

Historic Downtown Abilene



The Texas and Pacific Depot, one of Abilene's most outstanding landmarks, is located in Everman Park. Built in 1910, it provided passenger service until 1967. In 1994 it was restored to its 1920s appearance. The Depot now serves as the home of Abilene's Convention and Visitors Bureau and Cultural Affairs Council.

The bronze sculpture "*Childhood's Great Adventure*" by artist Rick Jackson is located in Everman Park. It is based on the children's book "*Santa Calls*" by William Joyce.



Everman Park

Historic downtown offers you art and history through its exciting museums and galleries, fine dining, and shopping at unique gift and antique stores. Downtown serves as home to:

- Frontier Texas!
- The Grace Museum
- The Center for Contemporary Arts
- 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum
- National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature
- ACU-Cockerell Art Gallery and the Cockerell Galleries
- Paramount Theatre

Frontier Texas!
and the Abilene & Forts Trail Visitor Center
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In the same way that Texas' early frontier forts established a protective gateway at the edge of western civilization, Frontier Texas! establishes itself as a welcoming gateway to historic downtown Abilene. Visitors can relive the Old West with the help of state-of-the-art technology at this 14,000-square-foot facility on 6.4 acres.

Frontier Texas! brings the frontier to life by introducing you to the people who lived in the region between 1780-1880. Life-sized holographic figures provide dramatic first-hand stories about the hardships of settling the region. A multimedia circular theatre recreates life on the early frontier--from Indian attacks to buffalo stampedes, saloon shoot-outs and even the wild fury of a prairie thunderstorm. Frontier Texas! is like nothing you have ever experienced before.

Frontier Texas! also serves as a visitors' center for Abilene and the Texas Forts Trail region, a 650-mile heritage tourism loop that starts and ends in Abilene.

Hours: Open Daily!
Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

Admission: \$8—Adults
\$6—Ages 60+ and Military
\$5—Students & Teachers with ID
\$4—Ages 3 to 12
Free—Younger than age 3