

GONZALES VISITOR GUIDE



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COME & TAKE IT

Experience Gonzales, Texas, where history, and small-town charm come alive! Known as the site of the first battle of the Texas Revolution, Gonzales offers visitors a glimpse into the past with its historic landmarks, museums, and iconic “Come and Take It” cannon. Enjoy outdoor adventures along the Guadalupe River, explore unique local shops, and savor authentic Texas cuisine, all while soaking in the friendly, welcoming spirit of a town that truly embodies the heart of Texas.



COME & LEARN

The **Gonzales Memorial Museum** honors the Alamo's Immortal 32 and displays the cannon that fired the first shot for Texas Independence in 1835.

The **Eggleston House**, built in 1848, is one of Gonzales' oldest homes, offering self-guided tours of its preserved log cabin.

Pioneer Village Living History Center showcases 1800s and early 1900s structures from Gonzales County, preserving pioneer culture.

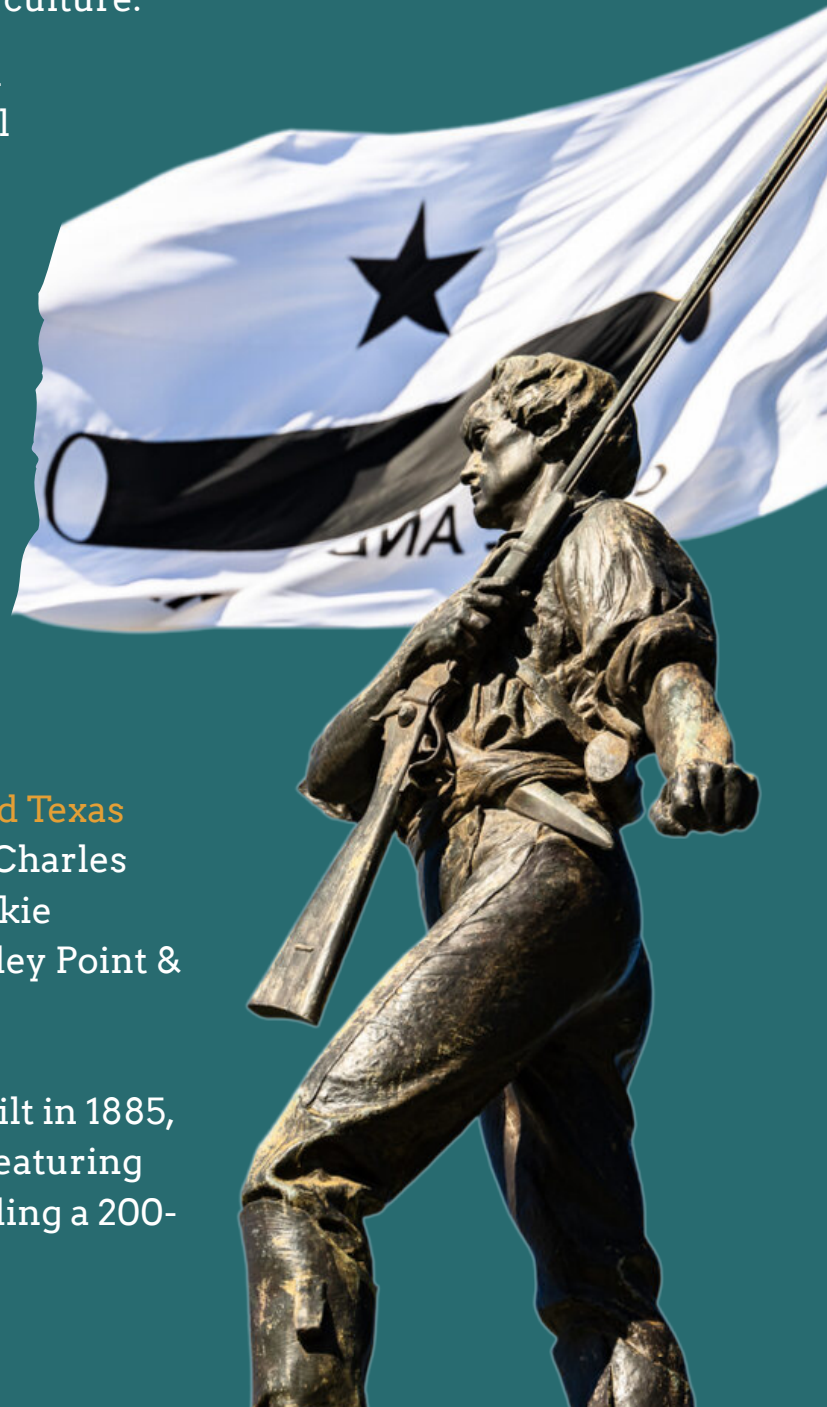
The **Gonzales County Jail Museum**, built in the 19th century, is a three-story former jail now showcasing early law enforcement. Open for tours and research.

The **Sam Houston Oak & Braches House** marks Houston's army camp site before taking off on the Runaway Scrape in 1836.

The **Edwards High School Community Center and African American Museum**, built in 1914, served African American students until 1964. Tours available by appointment.

The **Robert Lee Brothers Public Library and Texas Room** houses 3 extensive collections - the Charles DuBose Gun & Militaria Collection, the Vickie Bushong Collection and the Herbert Hensley Point & Arrowhead Collection.

The **J.B. Wells Historic Home Museum**, built in 1885, is a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark featuring black walnut furniture and artifacts, including a 200-year-old sugar bowl.



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARES



Independence Square

Texas Heroes Square

Church Square

Market Square

Cemetery Square

Military Square

Courthouse Square

Formed in the shape of a cross, UNIQUE to
Texas in Gonzales

Saint Paul St.

Saint Joseph St.

Saint Lawrence St.

Saint Louis St.

DISCOVER THE
COME AND TAKE IT STORY IN



TEXAS LEGACY

ILLUMINATING THE PAST,
INSPIRING THE FUTURE

IN LIGHTS

LOCATED AT THE
GONZALES MEMORIAL MUSEUM



SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON
SHOWTIMES





PARKS & NATURE

Independence Park & Golf Course

Golfing, picnics, Hike & Bike trails, playgrounds

J.B. Wells Park

Expo Center 2301 CR 197

RV Hook-ups, nature trails, historic sites, professional arena, show barn & 15,000 sq. ft. Expo Center

Lion's Park

Playground and Splash Pad located between St. Lawrence & St. Louis streets near the Gonzales Memorial Museum

Palmetto State Park

78 Park Rd 11 South

Hike & Bike Trails, camping, paddling, fishing, birding

Gonzales Disc Golf Course at Kerr Creek Park

2000 Saint Lawrence

Considered one of the best courses in Central Texas by the Professional Disc Golf Course Association



WILDLIFE

In **Palmetto State Park** an unusual area resembles the tropics more than Central Texas. Eastern and western species are an amazing diversity of plant and animal life. Wildlife frequently seen in the park includes an abundance of white-tailed deer, armadillos, squirrels, raccoons many bird species.



PADDLING TRAILS

Independence Trail

2.6-mile loop; put in at the Hwy 183 bridge at Independence Park

Come and Take It Trail

11-mile paddle on the Guadalupe River; put in at the dam located in Independence Park





★ COME & STAY

HOTELS

The Texas Lodge
1821 E Sarah Dewitt Dr

Quality Inn
1804 E Sarah Dewitt Dr

Cannon Inn
3307 Hwy 90 Alt

Westwood Inn
2669 Water St

Best Western Regency
Inn & Suites Gonzales
1811 E Sarah Dewitt Dr

Holiday Inn Express &
Suites
126 Middle Buster

La Quinta Inn & Suites
1631 Water St

Garner Hotel
2019 Water St

Sleep Inn & Suites
2138 Water St

HISTORIC HOTELS

Dilworth Inn
603 N Saint Joseph

The Alcalde Hotel
614 Saint Paul

BED & BREAKFASTS

Belle Oaks Inn
222 Saint Peter

Laurel Ridge Antiques &
Inn
827 Saint Joseph

Saint James Inn
723 Saint James St

Book an AirBNB!



COME & SHOP

APPAREL & BOUTIQUES

Angels & Outlaws specializes in Texas Fashion. This boutique helps strong women look fabulous, whether it's a 'PTA' kinda day or a 'Thelma and Louise' adventure.

CREW Men's Store: Explore men's apparel, accessories, and lifestyle products.

Hippie Ki-Yay Express : has a selection of vintage duds, bohemian junkin finds and retro designs!

Holly Jeanne Boutique has a selection of women's apparel.

Shear Designs Boutique is one of the top locations for women's fashion and fashion advice, specializing in trendy styles.

Peach & Paisley Boutique is our newest boutique full of feminine dresses and blouses!

GIFTS

Story Jewelers is the place to get your loved ones diamonds, pearls and authentic turquoise.

Hearty Gourmet sells specialty food items for the kitchen and home.

Manny's Pottery Imports has chimeneas, gifts, jewelry, plants, and more.

Purple Cactus Pottery is a unique pottery shop where you can choose, paint, and take home your piece. Featuring local color and seasonal offers.

The China Basket: A wonderful gift store featuring home goods, fashion, accessories, baby/children's gifts, Circle E Candles, etc.

Person's Flower shop is the place for flower arrangements and unique gifts .

BZ'S Country Petals is a family owned and operated flower shop.

ANTIQUES

321 Pop-Up Market is brimming with gently used, new, antique, and vintage items, from furniture to kitchen items.

Grammy's Timeless Treasures has 5,000 square feet of vintage, antique, and new items!

Halamicek Auto Supply & Collectibles offers friendly service and a unique collection since 1928, including metal art, custom-made steel BBQ pits, and more.

Laurel Ridge Antiques Inn and Christmas has everything from 19th-century antiques to handcrafted artisan goods and Christmas items .

Main Street Marketplace has antiques, relics, home decor, clothing, jewelry, glassware, and much more.

Peach Creek Antiques is a locally owned shop featuring antique, vintage, primitive, farmhouse, and shabby chic items.



BBQ

Sonny's Bar-B-Q is a popular for BBQ, stuffed potatoes, and stew. Look for the food truck next to King's filling station.

Baker Boys BBQ, Texas Monthly top 50 BBQ joints in 2017 and 2021, has unique menu items, providing an extraordinary dining experience beyond traditional barbecue.

Gonzales Food Market serves smoked meats and delectable fare, celebrating the rich culinary traditions of Gonzales.

Straight Drop BBQ a new BBQ food truck in Gonzales, TX

FINE DINING

Gonzales Bistro is an upscale, chef-driven restaurant offering award-winning meals and craft cocktails, beer, and wine. Gonzales Bistro is definitely worth a special trip.

MEXICAN & TEX-MEX

Acapulco Restaurant serves authentic Mexican fare, specials, and karaoke.

Mi Lupita Taco House is open for breakfast and lunch.

Mr. Taco offers a full menu of Mexican and Tex-Mex flair.

Reyna's Taco Hut serves homemade flour and corn tortillas, made fresh daily. Popular for breakfast tacos.

Rodeo Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Taquitos 183 serves Mexican food and Tex Mex every day.

BARS

San Antonio Distillery is home to the Immortal 32 rum, distilled in house.

Nightowl Brewery: A New Brewery/Taproom in Gonzales, TX!

Tequila Bar: the best place to get margaritas.

Trago's Bar a newly opened bar in the heart of downtown Gonzales.

CASUAL DINNING

Cow Palace is a family-style restaurant featuring American and Tex-Mex fare.

Come and Take It Bar & Grill is a bar and restaurant downtown with a menu of variety.

Parra's Grill & Catering is a family-owned and operated restaurant with great food and hospitality.

Running M Bar & Grill is a popular downtown restaurant, hangout, and music venue named for a historical cattle brand.

Toni's Food Store is a popular cafeteria-style family-owned restaurant serving a variety of food each day: Tex Mex, American, BBQ, and more.

Hard Times Tavern: best burgers and ice cold beer in town.

La Bella Tavola is an Italian Grill and Pizzeria.

BREAKFAST

Come and Crepe It serves made-to-order omelets, crepes, pastries, and coffee. pastries. Serving breakfast and lunch.

Daylight Donuts serves fresh donuts and delicious kolaches

Matamoras Taco Hut is famous for breakfast tacos! Dine in or drive-through; calling ahead your order is encouraged.

Texpresso is a drive-through specialty drink stand featuring coffee, lattes, tea, smoothies, and so much more. Online ordering available.



COME & DINE

Annual EVENTS

ALL YEAR LONG

Come & Take It Makers Markets
(Every third Saturday)

Texas Legacy In Lights

SPRING

April | Cattle Country

April | Annual Spring Plant Sale hosted
by Gonzales Master Gardeners

May | Texas Jr. High Rodeo State Finals

SUMMER

Pioneer Kids' Carnival

July | Star Spangled Spectacular

FALL

October | Come & Take It Celebration,
Main Street Rum Run Shop Crawl

WINTER

December | Main Street Jingle Mingle
Shop Crawl, Stars In The Village,
Winterfest celebration, Historic Homes
Tours



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