



Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
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Smithville Day Trips Sample Itineraries

MOVIE TOUR (0:30) – Join the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce for a guided tour of the movie locations that have helped build our reputation as “Hollywood”. See the homes featured in such feature films as “Hope Floats”, “Tree of Life”, “Beneath the Darkness”, and more! *Must be scheduled with the Chamber of Commerce office at least one month in advance.*

ARTISANS TOUR (0:45) – Browse the collection of local artisan creations at the Mary Nichols Art Gallery, followed by tours through other local privately-owned galleries. Purchase unique pieces including paintings, drawings, sculptures, jewelry, and more. *Please schedule as far in advance as possible to ensure availability of access.*

RAILROAD TOUR (0:30) – Take a step back in time with a guided tour into Smithville’s origins as a railroad town. Start at the railroad museum, then explore the West Point depot, restored railroad cars, and finish the tour with a stop at the memorial statue. *Tours must be scheduled in advance to guarantee guide availability.*

HERITAGE TOUR – (0:45 to 1 Hour) Take a walk through Smithville’s illustrious past at the Heritage House (*open only on Tuesday mornings or by appointment*), followed by a guided tour through the historic district and a glance at the homes of Smithville’s founders. Follow up with a stop at Miss Vickie’s Emporium for a taste of the past. (*Miss Vickie’s is open every day except Wednesday and Sunday.*)

UNIQUELY SMITHVILLE TOUR (0:30 to 1 Hour) – Come visit the Chamber office and see how our World’s Largest Gingerbread Man was born! Visit the monument in person and take a souvenir photo with Smitty before cruising downtown for unique shopping opportunities like custom jewelry, world-famous paper dolls, movie memorabilia, antiques, and nostalgic favorites.

MORE TOUR OPTIONS

Volksmarch- Year Round

An activity for young and old alike with gentle exercise, historic buildings and friendly people.

SPONSOR: Smithville Volkssport Club, AVA-947

ELIGIBILITY/TYPE OF EVENT: Noncompetitive. Walk, jog or run at your own pace. It is open to all and families are encouraged to participate. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone **MUST** register and carry a Start Card and turn it in at the FINISH. This event normally will be held regardless of weather conditions.

STARTING POINT: Smithville Police Station

STARTING POINT ADDRESS: 105 NW Fourth Street, Smithville, Texas 78957

START & FINISH TIMES: Daily, Dawn to Dusk.

DISTANCES: 11km (6.2mi)/5km (3.1mi) - This event may be walked TWICE on the same Start Card for 22km Distance Credit.

AWARD: None

REGISTRATION: The Walk Box is located in the lobby. It contains the Registration Log, Registration Instructions, Walk Directions, a Route

LCRA Railcar and Facilities Tour

LCRA's Smithville Rail Fleet Maintenance Facility is located on 100 E. South Second St. The employees maintain more than 1,500 railcars that haul coal year-round from Wyoming to the Fayette Power Plant in nearby La Grange.

As the coal trains approach the dumping station at FPP, Rail Fleet personnel being an inspection and tag any cars they believe should not be returned to service before maintenance. They repair cars damaged in derailments and perform preventative maintenance inspections on the railcars every time they are brought to the shop.

To see the staff at work, call 512-237-2466.

Historic Riding and Strolling Tour

This brochure covers the Historic Residential District of Smithville in it's "riding" tour and, on the other side, Main Street for a nice walking tour with corresponding numbers in the building window. Filled with facts regarding the buildings and uses of an earlier time, it's well worth getting a copy.

The brochure was first created in a collaborative effort of the Smithville Historic Society, the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce, The Smithville Times, franLan Multimedia, volunteers and the Texas Brazos Trail.

Copies may be found at the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce, Main St. & First St.; The Smithville Times, 303 Main; and at various downtown merchants.

The Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce routinely arranges tours for large groups who are interested in seeing the high points of Smithville. If enough notice is given, the Chamber can arrange for the group to ride the Ann Powell Express, a tram that transports groups through town. Call the Chamber office for more information or to book a tour at 512-237-2313 or visit our website for any information about Smithville www.smithvilletx.org.

For more information or to schedule any of the tours, contact the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce office.