

# Parks of Palestine

## ATHLETIC TEAMS AND CAMPS



Sports and camps thrive throughout the Palestine area. Through various leagues, sports associations and clubs, Palestine offers

baseball, softball, basketball, football, soccer, tennis, track, cycling and scout programs. In addition, various nonprofit organizations host camps and activities for youth throughout the year. For contact information for any activities listed please call the Palestine Visitors Center at 903-723-3014.

### STEVEN BENNETT PARK AQUATIC CENTER

For Summer Pool Passes Contact: 903-731-8495  
For Swim Lessons, Water Aerobics or Pool Rental  
Contact: YMCA 903-729-3139

## ADOPT-A-PARK

Developed to improve and enhance Palestine parks through community involvement and citizen partnerships, this program brings church, civic, school and neighborhood groups to help in the beautification of our City park system.



In conjunction with Palestine Parks Department, groups can adopt an area and after maintaining the area for a period of time they will be recognized by City Council and a sign will be placed at their respective location. For more information or to discuss adopting a location, please call the Parks and Recreation office at 903-731-8435.

## PARK PAVILION RENTALS

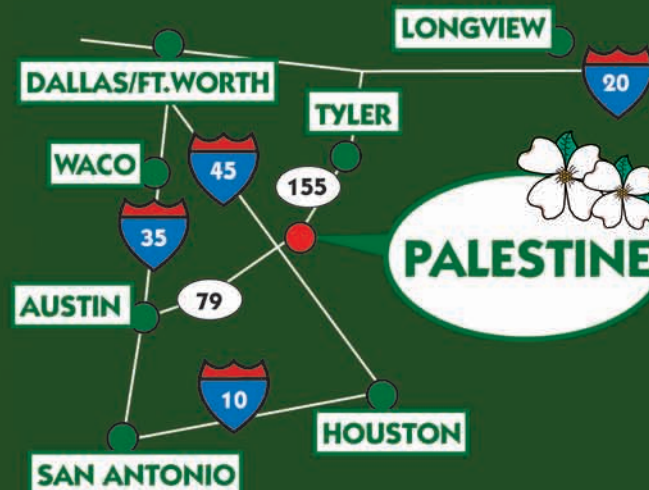
Whether you are planning a wedding, birthday party, reunion or just a family picnic, consider using one of our many park pavilions available at a nominal fee. Call 903-723-2026.

# Palestine

## PARKS & RECREATION

## Retreat & Renew

WITH OUR SCENIC VIEWS



### Contact Information:

For more information on specific opportunities and contact information:

City Parks and Recreation: 903-723-2026

Palestine Visitors Center: 903-723-3014

1-800-659-3484

Anderson County Extension Office: 903-723-3735

Chamber of Commerce: 903-729-6066

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# Healthy Living

## PARKS & RECREATION



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When you come to Palestine, Texas, you find this historic town is host to some of the most breath-taking landscape in the state of Texas. It offers residents and visitors an up-close and personal experience of nature through many outdoor parks and recreational activities. There are numerous outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, softball/baseball, football, basketball, tennis, soccer, hiking and biking trails, swimming and much more. Palestine has a large percentage of undeveloped public land to provide natural open spaces for exploration and adventure. In addition, we have a Convention Center with over 10,000 total sq. feet of space and a Visitor Information Center to assist with tourism and community activities. Experience outdoor adventures and opportunities in the City of Palestine.

## FEATURED PARKS & OUTDOOR VENUES

### Reagan Park

400 Micheaux Ave. • Palestine, TX 75801



Situated in the heart of Palestine, Reagan Park is home to the Museum of East Texas Culture, large children's play area including water attraction, tennis facilities and a monument to it's namesake, John H. Reagan.

The statue was sculpted by Pompeo Coppini in 1908 and was cast in Rome. Pavilions at the park may be reserved for special events. For reservations contact the City of Palestine Community Services Division at 903-723-2026.



### Palestine Community Forest

This local gem has over 700 acres of pines and hardwoods with scenic drives leading to four lakes. Enjoy fishing, boating and picnicking. Sumac, yaupon and sweet gum trees add accents of color during autumn. Access the forest from the intersection of Texas 19 and U.S. 287, a few miles northwest of Palestine.

### Davey Dogwood Park

210 North Link Street • Palestine, TX 75801

Encompasses more than 200 acres with picturesque views throughout the park. The park is a featured area during the annual Texas Dogwood Trails Celebration from late March to early April. For pavilion rental or more information call the Anderson County Judges office at 903-723-7819.



### Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area

16149 North US Hwy 287 • Tennessee Colony, TX 75861

Located in northwest Anderson County, this 10,958 acre wildlife area was purchased from 1950 to 1960 under the Pittman-Robertson Act using Federal Aid in the Wildlife Restoration Program. The area is open year round, except when closed for special permit hunts. Visitors may enjoy nature viewing, bird watching, photography, hiking, camping and the general beauty of nature. Botanists and wildflower enthusiasts may revel in the dazzling spring and fall displays. For more information visit [tpwd.state.tx.us/wma](http://tpwd.state.tx.us/wma) or call 903-928-2251.

## Lakes of Palestine

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Palestine area has four public lakes which allow non-motorized fishing boats and have piers. Upper and Lower lakes are located in the Palestine Community Forest and contain picnicking areas. Wolf Creek and Blue Lake are also available for fishing. For more information and location of lakes, please contact the Palestine Visitors Center at 903-723-3014.



## PRIVATE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you want to hunt or fish at a private resort, ride go-karts, enjoy viewing exotic animals or golf with full accommodations, Palestine and the surrounding area offer many private recreational opportunities to satisfy your quest for adventure.

Established in 1881, the Texas State Railroad is truly a Texas Treasure! Enjoy steam or diesel train excursions, Victorian depots, beautiful parks with lakes, campground and picnic areas. For more information on the Texas State Railroad excursions visit [www.texasstaterr.com](http://www.texasstaterr.com) or call 1-888-987-2461.



For more information on other private recreational activities contact the Palestine Visitors Center at 1-800-659-3484.