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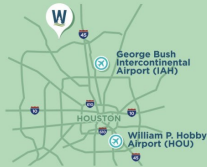


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*VISITORS GUIDE*

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*The best places are  
the ones that surprise you.*

WE HEAR THAT A LOT.

AMONG THE TALL PINES, YOU'LL  
FIND BEAUTY. ENTERTAINMENT.  
EXCITEMENT. TRANQUILITY.

For the same reasons many choose to  
make their homes here, visitors find charm  
and appeal in spending a day, a weekend  
or a week in The Woodlands. A place of  
ideal paradox. Lively, yet serene. Urban, yet  
spacious. Refined, yet casual.

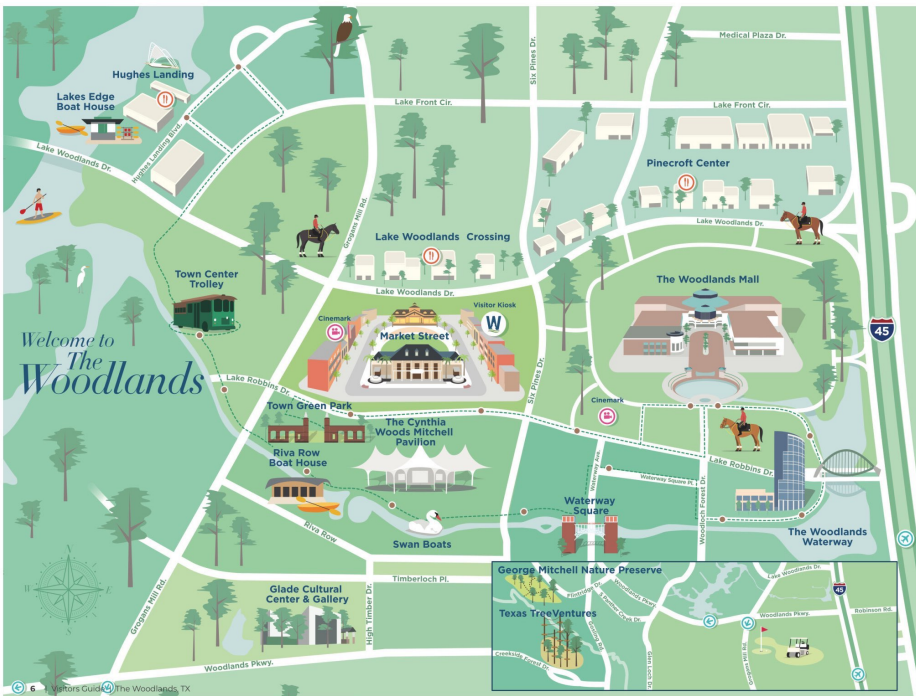
Go from a quiet afternoon of kayaking to a  
fist-pumping night of live outdoor music, or  
from a walk through the woods to exploring  
the local shops. Here, you'll find a destination  
perfectly tailored for any kind of adventure.

**WELCOME TO THE WOODLANDS.**





# Welcome to The Woodlands



# Outdoors & Nature

YOU DON'T HAVE TO STEP FAR OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE. JUST STEP OUTSIDE, AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN NATURAL BEAUTY AND ADVENTURE.

The Woodlands was uniquely built as a metropolitan area surrounded by thousands of acres of protected pine forests and two scenic bodies of water. Whether you want to lay in the shade of a tall pine or get active with some outdoor sports, a visit here is far from complete without experiencing the outdoor attractions and beautifully preserved Texas nature.



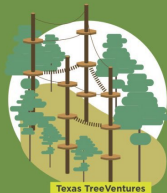
## ON THE WATER

One of the more adventurous ways to explore during your stay is by water. Head to **Riva Row Boat House** or **Lakes Edge Boat House** to rent a single or tandem kayak or stand-up paddleboard, and spend an afternoon gliding leisurely around Lake Woodlands. Or, rent a swan pedal boat from Riva Row for a fun vessel to explore The Waterway. There are still plenty of ways to enjoy water views in The Woodlands without making a splash. **The Waterway** is a destination

in itself and a great area to explore by foot. Scenic walkways connect Town Green Park and The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion with The Woodlands Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, Waterway Square, The Westin Hotel, and The Woodlands Mall. There are public art installations, water features, waterside eateries and green spaces. The Waterway is a pedestrian-friendly area that is also popular with runners. A free public trolley also provides expedited service with several stops along The Waterway district.

## IN THE TREES

Aptly named The Woodlands for its development in and around 28,000 tree-filled acres, it's easy to find a nature-escape feel if you're looking for it. Explore over 220 miles of paved hike and bike trails that weave in and around the community, or test out the off-road trails in the **George Mitchell Nature Preserve**, which branches out to Spring Creek Greenway. Keep the adventure theme going with a visit to **Texas TreeVentures**, a gravity-defying ropes obstacle course through the treetops.



“  
*Let's stay  
another day.*”



#### ON THE FAIRWAY

Home to over 300 holes of golf on pristine courses, some of which are designed by PGA champions, you'll find the perfect setting to spend a day hitting the links. Two of the most popular courses, **Panther Trail** and **The Oaks**, are conveniently located within the grounds of The Woodlands Resort. **The Woodlands Country Club** also offers three fully private golf courses of their own.

#### AROUND TOWN

Even in the most urban parts of The Woodlands, you'll find lush parks and green spaces ready to explore and stretch out in. **Northshore Park** along Lake Woodlands has a playground, picnic spots, large field spaces and volleyball courts. Do as the locals do and spread out a blanket on the grass for one of their free concerts in the spring or fall. Northshore Park also kicks off the swim portion of the **IRONMAN Texas Triathlon** each April. Besides Northshore, The Woodlands is home to more than 140 free public parks and green spaces to relax or run around in.



**Town Center Trolley**  
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#### *Annual Events:*

**March:**  
The Woodlands Marathon and Half Marathon

**April:**  
IRONMAN North American Championship

**May:**  
Woodforest Bank Triathlon

**October:**  
Memorial Hermann 10 for Texas

**November:**  
YMCA Run Thru The Woods

# Arts & Culture

ART IN ALL FORMS IS A HUGE PART OF THE CULTURE AND FABRIC OF THE WOODLANDS.

An active arts council and outreach programs enrich the area with festivals and events, educational programs, galleries and free public installations by artists from around the world. Spend some time exploring contemporary gallery exhibits or one of the largest outdoor collections of public art in Texas.



## ART BENCH PROJECT

Go for a stroll through **The Waterway Arts District** or Hughes Landing and you'll spot The Woodlands' iconic art benches. Part of The Woodlands Art Council (TWAC) "Because Art Matters" initiative, the benches are designed by local, national and international artists, and funded by local businesses and community members.



## GLADE CULTURAL CENTER AND GALLERY

Spend the afternoon meandering through the impressive exhibits by local and international contemporary artists at the **Glade Cultural Center and Gallery**. Events hosted by the Glade Arts Foundation go toward funding for art education and scholarships.



## THE WOODLANDS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Plan the ultimate family fun day at the **The Woodlands Children's Museum**, where youngsters can explore and interact with hands-on exhibits and activity stations. The museum also hosts fun events year-round such as book week, themed exhibits, music workshops and more. Ideal for ages 1-7.

## Annual Events:

**February:**  
Inspire Film Festival

**March:**  
Arts in the Park

**April:**  
The Woodlands Waterway Arts Festival

**October:**  
Art Crawl and Craft Beer Festival



# Live Music & Nightlife

WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN,  
THE TRUE MAGIC BEGINS.

Any time of year, you'll find some of the most talked about concerts, performance art shows, festivals and free live music all happening here in The Woodlands. The nightlife is equally eclectic, with everything from swanky rooftop bars and wine lounges to sports bars and bustling happy hour spots.



## LIVE MUSIC

Catch a show by one of your favorite artists at **The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion**. One of the nation's top-ranked outdoor amphitheaters, The Pavilion hosts an impressive annual lineup of concerts from April through October, and a performing arts season from April through December. You can also catch free live shows from spring through fall at Waterway Square's **Waterway Nights** concert series, and at Hughes Landing's **Rock the Row** series.

## NIGHTLIFE

Whether you're looking for the best happy hour deals or the hottest social scene, you'll find it all here. Go for an evening of sophisticated pairings at **Crush Wine Lounge** or **Como Social Club Poolside Terrace + Bar**, try a craft cocktail at **Local Pour** or splurge with a cigar at **Blend Bar**. Let your hair down at social scene pubs like **Baker Street** or **The Goose's Acre**.



The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion

## Annual Events:

### Spring-Summer:

Waterway Nights live concert series

### Summer-Fall:

Rock the Row live concert series

### Spring & Fall:

Concerts in the Park live concert series



# Dining

FIND A REASON TO INDULGE, AT ANY TIME OF DAY, FOR ANY OCCASION.

From decadent steak and seafood establishments along the waterfront to swanky wine lounges to locally owned bakeries, you'll find an eclectic range of restaurants and cafés, Instagram-worthy dishes, and tastes to please every type of food lover. The only problem will be narrowing down your choices.

For a complete list of restaurants, go to [visitthewoodlands.com/dining](http://visitthewoodlands.com/dining)



## ON THE WATERFRONT

Head to Hughes Landing and enjoy a picturesque dining experience along The Waterway. For the best seafood, go with **Truluck's Seafood Steak & Crab House**, or find a meat-lover's dream at **Fogo de Chão**. Try out another modern, upscale waterfront spot like **Broken Barrel**, **Churrasco's** or **Sorriso**, or go for crowd-pleasing Tex-Mex at **Cyclone Anaya's**.

## BRUNCH & COFFEE SPOTS

The Woodlands has no shortage of great spots to enjoy all the delicious coffee, mimosas and over-the-top breakfast dishes one could ever want. Try **Snooze: an AM Eatery** for classic American brunch items until 2:30 PM, any day of the week. **The Kitchen** also offers a weekend brunch menu until 3 PM, and **Black Walnut Café** serves breakfast favorites until 4 PM. For the best coffee, locally owned **Blue Door Coffee** is a must-try, as are the locally crafted pastries from **Levure Bakery**.

## DATE NIGHT

Set the romantic mood at one of the many perfect date night spots around town. Go for classic tastes at **Robard's Steakhouse**, or make advanced reservations for "Cureight," a renowned eight-course chef's table dinner at **TRIS Via Emilia** hits the right notes with authentic Italian cuisine and live piano music until 9 PM. Other favorites like **Jasper's Gourmet Backyard Cuisine** or **Fielding's Local Kitchen + Bar** offer upscale New-American fare in trendy settings.

## Annual Events:

### January:

Taste of the Town

### March:

The Woodlands CrawlPHish Festival (benefiting Pulmonary Hypertension)

### June:

Wine & Food Week

### October:

The Woodlands BBQ Festival

# Shopping

KNOWN REGIONALLY FOR ITS SHOPPING, A DAY EXPLORING THE RETAIL DELIGHTS OF THE WOODLANDS IS DEFINITELY TIME (AND MONEY) WELL SPENT.

Whether you planned your visit with shopping as a focus or not, you'll find it hard not to be enticed by The Woodlands' well-established retail destinations. Make a day of it and discover things you never knew you needed, as well as the perfect gifts to take home to friends or family.



## MARKET STREET

Experience outdoor retail at its finest. Market Street is the perfect place to see and be seen as you peruse favorite retail destinations like **Tory Burch**, **Suitsupply**, **Warby Parker**, **Tiffany & Co.**, and much more. Once you've spent to your heart's content, treat yourself to a one-of-a-kind frozen treat at **Popbar**, or a glass of wine and light bites at **CRU Food and Wine Bar**. Stop by our Visitors Kiosk for complimentary maps, brochures and information on current events and promotions.

## THE WOODLANDS MALL

If you're after something specific for yourself or a special someone, The Woodlands Mall is the place to go. Browse in perfectly air-conditioned comfort at top retailers like **Nordstrom**, **Banana Republic**, **White House Black Market**, **Altar'd State**, **Pottery Barn** and **Janie and Jack**, to name a few. Besides more than 160 stores, The Woodlands Mall also offers a variety of dining options and a carousel experience for children.

## AROUND TOWN

If you enjoy searching for treasures at locally owned boutiques, you'll find an assortment around The Woodlands' different village centers. Find unique accessories, décor and gifts at **Tumbleweeds & Notions** along Research Forest Drive, or trendy hand-selected pieces at **Marta's Boutique** in the Panther Creek Village Center. Find children's apparel, gifts and books at **Teacups & Tadpoles**, also in Panther Creek, or browse one-of-a-kind clothing and gifts for men at **Norton Ditto** in Hughes Landing.

## Annual Events:

- May:**  
Spring Fine Arts Show at Market Street
- November:**  
Junior League Holiday Market
- Every Saturday:**  
The Woodlands Farmers Market

# Celebrations

CERTAIN TIMES OF YEAR CALL FOR  
GRAND CELEBRATIONS.

From light-up-the-sky, jubilant summer festivals to kicking off the holiday season in a big way, here are the biggest parties to plan your visit around:

## SPRING

### **Waterway Arts Festival:**

Taking place each April along The Waterway promenade, this is one of The Woodlands' most popular annual events and includes original artwork by over 200 artists, live music, performing arts, family-friendly activities and food stations.

## SUMMER

### **Memorial Day:**

Celebrate military servicemen and women with this annual event at Town Green Park. The festival kicks off with the National Anthem, and continues into the evening with live music, children's activities and a fireworks display.

### **Red, Hot & Blue Festival:**

Make Independence Day a party to remember with the annual Red, Hot & Blue Festival, featuring a full day of events and multiple fireworks shows in and around town.

## FALL

### **Labor Day:**

Enjoy family fun at The Woodlands' annual Labor Day celebration at Waterway Square, which includes children's activities, live music and a fireworks show.

## WINTER

### **Lighting of the Doves:**

This annual winter festival kicks off the holiday season with an evening of fun activities at Town Green Park leading to a countdown of the official lighting of the doves throughout the park and around The Woodlands, setting the town alight with holiday cheer.

### **Ice Skating:**

Located inside The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion Event Center, this seasonal indoor ice rink features mood lighting and a state-of-the-art sound system. Glide along to the tunes and enjoy the winter wonderland fun! Open from mid-November through mid-January.



# Accommodations

KICK UP YOUR FEET, STAY A WHILE.

Whether you're after a secluded, luxury experience á la **The Woodlands Resort**, looking to stay right in the action at the **Hyatt Centric** at Market Street, or you just need an affordable place with modern comforts to lay your head, The Woodlands has 14 dynamically different properties to choose from.

**The Woodlands Resort  
& Conference Center**  
2301 N Millbend Drive  
(281) 367-1100

**The Westin at The Woodlands**  
2 Waterway Square Place  
(281) 419-4300

**Hyatt Centric The Woodlands**  
9595 Six Pines Drive  
(281) 203-5005

**Candlewood Suites Houston  
The Woodlands**  
17525 St. Lukes Way  
(936) 271-2100

**Drury Inn and Suites Houston  
The Woodlands**  
28099 I-45 North  
(281) 362-7222

**Hilton Garden Inn Houston /  
The Woodlands**  
9301 Six Pines Drive  
(281) 364-9300

**Residence Inn Houston  
The Woodlands / Lake Front Circle**  
1040 Lake Front Circle  
(281) 292-3252

**The Woodlands Waterway Marriott  
Hotel & Convention Center**  
1601 Lake Robbins Drive  
(281) 367-9797

**Embassy Suites by Hilton  
The Woodlands at Hughes Landing**  
1855 Hughes Landing Blvd  
(281) 298-2900

**Best Western Plus – The Woodlands**  
17081 I-45 South  
(936) 271-2378

**Courtyard Houston The Woodlands**  
1020 Lake Front Circle  
(281) 292-3262

**Fairfield Inn & Suites Houston  
The Woodlands**  
16850 I-45 South  
(936) 271-0110

**Hyatt Place Houston /  
The Woodlands**  
1909 Research Forest Drive  
(281) 298-4600

**Residence Inn Houston  
The Woodlands / Market Street**  
9333 Six Pines Drive  
(281) 419-1542

For more details, go to  
[visitthewoodlands.com/hotels](http://visitthewoodlands.com/hotels)



## COME ON AND TAKE A FREE RIDE

The **Town Center Trolley** system provides free transportation in and around The Woodlands with stops at Market Street, Hughes Landing, The Woodlands Mall, Town Green Park, Waterway Square and The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. The nearly 5-mile route offers easy access to shopping, dining, outdoor recreation and hotels.



Download the **Ride Systems** mobile app to view trolley schedules, locations and alerts.





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