

*Some of the
most fabulous
sunsets and
sunrises can
be seen in
Midland, Texas.
Begin a new
day, here.*

Welcome to Midland.

**A lot of good people
have called Midland home
over the years:**

President George W. Bush,
President George H.W. Bush,
First Ladies Laura Bush
and Barbara Bush, General
Tommy Franks, Commerce
Secretary Donald Evans,
Texas House Speaker
Tom Craddick,
Railroad Commissioner
Michael Williams,
college football standout
Cedric Benson, PGA Hall of
Famer Judy Rankin, PGA



Legend Tom Kite, Major Leaguers Randy Velarde,
Mike Timlin and Mike Stanton, actors Tommy Lee Jones
and Woody Harrelson, and auto racing's Jim Hall and
Bobby Hillin, Jr.

We're home to a few famous people and a few thousand
more that may not be as well known but who love and
cherish their hometown. Of all the attractions Midland
offers, it's our people—good and friendly folks—who will
make your visit to our town one you'll never forget.

Look inside and see what we have to offer:

Museums, sports and leisure facilities, entertainment
events, some of the best sunsets you'll ever lay eyes on,
and our people—they'll make you want to come back
again and again.

Enjoy our attractions, and remember your visit because
of the friendly folks that make Midland a place where...

The Sky's The Limit!

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Attractions



This home at 1412 West Obio is currently being renovated into a museum.

Be sure and pick up a copy of the Bush Driving Tour at the Chamber Visitors Center, 109 N. Main.

When to Visit: At your leisure. Chamber Visitors Center: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

American Airpower Heritage Museum Commemorative Air Force

9600 Wright Drive
432.563.1000
www.airpowermuseum.org

The American Airpower Heritage Museum and Commemorative Air Force Museum are world renowned for their authentic World War II artifacts, the world's largest collection of nose art and the annual Fina Air Sho in October (See Page 12). The museum houses 40,000 square feet of hands-on permanent exhibits that detail the story of World War II airpower, an exhibit that also features 13-18 aircraft. The museum's nose art gallery features 33 original panels officially designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as an official project of Save America's Treasures.

When to Visit: Open Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. and holidays, Noon-5 p.m., except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission charged. Group rates available. Nationally accredited.

George W. Bush Tour

Begin your tour at the Chamber Visitors' Center where you can purchase a wide assortment of George W. Bush memorabilia. The self-guided George W. Bush Auto Tour includes visits to the former residences of both the 41st and 43rd presidents of the United States.

Museum of the Southwest

1705 W. Missouri
432.683.2882
www.museumsw.org

Housed in the Turner Mansion, which is posted in the National Register of Historic Places, the Museum of the Southwest collects and exhibits art and archaeology from the American southwest. The museum also hosts traveling and temporary exhibits covering a broad range of art from Currier & Ives to Andy Warhol, archaeology to astronomy. *Also visit the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and Marian Blakemore Planetarium next to the Museum.*



Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum

On the grounds of the Museum of the Southwest, the children's museum features three exhibit areas that stress interactive learning through pure creativity and imagination for children of all ages. Call for program information. Admission \$2. Children under 1 free.



Marian Blakemore Planetarium

One of the largest planetariums in Texas, this sky gazer's dream offers sky shows for groups, clubs and organizations (*schedule in advance*). Public shows run Fridays at 8 p.m. with star gazing in the adjacent park, weather permitting. Lobby open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Fri.

When to Visit these facilities: Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 2-5 p.m. Closed Mondays and national holidays. Admission charged, Nationally accredited.



Haley Library & History Center

1805 W. Indiana
432.682.5785
www.haleylibrary.com

Learn about Texas and southwestern history including the cattle industry and those behind it. The library features more than 30,000 volumes covering western exploration, early railroads, the development of ranching, mining, petroleum & politics. The library also features extensive information on the Lincoln County War and Billy the Kid, and a collection of bronze sculptures, paintings and artifacts.

When to Visit: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Admission: Free.



The Petroleum Museum

1500 Interstate 20 West
432.683.4403
www.petroleummuseum.org

Walk under an ancient sea... parade through downtown Boomtown... feel the ground shake under your feet with the force of a natural gas explosion. The interactive Petroleum Museum takes you step-by-step through the dynamic search for black gold. Life-size murals, ancient artifacts, antique drilling equipment and

colorful memorabilia combine with rooms of breathtaking beauty of Tom Lovell's murals depicting the American West. A can't miss on your visit to Midland!

When to Visit: Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Sun., 2-5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and
Christmas day, New Years day. Admission charged.



Chaparral Gallery

At the Petroleum Museum
1500 Interstate 20 West
432.683.4403
www.petroleummuseum.org

The Chaparral Gallery is home to all seven of Jim Hall's Chaparral racecars. The gallery also includes science-related interactive experiences.

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Sibley Nature Learning Center

1307 W. Wadley
432.684.6827

Visit this unique nature center geared toward educating children about the plants and animals native to West Texas. Experience a light hike down nature trails and examine wildlife habitats. The center can customize programs to suit different educational needs and studies for nature enthusiasts. Please call for advance reservations.

Centennial Plaza

105 N. Main
432.682.6234



Centennial Plaza was carefully designed to be a people-oriented park. The tree-lined courtyard is also the home of a 300-seat amphitheater. A cascading water fountain and water wall provides cool, refreshing relief from the West Texas sun. The focal point of the plaza is the

143-foot long, 4.5 foot tall sculptured brick wall depicting the history of Midland. Nearby, on the south Midland Center wall, you'll find a bronze plaque depicting the rescue of Jessica McClure from an abandoned water well in October 1987.

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Scarborough-Linebery House

802 S. Main
432.685.7368

Built in 1907 for Kara and W.F. Scarborough, the house belonged to the same family for 90 years before being given to the city of Midland. The historical home is open by appointment for tours, luncheons, dinner parties, day retreats, weddings, receptions and backyard functions.



Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home

213 N Weatherford
432.682.2932 or 688.8947

Built in 1899, the Brown-Dorsey Home is the oldest in Midland. Many of the unusual features have been restored, including the entrance hall with its beautiful art glass window in the form of a Gothic arch.

Arts & Culture

Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale

3100 La Force Blvd.
432.563.0921 or 432.563.5269

Formed in 1962, the Midland-Odessa Symphony is now the largest orchestra in West Texas. The symphony, chorale and its various ensembles perform almost 50 concerts a season and host guest artists from around the world. The Midland-Odessa Symphony is also home to the Lone Star Brass Quintet and the Sausalito String Quartet. Call for performance and ticket information.



Summer Concert Series

1705 W. Missouri
432.682.2653

Enjoy Sunday evening concerts on the lush Museum of the Southwest grounds. Bring a picnic and spend an hour entertained by the best local jazz, pop, country and folk music groups. June-August. No admission.



Community Concerts

906 W. Illinois
432.620.0033 or
432.570.4011

National and International artists visit Midland and help bring an exciting evening of music,

theater and dance attractions. Call for membership, tickets.

Midland Festival Ballet

P.O. Box 52034
432.682.2653

Since 1994, Midland Festival Ballet has presented the Nutcracker in mid-December with world-class guest soloists, talented young local dancers and live music with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. There is also a Spring Recital every April. Midland Festival Ballet is a member of the Regional Dance America/Southwest, performing in a member city each spring.

Cole Theatre

2000 W. Wadley
432.682.4111 or 570.4011

The \$3 million Cole Theatre complex is home to the Midland Community Theater, ranked among the Top 10 amateur theater groups in the United States. Call for dates and times.

Summer Mummies/Yucca Theatre

208 N. Colorado
432.682.4111

Catch a production chocked full of mayhem and hilarity performed at the historic Yucca Theater in downtown Midland. Melodrama is a unique theatrical experience invented in America and no one does it quite like Summer Mummies, the oldest existing theatrical organization of its kind in the country. Bring your friends, bash the villain with popcorn and enjoy side-splitting laughter during the olio. June-Labor Day. Call for tickets, times.



McCormick Art Gallery

3600 N. Garfield
432.685.4640

Located in the foyer of the Allison Fine Arts Auditorium on the campus of Midland College, this gallery shows a wide range of works from local to nationally-acclaimed artists. Call for show dates.

When to Visit: Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 1-5 p.m. No admission charged.



Sports & Leisure

Midland Rockhounds Baseball

Citibank Ball Park
5514 Champions Drive

Midland has been home to Class AA Minor League Baseball since 1972 and has seen many great players including Joe Carter, Adam Piatt, Fernando Valenzuela, Randy Velarde, Troy Glaus and Tim Hudson. The season starts in April. Call 432.520.BALL for tickets and times.

Grande Communications Stadium

5514 Champions Drive
432.681.7686

The Jewel of West Texas, this state-of-the-art athletic facility seats 15,000 to 18,000 fans for football, soccer, music and other special events. It's the perfect place to play - or experience - the sport or music of your choice.



Midland College Athletics

Midland College
3600 N. Garfield
432-685-4575
www.midland.edu

Midland College Athletics are governed under the NJCAA conference. Both the men's and women's basketball teams are perennially ranked teams. In addition to basketball, fans can enjoy sports year-round with women's volleyball and softball and men's golf and baseball. Call for more information of schedules and game times.

Odessa Jackalopes Hockey

Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
432.552.PUCK

The Jackalopes, a member of the CHL and affiliate of the NHL Edmonton Oilers, the Jacks were the 2002 Governor's Cup Champs and 2002-2003 Southwest Division Champs. Season runs from October-March.

Other Recreation & Leisure Opportunities

Mabee Aquatic Center
3003 N. A' St.
Olympic diving venue;
Main pool: 8 lanes.

Midland Polo Club
5505 Polo Club Rd.
432.683.2272. Call for
match times.



Public Golf Courses

Hogan Park Golf Course – 36 holes, Public
3600 N. Fairgrounds
432.685.7360

Nueva Vista Golf Course – 18 holes, Public
6101 W. Wadley
432.520.0500

Annual Events

MARCH

Annual Celtic Heritage Festival: Midland County Exhibition Building & Arena. Weekend activities include a Scottish jam session, activities for the whole family, a black tie dinner & dance, and a church service. Late March.
Call 432.559.5155.

APRIL

Midland RockHounds Texas League Baseball: Citibank Ball Park. Season opener, Mid-to-Late April.

Call 432.520.BALL for tickets, times or www.midlandrockhounds.org

MAY

Celebration of the Arts: Centennial Plaza.

Three days of art, entertainment, food and fun featuring juried artists, five stages of entertainment, the annual *Run for the Arts*, children's activities and *Experience the Arts*. Late May.

Call 432.687.1149 or www.artsassemblyofmidland.org



Cinco de Mayo: Celebration of Mexico's Independence from France with a parade and soccer tournament.

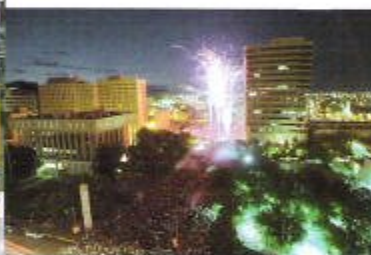
Early May.
Call 432.682.2960.

JUNE

Mex-Tex: Menudo, Chili, Fajita Cook-Off and Family Festival. Premier Tejano and mariachi music and some of the best Mex-Tex food in Texas. Call 432.682.2960.

Shades of Blues Festival: Roots rock and blues in downtown Midland for music lovers of all ages. Call 432.683.3381.

Juneteenth: Commemorating the end of slavery, come help celebrate with a parade each year in June. Call 432.682.2864.



JULY

Star Spangled Salute: Midland's biggest summer gathering. Visit downtown's Centennial Plaza during the July 4 holiday period as Midlanders show their support and love for country. Music, food and fireworks highlight the festivities. Call 432.683.7111.

AUGUST

Rock The Desert: This annual multi-day festival attracts over fifty-thousand Christian music fans. Friday nights feature praise and worship, Saturday has inspirational rock and roll. Also featured: skateboarding, sports tents, family speakers, youth leader training extreme games, kids' activities, a prayer tent and *Talk Back Live* with bands. Call 432.697.4548 or www.rockthedesert.com

