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Visitor Guide 2018



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Halfway between Austin and Houston is a place full of Texas history and unexpected discoveries. You can travel into the past, enjoy the local wines, get tasty treats at Blue Bell Creameries and search for hidden treasures while geocaching. Here, you'll experience just about everything, except boredom.



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Brenham

Explore the streets of historic downtown Brenham featuring an array of antiques and specialty shops, as well as a variety of Texas-inspired dining, lodging and historic sites. Home of Blue Bell Creameries and Blinn College, Brenham is the central hub of Washington County providing access to arts & culture, nightlife and more than 40 bed and breakfasts.

Burton

Home of the Texas Cotton Gin Museum offering guided tours of the region's historic 1914 Burton Farmers Gin. The Burton Railroad Depot will transport you back to the 1870s when the Houston and Texas Central Railroad stopped there. Mt. Zion Cemetery, located on the scenic Independence Trail, honors settlers including Texas Ranger Captain Leander McNelly.

Chappell Hill

A tiny town with big fun! Chappell Hill hosts the largest festivals in Washington County - the official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas each April and the Strawberry Festival in October. The local museum illustrates the region's history with fascinating exhibits and artifacts.

Independence

Originally named Coles Settlement after Texas Judge John P. Coles in 1837, it was later renamed in honor of Texas' declaration of freedom from Mexico. Several historic sites are available for tours. Baylor University was founded in 1856 and moved to Waco in 1886, but some of its ruins still stand surrounded by a peaceful park ideal for picnics, photographs and wildflower enjoyment.

Washington

A must stop for any Texan historian! Explore Washington on the Brazos Historic Site, where the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico was created and signed. Exhibits in the Visitor Center bring the Republic to life. The 290-acre site also offers hiking trails and picnic areas, award-winning Star of the Republic Museum and Barrington Living History Farm where costumed interpreters demonstrate skills from that era.

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