

San Antonio's Legendary Attractions

With more than three centuries of attractions, there is something here for everyone!



RIVER WALK

For many, San Antonio is the Paseo del Rio, an urban masterpiece better known as the **River Walk**. These cobblestone and flagstone paths border the San Antonio River, as it winds through culture-rich downtown. The River Walk has multiple personalities — quiet and park-like in some stretches, while other areas are full of activity with European-style sidewalk cafes, specialty boutiques,

art galleries, nightclubs and gleaming high-rise hotels. Thanks to the Mission Reach project, the River Walk now links Brackenridge Park on the north end with Mission Espada to the south. **Rio San Antonio Cruises**, the river's floating transportation system, provides a novel method of sightseeing and people watching in downtown San Antonio. Groups can dine aboard open-air cruisers as they drift along the scenic waterway, while river taxis deliver visitors to restaurants, hotels, the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and **The Shops at Rivercenter** — a dazzling three-level, glass shopping, dining and entertainment complex.



MISSION CONCEPCION

Explore Spanish colonial architecture at San Antonio's five 18th-century missions. Of course, **The Alamo** is etched in the annals of history. In 1836, 189 defenders of Texas independence held The Alamo against some 4,000 Mexican troops for 13 days. Four

other Spanish colonial missions founded in the early 1700s form **San Antonio Missions National Historical Park** — a marvelous place to explore the city's roots and Spain's influence on the southwestern United States. In 2015, all of the historic

missions earned UNESCO's World Heritage site designation. The visitor center at Mission San José is the perfect starting point for exploring what the missions have to offer. Drive from mission to mission or take Mission Trail, ideal for hiking and biking.



LA VILLITA

A tour of downtown San Antonio opens the door to centuries of history. Developed in the 18th century, **La Villita Historic Arts Village** ("the little village") was one of San Antonio's original settlements. It became a hub of Texas revolutionary activities

in 1835 and 1836. Today, La Villita is a haven for artists and craftsmen. Collectibles such as blown glass, jewelry, handcrafts and fashions reflect Mexican and Central American influences. When the city was the capital of the Spanish Province of Texas, the **Spanish Governor's Palace** was the seat of government. This historic structure is open to the public and resides downtown near City Hall and **San Fernando Cathedral**. Canary Islanders began construction on San Fernando Cathedral in 1731, making it the nation's oldest cathedral sanctuary.



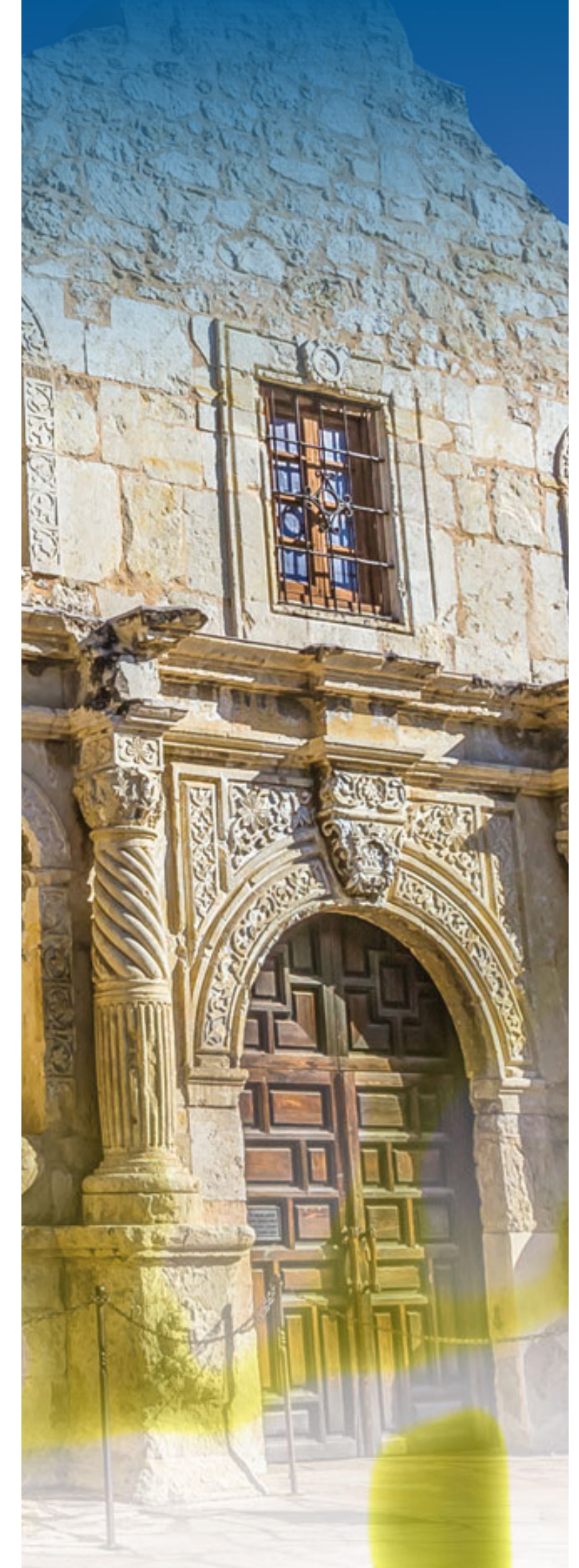
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Dating to 1840, **Market Square** (El Mercado), the largest Mexican marketplace north of the Rio Grande, is a festive celebration of Tex-Mex cuisine, music, entertainment and products ranging from pearls to piñatas. It anchors **Centro de Artes** — an exhibit that tells the story of Latinos in America.

Just south of downtown's Market Square, the **King William Historic District** reflects San Antonio's German heritage in a gracious residential area settled in the late 1800s. These beautiful mansions comprise one of San Antonio's most elite neighborhoods. Among them, the Steves Homestead mansion and Villa Finale are open to the public, transporting guests to a time of architectural indulgence.

San Antonio is the picture-perfect setting for great family vacations. Enjoy Texas-sized fun at **SeaWorld San Antonio**, one of the world's largest marine life parks. SeaWorld San Antonio

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combines fun with education and appreciation for some of the ocean's most fascinating creatures through shows, educational exhibits and rides. Explore **Aquatica**, a water park designed as a South Seas oasis with all the amenities of a beachside resort, including terraced pools, a giant wave pool, meandering crystal-blue rivers, sandy beaches and private cabanas. Aquatica boasts unique attractions

such as up-close stingray encounters and a "weightless" family raft ride that's a first for North America.

Just down the road, **Six Flags Fiesta Texas** is a non-stop celebration of San Antonio and South Texas. It's designed around four themed areas: The Mexican town of Los Festivales; the German village of Spassburg; the 1920s' cowboy boomtown of Crackaxle Canyon; and the small Texas town of Rockville which includes a '50s-'60s seaside boardwalk. Themes are carried out by entertaining musical shows, and exciting rides including water rides and massive steel roller coasters.

Designed specifically for individuals with special needs, **Morgan's Wonderland** is the world's first, non-profit and ultra-accessible family fun park. It is completely wheelchair-accessible, and features more than 25 elements and attractions including rides, playgrounds, gardens, an eight-acre fishing lake, 18,000-square-foot special-events center, 575-seat amphitheater and picnic and rest areas throughout the park. The park also features Inspiration Island, the world's only ultra-accessible water park.

Families may want to start their exploration of the city at **The DoSeum**, where kids are encouraged to explore a miniature version of a city evocative of San Antonio with attractions like a veterinarian office, a Whataburger and an H-E-B. Kids of all ages will want to experience the excitement of **The Magik Children's Theatre**, a professional theater in the heart of downtown, and the nearby **Yanaguana Garden** at HemisFair Park. Another favorite is the **Tower of the Americas**, which offers a spectacular view of San

Antonio from 750 feet above the ground. Just blocks away, **Louis Tussaud's Plaza Wax Museum** houses more than 225 life-like characters in four themed sections — Hollywood, Horrors, History and Religion. Next door, the world's largest **Ripley's Believe It or Not! Odditorium** is located in San Antonio's historic Alamo Plaza, right across from The Alamo and next to the famed River Walk. Proving that truth can be stranger than fiction, Ripley's is known for providing exhibits that showcase the ultimate in odd and bizarre like a two-trunked elephant, a 512-pound iron meteorite and locks of Marilyn Monroe's hair, among other oddities. The **Guinness World Records Museum** is a state-of-the-art, interactive experience that brings the world-famous book to life. Another popular stop is the **Buckhorn Saloon & Museum** which showcases an over 124-year-old bar, one-of-a-kind oddities, Western memorabilia, and offers visitors a journey back to the Old West through exhibits, an old-fashioned arcade, the saloon and a shooting gallery.

Brackenridge Park, a 343-acre refuge in the heart of the city, provides a full day of family fun. Play a round of golf at Texas' most historic course. Feed ducks and picnic along the adjacent San Antonio River. Refresh with a stroll on the walking trails or catch a ride on the park's miniature train, the Brackenridge Eagle. Here you'll also find the **San Antonio Zoo**, with a collection of more than 3,500 animals representing 750 different species from around the globe. It is also the only zoo in the country to exhibit endangered whooping cranes.

Nearby, the **Witte Museum** and its H-E-B Lantern | Valero Great Hall | Gates/Elliott Families Orientation Theater offers hands-on learning, with exhibits exploring history, science and anthropology. The Witte recently underwent a significant \$100 million expansion that features new exhibits, classrooms, and laboratories.

Not far from Brackenridge Park, you can follow your senses through the **San Antonio Botanical Garden**, where acres of beautiful, lush vegetation replicate three distinct landscapes of Texas. Wander through formal gardens and even a sensory garden, where emphasis is placed on the texture and scent of plants. With an addition of eight acres in October 2017, the Botanical Garden now offers new culinary opportunities through

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the Culinary Garden and the Family Adventure Garden, where landscapes of South Texas and the Hill Country abound.

Area rivers provide opportunities for boating, canoeing and tubing. Area lakes attract fishing enthusiasts, as well as water skiing and sailing fans.

Nearby dude ranches deliver a taste of the Old West, complete with horseback riding. Numerous state parks provide picturesque terrain for hiking.

Visitors to San Antonio also have a variety of spectator sports to choose from. The NBA's **San Antonio Spurs** are a hometown favorite and play at the Frost Bank Center. The NCAA's **UTSA Roadrunners** bring fans to the Alamodome during college football season since their first game in 2011. The **San Antonio Brahmas** of the United Football League provide some of the coolest action in town while the **Missions** baseball team encourages everyone to get out and enjoy the beautiful Texas weather. Plus, live action-packed thoroughbred and quarter horse racing seasons are presented at **Retama Park** from May through November.

PARKS

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Acequia Park

8500 Mission Pkwy., 78223

Acme Park

534 S. Acme Rd., 78237

Alamo Plaza

200 Alamo Plaza, 78205

Alderete Park

300 Aurora Ave., 78228

Amistad Park

1600 Tampico St., 78207

Apache Creek Park

2901 El Paso St., 78237

Apache Creek Linear Park

4239 W. Commerce St., 78237

Arnold Park

1011 Gillette Blvd., 78224

Arroyo Vista Park

506 Pharis St., 78237

Bamberger Nature Park

12401 Babcock Rd., 78249

Beacon Hill Neighborhood Linear Park

1144 W. Gramercy Pl., 78201

Bellaire Park

733 E. Ansley Blvd., 78221

Belmeade Park

208 W. Hathaway Dr., 78209

Benavides Park

1500 Saltillo St., 78207

Blossom Park

15015 Heimer Rd., 78232

Brackenridge Park

3700 N. St. Mary's St., 78209

Brooks Park

3902 Global Wy., 78235

Buckeye Park

1610 W. Wildwood, 78201

Camargo Park

5738 Castroville Rd., 78219

Cassiano Park

1728 Potosi St., 78207

Pool Address: 1440 S. Zarzamora

Cathedral Rock Park

8002 Grissom Rd., 78251

Cherry Street Pocket Park

601 Claude W. Black, 78220

Coliseum Oaks Park

101 Ambrosia, 78220

Collins Garden Park

1525 Nogalitos St., 78204

Comanche Lookout Park

15551 Nacogdoches Rd., 78247

Concepcion Park

600 Theo Pkwy., 78210

Pool Address: 600 E. Theo

Confluence Park

310 W. Mitchell St., 78204

Conner Park

13345 Woller Rd., 78249

Copernicus Park

5003 Lord Rd., 78220

Crockett Park

1300 N. Main Ave., 78212

Crownridge Canyon Park

7222 Luskey Blvd., 78256



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Cuellar Park
5626 San Fernando St., 78237
Pool Address: 502 S.W. 36th St.

Dafoste Park
210 Dafoste Ave., 78220

Darner — Parks and Recreation Headquarters
5800 Old Hwy. 90 W., 78227

Dawson Park
2500 E. Commerce St., 78203

Dellcrest Park
1701 Diane Rd., 78220

Dellview Park
507 Basswood Dr., 78213

Denman Estate Park
7735 Mockingbird Ln., 78229

Denver Heights Park
300 Porter St., 78210

Dignowity Park
701 Nolan St., 78202

Dubel (Jane) Park (formerly Thunderbird Hills Park)
4741 Callaghan Rd., 78238

Eisenhower Park
19399 N.W. Military Hwy., 78257

Elmendorf Lake
3700 W. Commerce St., 78237

Escobar Park
1400 S. Zarzamora St., 78207

Espada Park
1750 S.E. Military Dr., 78214

Fairchild Park
1214 E. Crockett St., 78202

Falcone Park
8701 Mystic Pk., 78254

Farias Park
1012 Leal St., 78207

Feather Ridge Park
13047 Feather Ridge Dr., 78233

Flores Park (Southcross Pool)
803 W. Southcross Blvd., 78211

Florida Park
144 Florida St., 78210

Forge Park
1900 W. Pyron Ave., 78211

Fox Park
6518 W. Hausman Rd., 78249

French Creek Park
7787 Mainland Dr., 78250

Friedrich Wilderness Park
21395 Milsa, 78256

Friesenhahn Park
15701 O'Connor Rd., 78247

Garcia Park
1200 N. Frio St., 78207

Garza Park
1450 Mira Vista, 78228

Gateway Terrace Park
5605 Stonybrook Dr., 78242

Gold Canyon
18402 Corporate Woods, 78259

Golden Community Park
7801 Somerset Rd., 78211

Gorrell Park
4802 De Zavala Rd., 78230

Harlandale Park
7227 Briar Pl., 78221

Haskin Park
200 Haskin Dr., 78209

Healy Murphy Park
210 Nolan St., 78205

Hemisfair
630 E. Nueva St., 78205

Heritage Duck Pond Park
900 S. Ellison Dr., 78245

Herrera Park
130 I St., 78210

Highland Park
901 Rigsby Ave., 78210

Huebner Creek Park
6300 Whitby Rd., 78240

Huizar Garden Park
500 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., 78205

J Street Park
3500 J St., 78220

Japanese Tea Garden
3853 N. St. Mary's St., 78212

Joan Price Park
3803 Majestic Dr., 78228

John James Park
3910 Rittiman Rd., 78234

Kallison Park
9500 Moraga Dr., 78217

Kardon Park
6161 Gibbs-Sprawl Rd., 78218

Kelly Area Park
949 W. Thompson Pl., 78226

Kennedy Park
3101 Roselawn, 78226

Kenwood Park
305 Dora St., 78212

King William Park
131 King William St., 78204

Kingsborough Park
350 Felps Blvd., 78221

La Villita
418 Villita St., 78205

Labor Street Park
645 Labor St., 78210

Lackland Terrace Park
7902 Westshire Dr., 78227

Lady Bird Johnson Park
10700 Nacogdoches Rd., 78217

Las Palmas Park
503 Castroville Rd., 78237

Lee's Creek Park
1101 E. Sunshine Dr., 78228

Leon Vista Park
8561 Rochelle Rd., 78240

Levi Strauss Park
6100 Enrique Barrera Pkwy., 78227

Lincoln Park
2915 E. Commerce St., 78202

Lions Field Adult and Senior Center
2809 Broadway, 78209

Lockwood-Dignowity Park
801 N. Olive St., 78202

Lorence Creek Park
14800 Henderson Pass, 78232

Los Angeles Heights
1700 W. Hermosa Dr., 78201

Madison Square Park
400 Lexington Ave., 78215



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Mahncke Park
3400 Broadway, 78209

Main Plaza
115 N. Main Ave., 78205

Market Square
514 W. Commerce St., 78207

Martin Luther King Park
3503 Martin Luther King Dr., 78220

Martinez Park
2249 Merida St., 78207

Mattox Park
1222 Mission Grande, 78221

Maverick Park
1000 Broadway, 78215

McAllister Park
13102 Jones Maltsberger Rd., 78247

McClain Park
15806 O'Connor Rd., 78247

McFarlin Tennis Center
1503 San Pedro Ave., 78212

Medina Base Road Park
6303 Medina Base Rd., 78227

Medina River Natural Area
15890 Hwy. 16 S., 78264

Mendoza, Sgt. Matthew E. Park
5206 Hillje St., 78223

Menger Creek Linear Park
1526 N. Walters St., 78202

Milam, Ben Park
501 W. Commerce St., 78207

Miller's Pond
6175 Old Pearsall Rd., 78242

Mission Academy Park
9210 S. Presa St., 78223

Mission Parkway Park
3600 Mission Pkwy., 78233

Monterrey Park
5909 W. Commerce St., 78237

Monticello
400 Club Dr., 78201

Morrill Park
238 E. Hart Ave., 78214

Mud Creek Park
16675 Jones Maltsberger Rd., 78232

Navarro Park
500 N.W. 24th St., 78207

New Territories
9023 Bowen Dr., 78250

Normoyle Park
700 Culberson Ave., 78211

Northampton Park
8989 FM 78, 78109

Northridge Park
821 Chevy Chase Dr., 78209

O P Schnabel
9606 Bandera Rd., 78240

Oak Hills Park
200 Edgevale, 78229

Oakhaven Park
16400 Parkstone Blvd., 78232

Ojeda Park
1100 N. Trinity, 78207

Olmos Basin Park
651 Devine Rd., 78216

Olmos Park Terrace
201 W. Mandalay Dr., 78212

Olympia Park
2101 Basse Rd., 78213

Oxbow Park
11619 Spring Crest Dr., 78249

Palm Heights Park
1201 W. Malone, 78225

Palo Alto Park
1625 Palo Alto Rd., 78211

Palo Alto Terrace
9700 Celeste Dr., 78211

Panther Springs Park
22635 Wilderness Oak, 78258

Pearsall Park
5102 Old Pearsall Rd., 78242

Perez Park
8601 Timber Path, 78250

Pershing Park
500 Sandmeyer St., 78208

Phil Hardberger Park
13203 Blanco Rd., 78216

Pickwell Park
6911 Pickwell Dr., 78223

Pittman-Sullivan Park
1101 Iowa St., 78203

Piazza Italia Park
500 Columbus, 78207

Price Memorial Park
100 Dalewood Pl., 78209

Pytel (Park Ranger Paul M.) Park
6220 S. New Braunfels Ave., 78223

Rainbow Hills Park
528 Rasa Dr., 78227

Raintree Park
6860 Raintree Path, 78233

River Walk
Lexington to S. Alamo, 78205

Rohde Park
3000 Tampico St., 78207

Romana Plaza Park
100 Camden St., 78205

Roosevelt Park
331 Roosevelt Ave., 78210

Rosedale Park
303 Dartmouth St., 78237

Royalgate Park
5900 Royalgate Dr., 78242

San Antonio Botanical Garden
555 Funston Pl., 78209

San Antonio Natatorium
1430 W. César E. Chávez Blvd., 78207

San Juan Brady Park
2307 S. Calaveras, 78207

San Pedro Springs Park
1315 San Pedro Ave., 78212

Scates Park
434 N. Meadow Ln., 78209

Scenic Sunset Park
7000 Prue Rd., 78249

Seeling Park
105 Placid Dr., 78228

Skyline Park
800 Green Valley Dr., 78219

Smith Park
1301 Buena Vista St., 78207

South San Park
2031 Quintana Rd., 78211



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Southside Lions Park

3100 Hiawatha, 78210

Spanish Governors Palace

105 Plaza de Armas, 78205

Spicewood Park

3139 Fidelia Dr., 78224

Spring Time Park

6571 Spring Time Dr., 78249

Stablewood Farms Park

3903 Crooked Trl., 78227

Stinson Park

900 March Ave., 78221

Stone Oak Park

20395 Stone Oak Pkwy., 78258

Sunrise Park

6525 Binz Engleman Rd., 78244

Sunset Hills Park

500 Inspiration Dr., 78228

Tealer (Milam Wesley) Park

5640 Lakefront, 78222

Tejeda Park

541 Division, 78214

Tobin, John Park

1900 W. Martin St., 78207

Tobin, Robert Park

2126 N.E. Loop 410, 78218

Tom Slick Park

7400 SH 151, 78227

Travis Park

301 E. Travis St., 78205

Van de Walle Park

1925 Herbert Ln., 78227

Veterans Memorial Plaza

100 Auditorium Cir., 78205

Vidaurri Park

1201 Merida St., 78207

Villa Coronado Park

11030 Ruidosa St., 78214

Walker Ranch Historic Landmark Park

12603 W. Ave., 78216

Ward Park

435 E. Sunshine Dr. 78228

Wesley Place Park

300 Eleanor, 78209

West End Park

1401 N. Hamilton St., 78207

Westwood Village Park

7627 W. Military Dr., 78227

Wheeler Park

10239 Ingram Rd., 78251

Wilshire Terrace

102 Grantham Dr., 78218

Windsor Park

2300 Ingleside, 78213

Woodard Park

1011 Locke, 78208

Woodlawn Lake Park

1103 Cincinnati Ave., 78201

Yanaguana Garden

434 S. Alamo St., 78205



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