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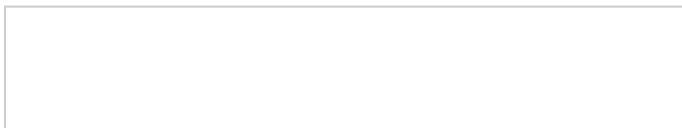


## Things to Do in Waxahachie

Waxahachie is an enchanting North Texas town known for its captivating buildings, lively annual events, and thriving downtown area. The town, located just 30 minutes south of Dallas, has quite a lot for visitors to enjoy. In fact, there are so many things to do in Waxahachie that you may have a hard time determining where to start your vacation in The Gingerbread City. Never fear, intrepid Texas traveler. Continue reading and you'll discover some of the best ways to enjoy your time in this charming town.

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## See the Amazing Historic Architecture



With its eye-catching pink granite and red sandstone walls, stately arches, and ornate clock tower, it's no wonder the [Ellis County Courthouse](#) is considered



one of the most photogenic buildings in Texas. Built in 1895, the courthouse is one of the finest examples of the Richardsonian Romanesque style of architecture. Although it's spectacular, it isn't the only beautiful building in town. You don't even have to wander far from the courthouse. The handsomely preserved structures that line the downtown square still house a wide range of shops and restaurants to this day. Another example is the [Sims Library](#), a marble-walled structure constructed in 1904 as one of the state's first public libraries.

In addition, there are many historic homes in Waxahachie that can be seen by simply cruising around its neighborhoods. For a more guided

experience, go on either the [Gingerbread Trail Home Tour](#) or the [Candlelight Home Tour](#), which are two of Waxahachie's largest annual events.

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## Go Fishing at Lake Waxahachie

Lake Waxahachie is a gorgeous tree-lined 656-acre clear-water lake where you can catch some of the prettiest sunsets in the Lone Star State. Although the scenery is a real treat, [Lake Waxahachie](#) is best known for its great fishing. Those clear waters we mentioned? They're teeming with largemouth bass, white bass, blue catfish, channel catfish, and crappie that are just waiting to be caught. To do that, head to one of the [three access points](#) nestled on the lake's north shore. All three spots have a paved boat ramp with a limited number of parking spaces, so get there as early as possible. If you're not much of an angler, you can still enjoy some time on the lake. Head to Spring Park, where you can go swimming and kayaking at the beach.

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## Attend the Scarborough Renaissance Festival

Knights clad in shimmering steel armor aim two-tone lances at each other while galloping on horseback. Touts dressed in medieval clothing greet passersby with "Hello my Lord!" Delicious beer and succulent wine flows at bustling pubs. Did you just step back into the Middle Ages? Not exactly. Instead, you're at the Scarborough Renaissance Festival in Waxahachie, one of Texas' most memorable events. Step through the castle gates of the fairgrounds and you'll be among period-style buildings that house shops selling medieval-style gear, handcrafts, and just about anything else you can imagine. Catch one of the festival's special events, like the jousting or the birds of prey exhibitions, chat with the hundreds of people in costume, and enjoy food and libations fit for royalty. The festivities kick off in early April and last until the end of May, so make sure to check it out if you're in town.

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## Visit the [Munster Mansion](#)

The family at 1313 Mockinbird Lane is a little ... different. And so is Munster Mansion, Waxahachie's tribute to *The Munsters*, a 60's sitcom about a family of monsters that is one of most iconic shows in American television. One of the show's most memorable elements was the spooky house, which has been painstakingly recreated at Munster Mansion. Even the smallest of details, such as the furnishings in each room, have been placed according to how they appeared in the show. Some of these items are even from the show, making it a museum of sorts. However, it's also a private residence. Public tours are offered only one

day a year during an annual charity event. Find out more about this event by visiting the Munster Mansion's website.

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## **Browse the Farmer's Market**

What's the best way to get to know a place? By trying the local food, of course! As it turns out, Waxahachie sits among acres of fertile farmland that produces a wide range of produce. To try some of it for yourself, head to the Waxahachie Downtown Farmer's Market, held on Saturday mornings from April to October. Along with the produce, you'll find farm-fresh eggs, an appetizing selection of baked goods, and tasty jams and jellies. In addition to the delicious delights, you can also buy handmade pottery, jewelry, and other crafts if you're looking for something to take home. Regardless of what you're looking for, you will probably find something to love at Waxahachie's farmer's market.