



## Recreation and Leisure

Hillsboro’s convenient location, on Interstate 35, at the I-35 split south of the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and north of Waco, offers the charm, relaxed pace, history, and fun of a small town in a rural setting, all within a short drive of 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.”

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## **Area-Wide Events**

<b>January</b>	Hill County Fair & Livestock Show – Hill County Fairgrounds
<b>March</b>	Hillsboro Antique Show – Outlets at Hillsboro Mall
<b>April</b>	Historic Preservation Awards Dinner – Downtown Hillsboro
<b>May</b>	Cinco De Mayo Celebration – Outlets at Hillsboro Mall Relay for Life – Hill County Waggin’ Trail Bike Ride – Hill County Tri Hillsboro Triathlon – Hill County
<b>June</b>	FCCU Annual Jamboree – Hillsboro City Park
<b>July</b>	Late Bloomers July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade – Hillsboro Historic Neighborhoods NRA Rodeo - West
<b>September</b>	Westfest - West Cotton Pickin’ Fair – Downtown Hillsboro Elm Street Rod Run – Downtown Hillsboro Pioneer Days - Whitney Waggin’ Trail Bike Ride – Hill County
<b>November</b>	Antiques & Craft Christmas Bazaar – Outlets at Hillsboro Mall County Wide Women’s Forum – Hill Regional Hospital Shopping Extravaganza – Outlets at Hillsboro Mall
<b>December</b>	Christmas Parade and Holiday Lights – Downtown Hillsboro

## **Community Organizations**

AgriLife Education Programs	Les Causeuses
Boy Scouts of America	Lion’s Club
Boys & Girls Club	Meals on Wheels Program
Ducks Unlimited	Monday Review Club
Girl Scouts of America	Optimist Club
Go Texas Youth Scholarship Fund	Paw Pals of Hill County Inc.
Hill County AARP Board	Relay for Life Campaign
Hill County 4H Club	Rotary Club
Hill County Habitat For Humanity	Senior Circle of Hill Regional Hospital
Hill County Senior Citizens Assoc.	Sesame Club
Hillsboro Interfaith Ministry	United Way of Hillsboro
Hillsboro ISD Foundation	

## **Lodging**

<b>Hillsboro Hotels/Motels/B&amp;B</b>		<b>Lake Whitney Resorts/Lodges</b>
Best Western	Comfort Inn	Arrowhead Resort
Comfort Suites	Days Inn	Cherokee Village Resort

Hampton Inn	Holiday Inn Express	Lake Whitney Marine at Juniper Cove
LaQuinta Inn	Motel 6	Redwood Lodge Resort & Conf. Center
Super 8 Motel	Thunderbird Motel	W. B. Ranch Resort
Carr Motel		White Bluff Resort

### **Outdoor Recreation Facilities**

Hillsboro Country Club - golf  
Hillsboro Municipal Airport – skydiving  
Hillsboro Old City Park – picnic, playground, sports, walking trail  
Lake Whitney State Park – camping, water sports, hiking  
Lake Aquilla Reservoir – fishing  
Locus Grove Park – picnic, playground, sports  
McCownValley Equestrian Trail Ride & Campground – equestrian trails  
Wallace Park – athletic complex, walking trail  
WB Ranch Resort & Conference Center – archery, sporting clays, river access, exotic animals, conference center, dining, horseback riding  
White Bluff Resort – golf, marina, conference center, hotel, dining

### **Preservation & Heritage**

Hillsboro was established as the County seat when Hill County was created in 1853. It served as a trade center for the extensive cotton growing operations in the area, and experienced a building boom from the 1880s through the early 1900s. That boom left it with an impressive collection of commercial and residential structures from that period, many of which are still in use.

Today, Hillsboro is located on Interstate 35 and has a well-diversified economy. Even so, the City treasures its past, and works to honor it through preservation of its historic buildings and homes, and through museums and collections.

### **Museums & Private Collections**

Confederate Research Center & Texas Heritage Museum - Hill College Campus  
Hill County Cell Block Museum - Downtown Hillsboro  
Medal of Honor Memorial – Native Born Texans – Hill College Campus  
Private Collections (tours by appointment)

- Grimes Garage - Cadillacs and era-memorabilia on display at the first automobile gas station in Hill County
- Roadside America Museum - Fifty plus years of advertising memorabilia

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### **Shopping & Dining**

I-35 Commercial Corridor – name brand outlet stores at the Outlets at Hillsboro, national-chain family-style restaurants, a dozen fast food options, travel services, and a conveniently located Super Wal-Mart.

Historic Downtown - locally-owned restaurants, antiques, gift shops

### **Sports Associations**

Hillsboro Sports Association

Hill College Intercollegiate Sports

Hillsboro ISD Sports

West Rodeo Association

### **Texas Lakes Trail Designation**

Hillsboro, which is designated by the State as a “Texas Lakes Trail” destination, serves as a gateway to nearby Lake Whitney and Lake Whitney State Park, where water sports, camping, and other outdoor activities abound. Nearby guest ranches and resorts offer additional recreational options, to include corporate retreat facilities, marinas, golf, hunting, horseback riding, Brazos River floats, four-wheeling, and sporting clays.

### **Visual and Performing Arts Venues**

- Burson Gallery – (Hillsboro) rotating exhibits
- Stage One – (Whitney) live theater
- Vara Martin Performing Arts – (Hill College in Hillsboro) music & theater series

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