

U V A L D E

*Surround yourself with adventure.*



Your Base Camp for **Exploring**

# Welcome

**A**nd then it happens. You find yourself in a place that's as close to far away as you'll ever be. A place where you can get reacquainted with the things that matter. Where traffic jams are called parades. Team meetings are held at the swimming hole. And the biggest stress of the day is the decision between buttermilk biscuits and corn bread.



A one-of-kind, rich oasis surrounded by all the adventures of Texas, including River Country, The Hill Country, state parks, hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation and more. A place that Texans can go to when they begin to feel like New Yorkers. Take a drive to Uvalde this weekend and rediscover **what makes U...you.**

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 **UNLIMITED**





## 1 Briscoe-Garner Museum

Built in 1920, this was once the home of United States Vice-President John Nance Garner and his wife Ettie. This museum, now managed by the University of Texas, contains photographs and artifacts from the Garners' private and political life.

Tel (830)278-5018

[www.cah.utexas.edu/museums/garner.php](http://www.cah.utexas.edu/museums/garner.php)



## 2 Briscoe Art & Antique Collection



Over 6,000 visitors a year view this collection of art and antiques housed in one of the most unique banks in Texas, First State Bank of Uvalde. Masterpieces by Rembrandt and Gainsborough,

as well as a significant collection of Western art.

Tel (830) 278-6231 Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm

## 3 Uvalde Memorial Park Golf Course

If you are an avid golfer you will want to play a round of golf at the Uvalde Memorial Park Golf Course. Our unique 18-hole course offers a challenge to the golfer and is also a Native American archeological find. Come be a part of the annual 4th of July Golf Tournament!

Tel (830) 278-6155 Open seven days a week 7am - 7pm

[www.uvaldegolf.com](http://www.uvaldegolf.com)



## 4 Herby Ham Activity Center - Non-profit community center focusing on better mental, physical and spiritual health. Ages 18 and up may use the facility.

[www.herbyhamactivitycenter.org](http://www.herbyhamactivitycenter.org)

# INTOWN Attractions

## 5 **Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand**

**Opera House** Built in 1891 and restored in 1982, the building has many unique details including the dragon at the top of the cupola. Programming includes community theater and children's theater productions, concert series and professional performers. Housed in the historic building is an antique shop and the Briscoe Visitors Center. Call (830) 278-4184 for a schedule of events and ticket information. [www.uvaldeoperahouse.org](http://www.uvaldeoperahouse.org)

## 6 **Aviation Museum at Garner Field -**

The Museum is located at the Uvalde Municipal Airport in one of the original hangars built for Garner Army Air Field, a World War II primary training base. The museum preserves the local and regional history of aviation and displays memorabilia and aircraft from WWII.



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(830)-278-2552 Tues & Fri  
9am - 4pm Free Admission,  
Donations welcome.

## 7 **Sahawe & Bright Feather Dancers -**

Audiences of all ages can enjoy elaborate costumes, songs, dances, history and folklore. [www.sahawe.com](http://www.sahawe.com)

## 8 **El Progreso Memorial Library, Archives and**

**Museum -** An interactive, multi-use community center encompassing all the diversities within the area.

[www.elprogreso.org](http://www.elprogreso.org)

## 9 **Uvalde Memorial Park & Recreational**

**Complex** provides shaded park and picnic areas on the banks of the Leona River;

Amphitheater, fountains, playground equipment, basketball & volleyball courts, disc golf, skate board park, covered pavilion and walking trails. East



Main between Wood and 1st Streets. Tel (830) 278-3315



### **13 Fort Inge**

Established in 1849 as a part of the first federal line of frontier forts in Texas, Fort Inge served as a base of operations for army troops and Texas militia. Listed in the National Register of Historic Sites in Texas, Fort Inge rests along the scenic Leona River and is home to



Inge Mountain - a once active volcano! Tel (830) 278-2016 Hiking trails and picnic facilities available 8am - 6pm Saturday and Sunday.



### **14 Cooks Slough Nature Park**

The Cooks Slough Nature Park Project preserves existing wildlife habitats, creates new habitats and educates the public about

water conservation. The nature park is a community asset which provides hiking trails, bird watching opportunities and picnic spaces for members of the community, guests and tourists. Tel (830) 278-4115

### **15 Uvalde National Fish Hatchery**

Established in the late 1930's, the fish hatchery offers many wildlife viewing opportunities. The station cultivates various species, including Guadalupe bass, channel catfish and Texas wild rice. For enthusiasts, Uvalde NFH maintains a two-acre wildlife



# AREA Attractions

pond with large bird blinds. Over 200 different species of birds have been documented in the facility grounds. Request for group tours can be made at (830) 278-2419.

**Horseback Riding** - Many area stables offer the opportunity to explore Uvalde on horseback and enjoy wide-open spaces with clear blue skies and amazing sunsets. Call (830) 278-4115 for more information.

## Hunting

Uvalde has nearly year-round hunting opportunities that include whitetail deer, dove, quail, turkey, javelina and feral hog. There are also sporting clay ranges within 5 miles of the city of Uvalde. Call (830) 278-4115 for more information.



**Wild Flowers** - Uvalde County is home to over 300 species of wildflowers. Some species, such as the purple coneflower, cover entire fields. Flowers are most abundant in bloom during the month of April.

Call (830) 278-4115 for more information.

## Birdwatching

Uvalde is known for its bird watching opportunities. The Hill Country hosts large flocks of wild turkeys, almost countless resident and migrant species, and is the nesting place of rare golden-cheeked warblers. More open terrain is the habitat of fleet-footed roadrunners.



Call (830) 278-4115 for more information.



## **16** Lost Maples State Natural Area

This 2,174-acre park located 58 miles northeast of Uvalde contains a wide variety of landscapes, including limestone canyons, plateau grasslands, maple forests and clear streams.

Park accommodations include 20 picnic sites, 30 campsites with water and electricity, 8 designated hiker-accessible primitive campsites and restrooms with showers.

Ranch Road 187 • Tel (830) 966-3413  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)



## **17** Garner State Park

1,419 acres of recreational facilities in Northern Uvalde County. Hundreds of thousands of visitors flock here each year to enjoy its matchless vacation facilities. The park has an abundance of white-tailed and axis deer, Rio Grande turkey, morning dove, eastern bluebirds, golden-cheeked warblers, black rock squirrels, fox squirrels, raccoons, and many other animal species. The park is a great family vacation spot for camping, swimming, fishing and tubing. Site includes concessions, pavilion, restrooms with showers and laundry facilities.

U.S. Hwy 83 and FM 1050 • Tel (830) 232-6132  
Reservations (512) 389-9000  
[www.garnerstatepark.com](http://www.garnerstatepark.com)





# Attractions BEYOND

## **18 Kickapoo Cavern State Park**

Located 58 miles northwest of Uvalde, this state natural area includes bird watching and banding, hiking, caving and bat observation. There is on-site lodging, and a wildlife conservation passport is required.

US Hwy 674 Brackettville, TX •

Tel (830) 563-2342

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)



**19 Sabinal Area** - Sabinal has a charming downtown with historic buildings, city park, and shops. The area is also known for bow hunting, antiques, and handmade mesquite furniture. 22 Miles East.

**20 Concan Area** - This canyon area along the Frio River offers lodging, restaurants, shopping and tubing. Additionally, from mid-March to mid-October, the world's second largest Mexican free-tailed bat population resides at Frio Bat Cave. 23 Miles Northeast.

**21 Frio River** - Winding through the heart of the Texas Hill Country, the Frio River has crystal clear, clean, shallow, underground spring-fed water. The river is home to many species of birds, plants and animal life characterized by high limestone bluffs and huge bald cypress trees. The Frio River is an ideal location for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and tubing. 23 Miles Northeast.

**22 Utopia Area** - Utopia is home to historic buildings, parks, restaurants and shopping. The Sabinal Canyon Museum offers a view into the pioneer lifestyle with displays of farm tools and household items along with Indian artifacts, geological exhibits and WWII memorabilia. 45 Miles Northeast.



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# Tours

Unique homes, interesting museums, ghosts - these are all things you may find here in Uvalde. Let us help you create the perfect tour for your visit. Whether you want to walk or drive, there are so many things to see. Book your guided tour of the area with a Chili Pepper (one of our area tour guides) today.

## Lantern Ghost Tour - Each October

Join us for a walk along the eerie streets of Uvalde Plaza illuminated by the lantern's glow. You will hear a combination of history and ghostly legends of people and events from this heritage town.

Call (830) 278-2017 for more information.



## Nature Quest Nature Tour

Each April, this six-day birding and nature festival offers visitors an exciting opportunity to get acquainted with the beautiful Uvalde County River Region and its natural wonders.

Call (830) 278-4115 for more information.



## Custom Tours

Looking for something more specific? Let us help you! We can create a tour with the local sites that meets your requirements.

Call (830) 278-4115 for more information.



# Event Calendar

**Jan** • Uvalde County Jr. Livestock Show

**Feb** • Sahawe & Bright Feather Dancers  
Winter Ceremonials

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Winter Ceremonials

**Apr** • Fort Inge Living History Days  
• Relay for Life  
• Nature Quest

**May** • Cinco de Mayo Celebration  
• Cactus Jack Bull Riding

**Jun** • Sacred Heart Catholic Church Festival  
• National Fish Hatchery Fishing Derby

**Jul** • 4th of July Golf Tournament  
• Sahawe & Bright Feather Dancers  
Summer Ceremonials

**Aug** • Soaring Championships

**Sep** • Texas Labor Day Weekend Celebration  
• Dove Expo

**Oct** • Southwest Texas Junior College Rodeo  
• El Progreso Library Lantern Ghost Tour  
• Fort Inge Haunted Hayride  
• Kiwanis Halloween Parade & Carnival

**Nov** • UACOC Hunters' Round-Up  
• City of Lights Christmas at the Crossroads

**Dec** • Herby Ham Activity Center  
Christmas Boutique  
• Briscoe Ranch BBQ Cook-off at crossroads

# Group Events

**Plan your group event with us!** Whether you are coming for a conference, meeting, reunion, tournament or special event, the Uvalde Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and the SSGT. Willie de Leon Civic Center are here to take the load off your shoulders with our exceptional customer service - because your event is our priority!

The Uvalde CVB offers customized programs to meet the needs of any group, big or small, personalizing each to fit your individual requirements.

We make promoting attendance easy with complimentary promotional items such as welcome bags, visitor guides, maps and Historic Uvalde honey just to name a few.

The Uvalde CVB is here to help create itineraries for spouse tours, weekend getaways or custom tours to accompany your event. Our complimentary customer service will take the guess-work out of planning your off-site venue activities.



## Uvalde County Bird Watching Field Trip



## Intown Attractions

- 1 Briscoe-Garner Museum 333 N. Park St.
- 2 Briscoe Art & Antique Collection 200 E. Nopal St.
- 3 Uvalde Memorial Golf Course 221 E. Doughty St.
- 4 Herby Ham Activity Center 248 Farm to Market Rd 347
- 5 Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House 104 W. North St.
- 6 Aviation Museum at Garner Field Sul Ross Drive
- 7 Sahawe & Bright Feather Dancers S. Wood & E. Garden
- 8 El Progreso Memorial Library Archives & Museum  
301 W. Main St.
- 9 Uvalde Memorial Park & Recreational Complex 337 E. Main
- 10 Sports Complex 1509 Garner Field Road
- 11 Uvalde County Fairplex 2319 W. US Hwy 90
- 12 SWTJC Intercollegiate Rodeo 2319 W. US Hwy 90



## Area Attractions

- 13** Fort Inge 1.5 miles South on FM 140
- 14** Cooks Slough Nature Park 1 mile South off Hwy 117
- 15** Uvalde National Fish Hatchery 3.5 miles West off FM 481

## Attractions Beyond

- 16** Lost Maples State Natural Area 58 miles Northeast
- 17** Garner State Park 32 miles North
- 18** Kickapoo Cavern State Park 58 miles Northwest
- 19** Sabinal Area 22 miles East
- 20** Concan Area 23 miles Northeast
- 21** Frio River 23 miles Northeast
- 22** Utopia Area 45 miles Northeast

# Lodging

For assistance in securing room blocks, please contact us directly at 830-278-4115 and we'll help you out.



## AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN

Wheelchair accommodations, pool, playground, picnic area, truck parking available. 87 Units.

701 E. Main St.

830-278-5671 • Fax 830-278-6351

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## BENSON GUEST HOUSE

Built in 1881, Benson Guest House is the oldest home in Uvalde. Completely remodeled with modern conveniences, Benson Guest House is located in the heart of downtown Uvalde, walking distance from shopping, food and entertainment. Each room has its own full bath and access to the common area with kitchenette. Laundry service will be available. Wi-Fi • TV • crib/roll away available.

218 N. Getty St. 830-900-3279

[www.bensonguesthouse.com](http://www.bensonguesthouse.com)



## HAMPTON INN

75 Units • Free Hot Breakfast • Wireless Internet  
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830-278-1300 • Fax 830-278-1301

[www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com](http://www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com)





### **INN OF UVALDE**

Wheelchair accommodations, pool, restaurant on premises, truck parking available. 71 Units.  
810 E. Main St.  
830-278-9173 • Fax 830-278-5125



### **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS UVALDE**

Wheelchair accommodations, fitness center, outdoor pool & whirlpool, free wireless internet / free wired internet, free full hot breakfast, free long distance, Holiday Inn Express signature cinnamon rolls, refrigerators & microwaves, coffee makers, meeting room space, laundry room. 80 Units.  
2801 E. Main St.  
830-278-7300 • Fax 830-278-1188  
[www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com)



### **MOTEL 6**

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[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)



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830-278-4511 • Fax 830-591-0413  
[www.wyndhamhotels.com](http://www.wyndhamhotels.com)

# Uvalde History

Uvalde was founded by Reading W. Black who, along with his partner, Nathan L. Stratton, purchased a league and a labor of land on the Leona River in 1853. Black hired Wilhelm C.A. Thielepape as surveyor in May 1855 to lay out a town which he called Encina. The town plan had four central plazas which still exist. In 1856, when the county was organized, the town was renamed Uvalde, for Spanish governor Juan de Ugalde, and was chosen as the county seat. In 1881, Uvalde became a shipping point on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway. By the 1890's, Uvalde had a population of 2,000 and sixty businesses. During the first decade of the twentieth century, Uvalde's commerce blossomed. One-fourth of all mohair produced in the United States in 1903 originated in Uvalde County. Irrigated farm acres and the production of limestone asphalt mined at Blewett both increased.

Additional information about the history of Uvalde can be found in the Doughty History Room at El Progreso Library.





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