



Key Regional Dates, 2017–18 and onward

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To facilitate planning and maximize participation in our work, here are key dates for TPTR board meetings and events, THC and Texas Heritage Trails meetings, tourism industry events, and legislative calendar. TPTR’s own programming year runs September to August, with board meetings generally held on **third Thursdays in October, December, February, April, and June**, and our **Roundup in late July/early August**. Note that TPTR doesn’t necessarily participate in every one of these events—but some are important to plan around.

2017 Date updated 2/1/2018	Location	Event
Thurs., June 15, 2017	Pampa	TPTR Regular Board Meeting; Strategic Planning; Nomination of 2016–17 slate
Mon.–Fri., June 26–June 30, 2017	Bastrop	TTIA Travel & Tourism College 2017
Tues., July 4, 2017		Independence Day
Wed.–Fri., July 19–21, 2017	Plainview	TPTR Roundup; Board Meeting July 19
Thurs.–Fri., July 27–28, 2017	Lubbock	Texas Historical Commission Quarterly Meeting
Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council meets the first Tuesday of each month at 11 am, location TBD		Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council Meetings
Thurs.–Fri., Aug. 10–11, 2017	Dallas/Fair Park	Preservation Texas Regional Meeting
Tues.–Thurs., Aug. 15–17, 2017	Fort Worth	Texas Assn. of CVBs Annual Conference
Mon., Aug. 28, 2017	Statewide	Uniform School Start Date 2017
Thurs, Aug. 31, 2017		Heritage Trails Scope of Work and Budget submission
Fri.–Sun., September 8–10, 2017	Lubbock	29th Annual National Cowboy Symposium & Celebration
Thurs., Sept. 28, 2017	Dallas/Fair Park	State Fair of Texas Setup; GoTexan Preview Party
Fri., Sept 29.–Sun., Oct. 22, 2017	Dallas/Fair Park	State Fair of Texas
October	Statewide	Texas Archeology Month
Sun., Oct. 1, 2017	Arlington	TTIA DMO Empowered
Mon.–Wed., Oct. 2–4, 2017	Arlington	TTIA Travel Summit
Thurs., October 19, 2017	Gail	TPTR Regular Board Meeting; new board training
Sat., Oct. 20–21, 2017	Snyder	West Texas Trails Meeting
Thurs.–Fri., October 26–27, 2017	Brownsville	Texas Historical Commission Quarterly Meeting
Sat., October 28, 2017	Lubbock	Lubbock Book Festival
Oct. 2017	TBD	Texas Midwest Community Network Conference

Thurs.–Fri., Nov. 2–3, 2017	Brownsville	Preservation Texas Regional Meeting
Sat.–Sun., Nov. 4–5, 2017	Austin	Texas Book Festival
Tues.–Fri., Nov. 14–17, 2017	Chicago, IL	National Preservation Conference (Happy 150th Birthday, Frank Lloyd Wright)
Tues.–Fri., Nov. 7–10, 2017	McKinney	TX Downtown Conference (Tx Downtown Assn.)
Nov. 30, 2017		Deadline for Heritage Trails annual report
	Austin	TX Heritage Trails Statewide Meeting (if required)
December 7, 2017	Austin	TTIA Public Policy Forum
December 14–18, 2017	San Antonio	National Tour Association Travel Exchange
December 14, 2017	Spur	TPTR Regular Board Meeting and Holiday Party

2018 Dates updated 2/1/2018	Location	Event
January 1, 2018	State Parks, etc.	First Day Hikes
January 2018	TBD	Texas Historical Commission Quarterly Meeting
Wed.–Fri., Jan. 10–12, 2018	Austin	THC Real Places Conference
Tues.–Wed., Jan. 16–17, 2018	McAllen	Winter Texan Expo & Health Fair
Fri., Jan. 19, 2018	Lubbock	Lubbock Business Expo
Mon–Wed., January		TACVB Mid-Winter Education Conference
Thurs.–Sat., January 25–27, 2018	Abilene	Texas Living History Association Conference
Fri.–Mon., January 26–30, 2018	Charlotte, NC	American Bus Association Meeting & Marketplace
Mon.–Tues, January 29–30, 2018	Austin	Texas Historical Commission Quarterly Meeting
February		TPTR Regular Board Meeting
Sun., Feb. 11	Lubbock	Lubbock Heritage Society Annual Meeting
Wed.–Thurs., Feb. 14–15, 2018	McAllen	McAllen Travel & Health & Wellness Expo
Thurs.–Fri., Feb. 22–23, 2018	Canyon	Southern Plains Conference (CSAW & Ogallala Commons)
Sun.–Wed., Feb. 25–28	Brownsville	Preservation Texas Annual Summit/board mtg.
Wed., March 21, 2018	Austin	TTIA Unity Dinner
Thurs., March 1, 2018	Amarillo	Spring Panhandle County Judges and Commissioners Association Conference
Fri., March 2, 2018	Statewide	Texas Independence Day
Thurs.–Sat., March 1–3, 2018	San Marcos	Texas State Historical Association 122nd Annual Meeting
Thurs., March 8, 2018	Happy	TPTR Regular Board Meeting; Nomination of 2018–19 slate

Sat.–Sun., March 17–18, 2018	Dallas	Dallas Adventure Travel Show
Wed.–Fri., March 26–28, 2018	Texas Mountain Trail Region	Texas Heritage Trails 50th Anniversary Caravan
Sun., April 1, 2018		Easter
Fri.–Sun., April –8, 2018	San Antonio	Viva Hemisfair! 50th Anniversary
Fri.–Sat., April 13–14, 2018, with area tours preceding	San Angelo	West Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting
April 15–19, 2018	El Paso	Texas Travel Counselors Conference (with locally hosted Travel Fair)
Tues.–Fri., April 18–21, 2018	Houston	Texas Assn. of Museums Conference
April 2018		TPTR Regular Board Meeting; Nomination of 2016–17 slate
April 24–26, 2018	Frisco	West Texas County Judges Conference
Thurs.–Fri., April 26–27, 2018	Paris	Texas Historical Commission Quarterly Meeting
mid-April, TBA	Lubbock	Lubbock Business Expo (moved to January)
May	Nationwide	Preservation Month (annually since 1973)
Sun., May 6–Sat., May 12, 2018	Nationwide	National Travel & Tourism Week Kickoff
Tues., May 8, 2018	Nationwide	Travel Rally Day
Fri., May 11, 2018	Amarillo	Texas Travel Rally Day, Panhandle
Thurs., May 17, 2018	Amarillo	Amarillo Business Connection
May 18–19, 2018	San Antonio/ Castroville	Preservation Day/Texas' Most Endangered
Mon., May 28, 2018		Memorial Day holiday
June 2018		TPTR Regular Board Meeting; Strategic Planning; Election of 2018–19 slate
Mon.–Fri., June 25–June 29, 2018	Bastrop	TTIA Travel & Tourism College 2018
Wed., July 4, 2018		Independence Day holiday
Thurs.–Fri., July 26–27, 2018	Amarillo	Texas Historical Commission Quarterly Meeting
Week of July 9, 2018	Amarillo	Texas Main Street annual conference/training
Thurs.–Sun., July 12–15, 2018	Shamrock	International Route 66 Festival
Wed.–Fri., July 18–20, 2018	Amarillo	10th Annual TPTR Roundup; board meeting and presentation of 2018–19 slate
Tues.–Thurs., Aug. 14–16, 2018	Sugar Land	TACVB Annual Conference
Thurs.–Fri., Aug. 16–17, 2018	Nacogdoches	Preservation Texas Regional Conference
Fri., Aug. 31, 2018		TPTR (and THC) Fiscal year ends
September, TBA	TBA	TPTR Board Meeting (1st of FY19)

September or October, TBA	TBA	TPTR New Board Orientation
Thurs., Sept. 27, 2018	Dallas	Setup day and Go Texan preview party, State Fair
Fri., Sept. 28–Sun., Oct. 21, 2018	Dallas	State Fair of Texas
October 2018	TBA	West Texas Trails Association 5th Annual Conference
Tues.–Wed., Oct. 23–24, 2018	Laredo	Texas Historical Commission Quarterly Meeting
Wed.–Fri., Nov. 14–16, 2018?	San Francisco	PastForward Conference (annual meeting of National Trust for Historic Preservation)
Thurs.–Fri., Nov. _____, 2018	Big Spring	Preservation Texas Regional Meeting
December, TBA	TBA	TPTR Board Meeting (1st of FY19)

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We attempt to track the major event dates of the following partner organizations:

- [GoTexan](#), Texas Department of Agriculture
- [High Ground of Texas](#)
- [Lubbock Heritage Society](#)
- [Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism](#)
- [Ogallala Commons](#)
- [Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council](#)
- [Preservation Texas](#)
- [Texas Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus \(TACVB\)](#)
- [Texas Association of Museums](#)
- [Texas Downtown Association](#)
- [Texas Historical Commission](#)
- [Texas Living History Association](#)
- [Texas Main Street](#)
- [Texas Midwest Community Network](#)
- [Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation](#)
- [Texas Parks & Wildlife](#)
- [Texas State Historical Association](#)
- [Texas Travel Industry Association](#)
- [Texas Travel Information Centers](#)
- [West Texas Historical Association](#)

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