



**BULLOCK
MUSEUM**

Guide

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Welcome!

Explore the story of Texas, and share your experience with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter! [#BullockMuseum](#)

Exhibitions

Three floors of galleries explore the most significant moments in Texas history and beyond. Discover:

- When the story of Texas began
- How we built the Lone Star identity
- How land, culture, and technology shaped Texas

Programs and Events

Bullock Museum programs are a place for community to celebrate culture, explore new ideas, and share experiences together:

- **Family Programs:** Educational and engaging activities that bring families together, spark conversations, and provide opportunities for young Texans to learn and grow
- **Public Programs:** Discussions, performances, and film screenings that explore relevant history, make local connections and show how Texas fits into a broader national story
- **School Programs:** Field trips, onsite experiences, and Distance Learning livestreams connect school-age audiences with the stories of Texas through history, science, language arts, ESL, the arts, and more

Theaters

The **Bullock Museum IMAX® Theatre** with laser projection and audio system features documentaries and first-run feature films on the largest screen in the state.

The **Texas Spirit Theater**, located on the second floor, features three screens and surprising special effects that create a unique and truly captivating experience.

For tickets, visit THE-STORY-OF-TEXAS.COM/films or stop by the Ticketing counter in the Grand Lobby.

Shopping

From books and toys to local foods, music, and custom art prints, the **Bullock Museum Store**, located on the first floor, offers a wide range of items and unique gifts perfect for all ages and interests.

Venue Rentals

Make your next celebration historic at the Bullock with a choice of unique spaces ideal for memorable events, corporate meetings, weddings, and other private parties and functions.

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Every purchase supports the Bullock Museum's educational programming.

For more information and a full calendar of exhibitions, programs, and films visit:

THE-STORY-OF-TEXAS.COM



First Floor

Texas History Galleries

When did the story of Texas begin?

Becoming Texas: Our Story Begins Here explores more than 16,000 years on the land we now call Texas. Discover the people, places, and events that shaped the landscape prior to Mexican Independence in 1821.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO

● Projectile point

Discovered just north of Austin in 2011, this stone point with a broken tip was made at least 16,000 years ago and changed our understanding of when humans arrived in the Americas. *Projectile point courtesy Gault School of Archeology Research.*



● La Belle and its cargo

See the excavated hull of the French colonial shipwreck *La Belle*, which sank off the Texas coast in 1686. View thousands of cargo items discovered with the ship, including items needed to start a colony and trade with American Indian groups. See the ship from various viewpoints as it would have appeared prior to sinking with augmented reality kiosks located on all three floors.



● American Indian traditions

Explore the importance of bison to early Texans, and learn how American Indian artists are passing on their cultures' traditions to future generations with interactive multimedia, artifacts, and a life-size bison statue made exclusively for the Bullock Museum.



● Landscape theater

Immerse yourself in different Texas landscapes and hear the languages that existed in early Texas with a multi-sensory environmental experience.

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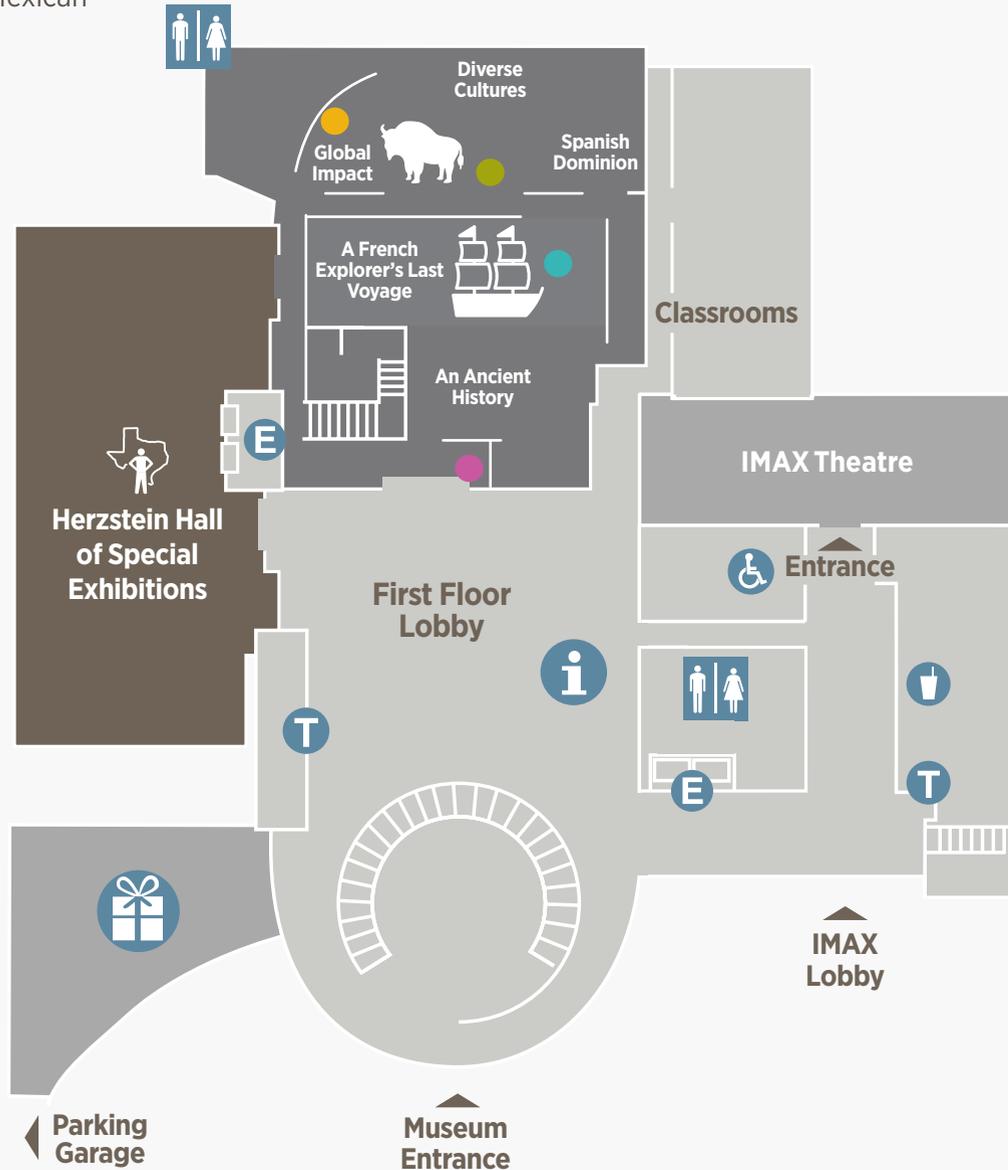
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Second Floor

Texas History Galleries

Building the Lone Star Identity

Uncover the history of Texas's relationships with Mexico and the United States, and explore the stories that shaped the state as it moved through annexation, immigration, the economic and human cost of slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Texas Centennial.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO

● Sam Houston statue

This model of an 1892 statue by German sculptor Elisabet Ney represents Ney's vigorous portrait of Houston at about age 40 — the age he was when he first came to Texas and took on the leadership of the Texas revolutionary army.

● The Alamo

Step inside the door of the Alamo façade for a short film based on an eyewitness account of the Texas Revolution by Captain Juan Nepomuceno Seguín.



● Cotton gin

Invented in 1793, the cotton gin revolutionized the cotton industry. This steam-powered cotton gin was used in the Texas Hill Country community of Luckenbach and was capable of producing five to six bales of cotton a day.



Courtesy Dan Taylor, Ropesville



Courtesy Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, The University of Texas at Austin

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● Goddess of Liberty

This original 1888 statue graced the top of the Texas State Capitol Building dome for nearly 100 years. The Goddess of Liberty continues to represent the liberties of all Texans.



Third Floor

Texas History Galleries

Land, culture, and technology in Texas

Learn how industries, scientific developments, and struggles for equality have shaped the state and continue to impact Texans today. Explore the iconic music, cinema, and sports that ignite the imaginations of the Lone Star State and beyond.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO

● AT-6A Airplane

The AT-6A "Texan" airplane was used to train pilots, including the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs). The AT-6A soars above three floors of galleries with its Pratt & Whitney R-1340-49 Wasp radial engine on view nearby.



● 1953 F-100

In 1903, Ford Motor Company established a plant in Dallas. Fifty years later, Ford Motor Company celebrated its anniversary with the Ford F100 pickup truck, which carried the sticker "Made in Texas by Texans."



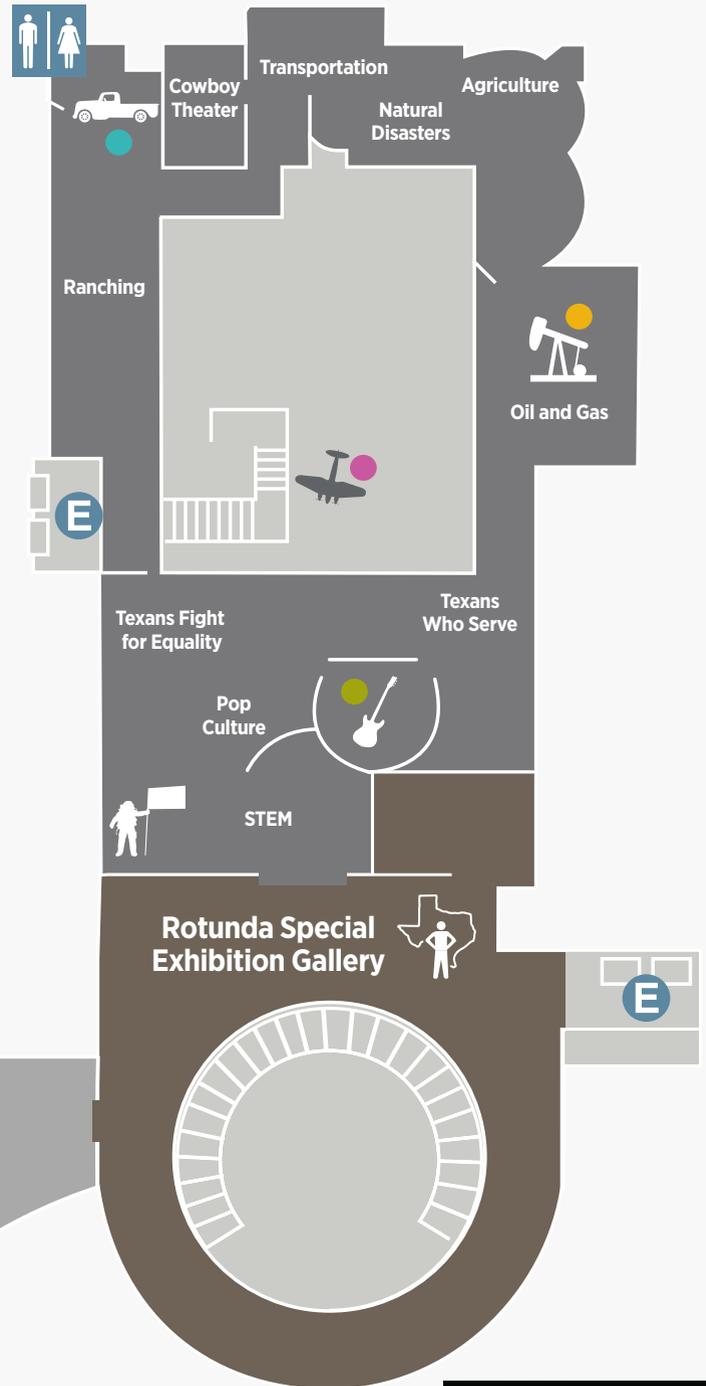
● Pump jack

View a working pump jack, an icon of Texas oil production used to extract crude oil from the ground. Discover how these structures operate with an animation that demonstrates the process of forcing oil to the surface.



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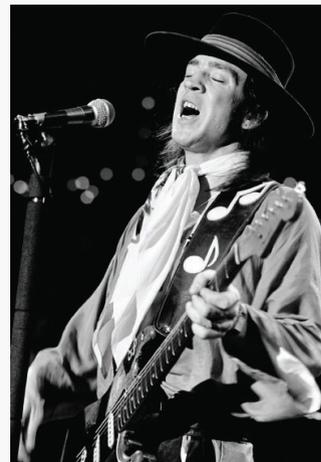


Austin Room

● Austin City Limits Theater

Visit the Austin City Limits Theater for a large-screen concert experience featuring film clips from the longest-running music program in American television history.

Photo courtesy Austin City Limits.



Special Exhibition Galleries

First Floor

Herzstein Gallery



Mystery and Benevolence: Masonic and Odd Fellows Folk Art from the Kendra and Allan Daniel Gift to the American Folk Art Museum

on view Nov. 20, 2021–March 27, 2022

Discover the mysterious and iconic art and objects from the golden age of America's secret societies.



Mental Health: Mind Matters

on view May 7–July 31, 2022

Discover immersive experiences and multimedia activities that provide a respectful, informative, engaging place for learning and conversations about mental health.

Mystery and Benevolence: Masonic and Odd Fellows Folk Art from the Kendra and Allan Daniel Collection is supported in part by Joyce Berger Cowin, Kendra and Allan Daniel, the David Davies and Jack Weeden Fund for Exhibitions, the Ford Foundation, and the Leir Charitable Foundations.

Mental Health: Mind Matters was produced for North America by the Science Museum of Minnesota in collaboration with Heureka: The Finnish Science Centre.

Sponsored locally by The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Hall Fund.

Third Floor

Rotunda Gallery



The Fourth Grade Project

on view June 25–Dec. 11, 2022

See 65 portraits of fourth grade students from 10 countries. Told in the fourth graders' own words, their varied stories touch on the human condition and urgent social issues.

The Fourth Grade Project is a program of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance with Texas Commission on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts.

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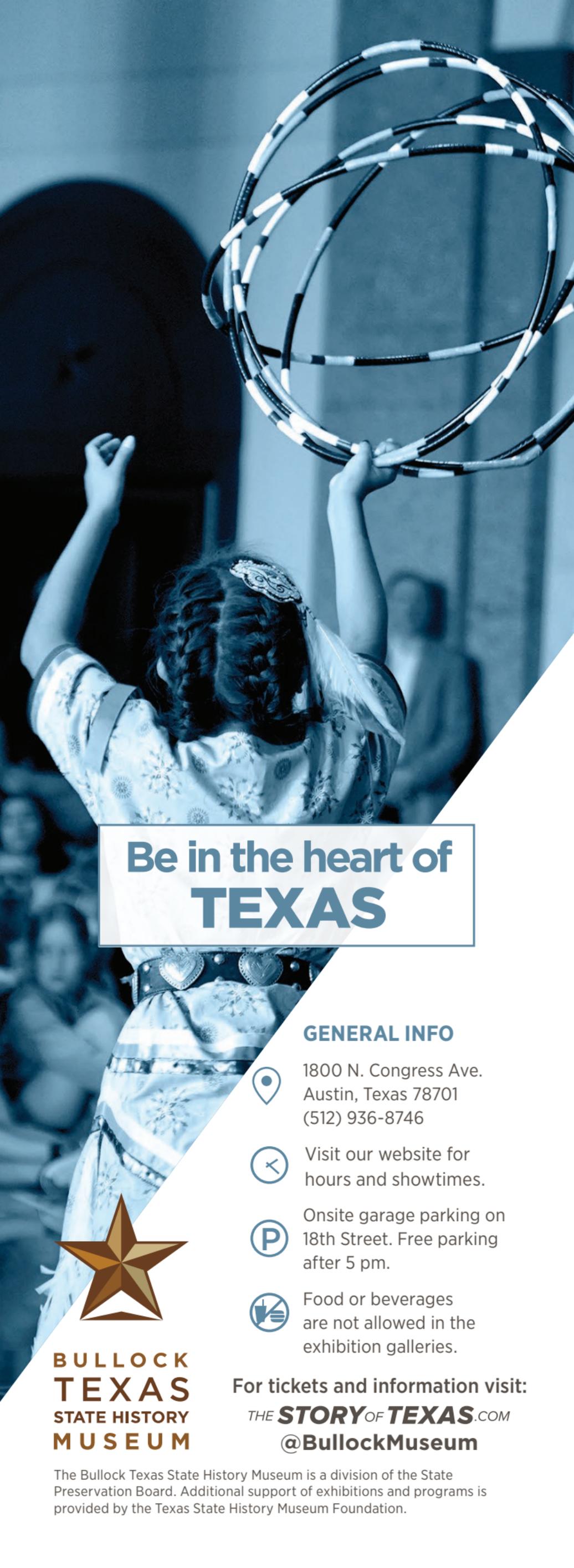


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