

Giddings, Texas

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The city was founded in 1871 when the Houston and Texas Central Railway came to the area. It probably took its name from local magnate Jabez Deming Giddings, who was instrumental in bringing the railway to the area. He had come to the area from Pennsylvania in 1838 to claim the land bounty of his brother Giles A. Giddings, killed at the Battle of San Jacinto. Another theory is that the city was named after Jabez's brother Dewitt Clinton Giddings.

Early settlers in the new town were mostly pioneers from the surrounding communities, such as Old Evergreen and Shady Grove. The majority of these people were ethnically British Isles natives, but a sizable minority were Wendish families from the Serbin area.

Located among verdant rolling hills halfway between Austin and Houston, Giddings boasts plenty of small-town allure with a one-of-a-kind heritage.

In the center of courthouse square is the beautiful Lee County Courthouse. This courthouse was built in 1899 with all the grandiosity of the Richardsonian Romanesque style of architecture.

Government

Giddings.GovOffice.com

Giddings City Hall

118 E Richmond St 979-540-2710
Giddings.net

Giddings Fire Department

151 W Independence St
979-542-3131 Non-Emergency
911 Emergency

Police Department

179 E. Industry
979-540-2700 Non-Emergency
911 Emergency

Texas DPS

Txdps.state.tx.us

Animal Services

1900 S. Leon St.
979-540-3919
Giddingspolice-tx.us/animal-shelter

Voter Registration

843 E. Industry, Ste. B
979-540-2731
Co.lee.tx.us/page/lee.Elections

Vehicle Registration

898 E. Richmond, Ste. # 103
979-542-2640
Txdmv.gov

Lee County Tax Assessor - Collector's Office

898 E Richmond St #103
979-542-2640
Co.lee.tx.us

Public Library

Giddings Public Library and Cultural Center

276 N Orange St, Giddings
979-542-2716
GiddingsPublicLibrary.org

Airport

Giddings/Lee County Airport

The airport covers 84 acres (34 ha); its one runway, 17/35, is 4,000 x 75 ft (1,219 x 23 m) asphalt. Features a 100 x 100 hangar and airport terminal.
1234 Co Rd 206, Giddings
979-542-6081

Attractions

911 Memorial at the Giddings Fire Station

Beams from the World Trade Center are on display as a memorial to the first responders of 9-11.
151 W. Independence, Giddings

1900's Antique Carousel

traveling circus passed through Giddings in the early 1900s, leaving a carousel behind as collateral. The vintage carousel is open and enjoyed twice a year by the community, during the Lee County Fair in May and the Firemen's July 4th Celebration in July.
2495 W Hwy 290 at Fireman's Park, Giddings

Arnold Smith Arrowhead Collection -A World Left Behind

As the largest arrowhead collection in Texas, items include projectile point fragments, which were parts of weapons used to hunt animals such as Ice Age mammoths and bison.
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Businesses of Giddings Mural at the Giddings Post Office

Painted by local artist, Johnny Jones, this mural turned a mundane brick wall into an interactive attraction. The scene depicts several local businesses and townsfolk but cleverly hidden in the mural are 11 items: a mouse, fishing hook, chameleon, penny, clothespin, dime, safety pin, butterfly, eye glasses, cat's eye marble and a thimble.
279 E. Austin St, Giddings

Depot Complex Downtown Giddings

Serving to anchor downtown, the complex features three renovated properties - two freight stations and a Depot building, a Gazebo that serves as a gathering place for local musicians and special events, a large city mural
1013 County Rd 227, Giddings

Depression Era Mural at the Giddings Post Office

"Cowboys Receiving the Mail" by Otis Dozier (1939) painting which is part of 109 works of art painted during the Great Depression for display in Texas post offices & federal buildings. It is a piece of living history, a reminder of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's efforts to give work to artists during that time of poverty.
279 E. Austin St, Giddings

First Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Giddings, Texas was organized on April 28, 1876 with thirteen charter members under the direction of B.H. Behers, D.D. One of the charter members, Frank Morris, was responsible for constructing the present sanctuary in 1886. The Sanctuary has been in continuous use since that time, making it the oldest church building in continuous use in Giddings.
92 S. Grimes Street, Giddings
979-542-9020

Giddings Country Club

Giddings Country Club offers an enjoyable round of golf, including wide fairways, mature trees, and minimal bunkers.
1013 County Rd 227, Giddings
979-542-3777

Giddings Fireman's Park

A sprawling fifty-acre park is available for events, celebrations and entertainment. The park includes a covered rodeo arena, dance pavilion, show barns, food court, stages for entertainment, rental hall, BBQ pits, and an RV park. Firemen's Park also hosts the Lee County Fair on the 3rd weekend of May and the Giddings Rodeo.
2495 US-290, Giddings

Giddings Golf Course

A 9-hole course, with a family-oriented, relaxed atmosphere, Giddings Golf Course provides an enjoyable round of golf at your leisure.
1031 County Road 227, Giddings
979-542-3777

Hilton Lee Smith Collection

The library's Hilton Lee Smith Collection recognizes the accomplishments of one of Giddings' most notable "Hometown Heroes." Born in Giddings in 1907, Hilton Lee Smith went on to become one of the greatest pitchers in baseball history.
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Historical Markers Of Lee County

Check out the Historical Markers of Lee County! There are around of them throughout the County, 20 located within the City of Giddings.
texahistoricalmarkers.weebly.com

Lee County Courthouse

Completed in 1899, this courthouse replaced the original from 1878 which was lost to fire. The architecture is Richardsonian Romanesque. It is said to be octagonal in shape with the four sides facing the four points of the compass.
200 S. Main Street, Giddings

Leisure Lanes Bowling Alley

Leisure Lanes is a 16 lane bowling center, offering bowling, arcades, bar, a snack bar and a meeting room.
2249 US-290, Giddings
979-542-3195

Lee County Museum & Visitors Center at the Schubert-Fletcher Home

This museum in downtown Giddings tells the story of Lee County from Native Americans to present day. Also the home of the Giddings Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center
183 E Hempstead St, Giddings
979-542-3455

Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena

Just three miles west of Giddings, Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena is home to The Giddings Rodeo every 3rd weekend of April, barrel racing, and bull riding on July 4th.
2591 West Hwy 290, Giddings

Simmang Park

Soccer field, covered basketball court, a sand volleyball court, a .6 mile walking trail along with many swing sets sprinkled through out the park, a full size play center, BBQ grills through out with picnic tables under shade trees to watch the ducks come in for a landing on the small pond
801-899 W Washington St, Giddings

Texas Wendish Heritage Museum St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Texas Wendish Heritage Society, Inc., is a non-profit organization formed in 1972 to preserve and tell the story of the Wends who came to Texas.

The 1871 St. Paul Lutheran Church and cemetery are next door to the museum. The present Church is one of the painted churches of South Central Texas.
1011 CR 212, Giddings
979-366-2441

Veterans Park

This wonderfully kept family park boasts a three feet to 12 feet deep pool with a diving board, a one foot deep kiddie pool for the little swimmers, a concession for the pool area, two baseball fields along with concession stands and bathrooms, a newly constructed play center, tennis court along with a basketball court.
191 Raymond St, Giddings

Schools

Giddings ISD

2337 N Main St, Giddings
979-542-2854
Giddingsisd.net

Giddings Elementary

1402 E. Industry St, Giddings
979-542-2886
Giddingsisd.net/o/ges

Giddings Intermediate

2337 N Main Street, Giddings
979-542-4403
Giddingsisd.net/o/gis

Giddings Middle

2335 N. Main St, Giddings
979-542-2057
Giddingsisd.net/o/gms

Giddings High

2335 N. Main St, Giddings
979-542-3351
Giddingsisd.net/o/ghs

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