



Everything Within Reach

# Culture Leisure Time Recreation

Hillsboro’s convenient location, on Interstate 35, at the I-35 split south of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and north of Waco, combines the charm and relaxed lifestyle of a historic small town and its surrounding rural area, with convenient access to the world-class amenities of neighboring metropolitan communities. It can truly be said that Hillsboro provides a central location from which “everything is within reach.”

As the County Seat of Hill County, Hillsboro has historically been the County’s center of business, trade, and education. As such, it features a pleasant mix of services, hotels, shopping, dining, visitor attractions, historic districts, and the energy of an outstanding community college.

A nice selection of rural recreational activities can be reached nearby. As a Texas Lakes Trail destination, the City serves as a gateway to nearby Lake Whitney and Lake Whitney State Park, where water sports, camping, and other outdoor activities abound. Private guest ranches and farms in the County offer other options, such as corporate retreat facilities, hunting, horseback riding, Brazos river floats, boat rentals, four-wheeling, and motor cross competition tracks.

And yet, Hillsboro’s location, within an hour to the city centers of Dallas or Fort Worth or 30 minutes to the city center of Waco, means residents and visitors can easily reach urban attractions and amenities, to include professional sports, dozens of museums and art galleries, performing arts, shopping, dining, and the activities associated with major universities.

We invite you to experience this unique combination of small town hospitality and rural recreation, conveniently located within an easy drive of world-class metropolitan amenities.

### Hospitality for Overnight or Extended Stay

As a convenient stopping point for I-35 travelers before entering, or after leaving, the Dallas/Fort Worth area, Hillsboro features national hotel and motel accommodations, as well as historical B&Bs. Nearby on Lake Whitney, resorts and campgrounds provide visitors and local residence with rurally-oriented relaxation and recreational opportunity.

Hotels/Motels/B&B		Lake Resorts/Lodges
Best Western	Comfort Inn	Arrowhead Resort
Comfort Suites	Days Inn	Redwood Lodge Resort & Conference Center
Hampton Inn	Holiday Inn Express	W. B. Ranch Resort
La Quinta	Motel 6	WhiteBluff Resort
Super 8 Motel		Recreational Vehicle Parks
1895 Tarlton House B&B		North Texas Airstream Community

## Shopping & Dining

For I-35 travelers, Hillsboro is well known for its buzzing I-35 Commercial Corridor – name brand outlet stores at the Outlets at Hillsboro, a nice selection of national chain family-style restaurants, fast food options, other travel-oriented services, and a conveniently located Super Wal-Mart.

For the traveler with a bit more time or interest in leaving I-35, it's worth the while to venture into the nearby historic downtown district for a unique selection of locally-owned restaurants, antiques, gift shops, and more.

## Festivals, Fairs, and Forums

Hillsboro, as the Hill County seat, hosts a full calendar of seasonal events through out the year.

Hill County Fair & Livestock Show - January

National Night Out – City Park - August

Roadside America/Elm Street Rod Run – September

County Wide Women's Forum – November

Late Bloomers July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade - July

Renaissance Fair - Summer

Go Texas/Cotton Pickin Fair - September

Downtown Christmas Parade - December

*Outlets at Hillsboro hosts:*

*Hillsboro Antique Show – New Event Spring 2010*

*Cinco D' Mayo Celebration – May*

*Fireworks Display - July*

## Visual and Performing Arts,

### Music Venues

For changing exhibits and venues, local options include:

**Burson Gallery – Not Made in China Exhibit**

**Stage One in Whitney – Live Theater**

**Vara Martin Performing Arts – Music & Theater Series**

**Willie's Place @ Carl's Corner – Country & Rock Music**

**1895 Tarlton House B&B - Murder Mystery Weekends**

## Outdoor Recreation

**Wallace Park**

**Old City Park**

**Locus Grove Park**

**Hillsboro Country Club**

**Hillsboro Municipal Airport**

**Lake Whitney State Park**

**Lake Aquilla Reservoir**

**White Bluff Resort**

**WB Ranch Resort & Conference Center**

**McCownValley Equestrian Trail Ride &**

**Campground**

Many outdoor recreational choices depending on your lifestyle. Also on whether you prefer to stay close to home or venture to the nearby Lake Whitney area. You can find any one of these in the general area:

**Skydiving**

**Water Sports**

**Four Wheeling**

**Tubing**

**Camping**

**Motor Cross**

**Golf**

**Clay Shooting**

**Horse Back Riding**

**Picnicking**

**Team Building Sports**

*There are several smaller neighborhood pocket parks located throughout Hillsboro for families to enjoy.*

### Sporting Events and Associations

Participate in or support the athletic endeavors sponsored by the public schools, college, and private non-profit associations.

<b>Hillsboro Sports Association</b>	<b>Hill College Intercollegiate Sports</b>
<b>Hillsboro ISD Sports</b>	<b>West Rodeo Association</b>
<b>State Sanctioned Motor Cross Competition</b>	

### Museums - Military, State, & Local History

**Confederate Research Center & Texas Heritage Museum - Hill College Campus**

**Hill County Cell Block Museum - Downtown Hillsboro**

*Texas Archival information and exhibits of Military artifacts from the Civil War era.*

*See local history on display in Downtown Hillsboro.*

### Preservation & Heritage

With the help of many in the community, including private and public re-investment, preservation of structures lines our business districts and residential streets. The Hillsboro Preservation Commission is comprised of local leaders and professionals who care about keeping the history preserved through architecture. The city alone has over 500 structures qualifying for historical recognition.

*Some of these buildings have a long history of business use and are conveniently located in the Commercial Business District also known as the Downtown Main Street area.*

<b>Historic City Hall and Fire Station</b>	<b>Old Rock Saloon</b>	<b>Grimes Garage</b>
<b>Hillsboro City Library</b>	<b>Majestic Theater</b>	<b>Citizens National Bank</b>
<b>Hill County Courthouse</b>	<b>Johnson’s Cleaners</b>	<b>Hillsboro MKT Depot</b>
<b>T B Bond Drug Store</b>	<b>Gebhardt’s Bakery</b>	<b>Texas Theater</b>
<b>Cole Ford Building</b>	<b>Opera House</b>	<b>Old Corner Gulf/Herring Motors</b>

*Hillsboro is home to two museums which house private collections. One contains 50 plus years of advertising memorabilia and the other museum houses a collections of personal items belonging many of our Texas born music legends.*

**Roadside America Museum      Texas Musicians Museum**

Two other important preservation entities are:

**Hill County Genealogical Society**  
**Heritage League of Hillsboro**

**Community Opportunities**

Hillsboro offers a multitude of special interest, civic, and social organizations involved in the local community.

<b>Youth</b>	<b>Boy Scouts of America</b>	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>
	<b>Girl Scouts of America</b>	
	<b>Go Texas Youth Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>Hill County 4H Club</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>Healthy Woman Hill Regional Hospital</b>	<b>United Way of Hillsboro</b>
	<b>AgriLife Education Programs</b>	<b>Relay For Life Campaign</b>
<b>Conservation</b>	<b>Paw Pals of Hill County Inc</b>	<b>Ducks Unlimited</b>
<b>Professional Networking</b>	<b>Lions Club</b>	<b>Rotary Club</b>

**Senior Citizens**

Hillsboro continues to draw educated and skilled retirees to the area because of the small town atmosphere. Many return because this is where they were “born and raised” and move back to be close to their family. The city sports an active and health conscience retirement age population. A few of the many organizations directly focused on our senior citizens are:

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| <b>Senior Circle of Hill Regional Hospital</b> | <b>Meals On Wheels Program</b> |
| <b>Hill County Senior Citizens Association</b> | <b>Hill County AARP Board</b>  |