

Lockhart



THE CITY HAS UNIQUE, WORLD-FAMOUS BARBEQUE, AND

REMARKABLE ARCHITECTURE ALL IN ONE SPOT.

Lockhart has always been a favorite in Central Texas. With steady planned growth Lockhart stands ready to welcome more families looking for an escape from the hassles and fast pace of the big city. With a small town quality of life and a charming historical downtown square, Lockhart's vibrant downtown, hosts a local farmers' market with fresh produce, quality food, and artisan goods. With the growth of the region Lockhart stands ready to welcome more families looking for an escape from the hassles and fast pace of the big city.

With a small town quality of life and a charming historical downtown square, many public parks connected with walking paths, a State Park, golf course, community theatre, museums, shopping and much more, Lockhart has a community feel that can't be beat. Three hospitals serve the Lockhart area, and the Lockhart Emergency Medical Service is second to none. Lockhart also has several events and festivals throughout the year - Chisholm Trail Roundup, Al Hopkins Tolbert Texas State Chili Championship, 4th of July Extravaganza, Taste of Lockhart Cultures and A Dickens Christmas in Lockhart, just to name a few. As Lockhart continues to grow, the town is catering to more than just barbecue lovers; it's attracting residents seeking a small-town charm with a low cost of living. Even as the town begins to grow, it maintains a healthy economy with its personality and cultural integrity in place.

LOCKHART STATE PARK

A charming park just west of Lockhart on FM 20 has something for everyone. The park consists of 263.7 acres of land purchased by the State of Texas from Henry Masur

on Dec. 14, 1934. The park features a nine-hole golf course that offers club and cart rentals for golfers, a campground, swimming pool (open in summers), hiking trails, picnic area, and a creek for anglers. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps Company 3803 in the 1930s, the large, secluded hilltop recreation hall is a perfect setting for meetings, parties, reunions, and weddings.

LOCKHART CITY PARKS

The City of Lockhart Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining over seven parks plus two sports complexes, totaling more than 94 acres. The department is committed to establishing a safe, fun, and relaxing environment for the public. Activities and programs within the department are designed to promote community involvement and a learning atmosphere. The City Park is home to annual events such as Chisholm Trail Roundup, the Independence Day Extravaganza, Kidfish, and barbecue competitions (we are the official Barbecue Capital of Texas).

The City Park features a play-scape area with surrounding picnic tables and small barbecue pits, great for birthday parties. Additional park features include a covered pavilion, an amphitheater stage for live performances, a public swimming pool and splash pad, a skateboard park, a large fishing pond, hiking trails, and more! The city has six miles of pedestrian walkways that connect schools, parks, neighborhoods, and the historic business district. The Lockhart Springs Walkway is a system of ADA-compliant concrete sidewalks and hiking/biking trails.

Much of the best barbecue in Lockhart TX is still made the old-fashioned way in hand-fashioned barbecue pits that have been smoking meat for over a century. The best Lockhart BBQ places take cooking to its core essence and produce some of the greatest slow-cooked and smoked meat products on the face of the earth.

Black's BBQ - Black's, just past the gorgeous Caldwell County Courthouse. The Black family started the barbecue joint back in 1932. Their claim is that Black's is the oldest barbecue restaurant run by one family in Texas. Third-generation pitmaster Kent Black and his son Barrett are running the show these days. Black's Barbecue is Texas' oldest major barbecue restaurant continuously owned by the same family.

Chisholm Trail Barbecue - Opened in 1978 by a former Black's Barbecue employee, Chisholm Trail BBQ is where the locals go. Located in the south part of town, it is off the well-beaten BBQ path. Chisholm Trail serves up a tasty meal. The restaurant packs in a daily crowd made up mostly of locals and it too, has made the Texas Monthly list of Texas' best barbecue restaurants.

Smitty's Market - Smitty's Market has been named one of the top five barbecue restaurants in Texas by Texas Monthly Magazine. Nina Schmidt Sells established Smitty's Market in 1999 in the building that housed her father's Kreuz Market for more than 50 years. The market sits in the same location where barbecue has been sold in Lockhart since the turn of the last century.

Kreuz Market - Kreuz Market moved from its original location started in 1900 by Charles Kreuz as a meat market and grocery store to its newer, expanded facility a quarter of a mile north in 1999. Along with the new building came some new items on the Kreuz menu, most notably: pork spare ribs, beans, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and a new jalapeno cheese sausage, but don't look for any barbecue sauce or forks as they are still missing in action from Kreuz Market to this day!

BUSINESS

Located directly on the exciting new SH130 transportation corridor, Lockhart is in the middle one of the strongest economic regions in the nation. Lockhart is home to a stable and thriving business environment. Lockhart is home to small businesses and startups, as well as established major companies. The top three employers in Lockhart, Texas are Lockhart ISD, Walmart, and Serta Dormae Manufacturing. From small shops to large manufacturers, our businesses are friendly, competitive, and highly valued members of the local community.

This is a great place to live, work and grow your business. You'll find hundreds of thriving small businesses, a rich history and warm friendly people when you get to Lockhart. We've endured boom and bust to become a lively and energetic community with its eyes on the future. This historic Texas town has caught the eye of commercial developers, retailers, and home builders who are spurring development in the area. Life is good in Lockhart, Texas—a town rich in history and ripe for growth.

Lockhart ISD

Lockhart ISD has approximately 6,100 students in 300-square-miles in Central Texas. We are located on State Highway 130 on the edge of one of the fastest growing regions of Texas in a very supportive community with charm and character, 30 minutes southeast of Austin and 1 hour northeast of San Antonio.

Designated as a "District of Innovation" in 2017, the district is on an exciting trajectory for higher student achievement and enriched opportunities for success. In recent years, our district has experienced significant and record student growth as families from surrounding areas move to Lockhart. We opened the district's 5th elementary school, Alma Brewer Strawn Elementary, in August 2016, and completed a major renovation and expansion of Lockhart High School in August 2017.

Our 9 campuses include an early education pre-kindergarten campus, 5 elementary schools, a junior high school serving grades 6-8, a self-paced program high school, and a comprehensive, 5A high school. Our schools offer students extensive opportunities to experience and find what they love as learners, including a full range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities and dual credit college and advanced placement courses. Our LISD Visionary Instructional Planning (LISD VIP) initiative leverages technology in the district to boost student learning and prepare them for a world and workforce experiencing a rapidly-evolving technological revolution.

At LISD, we aggressively recruit highly qualified and effective staff, giving them support and resources so that they are equipped to provide the best possible experience for our students. We offer competitive pay and benefits for our staff in a supportive environment and community, one in which servant leadership is a priority, expectations for performance are high, and high quality staff are valued.

Go Lions!

HIGHER EDUCATION - AREA UNIVERSITIES / COLLEGES

Texas State University, San Marcos

19 miles

University of Texas

30 miles

Austin Community College

34 miles

Concordia University

35 miles

St. Edward's University

30 miles

Huston-Tillotson College

69 miles

St. Mary's College

75 miles