



LOCKHART CITY GUIDE



▶ History & Overview

Byrd Lockhart owned land in Gonzales County and in exchange for building roads at his own expense, he was given land along Plum Creek. Lockhart was a major northward converging point for the Chisholm Trail and subsequently became a boom town with cotton and the discovery and development of oil fields. Located 30 miles southeast of downtown Austin, Lockhart is a charming historic town that is known as the “Barbecue Capital of Texas”.



▶ Education

Lockhart ISD was designated as a “District of Innovation” in 2017. Within 30 miles of Lockhart are 6 institutions of higher learning, including Texas State University, The University of Texas, Concordia College, St. Edward’s University, Huston-Tillotson College and Austin Community College. Lockhart is also equipped with its own Technology Center offering a variety of computer training courses.



▶ Major Business Industries

Lockhart offers its business community a small-town quality of life, two industrial parks, job training, productive labor supply and state and local incentives. Major business industries in Lockhart include manufacturing, transportation and warehouse, and food and beverage processing. Some of the largest employers are Lockhart ISD, Serta Dormae Manufacturing, Management and Training Corporation, Pure Castings Company and First Lockhart National.



▶ Arts & Culture

Lockhart residents enjoy several cultural experiences, including taking in a comedy show at the Gaslight-Baker Theatre, seeing a newly released movie at the Hometown Cinema and visiting the Caldwell County Museum, Dr. Eugene Clark Library or Southwest Museum of Clocks and Watches.



▶ Dining

Named the “Barbecue Capital of Texas”, no visit to Lockhart would be complete without eating BBQ and enjoying some other popular dining options. Notable places include Black’s BBQ, Chisholm Trail BBQ, Smitty’s Market, Kreuz Market and El Rey Crawfish & Oyster Bar.



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▶ **Wineries, Breweries, & Pubs**

The architecture of the historic buildings in downtown Lockhart create some cool places for breweries and pubs. Residents enjoy going to The Pearl in an old building on Main Street for a cold beer and relaxing atmosphere. Lockhart also offers several winery options within minutes, such as Blue Lotus and Water 2 Wine.



▶ **Parks & Outdoors**

Home to an extensive network of sidewalks connecting 10 city parks to each other, Lockhart provides residents numerous opportunities to get outdoors. Covered pavilions, playscapes, picnic tables, BBQ pits, baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, volleyball courts, basketball courts, a skateboard park, jogging and walking tracks, a city pool, spring fed creeks and a fishing pond are just some of the amenities available to residents. The town has several parks, including Lockhart State Park, Arrendondo, Braun, City Park, Lions Park, Navarro, Maple Street, Nueces and North Pecos.



▶ **Festivals**

Lockhart is known for its annual celebrations. Visitors and residents can enjoy fall live music performances as well as arts and crafts and chili cook-offs. Popular festivals are the Lockhart Swing and BBQ Festival Chisholm Trail Round Up, Independence Day Extravaganza, BBQ Capital of Texas and Chili Championship and Old Settlers Music Festival.



▶ **Neighborhoods**

With a charming historical downtown square, public parks, walking paths, community theatre, museums and a state park, Lockhart offers residents a sought-after quality of life. Known for its beautiful historic homes, quieter older neighborhoods and bustling subdivisions, Lockhart has several housing options. Notable neighborhoods include the historic downtown district, Lockhart Proper and new subdivisions just west of downtown.



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