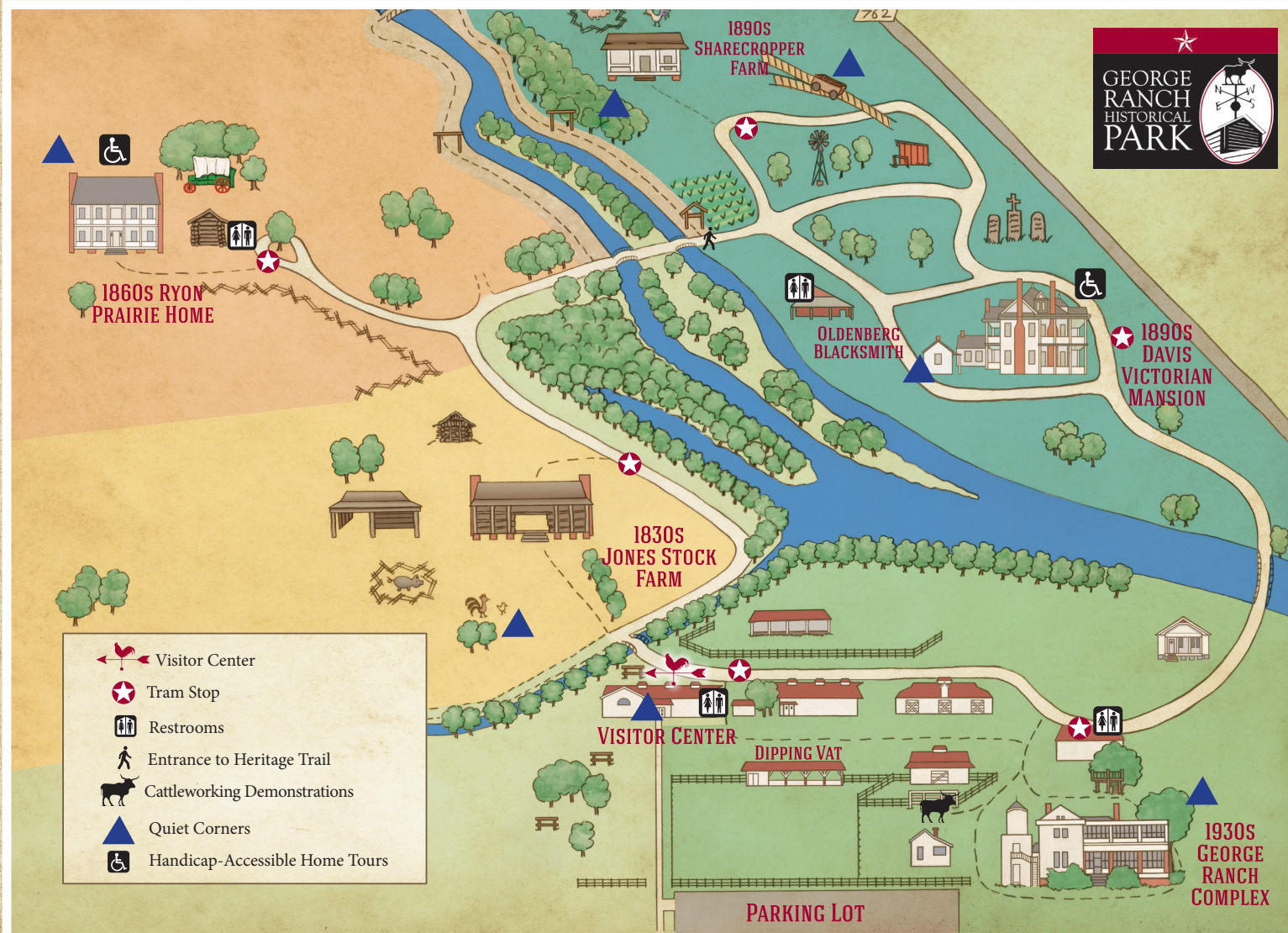


SENSORY-FRIENDLY MAP & INFORMATION

Welcome to the George Ranch Historical Park! We are thrilled to offer our families with children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), as well as other sensory and developmental challenges, a local attraction with a customized and welcoming environment. The map shows the locations of the Quiet Corners, which can be used as needed. Sensory kits are available at each site and are filled with items such as weighted lap pads, stress balls, fidgets, coloring pages and short story books. Noise-canceling headphones and color therapy glasses are also available for check-out at the Visitor Center. These items are first come, first serve.










PARK INFORMATION:

- Free parking is located near the Visitor Center. Handicapped parking is available in the first row nearest to the main entrance.
- Walk the short path to the Visitor Center and enter the front doors to the gift shop. You can purchase tickets at the desk located to the right-hand side of the entry doors.
- Admission stickers must be worn by at least one member of the party and can be placed on the back or on a backpack. The admission sticker is good for the whole day and allows you to leave the Park and return, if necessary.
- Wagons, strollers and wheelchairs are welcome. While the main loop is fully paved, individual paths around the houses are dirt paths that may be uneven, wet and muddy. Closed-toe shoes are recommended.
- Noise-canceling headphones and colored glasses are available for check-out at the Visitor Center.
- There are 7 quiet corners located throughout the Park. Look for the quiet corner area signs, the quiet corner icon on the map or ask any staff member to point you in the right direction.
- Food and drinks are not allowed inside the historic homes. There are several water fountains throughout the Park, but bringing a water bottle is recommended, particularly in warmer months. Picnic areas are located near the Visitor Center.
- Restrooms are located at the Visitor Center, 1860s Ryon Prairie Home site, the 1890s Oldenberg Blacksmith Shop and the programs office near the 1930s George Ranch Home & Cattle Complex.
- Each principal historic site has multiple sensory kits available when needed. These sensory-friendly kits include a variety of objects to help enhance the quiet spot when needed. Our kits include weighted lap pads, lavender lotion, stress balls and fidget spinners, crayons, coloring books and picture books. Please return the kits before you leave an individual site.
- Some historic homes are not accessible to wheelchairs. Strollers and wagons are to be left outside the home before entering.
- There is a tram available every 20 to 30 minutes that circles the Park. It is wheelchair-, stroller- and wagon-friendly.
- There are chickens, pigs, bulls and horses found at the Ranch. Please do not feed the animals and only touch one if a staff member is present and allows it.
- You may also see alligators, snakes and other assorted wildlife. Please leave them alone and stay on the designated pathways to avoid any issues.
- Be aware that there are occasional open fires present at the 1830s and 1860s homes. Likewise, black powder weapons and cannon fire are periodically fired on-site, so please check with a staff member if you have any concerns.

Note: Our staff members are here to help you and to provide a safe and secure environment. Please feel free to ask questions or let us know if you have any specific needs.

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PHOTO	SITE NAME & MAP COLOR	SOUND	LIGHT	TOUCH	SMELL	MOVEMENT	COMPLEXITY	NOTES
	1830s Jones Stock Farm	●	●	●	●	●	●	Large outside space with small cabin. Inside of cabin is dark and crowded. Lots of interactives and things to touch. Livestock includes chickens and pigs.
	1860s Ryon Prairie Home	●	●	●	●	●	●	Large outside space with Old Prairie Home and good lighting. Interactive space. Livestock includes chickens and pigs.
	1890s Sharecropper Farm	●	●	●	●	●	●	Large outside space with sharecropper cabin and good lighting. It is close to the road, so traffic noise is expected. There may be additional wildlife noise nearby. Interactive space. Livestock includes chickens and pigs.
	1890s Davis Victorian Mansion	●	●	●	●	●	●	Historic house tour with good lighting. Inside the house is quiet, although the porch is by the main road. No interactives.
	1890s Blacksmith Shop	●	●	●	●	●	●	Traditional blacksmith shop with forge. Dark and smoky smell. Heavy noise from metalworking.
	1930s George Ranch Home	●	●	●	●	●	●	Historic house tour with good lighting. Quiet. No interactives.
	1930s George Cattle Complex	●	●	●	●	●	●	Traditional cattle-roping demonstrations. Involves two locations. Good lighting. Possibly loud and unusual sounds. Livestock includes cows and horses.

SENSORY INTENSITY:



Low



Medium



High