

### The Sam Houston Memorial Museum

is part of Sam Houston State University and is dedicated to preserving the memory of Sam Houston (1793-1863) and his times. A soldier, statesman, politician, and the only man to serve as governor of two states, Sam Houston led the fight for Texas' Independence. He then served as President of the Republic of Texas, United States Senator and Governor of Texas.



### Other Huntsville Attractions:

Sam Houston Statue & Visitor Center Highway 75 South Exit 109 or 112 on I-45

Historic Downtown Huntsville 1105 University Avenue

Texas Prison Museum 491 Highway 75 North

H.E.A.R.T.S. Veterans Museum 463 Highway 75 North

**Gibbs-Powell House Museum** (*was built in 1862*) *1228 11th Street* 

Samuel Walker Houston Cultural Center and Wall of Faces 1604 10th Street

Wynne Home Arts Center 1428 11th Street



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# GUIDE TO MUSEUM GROUNDS

### Huntsville State Park & Lone Star Hiking Trail Exit 109 on 1-45

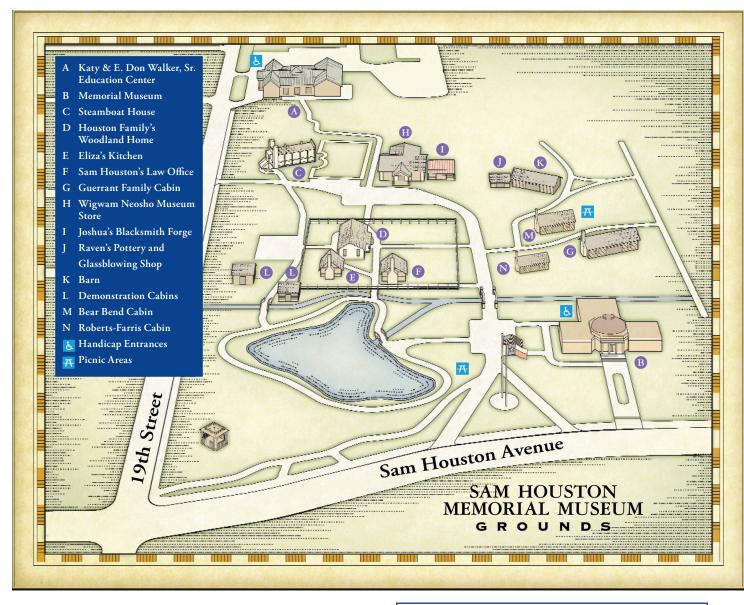
Sam Houston State University Sam Houston Avenue

Raven Nest Golf Course 457 I-45 South

J. Phillip Gibbs, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts 1023 12th Street

Chamber of Commerce 1327 11th Street

Oakwood Cemetery & Sam Houston Grave 9th Street and Avenue I



he Sam Houston Memorial Museum complex is located on the site of the homestead of General Sam Houston. In 1905, faculty and students of Sam Houston State University organized a drive to purchase the land. In 1911, the debt was paid and the property deeded to Sam Houston Normal Institute. With community support, the museum grew, and in 1936, the state legislature granted funds to build the rotunda building that now houses the main collection of Houston memorabilia.

The Memorial Museum building houses the permanent exhibits of the museum, including the largest collection of Houston artifacts and memorabilia to be seen anywhere. Be sure to look

### VISITOR INFORMATION

The WOODLAND HOME, the STEAMBOAT HOUSE and other exhibit structures are open during regular hours for self-guided tours. Special group tours may be arranged by reservation with the museum staff. Rest room facilities are located in the Memorial Museum, the Education Center and the Wigwam Neosho Museum Store. All buildings are handicapped accessible.

#### Hours:

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily excluding Mondays and holidays Noon - 4:30 p.m. Sunday



for Houston's leopard-skin vest and the saddle captured from General Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto.

The Woodland Home, built by Sam Houston and his wife Margaret in 1848 was the family residence during much of the time he spent in the U.S. Senate. Four of their eight children were born here. The Law Office, located next to the home, was the center of Texas politics in the 1840s–1850s. The kitchen is a replica of the original that once served the Houston family, and was entirely handmade by a museum craftsman, utilizing 19th century materials and construction techniques.

The Steamboat House was built by Dr. Rufus Bailey in the 1850s, the house where Houston came to live after leaving the Governorship in 1861. He died in the house in 1863, and his funeral was conducted in the upstairs parlor.



The house was moved to the museum complex from its original site and restored in 1936.

The Bear Bend Hunting Lodge was visited by Sam Houston in the 1840s. The Guerrant Cabin and the Roberts-Farris Cabin were donated by early Walker County families.

The Katy & E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center houses an exhibit gallery, an auditorium where visitors can watch a brief film about Sam Houston, and our Education Department. The



W. S. Gibbs Conference Hall, located on the lower level, is a popular venue that serves the University and Community.