



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 downtown & residential areas, 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 Whitney Resorts/Lodges
Best Western	Comfort Inn	Arrowhead Resort
Comfort Suites	Days Inn	Cherokee Village Resort
Hampton Inn	Holiday Inn Express	Lake Whitney Marine @ Juniper Cove
La Quinta	Motel 6	Redwood Lodge Resort & Conference Center
Super 8 Motel	Thunderbird Motel	W. B. Ranch Resort
Carr Motel	1895 Tarlton House B&B	White Bluff Resort

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 area for a unique selection of locally-owned restaurants, antiques, gift shops, and more.

Festivals, Fairs, and Forums

Hillsboro, as the Hill County seat, is home to many seasonal events throughout the year.

Hill County Fair & Livestock Show - January	Preservation Awards Dinner - April
FCCU Annual Jamboree City Park - June	Late Bloomers July 4 th Parade - July
National Night Out – City Park - August	Middlefaire – Spring/Summer
Elm Street Rod Run – September	Cotton Pickin Fair - September
Waggin' Trail Bike Ride - September	County Wide Women's Forum – November
Downtown Christmas Parade - December	
<i>Outlets at Hillsboro hosts:</i>	
<i>Healthy Women Monthly Meetings HRH</i>	<i>Hillsboro Antique Show –March</i>
<i>Cinco D' Mayo Celebration – May</i>	<i>Antiques & Craft Christmas Bazaar - November</i>

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	Motor Cross
Water Sports	Golf
Four Wheeling	Clay Shooting
Tubing	Horse Back Riding
Camping	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.

Hillsboro Sports Association	Hill College Intercollegiate Sports
Hillsboro ISD Sports	West Rodeo Association
State Sanctioned Motor Cross Competition	

Museums - Military, State, & Local History

Confederate Research Center & Texas Heritage Museum - Hill College Campus

Medal of Honor Memorial – Native Born Texans – Hill College Campus

Hill County Cell Block Museum - Downtown Hillsboro

Texas Military Archival Information and Exhibits of Military Artifacts from the Civil War era.

See local history on display in Downtown Hillsboro.

Preservation & Heritage

Hillsboro carries a strong preservation desire among its residents and downtown property owners. With the help of many in the community, including private and public re-investment, the streets in several residential areas and in the downtown area still contain many homes and commercial buildings built during Hillsboro’s golden age of railroad. The Hillsboro Preservation Commission is comprised of local leaders and professionals who care about keeping the history preserved through designating Historic Districts and Landmarks to ensure these structures remain for many years to come.

The Commercial Business District in downtown Hillsboro is home to many historical buildings.

Historic City Hall - 1909	Old Rock Saloon - 1876	Grimes Garage – 1918
Hillsboro City Library - 1913	Majestic Theater - 1895	Citizens National Bank - 1888
Hill County Courthouse - 1891/1993	Gebhardt’s Bakery- 1905	Hillsboro MKT Depot - 1892
T B Bond Drug Store - 1886	Smith Tomlinson Building – 1896	J Levy Opera House - 1894
Farmers National Bank - 1887	WH Ellington Building - 1881	Hill County Jail - 1893

*Hillsboro is home to three private collections of nostalgia and can these can be toured via private appointment. Fifty plus years of advertising memorabilia are housed in the **Roadside America Museum**; business & personal items of Texas born music legends can be seen at the **Texas Musicians Museum**; Cadillacs and memorabilia are on display at the first automobile gas station in Hill County, **Grimes Garage**.*

Three other important preservation entities are:

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

Community Opportunities

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

Youth	Boy Scouts of America	Boys & Girls Club
	Girl Scouts of America	Hill County 4H Club
	Go Texas Youth Scholarship Fund	
Health	Healthy Woman Hill Regional Hospital	United Way of Hillsboro
	AgriLife Education Programs	Relay For Life Campaign
Conservation	Paw Pals of Hill County Inc	Ducks Unlimited
	Hill County Habitat For Humanity	
Professional Networking	Lions Club	Rotary Club
Women	Les Caucus	Sesame Club

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 family. The city sports an active and health conscience retirement age population. Below are a few of the many organizations directly focused on our senior citizens.

Senior Circle of Hill Regional Hospital	Meals On Wheels Program
Hill County Senior Citizens Association	Hill County AARP Board