More Piney Woods Treasures

**Henderson** is in the heart of the East Texas Oil Field, once the world's largest. The Depot Museum Complex showcases local history, by-gone lifestyles, and crafts. The Howard-Dickinson House Museum embodies antebellum style. Annual events include the Heritage Syrup Festival, Sacred Harp Singing Convention, and Wildflower Trails.

**Mount Pleasant** is a Texas Main Street Citywith antique shops and boutiques downtown--plus Laura's Cheesecake & Bakery and live country music at the Pleasant Jamboree. Five acres of flowers and pastoral settings enliven Tankersley Gardens. Outdoor recreation abounds at Lake Bob Sandlin State Park.

**Pittsburg** is in lake country, an easy drive to Lake O' the Pines and Lake Bob Sandlin. In town, the Northeast Texas Rural Heritage Museum offers an authentic farmstead, plus transportation exhibits and an early flying machine, the Ezekiel Airship, in a historic depot. Signature eats are at Pittsburg Hot Links cafe and Carson House Inn & Grille, also a bed and breakfast.

**Rusk** offers a walk across America's longest footbridge (546 feet), plus heritage at Jim Hogg Historic Park, site of Governor Hogg's restored birthplace. The Texas State Railroad makes steam-powered excursions (Mar.-May) from Rusk to Palestine. Beside the Rusk depot is Rusk-Palestine State Park, with camping, pedal-boating, hiking, and birding.

**San Augustine** boasts fine early architecture, including the Ezekiel Cullen House (open for tours) and Christ Episcopal Church. New is a visitors center at the Mission Senora del los Delores de los Ais site, recounting 18th-century Spanish ventures here. Nearby are the Angelina and Sabine National Forests and Lake Sam Rayburn.

**Woodville** is home to Heritage Village Museum, a collection of historic and replica 1800s structures. On the grounds is the Pickett House, serving down-home cooking family style. The town also offers the Shivers Library and Museum, displaying furnishings and mementoes of former Governor and Mrs. Allan Shivers. Nearby is the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation.

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