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LOCKHART, TEXAS

Barbecue Capital of Texas

Caldwell County Seat, Central Texas South
Hwy 183
30 miles S of Austin
17 miles N of Luling
18 miles E of San Marcos
34 miles NE of NewBraunfels
28 miles SW of Bastrop
30 miles NW of Gonzales
Population: 11,615 (2000)



Lockhart aerial photo courtesy of Paul Turner

The Barbecue Capital of Texas is a mere 30 miles from Austin, The Legislative Capital of Texas.

Site of the Battle of Plum Creek (1840), where the Comanches suffered enough casualties to retreat from central Texas forever, Lockhart was also the southernmost point of the Chisholm Trail in the 1870s.

Lockhart Landmarks / Attractions



[Caldwell County Courthouse](#)

Illustrated with 8 photos



[Remembering the Courthouse](#)

Rick Scott remembers his father, Caldwell County Judge Scott, and his inspections of the Courthouse
Including 6 courthouse interior photos

One block away is the former **Caldwell County Jail**, another interesting architectural piece. Now serving as the county's **Museum**, its hours make it very friendly to weekend visitors: Saturdays and Sundays 1 -5.

Across the street from the Clark Library is the old Baker Theater, which was recently bought by the Lockhart Theater Group. Members perform diverse plays and then continue with the restoration work (after changing costume).

Antique stores are opened weekends as well.



Caldwell County Museum, former Caldwell County Jail
Photo courtesy [Barclay Gibson](#), October, 2003



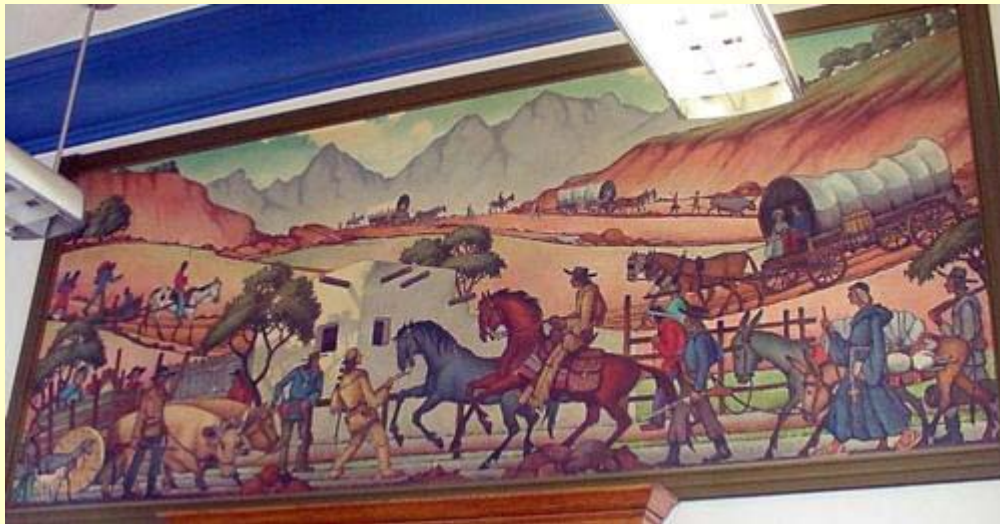
The recently restored Dr. Eugene Clark Library, circa 1899
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Dr. Eugene Clark Library in the 1950s
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First Christian Church
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Lockhart Post Office Mural "The Pony Express Station"
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Lockhart State Park. Photo courtesy [Barclay Gibson](#), March 2008



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