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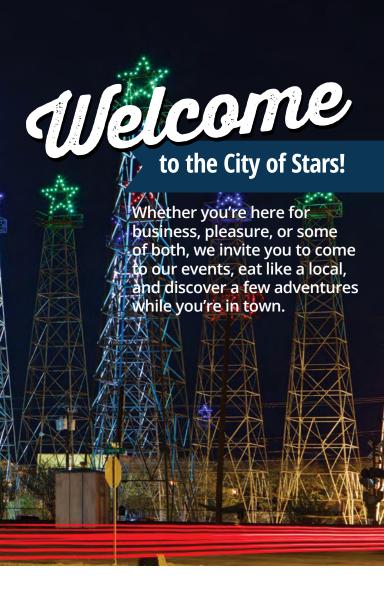
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Come discover the birthplace of one of the greatest oil booms and where the first official dance drill team brought "show business" to the football gridiron. Located in the lush piney woods of East Texas, Kilgore is still a place where southern hospitality meets Texas energy.

From the steel oil-derrick replicas, to the historic downtown filled with performing arts, unique boutiques, fine dining, historical landmarks and art-deco architecture - you'll GUSH over Kilgore! For more info visit www.visitkilgore.com





Rich History Learn how Kilgore got

it's unique start.

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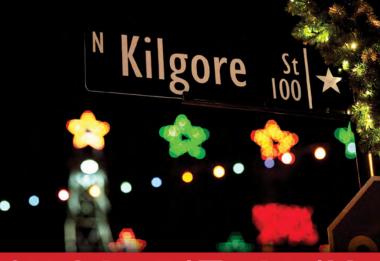
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SHOP* EAT * PLAY

DOWNTOWN IN THE CITY OF STARS



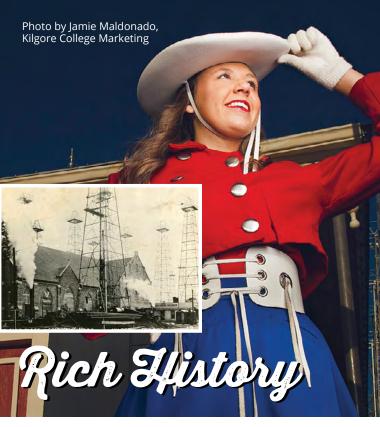










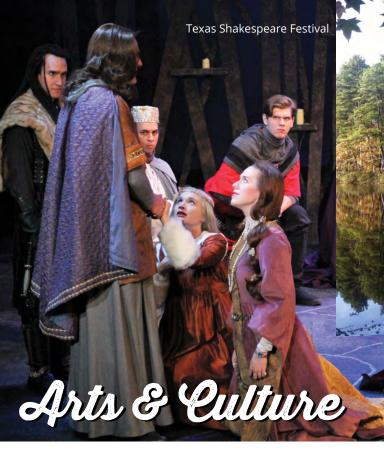


Surrounded by the lush green pine forests and clear blue lakes of East Texas, Kilgore has a long and unusual history that sets the stage for today's unique community.

Plantation owners settled the area before the Civil War. Kilgore itself was established in 1872 with the coming of the Great Northern Railroad. A quiet farming community of 500, Kilgore was thrust into the international spotlight in the 1930s with the discovery of one of the greatest oil fields of our time.

In just ten short days, the town's population exploded as more than 10,000 fortune seekers swarmed Kilgore from all over the world. The city incorporated in February of 1931 and by 1939, a forest of nearly 1,200 oil derricks crowded together within the city limits-most concentrated within one square block that became known as the World's Richest Acre. One well was actually drilled through the terrazzo floor of the Kilgore National Bank that once stood in the area. Kilgore quickly became known as the capital of the huge East Texas Oil Field.

By the beginning of the 1940s, Kilgore was developing into a modern small city with a thriving downtown. As downtown buildings were built, "contemporary" architecture was used. Education and culture were birthed as the boom matured with the creation of Kilgore College and the World-Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes.



Here are our top 5 picks to enjoy the local arts and entertainment scene:

- Go out on the town for live music under the stars at Fridays After 5 in Historic Downtown Kilgore.
- 2 Experience one of the oldest instruments at its finest at the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival.
- *3* Celebrate the iconic Kilgore College Rangerettes as they perform a dance variety on center stage at Revels.
- Relive Shakespeare and other plays at East Texas' only professional theatre, the Texas Shakespeare Festival.
- Make it a movie weekend at the Historic Texan Theater watching newly released documentaries, short and feature films at the Reel East Texas Film Festival.

Found out more things to do in arts and entertainment at visitkilgore.com



Kilgore City Park

- Amphitheatre
- Skate Park
- Lazy Splash Ranch
- Pavilion

Harris St. Park

Martin Luther King Jr. Park

Kilgore Skate Park

Pentecost Park

Synergy Park

Rabbit Creek
Offroad ATV Park

World's Richest Acre Park



Trails

Whether here for business or pleasure, you take a run or walk while enjoying the scenic views on our trails. While you're at the Synergy Park Trail you can try to catch one of the hundreds of trout found in Elder Lake or feed the Instagramable ducks on the shore. #VisitKilgore

Creekside Trail

Synergy Park Trail

Getting Around

120 miles East of Dallas 60 miles West of Shreveport

The East Texas Regional Airport is 8 miles from Kilgore and provides direct flights to the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport via their regional partner, American Eagle. Other airports within easy driving distance are Tyler Pounds Field Regional Airport in Tyler, Texas (24 miles) and Shreveport Regional Airport in Shreveport, Louisiana (60 miles).

Kilgore, Texas

Things To Do

- 1. 4 Star Cinema
- 2. Kilgore Bowling Center
- 3. Kilgore Skateland
- **4.** Lone Star Speedway
- 5. Lazy Ranch Splash Park
- Meadowbrook Golf and Event Center
- 7. Texas Shakespeare Festival Center
- 8. East Texas Oil Museum
- **9.** Rangerette Showcase & Museum

- 10. Shakespeare Garden
- **11.** U.S. Veterans Monument of Kilgore
- **12.** Kilgore Public Library
- 13. Texas Broadcast Museum
- 14. Crim Theater
- 15. Dean-Keener-Crim Home
- **16.** Dodson Auditorium
- 17. Old U.S. Post Office
- **18.** Texan Theater
- 19. Van Cliburn Auditorium

Outdoor Adventures

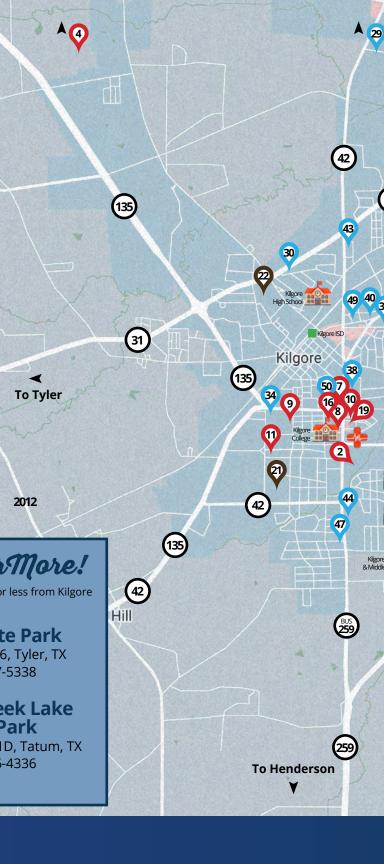
- 20. Kilgore City Park
- 21. Harris St. Park
- 22. Martin Luther King Jr. Park
- 23. Pentecost Park
- 24. Synergy Park

- **25.** Rabbit Creek Offroad ATV Park
- 26. World's Richest Acre
- **27.** Creekside Trail
- 28. Synergy Park Trail

Places to Eat

- **29.** Bodacious Bar-B-Q **30.** Brigitta's Hungarian
- Restaurant
- 31. Burrito Shop
- 32. Charburger Stockade
- 33. Chili's
- 34. Circle Café
- 35. Country Tavern Barbecue
- 36. Crazy Bob's Bar-B-Q
- 37. Downtown D'Lites and Café
- **38.** El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant
- **39.** The Fillin Station
- 40. Memi D's Drive Thru
- **41.** Jack Ryan's Steak & Chop House
- **42.** Jalapeño Tree Mexican Restaurant

- **43.** Kilgore Crawfish and Seafood
- **44.** Johnny's Ozark Fried Chicken
- **45.** McKay's Ranch House Restaurant
- **46.** Las Tejanitas
- **47.** Raisin' Smoke BBQ & Catering
- 48. The Catch Kilgore
- **49.** Restaurante El Trebol
- **50.** The Back Porch
- **51.** The Pump House Restaurant & Bar
- **52.** Val's Italian Restaurant & Pizza
- **53.** Edgar's Big Taco #2
- 54. La Mexicana's
- **55.** Los Bravos Mexican Restaurant







East Texas Oil Museum

903.983.8295 easttexasoilmuseum.com

Rangerette Showcase & Museum

903.983.8265 rangerette.com

Shakespeare Garden 903.984.8531

903.984.8531 texasshakespeare.com/events/ shakespeare-garden

Texas Shakespeare Festival Center

903.983.8119 texasshakespeare.com

U.S. Veterans Monument of Kilgore

903.984.5081 welcometokilgore.com/ category/history/ kilgore-war-veterans-memorial

Kilgore Public Library

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903.984.1529 cityofkilgore.com/library

Texas Broadcast Museum

903.985.8115 txmbc.org

Van Cliburn Auditorium

kilgore.edu/campus-life/ van-cliburn-auditorium

Danville Farms

903.520.8929 danvillefarms.org

New London Museum and Café

903.895.4602 nlsd.net/Museum.htm

Historie Downtown

Texan Theater

The Dean Keener Crim Home

kilgorehistory.org/ the-dean-keener-crim-home World's Richest Acre 903.984.1333

Old U.S. Post Office

kilgorehistory.org/ the-old-u-s-post-office



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4 Star Cinema

903.983.3848 foothillsentertainment.com/theaters. aspx?ID=1

Kilgore Bowling Center 903.983.2233

kilgorebowling.com

Kilgore Skateland 903.984.3729

Lazy Splash Ranch 903.984.5081

Lone Star Speedway 903.986.9731

lonestarspeedway.com

America's Best Va Inn & Suites 903.988.2800

Places

americasbestvalueinn.c

Best Western Inn of Kilgore 903.986.1195

bestwestern.com/ innofkilgore

Comfort Suites

903.984.2385

choicehotels.com/texas/ kilgore/comfort-suites-h

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Sunriser Inn

903.983.2975 sunriserinn.com



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Executive Inn 903.983.1599 executiveinnkilgore.com

Hampton Inn

903.983.3300 hamptoninn.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

903.986.3533 hiexpress.com/kilgoretexas

Manor Inn 903.983.3456





Bodacious Bar-B-Q 903.983.1421

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Brigitta's Hungarian Restaurant 903.331.5642

Burrito Shop 903.988.9251

The Catch Kilgore 903.218.0738

Charburger Stockade 903-984-7646

Chili's 903.988.8104

Circle Café 903.984.3928

Where to Shop

- Calamity Jane's
- The Shops on Main
- De Rigueur
- Dixon Jewelers
- Everything that Blings
- The Coin Investor of Kilgore/ J&Co.
- Pat Anderson Furniture

- East Texas Hardware
- Eclectic Culture **Furniture Store**
- The Bookstore in Kilgore & The Coffee Cherry
- My Brewing Solutions
- East Texas Hardware
- Iron Farm Meat Market



Country Tavern Barbecue 903.984.9954

Crazy Bob's Bar-B-Q 903.986.9000

Denny's Restaurant 903.984.7770

Downtown D'Lites and Café 903.987.0737

Edgar's Big Taco #2 903.984.3800

El Sombrero **Mexican Restaurant** 903.981.0010

Jack Ryan's Steak & Chop House 903.218.5670

Jalapeño Tree **Mexican Restaurant** 903.984.1076

Kilgore Crawfish and Seafood 903.984.4070

Johnny's Ozark **Fried Chicken** 903.984.7481

La Mexicana's 903.986.8703

Las Tejanitas 903.985.1103

Los Bravos **Mexican Restaurant** 903.218.0720

Mazzio's Pizza 903.983.5555

McKay's Ranch House 903.983.3020

Memi D's Drive Thru

Pizza Hut Italian Bistro 903.984.4026

Restaurante El Trebol 903.984.2605

Schlotzsky's 903.218.0768

Val's Italian **Restaurant & Pizza** 903.218.0621

Wing Stop 903.986.9464



BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & SOCCER

Driller Park 903.988-3900

Kilgore Youth Sports Complex Soccer & Softball 903.757.5321

Whataburger Sport Complex 903.988.4137

KILGORE COLLEGE

Masters Gymnasium 903.983.8218

Rangerette Gymnasium 903.834.6255

KILGORE ISD

Kilgore High School Gym 903.988.3900

Kilgore High School Tennis Courts

903.988.3900

Kilgore Middle School Gym 903.988.3902

OTHER

State Tournament Horseshoe Pit at Kilgore City Park 903.984.5081

Kilgore City Swimming Pool903.988.4119

R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium 903.988.3900





(903) 985-8115 | Fri-Sat 10-5 | Sun 1-5



Kilgore Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

903.984.5022

Kilgore Economic Development Corporation (KEDC) 903.983.3522

East Texas Council of Governments

903.218.6400

Hotels

Comfort Suites 903.984.2385

Hampton Inn

903.983.3300

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

903.986.3533

Kilgore College

East Texas Oil Museum

903.983.8295

Devall Student Center & Ballroom

903.983.8219

Dodson Auditorium

903.983.8219

Religious FBC Kilgore

903.984.3531 fbckilgore.org

St Luke's United Methodist Church

903.984.3576 stlukeskilgore.com

Restaurants

Bodacious Bar-B-Q 903.983.1421 bodaciousbarbatx.com

Country Tavern 903.984.9954

Jack Ryan's Steak & Chop House

903.218.5670

Jalapeño Tree 903.984.1076

Val's Italian Restaurant 903.218.0621

The Back Porch 903.984.8141

Event Venues

thebackporchkilgore.com

Cherokee Club 903.643.2631

Clements Creek Barn

903.646.1860

Hidden Timbers Lakeside Venue

903.387.6811 thehiddentimbers.com

High Hill Farm

903.834.3444 highhillfarm.com

Kilgore Community House

903.984.2958

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Building

903.643.7370

Meadowbrook Golf and Event Center 903.218.6971

Miss Mary's Place

903.918.6034 missmarysplace.com

National Guard Armory 903.984.5750

Old U.S. Post Office 903.738.6094

Studio 4 Event Center – Texas Broadcast Museum

903.985.8115 texasbroadcast museum.com/eventcenter/

Texan Theater 903.738.6094

The Landing Event Center

903.812.0078 thelandingeventcenter.com



D & D RV Park & Catfish Farm

903.984.1207 dndrvpark.com

Harris Street RV Park

903.984.5081 cityofkilgore.com/parksmaintenance/harris-st-park

Fernbrook Park

903.643.8888 fernbrookpark.com

Shallow Creek RV Resort

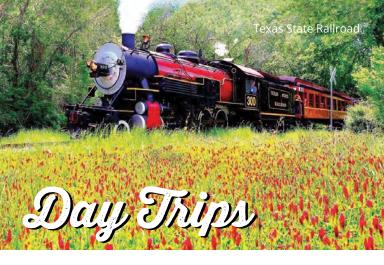
903.984.4513 shallowcreek.com

Sun Acres Mobile Home & RV Park

903.984.9692 sunacresmobilehomepark.com







Discover the flavors and scenes of the piney woods with these Kilgore road trip ideas!



Gladewater - 14 miles gladewaterchamber.org

See & Do

Antique Shopping – Historic Downtown Gladewater Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden The Gladewater Museum

Jefferson - 50 miles

visitjeffersontexas.com

See & Do

Historic Ghost Walk Historic Jefferson Railway Caddo Lake State Park

Nacogdoches - 59 miles

visitnacogdoches.org

See & Do

Nacogdoches Visitor Center Mize Azalea Garden Lanana Creek Trail



Tyler - 25 miles

visittyler.com

See & Do

Caldwell Zoo Tyler State Park Tyler Rose Garden



Palestine - 70 miles

visitpalestine.com

See & Do

Davy Dogwood Park Texas State Railroad Old Town Palestine





JOIN US AT THE 2019 SPECIAL ABILITIES FAMILY FUN EVENT!

SAFFE DAY

9 AM to 2 PM ★ SATURDAY ★ SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 ★ DOWNTOWN KILGORE







The Special Abilities Family Fun Event will return to the World's Richest Acre at 100 N. Commerce St. in September 2019! Hosted by Kilgore Fire Department with local volunteers, the eighth annual event is FREE and specially-tailored for our

EVERYDAY HEROES

for children and adults with special needs of all kinds, for their families and caregivers. Don't miss it!

SAFFEDAY.ORG

FACEBOOK: CSAFFEDAY

Register as a Guest or Vendor! CALL **903.988.4112**



Lalendar of Events

March

- ★ KilGogh Arts Festival
- ★ Avalon Faire Renaissance Festival

April

- ★ Fridays After 5 Concert Series
- ★ Kilgore College Rangerette Revels
- ★ Kilgore Spring Film Festival
- ★ "Avalon Faire Renaissance Festival" contd.

May

- ★ Fridays After 5 Concert Series
- ★ Kilgore Geekend



June

- ★ Fridays After 5 Concert Series
- ★ Stars & Scars Mud Run
- ★ Texas Shakespeare Festival
- ★ KidsGogh's & ChalkFest Children's Art Festival



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- ★ Kilgore Fourth of July Extravaganza
- ★ Fridays After 5 Concert Series
- ★ Historic Downtown Patriotic Street Party
- ★ "Texas Shakespeare Festival" contd.

August

★ Fridays After 5 Concert Series



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★ SAFFE Day

October

- ★ Kilgore Fall Film Festival
- ★ Kilgore Oktoberfest
- ★ East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-off



Movember

- ★ "Christmas Under The Stars"
- ★ East Texas Pipe Organ Festival
- ★ A Very Derrick Christmas
- ★ REEL East Texas Film Festival
- ★ Mingle & Jingle



December

- ★ "Christmas Under The Stars" contd.
- ★ Kilgore Christmas Parade (2019)
- ★ Kilgore Public Library Christmas Open House
- ★ Kilgore College Rangerettes Christmas Show
- ★ Jingle All The Way
- ★ Texas Shakespeare Festival Live Radio Play
- ★ Forest Home Baptist Church Drive-Through Nativity Scene



Please see VisitKilgore.com for up-to-date information on these and other events.