

TEXARKANA, TEXAS
PARKS & RECREATION
GUIDE 2025





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CENTER | PROGRAM

HOURS OF OPERATION

Southwest Center

3222 W. 7th Street, Texarkana, TX
75501

Monday - Friday 8a.m. - 7p.m.
Saturday 9a.m. - 6p.m.
Sunday Closed

Collins Senior Center

3000 Texas Blvd., Texarkana, TX
75503

Monday - Friday 10a.m.- 4p.m.
Saturday Closed
Sunday Closed

Rotary Splashpad

Spring Lake Park
4303 N. Park Road, Texarkana, TX
75503

June - Sept.
9a.m.-7p.m.

Farmers Market

Sheppard Park
6th and Olive Street, Texarkana TX
75501

May - August 8a.m. - 12p.m.
TXK Market Boxes July-Nov.
Fall Market Sept. & Oct.

Holidays

Offices and centers will be closed.

New Years Day Jan. 1
Martin Luther King Day Jan. 20
Good Friday Apr. 18
Memorial Day May 26
Juneteenth June 19

Independence Day July 4
Labor Day Sept. 1
Veterans Day Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Nov. 27 & 28
Christmas Dec. 24 - 26



Letter from the Director

Thank you for visiting Texarkana, Texas Parks and Recreation Department! We are grateful for our community partners, the residents of Texarkana, and those visiting the Texarkana, Texas Parks for the first time.

Our team is dedicated to ensuring quality programs and opportunities for park visitors. We will continue to work hard to improve and introduce new and exciting outdoor opportunities, programs in our Southwest Recreation Center and Collins Senior Center, and programs such as the Texarkana, Texas Farmers Market.

Please take some time to browse through this recreation guide. We hope you enjoy our great parks and facilities!

Sincerely,
Robby Robertson, CPRP
Director of Parks and Recreation



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FRIENDS OF THE TEXARKANA, TEXAS PARKS



Friends of the Texarkana, Texas Parks (FOTTP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the development and enhancement of local parks. FOTTP volunteers contribute to park programs, organize activities and projects, and assist in securing grants for various initiatives. The organization welcomes new members from the diverse communities that benefit from our Parks and Recreation resources. If you or someone you know is interested in joining FOTTP, please contact Keith Beason at keith.beason@texarkanatexas.gov or (903) 798-1715.



A vibrant, multi-colored mural is painted on a paved path that winds through a wooded area. The mural depicts a landscape with a river, green hills, and a bird in flight. The colors used include shades of green, blue, yellow, orange, and grey. The path is surrounded by trees and fallen leaves, and a metal railing is visible in the background.

PARKS, TRAILS & PAVILIONS

Bringle Lake Wilderness Park

Dawn-Dusk

7602 University Ave., Texarkana, TX 75503



Explore the distinct beauty of Bringle Lake Wilderness Area, a 144-acre nature preserve nestled within the Bringle Lake Parks. This outdoor enthusiasts' haven, offers a variety of ways to experience nature. Enjoy a leisurely walk or bike ride along the 10-foot-wide wilderness trail that spans from Bringle Lake East to the Bringle Lake Spillway, with views of the lake and the Texarkana Golf Ranch.

For a more adventurous experience, test your skills on the dedicated Mountain Bike Trail starting at Bringle Lake East Park. The trail offers a range of courses for riders of all levels, allowing you to immerse yourself in the heart of the wilderness.

Bringle Lake Wilderness Trail is accessible via Bringle Lake Park East and University Avenue near the entrance of Texas A&M-Texarkana. Please note, the Wilderness Area is only open during daylight hours and is free from motorized vehicles, ensuring an undisturbed connection to the great outdoors. Come explore, unwind, and experience the beauty of Bringle Lake!



Bringle Lake Park East

Dawn-Dusk

7500 Bringle Park Road, Texarkana, TX 75503

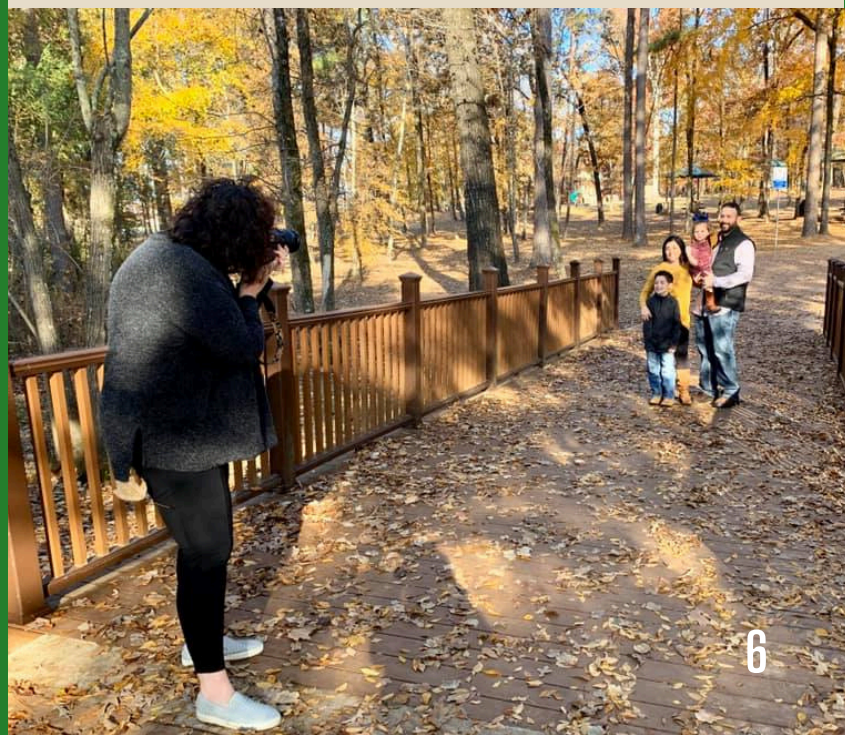
Bringle Lake Park East is the newest addition to the Texarkana Parks system, located adjacent to University Drive. This 8-acre park, nestled on the east side of Bringle Lake, offers a tranquil escape into nature, surrounded by lush trees and natural landscapes. The park features a floating fishing pier, playground equipment for children, a newly constructed bicycle pump track, and 10 single outdoor pavilions for small gatherings. Bringle Lake East also serves as a trailhead for the Bringle Lake Boardwalk, providing a convenient walking path that leads to Bringle Lake Park West. The park is open for daylight use only.

Bringle Lake Park West

6a.m.-10p.m.

7602 University Ave., Texarkana, TX 75503

Bringle Lake Park West is a gorgeous 7-acre park located along University Drive, adjacent to the Texas A&M-Texarkana campus and the Texarkana Golf Ranch. This open space offers a variety of recreational opportunities, making it a potential favorite spot for visitors. Enjoy fishing from one of two piers or use the boat ramp to further explore the lake. Children can enjoy the covered playground, while visitors can take advantage of additional amenities such as sand volleyball courts and a 1,500 sq. ft. outdoor pavilion, offering breathtaking views of Bringle Lake. The park also serves as the trailhead for the Bringle Lake Boardwalk, a walkway that meanders along the lake, providing a gentle retreat and connecting to Bringle Lake East Park.





Spring Lake Park

6a.m.-10p.m.

4303 N. Park Road, Texarkana, TX 75503

Spring Lake Park, spanning 145 acres in the heart of Texarkana, Texas, is a vibrant destination with something for everyone. At its center is a scenic, spring-fed lake, surrounded by lush green spaces perfect for picnicking, relaxing, or outdoor activities. Visitors can enjoy playgrounds, fishing piers, and a challenging 32-hole disc golf course. Three outdoor pavilions offer beautiful settings for gatherings and events.

Active visitors will love the 1.75-mile Phillip McDougal Walking/Biking Trail, ideal for casual strolls or more strenuous activity. James Bramlett Softball Field and George Dobson Baseball Field host Texas A&M-Texarkana Eagles Softball, Baseball, American Legion Baseball, and the new Texarkana Rhinos Baseball franchise. Swanger Sports Complex, is a local sports hub, and is undergoing renovations with turf fields and state-of-the-art upgrades to be completed in 2025.

Families can cool off at the Rotary Splash Pad or let their dogs play off leash at the Kylee Sullivan Dog Park. For a unique evening experience, don't miss Movies in the Park in the fall or spring with films showing under the stars.

Special events like the Texarkana Twice as Fine Wine Festival and the Annual Fishing Derby, along with a growing list of annual activities, keep the park buzzing with excitement. No matter your interests, Spring Lake Park has something for everyone, and is a must-visit for both locals and visitors alike.

Grady T. Wallace Park

6a.m.-10p.m.

3419 Leopard Drive, Texarkana, TX 75501

Grady T. Wallace Park, located in the Liberty-Eylau area of Texarkana, is a dynamic recreational space spanning over 70 acres. This well-equipped park offers a variety of amenities for both active and leisurely pursuits. Enjoy the playgrounds, or take a stroll or jog along the 5-acre lake on the walking/jogging trail. The park also features a basketball court, two 2,400 sq. ft. outdoor pavilions perfect for social gatherings, and convenient public restrooms.

For sports enthusiasts, Grady T. Wallace Park is home to five softball fields that host sanctioned tournaments as well as co-ed, commercial, and church league games. The park also boasts a Soccer Complex and serves as the home base for the Texarkana United Soccer Association. The complex hosts both youth and adult leagues during the Spring and Fall, as well as skills camps throughout the summer months.

In 2025, the Grady T. Wallace Soccer Complex will complete its renovation, which includes upgraded fields, the addition of a multi-use turf field, and enhanced concessions and restroom facilities, ensuring an even better experience for players and spectators alike. From invigorating sporting events, to family friendly gathering spaces Grady T. Wallace is an ideal location for your recreational needs!



Bell Park

6a.m.-10p.m.

3208 Lincoln Street, Texarkana, TX 75503

Earnest F. Bell Park, located in the heart of the New Town neighborhood, offers a welcoming 4-acres for both residents and visitors. This community-focused park features a basketball court, playgrounds, picnic tables, public restrooms, and a 1,200 sq. ft. pavilion ideal for picnics and gatherings.

The park recently added a community garden and a 0.25-mile walking trail, making it a comfortable spot for relaxation or a leisurely stroll. Earnest F. Bell Park provides a variety of amenities for all to enjoy.

Beverly Park

6a.m.- 10p.m.

2612 New Boston Road, Texarkana, TX 75501

Beverly Park, located between Summerhill and Robinson Road, is a charming 7-acre neighborhood park that offers a calming environment. Surrounded by a beautiful, heavily wooded landscape, the park features picnic areas, playground equipment, and plenty of open space for outdoor activities. It's an ideal spot for anyone looking to take a convenient break from the hustle and bustle of a busy week. With its pretty setting and welcoming amenities, Beverly Park is the nice spot to relax.





Ferguson Park

6a.m.- 10p.m.

3000 Texas Boulevard, Texarkana, TX 75503

Ferguson Park, located at 3000 Texas Boulevard just south of College Drive and adjacent to the Collins Senior Center, is an energetic 5-acre neighborhood park situated in the historic tree-lined Highland Park area. This charming park offers a great green space for recreational activities, a picnic area for relaxation, and playground equipment for children to enjoy. Whether you're looking for a place to play, relax, or spend time with family, Ferguson Park provides a welcoming and picturesque environment in one of Texarkana's historic neighborhoods.

Findley Park

6a.m.- 10p.m.

410 Findley Street, Texarkana, TX 75501

Findley Park, located at 410 Findley Street just off Highway 59 South, is a charming 5-acre neighborhood park set amidst beautiful tree-lined surroundings. The park offers a basketball court, a spacious open field ideal for recreational activities, and playground equipment for children. From visiting the playground with the kiddos, to playing sports, enjoying a picnic, or spending quality time with family, Findley Park provides a versatile environment for fun and relaxation.

Kidtopia & Skatetopia

Dawn to Dusk

201 Oak Street, Texarkana, TX 75503

Kidtopia, located at 201 Oak Street in Downtown Texarkana, across from the Public Library, is a community-built playground designed by kids for kids. This popular, multi-purpose play space offers a fun environment for children of all ages. Kidtopia will go through renovations this year which will provide more accessibility play features that will expand the opportunities for play!

Adjacent to Kidtopia is Skatetopia, the Texarkana Skate Park, built by the local skateboarding community. Featuring ledges, stair sets, down rails, and an open bowl section, Skatetopia caters to skaters of all levels. Kidtopia and Skatetopia are open for day use only, with hours differing from the park curfew. Both offer exciting, community-driven recreation in Downtown Texarkana.



Sheppard Park

6a.m. - 10p.m.

500 N. Stateline Ave., Texarkana, TX 75501

Sheppard Park, named in honor of Texarkana native Congressman Morris Sheppard, is located on the west side of the U.S. Federal Post Office and Courthouse on Stateline Avenue, the 2nd most photographed courthouse in the United States. This historic park is home to the Texarkana Farmers Market, two military memorials, and the Sesquicentennial Time Capsule, buried in 2023 and scheduled to be unearthed on December 8, 2073. Recent renovations to Sheppard Park and the surrounding Courthouse Square have added to its charm, incorporating original bricks from the city's streets as walkways, further enhancing its historic character. Visitors flock to Sheppard Park to take photos at the photographer's island, capturing a moment in two states at once and embracing the unique "Twice as Nice" spirit of the city.





Scott Joplin Park

6a.m.- 10p.m.

1621 West Street, Texarkana, TX 75501

Scott Joplin Park, named after the renowned "King of Ragtime" and proud Texarkana native, is a 7-acre wooded setting located at 1621 West Street, just off Highway 59. The park offers a variety of amenities, including playgrounds, public restrooms, a pedestrian walking bridge, and a 1,260 sq. ft. pavilion perfect for picnics and family gatherings. Ideal for relaxation, leisurely walks, or spending quality time with loved ones, Scott Joplin Park provides a peaceful and inviting ambience, making it the perfect place to unwind and enjoy the outdoors.

Karrh Park

6a.m.- 10p.m.

2102 Ann Street, Texarkana, TX 75501

Karrh Park is a 33-acre oasis located at 2102 South Ann Street, just off Highway 59 South. This energetic park features a picnic area by a small pond, ideal for fishing, and a 1,656 sq. ft. pavilion for gatherings. With expansive open spaces, playgrounds for children, and public restrooms, it's perfect for a variety of activities. The park also hosts four softball fields, home to the Texarkana Youth Softball Association, with games and tournaments from March to October. Whether relaxing by the pond, playing softball, or enjoying the playground, Karrh Park offers a great outdoor experience.



Boardwalk Trail

7602 University Ave.,
Texarkana, TX 75503

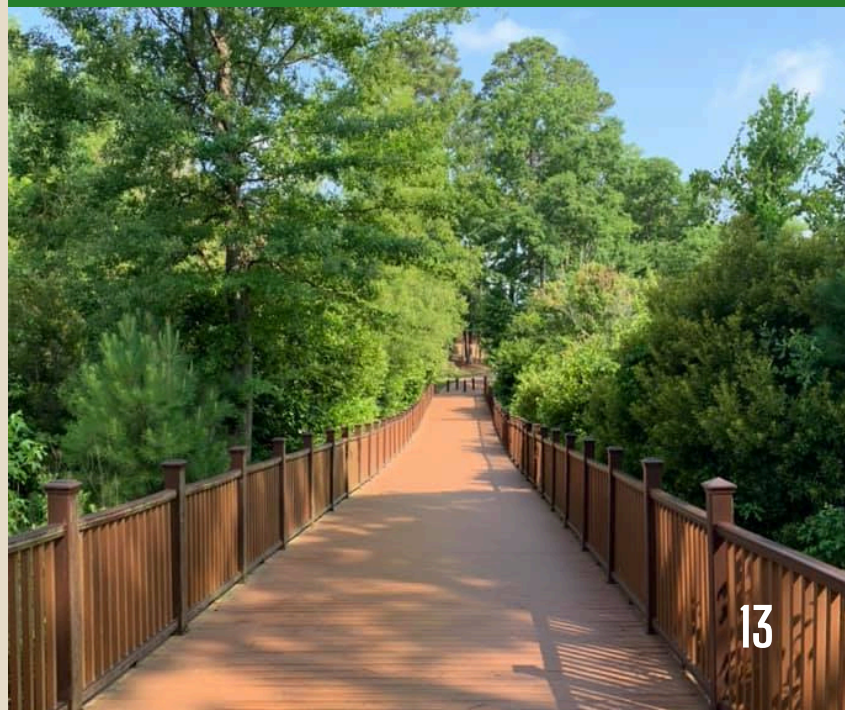
The Bringle Lake Boardwalk is a delightful, elevated .25-mile bridge that begins at Bringle Lake West Park and meanders along the lake, offering breathtaking views of the waterway and surrounding wilderness area. Constructed with durable TREX material, the 11-foot-wide boardwalk features several seating areas, allowing visitors to pause and fully immerse themselves in the beauty of the outdoors. The Boardwalk extends to University Avenue, where you can access sidewalks that lead you to Bringle Lake East Park, providing a seamless connection to more of the park's natural attractions. Great for walking, taking in the views, or simply relaxing, the Bringle Lake Boardwalk offers a tranquil experience.

Bringle Wilderness Trail

7602 University Ave.,
Texarkana, TX 75503

The Bringle Lake Wilderness Trail stretches approximately 5.5 miles, offering an immersive outdoor experience for all skill levels. This 10-foot-wide trail, constructed from a sturdy cement/soil mixture, is ideal for biking, walking, jogging, or simply exploring the natural beauty of the area. Starting at the trailhead located at Bringle Lake East Park, the trail meanders towards the Bringle Lake Spillway, and offers visitors multiple spots to take in breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding wildlife.

In addition to its stunning natural landscapes, the trail features a newly added mural at the Art Walk near the spillway, enhancing the experience for all who venture along this route, offering an escape that will appeal to outdoor enthusiasts and visitors alike.





Watts Trail

Corner of Galleria Oaks Drive
and Summerhill Road

Watts Trail is a 1.29-mile, 10-foot-wide asphalt path ideal for walking, jogging, and biking. Stretching from Robin Lane to Cowhorn Creek Road, the trail provides convenient access to other nearby trails, including the Sister Damian Trail and Cowhorn Creek Trail. Pet-friendly and suitable for all ages, Watts Trail is a fantastic option for families, fitness enthusiasts, and dog walkers alike. Located in an increasingly vibrant area of Texarkana, the smooth trail offers a pleasant way to stay active while connecting visitors to other beautiful outdoor spaces in the region.

Cowhorn Creek Trail

Corner of Galleria Oaks Drive
and Cowhorn Creek Road.

The Cowhorn Creek Walking/Biking Trail is a 10-foot-wide concrete and asphalt path that offers a smooth route for both walking and biking. Running in front of the Texarkana Convention Center and crossing over I-30, the trail connects to the Sister Damian Trail and Watts Trail, providing easy access to explore the area. A charming section, accessible from Kennedy Lane, winds alongside the creek and road, offering an entry to the Convention Center property. Perfect for a leisurely walk or an enjoyable bike ride, the Cowhorn Creek Trail is the ideal way to take in the beautiful sights of the area.



Sister Damian Walking Trail

5002 Cowhorn Creek Road,
Texarkana, TX 75503

This 0.83-mile multi-surfaced trail meanders through a peaceful, wooded area within the CHRISTUS-St. Michael Medical Campus, offering a quiet retreat for visitors. Entry points can be found on Galleria Oaks near Hospice of Texarkana and on Cowhorn Creek. Along the trail, you'll find a small pond, relaxing rest areas, and a children's playground, making it an enjoyable destination for families. Pet-friendly and suitable for all ages, this trail provides a great opportunity for walking, jogging, or simply taking in the natural surroundings in a serene environment.

Phillip McDougal Trail

4303 N. Park Road, Texarkana,
TX 75503

The 1.75-mile Phillip McDougal Trail winds through the entire 145-acre Spring Lake Park, offering a popular route for walkers, joggers, and cyclists. This 10-foot-wide asphalt trail is easily accessible from multiple points at both the north and south ends of the park. A standout feature of the trail is the ½-mile Walk-Through History section, which circles the newly refurbished lake and includes informative signs that highlight the park's rich history, dating back to Hernando DeSoto's 1541 expedition. This trail also serves as part of the route for annual events such as several 5Ks and the popular Run The Line Half Marathon, hosted by Partnership for the Pathway.



Walk Through History Trail

4303 N. Park Road, Texarkana, TX 75503

The Walk-Through History Trail is a calming .5-mile loop around the newly refurbished Spring Lake. As you explore, informative signage and historic photos bring to life the fascinating transformation of the park, dating back to 1541 when Hernando DeSoto's expedition camped near the natural spring, to the park serving as the homestead of some of the founding fathers of our community. This trail offers a unique opportunity to connect with the park's rich history while enjoying a peaceful picturesque walk.

Tourist Bureau Trail

1200 I-30, Texarkana, TX 75503

The Texas Tourist Bureau Trail is a .27-mile 10-foot-wide asphalt trail built in 2010. Beautiful, old trees form a canopy over much of the trail, making it a pleasant spot to relax or continue your recreation. The Texas Tourist Bureau Trail parallels the Texas Tourist Bureau fence as it winds around the east and north sides of the Tourist Bureau with a direct connection to the North Park Trail.



FACILITY RESERVATIONS & RENTALS

Reservations are available upon request for nine pavilions across six of our parks, as well as rooms at the Southwest Center. Southwest Center gym rentals are considered on a case-by-case basis, primarily for public events organized by nonprofit organizations. Please note that the kitchen facilities are shared among those who have reserved space and may only be used for warming, refrigeration, and freezer storage purposes. Cooking, food preparation, and serving are not permitted.

Payment Information

All payments (cash, check, cashier's check, or money order) must be made within five business days of the reservation request at the Southwest Center, located at 3222 W. 7th Street, Texarkana, TX 75501. Please note that electronic payment options are not currently available, but we are actively working on a solution.

Pavilions Rental Times:

8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. - \$20.00
3:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. - \$20.00
8:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. - \$25.00

Southwest Center Rooms:

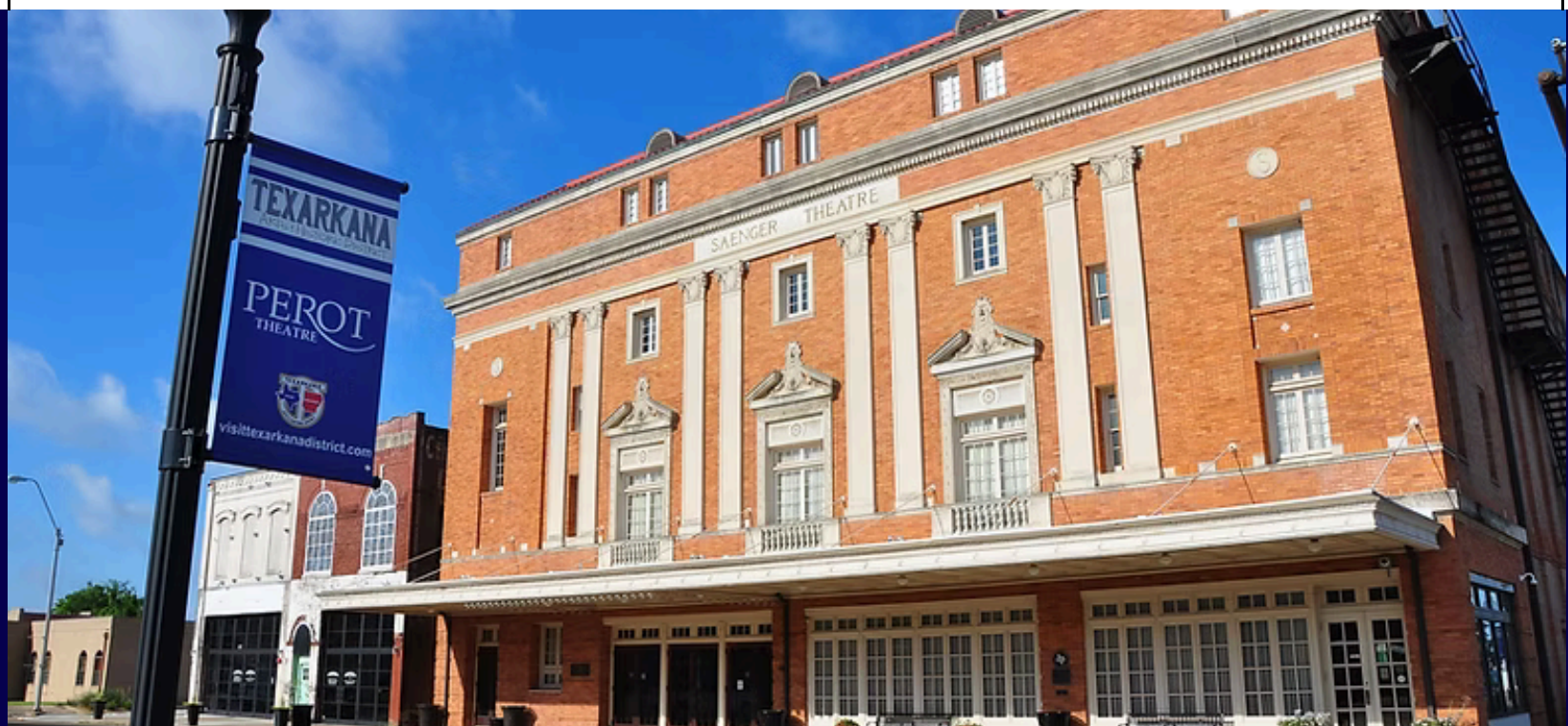
ABC Room - Capacity 60 - \$100.00
Activity Room - Capacity 60 - \$75.00
D Room - Capacity 20 - \$25.00
Front Room - Capacity 20 - \$25.00

FACILITY OVERVIEW

	<i>Baseball/Softball Fields</i>	<i>Basketball Courts</i>	<i>Boat Ramps</i>	<i>Disc Golf</i>	<i>Fishing Docks</i>	<i>Pavilions</i>	<i>Picnic Tables</i>	<i>Playgrounds</i>	<i>Sand Volleyball Courts</i>	<i>Trails</i>	<i>Skate Park</i>	<i>Soccer Fields</i>	<i>Tennis Courts</i>	<i>Fitness Court</i>	<i>Pickleball Courts</i>	<i>Pump Track</i>
Bringle Lake Park East					★	★	★	★		★						★
Bringle Lake Park West			★		★	★	★	★	★	★						
Bringle Lake Park Wilderness Area			★							★						
Grady T. Wallace Park	★	★			★	★	★	★		★		★				
Spring Lake Park	★			★	★	★	★	★		★				★		
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Findley Park		★						★								
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Scott Joplin Park						★	★	★								
Sheppard Park																
Southwest Center		★					★	★					★		★	

COMMUNITY CENTERS & FACILITIES





PEROT THEATRE

3222 W. 7th Street Texarkana, TX 75501

Step into the heart of Texarkana's arts scene at the Perot Theatre, a true cultural icon that has been entertaining audiences with local, national, and international performances for a century. Originally opened in 1924 as the Saenger Theatre, the building was beautifully renovated and reopened in 1980 as the Perot Theatre. This stunning venue is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and earned recognition as the most beautifully designed theatre in Texas by Architectural Digest in 2018.

Managed by the Texarkana Symphony Orchestra under a contract with the City of Texarkana, the Perot Theatre serves as the primary performance space for our professional symphony orchestra. But that's not all—it also hosts a diverse range of performances, including productions by the Texarkana Community Ballet, and exciting events from the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council, such as the Perot Theatre Series and Theatre for Young Audiences.

With a wide array of entertainment options ranging from a symphony concert, a ballet, or a family-friendly show, the Perot Theatre offers an unforgettable experience in one of the most beautiful and historic venues in the region.



Collins Senior Center

3000 Texas Blvd. Texarkana, TX 75503

The Collins Senior Center, located at 3000 Texas Blvd. just south of College Drive, offers a welcoming space for Senior Citizens aged 60 and older. This 2,600 sq. ft. facility, which shares a parking lot with Ferguson Park, provides a variety of social and recreational activities tailored to seniors. Programs include arm chair aerobics, arm chair yoga, art classes, bingo, seasonal social events, line dancing, and health education classes.

In addition, Texarkana Senior Services provides a daily lunch at 11:30 a.m. for attendees. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information about programs and services, please contact the Collins Center at (903) 793-5545.





Southwest Center

3222 W. 7th Street Texarkana, TX 75501

The Southwest Community Center/Park, located at 3222 West 7th Street, is a 20,000 sq. ft. facility offering a variety of amenities for both recreation and community events. The center includes a gymnasium, billiards room, meeting rooms, and a kitchen. Meeting rooms can be reserved for individual, group, or family functions, making it a versatile venue for various occasions.

Weekly recreational activities at the center include pickleball, basketball, yoga, as well as other classes and programs. The game room features pool tables for additional entertainment. The Southwest Center also hosts community events such as basketball tournaments, pickleball tournaments, health fairs, job fairs and more.

The park area surrounding the center includes 2 lighted tennis courts, 6 lighted pickleball courts, playground equipment, and a large multi-purpose open space for outdoor activities. In 2024, the center underwent renovations including retrofitting its indoor areas, parking lot, and tennis/pickleball courts with energy-efficient LED lighting for improved illumination.

For additional information, including rental fees, please contact the Southwest Center at (903) 798-3978, option #1.



Classes

Texarkana, Texas Parks and Centers offer a diverse range of activities and exercise classes designed to suit all fitness levels. Indoor classes primarily focus on fitness, offering everything from low-impact Tai Chi to high-energy Zumba, alongside other specialized programs. The Parks Department also collaborates with local community partners to bring additional classes to the parks, including High Powered, All Abilities, and Fit 4 Moms!

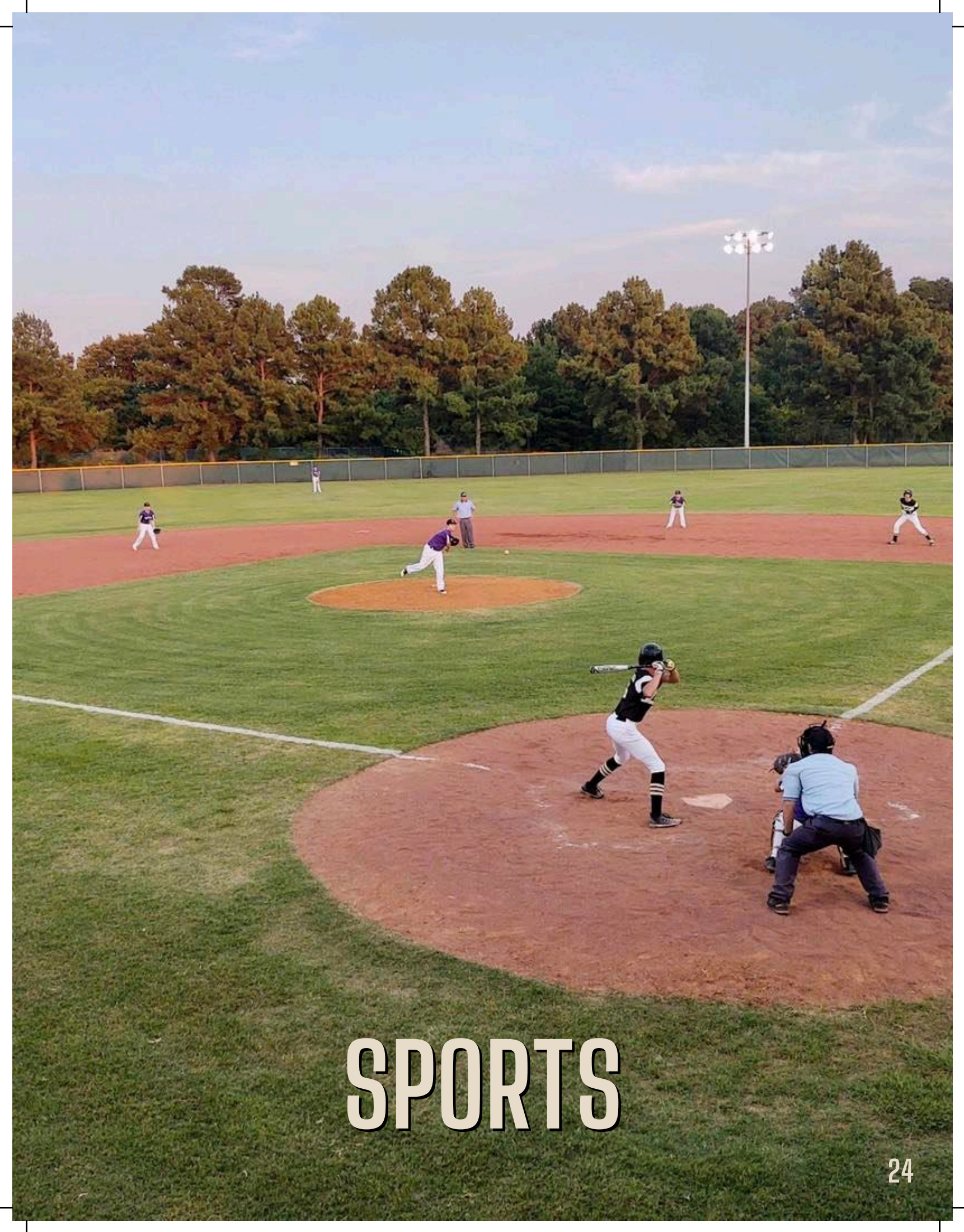
To explore these opportunities for learning, getting in shape, and connecting with others, visit the online calendar at TexarkanaTexas.gov or contact the Southwest Center for more information.

Southwest Center

- Pickleball
- Tai Chi (seasonal)
- Yoga
- Zumba

Collins Senior Center

- Armchair Aerobics
- Armchair Yoga
- Line Dancing
- Quilting/ Knitting/ Crochet



SPORTS

Texarkana Youth Softball Association (TYSA)

The Texarkana Youth Softball Association is a non-profit organization, driven by passionate volunteers, that brings fastpitch softball to the Texarkana area. Sanctioned by USA Softball of Arkansas, the league serves players across the state line with two locations, Karrh Park in Texarkana, Texas, and Pondexter Sports Complex in Texarkana, Arkansas. Committed to providing a top-notch recreational and educational experience, the association offers a fun, competitive environment for girls ages 5-14. We invite everyone to get involved by supporting, volunteering, and/or registering for TYSA programs and helping to create lasting memories and skills for these young athletes!



Baseball Association of Texarkana, Texas (BATT)

The Baseball Association of Texarkana, Texas (BATT), formerly known as Texarkana, Texas Dixie Baseball, has proudly provided recreational baseball for 50 years. With exciting upgrades underway at the Swanger Baseball Complex at Spring Lake Park, we are thrilled to enhance the experience for our long-time partners and participants. Each year, BATT serves boys ages 4-14, introducing them to the great sport of baseball while helping them grow as athletes and individuals. Registration for BATT begins in January, so be sure to sign up and get ready for another exciting season of Spring Baseball!



Texarkana United Soccer Association (TUSA)

The Texarkana United Soccer Association (TUSA) is a dynamic organization that features two connected divisions: the Texarkana Soccer Association, which offers local recreational leagues, and the Texarkana Soccer Club, a competitive travel program. In partnership with the City of Texarkana, Texas, TUSA operates out of the Grady T. Wallace Soccer Complex, providing a variety of programs for players ages 5-18. These include opportunities for athletes with physical and learning disabilities, as well as competitive programs that have produced numerous college soccer players. True to their tagline, "Home of the Best Sports Experience in the Ark-La-Tex," TUSA continues to deliver exceptional opportunities for young athletes!



Competitive Youth Sports

The spirit of competition is thriving in Texarkana, with local leagues and teams alongside exciting visiting tournaments and competitions. The ongoing upgrades to our sports complexes, combined with our prime location and ample recreational space, make Texarkana an ideal destination for partnerships with a wide range of organizations, teams, leagues, and sporting events. These partnerships include:

- United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA)
- National Championship Sports (NCS)
- Texarkana Soccer Club
- American Legion Baseball

These collaborations help foster a competitive atmosphere in the city, bringing sports enthusiasts and athletes together to enjoy great facilities and events.



Collegiate Sports

In addition to youth competition leagues, the Parks and Recreation Department has developed strong partnerships with collegiate sports, particularly with Texas A&M University-Texarkana. While the university is in the process of building new athletic facilities on campus, our long-standing partnership continues to provide top-notch facilities for various sports:

- Baseball – George Dobson Field at Spring Lake Park
- Softball – James Bramlett Field at Spring Lake Park
- Sand Volleyball – Bringle Lake West
- Golf – Texarkana Golf Ranch

The Texarkana Rhinos, part of the Mid America League, bring summer baseball action to the community, offering an exciting experience for both fans and players. This league provides collegiate athletes the opportunity to maintain their amateur status while enjoying competitive play during the summer months. The Rhinos call George Dobson Field home, and we're proud of our partnership with them, which brings family-friendly entertainment to Texarkana each summer.



Professional Fishing Tournaments

Lake Wright Patman, a United States Corps of Engineers-managed reservoir, has gained significant attention in the professional fishing community, putting Texarkana on the map as a premier fishing destination. The City of Texarkana and the Parks and Recreation Department have played a vital role in welcoming these events, fostering a growth in recreation and tourism as anglers from across the nation visit to compete. In addition to the action at Lake Wright Patman, anglers have participated in public events at Bringle Lake, and Spring Lake. Texarkana has become a sought-after host for major events such as Bass Masters, Major League Fishing, the National Professional Fishing League, and the Hobie Bass Open Series tournaments.





COMMUNITY EVENTS



TEXARKANA, TX FARMERS MARKET

The Texarkana Farmers Market is the ideal destination for the local flavor of Texarkana! This open-air seasonal market brings together local vendors offering a delightful selection of sustainably sourced seasonal produce, organically raised meats, and a variety of homemade kitchen staples and crafts. Stock up on fresh ingredients, discover unique local treasures, and explore the best of what the area has to offer!

Where & When:

- Location: 500 N Stateline Ave, Texarkana, TX (in Sheppard Park, next to the US Post Office and Courthouse)
- Summer Season: 1st Saturday in May through the first Saturday in August
- Hours: Every Saturday, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

And don't miss the annual Best Salsa in the Ark-La-Tex competition on the first Saturday in August! This fan-favorite event is always a hit with both customers and vendors, so come join the fun and discover the best salsas in the region.





Fall Market

Spring Lake Park | Tuesdays Evenings

Sept. - Oct.

Our newest edition to the Texarkana Farmers Market is our Fall Market! Every Tuesday in September and October we will have an evening market from 4pm - 7pm in Spring Lake Park, near the stationary stage across from the Air Force Airplane! We hope that this is a great opportunity to pick up local fresh food on your way home from work, and to extend the opportunities for our great vendors!

TXK Market Boxes

Southwest Center | Aug. - Nov.

For the months when the market is at rest, vendors come together and provide that same quality produce in the form of TXK Market Boxes. Each box contains an assortment of fresh foods that can be found at the Summer Market. Similar to a meal kit that can be ordered online, the TXK Market Boxes are portioned by serving and include recipes recommended by the vendors. Follow the Texarkana Farmers Market on Facebook and at texarkanafarmersmarket.com for more details about TXK Market Box availability!



Tours

Explore Texarkana with Guided Bicycle and Walking Tours! Thanks to generous grants from Union Pacific and Texas Parks and Wildlife, the City of Texarkana is excited to offer bicycle and walking tours during the spring. These tours, led by our knowledgeable staff, are a unique way to explore the rich history and culture of our city.

Bicycle Tours

Our downtown bicycle tours feature three engaging themes, each guided by expert scripts from the Texarkana Museums System:

Public Art

Historic Buildings

These fun and informative rides conclude at Pecan Point Brewery, where participants can relax and enjoy delicious appetizers.

Walking Tours

Take a leisurely stroll around Spring Lake Park and explore the Walk Through History trail, featuring historic signage provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. It's a perfect blend of nature and history for all ages!

Spring Walk Through History Tour
Spring Lake Park

Spring Cycle Through History Tour
Downtown Texarkana

Wednesdays May 14, 21 & 28 10a.m.

Fridays days May 9, 16 & 23 5:30p.m.



Summer Camp

Looking for a fun, exciting, and enriching way for your kids to spend their summer? The Texarkana Parks and Recreation Summer Camp is the perfect opportunity! This 3-week daytime adventure is open to kids who have completed 2nd through 5th grade, and it's packed with awesome activities, games, and memories that will last a lifetime.

When?

- Dates: June 9 - June 27
- Time: Monday - Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

How to Sign Up

- Registration Begins: April 1
- Applications will be available at the Southwest Center.
- Camp is limited to 20 participants.

Give your kids a great summer experience with new friends, exciting adventures, and a whole lot of fun at the Parks & Recreation Summer Camp.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Texarkana's parks are a lively hub for community activities, where local organizations and partners host a variety of beloved annual events. These special occasions, ranging from picnics to 5Ks, have become traditions that bring the community together year after year. Here are just a few of the Texarkana staples you can look forward to:

- **Run The Line 1/2 Marathon**
 - Feb. 16
- **Fishing Derby**
 - Feb. 27 & 28
- **Arbor Day**
 - Mar. 1
- **Twice as Fine TXK Wine Festival**
 - May 3
- **Spring Movies in the Park**
 - May 29, June 5 & 12
- **Spring Community Yard Sale**
 - May 10
- **Popsicles in the Park**
 - Thursdays June and July
- **C.A.S.T. for Kids**
 - Oct. 4
- **Fall Movies in the Park**
 - Oct. 10, 17, 24
- **Fall Festival**
 - Oct. 16
- **Bark in the Park**
 - Nov. 1
- **Bramlett Beans & Cornbread**
 - Dec. 4
- **Senior Day Out**
 - Dec. 11
- **Christmas on Main**
 - Dec. 20





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

2023 BOND ISSUE

The City of Texarkana, Texas City Council approved a Bond for the City of Texarkana, Texas and many of the projects are focused on enhancing features in the parks to attract more youth sports and tourism to our area. Two major Parks and Recreation projects will be renovating the Swanger Sports Complex in Spring Lake Park and the Soccer Complex at Grady T. Wallace Park.

Goals & Objectives

Grady T. Wallace Soccer Complex

- 1 Field Conversion (Synthetic/Turf for competitive play for all ages)
- Regrading of natural grass soccer fields
- Renovation of existing Concession and Restroom Facilities
- Removal of asphalt drive
- Construction of new fire lane
- Natural grass renovation
- Shockwave and topdressing of fields
- Installation of sidewalks and gate/entryway

Swanger Sports Complex

- Field Conversion (Synthetic/Turf of all infields in Swanger Complex)
- Replace Dobson Field scoreboard and fencing
- Renovation of fields and bull pens in Swanger Complex
- Remodeling of concession/restroom building in Swanger Complex
- Removal of old fire lane and construction of a new fire lane
- Upgrades to parking lots and side walks
- Upgrades to gate/entryway
- Upgrades of field lighting





PARKS MASTER PLAN

The City of Texarkana's last Parks Master Plan was completed in 2009, and we are proud to share that we successfully completed all of the projects identified during that process. As we look ahead, we are excited to embark on the next phase of our Parks Master Plan with the expertise of Norris Design, who also contributed to the City's Comprehensive Plan in 2016.

The new Parks Master Plan will serve as a strategic guide for the Parks and Recreation Department over the next 15-20 years. This plan will outline priorities and provide a roadmap for the future development of our parks and recreational offerings. Throughout 2024 and the early months of 2025, we will be actively seeking public input from the residents of Texarkana, TX. Your suggestions and feedback will play a key role in shaping the future of our community's parks and recreational spaces. Scan the link below to check out the Advance TXK Parks website.

Final Public Meeting:
Tuesday February 11, 2025
Texarkana Convention Center
2910 S. Cowhorn Creek Loop



 **ADVANCE TXK PARKS**

SOUTHWEST CENTER GYM RENOVATION

The Southwest Center is a hub for sports and recreational activities, with one of its key features being the Gym, also known as the Multi-Purpose Room. This versatile space hosts a variety of programs, including Basketball, Pickleball, Volleyball, Yoga, Tai Chi, and Zumba. In addition to recreational programs, the Center also hosts numerous community events, such as job fairs, health fairs, and the annual Senior Day Out.

Given the high volume of activity, the Southwest Center's gym is set to undergo a much-needed floor renovation. Thanks to funding from the Community Development Block Grant through the Planning and Community Development Department, we are excited to replace the current flooring and upgrade the bleachers to a more mobile set. This renovation will not only enhance the gym's functionality but will also open up space for future projects, improving the overall experience for everyone who uses the facility.



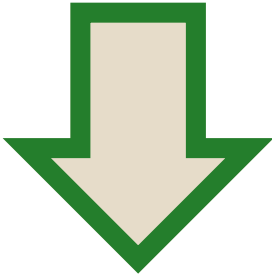


KIDTOPIA RENOVATIONS

Kidtopia Park, originally built in 2003 as a playground designed by kids for kids, has long been a beloved community space in the heart of downtown. The project received tremendous community involvement, from designing the playground structures to creating the artwork on the wooden plank picket fence. While Kidtopia remains a fantastic place for children to play, the wooden structures have reached the end of their lifespan.

Thanks to a generous \$109,440.00 grant from the Community Development Block Grants, we are excited to renovate Kidtopia. The project will involve removing the outdated equipment and fencing, replacing them with new, accessibility-focused playground equipment and updated fencing. These improvements will enhance both the accessibility and safety of the park, ensuring it continues to be a welcoming space for all families.

CHECK OUT OUR PARKS AND TRAILS MAPS



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