



WITTE MUSEUM OVERVIEW

- The Witte (pronounced “witty”) Museum is where nature, science and culture meet.
- The museum is located between the ancient San Antonio River and San Antonio’s historic Broadway on a bountiful riverside campus with large, open galleries, inspiring architecture and lush gardens.
- Museum galleries and exhibits center on Texas and Texans, encouraging exploration through the lens of “Texas Deep Time”—from millions, thousands and hundreds of years ago through today—and the themes of land, sky and water.
- Fossilized specimens from the Cretaceous Period, artifacts from ancient times and the 1719 Acequia Madre de Valero and Diversion Dam from the Spanish period are just a few of the many wonders of the Witte.
- In addition to its permanent galleries, the museum presents special exhibitions that offer glimpses into the Witte Museum collections and research. It also hosts multiple touring blockbuster exhibitions each year.
- Committed to ensuring access to the museum, the Witte has hosted Free Tuesday afternoons for more than 30 years, provides scholarships for field trips and is a proud participant in the *Museums for All* program.
- More than 170,000 square feet of renovation and expansion were completed in 2017 as part of a \$100 million transformation of the museum.
- Museum expansion continues on the riverside section of the campus with the Dawson Family Hall and the John R. and Greli N. Less Charitable Trust Science and Nature Courtyard opening in May 2023.
- In a typical year, more than 350,000 people, most of whom are school-aged children and their families, visit the Witte. Each year, visitors come from around the world, including all 50 states and about 220 Texas counties.

Museum Galleries

H-E-B Lantern
 Valero Great Hall
 Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery
 McLean Family Texas Wild Gallery
 Kathleen & Curtis Gunn Gallery
 Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos Gallery
 A Wild and Vivid Land: Stories of South Texas
 Laura & Sam Dawson Gallery
 Russell Hill Rogers Texas Art Gallery
 George West Trail Drivers Gallery
 H-E-B Body Adventure

Major Spaces & Venues

Susan Naylor Center
 Bolner Family Museum Store
 Memorial Auditorium
 Dawson Family Hall
 John R. and Greli N. Less Charitable Trust Science and Nature Courtyard
 Tremblay Family Cafe
 Robert J. & Helen C. Kleberg South Texas Heritage Center
 Mays Family Center
 Zachry Family Acequia Garden
 Will Smith Amphitheater
 B. Naylor Morton Research & Collections Center



- The Witte Museum is a primary-source content provider and engages K-12 students in innovative, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)-aligned curriculum and inquiry-based learning experiences.
- In 2024, the Witte Museum will launch *Texas Museums 360*, a unique museum partnership with Space Center Houston that will bring Earth and space curriculum into Texas schools through an unparalleled digital and hands-on learning experience.
- The Witte has a Texas state and federally certified curatorial collection repository with focuses in archaeology, history, geology and paleontology. The B. Naylor Morton Research and Collections Center and collections repository include research spaces and housing for 320,000 artifacts and specimens.
- The Witte Museum stands on a platform of excellence as an American Alliance of Museum Accredited Museum, an elite status the Witte has maintained since 1974 with the most recent re-accreditation awarded in 2018. The Witte Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate.
- The museum's annual symposium, *The Conference on Texas*, features invited speakers sharing new and in-depth discoveries on the history of Texas.
- Preservation responsibility and ownership of the White Shaman Preserve, which is located at the confluence of the Pecos River and Rio Grande and includes the White Shaman Mural, was transferred to the Witte Museum in 2017. The museum offers guided tours of the preserve, White Shaman Mural and other significant rock art locations from September through May.
- The Witte campus provides countless moments of wonder for exploration and discovery. Historic buildings relocated to the campus for preservation include the Ruiz House, Navarro House, Twohig House and Onderdonk's art studio.
- The museum was founded in 1926 by schoolteacher and botanist Ellen Schulz Quillin and has provided educational experiences for schoolchildren in San Antonio from its earliest days.
- The museum is named after the parents of Alfred W. Witte. Mr. Witte died in 1925 and in his will donated \$65,000 to fund a museum in Brackenridge Park.
- The Witte Museum is open year-round except for Easter, the third Monday in October, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- Hours of Operation are Monday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Museum Admission is free every Tuesday from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. The museum's Free Tuesday hours are extended to 7 p.m. during summer months.
- For more information, visit WitteMuseum.org.



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