

Quality of Life

MISCELLANEOUS:

Area Code: 325 Elevation: 1,750 feet
City Size: 111.5 sq. miles Estimated Population 120,000
County: Taylor

AGE GROUPS: # OF HOUSEHOLDS:

20 & under	31%	41,671
21-34	23%	MEDIAN AGE:
35-54	26%	32 years
55+	20%	

AVERAGES: Annual Rainfall: 23.78 in.
Relative Humidity: 59%
Coldest Month: January - 43.50°
Wind speed: 12 mph
Hottest Month: July - 83.50°

ECONOMY: Agriculture: Farm Products \$ 54.0 million
Livestock 37.0 million
Oil & Gas 895.0 million
2006 Retail Sales 2.1 billion
Travel Trade 322.5 million
Dyess AFB Payroll 333.0 million

HOSPITALS:

Abilene Regional Medical Center
695-9900 ~ www.abileneregional.com
Abilene Psychiatric Center
698-6600 ~ <http://abilenepsychiatriccenter.onsmartpages.com>
Hendrick Health System - 670-2000 ~ www.ehendrick.org

HIGHER EDUCATION:

Abilene Christian University	674-2000	www.acu.edu
American Commercial College	672-8495	www.acc-careers.com
Cisco Jr. College	794-4400	www.cisco.cc.tx.us
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Dyess AFB	692-2007	www.erau.edu
Hardin-Simmons University	670-1000	www.hsutx.edu
McMurry University	793-3800	www.mcm.edu
Texas State Technical College	672-7091	www.tstc.edu
Texas Tech University Center for Excellence	677-1112	www.abilene.ttu.edu
Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy	676-7948	www.ttuhs.edu/sop

LIBRARY: Abilene Public Library: Main Branch, 202 Cedar St.
Information Services: 676-6025
Children's Dept.: 676-6067
Circulation Dept.: 677-2474
Genealogy Dept.: 676-6029
Southside Branch, 1401 S. Danville: 698-7565
www.abilenetx.com/APL/index.htm

NEWCOMER INFORMATION:

Chamber of Commerce 677-7241 www.abilenechamber.com

NEWSPAPER:

Abilene Reporter News 673-4271 www.reporternews.com



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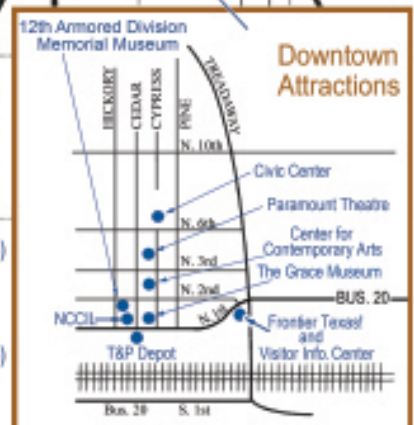
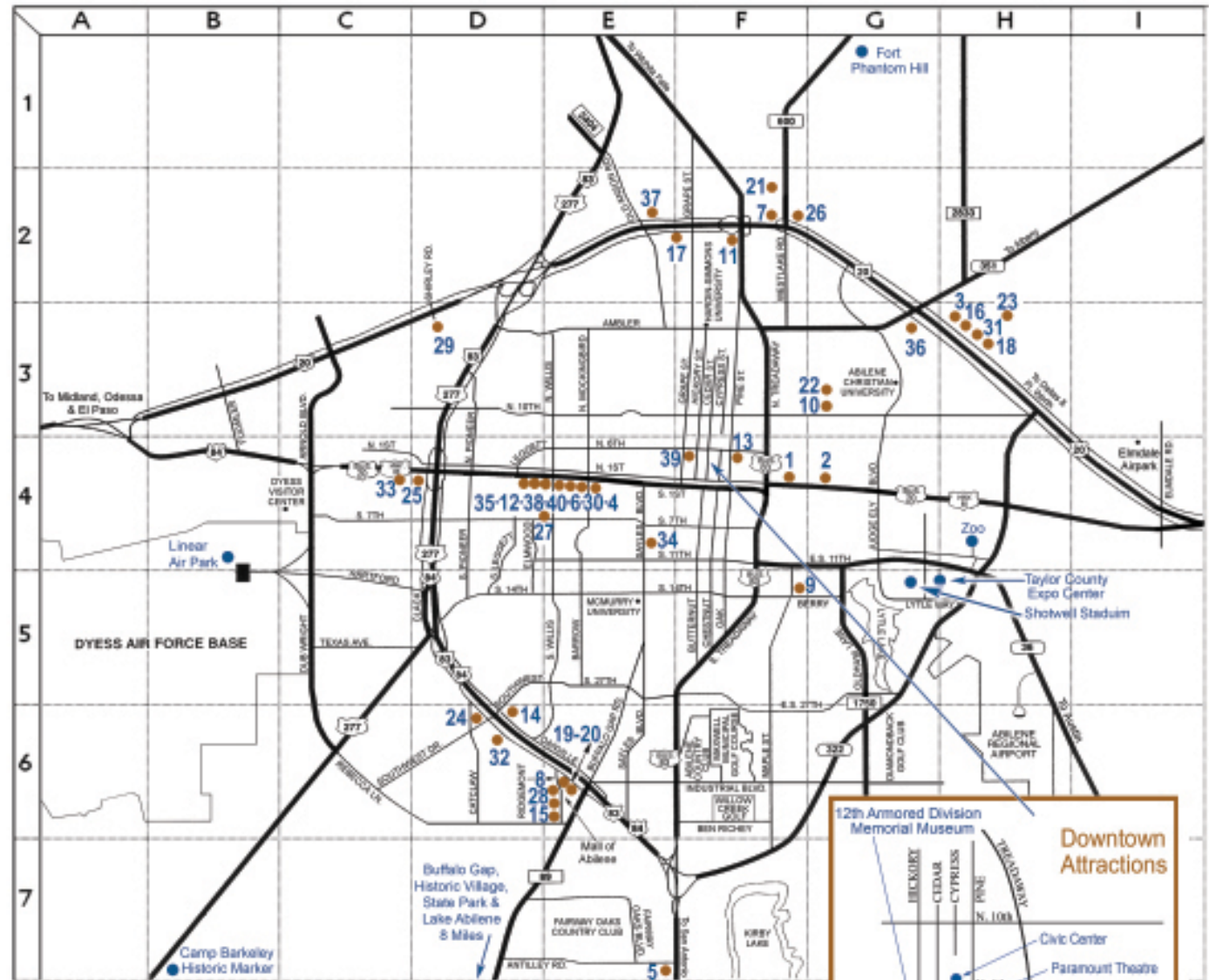
Abilene



The Friendly Frontier



A bilene, 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.



Discount coupons are available on-line at www.abilenevisitors.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

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|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Abilene Western Inn (F4) | 14. Comfort Suites (D6) | 28. MCM Eleganté Suites (E6) |
| 2. Abilene Whitten Inn, Expo (G4) | 15. Courtyard by Marriott (E6) | 29. Motel 6 (D3) |
| 3. Abilene Whitten Inn, University (H3) | 16. Days Inn (H3) | 30. Ponca Motel (D3) |
| 4. Alamo Motel (E4) | 17. EconoLodge (F2) | 31. Quality Inn (H3) |
| 5. Antilley Inn (E7) | 18. Executive Inn (H3) | 32. Regency Inn & Suites (D6) |
| 6. Best Budget Inn (E4) | 19. Fairfield Inn by Marriott (E6) | 33. Royal Inn (C4) |
| 7. Best Western Abilene Inn & Suites (F2) | 20. Hampton Inn (E6) | 34. Sayles Ranch Guest Houses (E4) |
| 8. Best Western South Mall (E6) | 21. Hampton Inn & Suites (F2) | 35. Sparkhawks (D4) |
| 9. Blankenship Guest House (F5) | 22. Hashknife B & B (G3) | 36. Super 8 North (G3) |
| 10. Blue Willow (G3) | 23. Holiday Inn Express (H3) | 37. Travel Inn (E2) |
| 11. Budget Host Colonial Inn (F2) | 24. Holiday Inn Express, South (D6) | 38. Tower Motel (E4) |
| 12. Century Lodge (D4) | 25. Howard Johnson (D4) | 39. Vintage House (F4) |
| 13. Civic Plaza Hotel (F4) | 26. LaQuinta (F2) | 40. Western Motel (E4) |
| | 27. Lazy Cactus | |

Accommodations

★ = Chamber Members

	# OF ROOMS	RESTAURANT	LOUNGE	AIRPORT SHUTTLE	OUTDOOR POOL	BELLMAN	KITCHENETTES
MCM Elegante Suites 4250 Ridgemont Dr. 325-698-1234 888-897-9644	175	•	•	•	•	•	\$99—\$289 Cooked to order breakfast, nightly beverage hospitality ◆◆◆AAA
Motel 6 4951 W. Stamford 325-672-8462 800-466-8356	100			•			\$38—\$50 ◆AAA
Ponca Motel 3101 South 1st 325-673-9682	15						\$30—\$35
Quality Inn 1758 E. I-20 325-676-0203 800-228-5150	49			•			\$69—\$119 Continental breakfast; suites available
Regency Inn & Suites 3450 South Clack 325-695-7700 800-676-7262	145	•	•	•			\$62—\$125 Continental breakfast
Royal Inn 5695 South 1st 325-692-3022 800-588-4Fun	150	•	•	•			\$40—\$75
Sayles Ranch Guest Houses 325-669-6856							1. \$375 sleeps 10 2. \$325 sleeps 6 3. \$150 sleeps 2 4. \$225 sleeps 4
Sparhawk's Bed & Breakfast 3695 South 1st 325-338-7949	3						\$85 Outside deck along the creek & art gallery
Super 8 North I-20 & Hwy. 351 325-673-5251 800-800-8000	97		•	•			\$45—\$80 Continental breakfast ◆◆AAA
Tower Motel 3417 South 1st 325-672-7849	27					•	\$45—\$75
Travel Inn 2202 I-20 325-677-2463	51			•			\$36—\$75

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Vintage House Bed & Breakfast 1541 N. 4th 325-677-8386	4			•			\$75—\$95 Elegant 1927 home--Full hot breakfast
Western Motel 3201 South 1st 325-672-7858	22			•			\$38—\$65 2-bedroom apartments available

All prices subject to change!



= Pet Friendly. Please call for information on pet deposits and size restrictions.

Transportation

Major Highways: East/West: Interstate 20 & Hwy. 84
North/South: Highways 83 & 277

State Highways: 351 & 36

Area Code: 325

Airlines: American Eagle 800-433-7300
Continental/Colgan 800-523-3273

Auto Rental: Arrow Ford 692-9500
Avis 677-9240
Budget 677-7777
Enterprise 690-9338
Hertz 673-6774
Lawrence Hall 695-8880

Bus Service: Greyhound 677-8127
CityLink [Free downtown trolley buses]
Routes 676-6287
Handi-Van 676-6402
TDD 676-6401

Taxi, Limousine & Shuttle Service:
Classic Cab Inc. 677-8294
LeCoach Taxi 673-3138
Longhorn Limo 677-5466
Special Occasion Limo & Shuttle Service 692-1804

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



Grace Notes: Interactive Sound Sculpture by artist and musician Edward Weiss.

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.



The authentic 1940s era Mallouf Boot Shop highlights the craft of custom boots.

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

Accommodations

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	# OF ROOMS	RESTAURANT	LOUNGE	AIRPORT SHUTTLE	OUTDOOR POOL	BELLMAN	KITCHENETTES	
Abilene Western Inn 774 E. Business 20 325-675-0050	78			●				\$40—\$58
Abilene Whitten Inn, Expo 840 E. Business 20 325-677-8100 800-880-7666	104	●	●	●				\$45—\$65 Cooked to order breakfast
Abilene Whitten Inn, University 1625 Hwy. 351 @ I-20 325-673-5271 800-588-5050	163		●	●				\$45—\$65 Continental breakfast
Alamo Motel 2957 South 1st 325-676-7149	20							\$32—\$50
Antilley Inn 6550 U.S. Hwy. 83 325-695-3330 800-959-1001	48			●				\$50—\$62 Continental breakfast
Best Budget Inn 3153 South 1st 325-673-4251	54	●		●				\$33—\$75 Suites available
Best Western Abilene Inn & Suites 350 I-20 West 325-672-5501 866-672-5501	60			●				\$85—\$109 Continental & hot breakfast bar ◆◆◆AAA
Best Western Mall South 3950 Ridgemoor Dr. 325-695-1262 800-346-1574	61			●				\$72—\$99 Continental breakfast ◆◆◆AAA
Blankenship Guest House * 212 Berry Lane 325-677-4678, 673-7287, 672-2259 * whole house rental	1						●	\$125 2-double beds, washer & dryer
Blue Willow Bed & Breakfast 435 College Dr. 325-677-8420	1						●	\$125 Studio apartment with fire-place
Budget Host Colonial Inn 3210 Pine St. 325-677-2683 888-672-5293	98			●				\$39—\$70 Continental breakfast ◆◆AAA
Century Lodge 3509 South 1st 325-677-8557	28			●			●	\$29—\$49
Civic Plaza Hotel 505 Pine St. 325-676-0222 800-588-0222	113	●	●	●				\$59—\$99 Cooked to order breakfast plus 1-free addl. meal per room ◆◆◆AAA

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	# OF ROOMS	RESTAURANT	LOUNGE	AIRPORT SHUTTLE	OUTDOOR POOL	BELLMAN	KITCHENETTES	
Comfort Suites 3165 S. Danville Dr. 325-795-8500 800-517-4000	50				●			\$79-\$119 Continental breakfast ◆◆◆AAA
Courtyard by Marriott 4350 Ridgemoor Dr. 325-695-9600 800-321-2211	99	●			●			\$89—\$150 ◆◆◆AAA
Days Inn 1702 I-20 East 325-672-6433 800-375-6433	99	●	●	●				\$40—\$67 Continental breakfast ◆◆AAA
EconoLodge 1633 W. Stamford 325-673-5424 800-55-ECONO	34		●					\$35—\$60 Continental breakfast ◆◆AAA
Executive Inn 1650 I-20 East 325-677-2200	41			●				\$45—\$70 Continental breakfast
Fairfield Inn by Marriott 3902 Turner Plaza 325-695-2448 800-228-2800	73				●			\$90—\$105 Continental breakfast ◆◆◆AAA
Hampton Inn 3917 Ridgemoor Dr. 325-695-0044 800-426-7866	64				●			\$95—\$135 Hot breakfast buffet ◆◆◆AAA
Hampton Inn & Suites 3526 West Lake Rd. 325-673-4400 800-426-7866	72				●			\$89-\$150 Hot breakfast
Hashknife Bed & Breakfast 1618 Cedar Crest Dr. 325-675-6867	1						●	\$100
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites 1802 E. I-20 325-675-9800 800-Holiday	66				●			\$89—\$149 Continental breakfast ◆◆◆AAA
Holiday Inn Express Mall South 3112 S. Clack 325-695-0500 800-Holiday	66				●			\$99—\$164 ◆◆◆AAA
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel 5403 S. 1st 325-795-8888 800-446-4656	107		●	●	●			\$89—\$275 Continental breakfast
LaQuinta Inn 3501 West Lake Rd. 325-676-1676 800-531-5900	106				●			\$89—\$129 Continental breakfast ◆◆◆AAA
Lazy Cactus Bed & Breakfast 400 Riverside Blvd. 325-672-7131	1							\$90 S/D 3-room guest house surrounded by gardens

TOP 10 THINGS

ya gotta do in

Abilene

- ★ Find adventure at Frontier Texas!
- ★ Feed the giraffes at the Abilene Zoo
- ★ Bite into a juicy rib-eye steak
- ★ Be amazed at The Grace Museum
- ★ Catch a star at the Paramount Theatre
- ★ Step back into time at Buffalo Gap Historic Village
- ★ See artists in action at The Center for Contemporary Arts
- ★ Book time for the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature
- ★ Shop, shop, shop till you drop
- ★ Review WWII at the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum

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ROUND-UP PASS

6 Attractions. 1 Low Price.

- ★ Abilene Zoo
- ★ Buffalo Gap Historic Village
- ★ Frontier Texas!
- ★ The Grace Museum
- ★ The National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature
- ★ 12th Armored Div. Memorial Museum

\$16—Adults (ages 18+)

\$7—Kids 16 and younger (ages 6-12)

Available at any of the centers listed above,
or at the Abilene Convention &
Visitors Bureau, 1001 North 1st Street.

MORE FUN. LESS MONEY.

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. Tues. - Sat., 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 (H4) 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, elephants, giraffes, black bears, lions, monkeys,
reptiles, amphibians, birds & butterfly gardens*
- Wetlands Boardwalk
- Climate controlled Creepy Crawler Center
- Children's programs and special events



STEAK/SEAFOOD/BARBECUE—Continued

Lytle Land & Cattle Co.	1150 E.S. 11th	677-1925
Olivia's Seafood	2502 S. 7th	673-2500
Outback Steakhouse	4142 Ridgemont	692-7177
Perini Ranch Steakhouse	Hwy. 89, Buffalo Gap, TX	572-3339
The Ranch Steak & Bar-B-Q	1802 S. Clack	698-2400
Red Lobster	1280 S. Clack	695-1191
Sharon's Barbecue & Catering	849 E. Bus 20	672-3330
Square's Bar-B-Que	210 N. Leggett	672-6752
Texas Roadhouse	1381 S. Danville	690-0145
Texas Steak Express	5217 S. Hwy. 277	793-2828

VARIETY

The Beehive Restaurant & Saloon	442 Cedar	675-0600
Buffalo Wild Wings Bar & Grill	4401 Ridgemont	695-9464
Butternut Cafe	402 Butternut	670-0801
Chili's Grill & Bar	4302 S. Clack	698-1660
Clyde's Place	840 E. Bus. 20	677-7132
Copper Creek	4401 Loop 322	692-4424
Cotton Patch Café	3302 S. Clack	691-0509
Cracker Barrel	1602 Hwy. 351	672-0280
Cypress Street Station	158 Cypress	676-3463
Deep N the Heart, LP	402-A North St. Buffalo Gap, TX	572-3883
Flying J Travel Plaza	101 N. FM 707	691-9974
Golden Corral	4100 S. Danville	692-4592
The Homeplace Family Style	2034 CR 131, Tuscola, TX	554-9610
IHOP	3750 S. Clack	695-1742
Mr. Burger	6326 Buffalo Gap Rd.	437-2222
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers	3549 Catclaw Dr.	695-5700
Remington's	4250 Ridgemont Dr.	698-1234
Sharky's Burrito Company	1095 N. Judge Ely	676-7330
Tia Jenny's Mexican & American Food	1001 Pine	232-7756
Towne Crier	818 Bus. 20	673-4551
Zoo-Kini's Soup, Salad & Grill	3218 S. Clack	437-7001

FAST FOOD

Arby's	3824 S. Clack 125 S. Pioneer 1116 N. 10th	695-4491 695-1710 676-5550
Chick-fil-A	3130 S. Clack	691-0414
Dairy Queen	1626 Hwy. 351 942 N. Mockingbird 5110 Hwy. 277 S.	677-0406 673-0896 695-0332
Golden Chick	3889 N. 1st	672-4110
McDonald's	5125 Buffalo Gap Rd. 4302 Buffalo Gap Rd. 1201 N. Judge Ely	793-9242 695-2616 672-1271
	3602 N. 1st 3147 S. 14th	673-6564 691-5902
Rico Pollo	3374 Rebecca Ln.	698-0013
Schlotzsky's Deli	4518 S. 14th	695-2021
Sonic	202 N. Judge Ely	673-3663
Subway	1650 Hwy. 351	675-8818
Taco Bell	4165 S. Danville 2201 Pine 3509 N. 1st 2901 S. 14th	695-4900 673-9621 672-5491 692-2436
Taco Bueno	3650 N. 1st 825 N. Judge Ely 4117 Buffalo Gap Rd.	672-6911 676-2091 698-7491
	5010 S. Hwy 277	695-3832
Wendy's	4374 Southwest Dr.	692-2315
Whataburger	3141 S. Danville 893 E. Bus. 20	691-1695 676-0836
	4241 S. 1st	695-6336
Wienerschnitzel	2997 S. 14th	690-9845



Dining Guide

Listings are members of the
Abilene Chamber of Commerce



CANDIES/ICE CREAM

Candies by Vletas	1201 N. 1st	673-2005
Kiss Me Candies	2801 S. 14th	691-5477
Mary's Paeteria #1	601 S. Treadaway	670-9960
Russell Stover	243 E. Stamford	672-1355
Smoothie King	3649 Catclaw Dr.	201-5135
Sweet Retreat of Texas ~ Special Orders Only		677-6815

ASIAN

Buffet City	3226B S. Clack	437-1220
China Star	3601 S. 1st	677-2000

COFFEE/DELIS/BAKERIES

AM Donuts & Croissants	202 S. Willis	677-9878
Bogie's	241 Cypress	672-3296
Butternut Cafe	402 Butternut	670-0801
B E & I Cheesecake Cafe	4582 Buffalo Gap Rd.	232-7803
Jason's Deli	3490 Catclaw Dr.	692-1975
Java City Café	1265 Ambler	671-2183
The Leaf	202 Cypress	670-9955
Spano's Panino	421 Pine	673-8300
Starbucks Coffee Co.	4150 Buffalo Gap Rd.	793-2197
Starbucks Coffee Co.-Albertsons	4701 S. 14th	698-3202
Tuscany's Coffee House	3901 S. 1st	676-2326

ITALIAN

Brick Oven Pizza Co.	4714 S. 14th	691-5303
Johnny Carino's	4157 Buffalo Gap Rd.	698-4950
Ci Ci's Pizza	3366 Turner Plaza	692-1660
Fazoli's	4066 S. Danville	692-3804
Little Italy	1417 S. Danville	692-8117
Mr. Gatti's Pizza	2665 Buffalo Gap Rd.	692-6326
Papa John's Pizza	3900 North 1st, #3	677-3434
Spaghetti Warehouse	Mall of Abilene	695-8616
Spano's Italian Restaurant	4534 Buffalo Gap Rd.	698-3704

MEXICAN

Abuelo's	4782 S. 14th	692-4776
El Chico	Mall of Abilene	695-2875
Enrique's	4358 Sayles Blvd.	795-2750
Los Arcos	1902 Ambler	670-9801
Mary's	602 S. Treadaway	673-0447
Oscar's	1665 Hwy. 351	675-0140
Rico Pollo	3374 Rebecca Ln.	698-0013
Rosa's Café	3333 Catclaw Dr.	692-6569
	1026 N. Judge Ely	675-6520
TaMolly's	4400 Ridgmont	698-2000

STEAK/SEAFOOD/BARBECUE

Joe Allen's Pit Barbecue	301 S. 11th	672-6082
Ball Ranch	525 S. Hwy 83-84	698-2186
Betty Rose's Barbecue	1055 N. Judge Ely	672-3500
	2402 S. 7th	673-5809
	3362 Rebecca Ln.	698-8000
Cahoots Catfish & Oyster Bar	301 S. 11th	672-6540
Deutschlander Freshwater Catfish Co.	502 Houston Buffalo Gap, TX	572-3486
Harold's Pit Bar-B-Q	1305 Walnut	672-4451

**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
325-696-2863,
Public Affairs (B4)

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 [contact Public Affairs to schedule tours]

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.



Annual Events

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
Last Weekend
Buffalo Gap Historic Village Haunted House

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!

For a complete listing of events visit our web site:
www.abilenevisitors.com

Meeting & Event Facilities



Civic Center (F4)
1100 N. 6th
325-676-6211

Book your next event at this outstanding cultural complex!

The Civic Center hosts conventions, arts and crafts shows, gun and knife shows, banquets, special events, concerts and theatrical performances.

- Auditorium: 2,121 plush continental seats, full stage, complete lighting and sound systems
- Foyer: 9,000 sq. ft. - serves as reception or registration area, exhibit hall or 400 seat banquet hall
- Exhibit Hall: 20,000 sq. ft. - seats up to 2,000 for meetings or banquets, or 110-10' x 10' exhibit booths
- Conference Center: 13,000 sq. ft. - seats 1,000 as a banquet hall, 700 as a dance area or can be divided into 4-meeting rooms
- 8-additional meeting rooms and a VIP room

Taylor County Expo Center (G5) 1700 Hwy. 36 325-677-4376



The Expo Center is one of the most outstanding equestrian centers in the Southwest. It also hosts concerts, livestock and farm shows and conventions. For Texas' brand of excitement, don't miss the Western Heritage Classic Ranch Rodeo each May or the West Texas Fair and Rodeo each September.

- Coliseum: 26,000 sq. ft. exhibit area with 5,000 permanent seats [7,800 total seating possible]
- Horse barn: 24,000 sq. ft. arena with 1,800 seats
- Covered outdoor arena: 42,000 sq. ft. with 2,500 seats
- Covered horse stalls: 800 including wash rack areas
- Multipurpose pavilion: 1,000 seats
- Other exhibit buildings: 2,500 combined seats

Abilene State Park • FM 89, Buffalo Gap 325-572-3204 • Reservations: 512-389-8900

This scenic park covers 1,200 acres along Elm Creek. Once a resting place for the Comanche Indians, visitors now find:

- Modern camping and recreational facilities
- Buffalo and part of the official Texas Longhorn herd
- Hiking and nature trails
- Picnic sites, game area and children's playground
- Olympic sized swimming pool and a children's pool open Memorial Day to Labor Day [Thurs. - Sun, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.]
- Photo opportunities and wildlife observation
- Bicycle riding, fishing pond and lake



Fees: \$4—Ages 13 and over; \$2—Ages 65+ Texas residents; 41-wheeled camper/tent sites; 36-group trailer sites; 12-water only tent sites; 3-full hook-ups: \$15-\$18/night; 8-screened shelters: \$18/night; 2-air conditioned recreation halls: \$80/day or \$160/night; 3-yurts: \$40/night

Camping Guide

Abilene RV Park • I-20 at Exit 292-B • 325-672-2212
Full Hook-up: \$25/night

Each addl. person over 2 people: \$1/night

Abilene State Park [See above]

Buck Creek RV Park • 12445 Buck Creek Rd.
(I-20 at Exit 294) • 325-672-2825

Full Hook-up: \$25 - \$28/night

Each addl. person over 2 people: \$3/night

KOA Kampground • I-20 at Exit 282 • 325-672-3681

Full Hook-up, Tents, Vans: \$25 - \$37/night

Cabins: \$37 - \$60/night

Lake Ft. Phantom • 325-676-6218

Johnson Park (5-sites) and Seabee Park (4-sites)

Primitive camping; flush toilets; no drinking water; fishing & boat ramp; no fee or reservations [48-hour limit]

Tye RV Park • I-20 at exit 278 • 325-691-0398

Full Hookup: \$25/night

Things to Do

AEROBALL

Arrendell's Aeroball	2456 Industrial	325-695-1909
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Almost like volleyball, not quite basketball and not a mere trampoline, aeroball merges all of these into one extreme sport.

ARTS

Abilene Ballet Theatre		325-675-0303
Abilene Community Band	325-695-2422; 695-0674	
Abilene Cultural Affairs Council		325-677-1161
Abilene Music Teachers Assn.		325-673-0197
Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra	325-677-6710; 800-460-0610	
Abilene Opera Association		325-676-7372
Classical Chorus of Abilene (Adult, Youth and Children's Choruses)		325-795-1596
Elks Art Center: Abilene Preservation League		325-676-3775

BATTING CAGES ~ INDOOR

John Baack's Strike Zone	888 Ben Richey Dr.	325-692-7581
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BILLIARDS

Billiards Plus	5495 S. 7th	325-698-5495
Fastlane	721 S. 1st	325-672-1116
Rack Daddy's	3351 Turner Dr.	325-695-1611
Samboly's Pool Hall	902 Walnut	325-673-8832
Slix Billiards	3422 N. 1st	325-673-5789

BIRD WATCHING and NATURE TRAILS

Big Country Audubon Society		325-691-8981
Cedar Gap Farm	293 CR 563	325-572-4738
Abilene State Park	FM 89, Buffalo Gap	325-572-3204

BOWLING

Abilene Bowling Lanes	279 Ruidosa	325-692-5100
Whitewood Lanes	200 Kirkwood	325-676-8263

DISC GOLF

Cal Young Park	S. 11th & T & P Ln.	325-676-6217
Will Hair Park	E. Ambler Ave.	325-676-6217

GOLF

Private: Abilene Country Club		
Club Course - 4309 S. Treadaway		325-692-2583
Fairway Course - 34 Fairway Oaks Blvd.		325-698-4971
Mesquite Grove [Military]		
Dyess Air Force Base		325-696-5067
Public: DiamondBack Golf Club		
1510 E. Industrial Blvd.	325-690-9190; 888-545-6262	
Maxwell		
1002 S. 32nd		325-692-2737
Willow Creek		
1166 Ben Richey Dr.		325-691-0909

HORSEBACK RIDING

Al Corral	753 CR 318	325-692-9435; 439-1719
Buffalo Mountain Ranch	Hwy. 277 South	325-846-4800; 669-0592

Guided rides to see the ranch's herds of buffalo and elk.

MINIATURE GOLF

Play Faire Park	2300 N. 2nd	325-672-2977
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Play Faire Park is one of the oldest operating miniature golf courses in Texas, it has served the area since 1947!

Putt Putt	201 S. Danville	325-692-7596
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MOTOR SPORTS

Abilene Dragstrip	5601 W. Stamford	325-673-7223
Abilene Raceway Park	8133 W. Bus 20	325-677-1282
Abilene Speedway	6825 W. Bus. 20	325-692-8800
Mesquite Hills MX Park	8150 W. Bus. 20	325-691-9036

MOVIES

Century 12	3818 John Knox	325-793-9191
Paramount	352 Cypress	325-676-9620
Park Central 6	3234 S. Clack	325-698-3540
Premiere Stadium Cinema 10	Mall of Abilene	325-695-2122
Town & Country Drive-In	2902 Vogel	325-677-9899
Westwood Twin	3440 N. 1st	325-672-1288

SHOPPING CENTERS, MALLS & MORE

Brookhollow	S. 27th & Barrow	
Burro Alley	S. 1st & Willis	
Chimney Plaza	3200 S. 27th	
Crossroads	4102 Buffalo Gap Rd.	
Mall of Abilene	4310 Buffalo Gap Rd.	325-698-4351
Plaza at Park Central	Hwy 83-84 & Southwest Dr.	
River Oaks	S. 14th & Willis	
Rose Park	2500 S. 7th	
Shops at Abilene	Southwest Dr. & Catclaw Dr.	
Woodhaven	4700 S. 14th	

*For antique and historic downtown shopping guides visit our web site:
www.abilenevisitors.com/visitors/shopping.html*

SKATING [In-line Skates & Skateboards]

Abilene Skate Park	S. 7th & Mockingbird [Rose Park]	
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SKATING [Roller]

The Skatin' Place	1930 S. Clack	325-695-4713
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TENNIS

Public: Rose Park Tennis Center		
810 Portland		325-676-6292
Private: Abilene Country Club		
Club Court - 4309 S. Treadaway		325-692-2583
Fairway Court - 34 Fairway Oaks Blvd.		325-698-4971

THEATRE [Live & Dinner]

Abilene Community Theatre		
801 S. Mockingbird		325-673-6271
Ball Ranch		
525 S. Hwy. 83-84		325-698-2186
Paramount Theatre		
352 Cypress St.		325-676-9620
Ryan Little Theatre		
McMurry Univ.		325-793-3889
Sewell Theatre & Williams Performing Arts Center		
Abilene Christian Univ.		325-674-2739
Van Ellis Theatre		
Hardin-Simmons Univ.		325-670-1405

