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**TEXAS MIDWEST GUIDE**



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So much history, it takes three museums to hold it all

Dublin Dr Pepper Museum

Dublin Historical Museum

Rodeo Heritage Museum

COMING SOON Ben Hogan Legacy Museum

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# Dublin Texas

**So Much History, It Takes  
Four Museums To Hold It all!**



**Dublin Dr Pepper Museum  
& Soda Shop**  
Open Daily, Hwy. 377 at Elm St.



**Coming Soon - Ben Hogan Museum**  
E. Blackjack & S. Grafton  
in downtown Dublin



**Dublin Historical Museum**  
Open Daily  
116 W. Blackjack, 254.445.4550



**Rodeo Heritage Museum**  
Open Daily except Tues & Sun.  
118 W. Blackjack, 254.445.0200

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### CROSS PLAINS

Cross Plains was named for the crossing of stage coaches and military roads. Initially called Schleicher, Cross Plains was renamed and granted a Post Office in 1878. Early German settlers claimed this area to be as near paradise as one could imagine with open plains, native grass and abundant wildlife. Cross Plains has always been a farming and ranching center; however, in the 1920s it became an oil and gas production center and, today has a large trade territory offering numerous merchants, churches and restaurants. There is excellent dove, quail and white tail deer hunting. Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian and Kull the Conqueror, did most of his writing here. The Cross Plains Economic Development Corp, Chamber of Commerce, Project Pride and other local organizations are working to improve the economic well-being and provide a thriving future for the community. City of Cross Plains, PO Box 129, Cross Plains TX 76443, 254-725-6114 [deh@crossplains.org](mailto:deh@crossplains.org)



### DE LEON

De Leon is the town that spawned Pulitzer Prize winner William Smith White who wrote The Tall Story. Other nationally published authors from De Leon include Bruce McGinnis, who wrote The Fence, Jada Davis, Charles Chupp, Joylene Hafford, and Carla Landreth. De Leon is the boyhood home of Ben Barnes who was the youngest Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and youngest Lt. Governor outside the Reconstruction period. The peanut shelling plant in De Leon (not currently in use) was the largest of its kind in the world and De Leon was the geographical center of the largest peanut acreage allotment program in the U.S. at one time. Its agricultural industry is mainly cattle and hay, along with peanuts, pecans and melons. "Busiest town, friendliest people" has long been De Leon's appropriate motto. The living here is easy and secure with good schools, a modern hospital and excellent fire and law enforcement services and low taxes. Chamber of Commerce, 133 S. Texas, De Leon TX 76444, 254-893-2083, [chamber@cctc.net](mailto:chamber@cctc.net)

### DUBLIN

Dublin is known for creating legends: rodeo cowboys, the world's best Dr Pepper, country singer Johnny Duncan, and famed golfer Ben Hogan, among others. Learn more at the Dublin Dr Pepper Museum, Dublin Historical Museum, Dublin Rodeo Heritage Museum, and coming soon, The Ben Hogan Museum, which honors the Dublin native who became one of the greatest golfers of all time. Legend has it that the town got its name, not from the ancient Irish city, but from early settlers "doubling in" their wagons in circles at night for protection on the open prairie. In the 40s and 50s, Dublin was headquarters of the World Championship Rodeo, owned by Everett Colborn and Gene Autry. Visit the world's oldest Dr Pepper Bottling Company, the only Dr Pepper plant that has always used pure cane sugar. Dublin Chamber of Commerce, 111 S. Patrick, Dublin TX 76446, 254-445-3422, [dublinitchamber@combarqmail.com](mailto:dublinitchamber@combarqmail.com)



### EARLY

Walter U. Early was born August 15, 1868 in Kentucky. His parents brought their large family to Brown County around 1883 and believed they had arrived in the 'Promise Land'. Walter joined his family in 1893 with a degree from Southern Normal College in Bowling Green, KY. Mr. Early taught school and 'read law' in offices of Goodwin and Grinnen in preparation of taking the state bar exam. He had a long and brilliant career as prosecutor for 34 years. One lawyer remembers him as 'absolutely fearless, afraid of nothing'. In 1929, he donated land for small rural schools to consolidate thus making it safer for children to get an education. Walter Early was known throughout central Texas as a hard prosecuting, quick witted, fair-minded attorney and always ready to aid the down and out people. We are proud to be EARLY. Chamber of Commerce, 104 E. Industrial, Early TX 76802, 325-649-9317, [ccoc@earlytx.com](mailto:ccoc@earlytx.com)



### EASTLAND

Discover Eastland! The city was founded in 1891 by Jacamiah Daugherty, Charles Connellee and J.B. Ammerman. In the late 1880s the Texas & Pacific Railroad cut an East-West path across the state bringing development and conveniences to newcomers who were drawn to affordable land. Home of Old Rip -- the horned toad placed in the cornerstone of the third courthouse in 1897 and removed in 1928, flat, dusty, but alive. Visit the historic downtown area with newly emerging Centre for the Arts and Appellate Court Museum. See the County Museum, historic Connellee Hotel and Majestic Theatre. Shop for antiques, gifts, clothing and more. Enjoy tasty food choices -- Texas BBQ, TexMex, Italian, Chinese and more. Golf at two scenic 18-hole courses, find treasures in quaint shops, take a dip in the new Water Park with pirates and palm trees. Eastland Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau inside the Connellee Hotel, 209 W. Main, Eastland TX 76448, 254-629-2332, [ecoc@eastland.net](mailto:ecoc@eastland.net)



### EDEN

The town was founded by Frederick Ede, who moved to Concho County with his family about 1881. In February 1882 Ede designated forty acres of his land as a townsite and donated land for the town square. When the settlement received a post office in 1883 it took the name of Eden, an adaptation of Ede's name. The first school in the community opened in 1884-85. By 1890 Eden had a Baptist church, a general store, a jeweler, and a population of 107. It acquired a bank in 1906 and telephone service about 1907, and by 1908 had a windmill and public well. Eden formally incorporated on February 4, 1911. The following year it became the terminus of a Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway line built westward from Lometa. By 1914 the population had reached 600, and the community established a newspaper called the Eden Echo. City of Eden, PO Box 915, Eden TX 76837, 325-869-2211, [edencity@wcc.net](mailto:edencity@wcc.net)



### GOLDTHWAITE

The county seat of Mills Co., Goldthwaite is located in the heart of the county. The town, once a part of what was then southern Brown County in 1885, was named for Joe G. Goldthwaite and became the County Seat of Mills County in 1889. Goldthwaite watched its courthouse burn in 1912 and was replaced with a brick structure the following year. The county's first school library was established in 1915, the same year construction began on Lake Merritt, seven miles from town. Mullin, ten miles north of Goldthwaite in west central Mills County, became a town site with the construction of the Santa Fe track through the area in the late 1880s and was named for a pioneer family. Priddy, in northeast Mills County, was named for Thomas Jefferson Priddy, a pioneer Baptist preacher and Texas Ranger. The first homes in the community were built in the early 1880s, primarily by German settlers. Chamber of Commerce, 1001 Fisher St., PO Box 308, Goldthwaite TX 76844, 325-648-3619, [ccoc@scotex.net](mailto:ccoc@scotex.net)

### GORMAN

Gorman is home of spring fed Bass Lake, discovered in the mid-1880s. The first settlement was called Shinoak Springs. The little settlement had a school, grist mill, cotton gin, a doctor, post office, and a brick plant. The brick plant was closed after the ten men who worked there had too much to drink at a Christmas celebration, let the fire die out and ten thousand bricks were ruined. In 1888, the town relocated to its current location and was aggressive in the oil boom, shooting its population up past 20,000. Gorman had the first bank in Eastland County, its own power plant, the famous Blackwell Sanatorium, and an economy that was diverse and progressive. Today, Gorman is a small rural town in transition. Gorman is still diverse and progressive in finding new and innovative ways to integrate into the electronic age with high-speed broadband services and a board-certified acupuncture physician. Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 266, Gorman TX, 76454, 254-734-3933, [goc@ccoc.net](mailto:goc@ccoc.net)

