



# Weslaco, Texas

Weslaco derives its name from the W.E. Stewart Land Company. Weslaco is about fifteen miles west of Harlingen, and sixty miles west of South Padre Island, which is home to many watersport activities with personal water craft rental, kiteboarding and dolphin watches being the most popular. It was the hometown of Harlon Block, one of the Marines photographed raising the flag at Iwo Jima, and of film and television actor David Spielberg. The climate in this area is characterized by hot, humid summers and generally mild to cool winters.

The Valley Nature Center is the oldest nature center in the Rio Grande Valley, and the only non-profit center fully dedicated to environmental education south of San Antonio and east of Eagle Pass. Loop through six acres of pure nature and feed the birds at Valley Nature Center, a secret garden in the heart of the Rio Grande Valley. Frontera Audubon Center is a natural urban jewel located in the South Texas town of Weslaco. The 15 acre site attracts bird and butterfly enthusiasts from across the United States and world, thanks to its natural biodiversity.

The Estero Llano Grande State Park attracts a spectacular array of South Texas wildlife with its varied landscape of shallow lake, woodlands and thorn forest. Even beginning birders and nature lovers will enjoy exploring this 230 plus-acre refuge

Enjoy an evening of live music and art at Alfresco Weslaco! Held on the third Thursday of every month, Alfresco Weslaco features live music, art displays, sidewalk sales and all kinds of delicious food. Enjoy a play at Weslaco's Tower Theater, a historical landmark created from a 1928 water storage tank.

This theatre in the round seats 100 people and offers performances in July and December. Recreation is big in Weslaco with parades, festivals, holiday programs, special gatherings, and dedications.

Weslaco has something to offer for every type of person.

## **Population**

35,670

## **Arts**

Weslaco Tower Theatre,  
Theatre of Texas at Braught Memorial Theater

## **Attractions**

Valley Nature Center,  
Frontera Audubon Center,  
Estero Llano Grande State Park

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