

CITY GUIDE OF:

STANTON, TX

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Where to Stay HOTEL SETTLES

Only about a 20-minute drive from Stanton in Big Spring lies a West Texas gem, Hotel Settles. Underneath those big starry West Texas night skies, Hotel Settles promises a stay you will not soon forget. Will R. and Lillian Settles had the vision to build the legendary hotel after uncovering oil on their land. On October 1, 1930, Hotel Settles, designed by architect David Castle, was opened to the public. At the time, it was the tallest building between El Paso and Fort Worth. Unfortunately, the Settles family only owned the building for two years before the Great Depression caused their oil revenues to plummet and the expenses of the hotel became unaffordable. Since then, the hotel has gone through multiple owners and was forced to close at one point but is now thriving as the Settles family first intended. With a collective 91-year history, Hotel Settles still lives on as a legendary, paramount West Texas fixture. Offering a scenic outdoor pool and hot tub with rentable cabanas, an all-inclusive fitness studio, business center, and day spa, the iconic hotel has amenities that will be sure to please everyone in your group. Hotel Settles offers two onsite spots for food and drink: Settles Grill and Pharmacy Bar & Parlor.

Must See HISTORIC CARMELITE MONASTERY

Stanton, Texas, and Martin County began with a group of six German Carmelite friars from Kansas whose mission was to build a Catholic church in West Texas. These friars arrived in present-day Stanton in August of 1882 and began construction on the first buildings of the monastery, including the adobe Monastery of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, which still stands today. Today, the Martin County Convent, as it is commonly known, is in the process of being renovated to its original form as the 1884 Carmelite Monastery with hopes to preserve its history. Throughout the years, the monastery has been used as many things, including a farm, school, and a nunnery. However, the goal of the Martin County Convent Foundation, Inc. is to preserve the monastery as a historic site. Make sure to schedule a tour through their website to experience the living history of the Historic Carmelite Monastery and learn more about the origins of Stanton, Texas.



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Where to Eat STANTON DRUG AND GRILL

Whether you are looking to pick up a prescription or eat a tasty cheeseburger, Stanton Drug and Grill is the place for a nostalgic stop. It promises great food and sublime customer service, the old-fashioned way. With a 70-year history in Stanton, Stanton Drug and Grill has gained a reputation for serving up some of the best cheeseburgers in Texas and is a popular joint amongst locals. Originally built in 1906 as a bank, the pharmacy was opened in 1951 when the bank moved across the street. Today, 32-year-old Stanton native, Colton Kidd, owns the store. So, stop on into Stanton Drug and Grill for a mouthwatering cheeseburger and a warm welcome from a few of Stanton's friendliest.



What to Do OLD SOREHEAD TRADE DAYS

With over 615 vendor booths and 30,000 visitors, the Old Sorehead Trade Days is a West Texas staple event that should not be missed. The biannual event, scheduled for the second weekend in April and October, hosts vendors from all over Texas and the southwest and holds one of the biggest selections of artisan items across the Lone Star State. Hungry? Satisfy your hunger at the trade days. There is a variety of food options, with sellers offering everything from funnel cakes to fajitas. While roaming the trade days, stop by one of the many small shops and boutiques Stanton has to offer. There is a great chance you will run into one of the "3,000 friendly people" who call Stanton home.

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