

## LOOKING FOR MORE DIVERSIONS AROUND DEL RIO?

Though the TAS Annual Meeting will be the focus of your October trip to Del Rio, you may find that you have the time to take in some other regional offerings. To start you off, we'd suggest browsing through sections of the Lower Pecos exhibit on the [Texas Beyond History](http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/pecos/index.html) website at <http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/pecos/index.html> to get a feel for the topography and background of the area. A visit to the [Rock Art Foundation](http://www.fellowpages.org/rockart/tours.cfm) website <http://www.fellowpages.org/rockart/tours.cfm> is also recommended.

While in the region, try to make time to take a self-guided tour of historic Del Rio or visit some of many local attractions.

The [Val Verde Winery](http://www.valverdewinery.com/) at 100 Qualia Drive was established in 1883; hours for touring and tasting are 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday (830-775-9714). Their most popular wine is the Don Luis Tawny Port, made from Lenoir grapes grown at the winery in Del Rio.

<http://www.valverdewinery.com/>

The [Whitehead Memorial Museum](http://www.whiteheadmuseum.org/), 1308 S. Main Street, is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and on Sundays 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (830-774-7568) – "a small frontier town in the center of Del Rio."

<http://www.whiteheadmuseum.org/>

[Laughlin Heritage Museum](http://www.laughlinheritagemuseum.com/), 309 S. Main Street, has a great collection of Air Force memorabilia, with special emphasis on the U-2 spy plane era at Laughlin Air Force Base. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 10:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Call in advance, 830-719-9380, to be certain the place is open or to get access in other hours.

If you didn't sign up in time for the scheduled tours or can't task yourself with the tours' physical challenges, we suggest a visit to the [Seminole Canyon Visitor Center](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/seminole_canyon/#fac), 432-292-4464, located 9 miles west of Comstock on US-90, just east of the Pecos River Bridge.

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Tours of [Fate Bell Shelter](http://www.fatebellshelter.com/) are offered from here Wednesday through Sunday at 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, but the access is similar to that of White Shaman – difficult. It involves a fairly-rugged hike to the bottom of the canyon and then up to the shelter.

The ghost town of [Langtry](http://www.texasescapes.com/TOWNS/Texas_ghost_towns/Langtry_Texas/Langtry_Texas.htm), 50 miles west of Del Rio on US-90, offers the Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center (915-291-3340), open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily, and the Jersey Lily Saloon/Courtroom.

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[Historic Fort Clark](http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/forts/clark/index.html) (830-563-9150) south of Brackettville is open 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. This historic cavalry post has tons of history behind it; the Seminole Scouts were based there, as well as many famous commanding officers, including George Patton. The history focal point is the Old Guardhouse Museum. It is chock-full of interesting exhibits and is, to say the least, object rich.

<http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/forts/clark/index.html> and

<http://www.fortclark.com/fortclarksprings/index.htm> [click on the History and Museum buttons]

You may wish to spread your wings even farther afield with a trip to [Ciudad Acuña](http://www.ciudadacuana.com/).

Suggestions for such an excursion may be found in *Bienvenidos a México*. Be sure to have your U.S. Passport or Passcard with you for your return through U.S. Customs.

We hope your trip to Del Rio is delightful, with a chance to explore the area as well as to hear archeological presentations, take on some TAS business, shop the Silent Auction and Exhibit Room, and visit with friends.

Please do come early and stay late. See you soon!