

## VETERANS MEMORIALS

**VETERANS REMEMBRANCE AND MEDITATION GARDEN** on the grounds of the Dayton Community Center, 801 S. Cleveland St., Dayton. Dedicated in 2010. Features a memorial wall with military-themed murals and bronze plaques displaying the names of Dayton-area veterans.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL** on Grand Avenue in Liberty, near the Liberty I.S.D. football stadium. Dedicated in 1947. Honors Liberty County veterans who died in wartime from WWI through Vietnam.

## ACTIVITIES

### CHAMPION LAKE

County Road 417, 10.5 miles south of Dayton off FM 1409. • 936.336.9786

800-acre Champion Lake is part of the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge. Activities include fishing, hunting, nature and wildlife viewing and boating activities such as canoeing and kayaking. May be closed at times due to high water or other issues. Call the Refuge for information.

### EAGLE POINTE GOLF CLUB & RECREATION COMPLEX

12440 Eagle Pointe Drive in Mont Belvieu  
281.385.6668 • eaglepointeonline.com

A top-rated golf club and fitness complex with basketball and racquetball courts, heated indoor lap pool, massage therapy and much more. Memberships are available for some activities. Call for information. →

## The Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

1801 Trinity St. in Liberty • 936.336.5736  
109 S. Main St. in Dayton • 936.257.8926  
chamber@imsday.com (Liberty)  
ldchamber@imsday.com (Dayton)

Visit us online!  
[libertydaytonchamber.com](http://libertydaytonchamber.com)

## ACTIVITIES

### HIKING

Several miles of primitive hiking trails can be found throughout the city of Liberty. The Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge has maps and information on the trail system. 936.336.9786.

### LIBERTY FAUX REAL TRADE DAYS

TVE Fairgrounds, FM 563 south of Liberty  
[fauxrealtradedays.com](http://fauxrealtradedays.com)

Held on the weekend following the third Monday each month (except October and December). Over 300 vendors selling their crafts and wares. Great food and fun. Free parking and admission! Most areas covered. 9-5 Friday and Saturday, and 9-3 on Sunday.

### LIBERTY STREET RALLY

Courthouse Square in downtown Liberty  
An informal gathering of car enthusiasts held on the 2nd Saturday of the month (weather permitting) from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Free to the public. Enjoy coffee from 9-11 a.m.

### LIBERTY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

100 Country Club Drive (off Beaumont Avenue) in Liberty • 936.336.6732

A public 9-hole golf course with tournaments held throughout the year. Space is available for parties, corporate meetings, and other events. Operated by the City of Liberty.

### TRINITY VALLEY EXPOSITION

321 FM 563 in Liberty. 936.336.7455  
[tvefair.com](http://tvefair.com)

Along with the popular Fair and Rodeo held each October, the TVE hosts a variety of activities throughout the year. Call or check the website for schedules. Facilities at the TVE (also available for rent) include a pavilion, expo hall, community room, covered arena, RV spaces and concession stands.

### TWIN LAKES

13821 FM 787 West in Cleveland • 800.921.5253  
281.659.9161 • twin-lake.com

A private 35-acre resort with two 6-acre lakes, a 1/2-acre swimming pond, outdoor grills, lodges, banquet hall and more. Reservations are required.

## ANNUAL EVENTS

Visit [libertydaytonchamber.com](http://libertydaytonchamber.com) for information on other events and activities throughout the year, as well as updates to events listed here.

### January

### February

- Methodist Men's Annual Brotherhood Banquet
- Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet

### March

- Liberty Jubilee, Street Dance & Concert

### April

- Relay For Life - American Cancer Society
- Dayton Ole Tyme Days
- KSHN Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Rodeo & Zydeco Festival

### May

- Mayhaw Festival & Pageant (downtown Daisetta)
- Kidfish
- Dayton ISD Annual FFA Rodeo & Stock Show
- Liberty Municipal Golf Course Invitational Golf Tour

### June

- Free fishing day at Champion Lake.

### July

- City of Liberty Patriotic Fireworks Display
- Fourth of July Fireworks Show in Hardin
- Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Auction & Fundraiser
- Trinity River Refuge Moth Night Out

### August

- Burnham Classic Golf Tournament (Liberty)

### September

### October

- Dayton Trade Days
- Trinity River Refuge Butterfly Count
- Trinity Valley Exposition Fair & Rodeo  
(for information on TVE events visit [tvefair.com](http://tvefair.com))

### November

- Country Christmas (Liberty)

### December

- Country Christmas (Dayton)
- Live Nativity-First United Methodist Church (Liberty)
- Christmas Bird Count

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# VISITORS GUIDE

Places to see ... things to do.



South Liberty County  
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Courtesy of

The   
LIBERTY ★ DAYTON AREA  
**Chamber**  
of Commerce

## HISTORICAL INTEREST

### CLEVELAND - PARTLOW HOUSE

2131 Grand Avenue, Liberty

A Greek Revival structure built in 1860 by Judge C.L. Cleveland, purchased in 1886 by W.S. Partlow and occupied by the Partlow family for 96 years. It is a recorded Texas Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Owned by the Texas State Library and managed by the Libertad Chapter of the DAR. Open by appointment. E-mail slsundgren@yahoo.com.

### LIBERTY BELL

Currently on display in the Humphreys Cultural Center, Liberty

Originally cast by the White Chapel Bell Foundry in London (using the same mold as the Philadelphia original) the Liberty Bell served as a symbol of the Liberty Muscular Dystrophy Foundation. It was dedicated on the Courthouse Square in 1960 and rung sixteen times by legendary Hollywood actor John Wayne. In 2008 the outdoor bell tower sustained damage during Hurricane Ike, and was dismantled. Plans for housing the bell are presently under development.

### LIBERTY COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Downtown Liberty



One of Texas' "most well-kept historic courthouses" according to the Texas Historical Commission. Completed in 1931, it is the last of seven structures built on this site. The west side addition,

facing City Hall, was completed in the late 1950s.

A state historical marker erected on the courthouse grounds explains the history of the seven structures on this site. Three red granite monuments, along with a bronze plaque dedicated to the 1956 Liberty Bicentennial, can also be seen. A WWII Howitzer artillery piece sits on the northwest corner of the square.



= historical marker(s) onsite.

## HISTORICAL INTEREST

### HISTORIC OTT HOTEL

305 Travis Street in Liberty • 936.336.3832

This 1928 structure is the last original functioning train depot hotel in the state of Texas. Some famous names have stayed here including John Wayne, Bob Wills, Roy Rogers & Dale Evans, Roy Acuff and the Playboys, and newscaster Dan Rather. The hotel has been certified as a "haunted property" with well over 50 paranormal investigations conducted on the premises. Call for tour information.

For more locations and resources of historical interest, see "Libraries & Museums". →

## AREA PARKS

### CEDAR HILL PARK

Lake Charlotte Rd. off FM 563, northern Chambers County. 281.576.2243

### DANIEL PARK

FM 1008 east of Dayton

### LIBERTY MUNICIPAL PARK

Cook Road in north Liberty • 936.336.3684

## MUSIC & THEATRE

### LIBERTY OPRY

1816 Sam Houston Ave., Liberty.  
Toll-Free: 877.729.9103. • Local: 936.336.5830  
libertyopry.com



Live from the downtown historic Park Theater! Liberty Opry features tribute shows, comedy and musical performances by artists in a variety of styles including country & western, 50s & 60s, gospel and western swing as well as the award-winning sounds of

The Liberty Opry Band. Call or visit them online for schedules and show information.

### VALLEY PLAYERS

1710 Sam Houston Avenue (Humphreys Cultural Center), Liberty. • 936.336.5887

A popular local theatre group that performs several stage shows throughout the year. Call for tickets and information.

## LIBRARIES & MUSEUMS

### DAYTON OLD SCHOOL MUSEUM

111 West Houston Street in Dayton • Open Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. • 936.258.2155



The restored early-1900s Old School Museum houses artifacts, pictures and reminders of early 20th-century life. Nearby sits the restored 1800s Jamison Log Cabin. Maintained by the Dayton Historical Society.

### JONES PUBLIC LIBRARY

(inside Dayton Community Center)  
801 South Cleveland Street in Dayton • 936.258.7060  
jonespubliclibrary.org

The library features a computer lab, reading rooms, reading patio, game tables, study rooms, children's area, reference services and Wi-Fi access.

### LIBERTY MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

(Humphreys Cultural Center)  
1710 Sam Houston Avenue in Liberty  
936.336.8901 • cityofliberty.org



Along with its vast array of books and periodicals, the library offers audio/visual materials, e-books, computers and Wi-Fi access. Visitors to the Cultural Center can enjoy stage shows performed throughout

the year by the local theatre group Valley Players. For tickets and information, call 936.336.5887.

### ROSENWALD SCHOOL MUSEUM

231 S. Colbert Street in Dayton • 936.402.3560

Opened to the public in February 2011, the restored Rosenwald School, used by African-American students from 1927 thru 1967 until schools were officially desegregated, holds artifacts and memorabilia from the time period that the school was in use. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



(Photo: Mr. James Grays, Colbert-Rosenwald Corporation Member)

## LIBRARIES & MUSEUMS

### CHAMBERS COUNTY MUSEUM AT WALLISVILLE

Exit 807, Interstate 10 in Wallisville, Chambers County • Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 409.389.2252



The Chambers County Museum at Wallisville maintains extensive files on local history and a diverse selection of books. The museum showcases many artifacts from the area and serves as a

repository for information on local pioneer families who settled in and around Chambers County.

In addition to the museum, the restored 1869 Wallisville Schoolhouse is located on the premises along with the 1915 Eminence Schoolhouse, the William Cooper house, and the Ina and John Wallis House.

### SAM HOUSTON REGIONAL LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER

650 FM 1011, just off State Highway 146 in Liberty. • 936.336.8821 • tsl.texas.gov/shc



Dedicated and opened on May 14, 1977 the Sam Houston Center is a heralded resource for genealogists, researchers and historians. The Center features an extensive Indian artifact

collection including the Frances Broemer Collection of Alabama and Coushatta Indian baskets, as well as the Jean Laffite Journal, the papers of Governor Price Daniel, the papers of U.S. Representative Martin Dies, comprehensive newspaper archives, and much more. Major renovations in 2018 brought visitors a beautiful new state-of-the-art museum with images, artifacts, documents and interactive media.

Structural exhibits include the 1898 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, the Jean and Price Daniel House (completed in 1983 and patterned after the original 1856 plans for the Texas Governor's mansion), the 1848 Gillard-Duncan House, 1883 Norman House, and the 1930 Hull Rotary Club building. Call for tour information.