



Henderson, Texas
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Attractions in Henderson

Spend a day on one of the many pristine East Texas lakes, tour one of the museums and historic homes, go camping, and watch a theatrical performance at one of the many attractions in [Henderson](#). Just about 45 minutes southeast of Tyler, Henderson is in the heart of the gorgeous Piney Woods of East Texas. With its picturesque downtown and Southern hospitality, Henderson has everything you need for a relaxing weekend getaway. Spend a day exploring all the wonders of East Texas, then hang your hat at one of these [accommodations in Henderson](#). Before you pack



your bags and gallop on over here, get your vacation planning off on the right foot by checking out Henderson's attractions.

[Depot Museum](#)

Discover the colorful history and the heritage of East Texas at the Depot Museum in Henderson. The museum includes 12 historic restored structures that convey the tall tales of the Native Americans, pioneers, farmers, and wildcatters that were among Rusk County's earliest inhabitants and is in a 1901 Missouri Pacific railway depot.
514 North High Street

Henderson, TX 75652
(903) 657-4303

[Fair Park](#)

Fair Park in Henderson could also be called "Fitness Park" because this is the place to go to be active. Take a jog on the two-mile ADA-accessible trail, test your skills on the skateboard ramps, let the kids loose at the playground and splash park, and play with your favorite puppy in the Fair Paws Dog Park. Fair Park also has a covered pavilion for picnics and hosts the [Rusk County Farmers' Market](#) every Saturday morning May through October.

302 Fairpark Avenue
Henderson, TX 75652
(903) 657-6551

[Gaston Museum](#)

Get up close and personal to life in the East Texas Oil Field from the early 1930's to the late 1960's at the Gaston Museum. The East Texas Oil Field was once the largest oil field in the world, and at this museum you can see memorabilia from the Texas oil boom, tour the Sid White family home, once an "oil field tent house," and check out the 1930's-era Dixie Service Station. Texas history seeps with oil, and the Gaston Museum is a great place to learn about that heritage.

6562 Texas Highway 64
Joinerville, TX 75658
(903) 812-1794 or (903) 863-2108

[Henderson Civic Theater](#)

Catch a first-rate theatrical performance at the Henderson Civic Theater located in the breathtaking downtown area. Enjoy a quality production like "Guys and Dolls" or "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" inside the Opera House. The theater is a popular attraction in Henderson and typically performs four productions each year.

122 East Main Street
Henderson, TX 75652
903-657-2968

[Henderson Sports Complex](#)

Enjoy one of the best things about small towns in Texas — the local sports — at the Henderson Sports Complex. The complex includes baseball and softball fields, a basketball pavilion, and a picnic area, and is

home to the Henderson Boys Baseball Association, Henderson Girls Softball Association, and the Henderson Soccer Association.
1990 Highway 259 South
Henderson, TX 75652
(903) 657-9622

[Howard Dickinson House](#)

Step inside the same house where Sam Houston once stood, the historic Howard Dickinson House. Built in 1855 by brothers David P. and Jas. Logan Howard, settlers from Richmond, Virginia, it was the first brick home in Henderson. David's wife, Martha Ann Howard, was Sam Houston's cousin, and the home is now a living museum furnished with 19th-century antiques.

501 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75652
(903) 657-5528

[Lake Forest Park](#)

Spend a day at the beautiful Lake Forest Park in Henderson, where you can fish in the lake, cook burgers and hot dogs on the grill, enjoy a picnic, and let the kids play on the playground. This 34-acre city park is also home to the Henderson Civic Center, which has 20,000 square feet of meeting space, and a nine-hole disc golf course.

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[Lake Striker Marina & Restaurant](#)

Enjoy waterfront games of beach volleyball, horseshoes, and tetherball at Lake Striker Marina & Restaurant. Bring your barbecue pit for a cookout or swim, fish, ski boat, or cruise on a personal watercraft during a gorgeous day on this East Texas lake. Grab a bite at the on-site restaurant and listen to live music on the outdoor stage most Friday and Saturday nights from favorite bands like Whiskey Myers and Granger Smith.

18650 County Road 4256 South
Reklaw, Texas 75784
(903) 854-2505 or (903) 330-4955

[London Museum Café & Soda Fountain](#)

On March 18, 1937, odorless natural gas leaked inside the New London school and fueled an explosion caused by an electrical spark moments before the dismissal bell. The explosion killed nearly 300 students, teachers, and visitors, making it the deadliest school disaster in American history. A memorial museum dedicated to the victims and survivors resides within the London Museum Café & Soda Fountain, which also features a small restaurant that is open Monday through Friday.

10690 Main Street
New London, TX 75682
(903) 895-4602

[Martin Creek Lake State Park](#)

Grab your swimsuit and hiking shoes and head to Martin Creek Lake State Park, just 20 minutes northeast of Henderson on Texas Highway 43. Here you can enjoy year-round fishing (there's many fishing tournaments in the winter), hiking, and backpacking. Photograph the plethora of wildlife, take a ranger-led interpretive tour, swim or waterski in the lake, or rent a canoe on-site. End your full day of adventure by relaxing at one

of the primitive campsites or screened cabins.
9515 County Road 2181D
Tatum, TX 75691
(903) 836-4336

[Monte Verdi Cotton Plantation](#)

Get a glimpse into East Texas's antebellum past with a guided tour of the Monte Verde Cotton Plantation, recipient of the Texas Historical Medallion in 1964. The home, listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior, is located just minutes from Henderson and is open for tours by appointment only Monday through Thursday.

11992 CR 4233
Cushing, TX 75760
(903) 863-2633

[Rusk County Airport](#)

Flight Training
Airplane Rental
Hot Air Balloon Rides
Annual Fly In's
903-657-7081
3500 County Road 416A Henderson, TX 75652

[Rusk County Youth Expo Center](#)

Purpose-built for concerts, banquets, large group meetings, livestock sales and shows, and many other special events, the newly built Rusk County Expo Center has it all. A 12,000-square-foot indoor facility with air conditioning and an open-air covered pavilion are joined by a fully equipped rodeo arena with seating for 4,000, an outdoor warm-up arena, separate horse stalls, wash bays, and a concession stand. With plenty of parking, hosting an event here couldn't be easier.

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