

Local Attractions

The following is provided as a helpful reference guide if you find yourself with time to fill while in College Station. Transportation will be on your own; however, the names of some taxi companies are provided for your convenience.

AA-Aggieland Cab (979) 846-2285
Groundshuttle.com..... (979) 739-2836

Benjamin Knox Gallery (979) 696-5669 405 University Drive E.
Distance: 1 mile
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm
Admission: Free for viewing gallery
Description: This gallery exhibits the creations of local artist Benjamin Knox, including oil paintings, watercolors, architectural designs, film, and music. Famous for his Aggie themed work, Mr. Knox is also known for preserving the historical College Station Train Depot which he relocated adjacent to the gallery where it is visible today.

Bonfire Memorial (979) 845-5851 Texas A&M Campus
Distance: 1 mile
Hours: Open air memorial never closes officially, but is best viewed during daylight or early evening hours
Admission: Free
Description: The Bonfire Memorial is dedicated to the twelve Aggies who lost their lives when the Bonfire stacks unexpectedly collapsed in 1999. Constructed in 2004, the twelve arches are arranged in a circle, symbolizing the infinite nature of the Aggie spirit while the arches themselves point to the hometown of each lost Aggie brother or sister.

Sam Houston Sanders' Corps of Cadets Center (979) 862-2862 Texas A&M Campus
Distance: 1 mile
Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
Admission: Free
Description: The Sam Houston Sanders' Corps of Cadets Center is the front door to the largest and oldest student organization on campus. Through these portals march Aggies of Past and Present. The exhibits of the Aggie life and tradition on display will educate, remind, and entertain all who come to visit.

Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History (979) 776-2196 3232 Briarcrest
Distance: 3 miles
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm; Sundays 1pm-5pm
Admission: \$6
Description: The Brazos Valley Museum houses more than 22,500 specimens from the areas of botany, archeology, conchology, geology, mammology, and paleontology, most of which were collected from the local Texas Watershed. Historical and cultural artifacts are also available for viewing from the early colonial and farming periods.

George Bush Presidential Library (979) 691-4000 1000 George Bush Dr. W

Distance: 3 miles

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9:30am-5pm; Sundays 12pm-5pm

Admission: \$7* With namebadge just \$3!

Description: The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to the President's historic impact on U.S. policy, world events and his commitment to public service. The museum recently underwent a multimillion dollar renovation and offers a variety of exhibits including a section of the Berlin Wall, replication of the White House Situation Room, Gulf War Exhibit, and the opportunity to sit in the "throne of power" in a replica of the Oval Office.

Texas A&M University Campus Tour (979) 845-5851 First Floor, Rudder Tower, A&M Campus

Distance: 3 miles

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
Saturday 12pm (one tour only)

Admission: Free

Description: A 90 minute walking tour with a knowledgeable guide takes visitors through the heart of the Texas A&M campus. The tour includes highlights of academics, student life, and the various traditions that combine to make the campus culture unique.

Carnegie Center of Brazos Valley (979) 209-5630 111 S. Main Street

Distance: 6 miles

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10am-8pm
Friday, Saturday 10am-5pm

Admission: Free

Description: The Carnegie Center is a branch of the Bryan/College Station Public Library System. Exhibits within the Center include the Fire Department Collection of the first fire protection service of 1871 and the Cavitt Collection dating back to the Civil War years. The Center also features specialized genealogy resources available for public use.

Messina Hof Winery Tour (979) 778-9463 4545 Old Reliance Road

Distance: 7 miles

Hours: Monday- Friday 1pm, 2:30pm, 5:30pm
Saturday: 11am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 5:30pm
Sunday: 12:30pm, 2:30pm

Admission: \$5

Description: The Winery Tour is dedicated to the six generations of tradition and heritage in the making of Messina Hof. A one hour tour includes a souvenir wine glass and the sampling of four wines. Reservations are recommended for groups of 10 or more; after hours private tours are available by phone reservation.

Washington on the Brazos State Park (936) 878-2214 Washington, TX

Distance: 33 miles

Hours: Open daily from 8am until dusk

Admission: Free

Description: The 293-acre state historic site, maintained by Texas Parks and Wildlife, is located on the original townsite of Washington, a major political and commercial center in early Texas. The site is comprised of three main attractions: Independence Hall, Barrington Living History Farm, administered by Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the Star of the Republic Museum, administered by Blinn College.

Star of the Republic Museum**(936) 878-2461****23200 Park Rd. 12
Washington, TX 77880****Distance:** 33 miles**Hours:** Daily from 10am-5pm**Admission:** \$4 for adults; \$2 for children**Description:** Immerse yourself in the rich history of the Republic of Texas, a sovereign nation from 1836 to 1846. Explore the Museum's award-winning exhibition for an unparalleled look at the people, places, and events that shaped the character of the Texas we know today. Enrich the experience with an introductory video highlighting the significance of Washington-on-the-Brazos. Experience early Texas lifestyles in the Showers Brown Discovery Center with hands-on, entertaining activities.

Blue Bell Creamery**(800) 327-8135****1101 South Blue Bell Road
Brenham, TX 77833****Distance:** 40 miles**Hours:** Tours begin at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 2:30pm**Admission:** \$3, includes a serving of ice cream**Description:** The Blue Bell Creamery offers visitors a 45 minute guided tour accompanied by a short video and a serving of signature Blue Bell Ice Cream. Visitors can learn how the favorite southern ice cream is made as well as learn about the creative processes behind inventing and tasting new flavors.

Pleasant Hill Winery**(979) 830-VINE****1441 Pleasant Road
Brenham, TX 77833****Distance:** 44 miles**Hours:** Saturday 11am-5pm
Sunday 12pm-5pm
Tours run on the half hour.**Admission:** \$3 per person, or \$5 for a couple**Description:** Bob and Jeanne Cottle created the Pleasant Hill Winery in 1996 on 40 acres nestled in the quiet hillside of Brenham, Texas. The Cottles have since cultured a flourishing winery that has attracted customers to events such as Crush for Fun, which features a traditional grape stomp. Visitors are invited to participate in a tour of the Pleasant Hill Winery that includes the sampling of up to four wines.