



AMENITIES

For a community the size of Temple, the level and quality of cultural activities is amazing. Temple has a full subscription symphony season and the Performing Arts Series bring in world-class entertainment. Other amenities offered to Temple citizens and visitors include: museums, galleries, local theater, musical and sports events, movie theater, bowling alley, skating rink, public parks and sports fields. The Corps of Engineers manages nearby lakes: Lake Belton (9 miles) and Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir (15 miles).

Temple's Mayborn Convention Center, the Bell County Exposition Center, and the new Hilton Garden Inn all offer convention and meeting facilities for local, statewide and national events. The city has an outstanding private country club, Wildflower, managed by Club Corp of America. Area restaurants offer everything from downtown fine dining to fast food. From Mexican and barbecue, to Italian and Chinese, no palate will go unrewarded.

HISTORICAL AMENITIES

- **Railroad and Heritage Museum** - houses one of the most outstanding collections of railroad and pioneer material in the state. The exhibits highlight the diversity of Central Texas and the accomplishments of numerous citizens who helped tame the Texas frontier. It is a must-see for anyone who loves trains and Texas. The recently renovated historic Santa Fe Railroad Depot in downtown Temple is the new home for the museum. www.rrhm.org
- The **Scott & White Log Cabin Medical Museum** – enjoy viewing the 150-year-old log cabin, the original retreat & study of Dr. Scott, with photographs and artifacts on display with historical material on the evolution of medical treatments over the century.
- The **Little Joey Y La Familia Museum** – recognizing Temple's own Grammy award winner, Joe Hernandez, a pioneer of Tejano music. www.littlejoemusichomestead.com
- **SPJST** (Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas) **Museum** celebrating Czech history and the traditions of pioneers who settled Texas. Includes a variety of Czech artifacts, coins, Bibles, costumes, antique musical instruments, and an extensive library with historic documents dating back to the 1700's. www.spjst.com/museum.html
- **Temple's Residential Historical District** – immediately north of downtown, includes much of the original town site and residential area associated with the "coming of the railroad" in the 1880's.
- **Texas Early Day Tractor and Engine Association** - permanent grounds and annual show featuring antique and historic equipment located in the NW Industrial Park. www.tedtea.org
- **Bell County Museum** (County Seat, Belton) varied aspects of rural and city life in permanent and rotating exhibits highlighting the first 100 years of Bell County from 1850 to 1950. The museum is housed in the community's historic Carnegie Library.



CULTURAL AMENITIES

- **Cultural Activities Center** – www.cacarts.org - CAC hosts three separate professionally produced musical and theater entertainment series, as well as international symphony and orchestra performances with The Central Texas Orchestral Society. New gallery exhibitions and openings occur every month and numerous events are held in the banquet facilities, landscaped courtyard, meeting rooms, or 487-seat auditorium. With the recent addition of the Strasburger Hall, the CAC can host dinners up to 300-320 people. The CAC organization provides a home for the City's non-profit organizations for the promotion and production of the performing and musical arts and humanities. The CAC organization works with other cultural organizations with outreach programs into the educational system.
- **Temple Symphony** - Now in its 7th season, sponsoring groups include the Cultural Activities Center, Central Texas Orchestral Society and Temple College. Conductor Thomas Fairlie is also the founder of Temple's Annual Jazz Festival.
- **Temple Civic Theatre** - with a full-time, professional staff, performs six main-series productions each year along with other special presentations.
- **Art Galleries** include Cultural Activities Center, Temple College, Scott & White Gallery, and Temple Gallery.
- **Lecture and Concert Series** - sponsored by Cultural Activities Center, Performing Arts Series and Temple College.

RECREATION AMENITIES

- Public Parks, including 20 ball fields 28
- Public Swimming Pools, one indoor 5
- Golf Courses 3
- Tennis Courts 21
- Youth Centers 3
- Soccer Complex and Multi-Purpose Fields 9
- Community, Recreation Centers, Gymnasium 4
- Area Lakes:
 - Lake Belton - 9 miles west of downtown Temple, a 12,000 acre Corp of Engineers lake with a 136-mile shoreline
 - Stillhouse Hollow Lake - 15 miles southwest of Temple

ENTERTAINMENT AND DINING AMENITIES

- 12-screen stadium-style theater inside Colonial Mall Temple
- 3 Golf Courses
- Bowling Alley
- Central Texas Air Show
- Skating Rink
- Temple Civic Theatre
- Temple Symphony Orchestra
- Texas Early Day Tractor Show
- Train Festival
- Over 100 dining and eating establishments from fine dining to family style: Italian, Mexican, Chinese, Asian, pubs, steakhouse, catfish, barbecue, deli's, fast food.



CONVENTION AND MEETING FACILITIES

- Hilton Garden Inn
- Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center - adjacent to the Cultural Activities Center, this municipal facility can accommodate a variety of events up to 2,000-seat occasions.
www.ci.temple.tx.us/mayborn
- Bell County Exposition Center - a domed events center (seats up to 9,400) with meeting spaces and covered exposition areas; rodeos; home and garden events; trade shows; home rink for the Central Texas Blackhawks, a team that is part of an amateur hockey league.
- Temple area has over 23 hotels and motels with 1700+ rooms.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY AMENITIES

- Wildflower County Club and Residential Area - a Club Corp of America development covering 735 acres, including a clubhouse, pool, tennis courts and a 18-hole, par 72 golf course.
www.wildflowerclub.com
- The City has over 200 business, professional, service, social clubs, organizations, and fraternal groups. Check the Temple Chamber of Commerce web site: www.templetx.org
- The City has a variety of centers, residential complexes, services, organizations, and programs focusing on the needs of the senior citizens and retirees.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

African Methodist Episcopal	Inter-Denominational
Assembly of God	Jehovah's Witness
Baptist	Jewish Temple
Bible Church	Lutheran
Brethren	Methodist
Catholic	Mormon (Latter Day Saints)
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	Nazarene
Christian Science	Non-Denominational
Church of Christ	Pentecostal
Church of God	Presbyterian
Church of the Living God	Seventh-day Adventist
Episcopal	Unitarian
Full Gospel	Unity
Hindu	

Buddhist temples and Islamic mosques are in the area, but not in Temple.



MAJOR SHOPPING FACILITIES

- **Temple Mall**

Temple Mall, with 555,163 square feet, approx. 70 tenants, offers permanent as well as specialty leasing. Located at the corner of South 31st Street and Loop 363 (Highway 36/190), Temple Mall has easy access from the entire Bell County area via I-35, FM 93, and Highway 95. Contact: Trish Lee, General Manager, trishl@coyotemanagement.com (254) 778-4847.

Major Stores:

Dillard's Department Store	Steve & Barry's	Premiere Cinema 16
J.C. Penney	Macy's	

- **Market Place Shopping Center**

Market Place Shopping Center is a 275,000 square foot shopping center located at 31st Street and H. K. Dodgen Loop.

Major Stores:

HEB Super Grocery Store	Kayla's Hallmark Store	Pier 1 Imports
Beall's Department Store	Hollywood Video	

- **Southloop Shopping Center**

Southloop Shopping Center is a 93,000 square foot shopping center located at Thornton Lane and H.K. Dodgen Loop.

Major Stores:

CVS Pharmacy	Brickwood Antiques	Tuesday Morning
Big Lots	Hancock Fabrics	

- **Temple Towne Center**

Temple Towne Center is a 300,000 square foot retail shopping center on the north side of Loop 363, ½ mile east of IH-35

Major Stores:

Bed Bath & Beyond	Marshall's	Shoe Carnival
Goody's	Petco	Staples
Hobby Lobby	Ross	

- **Bird Creek Crossing**

Bird Creek Crossing is located on the west side of IH-35 near H. K. Dodgen Loop.

Major Stores:

Home Depot	PetsMart
Best Buy	Target

- **Other Major Stores**

Wal-Mart Super Center
Sam's Club (*next to Wal-Mart Super Center*)
Academy Sports & Outdoors
Circuit City
H.E.B. Grocery Stores
Lowe's Home Improvement Center, east side of Temple Mall
Walgreen's Pharmacy