

# Visitor Guide

# AMARILLO



*Step Into The Real Texas*



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## Western & Outdoor

### WELCOME TO AMARILLO

Our Visitor Center is located Downtown (4th & Buchanan) inside the Amarillo Civic Center

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### PALO DURO CANYON

One of the nation's most magnificent scenic attractions. Enjoy extraordinary vistas of color and beauty from the comfort of your automobile. Travel the same trails used by the Apache, Comanche, buffalo hunters and early Spanish explorers. Palo Duro Canyon State Park is more than 26,000 acres of prime outdoor activity—primitive and enhanced camping, horseback riding with stables, picnic areas, a restaurant and miles of hiking and mountain biking trails. Restored cabins on the rim of the canyon and in the Cow Camp area for overnight accommodations. Activities subject to seasonal schedules.

(806) 488-2227

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/paloduro/paloduro.html](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/paloduro/paloduro.html)

### RIVER BREAKS RANCH

Come visit the River Breaks Ranch and get a taste of the real cowboy lifestyle. After a 10-minute drive from Amarillo, you will ride through our canyon in covered wagons while watching a stampede storm past you. Then join the working cowboys for a real ranch breakfast or dinner. The fun does not end there; at the campsite you will be entertained by horse races and authentic cowboys roping steers. Reservations required.

(806) 374-0357 • FAX (806) 374-2037 • [www.riverbreaks.com](http://www.riverbreaks.com)

### MUSICAL EXPERIENCE "TEXAS"

Internationally-acclaimed musical extravaganza performed in a natural amphitheatre in majestic Palo Duro Canyon. It is the 41st season of delightful musical performances in the canyon; over 3 million visitors have seen this timeless show. A 600-foot cliff serves as the backdrop as singers and dancers take you back to the settling of the Texas Panhandle in the 1800s. Performed Tuesday through Saturday from early June through late August, with a barbecue dinner available before the show. For reservations or more information contact Heritage Entertainment office at 1514 5th Ave. in Canyon, TX 79015.

(806) 655-2181 • [www.epictexas.com](http://www.epictexas.com)

### ELKINS RANCH COWBOY MORNING

Elkins Ranch is the proud new home of the nationally-known Cowboy Morning Breakfast (a chuck wagon supper is also available). Enjoy a tour of magnificent Palo Duro Canyon on the way to the campsite. Arrive to the aroma of a chuck wagon meal cooked over an open fire. Relax in the shade and enjoy the best in live western entertainment. Meals are offered April-October, reservations required. Also featured are Jeep tours of the canyon, weather permitting, with breathtaking canyon scenery and informative guides to tell the rich history of Palo Duro Canyon. (806) 488-2100 • (800) 658-2613

[www.TheElkinsRanch.com](http://www.TheElkinsRanch.com)

## AMARILLO LIVESTOCK AUCTION

One of the largest in Texas, selling over 100,000 head of livestock annually. Rub elbows with Texas cattlemen and experience the excitement of sale day. Sales held every Tuesday all year. Located at 100 Manhattan in Amarillo off 3rd Street. Stockyard Cafe open for breakfast and lunch. **(806) 373-7464**

## OLD WEST STABLES

While in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, ride on horseback where cowboys and Native Americans once roamed. See the back country of Palo Duro Canyon. Snacks, souvenirs and hayrides available.



Palo Duro Trading Post features restaurant, snack bar, gasoline and camp supplies. Selected activities subject to seasonal schedules. **(806) 488-2180**

## PALO DURO STABLES AND SIX GUN CITY AT TIMBER SPRINGS

Since 1962 visitors have enjoyed riding the miles of trails on gentle horses in Palo Duro Canyon. There are miles of trails for beginner or experienced riders. Visitors can receive riding lessons, enjoy camping and hiking, or watch authentic gunfight reenactments. Located on TX 217 just a mile from the entrance to the state park, this popular attraction has been used in several movies. The stables are open 10am to 6pm, seven days a week all year round. **(806) 488-2799**

## LAKE MEREDITH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

The area's largest lake, Lake Meredith offers fishing, swimming, sailing, picnicking and houseboat rental. Located 50 miles northeast of Amarillo near Fritch, TX. **(806) 857-3151**

## ALIBATES FLINT QUARRIES NATIONAL MONUMENT

A unique 1 1/2-mile walking tour, led by a park ranger, offers a captivating glimpse of the High Plains Indians, who used flint from these quarries for making tools and weapons. Located next to Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. **(806) 857-3151**

## WILDCAT BLUFF NATURE CENTER

The Wildcat Bluff Nature Center has over 600 acres of rolling grasslands, huge cottonwood trees, a prairie dog town and a magnificent bluff, located just minutes from downtown Amarillo. Enjoy a trail hike, watch a wildlife show, or view one of many exhibits on the wildlife and culture of the Texas Panhandle. Open Tue-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun. Noon-5pm (closed Sun. 12/1-3/1) Located 3 miles north of I-40 on Loop 335, just west of Soncy Road. **(806) 352-6007 • [www.wildcatbluff.org](http://www.wildcatbluff.org)**

## BIG TEXAN STEAK RANCH, OPRY AND COWBOY PALACE

This world-renowned restaurant is famous for its 72-oz. steak. Eat it and all the trimmings in one hour, and it's FREE! (Every Tuesday night enjoy the Big Texan Opry featuring a variety of great country/western entertainers.) You can also enjoy concerts and musical shows in the Cowboy Palace.

I-40 East, exit Lakeside, 1 mile going west. Reservations required for the Opry & Cowboy Palace. Ask about the Big Texan Horse Hotel.

**(806) 372-7000**

**(800) 657-7177**

[www.bigtexan.com](http://www.bigtexan.com)



## WONDERLAND AMUSEMENT PARK

Home of the Texas Tornado, one of the top-rated, double-loop steel

roller coasters in the country. With 25 plus rides and 32 attractions, Wonderland Amusement Park offers fun, food and fabulous entertainment for the entire family Pay-one-price hand-stamps and group rates available. Open weekends March through September, week nights May 31 until school starts. **(800) 383-4712 • (806) 383-4712 • [www.wonderlandpark.com](http://www.wonderlandpark.com)**

## AMARILLO ZOO

Monkeys, lions & bears...oh my! Free admission.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 9:30am-5:30pm.

Located north on US 287 in Thompson Park. **(806) 381-7911**

## SHOPPING

*If shopping is your pleasure, you'll find a wide variety in Amarillo, from national retailers to regional and local boutiques.*

**Westgate Mall**, located at Interstate 40 and Soncy Road on the west side of Amarillo, is the regional retail hub with over 100 stores and restaurants.

**Wolfin Square & Wolfin Village**, both located south of Interstate 40 off of Georgia Street, are friendly, boutique style shopping centers with a wide variety of locally-owned specialty shops.

**Georgia Street Mall** at the intersection of 34th and Georgia Street features more than 150 craft booths all under one roof. **(806) 355-5658**

**Western Wear** from boots and jeans to saddles and spurs, Amarillo has what you want. From large chain retailers to small custom manufacturers, you can find all your duds in Amarillo.

**PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

From dinosaurs to conquistadors, you'll find it all in this, Texas' largest history museum, now expanded and renovated. Relive the stories of courage and hardship, victory and defeat over the past 14,000 years at the museum's newest exhibit, People of the Plains. Walk along the boardwalks of a life-size 1880's frontier town. View one of the Southwest's finest art collections or experience an exciting history of the petroleum industry. On 4th Avenue in Canyon, TX. (806) 651-2244 • [www.panhandleplains.org](http://www.panhandleplains.org)

**KWAHADI KIVA INDIAN MUSEUM**

This museum is geared to the preservation of the history of the Native Peoples of the Plains. Magnificent displays and art exhibits make this a jewel. Open Thur-Sun from September through May and Wed-Sun from June through August. Call for specific hours as well as a schedule of ceremonial dance performances and youth hostel reservations. Fee charged. 9151 I-40 East. (806) 335-3175 • [www.kwahadi.com](http://www.kwahadi.com)

**AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM**

**Closed for renovations starting in January 2006**, AQHA plans a major upgrade to its Hall of Fame and Museum facility showcasing the colorful history and modern activities of the world's most popular breed of horse. Museum offices and research library will remain open during the renovation. Call for renovation update. I-40 East at Quarter Horse Drive.

(806) 376-5181 • [www.aqha.com/foundation/museum](http://www.aqha.com/foundation/museum)

**AMARILLO MUSEUM OF ART**

A visual arts museum featuring a broad range of paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures and textiles from 20th Century American art to Southeast Asian treasures. Exhibitions change regularly. Free admission. Open Tue-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat & Sun 1-5pm, open until 9pm on Thursday. On the campus of Amarillo College at 2200 S. Van Buren.

(806) 371-5050 • [www.amarilloart.org](http://www.amarilloart.org)

**DON HARRINGTON DISCOVERY CENTER**

Explore, tinker, create and play your way through science at the Discovery Center—regardless of your age. There are over 55 hands-on exhibits, educational programs and the Space Theater with Digistar3 (1 of only 5 in the world). Also, the site of the Helium Monument, whose gleaming steel columns serve as a tribute to one of Amarillo's prevalent natural resources, helium. 1200 Streit Drive. Open Tuesday-Sunday, admission charged. (806) 355-9547 • [www.dhdc.org](http://www.dhdc.org)

**AMARILLO BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Newly expanded and renovated. Provides horticultural education with gardens, an exhibition gallery, lectures, workshops and hands-on opportunities for school children annually. Exhibits change regularly. The Bivins Tropical Conservatory opens early 2006. Open 10am-5pm weekdays. Admission free. 1400 Streit Drive, north of I-40 between Coulter and Bell St. Oct-Apr: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. May-Sept: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Sat-Sun 9am-5pm. Closed holidays. (806) 352-6513 • [www.amarillobotanicalgardens.org](http://www.amarillobotanicalgardens.org)

**AMARILLO OPERA**

Some of the world's most beloved operas performed in English by guest artists and a talented cast. For a schedule of performances call (806) 372-7464 • [www.amarilloopera.org](http://www.amarilloopera.org)

**AMARILLO SYMPHONY** - Delighting audiences since 1924.  
(806) 376-8782 • [www.amarillosymphony.org](http://www.amarillosymphony.org)

**AMARILLO LITTLE THEATRE**

One of the oldest continuously performing community theatres in the United States, 2019 Civic Circle.

(806) 355-9991 • [www.amarillolittletheatre.org](http://www.amarillolittletheatre.org)

**THE LONE STAR BALLET**

Presents a full season of local and guest performances each year. (806) 372-2463 • [www.lonestarballet.org](http://www.lonestarballet.org)

**POINTS OF INTEREST****HOOFPRIENTS of the American Quarter Horse**

Now it has come full circle and HOOFPRIENTS has become a community-wide public art project celebrating the history and spirit of the American Quarter Horse. With over ninety in place and plans for more, you will find the life-size horses used as a canvas by local artists and sponsored by local businesses, filling our streets with colorful, artistic sculptures.

(806) 372-6744 • [www.downtownamarillo.org](http://www.downtownamarillo.org)

**ROCK ISLAND RAIL TRAIL**

Nearly 4 miles of improved trail from 7th and Crockett in downtown Amarillo to Coulter Dr. near the Medical Center. It is ideal for walking, running, biking or exercising a pet. The trail is named for the Rock Island Line, the famed railroad that operated along this trail in the early 1900s.

(806) 378-9397 • [www.amarilloparks.org](http://www.amarilloparks.org)

**CADILLAC RANCH**

The world's only! Ten Cadillacs buried nose down in a field at the same angle as the Cheops Pyramid. Exit 60, Arnot Road on the south side of I-40.

**CAL FARLEY'S BOYS RANCH**

A 10,700-acre working ranch for boys and girls. Includes Old Tascosa, Boothill Cemetery and a museum. Features a thrilling youth rodeo each Labor Day weekend. Thirty-five miles northwest of Amarillo on Hwy 385. (806) 372-2341 • [www.calfarleysboysranch.org](http://www.calfarleysboysranch.org)

**TEXAS PANHANDLE WAR MEMORIAL**

This memorial, located at I-27 and Georgia Street next to the Randall County Annex is a tribute to all the men and women of the Texas Panhandle who answered the call to duty.

**AMARILLO SKATE PARK**

Located in John Stiff Memorial Park near 45th and Bell Streets. Amarillo's newest recreation facility is the 10,000 sq ft Skate Park, featuring a 20-foot diameter pipe. Open from sunrise to sunset - free admission. (806) 378-4290

## ROUTE 66 HISTORIC DISTRICT

Over one mile of antiques and collectibles await the visitor to Old San Jacinto, one of the city's first residential and business districts, located along historic Route 66. Buildings that once housed theaters, cafes and drug stores are now quaint antique, craft and specialty shops. Some unique dining experiences are also available. On 6th Avenue between Georgia and Western Streets.

## LLANO CEMETERY

2900 S. Hayes. Officially started in 1890, the cemetery has always been Amarillo's principal burying ground. Most of the city's prominent pioneer families were laid to rest here.

## "MADAM QUEEN"

2nd & Lincoln Street. The only (prototype) 2-10-2 "Texas type" locomotive 5000, especially built for the Plains Division of the Santa Fe Railroad in 1930. The locomotive's name was derived from an imaginary character on the Amos & Andy show.

## POLK STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

These two blocks of Polk Street, between 15th and 17th, were developed between 1905 and 1915 and are considered the finest stretch of historic residential neighborhood. Once the most elegant street in the city, the district includes the Harrington House, Lee Bivins House, J.D. Shuford House, Doheny-Masterson House, Shelton-Houghton House, Galbraith House, Eakle House and Early House.

**POTTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE** - Built in 1932, the neo-classical courthouse is the centerpiece of a group of fine structures. 500 S. Fillmore.

**CHASE TOWER** - Downtown, at the corner of Tyler and 7th Streets. It is the tallest building between Fort Worth and Denver.

## SANTA FE BUILDING

Downtown, at the corner of Polk and 9th Streets. Built 1928-1930 as regional headquarters for the Santa Fe Railway, this is the last and best of Amarillo's skyscrapers built in the 1930s. Recently refurbished, the building re-opened in August 2000 as Potter County offices and it reigns once again as an Amarillo landmark. In the future, an extensive railroad museum may be added.

## SPORTS AND FACILITIES

### AMARILLO DILLAS

Returning in 2006, the Amarillo Dillas will once again bring professional baseball to the area. As members of United League Baseball, the Dillas are one of six teams playing in this, the newest independent baseball league in the US. Other teams include Alexandria, LA, and Edinburg, Laredo, Rio Grande Valley, and San Angelo, TX. Dillas home games will be in Potter County Memorial Stadium (aka The Dilla Villa), located on the north end of Amarillo's Tri-State Fairgrounds. The summer schedule will stretch from May 30

through August 23. For schedule and ticket information call **(806) 342-0400**. [www.amarillodillasbaseball.com](http://www.amarillodillasbaseball.com)

### AMARILLO DUSTERS

The Amarillo Dusters moved up to the AF2 league in 2005! This developmental indoor league for the National Football League has over 20 teams across the country. The Dusters play their home games in the Amarillo Civic Center Coliseum from April through July. **(806) 322-PASS** • [www.dustersfootball.com](http://www.dustersfootball.com)

### AMARILLO CIVIC CENTER & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

This state of the art facility is located in downtown Amarillo. Easy access to Interstates 27 and 40. The Amarillo Civic Center is an excellent choice for conventions, meetings, concerts and special events. The 340,000 square foot complex contains a variety of multipurpose areas including a 4,870 fixed seat coliseum, over 50,000 sq ft of exhibit halls, 20,000 sq ft ballroom and an auditorium with 2,324 seats and fully equipped stage. **(806) 378-3096** • [www.panhandletickets.com](http://www.panhandletickets.com) or **(806) 378-4297** • [www.civicamarillo.com](http://www.civicamarillo.com). Visitor Information Center at entrance #2 on Buchanan Street, **(806) 374-VISIT**.

### ROUTE 66 MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The Texas Panhandle's newest and most up-to-date racing facility, featuring IMCA Modified, Super Stock and Street car racing every Saturday night, April through September. Features a 3/8-mile, high-banked clay oval track and snack and souvenir shop. **(806) 383-7223**

### AMARILLO GORILLAS

Amarillo's professional hockey team plays in the Central Hockey League, bringing the excitement of pro hockey to the Panhandle. The Gorillas take the ice at the Amarillo Civic Center from mid-October through late March. **(806) 242-7825** • [www.amarilogorillas.com](http://www.amarilogorillas.com)

### AMARILLO NATIONAL CENTER

The Amarillo National Center, located on the Tri-State Fairgrounds, is the newest facility in Amarillo for equestrian events. It includes 5,000 permanent seats, a 150' x 300' multi-purpose dirt floor and special facilities to handle livestock. 5,000 temporary seats can be placed on the floor of the facility. From rodeos and equestrian events to tractor pulls, agriculture shows and concerts, the options are endless. Everything you'll need is in one place! **(806) 376-7767** • [www.amarillonationalcenter.net](http://www.amarillonationalcenter.net)

### GLOBE-NEWS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The highlight of 2006 in Amarillo is the January grand opening of the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts. The world-class performing arts palace will feature a 1,200-seat auditorium and a soaring, multi-tiered lobby. It will be home to the opera, symphony and ballet and a variety of special events and concerts. **(806) 374-8288** • [www.globenewscenter.com](http://www.globenewscenter.com)