

BEAUMONT

Welcome to Beaumont

TEXAS WITH A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA.



The Cajuns call it Lagniappe - meaning "a little something extra." And that pretty much describes Beaumont. We are still pure Texas, but at the same time, our bayou roots make us a combination of two colorful cultures. From two stepping to Zydeco, enjoying scrumptious enchiladas, spicy-hot boiled crawfish or checking out museums specializing in everything from art to energy. Beaumont's definitely got a Texas-sized portion of Lagniappe! And we'd love to share it with you. Here is a brief snapshot of the varied and diverse attractions that draw crowds and keep them coming back!




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Downtown Beaumont

Crockett Street, a premiere, downtown entertainment district, offers an expansive array of food, live music and dancing in one centrally located and highly charged area. Restaurants include: Texas Star Bar and Grill, Hog Wild, Spindletop Restaurant and Rio Rita's Cantina. A wide variety of nightlife creates an assortment of musical styles ranging from the blues to a traditional Texas two-step. Antone's, Bobbie McGee's, Black Cat Lounge and the Dixie Dance Hall each deliver an inviting and unique atmosphere to make your evening a memorable one.

Crockett Street is an ideal entertainment district because of its accessibility and central location. Its leading edge trend in downtown revitalization and development of historic areas create a wonderful chance to experience the best of Beaumont. Located next to the Art Museum of Southeast Texas and in walking distance of the Texas Energy Museum and Fire Museum of Texas, you can visit the museums, enjoy a wonderful meal and dance the night away in one of Crockett Street's many restaurants and clubs.

Art & Culture:

Southeast Texas is full of places and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present.



That makes our area a prime cultural heritage tourism site, offering unique historic, cultural, art, and natural destinations for bus tours, families, and seasonal travelers.

Jefferson Theatre

Experience fabulous shows in a beautiful, nostalgic setting. After a \$6.5 million restoration, this grand theatre is once again full of life. Built in 1927, this breathtaking theatre was one of the first "cultural gems" in downtown Beaumont. It is featured on the National Register of Historic Places and was recently named "Best Restoration in Texas."

The Symphony of Southeast Texas

The oldest and largest cultural arts organization in Southeast Texas, The Symphony and its Symphony League enrich the community through Master Series and Pops concerts, Youth Concerts, educational events and community outreach.

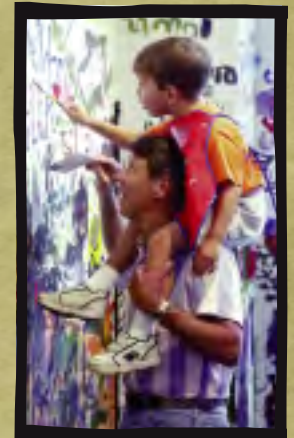
The Fire Museum of Texas



Tour the official fire museum for the State of Texas. This landmark holds a wealth of fire fighting history and is a perfect place for children to learn the basics of fire safety, see vintage fire fighting equipment, and get to sit in the driver's seat of a real fire truck! The Fire Museum is the home of the original World's Largest Fire Hydrant.

Art Museum of Southeast Texas

Enjoy national touring exhibits, view inspiring permanent collections, displays and more! Kids can learn about art with special hands on activities!



Texas Energy Museum

Explore a world-class museum and fascinating place for people of all ages to learn about energy - where it comes

from and how we turn it into materials that are usable. Its newest interactive experience shrinks you to the size of a hydrogen molecule and allows you to navigate a tanker barge down the Neches River -- in real time.

Classic Beaumont Attractions

John Jay French Historical Home & Museum

Glimpse into daily life of the 19th century at Beaumont's oldest home-
stead.



Constructed in 1845, the house is treasured for its collection of period furnishings and original family possessions, an

operating blacksmith shop and tannery.

McFaddin-Ward House

The beautiful McFaddin-Ward House Museum tells of the eclectic style of one family for over 50 years. Built in 1906, this Beaux Arts colonial structure contains three full floors of beautifully decorated rooms and treasures. The house has all of its original furniture including styles ranging from Colonial to Rococo Revival.



Shopping & Antiques

Parkdale Mall is home to all your favorite stores like Dillard's, Foley's, JCPenney's, Sears, and Old Navy, not to mention other great shops like American Eagle, Limited Too, Abercrombie & Fitch, Buckle, Gap and Gymboree.

Parkdale Mall has over 140 fabulous stores and eateries making it truly a total shopping experience.

Looking for something truly unique? Spend the afternoon hunting for antique treasures in Old Town on the Calder Shopping Corridor or in downtown's all-new Market On Orleans. Want something artsy made in Beaumont? Check out The Art Studio, Inc., for one-of-a-kind gifts made by local artists.

Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum

The Cradle of the Petroleum Age! Learn about the Lucas Gusher that blew in at Spindletop in 1901. Relive the excitement at the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum. Experience the true wildcatter spirit of another era when you see the gusher really blow! Walk through an actual reconstructed boomtown, complete with authentic clapboard buildings, artifacts and oil derricks.

The Edison Museum

Celebrate the unique personality and drive of Thomas Alva Edison at the Edison Museum where over 1400 Edison artifacts are stored. Listen to Edison's first recording and his favorite song and tap out Morris code on the machine Edison invented. Photographs and quotes decorate the walls and over 60 artifacts tell the story of this innovative man. The Edison Museum is housed in the 1929 Travis Street Substation that once supplied power to farms in the Beaumont area. Feel the presence of greatness, determination and success at the only museum this side of the Mississippi dedicated to Thomas Alva Edison.

Lamar University

Part of the Texas State University System, LU Pride can be felt throughout Beaumont.

Visitors are invited to take a stroll around beautifully manicured

campus grounds or visit on-campus museums and the Dishman Art Gallery.



Outdoor Adventures

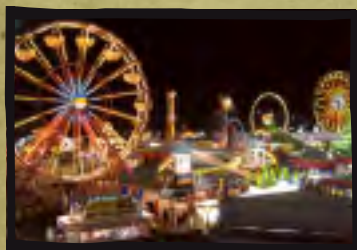
Southeast Texas' subtropical climate translates to year-round outdoor fun.

Beaumont is a part of the Great Texas Birding Trail and your gateway to the Big Thicket National Preserve, a 97,000 acre international biosphere that boasts a rare ecosystem of plant and animal life. It is a mecca to scientists, birders, and nature lovers all over the world. Visitors enjoy hiking, canoeing, birding, swimming, and fishing!



Swamp Tours with Adventures 2000+

Take a professionally guided swamp tour with the best guide in Texas! See wild gators, soaring eagles, cannibalistic indian sites and haunting ship graveyards from a fast and quiet boat.



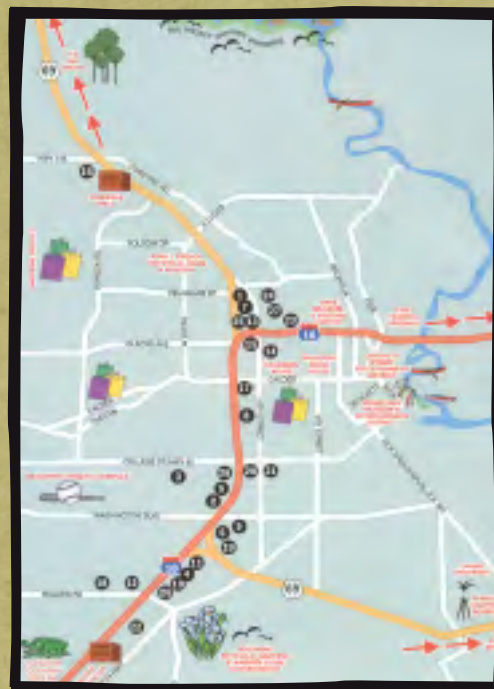
Ford Park

Located on the western edge of Beaumont, this multi-use entertainment complex boasts five different venues, including a

9,500 seat Arena, 48,000 sq ft Exhibit Hall, and Pavilion, which is the largest outdoor amphitheater in Texas. Located right along I-10, Ford Park is the perfect spot to see a multitude of special events such as rodeos, softball tournaments, concerts, and even our South Texas State Fair. Ford Arena is home to the Texas Wildcatters Professional Hockey Team. Ford Pavilion has a capacity of 18,000, and hosts major concerts with entertainment from both local artists and world renowned acts. For a calendar of events, go to:

www.fordparktx.com.

Beaumont is conveniently located in Southeast Texas on Interstate 10 near the Texas / Louisiana border and is only 90 miles east of Houston. Beaumont is a "hub city," and you can plan to get here by car, boat, or by air service through the nearby Southeast Texas Regional Airport (BPT).



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