



Leisure Living



Other than the items mentioned in the section on Continuing Education, Tulia has access to numerous venues for leisure, most of which are not age-specific, but involve people representing all facets of the community.

The [Chamber of Commerce](#) puts on a melodrama or play each year, and there are some plans to expand that. Other organizations put on plays, “follies”, festivals, or other activities on a sporadic basis.

There are several shops for antique and unusual items in Tulia, as well as in Plainview and Amarillo.

There is an active Senior Citizens group with their own building and activities. American Legion and VFW have active posts and auxiliaries. Opportunities to volunteer and mix with all ages abound—at the hospital, schools, chamber of commerce, churches, civic clubs and various events.

Golf Courses

Tule Creek Golf Club has an excellent nine-hole course. Amarillo has two public complexes (each having two courses), two country clubs, a private golf club, and a “par 3” course. Hereford, less than an hour away has an excellent public course. Nearby communities have fine 9 and 18-hole courses, both public and private.



Lakes

[Lake Mackenzie](#), with camping, boating, fishing, swimming and other water sports, is a half-hour to the east.

Lake Meredith is about an hour and a half away to the north. Ute Lake and Conchas Lake are a few hours away in New Mexico.

Skiing

Skiing is a half-day away on New Mexican slopes, Colorado is a little farther.



Camping

Camping is readily available. [Lake Mackenzie](#), [Caprock Canyons State Park](#), and [Palo Duro Canyon State Park](#) are all within an hour's drive. Many state parks and other camping locations are within a longer drive.

Fitness

Curves is available for women in Tulia. Plainview has a YMCA with swimming, court sports, and fitness classes. WTAMU has an outstanding Activities Center open to the public for a minimal charge.

Dance

Amarillo is home to several dance clubs of various types. Square dance clubs are available in Plainview, Hereford, and Amarillo. Dances are held occasionally in Tulia, generally with a country band or DJ.

Wineries

There are four wineries in Lubbock and one in Amarillo. Lubbock also has a microbrewery.

Military Base

Cannon AFB with a Base Exchange and other amenities for retired military personnel is 90 miles straight west in Clovis NM.



Recreational Area and Facilities

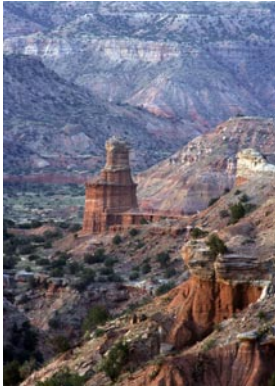
Tulia has a number of public parks, some with playground equipment, and one with a walking path.

A shooting range is located near the Tule Creek Golf Course.

Tennis courts are available at Mackenzie Park and Tulia High School.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department offers two great parks just a short drive from Tulia:

[Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway](#) offers camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, boating (no-wake), fishing, lake swimming, a scenic drive, and guided tours. The trailway is a converted railway, including a tunnel.



[Palo Duro Canyon State Park](#) offers camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, a scenic drive, and historical buildings. The canyon is the second largest in the country, and was the site of one of the last major battles between US Cavalry and plains Indians. The outdoor drama [“TEXAS”](#) is performed in the canyon during the summer.

Archaeological and paleontological sites are within short drives.

Amarillo also has a “Rails-to-Trails” path.

Swisher County Senior Citizens is an active group. The organization is housed in the former National Guard Armory. Meals are served each weekday, and are delivered to the homebound. Games, crafts, and special events round out their program, and the center is often used for community-wide events .

In addition to the Senior Citizens building, the Swisher Memorial Building is available for meetings, with two smaller rooms (seating 30-40) and a large meeting area with a full kitchen in the basement, easily accessed by elevator or stairs.

Veterans’ organizations such as American Legion, VFW, and their auxiliaries are active, as are the Knights of Columbus, the Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions. Several women’s clubs are available, some associated with Federated Women’s Clubs. The Red Hat Society has two local chapters.

Churches of every major denomination meet in Tulia, as well as some independent ones.

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Performing Arts

Perhaps surprisingly, but due to Tulia’s unique location, venues for the performing arts are so extensive it is difficult to list them all.

Concerts

Harrington String Quartet, Amarillo

Amarillo Symphony

Amarillo Chamber Music

Community Concert Association, Plainview

Lubbock Symphony Orchestra

Various visiting groups, rock, country, Trans Siberian Orchestra, etc in Amarillo, Lubbock and other communities

Opera

Amarillo Opera celebrated its twentieth year in 2008.

Theatre

Amarillo Little Theater

ALT Children's productions

ALT "Adventure Space" (not for easily offended audiences)

Visiting Theatre productions

University Theatre Departments

- West Texas A&M (Canyon)
- Texas Tech (Lubbock)
- Wayland Baptist University (Plainview)

Amarillo and Lubbock both have several venues for small productions, and community theatre is available in Tulia and other locales.

Dance

A short drive takes the ballet lover to Lone Star Ballet in Amarillo or Ballet Lubbock.

The Department of Dance at WTAMU also has regular performances throughout the school year.



Art

Tulia is proud to be the home base for Kenneth Wyatt, renowned artist. His [studio and gallery](#) are located in his home, open on a daily basis.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, on the campus of WTAMU in Canyon, houses some impressive pieces, and usually has a traveling exhibit.

The Malouf Abraham Art Center, one of the finest art galleries in the Southwest, is located in the Mabee Learning Resources Center on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The largest art gallery in Texas is the Panhandle Art Center in Amarillo, featuring paintings, sculpture and pottery by area artists. Admission is free, most pieces are for sale.

The Amarillo Museum of Art features works in a variety of media, and offers educational programs.

Other sites for viewing art include:

Amarillo

- Sunset Art Gallery of Amarillo
- Barry Art Studio and Gallery
- American Quarter Horse Association
- Don Harrington Discovery Center

Lubbock

- Charles Adams Gallery
- Museum of Texas Tech
- National Ranching Heritage Center
- University Public Arts Collection (Texas Tech University)