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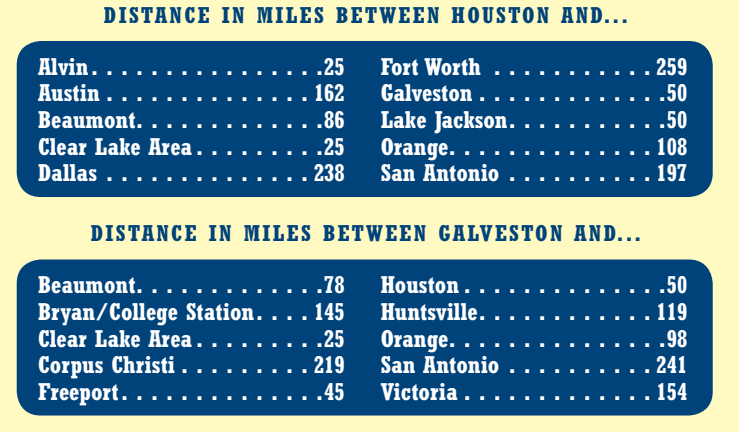
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www.moodygardens.org
- Kemah Boardwalk**
Located between Houston and Galveston, this 35-acre attraction overlooks Galveston Bay with dining options, shopping, games and train rides. Also featured is the popular Boardwalk Bullet roller coaster, and the Inverter, an upside-down thrill ride. Located in Kemah off Hwy. 146 & 6th Street, turn left at Bradford Ave. (877) AT-KEMAH www.kemahboardwalk.com
- Downtown Aquarium**
Part restaurant, part exhibit, the aquarium features tanks filled with stingrays, sharks, and other exotic marine life. Themed habitats include the Louisiana Swamp exhibit filled with dwarf gators, crawfish and snapping turtles, as well as the White Tigers of the Maharaja's Temple exhibit. Located in downtown Houston at 410 Bagby Street at Memorial Drive. Admission: (713) 223-FISH
www.downtownaquarium.com
- Traders Village**
Open every Saturday and Sunday year-round, this 60-acre marketplace hosts an average of 800 merchants and 1 million bargain-seekers each year. Vendors sell everything from jewelry and antiques to sports memorabilia and records. Admission is free, parking is \$3/car. (281) 890-5500 www.tradersvillage.com
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Walk on the wild side with 4,500 animal residents. The 55-acre zoo fosters an appreciation for the ecosystems of the natural world. Nearby, Hermann Park Pavilion invites visitors to tour the park on a miniature train, or enjoy a paddle boat on the duck pond. Located in Hermann Park at 6200 Hermann Park Drive. Admission: (713) 533-6500 www.houstonzoo.org
- Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Waterpark**
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- San Jacinto Battleground Historical Complex**
The battleground marks the spot where Texas won its independence from Mexico. The park houses the towering San Jacinto Monument and Museum, with a 489-foot elevator ride to the top for a panoramic view. Located at One Monument Circle in La Porte, off Hwy. 225. (281) 479-2421 www.sanjacinto-museum.org
- The Children's Museum of Houston**
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- Lone Star Flight Museum**
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- Sea Center Texas**
Sea Center Texas is a marine aquarium, fish hatchery and nature center operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The center offers a variety of educational programs that promote the wise use and conservation of Texas marine resources. Located in Lake Jackson at 300 Medical Drive. (979) 292-0100
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- Funeral Museum**
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