



programs for VISITORS

The Lubbock Lake National Historic Landmark offers programs for all ages year round. Annual events include National Trails Day in June, Archaeology in Action in July, and Fall Fest, a celebration of cultural heritage, in October. The Landmark also offers classes for preschool and school-age students during spring break and summer months, specially scheduled Night Hikes and Wildlife Excursions for all ages, and guided tours when arranged in advance. The opportunity to observe archaeological excavations in progress is always a highlight with visitors during the summer months (exact schedule and locations will vary).



LUBBOCK LAKE NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

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Lubbock, Texas

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12,000 YEARS of HISTORY



...and still
discovering!

LUBBOCK LAKE NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

an ancient WATERING HOLE



For thousands of years, across hundreds of generations, people have come to Lubbock Lake. In the southernmost reaches of the Great Plains of North America, the changing waterway with its springs, stream, and marshes, nourished a rich and abundant ecosystem that in turn, provided food, shelter, tools, and clothing to those who traveled across it or came to settle here. Hunter-gatherers, from Clovis to Protohistoric age peoples, the Apache and Comanche nations, and the founding of a modern city are each a part of the history of this National Historic Landmark that is one of the premier archaeological and natural history sites in North America.



an active ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION

The earth gives up its secrets only once — and only to those who know how to read them. Since the accidental discovery of evidence of early Paleoindian peoples in 1936, the Museum of Texas Tech University has governed the preservation, research, and interpretation of the Landmark. Seventy-five years of research has produced a nearly complete record of human activity spanning 12,000 years as well as intriguing clues that may indicate even earlier cultures.

The international reputation of the Landmark's research annually attracts national and international volunteers who assist Landmark staff in continuing excavations at the site and in locations across the high plateau of eastern New Mexico and northwestern Texas.



a NATURE PRESERVE

Located on the Southern High Plains (Llano Estacado), the Landmark is an important urban greenspace. Ongoing restoration efforts are bringing the prairie back to its historic appearance. The Landmark's 335 acres, just minutes north of Texas Tech University's main campus, offer a variety of opportunities for visitors and serves as a learning laboratory for students and researchers. Nestled in a meander of Yellowhouse Draw, the Lubbock Lake Trail System is composed of 3 trails, totaling approximately 4.5 miles. The Nature Trail is a rugged footpath through the landscape. In contrast, the Llano Estacado Wildflower Trail is an accessible boardwalk, allowing visitors to explore native vegetation, while the Archaeological Trail chronicles the cultural and research history of the Landmark.

