

Thistle House

The following is a list of things to do, places to eat, and emergency information.

There is a lot to do in the area.

Here is a list of some of the popular things to do.

1. Casino – [Winstar World Casino](#)
2. Wineries – [Blue Ostrich](#) * [4R Winery](#) * [Arche](#)
Then, head over to [Ancient Ovens](#) for a very different experience as part of your winery tour. Reservation only. Experience great food in a location out in the middle of nowhere!
3. [Lake Texmoa](#) – Guided Fishing Tours and More!
4. [Lavender Ridge Farms](#) – Lavender Farm
5. [Wild Berry Farm](#) – Pick your own berries!
6. [Hagerman Wildlife Refuge](#) – Excellent facility with drive through tours.

And much more!

RESTAURANTS

Near Thistle House

Lovejoys On Main Street

138 E. Main St.

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3685

Lunch Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri , Sat 11-2

Store and Soda Fountain Hours:

Mon-Fri 9-5 Sat 10-4

Manuelito's Mexican Restaurant

106 N. Main St.

Collinsville, TX

(903) 820-1376

Mon-Thurs 11-9PM

Fri & Sat 11-9:30PM

Little Johnny's Roadhouse

Bar & BBQ Restaurant

21852 US-377

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 820-6110

Thursday 11-11PM

Fri-Sat 11-12AM

Dominos Pizza

(903) 564-3444

Online Ordering Will Not Work for Thistle House

Just call and reference the address of Thistle House

608 Old Center Church Road - Whitesboro.

Make Sure You Tell Them To Deliver To The Home Up Front

Near Entrance.

The Bear's Den

Meet the LIVE Bears

Pizza Restaurant (Using ancient ovens for gourmet pizzas)

Barnaby& Bailey, their 400lb rescued black bears, will have dinner with you, just 5' off the dining deck!

Located at the [Sharkarosa](#) Wildlife Ranch

11670 Massey Rd.

Pilot Point, TX

(940) 686-5600

Thursday (Live Music) 5-9PM

Friday (Karaoke) 5-9PM

Saturday 11AM-9PM

Sunday 11AM-4PM

Call ahead to coordinate the Bear Experience!

GAINESVILLE AREA

Only About a 20-minute Drive

Gainesville has many chain restaurants including Chilis, Rib Crib, Applebees, Ihop and many more. Here is map link to the area eateries and listed are a couple of our favorites.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/gainesville+tx+restaurants/@33.6458245,-97.1503729,14z?hl=en&authuser=0>

Sarah's On The Square

A Favorite of Ours!

American (Traditional) Food Served in a Historical Building In
Downtown Gainesville

115 W California St

Gainesville, TX

(940) 612-4782

Tues-Thurs 11-3PM - Friday 11-3PM *5PM-9PM(Dinner)- Saturday 11-9PM

Main Street Pub

Bar & Restaurant

216 W Main St

Gainesville, Tx

(940) 668-4040

Mon-Thurs 11-9PM * Friday 11-10PM * Saturday 11-9PM

WANT TO EAT ON LAKE TEXOMA?

THESE RESTAURANTS OFFER A MEAL WITH A VIEW OF THE LAKE

Pelican's Landing

500 Harbour View Rd

Gordonville, TX

(903) 523-4500

Seasonal Hours (Be sure and call for hours)

Tue-Wed 5Pm-9PM * Thursday 4-9PM * Friday 11AM -9PM * Saturday 8Am-9PM

The Island Bar & Grill

120 Texoma Harbor Dr

Pottsboro, TX

(903) 786-7659

Seasonal Hours (Be sure and call for hours)

Mon-Thurs CLOSED Winter Hours

Friday 11AM-9PM * Saturday 8AM-9PM * Sunday 8AM-3PM

Best Kept Secrets

These are restaurants that might be a little off the beaten path but worth a visit, for sure!

[Craft Pies Pizza](#)

About a 25 minute drive...

81750 N State Highway 289

Pottsboro, TX

They don't answer their phone! However, they do take online orders.

Great Pizza and they have gluten free options!

AREA INTERESTS

We are very fortunate to have our ranch situated within approximately 30 minutes to many unique activities.

Do You Like to Gamble or see Concerts & Entertainers?

We're located approximately 17 miles to [WinStar World Casino](#)
& approximately 46 miles to [Choctaw Casino](#)

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

A refuge for migratory birds and many other wildlife.

Wildlife Center and Drive Through Trails

Refuge Rd.

Sherman, TX

(903) 786-2826

Mon-Fri 7:30AM-4PM * Saturday 9AM-4PM * Sunday 1-5PM

Texas Tulips

U-Pick Tulip Field

10656 FM 2931

Pilot Point, TX

Seasonal check out their website

www.texas-tulips.com

Open 7 Days a Week * 10AM-7PM

Lavender Ridge Farms

A lavender cut flower and herb farm

2391 County Road 178

Gainesville, TX

(940) 665-6938

Fri-Mon 9AM-5PM

WINERIES

4R Ranch Vineyards and Winery

1473 Co Rd 477

Muenster, TX

(940) 736-3370

Thurs.-Fri 2-6PM * Saturday 12-7PM

Arche` Winery & Vineyard

228 Wagner Rd

St Jo, TX

(214) 536-6330

Thurs.-Sat 12-6PM * Sunday 12-5PM

Blue Ostrich Winery

5611 FM 2382

St JO, TX

(940) 995-3100

Thursday 12-6PM * Fri-Sat. 12-7PM * Sunday 12-5PM

If you travel to these wineries, it is worth noting

a MUST Stop & See

is the small town of Muenster, TX!

MUENSTER

Small Historic German Town

Fischers Meat Market

304 Main St

Muenster, TX

(940) 759-4211

Bring a little cooler...lots of fresh pastries, cheeses, beef jerky, and meats!

Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM * Sunday 9AM-5:30PM

Docs Bar and Grill

Bar, Grill and Pool Hall

113 N. Main St.

Muenster, TX 76252

(940)-759-3627

MONDAY-FRIDAY *10:30am - 12:00am

SATURDAY * 10:30am - 1:00am

SUNDAY * 10:30am - 10:00pm

Fresh Fella's Furnishings

A Fresh Take On Home Décor

Wedding Registry Available & Shipping Available on Some Items

215 N. Main St

Muenster, TX

(940) 759-5925

Tue-Sat 10-5PM

The Bird Nest

Gifts ~ Antiques ~ Garden

223 N. Main St

Muenster, TX

(940) 759-4343

* When Visiting These Shops, Mention You're from Thistle House & that Jen Says Hi!

MUSEUMS

Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum

436 McCullum Ave.

Denison, TX

(903) 786-8741

Tue-Sat 10-4PM

A museum that is a preservation of the history of Perrin Army Air Field and Perrin Air Force Base located in Grayson County Texas. This museum is also an Official World War 1 Commemoration site.

Free to the public, Donations Accepted

*If you are staying at Thistle House a while, and want a nice day drive, we highly recommend the **Chickasaw Cultural Center**.*

Chickasaw Cultural Center

867 Charles Cooper Memorial Rd

Sulphur, OK 73086

*its 79 mi from our ranch, approximately 1.5 hour drive...worth the drive!

(580) 622-7130

We have taken several family members and friends to see this amazing cultural center, that celebrates the story of the Chickasaw Nation. They have a butterfly garden, living displays of life and culture of the Chickasaw people of old.

There's too much to tell...check out their website

Also, no need to eat before, their café has amazing food!

LOCAL SHOPPING IN OUR TOWN OF WHITESBORO

We have some of the BEST KEPT SECRETS for shopping!
There is something for EVERYONE!

Lovejoys On Main Street

138 E. Main St.

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3685

Family Owned by the Lovejoy's Hank & Rita, as well as their children and grandchildren, who help run this beautiful restaurant and store.

They made the homemade pralines in your gift bag.

They have clothing, gifts, & a children's section...

You won't leave empty handed.

We often leave with a treat from the soda fountain!

Sunny Paige

117 Center Street

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-5500

* Located directly Across the Street from [Lovejoys](#) on the next block...an old gem of a white house...you won't miss it!

Ask for Cynthia and tell her you're from Thistle House...Either She or one of her amazing sales people will find you the perfect outfit or the perfect gift.

Their personalized service is fabulous!

Candles, Tea Towels, Boutique Style Clothing & Shoes

Mon-Fri 10-5PM

Saturday 10-4PM

Butterfield Stage Stop

123 East Main St

Whitesboro, TX

(903)564-7788

Jack & Sandy Humes have a store full of FABULOUS antiques and gifts.

Jack is a veteran, and he knew the previous owners of our ranch.

Tell them Jen and Glen said Hi from Thistle Hill Ranch!

Tues-Fri 10-5PM

Saturday 10-4PM

Urban Junkie & friends

100 east Main Street

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3835

Antiques ~ Gifts ~ Clothing ~Decor

Stacey & Alan Own the shop and have other booths inside with many different vendors.

This is the shop where I purchased the large horse painting

As seen on my [Instagram feed @thistle.hill.ranch](#)

It's one of the most asked about pieces in our farmhouse. I am never disappointed when I visit this shop... I have a difficult time leaving without something in hand, LOL!

Cook's Main Street Mercantile

142 E. Main

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3075

Antiques ~ Gifts ~ Décor ~ Records

And there's also a Clothing Boutique inside Called

The Leopard Antler Boutique

Our "Nick" the vintage white-tailed deer over the fireplace at Thistle House is from here.

I have found many vintage & antique items from this sweet family. Looking for a particular item? They'll help you find it!! They have a book that you put the item you're looking for in, and they keep a lookout for it!

Tue-Sat 10-5

This is a family owned business and they also have entertainment on weekends!

Cook's Main Stage

Dennards

Farm ~ Ranch ~Western Lifestyle

541 Hwy 377N

Whitesboro, TX

(903) 564-3386

Dennards quite literally has it ALL!

Clothing ✓

Cowboy Boots form Functional to FANCY! ✓

Furniture ✓

Horse & Cattle Feed ✓

Saddle ✓

Candy ✓

Beef Jerky ✓

Candle ✓

Baby Clothes ✓

Baby Chickens ✓ seasonal!

Dennards is another family owned business that's been around since 1890.

Last year we walked in for dog food and I walked out with 2 bunnies, LOL!

Tell them Jennifer and Glen from Thistle Hill Ranch sent you...they will take care of your EVERY need!

GROCERY STORES

We have [Brookshire Brother's](#) in Whitesboro straight up Hwy 377 for quick convenience.

However, I recommend [Albertson's in Sherman](#), with a better meat and produce selection as well as full deli and bakery.

If you have the [instacart app](#), they have delivered here from Tom Thumb and CVS in Gainesville, TX.

Please specify Thistle House Up Front.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please call **911** in an Emergency

608 Old Center Church Rd

Whitesboro, TX

*specify we are in the county outside of city limits!

[Grayson County Sheriff](#): (903) 813-4408

[Texoma Medical Center Hospital and ER](#)

(903) 416-4000

5016 US-75

Denison, TX

