Texas State Landmarks to Know

- Bobcat Statue
- Old Fish Hatchery Ponds
- Flowers Hall Mural
- Glade Theater
- Fighting Stallions
- Sewell Park
- Centennial Fountain
- Memorial Gardens
- Strahan Coliseum
- Lyndon B. Johnson Statue
- Old Main
- Chautauqua Hill
1. Alumni House – Built in 1896, the house served as a home to Texas State students. Among these students was future U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, who lived in the house for about two semesters. The house was relocated in the 1940’s to its current location on the corner of LBJ and University Drive.

2. Bell Tower – Located between the Academic Services Building (ASB) and Flowers Hall, the Bell Tower was built in the 1970’s. A new digital system was installed in the Bell Tower, bringing it back into operation, which chimes daily at noon.

3. Bobcat Statue – Commissioned in 2007 by Student Government after a student vote, the Bobcat statue is located on the Quad between the Taylor-Murphy History building and the Psychology building. The statue was designed by Matthew Gray Palmer and dedicated October 18, 2008 prior to the Homecoming football game.

4. Centennial Fountain – Originally dedicated as the Friendship Fountain in 1963, the Centennial Fountain can be found on West Campus. The fountain is a series of three different sized bowls, which are filled with fire and turned into three torches during homecoming and graduation at Texas State.

5. Fighting Stallions – The Fighting Stallion statue is located at the end of the quad near Derrick Hall. Texas State students have made it a tradition to rub the stallions before exams for good luck. The area surrounding the stallions is the university’s designated free speech area.

6. Sewell Park – In 1917 the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries leased the college four acres of land along the river. College workers armed with mud-scrapers and mules cleaned the bottom of the river and built up the banks. In 1946 it was named Sewell. A tradition associated with Sewell park is the Commencement Dive, where graduates plunge into the San Marcos River.

7. Glade Theater – The outdoor amphitheater below Harris Dining Hall was built in 1968 for Texas State Playwright-in-Residence Ramsey Yelvington’s Texian Trilogy. The Department of Theatre and Dance produces a play here every spring semester.

8. Flowers Hall Mural – The 40 foot mural on the west wall of Flowers Hall depicts the intellectual pursuits of humanity.

9. Strahan Coliseum – Strahan Coliseum is the university’s gymnasium. Strahan Coliseum was named in honor of Oscar W. Strahan, who was instrumental in the building of the university’s first gym.

10. Old Main and Chautauqua Hill – This red roofed, castle-like landmark was Texas State’s first building – an until 1908, the only campus structure. The steep hill on which Old Main sits is known as Chautauqua Hill.
The **MANY** name changes of Texas State
Cheers, Chants & Traditional Songs

For all sporting events...

“Texas State Chant”
At any point in the game, fans on one side of the venue can be heard chanting “TEXAS,” followed by the other side of the venue responding “STATE.”

“Show ‘Em State”
When any player, opposing or Bobcats, gets injured, everyone raises the Heart of Texas hand sign.

“You Can’t Do That”
When the other team makes an error everyone yells “YOU CAN’T DO THAT” followed by clap, clap, clap-clap-clap.

Bobcat Fever
(Cat Camp only!!!)

*after dramatic fall on floor*


Football
During kickoff everyone holds up the Heart of Texas and yells “T-X-S-T” right as the ball gets kicked.

Basketball
After the Bobcats make a free throw, everyone yells “Ahhh swoosh” and then clap twice.

Baseball & Softball
When the Bobcats hit a homerun, remove your cap and tap it with the other people next to you.

Volleyball
When the Bobcats score a point and the announcer says “Point Bobcats” everyone yells “Point Bobcats” and then clap once.
Cheers, Chants & Traditional Songs

**Fight Song**
Go Bobcats all the way, keep that maroon and gold on high! Fight on for every play until you hear that Bobcat battle cry! We’re gonna cheer for our team today until the whole world knows our name. There’s No doubt about it, we’re gonna shout it – Bobcats will win this game! We’ll win this game!
Eat ‘em up, Go Cats Go!

**Alma Mater**
O, Alma Mater, set upon the green hills, with turrets pointing upward to the sky; we yield to thee our love and our devotion; mother of hopes and aspirations high.

Thy spirit urges us to deeds of valor, raising the fallen, cheering the oppressed; they call will echo clearly down the ages. Dear Alma Mater, mother loved and blessed.
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<td>Texas State was ranked #1 in a gentleman's magazine list of party schools.</td>
<td>Never happened.</td>
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<td>The name of the Texas State Alma Mater is “Red Turrets”</td>
<td>The actual title is just “Alma Mater.”</td>
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<td>Strahan is pronounced “Stray-han.”</td>
<td>The “ha” is silent.</td>
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<td>Freshmen attend Texas State in order to get their grades up so they can attend another University.</td>
<td>77.6% of our freshman return the next year.</td>
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<td>Texas State is a small, regional school.</td>
<td>We’re actually ranked 5th largest in the state.</td>
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<td>The name of our hand-sign is “Show ‘Em State.”</td>
<td>The Heart of Texas is it’s given name.</td>
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<td>Bobcats compete in a lower athletic division.</td>
<td>Sun Belt and Big 12 are both Division I Conferences.</td>
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<td>Texas State University is abbreviated TSU.</td>
<td>The right abbreviation is “TXST.”</td>
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Recurring Events

- Trade Up Days
- Bobcat Pause
- Multicultural Graduation
- Bobcat Build
- Family Weekend
- Cesar Chavez Celebration
- Riverfest
- Pack it up and Pass it on
- Homecoming
- Mama's Kitchen
- MLK Jr. Celebration
- Lavender Graduation
1. MULTICULTURAL GRADUATION—This graduation celebration recognizes the academic achievement of and contributions to Texas State by underrepresented racial/ethnic students at Texas State; this includes any students that embrace multiculturalism and diversity.

2. TRADE UP DAYS—The Texas State Alumni Association Student Chapter hosts Trade Up Days throughout the semester in the Quad. Students are asked to bring a T-Shirt from another college or university and “trade up” by receiving a free Texas State shirt.

3. RING CEREMONY—Texas State seniors are invited to attend the traditional ring ceremony at the end of each long semester. After the ceremony, it is tradition for students to dip their rings in the waters of the San Marcos River that flow in the fountain at the ceremony.

4. RIVERFEST—Riverfest is the annual spring concert and festival, sponsored by SACA (Student Association for Campus Activities) held in Sewell Park.

5. BOBCAT BUILD—Bobcat Build was started in 2002 and inspired by Texas A&M’s Big Event. This one-day community service project is now the second largest of its kind in the state of Texas. Bobcat Build is a way to say “Thank You” to the community of San Marcos for supporting the students of Texas State University.

6. BOBCAT PAUSE—Each year, the Texas State Student Foundation sponsors the Bobcat Pause memorial service. Bobcat Pause provides the Texas State community with a time to remember and honor Texas State faculty, staff, students, alumni and special friends who died during the preceding year. The event is held at the end of every March.

7. CESAR CHAVEZ CELEBRATION—In observance of Cesar Chavez Day, MSA hosts the Cesar Chavez Celebration Breakfast, the Si Se Puede! Luncheon and a Mama’s Kitchen to remember the legacy of Cesar E. Chavez, the founder of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW).

8. PACK IT UP AND PASS IT ON—This is an end-of-the-year recycling program that encourages Texas State students to donate unwanted clothes, kitchen items and room decorations to local families in need.

9. FAMILY WEEKEND—All students and their families are invited to attend a fun weekend of activities while enjoying each other’s company in San Marcos.

10. HOMECOMING—Homecoming at Texas State is one of the university’s longest-running annual traditions. The university plans a week’s worth of events for students, staff and alumni returning to campus, culminating on a Saturday at Bobcat Stadium for a football game.

11. LAVENDER GRADUATION—The Lavender Graduation Celebration is a cultural celebration that recognizes Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Transexual, Queer, Intersexed and Ally (LGBTQIA) students by acknowledging their achievements and contributions at Texas State.

12. MAMA’S KITCHEN—This is a great way to meet Texas State students, staff and faculty member in a casual environment, and learn about organizations under the Underrepresented Student Advisory Council (USAC).

13. MLK JR. CELEBRATION—In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, MSA provides and sponsors a MLK Freedom March and Celebration Program to honor the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.