



Top 15 Things to Do in the Clear Lake and Houston Area

1. Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Parkway, Houston, Texas 77058, Phone 281-244-2100, www.spacecenter.org

- Space Center Houston features a multitude of exhibits, attractions, special presentations, and hands-on activities for children and adults.
- Space Center Theatre has a 5-story tall screen that takes the viewer by the heart to bring them into the life of an astronaut.
- NASA Tram Tour is a behind-the-scenes journey through NASA's Johnson Space Center
- Space Center Houston is a premier educational experience.

2. Kemah Boardwalk, 215 Kipp Ave, Kemah, TX 77565, 877-AT-KEMAH, www.kemahboardwalk.com

- The Kemah Boardwalk is open daily providing fun for the whole family.
- Located just 9 miles from Houston Clear Lake, the Kemah Boardwalk is home to fabulous waterfront restaurants, amusements, charming retail stores, festivals and seaside shows every day.
- The main attractions of the 35 acre complex include shopping, carnival rides, midway games, as well as a miniature train that tours the entire area.

3. Moody Gardens, One Hope Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77554, 800-582-4673, www.moodygardens.com

- Moody Gardens features three main pyramid attractions: the Aquarium, which is one of the largest in the world and holds many species of fish and other sea life; the Rainforest Pyramid, which contains tropical animals and plants; and the Discovery Pyramid, which focuses on science-oriented exhibits and activities.
- Moody Gardens also has a RideFilm Theater with motion-based pod seating, a 3-D IMAX theater, a paddlewheel cruise boat, a hotel and a convention center.

4. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd, Pasadena, TX, www.abnc.org

- Visitors to Armand Bayou Nature Center enjoy a variety of fun and educational activities.
- Spend a leisurely walk in nature can hike 1 or all 4 trails that take them through the different ecosystems at the nature center.
- Saturdays at the Nature Center experience Armand Bayou at water level via a canoe or pontoon boat. The boat trips are very popular and fill up weeks in advance.
- For the night Owls, a Moon Light pontoon boat cruise we also give visitors the opportunity to experience the Nature Center's night life.

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5. **Bay Area Park**, 7500 Bay Area, Blvd, Houston, TX

- Located Space Center Boulevard and Red Bluff Road, along the shores of Armand Bayou— Bay Area Park offers visitors and their four-legged friends a vibrant green space to enjoy 365 days a year.
- Enjoy a variety of playground structures, picnic tables and barbecue pits, as well as a botanical garden and hiking trails that wind through lush oak trees. Tennis courts, baseball, softball fields and canoe ramps are also key highlights at Bay Area Park.
- Bring your pup, too, and let 'em loose at the precinct's first dog park, which is fenced in and divided into two sections—one for small (under 20 pounds) and another for large dogs. The facility features wash bays, trails, fountains and plenty of open space for pups to explore.
- Bay Area Park is open daily from 7AM to 10PM.

6. **Space City Ice Station**, 18150 Gulf Freeway, Friendswood, TX 77546, 281-486-7979, www.spacecityice.com

- The Space City Ice Station offers public skating seven days a week.
- A complete snack bar service and vending machines are available in the ;main lobby, along with skate rental.

7. **Main Event Entertainment**, 1125 Magnolia Avenue, Webster Texas, 77598, 281-332-4500, www.maineventusa.com

- Bowling, Billiards, Arcade, Laser Tag, Glow Golf, Full Service Bar

8. **Baybrook Mall**, 500 Baybrook Mall, Friendswood, TX 77546, 281-488-4620, www.baybrookmall.com

- Located at I-45 south at Bay Area Boulevard, Baybrook Mall is a vibrant, refreshing center for Houston shoppers. Come join in the fun.
- The Food Court with more than 14 restaurants provides a refreshing stop in your day.

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9. San Jacinto Battleground and Battleship Texas Historic Site, 3253 Battleground Road, LaPorte, TX 77571, 281-479-2431

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/battleship_texas/visitor.phtml

- The San Jacinto Monument is dedicated to the "Heroes of the Battle of San Jacinto and all others who contributed to the independence of Texas." The monument is a 570-foot shaft topped by a 34-foot star symbolizing the Lone Star Republic.
- The building incorporates a number of innovative engineering features not common during the period of its construction. The American Society of Civil Engineers recognized this technology with the prestigious designation of State and National Historic Structure.
- The monument is listed as the tallest stone column memorial structure in the world, 15 feet taller than the Washington Monument in Washington, DC.

10. Downtown Aquarium. 410 Bagby St @ Memorial Dr., Houston TX, 77002, 713-223-3473,

www.aquariumrestaurants.com

- Downtown Aquarium is the product of redeveloping two downtown Houston landmarks – Fire Station No. 1 and the Central Waterworks Building.
- This magnificent six-acre entertainment and dining complex is a 500,000-gallon aquatic wonderland, home to over 200 species of aquatic life from around the globe.
- With a full-service restaurant, an upscale bar, a fully equipped ballroom, aquatic & geographic exhibits, shopping and a variety of amusements, Downtown Aquarium has it all!

11. Hermann Park Conservancy, 6201-A Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030, 713-524-5876,

www.hermannpark.org

- Golf Course
- Jogging Trail
- Playground
- Pedal Boats
- Pool
- Garden Center
- Hermann Park Railroad

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12. Miller Outdoor Theatre, 6000 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030, 281-373-3386, www.milleroutdoortheatre.com

- Miller Outdoor Theatre offers the most diverse season of professional entertainment of any Houston performance venue, and it's all FREE!
- The theatre is located on approximately 7.5 acres of land in Hermann Park,
- Seating is provided for 1,705 patrons and 20 wheelchair spaces, plus a sloping lawn that accommodates approximately 4,500 more on blankets or lawn chairs.

13. Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030, 713-639-4629, www.hmns.org

- As one of the most heavily attended museums in the United States, the Museum houses the Burke Baker Planetarium, Wortham IMAX® Theatre, Cockrell Butterfly Center and a fascinating variety of permanent exhibit areas that examine astronomy, space science, Native American culture, paleontology, energy, chemistry, gems and minerals, seashells, Texas wildlife and much more.

14. Houston Zoo, 6200 Hermann Park Drive, Houston, TX 77030, 713-533-6500, www.houstonzoo.org

- The Houston Zoo provides a fun, unique, and inspirational experience fostering appreciation, knowledge, and care for the natural world.

15. Children's Museum of Houston, 1500 Binz, Houston, TX 77004, 713-552-1138 www.cmhouston.org

- **America's No. 1 Best Children's Museum** by *Parents* magazine, winner of Nickelodeon Parents' Picks "Best Museum in Houston 2009 & 2010.
- The Children's Museum of Houston offers a multitude of exhibits bursting with action-packed fun that engage kids in the ultimate learning experience.

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