

Important Information

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Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 432/333-7892
Black Chamber of Commerce 432/332-5812

Emergencies 911
Fire (non-emergency) 432/335-3318
Police (non-emergency) 432/333-3641
Medical Center Hospital 432/640-4000
Odessa Regional Medical Center . . . 432/582-8000

Transportation

American Eagle Airlines 800/433-7300
Continental Airlines 432/563-5668
Southwest Airlines 800/435-9792

Odessa is also served by one primary rail service, Union Pacific Railroad, and there are taxi services, city bus lines and charters, and numerous rental car companies for your convenience.

EZ Rider Bus System 432/561-9990
Independent Taxi 432/337-0900
Midessa Transportation 432/337-5501



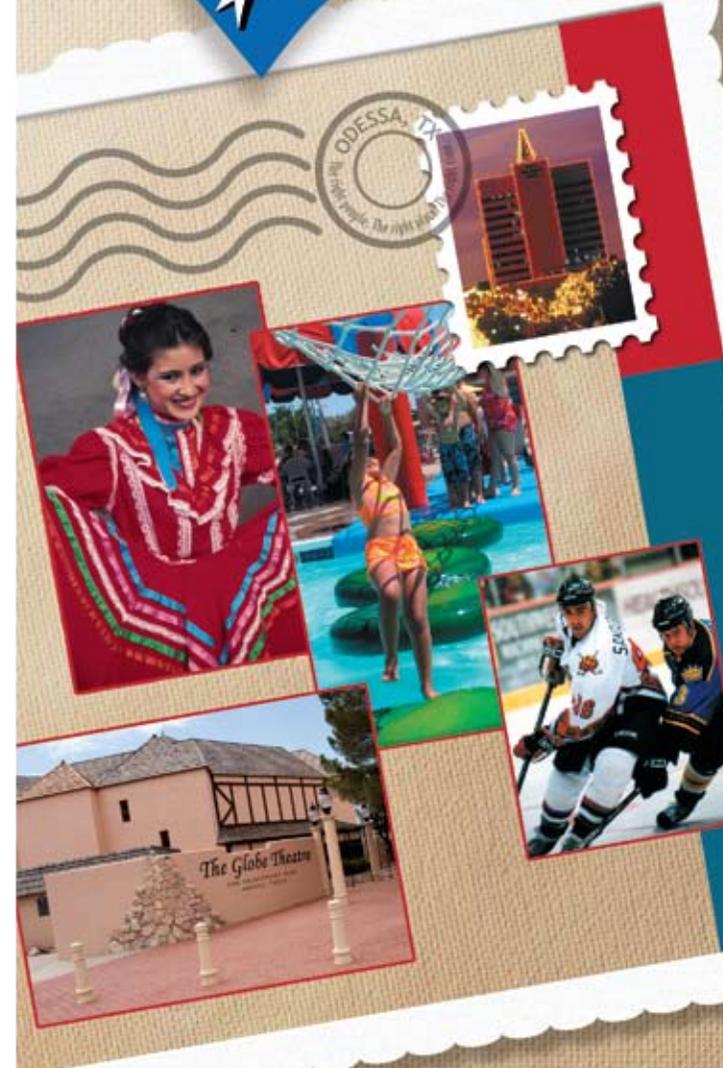
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The right place in Texas™

Odessa



Wish You Were Here



Downtown Odessa

Odessa is a vibrant, energetic city in West Texas where the sky, literally, is the only limit. It is a dynamic city that boasts fresh air, awe-inspiring sunsets and the friendliest people you'll ever find. A visit to Odessa can put you in the audience of a Shakespearean play at the Globe Theatre, in the cockpit of a World War II

fighter, or in the United States' premier museum dedicated to the Presidency.

In addition, Odessa is the home of champion athletes such as Olympic Silver Medalist Toby Stevenson and Detroit Lions receiver Roy Williams, and we're proud of all the achievements of our sports teams. In fact, Odessa was the setting for both the national best-selling book and feature film "Friday Night Lights."

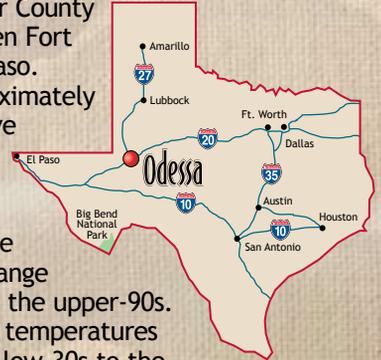
Odessa is located in the geographic region known as the Permian Basin, where the discovery of oil in 1926 propelled the city into an enviable position. Odessa quickly became the service, work force, transportation, supply and manufacturing center of the Permian Basin. It remains so today, and is considered one of the major oil field technology centers in the world.

The right place in Texas™



Odessa at a Glance

- Odessa is the 26th largest city in Texas, with a population of 96,948.
- Located in Ector County midway between Fort Worth and El Paso.
- Odessa is approximately 2,851 feet above sea level.
- Climate is mild and semi-arid. Summer average temperatures range from the 60s to the upper-90s. Winter average temperatures range from the low-30s to the upper-50s.



Getting to Odessa

BY AIR - Midland International Airport (432/560-2200) is located approximately



Midland International Airport

halfway between Odessa and Midland. Air service is provided by American Eagle, Continental Airlines, and Southwest Airlines. Odessa's Schlemeyer Field caters to privately-owned aircraft.

BY CAR - U.S. Interstate 20, a main east/west route, and U.S. Highway 385, a main north/south route, provide excellent access to Odessa.



Presidential Museum & Bush Family Home

The Presidential Museum - A premier museum dedicated solely to the office of the president. Permanent exhibitions include campaign memorabilia, historical documents, and First Lady miniatures. The museum grounds also feature the George H. Bush Family Home, where two presidents and a first lady spent their early days in West Texas. Tuesday - Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm. Admission charged. 4919 East University (University of Texas of the Permian Basin campus). 432/363-7737 www.presidentialmuseum.org



The Ellen Noël Art Museum of the Permian Basin - Located on the campus of UTPB. Features rotating exhibitions of historical and contemporary art, and a unique Sensory Garden for the visually handicapped. Tuesday - Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday 2 pm - 5 pm. Free admission. 4909 East University 432/550-9696 www.noelartmuseum.org



The Permian Playhouse - Plays, musicals and children's fare throughout the year. Call for performances. 310 W. 42nd 432/362-2329 www.permianplayhouse.com

The Globe of the Great Southwest - Modeled after Shakespeare's original Globe Theatre. Home of the annual Southwest Shakespearean Festival, stage plays and the Brand New Oprea, a showcase for musical talent. Also features the Anne Hathaway Cottage for civic gatherings. Located on the Odessa College campus; tours available by calling 2308 Shakespeare Road 432/332-1586 www.globesw.org.



Stonehenge at UTPB - This amazing replica of the original Stonehenge fascinates visitors from around the world. It is located on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. 4901 East University www.odessahistory.com/menusthg.htm

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale - A professional orchestra that performs a MasterWorks season of concerts, as well as a Pop Season. 432/563-0921 www.mosc.org



Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale

A self-guided walking tour brochure of several of Odessa's historical sights is available at the Odessa Convention and Visitors Bureau or by calling the Heritage of Odessa Foundation. 432/334-8800

White-Pool House

Museum - Built in 1887, this is the oldest residential structure in Odessa. Admission is free. Open Wednesday - Saturday. 10 am - 3 pm. Call to arrange special tours. 112 East Murphy 432/333-4072



Pecos Depot - A landmark train depot built in 1892 by the Panhandle-Santa Fe Railway. Refurbished in 1972, it is now part of the Barn Door Restaurant. Open daily at 11 am. 2140 North Grant 432/337-4142

Texon Santa Fe Depot Museum - This restored railroad depot and museum features Lionel O gauge trains and a real railroad handcar ride. By appointment only. 5821 Moss Avenue. Free Admission. Call 432/553-2267

Henderson Drug Building - The oldest commercial property in Odessa. Corner of Second Street and Grant Avenue.



Henderson Drug Store



Odessa Meteor Crater & Museum

- The second largest meteor crater in the nation. It is the result of a barrage of meteors crashing to the earth some 20,000 to 25,000 years ago. Museum, visitor center and self-guided tour. Hours of Museum operation are Tuesday thru Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, and Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm. Closed on Monday, but Crater trail is open for self guided tours everyday from 9 am - 6 pm. Ten miles west of Odessa, via I-20 at Exit 108. Free admission. 432/381-0946

Parker House Ranching Museum - This historic home was owned by the Parker family and was headquarters for their ranching operations. The house has been restored as a museum and primarily features ranching and local history. Gallery. Open Wednesday - Saturday 10 am - 3 pm. Donations accepted. 1118 Maple Avenue 432/335-9918

World's Largest Jack Rabbit and The Jackrabbit Jamboree

- "Jack Ben Rabbit™" is an impressive 8-foot statue located at North Sam Houston and 8th Street. Odessa's most popular photo opportunity! Joining Jack are 37 other brightly decorated rabbits scattered throughout the city.



Ector Theater

- One of Odessa's classic downtown movie theaters. Currently featuring live entertainment in a 700-seat auditorium that will accommodate theater, concerts and group meetings. Texas and 5th Street 432/337-9595 Theater 432/332-9835 Office



Chicago at the Ector Theater

Nightlife & Shopping

Odessa is home to a wide variety of quality movie theaters and nightclubs for your enjoyment.

Graham Central Station - Huge state-of-the-art nightclub that houses seven different theme clubs. 4240 Preston Smith Rd. 432/552-0552
www.grahamcentralstation.com



Dos Amigos Bar & Grill - A legendary open-air restaurant/bar that features food, music and bull rides. 520 West 47th 1-888/536-3878
www.dosamigosbar.com

Shopping

Odessa boasts numerous local, regional and national retail stores.

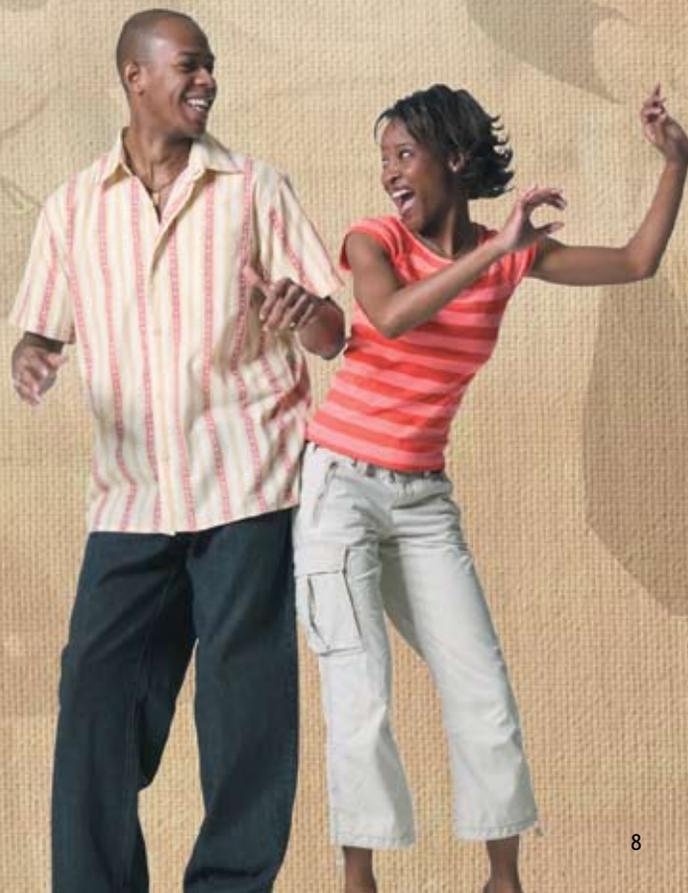


Music City Mall - Includes well-known retailers such as Dillard's, Mervyn's, J C Penney, Sears and more. Home to a public ice-skating rink, movie theaters and a giant indoor carousel for the kids.
www.music-city-mall.com

Shopping Centers - A wide selection of retail centers throughout the city offer a variety of shops and businesses for your shopping enjoyment.

Dining

Odessa offers a wide variety of excellent cuisines. From lip-smackin' good ole' West Texas barbecue, to classic style Italian, Japanese cuisine or authentic Mexican food, we've got what you're hungry for! Most restaurants have little or no waiting time, however reservations are accepted at many of the fine dining establishments.



Hockey

Odessa Jackalopes - The Jackalopes bring hard-hitting hockey excitement to the Ector County Coliseum from October through March. The "Jacks" battle rival teams in the professional Central Hockey League from Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Tennessee, Ohio and Arizona. For great seats call 432/552-PUCK www.jackalopes.org



Football

Odessa Roughnecks - Odessa's indoor football team competes against other cities in the Intense Football League. May through September at the Ector County Coliseum. 432-332-7277 www.odessaifl.com



Baseball

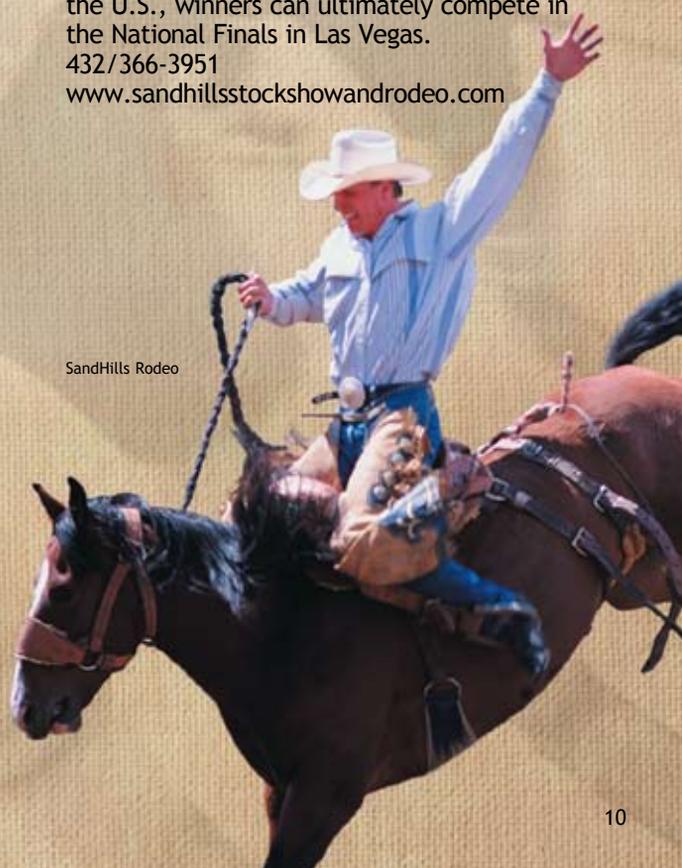
Midland Rockhounds - The Rockhounds are the AA affiliate of the Oakland Athletics and compete with teams in the Texas League. The short travel distance to Midland and reasonable ticket prices make this a great family and business outing. Season lasts from April to September. 432/570-7489 www.midlandrockhounds.org



Rodeo

Each January the SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa is one of the first stops on the Professional Rodeo Cowboy circuit. Ranked as one of the top 25 PRCA Rodeos in the U.S., winners can ultimately compete in the National Finals in Las Vegas. 432/366-3951 www.sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com

SandHills Rodeo



Woodson Park and Sherwood Park Family Aquatic Centers

- Giant water slides, Lazy River float trips, diving and lap pools, a "spray and play" area for young children and picnic pavilions. Admission charged. Memorial Day through August.



MCM Ice - A full-service, regulation-size ice skating facility. Skate and equipment rentals available. Music City Mall, 4101 East 42nd. 432/552-0200 www.music-city-mall.com

Bowling - Call for times and league information.

Diamond Lanes
2208 East 8th - 432/580-4386

Sherwood Lanes
150 East 45th - 432/362-0461

Miniature Golf - Fun City of Odessa - Miniature golf, go-carts and video games. 7201 Andrews Hwy. 432/362-7712

Sherwood Acres Miniature Golf - 18 hole course, game room and basketball court. Open evenings only. 4320 Andrews Hwy. 432/550-6878

Raceway Facilities

Desert Thunder Raceway - Located between Odessa and Midland off I-20. 432/687-2910 www.desertthunderraceway.com

Midland-Odessa Champion Motor Speedway - 12300 West Business 20. 432/561-5555 www.championmotorspeedway.com

West Texas Raceway Park - Located 16 miles west of Odessa in Penwell, Texas. 432/362-4242

West Texas Motorcross Park - 432/687-4671 www.wtmtx.com

Community Parks

Odessa's community parks offer a wide variety of activities such as softball, baseball, tennis, swimming, soccer, and playgrounds year-round. Notable parks include:

McKinney Park - Host for the annual "Starbright Village" lighted displays during the Christmas holidays. Crane and Pool Road

Progressive Park - A barrier-free park designed for the needs of disabled children. 6th and Tom Green

Noël Heritage Plaza - Home of numerous outdoor cultural events throughout the year and a beautiful display of Christmas lights during the holiday. 320 West 5th



Noël Heritage Plaza

Walking Trails

Memorial Garden Park - 42nd and JBS Parkway. Dedicated to the original pioneer families that settled this area. The brand of each ranch and brief history are permanently displayed, and sculptures of native animals and people surround this calming playa lake that includes a 9/10-mile trail.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin - Located at 4901 East University. A naturally landscaped walking trail great for exercise and spotting wildlife.

Comanche Trail Park - 900 South West County Road. A 3 1/2-mile paved trail system rich with foliage and wildlife.

Purple Sage Park - 13th Street and Muskingum. A 1/2-mile loop around a public park.

San Jacinto Park - 22nd Street and West County Road. 4/10-mile loop with pavilion and play equipment.

Facilities and sports centers for participatory sports abound in Odessa. These venues include:

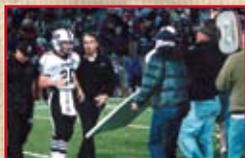


Odessa College Sports Center - Features an indoor swimming pool, indoor walking track, nautilus equipment, and basketball and racquetball courts. Odessa College campus. 201 West University 432/335-6688

Odessa YMCA - Houses an indoor swimming pool, racquetball courts, nautilus equipment and aerobics classes. 3001 East University 432/362-4301

Ratliff Stadium Complex -

A complete, year-round sports complex for football, softball, track, tennis and soccer. The centerpiece of the complex is Ratliff Stadium, a state-of-the-art football stadium that features an Astroplay® playing field. It can accommodate 20,000 spectators for any



Friday Night Lights photo courtesy of Carlos Reyes (Planet Satellite)

event and is home field for both the Permian Panthers and the Odessa High Bronchos. Ratliff Stadium is where many

of the action sequences for the feature film "Friday Night Lights" were shot, and the facility plays an important part in the book of the same name.

Baseball and Softball Fields - Odessa features 17 lighted baseball fields and 23 lighted softball fields which host local and regional tournaments each year.

Swimming Pools - Odessa boasts five outdoor swimming facilities including the Family Aquatic Centers at Sherwood and Woodson Parks, an outdoor pool at UTPB and two indoor swimming pools at Odessa College and the YMCA.

Tennis Courts - Odessa offers many tennis courts for day or nighttime play. 432/335-6800

Soccer - There are soccer fields throughout Odessa which host local and regional tournaments as well as league play.

Golf

Ratliff Ranch Golf Links - This links style public course offers a pro shop, cart and club rentals as well as a tournament pavilion and bar and grill. 432/550-8181

Sunset Country Club - The only semi-public golf course in Odessa. Both members and the general public are welcome to play its 18-hole, 72-par course seven days a week. 432/366-1061

Odessa Country Club - Offers two diverse 18-hole golf courses - The Old Course and The Links. Members and their guests only. Pro Shop 432/272-4510

Champions Golf Center - A public driving range that serves all ages and skill levels. Open year-round. 432/367-3673



Convention/Meeting Facilities

Numerous meeting rooms and convention facilities are available throughout Odessa. They include:



Ector County Coliseum Complex - Home to the Permian Basin Fair & Exposition, the Permian Basin International Oil Show, Odessa Jackalopes Professional Hockey Team, Odessa Roughnecks Indoor Football Team and many other events and concerts.

4201 Andrews Highway

- Odessa's largest convention venue
- Comprised of 6 exhibition buildings
- Buildings can be utilized individually or combined to accommodate any size function
- Total of 150,000 square feet of exhibition space
- Features a 40,000 square foot covered horse arena
- Home of the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang Catering Ambassadors

Call 432/366-3541 for more information.

Hotels - Many of Odessa's finest hotels have multiple meeting rooms and convention facilities that can provide space for any size meeting or trade show. A complete list of hotels and facilities can be found under Accommodations.

To secure help in planning any size function contact the Odessa Convention and Visitors Bureau at 432/333-7871 or 1/800/780-HOST (4678).
www.ectorcountycol.org

Public Meeting Facilities - Numerous locations offer varying sizes of meeting rooms including:



CEED Auditorium

- Center for Energy and Economic Diversification 432/552-2540
- American Legion Hall 432/332-5582
- Deer Horn Aviation 432/561-9111
- Los Arcos Ballroom 432/664-8834
- Ector County Coliseum 432/366-3541
- Ector County Library 432/337-2501
- Far West/Suite 180/
Fiesta Grounds 432/381-9358
- Grand Affairs 432/366-7776
- Odessa College 432/335-6400
- Music City Mall 432/550-2483
- Shack in the Back 432/349-3857
- South 40 Catering Company . . 432/580-7019
- 8th Street Event Center 432/333-5576
- The Willows 432/528-1933



National Parks

Within a few hours drive from Odessa you can experience three renowned national parks:



Big Bend National Park

Big Bend National Park - Mountainous setting along the Rio Grande River that separates Texas from Mexico. River rafting and hiking trails abound. For more information call 432/477-2251 www.nps.gov/bibe

Guadalupe Mountains National Park - Rugged terrain where both desert and mountain flora and fauna meet. Features the tallest peak in Texas (Guadalupe Peak) and Texas' only running trout stream and free-roaming elk herd. 432/828-3251 www.nps.gov/gumo

Carlsbad Caverns National Park - These world-renowned natural caverns just across the border in New Mexico feature stunning underground stalagmites and stalactites. Awe inspiring "bat flights" occur throughout the year. For more information call 505/785-2232 www.nps.gov/cave



State Parks

Closer to Odessa you'll find numerous state parks that offer great day trips for family members both young and old. They include:

Davis Mountains State Park - Both Indian and Cavalry history come to life at this historic state park in a beautiful mountain setting. (Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce 800/524-3015) Fort Davis is also the home of the world-famous McDonald Observatory, home to giant telescopes that watch the heavens (1-877-984-7827 or <http://vc.as.utexas.edu>.)

Monahans Sandhills State Park - Giant dunes of sand still reveal Indian artifacts to those who explore the terrain. 432/943-2092



Monahans Sandhills

Balmorhea State Park - A natural spring-fed swimming pool where you can literally swim with the fish. 432/375-2370

Area Attractions

Commemorative Air Force - National headquarters for the organization that restores and preserves World War II vintage aircraft. Also features the American Airpower Heritage museum and desert garden. At the Midland International Airport. 432/563-1000

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum - This fascinating museum traces the history of the oil industry in the Permian Basin. Located on I-20 near Midland. 432/683-4403

Marfa Lights - Located south of McDonald Observatory near the Marfa city limits. Experience this mysterious, unexplained phenomena which is featured on numerous national television programs.

McCamey Wind Power Farms - Giant windmills spread across the landscape generate electric power for the West Texas Region. For information contact the McCamey Chamber of Commerce. 432/652-8202



Commemorative Air Force

JANUARY

SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo -
First week. 432/366-3951



FEBRUARY

Midessa Boat, RV Sport & Gun Show - Second
Thursday through Sunday. 432/366-3541

MARCH

West Texas Relays - Second weekend.
432/333-7871

Odessa College NIRA Rodeo - Third
week of the month. 432/335-6400



APRIL

Celt Fest - 432/262-5863

Flower Market (Ellen Noël Art Museum) -
432/550-9696



MAY

Fiesta West Texas - 432/335-0250

Cinco De Mayo Celebration -
First weekend. 432/335-0250

JUNE

Juneteenth Celebration - Second weekend.
432/333-7871

Hot Summer Nights - Cool music every Friday
night. Free concerts at Noël Plaza. June
and July. 432/363-7737

JULY

Firecracker Fandango - Each
July 4th. 432/335-4682



AUGUST

The Southwest Shakespeare Festival - The
Globe Theatre. Thursday before Labor Day
through the second week of September.
432/332-1586

Rock the Desert - Contemporary Christian
music weekend featuring top artists.
432/699-4548
www.rockthedesert.com

SEPTEMBER

Permian Basin Fair &
Exposition - Friday after Labor
Day. 432/550-3232

Diez y Seis de Septiembre
(Hispanic Heritage Month) -
A month-long fiesta.
432/561-9629



The Southwest Shakespeare Festival - The
Globe Theatre. Through the second week of
September. 432/332-1586

Commemorative Air Force Airshow -
September/October. 432/563-1000

OCTOBER

Permian Basin International Oil Show
-Third week biennially. "The World's
Largest Inland Petroleum Exposition."
432/367-1112

Harvest Fair - Last weekend.
432/366-3541



NOVEMBER

Merry Marketplace - First weekend.
432/332-0095

Tejano Super Car Show - Third Sunday.
432/567-9999

Arts and Craft Fair - 432/366-3541

DECEMBER

The Annual Heritage Holiday Festival
& Parade.

"Starbright Village" lighted displays nightly
at McKinney Park.

Annual Tree Lighting (McKinney Park)
432/335-4682

For additional information on calendar of
events, attractions, dining guides and maps
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Name	Rooms/ Suites	Meeting Space (Sq. footage)	Pool/ Whirlpool	Cable/ HBO	Exercise Facility	Airport Shuttle	Continental Breakfast	Handicapped/ Non-Smoking	Business Center	High Speed Internet	Laundry Service	Restaurant/ Lounge
Best Western Garden Oasis 110 W. Interstate 20 • 432/337-3006	118/2	5,000	★	★	★	★		★	★	★	★	★
Blue Star Inn 2405 E. 2nd St. • 432/332-9505	24		★	★								
Budget Inn 9417 Andrews Hwy. • 432/368-7939	35			★				★				
Comfort Suites 4801 E. 50th St. • 432-362-1500	56	750	★	★	★		★	★	★	★	★	
Days Inn 3075 E. Business 20 • 432/335-8000	96	1,200	★	★			★	★	★			★
Delux Inn 1518 South Grant • 432/333-1486	40			★			★					
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott 3933 JBS Parkway • 432/363-1900	56/11	900	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★		
Great Val-U Inn 6713 E. Business 20 • 432/366-0059	50			★				★				
Hampton Inn 3923 JBS Parkway • 432/363-2900	51/10	625	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites 5375 E. 42nd • 432/366-5900	67/35	2,500	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Imperial Motel 221 W. 2nd St. • 432/332-0791	32		★	★								
La Quinta Inn 5001 E. Business 20 • 432/333-2820	120/2		★	★	★		★	★				
MCM Elegante Hotel 5200 E. University Blvd. • 432/368-5885	187/4	6,288	★	★	★	★		★		★	★	★
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Odessa Motor Inn 2021 E. 2nd St. • 432/332-7341	50		★	★								
Parkway Inn Motel 3071 E. Business 20 • 432/332-4224	84		★	★			★	★				
Quality Inn & Suites 3001 E. Business 20 • 432/333-3931	90/4	3,200	★	★	★		★	★	★		★	★
Regency Inn 2601 E. 2nd St. • 432/335-9525	26			★								
Royal Inn Odessa 2006 W. 2nd St. • 432/335-8066	20			★								
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Super Inn & Suites 3023 E. Business 20 • 432/333-2222	60		★	★			★	★	★		★	
Villa West Inn 300 W. Pool Rd. • 432/335-5055	40			★			★					

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- Dos Amigos
- Parker Ranch House Museum
- Comanche Trail Park
- Floyd Gwin Park
- Sherwood Park/Aquatic Facility
- UTPB Park/Stonehenge
- Ector Junior High School
- Odessa High School
- Permian High School
- Odessa College
- University of Texas of the Permian Basin
- Ratliff Ranch Golf Links
- Sunset Country Club (Public)
- Graham Central Station
- McKinney Park
- Ector Theater
- Meteor Crater & Museum
- Memorial Gardens
- Woodson Park/Aquatic Facility
- Odessa Regional Medical Center
- Medical Center Hospital
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Odessa



Odessa also features a dozen campground and RV facilities including Midessa Oilpatch RV Park and Campground between Odessa and Midland. 432/563-2368

For a more detailed map of Odessa please call the Odessa Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-780-HOST.