

Facts At-A-Glance: Get to Know the George Ranch Historical Park

- The George Ranch Historical Park is located on approximately 498 acres in the middle of the George Ranch, which is made up of more than 22,000 acres of land.
- If the Ranch was entirely surrounded by water, it would be bigger than the entire island of St. John in The Virgin Islands.
- The George Ranch Historical Park welcomes more than 80,000 guests annually from all over the world and interprets the rural history of this working ranch, including the origins of Fort Bend County and the settlement of Texas.
- The George Ranch was originally settled in 1824 as part of Stephen F. Austin's colony. The first family, Henry and Nancy Jones, was part of "The Old 300" — the first colonists that came to Southeast Texas to settle the land for Mexico. These colonists were required to swear allegiance to Mexico and pledge to raise their families in the Catholic faith.
- The land changed names as it was passed down through each generation. By the blessing of marriage, rightful inheritance and coincidence, this land passed from mother to daughter: Jones - Ryon - Davis - George.
- The George Ranch Historical Park has two original homes and two replica homes arranged in chronological order around the one-mile history circle in the Park. The 1830s Jones Stock Farm dogtrot cabin and the 1860s Ryon Prairie Home are replica homes with period-correct furnishings. The 1890s Davis Victorian Mansion and the 1930s George Ranch House are original homes with original furnishings.
- Cowboy heritage is an important legacy of the George Ranch. Henry and Nancy Jones' daughter, Mary "Polly" Jones Ryon, along with her husband William Ryon, managed the Ranch and its cattle during the "golden era" of cattle drives across the West's open ranges.
- The oak tree that stands next to the George Ranch House was planted in 1824 by the Jones Family, as it was the site of the original homestead. The tree house was built over 100 years later by A.P. George for his 3-year-old niece, Mary Jones, who came to live with Mamie and A.P. George in the 1930s.
- Mamie Davis married A.P. George and together they continued to manage the family's ranching and business interests. When oil was discovered on the ranch's property, the family's fortune changed forever. Without heirs to pass the land and its assets on to, the Georges established The George Foundation, which holds title to Historical Park's land.
- The George Ranch Historical Park is a partnership between the Fort Bend County Museum Association and The George Foundation.
- The George Ranch produces unique Texas experiences and is a popular host of large corporate events, weddings and family gatherings. The Ranch also serves as a beautiful location for television and motion picture sets.

Amenities & Event Space

In the Visitor's Center, guests will find museum-style exhibits, the Dry Creek General Store and the Dinner Belle Café. Event space is also available, including a rodeo arena, an open-air pavilion, restored dance hall, post office, restored chapel, plus acres of open space for specialized events.

Park Hours

The George Ranch Historical Park is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Park is closed on Sundays, Mondays and certain holidays. Visitors should allow 2 to 3 hours to complete their visit.

Location

From Houston: Travel south on US 59 toward Victoria. Exit Grand Parkway/Hwy 99. Turn left under the freeway and continue south. At the light, continue straight and cross the railroad tracks. The George Ranch Historical Park entrance is about 7 miles down the road on the right. Look for the big white entrance gate.

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Admission

Adults: \$ 9
Seniors (62+ years): \$8
Children (5-15 years): \$5

