoLodge (F2)
18. Executive Inn (H3)
19. Fairfield Inn by Marriott (E6)
20. Hampton Inn (E6)
21. Hampton Inn & Suites (F2)
22. Hashknife B & B (G3)
23. Holiday Inn Express (H3)
24. Holiday Inn Express, South (D6)
25. Howard Johnson (D4)
27. Lazy Cactus

28. MCM Elegaté Suites (E6)
29. Motel 6 (D3)
30. Ponca Motel (D3)
31. Quality Inn (H3)
32. Regency Inn & Suites (D6)
33. Royal Inn (C4)
34. Sayles Ranch Guest Houses (E4)
35. Sparkhawks (D4)
36. Super 8 North (G3)
37. Travel Inn (E2)
38. Tower Motel (E4)
39. Vintage House (F4)
40. Western Motel (E4)

