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Located just south of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Waxahachie, Texas, is a vibrant community known for its rich history, distinctive architecture, and welcoming atmosphere. Often called the “Gingerbread City” because of its remarkable collection of Victorian-era homes and buildings, Waxahachie offers visitors a unique blend of small-town charm and modern attractions. The city’s historic downtown features locally owned shops, restaurants, and the iconic Ellis County Courthouse, while annual events, beautiful parks, and nearby attractions provide entertainment for all ages. From exploring historic landmarks to enjoying the thriving arts and culture scene, visitors will discover a destination that celebrates its heritage while embracing the future.

Fast Facts

County: Ellis County

Population: Approx. 52K

Median Age: 35

Average Household Income: \$102K

Housing: 60% own / 40% rent

Average Home Price: \$440K (2026)

Municipal Court
401 S Rogers St, Waxahachie
469-309-4070
waxahachie.tx.gov/279/Municipal-Court

Fire Department Headquarters
407 Water Street
Emergency: 9-1-1
Non-emergency: 972-937-8364

Police Department
630 Farley Street
Emergency: 9-1-1
Non-emergency: 469-309-4400

Residential Garbage Pickup
844-708-7274
wasteconnections.com

Water Services
408 S Rogers St, Waxahachie
469-309-4320
waxahachie.tx.gov/284/Utilities

Elections & Voter Registration
elliscountytx.gov/312/Elections

Ellis Co Vehicle Registration
302 N Monroe St, Waxahachie
972-825-5155
ellistaxoffice.com/motor-vehicle/

Public Library

Nicholas P. Sims Public Library

515 West Main St, Waxahachie
972-937-2671
simslib.org

Lakes

Lake Waxahachie | elliscountytx.gov/283/Lake-Waxahachie

A scenic 656-acre reservoir and popular outdoor destination located on the south side of Waxahachie, Texas. Known for its beautiful waterfront views and peaceful natural surroundings, the lake provides opportunities for fishing, boating, kayaking, birdwatching, and lakeside relaxation. The shoreline is dotted with parks and open spaces where visitors can enjoy picnicking, walking, and spending time with family and friends. As both a recreational resource and an important water supply for the community, Lake Waxahachie plays a vital role in enhancing the quality of life in Waxahachie while offering residents and visitors a tranquil escape into nature just minutes from the city.

Aquatics

waxahachietx.gov/706/Aquatics

Waxahachie Parks & Recreation offers seasonal aquatic amenities designed for family fun, recreation, and relief from the Texas heat.

Pools

Lee Penn Park Pool is Waxahachie's public swimming destination, offering seasonal aquatic recreation, family-friendly water features.

Lee Penn Park Pool | 506 N. Getzendaner Street

Whether enjoying open swim, relaxing poolside, or cooling off with family and friends, enjoy a refreshing summer recreation experience. The facility features lap swim lanes, a spacious open swim area, beach-entry access with interactive spray features, and an exciting 15-foot waterslide. Guests can also enjoy comfortable lounge and seating areas, while ADA-compliant accessibility lifts ensure inclusive access for all visitors. Convenient amenities include a bathhouse equipped with lockers, restrooms, and showers, making it easy to spend a full day of summer fun at the pool.

Splash Pads

Waxahachie splash pads provide fun, interactive water play experiences designed for families and children of all ages. Located at George Brown Plaza, Railyard Park, and Matthew's Park, each splash pad offers a unique way to cool off while enjoying some of the city's most popular community gathering spaces.

- **George Brown Plaza** | 209 N. Jackson
- **Matthew's Park** | 501 Harvest Grove Road
- **Railyard Park** | 455 S. College Street

Parks

waxahachietx.gov/686/Parks

From historic landmarks and vibrant gathering spaces to scenic green spaces and family-friendly recreation areas, Waxahachie parks offer opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and community connection. Residents and visitors can explore uniquely themed playgrounds, scenic trails, fishing spots, public art, murals, and the city's popular Hachie Hearts installations while enjoying outdoor experiences designed for all age

A&F Thompson Memorial Park | 519 W. Jefferson St

A convenient location near downtown destinations makes the park an accessible stop for residents and visitors looking to enjoy fresh air, open space, and a calm outdoor atmosphere within the heart of the community.

Bell-View Park | 309 Cumberland Rd

The park provides a welcoming neighborhood park experience designed for outdoor recreation and everyday community use. The park is a popular local fishing destination and is stocked with trout, creating opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy outdoor recreation close to home.

Boat Dock Park | 91 Lakeshore Drive

Located at Lake Waxahachie, the park provides access to waterfront recreation and outdoor experiences in a scenic natural setting. The park is a popular destination for boating, fishing, and enjoying peaceful lake views throughout the year.

Brown Chiles Park | 200 Richmond Lane

The neighborhood park features a jungle-themed playground designed to encourage imaginative play and active recreation for children. Its welcoming setting creates opportunities for families, residents, and visitors to enjoy outdoor recreation while providing a convenient neighborhood destination for relaxation and play.

Bullard Heights Park | 1100 Dunaway St

The park provides a welcoming outdoor destination designed to serve nearby residents and families with opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and everyday outdoor activity.

Chapman Park | 500 Clark Lane

A neighborhood park designed to support outdoor recreation, wellness, and community gathering within a convenient and family-friendly setting. It is a popular destination for walking, exercise, and casual outdoor activity.

Freedmen Memorial Plaza | 430 Dr M.L.K. Jr Blvd

Designed as both a memorial space and educational destination, Freedmen Memorial Plaza provides opportunities for residents and visitors to learn more about local heritage while honoring the legacy of those who contributed to the community's history and development.

George Brown Plaza | 209 N. Jackson St

Open annually from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, George Brown Plaza serves as a vibrant community gathering space. Known for its interactive splash pad, open gathering areas, and convenient downtown location, George Brown Plaza has become a popular destination for families, community events, and everyday outdoor enjoyment.

Getzendaner Park | 400 S. Grand Avenue

Established in 1889, Getzendaner Park is one of Waxahachie's most historic and beloved community parks. Spanning 33 acres along Waxahachie Creek, the park blends scenic natural beauty, historic landmarks, recreation amenities, and gathering spaces that continue to serve generations of residents and visitors.

Lee Penn Park | 506 N. Getzendaner St

Lee Penn Park is one of Waxahachie's most active community parks, offering a wide variety of athletic, aquatic, and recreational amenities for visitors of all ages. The park serves as a major destination for youth sports, outdoor recreation, community gatherings, and seasonal aquatic activities within the city. Known for its athletic facilities and public pool, The park provides opportunities for baseball, softball, football, basketball, playground recreation, picnicking, and outdoor play.

Lions Park | 2303 Howard Road

A 28-acre community park and longtime destination for youth athletics and outdoor recreation in Waxahachie. The park features athletic fields, playgrounds, picnic areas, and access to the Waxahachie Creek Hike & Bike Trail, which stretches approximately four miles through scenic wooded areas and community park spaces.

Matthew's Park | 501 Harvest Grove Road

The park offers a family-friendly outdoor space designed for recreation, relaxation, and community gathering in Waxahachie. The park is especially popular during the summer months for its seasonal splash pad, providing a fun and interactive place for children and families to cool off and enjoy outdoor play.

Mustang Creek Park | 205 Saddlebrook Lane

A scenic community park designed for outdoor recreation, relaxation, and trail connectivity in Waxahachie. Located along Mustang Creek, the park offers open green space, walking areas, a stocked fishing pond, playground and natural surroundings that provide visitors with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in a peaceful creekside setting.

Oak Lawn Park | 500 Wyatt Street

A neighborhood community park offering outdoor recreation, athletic amenities, and family-friendly gathering spaces. Known for its basketball court, playground amenities, and reservable pavilion, Oak Lawn Park supports both active recreation and community gatherings.

Railyard Park | 455 S. College Street

The park is a vibrant downtown gathering space that blends recreation, entertainment, and community activity in the heart of Waxahachie. Located near the historic downtown district, the park serves as a popular destination throughout the year. The park features open green space, outdoor seating, permanent cornhole boards, interactive play areas, and a seasonal splash pad that attracts visitors during the warmer months. Railyard Park also hosts outdoor events, movie nights, concerts, and community activities that help connect residents and visitors through recreation and entertainment.

Settlers Glen Park | 220 Frontier Drive

Located within the Settlers Glen neighborhood, the park provides a family-friendly outdoor space designed for recreation, play, and neighborhood connection. The park is known for its imaginative pirate-themed playground, featuring play structures, slides, swings, tunnels, and interactive elements designed to encourage exploration and active play.

Spring Park | 501 Lakeshore Drive

A small neighborhood park located along the scenic shores of Lake Waxahachie, offering a peaceful outdoor setting for recreation, relaxation, and community enjoyment. The park features open green spaces that provide room for casual activities and outdoor play, while playground amenities give younger visitors a fun place to explore. Picnic tables and seating areas create inviting spots for families and friends to gather, and shaded spaces throughout the park offer comfort on warm Texas days.

Wags-a-hachie Dog Park | 292 Matthews Street

A dedicated off-leash recreation area designed for dogs and their owners to safely exercise, socialize, and enjoy the outdoors in Waxahachie. The dog park provides separate fenced areas for large and small dogs, shaded seating areas, and open space for off-leash play. Visitors are encouraged to follow posted rules and help maintain a clean, safe, and enjoyable space for all users.



Waxahachie

Independent School District

411 N Gibson St., Waxahachie, Texas 75165 | 972-923-4631 | info@wisd.org | wisd.org

Waxahachie ISD was founded in 1884 and has a rich tradition of excellence in education. The district encompasses 192 square miles in the heart of Ellis County. WISD is a fast-growth district with a diverse student population and employees who are committed to the success of every student. While WISD is steeped in tradition, it is also a district of innovation with a rigorous curriculum and outstanding extracurricular activities.

Pre-K

Turner Pre-K Academy

614 N Getzendaner St, Waxahachie
972-923-4690
turner.wisd.org

Elementary

Clift Elementary

650 Parks School House Rd, Waxahachie
972-923-4720
clift.wisd.org

Dunaway Elementary

600 Dallas Hwy 77 South, Waxahachie
972-923-4646
dunaway.wisd.org

Felty Elementary

231 Park Place Blvd, Waxahachie
972-923-4616
felty.wisd.org

Marvin Biomedical Academy

110 Brown St, Waxahachie
972-923-4670
marvin.wisd.org

Northside Elementary

801 Brown St, Waxahachie
972-923-4610
northside.wisd.org

Ray Elementary

250 Saratoga Dr, Waxahachie
972-923-4628
ray.wisd.org

Shackelford Elementary

1001 Butcher Rd, Waxahachie
972-923-4666
shackelford.wisd.org

Simpson Elementary

470 Washington Ave,
Waxahachie
972-923-4631
simpson.wisd.org

Wedgeworth Elementary

405 Solon Rd, Waxahachie
972-923-4640
wedgeworth.wisd.org

Wilemon STEAM Academy

600 W 2nd St, Waxahachie
972-923-4780
wilemon.wisd.org

Junior High

Coleman Junior High

275 Indian Dr, Waxahachie
972-923-4790
coleman.wisd.org

Finley Junior High

2401 Brown St, Waxahachie
972-923-4680
finley.wisd.org

Howard Junior High

265 Broadhead Rd, Waxahachie
972-923-4771
howard.wisd.org

High School

Challenge Academy

55 Northgate Dr, Waxahachie
972-923-4695
challenge.wisd.org

Global High School

275 Indian Dr, Waxahachie
972-923-4761
global.wisd.org

High School of Choice

55 Northgate Dr, Waxahachie
972-923-4695
hsoc.wisd.org

Waxahachie High School

3001 US Hwy. 287 Bypass, Waxahachie
972-923-4600
whs.wisd.org