

BEST WATER IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

ON THE TEXAS PECOS TRAILS



You can find us an hour west of the Pecos and only 25 miles north of the Rio Grande and Mexico. Midway between San Antonio and El Paso on hwy.90

For further information, call or write:

Terrell County Visitor Center (432) 345-2324
P.O. Box 4890, Sanderson, Texas 79848

Chamber of Commerce (432) 345-2509
P.O. Box 734, Sanderson, TX 79848
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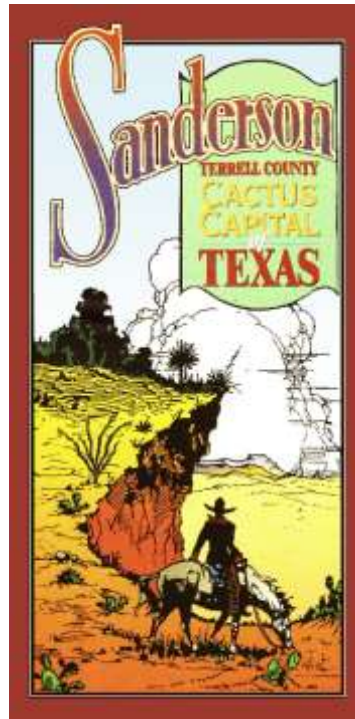


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East Gate to the Big Bend Wilderness Area



Sanderson has had true Cowboy life. Before relocating to Langtry, Judge Roy Bean disembarked at Sanderson's still-standing 1881 depot and attempted to start a saloon. Sensing competition, an established saloon owner poisoned Bean's whiskey barrels with kerosene, forever branding Sanderson as "The town too mean for Bean." Vestiges of its wild and woolly frontier beginnings abound, from the bank once robbed by the Wild Bunch to the train robbery in 1912, known as the 'Last Great Train Robbery' in the west, where two men had attempted to rob a train, but a train agent had killed them. They were buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Sanderson.

The town and the county are not that far removed from those days of Texas legend and lore. The strong influence of those pioneer days of cowboy culture, railroading, oil and gas lives on in the descendants of its original founders, many of whom still run their family ranches and businesses.

The town has strived over the years to keep its head above water. In 1965, a flood killed 21 people and destroyed homes and businesses. However, Sanderson has rebuilt itself and is still here to welcome all who want to be a part of this wonderful town or even if you are just passing through.

For more about our history, you can check the Sanderson web sites, call the Visitors Center or go to the Terrell Co. Library or find more history in the book titled "TERRELL COUNTY, TEXAS IT'S PAST – IT'S PEOPLE." Composed by: Alice Evans Downie.

ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

- Terrell County Fair

APRIL

- Easter Sunrise Service - Historic Dryden Church
- Sheriff's Department Easter egg Hunt - Court House Lawn
- Big Bend Open Road Race - <http://www.bbrr.com/>

JUNE & JULY

- Old Timer Reunion & July 4th Celebration
- Sanderson High School Reunions -
- St. James Summer Festival

SEPTEMBER

- Toe Tappin' Tuesdays

OCTOBER

- Prickly Pear Pachanga
- Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

- Rio Grande Rifle Club Turkey Shoot

DECEMBER

- Hunters Feast Banquet
- Christmas Windmill Lighting
- Christmas on Mainstreet

*CALL VISITOR CENTER FOR DATES AND TIMES OF EVENTS

CLIMATIC INFORMATION

Annual Days of Sunshine	300+
Annual Average Temp.	64
Average January Temp.	44
Average August Temp.	80
Average Rainfall	12"
Average Snowfall	0.2"
Elevation above Sea Level	2,800'

POPULATION

Sanderson	875
Terrell County	982

THINGS TO DO

* **Cactus Capital Hiking and Nature Trails** - A trail leading up through Hominy and Javelina Hills, stretching across 24 acres and overlooks historic Sanderson at 2900 feet. Offering views of the town and the surrounding area, with the trail ending at Bicentennial Park. A moderately challenging nature walk, the trail wraps around this small town nestled among crested buttes along Hwy 90.

* **Terrell County Memorial Museum** - Located at the corner of 2nd & Mansfield St., Phone (432) 345-2936. Open Monday -Friday 10a.m. - 12p.m. & 2p.m. - 4p.m.

* **Terrell County Visitor Center & History Walk** - Center is located on the corner of Hwy.90 & 3rd. Street. Please call for hours of operation. Phone (432) 345-2324. The History Walk is located next to the Visitor Center.

* **The Snake House** - Local reptile and education center, located adjacent to The Outback Oasis, phone (432) 345-2850.

* **1965 Flood memorial Plaques** - For locations and information call the Visitor Center at (432) 345-2324.

* **Mexican Free Tail Bats** - Located at the corner of Wilborn St. and Downie St. under the railroad bridge. You can see the bats at night, between spring and fall.

* **Convention & Visitors Center** - Now in production.

* **Walking & Driving Tour** - Pick up a copy at the Terrell County Visitors Center or local businesses.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways Serving Area: US Hwys 90 & 285.

Ground Transportation: Amtrak Passengers Service, Union Pacific RR, UPS, and FedEx.

Nearest Airport: Terrell County Airport, 4525" paved, lighted runway; fixed base operator, fuel.

Nearest Commercial Airport: Del Rio or Midland

LOCATION

Nearby Cities:	Distance in Miles
Ft. Stockton	65
Alpine	86
Big Bend	120
Odessa/Midland	195
San Angelo	200
San Antonio	260
El Paso	307
Mexican Border	25
Del Rio	120
Cross over to Mexico	130

Welcome to Sanderson and Terrell County

Sanderson was designated the "Cactus Capital of Texas." by the Texas State Legislature. In honor of this designation, Sanderson celebrates its plethora of spiny, thorny and pointy plants with the Prickly Pear Pachanga every October during the week and weekend leading up to the Columbus Day holiday. Pachanga means "Big Party" in Spanish, and the festival features cactus contests, entertainment, arts, crafts and many other activities.

Residents and officials alike strive to keep our existing quality of life and provide amenities and services that make Sanderson a wonderfully friendly place to visit.

Sanderson is the County Seat with a population currently of about 900. There are only 1,000 in the entire Terrell County area. Dryden, 20 miles east, is the only other town in the county. About ten souls - plus a few goats and sheep- currently lives there. Sanderson is approximately 3,000 feet above sea level. It is only 25 miles north of the US/Mexican boarder - although the nearest "legal" crossing is at Del Rio, 120 miles east.

The vastness and vistas of the distant mountains in Mexico and Big Bend, the grandeur of an endless sky, the fantastic light and magical sunsets combine and inspire great art, writing and music. The brilliance of the stars at night alone is worth the price of admission, and this show is open year-round...and it is FREE!

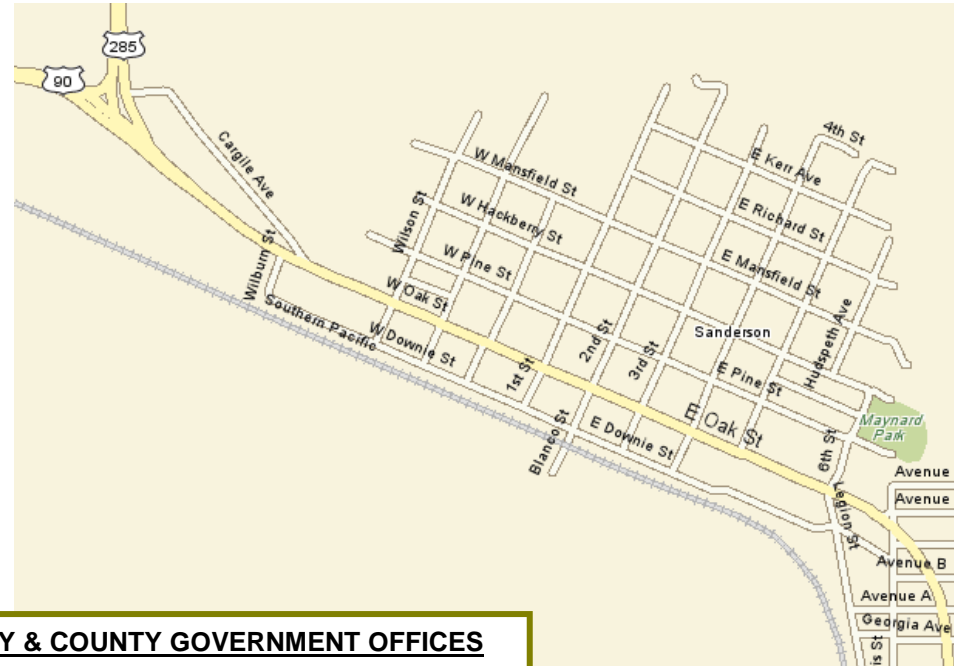
The legacy of our rich and colorful past endures in its surviving architectural heritage of 100-year-old adobe, rock and stucco structures, Victorian homes, boomtown-era retail buildings, the century-old depot, railroad buildings and cattle pens.

It is very quiet here, which makes it a great place for more people and families to move here. Tourism is always increasing, which adds enormously to the economy.

If you are thinking about moving from the big city and enjoying a change of pace - almost a return to the lifestyle of the 1950's - consider moving to Sanderson. There are many things to enjoy. We have an exemplary public school, low crime and a low cost of living. We are always welcoming newcomers, guest and travelers alike.

Sanderson is a very hospitable town, if you need help finding what you are looking for, just stop and ask. The town's people of Sanderson are always willing to lend a helping hand. That is just another reason to stop and visit. You can also find more information at the web sites and phone number listed in this brochure.

City map of Sanderson, Texas



* Chamber members as of 8-1-10

SERVICES

- Attorney At Law Kenneth D. Bellah – (432) 345-2914
- Attorney At Law Marsha Monroe – (432) 345-2248
- Aurora's Market - (432) 345-2844
- * **Big Bend Travel Guide** <http://bigbendtexasmountains.com/>
- C.D. Curry Construction – (432) 345-2576
- Country Clips – (432) 345-2908
- CK Tax Services – (432) 345-2837
- * **Dos Lobos, Residential Housing Complex – (281) 467-6027**
- El Patio Lounge – (432) 345-3034
- * **First Choice Power (866) 469-2464**
- GW Construction – (432) 364-2644
- * **Haircuts by Janis** – (432) 345-2965
- Hanover Company – (432) 345-2434
- Harrison Stone – (432) 345-3300 or (432) 940-3609
- Lemons Abstract Company – (432) 345-2211
- Penelope's Flowers – (432) 345-2123 or 2131
- Plains Exploration & Production Company – (432) 345-6751
- * **Papalote Antiques & Things** – (512) 251-0824
- * **Sanderson Bank A Branch Of The Pecos County State Bank – (432) 345-3331 or (432) 345-2511**
- Sanderson Pest Control – (432) 345-2102 day / 2816 night
- * **Sanderson Propane – (432) 345-2464**
- Sanderson Real Estate – (432) 345-6789
- * **Sanderson Tire & Feed – (432) 345-2303**
- Sanderson Wool Commission – (432) 345-2544
- * **Schoolmaster Auctions, Real Estate and Antiques – (432) 940-9425**
- Shell Western E&P, Inc. – (432) 345-2173
- Slim's Auto Sales & Wrecker Service - (432) 345-6778
Or (361) 549-2039
- * **Sotol Loco – (512) 797-4832**
- Southern Pacific Transportation Company – (432) 345-2594
- Speedy's Body Shop – (432) 345-2574
- * **Terrell County Food Pantry – (432) 345-2509**
- * **Terrell County Independent School District– (432) 345-2515**
- Terrell Co. Library – (432) 345-2294
- Terrell County Gas Plant – (432) 345-6701
- * **Terrell County Visitors Center 432-345-2324**
- Terrell County Water District #1 – (432) 345-2501
- Texas-New Mexico Power Company – (432) 345-2608
- Texas Energy Solutions – (432) 345-6778
- * **Tis the Reason – (432) 345-2222**
- Town & Country - (432) 345-2747
- Trans Pecos Land Surveyors – (432) 345-2677
- Truesdell Pest Control – (432) 345-209 work / (432) 923-1070 cell
- * **Two Lobos Coin Laundry** – (432) 345-2481
- Uncle's of Sanderson - (432) 345-6718
- Wings of an Eagle Therapy Spa – (432) 345-2240

CITY & COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES

CALL 911 FOR A FIRE OR EMERGENCY

- Border Patrol – (432) 345-2972
- * **Cactus Health Services, Inc. – (432) 345-2508**
- Department Of Transportation – (432) 345-2563
- Fire Department – (432) 345-2500
- Postal Service – (432) 345-2411
- Road & Bridge Department – (432) 345-2998
- *Sheriff's Office* – (432) 345-2525
- *Terrell Co. Courthouse* – (432) 345-2421

LODGING

- Budget Inn – (432)345-2541
- * **Canyons RV Park – (432)345-2916**
- Desert Air Motel – (432)345-2572
- Granny's Guest House – (432)345-2949
- * **Outback Oasis Motel** – (432)345-2850
Toll Free 1-888-466-8822
- * **Sunset Siesta Motel** – (432)345-2200
Toll Free 1-877-674-3782

RESTAURANTS

- Dairy King - (432) 345-2254
- Eagle's Nest Café – (432) 345-3065

CHURCHES

- El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church
- First Baptist Church – (432) 345-2312
- First Calvary Baptist – (432) 345-2847
- First Presbyterian Church – (432) 345-2214
- First United Methodist – (432) 345-2319
- Saint James Catholic Church – (432) 345-2354
- St. Mary's Catholic Church – (432) 345-2354
- Sanderson Church of Christ – (432) 345-2333

HUNTING SERVICES

- Brinlee Ranch Hunts – (432) 345-2367
- Downie Ranch – (432) 345-2288
- Harkins Ranch – (432) 345-2271
- Harrell Ranch – (432) 345-2156
- Hinkle Ranch – (432) 345-2977
- Mike Landry – (432) 345-6730
- Long Fellow Ranch – (432) 395-2395
- Mitchell Ranch – (432) 345-2400
- Ranch Enterprises LTD – (432) 345-2308
- Sancho Ranch – (432) 345-6785
- Slaughter Ranch – (432) 345-287
- San Francisco Ranch – (432) 345-2345
- 3-C Ranch – (432) 345-6791
- Steve Forest – (432) 345 - 2514

PUBLICATIONS

- * **Terrell County News Leader** - (432) 345-2676
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