

## Giddings Itineraries

### **Giddings Texas in 30 (or 45) Minutes**

#### **0:00 to 0:30 - Tour the Union Station Transportation Museum and the Chamber of Commerce**

These three restored and historic depots have earned Giddings the title of Railroad Capital of Texas.

Location: 289 W. Railroad

Donations are appreciated. Available hours: Mon-Fri from 8am to 5pm. Contact the Chamber as a courtesy so they can prepare visitor packages for guests. 979-542-3455

Bus parking is available at the Museum or the parking lot across the street.

#### **For a greater experience, Optional Driving Tour**

##### **0:30 to 0:45**

Leaving the Museum, cross the parking lot. Turn right on Hwy 77. Continue straight at the light. Turn left on E Hempstead right before the courthouse. Pause safely to see...

**Sights:** Richardsonian Romanesque style, red brick courthouse on the right. Lovely white wood Fletcher-Schubert House on the left. Across from Fletcher House, the First Presbyterian Church, the oldest in town. All three built in the late 1800's.

Stop at stop sign and turn left on Grimes. Stop at stop sign, turn right on Hwy 290. Turn left at next streetlight onto Leon. Turn left on Railroad Row right behind Post Office. Drive slowly to see...

**Sights:** back of Post office on the left. In Post Office parking lot a huge mural painted by local artist, Johnny Jones, depicting several local businesses. Mural has 13 hidden items painted in it.

Stop at stop sign. Continue straight on Railroad Row. Stop at stop sign. You are now facing the Museum and can turn right (North) or left (South) on Hwy 77.

For more information please contact:

Giddings Chamber of Commerce

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

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## **Giddings Texas in 1 Hour – Plan One**

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**0:30 to 0:50 – Shopping at “A Blast from the Past”.** This lovely shop has an eclectic variety of merchandise including antiques, unusual collectibles, jewelry, period costumes and gifts. They also make their own Giddings Fudge and give free samples!

Location: 115 W. Austin, across the parking lot from the Museum (walking distance).

### **0:50 to 1:00 – Driving Tour**

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## **Giddings Texas in 1 Hour – Plan Two**

**0:00 to 0:40 – Tour the historic Fletcher-Schubert House.** Built in 1879 by August Schubert, the home was sold to the Missouri Synod of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in 1894 to house Concordia Lutheran College. The house now exhibits items from the history of Giddings and the surrounding area.

Location: 173 E. Hempstead

Donations are appreciated. Call in advance to book time and tour: Contact Arvella Polka 979-542-2072.

Tours can be scheduled for Mon-Sat. Bus parking is available on the street in front of the House.

**0:40 to 0:55 – View the Giddings Courthouse.** Completed in 1899, this courthouse replaced the original from 1878 which was lost to fire. The architecture is Richardsonian Romanesque. It is said to be octagonal in shape with the four sides facing the four points of the compass.

Location: 200 S. Main, across the street from Fletcher-Schubert house. (walking distance)

The courthouse is a public facility open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. Closed on holidays.

**0:55 to 1:00 – View the Presbyterian Church and read historical marker.** Founded 1876, with thirteen charter members, under the direction of Rev. H. B. Burr and Rev. R. H. Byers. Edifice designed and built in 1886 by the ruling elder, Frank Morris. Annex constructed in 1952. Oldest church building in Giddings in continuous use.

Location: 132 South Grimes, across the street from Fletcher-Schubert house (walking distance)

Open on Sundays for church services

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## Giddings Texas in 2 Hours

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**0:30 to 1:00 – Shopping at “A Blast from the Past”.** This lovely shop has an eclectic variety of merchandise including antiques, unusual collectibles, jewelry, period costumes and gifts. They also make their own Giddings Fudge and give free samples!

Location: 115 W. Austin, across the parking lot from the Museum (walking distance).

### **1:00 to 1:15 Walk down the street to the Courthouse (about 3 blocks)**

Walk south on Hwy 77. You will be able to see the red brick courthouse and bell tower from the intersection of Hwy 77 and 290. Cross Hwy 290 going south at City Meat Market. Cross Hwy 77. Walk 2 blocks down to the courthouse.

**1:15 to 1:35 – View the Giddings Courthouse.** Completed in 1899, this courthouse replaced the original from 1878 which was lost to fire. The architecture is Richardsonian Romanesque. It is said to be octagonal in shape with the four sides facing the four points of the compass.

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Location: 173 E. Hempstead, across the street from courthouse. (walking distance)

Tours are available for this facility. If you desire a tour you may call in advance and book a time by contacting: Arvella Polka at 979-542-2072. If you opt for a tour instead of just an outside viewing, simply discard the viewings of the Courthouse & Church from this itinerary and substitute a tour instead. Donations are appreciated. Tours may be given Mon-Sat.

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### **1:45 to 2:00 – Walk back to the parking lot by A Blast from the Past and the Museum.**

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