



# Lubbock, TX



Lubbock, Texas, was named for Thomas S. Lubbock, a former Texas Ranger and Confederate officer. The Lubbock Lake Landmark, which was discovered in the 1930's, contains evidence of almost 12,000 years of occupation of the area from ancient to modern times.

Museums in Lubbock include the Buddy Holly Center, which preserves the legacy of Buddy Holly and the music of Lubbock and West Texas and provides exhibits on contemporary visual arts and music. The Silent Wings Museum collects artifacts from the World War II Glider Pilot Program. Windmills are the focus of the American Wind Power Center. The American Museum of Agriculture exhibits restored tractors and other farm machinery. The Science Spectrum Museum has an OMNI Theater. The Museum of Texas Tech University consists of the main museum building, with collections in the arts, humanities, and the sciences; the Moody Planetarium; the Natural Science Research Laboratory; and the Lubbock Lake Landmark. Texas Tech University also houses the National Ranching Heritage Center.

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center hosts Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Ballet Lubbock, concerts, arts festivals, dance performances, and family entertainment. The Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts' nine buildings provide office and studio space to the South Plains Foundation, Llano Estacado Clay Guide, West Texas Watercolor Society, El Ballet Folklorico Nuestra Herencia, the Lubbock Figure Drawing Group, and the Charles Adams Studio Project. Cactus Theater hosts concerts and theater performances. The Lubbock Community Theatre and C.A.T.S. Playhouse produce community theater. City Bank Auditorium hosts a Broadway series. The Charles Maedgen Jr. Theatre and the Allen Theatre, on the campus of Texas Tech University, present concerts, dance performances, and theatrical performances.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Condominium and rental units in the upper floors of converted office buildings and a hotel are available in downtown Lubbock.

Construction of the Bobalet Heights and Tanglewood neighborhoods, which are located inside Loop 289, a highway that circles the city, began during the 1940's and 1950's. Large ranch-style houses are situated on large lots; many Bobalet homes have stables. The Rushland Park neighborhood began development in the 1970; it features quiet streets, large trees, and mostly ranch-style homes that were custom built by various builders. Development of the Lakeridge neighborhood began in the late 1970's. This large neighborhood is a planned unit development, has homes in many styles and sizes, and features a golf course.

Newer neighborhoods include the Falls, where construction began in 2005, which is surrounded by a 10-foot high brick wall. This was the first Lubbock neighborhood built without alleys. Houses are on large lots. Construction of Orchard Park began in 2009. Orchard Park homes feature brick with stone façade, an open-concept interior design, and low-maintenance yards. Among the 40 subdivisions currently under construction, Vintage Township is a mixed-use development consisting of residential, commercial, open-space, and civic elements.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Lubbock has more than 75 parks that offer playgrounds, walking tracks, tennis courts, volleyball and basketball courts, ball fields, playa lakes, skate parks, specialty playgrounds, a BMX track, two disc golf courses, an equestrian trail, bird blinds, and fishing docks. The city also has five community centers, five senior centers, and the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center.

Mackenzie State Recreation Area is the site of the American Museum of Agriculture; the American Wind Power Center; Joyland Amusement Park, which has rides and attractions; Meadowbrook Golf Course, which has two 18-hole golf courses and a driving range; Prairie Dog Town, a protected prairie dog colony; and Wells Fargo Amphitheatre, which hosts Lubbock Moonlight Musicals in the summer.

McAlister Park offers a BMX track, bird blinds; the Cavazos Athletic Complex; 3 baseball fields; a disc golf course; horseshoe pits; a playa; a skate park, a 4 × 4/Hummer track; trails; and the Legacy Play Village. Clapp Park features the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum and Safety City, which educates children about the rules of pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety.

## EDUCATION

The Lubbock Independent School District educates 28,790 students in 35 elementary, 9 middle, and 4 high schools. The Talkington School for Young Women Leaders is a middle and high school for girls. Magnet programs are offered in exemplary academics; expressive, creative, multi-media and fine arts; science and technology; communications; high technology; law; medicine; engineering professions; and a math and science academy. The Advanced Technology Center provides instruction in computer operations and programming, iron and wood construction, and automotive technology. The district also operates alternative schools for students with special issues.

The Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District also serves a portion of the city. This district operates 4 elementary, 2 middle, and 1 high school.

Texas Tech University is a major research university that offers undergraduate, master, and doctoral degree programs and a school of law. Lubbock Christian University is a private, Christian university that offers bachelor and master degree programs. Wayland Baptist University-Lubbock Campus offers degree programs at the associate, bachelor, and master level. South Plains College is a comprehensive, two-year community college that operates two branch locations in Lubbock.

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center campus in Lubbock has schools of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, allied health services, and biomedical sciences.

## HEALTH CARE

Lubbock's hospitals have more than 15,000 licensed beds and include two children's hospitals and a dedicated heart hospital. The city is also served by a long-term acute care facility and a facility that provides physical rehabilitation and behavioral health services.

### CITY STATS

**2010**

City Population	229,573
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	284,890
Per Capita Personal Income, Lubbock, TX, MSA	\$34,310