



LAMPASAS

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▶ **History & Overview**

Lamparas was originally settled by John Burleson in 1850. The city was first named Burleson, however due to the existence of seven mineral springs, the name gradually changed to Lamparas Springs. The origination of the name has been debated. Many people think the name came from a Spanish word for “lilies” that are found in nearby streams. Others believe it came from the Spanish word “Lampazos”, a Mexican town that also had beautiful springs. Lamparas is about 70 miles from Austin.



▶ **Education**

Lamparas ISD serves students in grades K-12 and offers several higher educational facilities within driving distance, including The Lamparas County Higher Education Center, The University of Texas at Austin, Baylor University, University of Mary Hardin Baylor, Central Texas College, Texas A&M University – Central Texas, Temple College and Texas State Technical College.



▶ **Major Business Industries**

Lamparas has a diverse business community and is the site for leading manufacturer companies, such as Oil States Industries and Windsor Foods. The Lamparas Business Park offers 165 acres for new manufacturing facilities and office buildings one mile from Hwy 183, Hwy 190 and Hwy 281. Top employers represented are Lamparas ISD, Walmart, Ajinomoto, Oil States and Advent Health Rollins Brook Hospital.



▶ **Arts & Culture**

Scattered throughout the Downtown Historic District and surrounding area, residents can enjoy 8 one-of-a kind murals depicting the rich heritage of Lamparas County. Other cultural experiences include visiting Hannah Springs Sculpture Garden, the Keystone Square Museum and the Lamparas County Museum. Lamparas Association for the Arts (LAFTA) is a non-profit organization that hosts several events throughout the year to bring awareness and appreciation to art in Lamparas.



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▶ Dining

Lampasas is home to several wonderful dining options, and some of the local favorites include Eve's Café, Sweet Pickle Deli & More, Giovanni's Italian Restaurant, El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant, Storms Hamburgers, Bella Italia and Country Kitchen & Bakery.



▶ Wineries, Breweries, & Pubs

Situated in the Texas Hill Country, Lampasas offers residents the opportunity to take day trips to visit wineries in nearby towns. Stoneledge Winery & Vineyard, The Hidden Pearl @ Wool and Vine, Torr Na Lochs Vineyard & Winery, Texas Legato Winery, Fiesta Winery and Pillar Bluff Vineyard are just a few of the favorite destinations.



▶ Parks & Outdoors

Residents of Lampasas can enjoy several outdoor adventures, such as birding, butterfly chasing, walking and hiking, swimming, golfing and fishing. A few of the favorite outdoor places include Hancock Springs Free Flow Pool, WM Brook Park (the Riverwalk of Lampasas), Hancock Park Golf Course, Cooper Spring Nature Park and Colorado Bend State Park. The town also has several sports complexes: 580 Sports Complex, Gavin Garrett Soccer Complex and Turner Baseball Complex.



▶ Festivals

The following annual festivals and events are celebrated in Lampasas: the Lometa Diamondback Jubilee, Bloomin' Fest, Lampasas County Hillacious Bike Tour, City Wide Garage Sale, Fort Hood Welcome Party, Lampasas Riata Roundup Festival, Sulphur Creek Car Cruise, Spring Ho Festival, Wild West Casino Night, Indian Artifacts Show, Lampasas County Wine Tour, Artober Fest, Christmas on the Creek and Holiday Tour of Homes.



▶ Neighborhoods

Strategically located at the intersection of three main arteries: Highways 281, 183 and 190 (Central Texas Highway), Lampasas offers residents the convenience of small town living with easy access to large city amenities and services. Many of the residents live near the Historic Downtown District, some live near the schools, while others choose to live on acreage to take in views of the Texas Hill Country.

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