Welcome to Winedale

Winedale, a division of the University of Texas Center for American History, is a complex of 19th-century structures and modern facilities situated on 225 acres of land that once was a part of the Stephen F. Austin Colony. Winedale is a place for learning, where outstanding examples of early Texas architecture, a rural setting, and public programs provide educational opportunities throughout the year.

The Winedale Story

The aerial view of Winedale on this panel shows the sites you may wish to visit on your tour. These include the Lewis-Wagner House and its Four-Square Barn (Winedale’s centerpiece historic structures), the Theater Barn, the McGregor House, and the Winedale School. Docent-guided tours of these buildings are available on weekends (on weekdays by appointment only), or you may walk the grounds yourself. Hazel’s Lone Oak Cottage features a two-part exhibit on the Winedale Story. The first part, on the north side of the breezeway, provides a history of the Winedale area from its earliest inhabitants to the present. The second part, on the south side of the breezeway, traces the development of Winedale as a historical property by Houston philanthropist Miss Ima Hogg and by the University of Texas at Austin.

A Year Full of Public Programs

Winedale offers a full calendar of programs, including the Spring History Symposium, the Spinning and Weaving Retreat, the Rug Hooking Workshop, and the Oktober Gartenfest, all held at the Meadows Foundation Conference Center across the road. The Theater Barn features spring and summer Shakespeare performances. Winedale also hosts the Spring Festival and Texas Crafts Exhibition, Eyore’s Birthday Party, Oktoberfest, and the Christmas Open House.

For information about specific programs and registration, visit the Winedale Office and Visitors Center or telephone the Winedale Office at (409)378-3530.

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