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<p>1877 Elissa - Texas Seaport Museum Pier 21, Number 8 / Galveston 409-763-1877 www.tsm-elissa.org</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>Get on board the 1877 tall ship Elissa and you may never want to leave. This stunning vessel welcomes visitors to the Texas Seaport Museum, where interactive exhibits tell the stories of immigrants and men.</p>
<p>Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex 16225 Lexington Blvd. / Sugar Land 281 265 7465 8220 Willow Place North /Houston 281-84-SKATE www.aerodromes.com</p>	<p>SE NW</p>	<p>Featuring two ice rinks, the Sugar Land fun spot is best known as the practice facility for the IHL champion Houston Aeros and Olympic gold medal winner Tara Lipinski. Stop by to attend Aeros practices and watch amateur teams in league hockey play. Call ahead to hear what is scheduled for the day. Lessons in figure skating and hockey are both available. Admission: Varies by activity. Free for spectators.</p>
<p>Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation 751 State Park Rd, / Livingston 936-563-1329 or 800-926-9038 www.alabama-coushatta.com</p>	<p>NE</p>	<p>Museum; big thicket tour; Indian village replica with demonstrations. Tribal dances daily in summer; weekends rest of the year. Camping facilities available. Learn the history of American Indians at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation in Woodville. Available Fridays through Sundays, bus tours through the reservation focus on Indian culture and the natural history of the Piney Woods.</p>
<p>Alexander Deussen County Park 12303 Sonnier / Houston 713-454-7057 www.co.harris.tx.us/comm_lee/PDeussen</p>	<p>E</p>	<p>On Lake Houston. Includes picnicking, duckpond, wildlife exhibit, gazebo over lake, and fishing piers.</p>
<p>Alkek Velodrome Cullen Park 19008 Saums Rd / Houston 281-578-0858 www.houstonalkekvelodrome.org</p>	<p>W</p>	<p>The Houston Parks and Recreation Department operates the Velodrome - a competitive oval cycling track. This outdoor-track cycling facility was built for the 1989 Olympic Festival. It is one of only 19 in the country and the only velodrome in Texas. To see real speed, check out the Friday night racing series. Free admission to view Velodrome and watch races.</p>
<p>American Red Cross, Greater Houston Chapter 2700 Southwest Freeway Houston, Texas 77098 Contact Gidget Swift - 713-313-1606 or Gswift@ghac.org www.houstonredcross.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>Basic Aid Training (BAT) - Readyman activity badge - This course is designed for Webelos Scouts ages 8 - 10 to complete the Readyman Pin. It covers first aid topics including Rescue Breathing, conscious choking, simple bandaging, fire/burns information, and poisoning. There are also sections on water safety, lost and found, strangers, and bike safety.</p>
<p>Armand Bayou Nature Center 8500 Bay Area Blvd. Clear Lake 281-414-2551 www.abnc.org</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>Bugs, birds, bullfrogs, bison and more than 370 other critters call this 2,500-acre habitat their home. Volunteers demonstrate pioneer farm chores such as butter-churning and rope-making. Hike along forest and prairie trails. Listen and watch for birds, frogs, raccoons, deer, turtles, the occasional alligator and spiders while walking along a 600-foot boardwalk. Scheduled family activities include star parties, boat cruises, and night hikes. Call to set up a program for your Scout group.</p>

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<p>Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge off FM 3013 / Eagle Lake 979-234-3021 southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/attwater/index.html</p>	W	<p>The 3,400-acre refuge protects the extremely rare coastal prairie chicken. An auto trail and hiking trails enable visitors to explore the habitat.</p>
<p>Austin County Museum Formerly Bellville Jailhouse Museum 36 South Bell Bellville, Texas 409-865-3407 or 409-865-3325</p>	NW	<p>Sheriff's office and county jail with original gallows furnished with turn-of-century look. Monthly exhibits include artifacts from Texian Army Encampment, as well as weapons.</p>
<p>Bar C Ranch 15011 House Road / Hockley 281-373-1078</p>	NW	<p>Camping, playground, hayrides, animals, and farm equipment.</p>
<p>Barrington Living History Farm 21300 Park Rd. 12 / Washington 936-878-2214 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/barrington</p>	NW	<p>Step into the lives of Barrington Farm's earliest residents of the 19th century. The scene is complete with heritage breeds of livestock. Interpreters, dressed in period style clothing, help visitors better understand what life was like 150 years ago. You are encouraged to participate in the work of the farm and become a part of the exhibit. Learn how to drive oxen, help plant and harvest crops, and try your hand at spinning or making soap.</p>
<p>Battleship Texas State Historic Site 3523 Highway 134 LaPorte, TX 77571 281/479-2431 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/battleship/</p>	E	<p>Plan on at least 1 hour to view the ship. Self-guided tour will allow you a glimpse into the life of the men onboard the Battleship TEXAS during World War II and I. Climb 60' above the water to the flying bridge or down 20' below the water into the engine room. View the restored sleeping quarters and medical facilities, engine room, guns, anchors and impressive collection of awards and trophies. Guided tours given by the First Texas Volunteers are typically available on Saturdays. A "Battleship TEXAS Self-Guided Tour" brochure is available at the site headquarters. Sleep Over on the Battleship - Scouts get to see what it would be like to be one of the troops during World War I and II.</p>
<p>Baytown Historical Museum 3430 Market St / Baytown 281-427-8768</p>	SE	<p>Artifacts pertaining to local and pioneer history.</p>
<p>Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens 1 Westcott / Houston 713-639-7750 www.mfah.org/bayoubend</p>	CEN	<p>Enjoy 14 acres of gardens, bounded on three sides by Buffalo Bayou, and the decorative arts wing of the Museum of Fine Arts, housed in the former estate of Houston philanthropist and collector Miss Ima Hogg. Free admission the third Sunday of each month. Children under 10 always free.</p>

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<p>Bayou Wildlife Park 5050 FM Road 517 / Alvin 281-337-6376 bellsouthpwp.net/o/w/owsnet/bwp/</p>	SE	<p>This 86-acre park is a prairie preserve that includes a petting zoo and a barnyard that kids can romp through. To a kid, there is nothing quite like the squeal of a piglet or the honk of a goose. The guided tram tour offers an opportunity to see the countryside and different species of wildlife in their natural habitat. It is also a wonderful place to enjoy a picnic lunch on a sunny afternoon.</p>
<p>Bear Creek Park 3535 War Memorial Drive off Clay Road / Houston 281-496-2177 www.pct3.hctx.net/PBearCreek</p>	W	<p>Located on 2,168 acres, this county park offers pavilions, soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, a wildlife section, a War Memorial, equestrian trails, an aviary and more. Wildlife habitat comprised of the duck and goose pond; the aviary; and exhibits for various animals. The animals include: birds of prey, peacocks, bison, ostrich, longhorn, rheas, emus, pot bellied pigs, white-tailed deer, donkeys, sheep and goats.</p>
<p>Blue Barn Fun Farm Brookshire 281-375-6669 www.bluebarnfunfarm.com</p>	W	<p>Real farmers run this educational exhibit so children can experience the joys of farm life first-hand. Kids will be allowed to milk a cow as well as see and pet an assortment of barnyard animals—chicks, calves, rabbits, goats and turtles. A plastic horse allows them to practice their riding skills, and a tractor-drawn hayride nicely tops off the experience and the day. Depending on the season, free watermelons, pumpkins or candy canes are given as a treat. Reservations are required.</p>
<p>Blue Bell Creameries 1101 S. Horton Brenham, TX 800-327-8135 www.bluebell.com</p>	NW	<p>Established in 1907, the creamery offers 40-minute tours several times each weekday. An old-fashioned ice cream parlor provides an opportunity to sample the wares.</p>
<p>Bolivar Ferry www.dot.state.tx.us/mnt/ferryops/ferryops.htm</p>	SE	<p>20-minute cruise between the island and Port Bolivar. The ferries, operated by the Texas Department of Transportation, provide a terrific vantage point for watching Galveston's seaport in action. They operate every 20 minutes at no charge. Take bread for the seagulls.</p>
<p>Brazoria County Historical Museum Brazosport 979-864-1208 www.bchm.org</p>	S	<p>Delve into Texas' Anglo-American history. A major portion of the museum, housed in the county's 1897 courthouse, is devoted to the history of settlers who were brought in by Stephen F. Austin in 1821. Closed Sundays. Free admission, but donation requested.</p>
<p>Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge Angleton 979-849-6062 southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/texasmidcoast/brazoria.htm</p>	S	<p>You'll want to take your binoculars along when you visit the. During the fall and spring, great numbers of migrating birds make pit stops in the refuge. Summer isn't quite as active, but patience will pay off. The 40,000-acre refuge also boasts a fishing pier.</p>

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Brazos Bend State Park 21901 FM 762 Needville http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/brazos/	SW	22 miles of hike and bike trails, great birding (especially in the cooler months), fishing at six lakes (but no swimming, due to the alligators) and stargazing at the George Observatory on Saturdays.
Brazos River County Park Angleton 409-849-5711, ext 1541	S	Has 0.5 mil of surfaced walking trail, duck island, two-story observation tower, playground, lots of wildlife. Picnic sites with grills; pavilions may be reserved for groups.
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural Science 3232 Briarcrest @Brazos Center / Bryan bvmuseum.myriad.net	NW	Natural history, archeology, pre-history and other collections.
Brazosport Center for Arts and Sciences 400 College Dr /Clute 409-265-7661 www.bcfas.org	S	This is a place where students and adults can come to learn about everything from the far reaches of the Universe to the life at home on Earth. Nature trail and planetarium; fossils, rocks and minerals, aquarium, largest shell collection on display in the Southwest.
Brenham Heritage Museum Brenham 979-830-8445	NW	Housed in Brenham's former U.S. Post Office. The Classical Revival structure, located in downtown Brenham, was built in 1915 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum features exhibits that interpret the proud history of Brenham and Washington County. Includes an 1879 fire engine.
Buddy Carruth Playground Hermann Park at Fannin 713-845-1003 www.hermannpark.org/destinations.htm	CEN	To play dry or to play wet is the question for children visiting the Buddy Carruth Playground for All Children. The public park features both wet and dry play areas for children of all abilities and ages. The \$1.5 million playground complex, built in 1995, provides a water playground with colorful, whimsical equipment that sprays and shoots water to cool off kids from the heat. If the choice is to stay dry, there are traditional swings, slides and other neat playthings.
Burke Baker Planetarium Houston Museum of Natural Science 1 Hermann Circle Drive Houston, TX 713-639-4629	CEN	Introduces Cub Scouts to the stars. Shows last 30-40 minutes. Variety of shows on the weekends. Miller Theater is located across the street and a great place for a picnic. NOTE: Laser shows are for older teenagers – not Cub Scout-age youth.
Burton Cotton Gin and Museum Burton 979-289-3378 www.cottonginmuseum.org	NW	Learn about Texas' agricultural history at the. A restored 1914 cotton gin with a working 1925 Bessemer twin-type IV oil engine is the focal point.
Challenger Seven Memorial Park 2301 W. NASA Road 1 / Webster 281-332-1903 www.co.harris.tx.us/comm_lee/PChallenger7	S	This 328-acre park offers playgrounds, picnic areas, nature trails and a 100-acre bird sanctuary. Free admission to park. Classes may be scheduled in the Learning Center.

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<p>Children's Museum of Houston 1500 Binz, Houston 713-522-1138 www.cmhouston.org</p>	CEN	Learn through hands-on exhibitions in the areas of science and technology, history and culture, health and human development, and the arts.
<p>Cockrell Butterfly Center Houston Museum of Natural Science One Hermann Circle Drive 713-639-4629 www.hmns.mus.tx.us.</p>	CEN	A living exhibit that showcases hundreds of live butterflies in a naturalistic rainforest setting. It's housed in a three-story glass rainforest that is home to exotic live butterflies, insects and plants.
<p>Columbia Historical Museum in West Columbia West Columbia, TX 979-345-6125</p>	SW	For a few months in 1836, West Columbia was the capital of the Republic of Texas. The museum examines this era in depth.
<p>David Taylor Classic Car Museum 1918 Mechanic St / Galveston</p>	S	Collection divided into three categories; antiques, classics, and muscle cars. The museum is in three restored buildings emulating car dealerships of the 1930s. There are no imports; collection is a tribute to American automobile. Featured cars include a '29 Chevrolet convertible; '37 Cord convertible; '31 Cadillac; and a '55 Thunderbird.
<p>Double Lake Recreation Area Sam Houston National Forest FM 2025 / Coldspring 936-653-3448 www.fs.fed.us/r8/texas/recreation/sam_houston/doublelake.shtml</p>	NE	Hike the marked 5-mile trail leading to the Big Creek Scenic Area, an eyeful of nature at its finest. For a longer trek, there's access nearby to the Lone Star Hiking Trail which offers an opportunity to see the "back country" of east Texas. An 8-mile-long mountain bike trail meanders around the lake.
<p>Downtown Aquarium 410 Bagby 713.223.3474 downtownaquarium.com</p>	CEN	500,000-gallon underwater adventure complex. Visitors can take a train through a tunnel surrounded by sharks in their underwater environment, visit a stingray petting zoo, and explore a swamp, Mayan Temple and the Amazon rainforest. Mixes family fun, spectacular sea creatures, and gorgeous views of the city.
<p>Downtown Tunnel</p>	CEN	This system of air-conditioned skywalks and subterranean passages has been given many different names - mall, concourse, connection, underground, promenade - but Houstonians continue to call it simply "the Tunnel."
<p>Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary 440 Wilchester, just south of Memorial Drive between Wilcrest and Sam Houston Tollway 713-464-4900 713-932-1639 www.houstonaudubon.org/index.cfm</p>	W	A 17.5 acre wooded sanctuary along Rummel Creek with a restored log cabin that houses a variety of education programs. Headquarters of the Houston Audubon Society. Hike the 1½ miles of wooded trails and visit Edith L. Moore's 1932 log cabin.

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Eisenhower Park 13500 Aqueduct Road, on the San Jacinto River, below Lake Houston Dam www.co.harris.tx.us/comm_lee/PEisenhower/	E	A prime fishing spot.
El Campo Museum Natural History 2350 North Mechanic / El Campo 979-543-6885 www.elcampomuseum.com	SW	Big-game trophies from around the world are at home in colorful, painted, life-size dioramas. Informative computer kiosks, sound presentations, and light boxes to enhance the experience.
Ellington Field 510 Ellington Field 281-233-1801 www.houstonairportsystem.org/tour	S	Tours provide a close-up look at Houston's airports and how they operate, as well as useful traveling tips. In addition to airport and aviation commentary by a tour guide, presentations may be offered by different airport specialty groups, such as airline representatives, U.S. Customs, Immigration, and Agriculture officials, and HAS & FAA specialists.
Fanthorp Inn State Historical Park Anderson 936-873-2633 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/fanthorp	N	Tours of the 19th-century inn feature a recount of its famous guests, including Sam Houston, Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee. A full sized Red Concorde stagecoach is available for rides on one Saturday each month.
Forbidden Gardens 3500 Franz. Road / Katy 281-347-8000 www.forbidden-gardens.com/	W	Outdoor museum authentically replicates major scenes from China's history. Scale model of Beijing's Forbidden City; models of China's palaces; 6,000 piece terra-cotta army replicated in 1/3 scale; replicas of weapons
Fort Anahuac Park near Anahuac www.co.chambers.tx.us/	E	The site marks the first armed confrontation between Mexican troops and Anglo-Texans in June 1832. Visitors can see some remains of the fort that was abandoned in June 1835. A fishing pier provides further diversions. The board walk allows visitors to enjoy the rich salt grass marsh on the shoreline of Trinity Bay, a landscape that is rich in wildlife.
Fort Bend Community Theater 2815 North Main St (Hwy 90A) / Stafford 281-208-3333 www.fortbendtheatre.org	SW	Amateur theater group puts on excellent productions. Children's productions in the past have been interactive, and audience participation is encouraged. Meet the cast after the show.
Fort Bend Museum Richmond 281-342-6478 www.fortbendmuseum.org	SW	Learn about Texas' formative years - 1822 to 1945. In addition to exploring the museum, visitors can tour two historical buildings, the Long Smith Cottage (circa 1840s) and the John M. Moore Home (1883).
Fort Travis Seashore Park near Crystal Beach www.crystalbeach.com/travis.htm	SE	During both world wars, troops were stationed on Galveston Bay to protect America's shipping industry. Remnants of those installations, including batteries, can be seen at. Pack a picnic.

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<p>Galveston County Historical Museum 2219 Market Street / Galveston 409-766-2340</p>	SE	<p>W.L. Moody, Jr. organized the City National Bank in 1907. In 1919 this building became the bank's home. When City National Bank merged with Moody National Bank, the Moody Foundation gave the old bank building to Galveston County which turned it into the museum. Exhibits trace the island's history from pirate hideaway to party town. Most interesting is the exhibit on the port explosions of 1947 that devastated nearby Texas City.</p>
<p>Galveston Island Railroad Museum and Terminal The Strand at 25th Galveston Island 409-765-5700 www.tamug.edu/rrmuseum</p>	SE	<p>There are more than 30 vintage rail cars and engines to explore, and exhibits show how the railroad and port worked hand-in-hand to drive the island's economy.</p>
<p>George Bush Presidential Library 1000 George Bush Dr. West / College Station 409-260-9552 bushlibrary.tamu.edu</p>	NW	<p>Part of the Texas A&M campus at College Station. Museum artifacts include a World War II Avenger Torpedo Bomber similar to the plane George Bush flew during World War II; a 1947 Studebaker like the car he drove from Connecticut to Texas; a large slab of the Berlin Wall; and precise replicas of his Camp David and Air Force One offices.</p>
<p>George Observatory Brazos Bend State Park 21901 FM 762 / Needville 409-553-3400 www.hmns.org/see_do/george_observatory.asp</p>	SW	<p>The drive out to Brazos Bend State Park is worth the effort just to check out the heavens on the gigantic 36-inch research telescope, but be sure to call for reservations. Smaller telescopes are available any time. Bring your own chairs, snacks, flashlights with red cellophane.</p>
<p>George Ranch 10215 FM 762 /Richmond 281-343-0218 www.georgeranch.org</p>	SW	<p>Step back in time to experience more than 100 years of Texas history. Through innovative and interactive programs of this living history project, visitors can get their hands on the past. Costumed actors recreate the 1986's and 1930's. Cowboys rope and ride. Ranch hands demo cattle dipping, blacksmithing, and woodworking. Tractor-drawn carryalls haul you around. Furnished dog-trot cabin, barn, corncrib, crop lands, orchard, and garden. Host several festivals throughout the year.</p>
<p>Gulf Coast Railroad Museum 7390 Mesa Road / Humble 713-631-6612 www.kingswayrc.com/gcst</p>	NE	<p>The museum features old locomotives, railroad cars, artifacts and other equipment for viewing and exploring. Some cars are completely restored to reflect their glory days. Kids love blasting the engine horn and climbing around in antique cabooses.</p>
<p>Heritage Society Sam Houston Park 1100 Bagby Street, Houston 713.655.1912 www.heritagesociety.org</p>	CEN	<p>Boy Scout Tours; Texas Badge/Texas Award. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts can explore the history of the state of Texas. Tour San Felipe Cottage and learn about German immigration into the state of Texas. Learn about different Native American groups during a visit to the museum gallery. Choose a famous Texas, perhaps Sam Houston, and discover more about him at the Kellum-Noble House. You'll also be able to learn about what Texas was like as a new state. Use reproduction tools and play with old-fashioned toys in the Duncan Store, an activity room for children.</p>

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<p>Hermann Park www.hermannpark.org/fun.htm</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>The web site for this park offers 101 ideas of fun things to do in Hermann Park. Fish in Lake McGovern. Ride the miniature train. Visit the Houston Zoo. Play in the water park of Buddy Carruth Playground. Explore the Japanese Garden. Explore over 2 miles of nature trails.</p>
<p>High Island Located on the coast just off Texas 87 713-932-1639 www.houstonaudubon.org/index.cfm</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>There are five bird sanctuaries to visit. During a six-week period every spring, about 10,000 bird-watchers from around the world visit the sanctuaries with the hope of seeing a fallout of warblers and other neotropical migrants. Wheelchair bound? No problem. Boy Scout Woods has boardwalks.</p>
<p>Hobby Airport Broadway @Telephone Rd / Houston 281-233-1801 www.houstonairportsystem.org/tour</p>	<p>S</p>	<p>Tours provide a close-up look at Houston's airports and how they operate, as well as useful traveling tips. In addition to airport and aviation commentary by a tour guide, presentations may be offered by different airport specialty groups, such as airline representatives, U.S. Customs, Immigration, and Agriculture officials, and HAS & FAA specialists.</p>
<p>Horlock History Center 1215 East Washington / Navasota 979-825-7055</p>	<p>NW</p>	<p>Furnished authentically to preserve the life and times of a real Texas entrepreneur. In 1892, Colonel R.A. Horlock built a 2-1/2 storied cottage for his family. At a cost of \$1,200.00, Colonel Horlock built a simple yet elegant home which still testifies of the quality and craftsmanship used in it's construction.</p>
<p>Houston Arboretum & Nature Center 4501 Woodway Drive Houston, TX 77024 713-681-8433 www.houstonarboretum.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>The Houston Arboretum & Nature Center is a sprawling 155-acre non-profit urban nature sanctuary located on the western edge of Memorial Park. Visitors can enjoy more than 5 miles of nature trails, including forest, pond and prairie habitats for free since the arboretum doesn't have an admission fee. There are nature education classes for children and adults, school and scout tours, birding classes for special events and teacher's workshops as well.</p>
<p>Houston County Visitor's Center Museum 303 South First Street Crockett, Texas 409-544-9540 or 409-544-3255, ext 27</p>	<p>NE</p>	<p>Former railroad depot (circa 1909). Exhibits include fire truck, farm tools, and a miniature train. Open on Wednesday afternoon, or by appointment for groups. Call ahead if you would like a personal escort into surrounding countryside.</p>
<p>Houston Fire Museum 2403 Milam Street Houston 713-524-2526 www.houstonfiremuseum.org/</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>150 years of firefighting artifacts and old fire trucks. Traces the evolution of the city's fire departments from the turn-of-the-century to the present in an 1890s fire station. On-going exhibits tell the story of the evolution of firefighting and educational programs aimed at informing children and adults about fire and life safety issues are offered on a regular basis. Tours for groups of 10 or more.</p>

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<p>Houston Garden Center Hermann Park 1500 Hermann Drive / Houston 713-284-1989 www.hermannpark.org/destinations.php</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>The Garden Center includes 90 varieties of roses, 2,722 plants, a Bulb Garden, a Fragrant Garden, a Perennial Garden, a Camellia Garden, a Friendship Pavilion and the International Sculpture Garden. The Texas Herb Society maintains the Fragrant Garden for the blind, which contains flowers of different scents and textures.</p>
<p>Houston Intercontinental Airport 281-233-1801 www.houstonairportsystem.org/tour</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Tours provide a close-up look at Houston's airports and how they operate, as well as useful traveling tips. In addition to airport and aviation commentary by a tour guide, presentations may be offered by different airport specialty groups, such as airline representatives, U.S. Customs, Immigration, and Agriculture officials, and HAS & FAA specialists.</p>
<p>Houston Maritime Museum 2204 Dorrington St (713) 666-1910 www.houstonmaritimemuseum.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>Historic ship models, nautical items on display and numerous sea treasures offer concrete examples of how parts of our world were discovered. Exhibits include over 150 ship models, over 100 types of navigational instruments, and numerous maritime artifacts.</p>
<p>Houston Museum of Natural Science 1 Hermann Circle Drive 713-639-4629. www.hmns.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>This outstanding science museum has a spectacular collection of mineral specimens, a dinosaur skeleton, space-station models, a planetarium, IMAX theater and a six-story butterfly center in which these beautiful creatures land delicately on outstretched arms. Rotating special exhibits.</p>
<p>Houston Police Museum and Police Academy 17000 Aldine-Westfield Road / Houston 281-230-2361 www.ci.houston.tx.us/hpd/history.htm</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Located on the grounds of George Bush Intercontinental Airport. Police uniforms from around the world are on display, along with a somewhat odd collection of various weapons seized from criminals. With the assistance of an officer, you can view the elaborate gun collection and see what riding in a police car is like. The police helicopter is always a big hit with all ages.</p>
<p>Houston Zoo 1513 N. MacGregor 713-533-6500 www.houstonzoo.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>The Houston Zoo is an animal-lover's haven. Its Children's Zoo has dozens of kid-friendly critters ready for petting and the Kipp Aquarium houses hundreds of colorful fish. Special night, overnight, and day programs are offered for Scouts.</p>
<p>Humble Historical Museum 110 W. Main St / Humble 281-446-9881</p>	<p>NE</p>	<p>A grass-roots result of America's Bicentennial. This small museum is bursting with a collection of old things donated by local citizens.</p>
<p>Huntsville State Park Huntsville 936-295-5644 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/huntsvil/</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The heavily-wooded park adjoins the Sam Houston National Forest and encloses the 210-acre Lake Raven. The park offers camping, hiking, biking, miniature golf, fishing, and nature study. Hiking trails have been constructed so that wildlife and birds can be observed in a natural setting. White-tailed deer, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, migratory waterfowl, and fox squirrel are just a few of the creatures that may be discovered in their natural environment.</p>

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Imperial Sugar Company 8016 Hwy 90A / Sugar Land 281-491-9181	SW	Gives visitors a look at sugar from raw product to final package. Second largest sugar factory in the United States. Free one hour tours. Free sugar sample at the end. Reservation required for groups larger than 10.
J.J. Mayes Wildlife Trace www.swg.usace.army.mil/information.asp At the tall Trinity River Bridge about 25 east of downtown Houston on the I-10.	E	4-mile drive-through nature trail located along the top of a levee. Approximately three miles of hiking trails. A 2.5-mile trail follows an old road along the banks of the Trinity River. The middle portion of the trail is paved and is part of a .8-mile handicapped accessible loop trail containing over 1,000 feet of board walk only a few feet above the marsh. Observation decks overlooking the Trinity River and the marsh.
Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center 20634 Kenswick Drive Humble, TX 77338 281.446.8588 www.cp4.hctx.net/jones/jjpinfo.htm	NE	Four-hundred-year-old cypress trees are the stars at Jesse Jones Park in Humble. This is a perfect family setting with several miles of wheelchair accessible paved trails and boardwalks, a playground with a frontier theme and a nature center.
King's Orchard 11282 County Road 302 / Plantersville 936-894-2766 www.kingsorchard.com	N	Fresh fruits for the picking. No admission cost, but fruits are priced by the pound. Fruit varies by season with strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, and figs.
Kleb Farm Museum 19027 Steubner-Airline Road 281-376-5960	N	Farm memorabilia and equipment. Visitors welcome by appointment. No charge. Call Thornhill Kleb (Clayb) for appointment.
Kleb Woods Nature Preserve 20605 F.M. 2920 / Hockley 281-496-2177 www.co.harris.tx.us/pct3/	NW	Opened in 1994, has a covered picnic area, 10 picnic sites, restrooms, paved parking, a walking trail and 10 camp sites where overnight camping by organized, supervised Scout groups is permitted by reservation only.
Lake Fayette Fayette, Texas 409-249-5208 or 409-429-5322	W	Fishing, camping, swimming. Bait and tackle shops available with advice. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a fishing license.
Lake Houston State Park 22031 Baptist Encampment Road / New Caney 281-354-6881 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/lakehous/	N	Most of the park's 4,900 acres are heavily wooded, but 10 miles of old logging trails make great routes for hiking and biking. Hot showers, tent camping. Peach Creek offers shallow water play.
Lake Jackson Historical Museum Lake Jackson 979-297-1570 www.lakejacksonmuseum.org	S	Some of the best museums turn up in the most unexpected places. Make the hike to Lake Jackson for one such institution, the. The 12,000-square-foot museum chronicles the birth of a company town. The company is Dow, and the story is one Texas history enthusiasts will find engrossing.

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<p>Lake Livingston State Park 300 Park Road 65 / Livingston 936-365-2201 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/lakelivi/</p>	NE	The park offers camping; picnicking; swimming; mountain biking; nature study; and fishing.
<p>Lake Somerville State Park and Trailway Somerville 979-535-7763 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/lakesome</p>	NW	150-foot rock jetty for fishing, a stocked kids-only fishing hole and the scenic trailway linking the Nails Creek and Birch Creek units.
<p>Lexington Battleship & U.S.S. Lexington Museum 2914 North Shoreline Blvd / Corpus Christi 361-888-4873 www.ussexington.com/</p>	SW	Take a tour in air conditioned comfort and read about "The Blue Ghost", check the Ship's Store for some fine memorabilia and gift items or make your reservations to Live Aboard for an exciting overnight stay with your Scout Troop or other non-profit youth organization.
<p>Lolly Farms 16350 FM 149 / Montgomery 936-689-9589 groups.msn.com/LollyFarms/lollyfarms.msnw</p>	N	14 acre farm/park located close to Lake Conroe. Over 100 animals including miniature horses, pygmy goats and pint-size sheep. Petting pens, feeding the animals, pony rides and hayrides are all part of the fun. Spend an afternoon or morning watching the ducks and geese on the pond or just sit and listen to all the various sounds of the farm animals. The largest group of tame petting animals in the Houston Area, all hand raised.
<p>Lone Star Flight Museum 2002 Terminal Drive at Galveston International Airport 409.740.7722. www.lsfm.org</p>	SE	A large collection of restored aircraft, historic photos and documentation housed in an impressive aircraft hangar. Salutes the dreams and disasters of the sky with a large collection of restored aircraft, historical photos and documentation in an aircraft hangar. A large collection of restored aircraft, historic photos and documentation housed in an impressive aircraft hangar. The museum's Texas Aviation Hall of Fame sports an audio-visual area designed to resemble a burned-out Italian farmhouse converted into a bomber group briefing room.
<p>Lone Star Hiking Trail www.lshtclub.com</p>	N	The well-marked trail takes you through the Sam Houston National Forest. Maps are available through the U.S. Forest Service. Access www.fs.fed.us .
<p>Mary Jo Peckham Park 5597 Gardenia Street / Katy 281-496 2177 www.pct3.hctx.net/PMary</p>	W	You will find a lot to do with the family at this park. There are two 18-hole, handicapped-accessible miniature golf courses. A fishing lake is nearby for the kids to enjoy, and no park would be complete without several playgrounds to romp on. A caboose at the old Katy Railroad depot makes the day complete.
<p>McGovern Lake – Hermann Park 713-524-5876 www.hermannpark.org/destinations.htm</p>	CEN	This 8-acre masterpiece is newly restored and expanded. The restoration created two new islands for migratory birds, and a third island that the Miniature Train travels. Catch-and-release fishing available for children under 12. Lake Overlook, located on the north shore, offers picnicking on a raised lawn, shaded seating, and playful interactive fountains.

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<p>McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science 1515 Hermann Drive/Houston 713 521 1515 www.mhms.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>This museum was made to be interactive with kids. Exhibits include a large walk-through view of the human body called the Body Pavilion. Smoking Lung Class is a popular exhibit that is certain to make anyone think twice about lighting up, but the Hands-on Science Class is the biggest hit with kids. Periodic workshops offered for Webelos Readyman activity badge.</p>
<p>Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens 22306 Aldine-Westfield Road 281-443-8731 www.cp4.hctx.net/merc/</p>	<p>NE</p>	<p>This 244-acre arboretum on the banks of Cypress Creek is the home of Houston's largest display of native and cultivated plants. You will also find a greenhouse, formal gardens, nature and garden trails, and picnic area. Kids will love the animal sanctuary, koi fishpond and the butterfly collection.</p>
<p>Military Museum of Texas 8611 Wallisville Road – as of January '05 281-599-9666 www.texasmuseum.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>Features military memorabilia focusing on vehicles. Most are operable. Includes a Huey helicopter. Visitors are welcome to climb aboard. All exhibits are hands on. Call ahead before going.</p>
<p>Miller Outdoor Theatre Hermann Park 713-284-8350 www.hermannpark.org/destinations.htm</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>Miller Outdoor Theatre's productions for children last about an hour and seating is first come, first served.</p>
<p>Minute Maid Park 501 Crawford Street, Houston 713 259-8000 houston.astros.mlb.com</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>This is a magnetic showplace in downtown Houston, and the home of the Houston Astros. Minute Maid Park is state-of-the-art, with a retractable roof, allowing for open-air baseball -- a Houston first in nearly 40 years. With its natural grass, Minute Maid Park gives fans and players a real sense of classic baseball of yesteryear.</p>
<p>Monastery of St. Claire Horse Farm 9300 Hwy 105 / Brenham 979-836-9652 www.monasteryminiaturehorses.com</p>	<p>NW</p>	<p>The Franciscan Poor Clare Nuns, who raise the adorable little horses to support the monastery, welcome visitors to the grounds each afternoon. A picnic area also is provided. Free admission, but a donation is appreciated.</p>
<p>Moody Gardens One Hope Boulevard Galveston, Texas 77554 800.582.4673 www.moodygardens.org</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>At Moody Gardens, every family member will find something of interest, whether it's exploring the oceans of the world at the Aquarium, venturing into the Rainforest Pyramid or studying the mysteries of science at the Discovery Pyramid. There's also an IMAX 3D Theater, Palm Beach and new Moody Gardens Hotel. Special workshops may be scheduled for Cub Scouts, including sleepovers and quarterly Star Parties.</p>
<p>Moorhead's Blueberry Farm 19531 Moorhead Rd. / Conroe 281-572-1265 www.moorheadsblueberryfarm.com</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Pick blueberries from June to July</p>

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Mrs. Baird's Bakery 6650 N Houston-Rosslyn Houston 713-996-5016 www.mrsbairds.com/fun/visit.html	NW	Family owned and operated since 1908. See how bread is made from start to finish. Tour lasts one hour. Hot bread and butter and orange juice at the end of the tour with goodies before you leave. Make reservations at least two weeks ahead of time; may be done on-line.
Museum of Fine Arts Houston 1001 Bissonnet Street, Houston 713-639-7300 www.mfah.org	CEN	Every Sunday is Family Day, filled with creative adventures that include storytelling, performances and a Creation Station drop-in studio workshop. Any child, age 6 to 18, who presents a public library card, will be admitted free on Saturdays and Sundays.
Museum of Printing History 1324 W. Clay 713-522-4652 www.printingmuseum.org	CEN	From early cuneiform tablets to current writings, the museum shows how written communication has influenced the course of history. Features rare books, early printing equipment and historical newspapers.
Museum of Southern History 2740 FM 349 / Richmond 281-342-8787	SW	Displays include weapons and swords, pictures of battles, artifacts, and tape-recorded histories of the antebellum era.
Nature Discovery Center 7112 Newcastle in Russ Pitman Park / Bellaire 713-667-6550 www.naturediscoverycenter.org	CEN	Housed in the old Henshaw home, nestled in Russ Pitman Park, a four-acre rural retreat in the midst of the city of Bellaire, Texas. Offers ecological exhibits, discovery boxes, family rambles and other fun activities. Offer programs for Wolf and Bear achievements and for Webelos Naturalist, Forester, and Geologist activity badges.
Nolan Ryan Center in Alvin Alvin Community College 2925 South Bypass 35 / Alvin 281-388-1134 www.alvin.cc.tx.us/ryan/nolanbg.htm	S	Among the museum's features are an interactive display that allows visitors to feel what it's like to catch a Ryan pitch, and memorabilia and photos from the Hall of Fame pitcher's days with the Houston Astros, Texas Rangers, New York Mets and California Angels.
Northern Branch Office Scout Training Team American Red Cross Training Camp Strake www.scoutcpr.com	N	The American Red Cross BAT program teaches accident prevention and beginning first aid skills to fourth and fifth grade boys and girls. Our all day program meets most of the requirements for the WEBELOS Readyman badge and is fun too. Taught at Camp Strake, We coordinate our class completion time to coincide with our adult CPR/FA class which is usually around 4:00 PM.
Ocean Star Museum Pier 19 / Galveston 409-766-7827 www.oceanstaroec.com	SE	The science-heavy museum, housed in an actual offshore rig, is packed with interactive displays, models and videos that explain how oil and gas are collected at sea. Feature periodic geology workshop for Cub Scouts.
Oil Ranch #1 Oil Ranch Rd / Hockley 281-859-1616 www.oilranch.com	NW	Over 25 years ago the Oil Ranch started its move from a working cattle ranch into a guest ranch. Offers a wide range of activities including pony rides, hayrides, milk a cow, train rides, petting zoo, mini-golf, rope swings in bay barn, maze inside Fort George Bush, Indian village, and hand-fed cattle.

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<p>Old McDonald's Farm 3203 Fm 1960 Rd E / Humble 281-446-4001</p>	<p>NE</p>	<p>Children can pet farm animals at the twelve different petting zoos that make up this farm. There are also pony rides, a miniature train ride, a swimming pool, crawfish pool, and a duck pond, as well as an Old West Fort and Indian Village.</p>
<p>Orange Show Center for Visionary Arts 2402 Munger St. / Houston (713) 926-6368 www.orangeshow.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>Beginning in 1954, the late Jeff McKissack began building a monument to honor the orange. Starting with a simple house, he added sculptures, wishing wells, folksy sayings, observation decks and wheels - lots of wheels. Everything is painted orange, naturally.</p>
<p>Peckerwood Garden 20571 FM 359 / Hempstead 979-826-3232 www.peckerwoodgarden.com</p>	<p>NW</p>	<p>19 acres filled with more than 3,000 plants, most rare and unusual, and sprinkled with outstanding art. Under the protective arm of the Garden Conservancy. Peckerwood is only about 50 minutes from downtown Houston in Hempstead, but you can spend hours there.</p>
<p>PETCO Various Houston locations 800-987-6409 www.petco.com/petco_Page_PC_fieldtrip_Nav_376.aspx</p>	<p>ALL</p>	<p>The Fur, Feathers & Fins program allows children to learn about the characteristics and habitats of fish, reptiles, birds and small animals. Trained tour leaders modify this hands-on field trip to be grade appropriate.</p>
<p>Pioneer Memorial Log House Museum Hermann Park 1513 North MacGregor Way / Houston 713-522-0396 www.hermannpark.org/destinations.htm</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>Teaching Texas history since 1936, this original log house is supported by the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The house and grounds are a memorial to the pioneer women and men of Houston.</p>
<p>Port of Houston Tour 7300 Clinton Drive @ Gate 8 Houston 713-670-2416 www.portofhouston.com/samhou/samhou.html</p>	<p>E</p>	<p>Free 90 minute boat tour on aboard the Sam Houston that takes you close to large ships, grain elevators, docks, and refineries and other sites along the Houston Ship Channel. Air conditioned, clean, leather seats. Tours on Thurs and Sun are at 2:30 PM. Tours the rest of the week at 10 and 2:30. Make reservations 2-3 months in advance.</p>
<p>Reliant Park 8400 Kirby at Loop 610 713-799-9500 www.reliantpark.com</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>The world's first domed stadium, known as "the eighth wonder of the world" 30 years ago, is now home to the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and other special events. Daily tours.</p>
<p>Sabine Pass Battleground State Park & Historic Site Sabine Pass 409-971-2451 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/sabine</p>	<p>E</p>	<p>Spot where Confederate Lt. Dick Dowling and a 44-man squadron made up mostly of Irish cannoneers rebuffed a Union armada aiming to cruise up the Sabine River. Using six cannons, Dowling and his men disabled two gunboats and sent the Union forces back to New Orleans. After reviewing the troops, try your hand at fishing.</p>
<p>Sam Houston Memorial Museum Complex 1402 19th St / Huntsville 936-294-1832 www.shsu.edu/~smm_www</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The complex, which includes two homes, a law office and re-created pioneer kitchen, tells the life story of the Republic of Texas' first president and the state's first governor.</p>

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<p>Sam Houston Park & Heritage Society 1100 Bagby Houston TX 77002 713.655.1912 www.heritagesociety.org</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>Visit Houston homes that date from 1823 in Sam Houston Park in the shadow of some of downtown's tallest skyscrapers. History comes to life every day at downtown's Heritage Society Museum. Seven historic homes and a church are set in a park amid rolling hills and pathways. The park is a Victorian delight with an old mill, a stream, a rustic bridge and paths that meander from house to house.</p>
<p>San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge 6801 CR 306 / Brazoria 979-964-3639 southwest.fws.gov/refuges/texas/texasmidcoast/sanbernard.htm</p>	<p>SW</p>	<p>The 24,000-acre refuge supports a fascinating cast of characters, including bobcats, river otters and feral hogs. Auto and hiking trails give visitors entree to this hot habitat. Have you ever seen a nutria? Keep your eyes peeled for this humongous rodent. Open daily. Free admission</p>
<p>San Jacinto Battleground 523 Battleground Road LaPorte, TX 77571 281-479-2431 http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/sanjac/</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>Walk the Battleground and relive the famous battle for Texas Independence. Granite markers throughout the park designate locations of the Texian camps, the Mexican camps, the site of the advance by Texian forces and other strategic parts of the battle. Most markers can also be viewed from your vehicle. A "Battleground Walking Tour Guide" is available on the website or at the site headquarters.</p>
<p>San Jacinto County Museum Shade Street / Coldspring</p>	<p>NE</p>	<p>Housed in the restored 1887 jail, in the midst of cell blocks, the hangman's drop and the jailer's quarters. The museum interprets the life of the early East Texas settlers.</p>
<p>San Jacinto Marsh Restoration and Boardwalk 523 Battleground Road LaPorte, TX 77571 281-479-2431 http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/sanjac/</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>The marsh restoration and boardwalk is a self-guided tour. An interpretative guide, "Interpretive Trail-Habitats of the Upper Texas Coast", is available at the site headquarters or on the website. Read the Marsh Interpretive Trail Guide: "Habitats of the Upper Texas Coast", also available on the web site.</p>
<p>San Jacinto Museum of History and Monument One Monument Circle / La Porte, Texas 281-479-2421 www.sanjacinto-museum.org</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>The San Jacinto Museum of History is housed in the base of the Monument. Tours of the Museum are self-guided. The 35-minute production, Texas Forever! is shown daily. The Monument's observation floor is 489 feet above the Battleground with outstanding views of the city and the busy Houston Ship Channel and harbor. The observation floor can only be reached by elevator.</p>
<p>Sea Center Texas 332 Plantation Drive / Lake Jackson 979-292-0100 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/hatch/seacenbr.htm</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>Experience the diversity of Texas' marine life. Operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the complex features a 50,000-gallon stand-in for the Gulf of Mexico; kid-friendly touch pools; a boardwalk slicing into a 5-acre marsh; and a hatchery for redfish and speckled trout.</p>
<p>Sea Rim State Park P O Box 1066 Sabine Pass TX 77655 409-971-2559 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/searim</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>Recreational facilities at the Beach Unit include ample picnic tables, restrooms with and without showers, a visitors' center with exhibits, observation decks, the Gambusia Nature Trail (a boardwalk through the marsh with a self-guided booklet), The Willow Pond Birding Trail, swimming (permitted only in Gulf of Mexico), and 6 miles of open beach for bike riding, hiking, beach combing, and fishing.</p>

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<p>Sea Turtle Facility Tour National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 4700 Avenue U/ Galveston 409-766-3500 galveston.ssp.nmfs.gov/galv/turtles/brochure/barn.htm</p>	SE	<p>Operated by the National Marine Fisheries Service, is the only place in the U.S. where visitors can view the endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle hatchlings as they emerge and mature. View more than 600 living turtles in their saltwater tanks. Interactive exhibits demonstrate how the turtles are tagged for tracking and recovery. The best time to visit the Facility to see hatchlings is August through November. The best time to see larger sea turtles is December through May.</p>
<p>Seawolf Park on Pelican Island 2504 Church Street / Galveston 409-744-5738 www.cavalla.org</p>	SE	<p>Pelican Island, on which Seawolf Park sits, provides an admirable view of Galveston harbor, best experienced from the park's three-story pavilion. There's also a lighted fishing pier, an extensive playground area and picnic sites. The highlight of the park is the naval display, with the USS Cavalla (a sub) and the USS Stewart (destroyer escort) ready for inspection.</p>
<p>Sesquicentennial Park 510 Preston / Houston 713-250-3666 www.sesquicentennialpark.org</p>	CEN	<p>Located on the banks of the Buffalo Bayou, the park was built in 1986 to commemorate the 150th birthday of Houston. It's right across Bagby Street from downtown's new aquarium. Features seven stainless steel columns measuring 70 feet each. A three-story pavilion, surrounded by relaxing waterfalls; terraces go all the way down to the bayou. Bikers and walkers alike will enjoy the many trails winding throughout the park.</p>
<p>Sheldon Lake State Park and Wildlife Management Area 14320 Garrett Road / Houston 281-456-9350 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/sheldon/</p>	NE	<p>This 2,500-acre wildlife area is situated on the Sheldon Reservoir and features a fishing pier and levees for viewing wildlife. The park is home to a number of bird species and to alligators.</p>
<p>Silverado Farms 30337 Dobbin Huffsmith Road / Magnolia 281-259-9378</p>	N	<p>Free. 27 acre facility includes extensive petting zoo which features deer, miniature horses, pot-bellied pigs, pygmy goats, peacocks, dwarf bulls, llamas, ostriches, and more. Rodeo competitions often on the weekends. Picnickers welcome.</p>
<p>Space Center 2101 NASA Road 1 / Clear Lake 281-244-2100 www.spacecenter.org</p>	SE	<p>Space Center Houston is the ideal destination for your field trips. Enough activities for all grade levels to fill the entire day. Cub Scout camp-ins are designed to meet the essential components of the Webelos' Space Scientist Pin and the Bear's Space Arrow Points. For far-out fun, see actual spacecraft like Mercury, Gemini and Apollo capsules; watch astronauts train for upcoming shuttle missions; touch a moon rock; or walk in space through state-of-the-art simulators.</p>
<p>Spring Creek Park 15012 Brown Road / Tomball 281.353.4196 www.cp4.hctx.net/Parks/springcreek/</p>	N	<p>Is a 114-acre facility with one unlighted softball field, one lighted basketball pavilion, a large picnic pavilion (300 capacity), a small picnic pavilion (60 capacity), three tent camping sites w/ 75 each capacity, one rear tent section for 75(+), a playground, picnic tables, barbecue grills, and fishing.</p>

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<p>Star of the Republic Museum Washington on the Brazos State Park FM 1155 936-878-2214</p>	<p>NW</p>	<p>Star-shaped museum interprets the saga of the Republic of Texas, which from 1836 to 1846 existed as a separate and independent nation. Picnic areas overlooking the Brazos River and a reproduction of the building where Texas was born and our government was forged. Great for the Texas Badge. The museum regularly schedules special events and interpretive demonstrations illustrating early 19th century life. Administered by Blinn College in Brenham.</p>
<p>American Cowboy Museum Taylor-Stevenson Ranch 11822 Alameda Road / Houston 713-433-4441</p>	<p>S</p>	<p>The museum is housed on a working historical ranch that has been owned by an African American family for more than 100 years. There's even a National Cowgirl Hall of Fame inductee living on the premises. Hayrides, petting zoo, leathercraft, and historical emphasis on African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and women in Western heritage.</p>
<p>Texana Museum and Old Jail House Edna 361-782-5431</p>	<p>SW</p>	<p>Museums need not be high-tech to be interesting. Check out the. Artifacts range from dinosaur bones to dining room tables.</p>
<p>Texas City Dike www.texas-city-tx.org</p>	<p>SE</p>	<p>Extends five miles into the bay, with a 600-foot fishing pier beyond its tip. The deepest water for pier fishing in Texas is here.</p>
<p>Texas Prison Museum 1113 Twelfth Street / Huntsville 409-295-2155 www.txprisonmuseum.org</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Offers 9x6 cell, Bonnie and Clyde's rifle, "Old Sparkie" (the electric chair), ball and chains, and much more. Also includes inmate artwork such as dolls and paintings.</p>
<p>Texas State Aquarium Corpus Christi 361-881-1200 www.texasstateaquarium.org</p>	<p>SW</p>	<p>Seahorse exhibit. Salt marsh exhibit featuring alligators. Star touch pool; diver feeding sharks; coral reef.</p>
<p>The Art Car Museum 140 Heights Blvd / Houston 713-861-5526 www.artcarmuseum.com</p>	<p>CEN</p>	<p>A museum highlighting custom-decorated cars with wacky themes.</p>
<p>The Fishing Hole 14120 Cypress Rosehill Rd / Cypress 281-373-0123</p>	<p>NW</p>	<p>Two large ponds with over 10,000 pounds of catfish</p>
<p>Transco / Williams Tower 2800 Post Oak Blvd Houston 713-850-8841</p>	<p>SW</p>	<p>Houston's most-photographed site. The Water Wall is a U-shaped fountain with water rushing down its inside and outside walls. It recycles 78,500 gallons of water every 3½ hours. Tower soars 51 stories above Houston. Park in the covered garage; elevator will take you to the observation deck.</p>

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<p>Varner-Hogg Plantation State Park 1702 N. 17th St. / West Columbia 979-345-4656 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/varner</p>	SW	<p>The centerpiece of the Varner-Hogg Plantation State Park in West Columbia is the manor that was home to Gov. James Hogg. Take a tour of the plantation house, which is surrounded by a picturesque pecan orchard. Admission to the grounds is free. Beautiful picnic areas.</p>
<p>Visitors Center - Houston 901 Bagby at Walker 713-437-5556 www.visithoustontexas.com</p>	CEN	<p>11 minute movie on the history of Houston. Rotating museum displays.</p>
<p>Waller County Historical Museum 906 Cooper / Brookshire 281-934-2826 www.wlrctyhistsoc.org/museum.htm</p>	W	<p>Located in a 1910 home, the museum features period furniture, historical photos and artifacts.</p>
<p>Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site Washington 936-878-2214 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/washingt/</p>	NW	<p>Site marks the site of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence. The park also includes the Star of the Republic Museum and the Barrington Living History Farm, which re-creates an 1850s cotton plantation.</p>
<p>Weather Research Center 3227 Audley / Houston 713-529-3076 www.wxresearch.org</p>	CEN	<p>Weather Research Center conducts tours of its current facilities and gives talks designed to answer questions on weather, weather safety, and meteorological careers. Great demonstrations on weather forecasting. Museum is being developed.</p>
<p>Wharton County Museum Fulton St / Wharton 979-532-2600 www.whartoncountymuseum.com</p>	SW	<p>Housed in old jail, the museum depicts history of the region.</p>
<p>Zube Park 17400 Roberts Road @ Little Cypress Creek / Hockley 281-578-8688 www.pct3.hctx.net/PZube</p>	NW	<p>Rideable model steam trains on the third Saturday of every month (free), weather permitting. Steam boats are also operated.</p>