

## Witte Museum Exhibitions open to CASET A Symposium Attendees



### B. Naylor Morton Research and Collections Center

<https://www.witemuseum.org/b-naylor-morton-research-and-collections-center/>

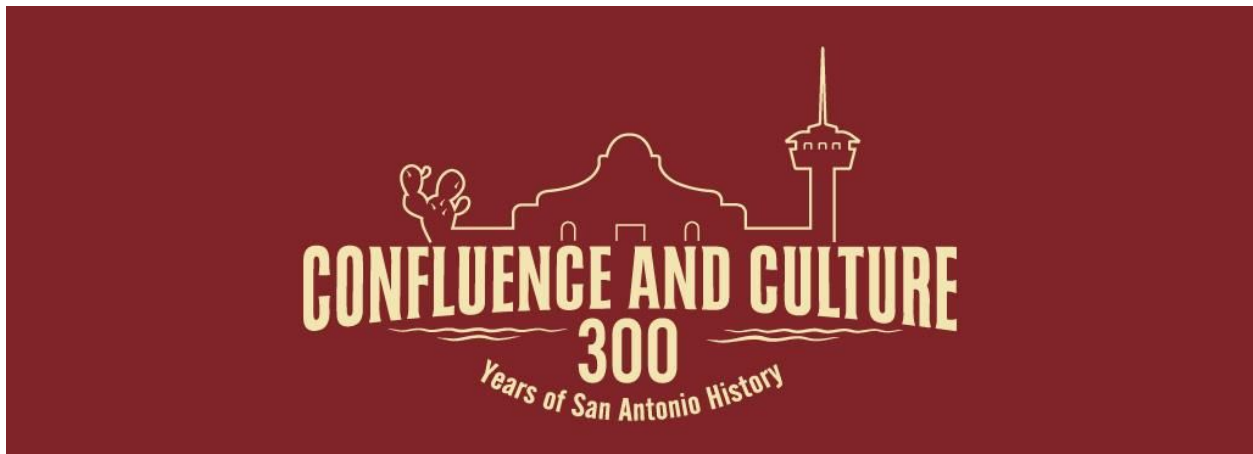
To celebrate the Witte Museum's renowned collections, this innovative center has been created to provide visible access to the vast and diverse collection when not on display in the museum's galleries. The Center allows museum professionals to preserve the collection through proper light levels, temperature and humidity control while providing access to visitors and researchers from around the world.

**The Dickson Allen Orientation Gallery** offers a thematic overview of the collection, organized in seven color-coded categories, as well as new acquisitions and iconic Witte artifacts. As the Center expands, visitors will have the opportunity to explore the breadth and depth of each collection category.

**The Texas Art Storage Gallery** showcases the museum's complete collection of Texas Art. Paintings are arranged alphabetically by artist on racks visible to the public. Those racks closest to the visitor offer a curated overview of the collection. The configuration of the racks changes routinely to provide new experiences for visitors.

**The Express-News Reading Room** provides a space where visitors can browse resources related to the collection and search the collection database using provided kiosks. Researchers can access the Witte Museum Archives by appointment. Please use the [reference request form](#), and the archivist will assist you in locating possible materials of interest prior to your visit and reserve a desk for you in the reading room.

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### Confluence and Culture: 300 Years of San Antonio History

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/confluence-and-culture/>

Celebrate San Antonio's Tricentennial at the Witte Museum with a multi-faceted exhibition that will portray San Antonio as the hub of the frontier under many flags over three centuries.

Visitors will experience how early Spanish settlement in San Antonio influenced the layout, economic and cultural development of the city through modern times. Seven immersive galleries include interactive experiences, Gallery Theater, historic artifacts, documents and a photo-real augmented reality story of the Battle of the Alamo.



### Connecting Texas: 300 Years of Trails, Rails, and Roads

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/connecting-texas/>

From the earliest foot paths to modern highways, people have traversed Texas to make connections. Historic maps provide a glimpse into these journeys. Explore how early

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Texas trails brought peoples and cultures into contact and conflict and served as the lifeline of remote colonies and supported an often-unsteady economy.

During the 19th century, population increase, political upheaval, and wars created connections from one end of the state to the other. After the Civil War, railroads became a major catalyst in the modernization and industrialization of Texas. By the mid-20th century, highway systems connected the state to more places than ever before.

Learn about this pivotal part of Texas history with the cartographic resources of the Texas General Land Office at the Witte Museum and discover how Texas and Texans have connected over the last 300 Years.



### Gathering at the Waters: 12,000 Years of People

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/gathering-at-the-waters/>

Discover how the San Antonio River watershed served as a life source to prehistoric people and their cultures. Learn how 12,000 years of climate shifts impacted the prehistoric hunter and gatherers as they moved in search of food and other critical resources, and how the San Antonio River played a pivotal role in sustaining various forms of life. *Gathering at the Waters* is a companion exhibition to *Confluence and Culture: 300 Years of San Antonio History* and expands the narrative to the complex history of San Antonio.

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**H-E-B Lantern Valero Great Hall Orientation Gallery**

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/h-e-b-lanternvalero-great-hallorientation-gallery/>

Your journey into Texas Deep Time starts when you walk into the New Witte.

A replica of a giant *Quetzalcoatlus* will greet you as you enter the H-E-B Lantern. Next, it's onto the Valero Great Hall to explore the K.K. Amini and Walter and Gayle Embrey Texas Deep Time Walls to see the changing landscape of what is now Texas. Discover a geological narrative preserved in vertical layers of rock and soil: millions, thousands and hundreds of years ago. Here you will be immersed into the land that is now Texas, both through time and geology. Fly over the landscapes of Texas in the Gates Mineral Company Orientation Gallery and prepare for a fascinating visit through Texas Deep Time. Your path to discovery begins here!



**Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery**

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/naylor-family-dinosaur-gallery-dinosaur-lab/>

Step into the distant past as you explore the Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery, the first permanent dinosaur gallery in the 90-year history of the Witte. You will explore the

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animals that lived here more than 110 million years ago. Encounter the skeleton of meat eating Acrocanthosaurus and its footprints from Government Canyon State Natural Area, illustrating the story of dinosaurs walking along the beach at a time when the ancestral Gulf of Mexico covered San Antonio. The Ethan Walsh Deep Ocean Exhibit takes you into the depths of the ancient seas that covered much of Texas 90 million years ago.

You will experience the coastal marshes, home to the giant crocodile, *Deinosuchus*, and the ferocity of a full-size *Tyrannosaurus rex* from the river valleys of West Texas, 70 million years ago.

You can expand your experience in the Dinosaur Lab, where they can excavate dinosaur bones and experience how paleontologists study fossils. Compare the jaws and teeth of meat eaters with those of plant eaters. Learn what ancient footprints can tell us about dinosaur behavior.



McLean Family Texas Wild Gallery

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/mclean-family-texas-wild-gallery-and-lab/>

The beloved dioramas of the Witte, as well as a few new ones, make a grand statement in the McLean Family *Texas Wild* Gallery, where a state-of-the-art, high-tech space with immersive galleries showcases the uniqueness of Texas. In the *Texas Wild* Gallery, you will explore the various ecosystems of the state and the flora and fauna which fill these regions.

From the Mary West and Richard Traylor *Sounds of South Texas* immersive diorama to the big Texas Sky, you will encounter the flora and fauna only found in the wild. All ecological zones of Texas are represented in astonishingly detailed dioramas: Linda and Ed Whitacre *Thorn Brush*; Gary Woods *Central Prairie*, McLean Family *West Texas Mountains*, *Hill Country* and *Piney Woods*, among many others.

The gallery showcases how Texas is at the crossroads of the deciduous forests of the southeast United States, the grasslands of the Central Plains, the deserts and mountains of the Southwest and the brush lands and tropical habitats of the South. This variety of

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habitats make Texas the home of more wildlife species than any other state. Whether it be the hot deserts or the cool mountains, Texas is home to almost every land feature.

The SWBC Live Lab will offer multiple opportunities to learn about the fascinating creatures which make Texas home: from some of state's creepy, crawly critters to the gentle Texas Tortoise!

In the East Foundation Land Stewardship Lab, you can engage in interactives about the importance of Texas land stewardship.



**Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos Gallery**

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/people-of-the-pecos/>

You will travel back in time thousands of years in the Kittie West Nelson Ferguson People of the Pecos Gallery where the focus is on the prehistoric hunter-gatherers of Texas who embraced their bountiful, natural environment.

Spanning the entire second floor of the New Witte, the gallery provides a unique look at a fascinating culture. You will encounter life-sized recreations of ancient camps to explore how people of thousands of years ago hunted, cooked and socialized. Explore the sheltered overhangs in the Lower Pecos Canyonlands, which provided a way of life for more than 9,000 years and an artistic record unmatched in North America. See projected images of rock art that span nearly 4,000 years of artistic expression and visual narratives of ancient stories.

Two labs, Lifeways and Nancy Smith Hurd Rock Art, will provide interactive opportunities for families to experience ancient lifeways.



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### Wild and Vivid Land: Stories of South Texas

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/south-texas-heritage-center-2/>

The Robert J. and Helen C. Kleberg South Texas Heritage Center serves as a repository for the Witte's vast and remarkable collection of South Texas historical artifacts.

The 20,000-square-foot, two-story building incorporates the historic Texas Centennial Building, Russell Hill Rogers Texas Art Gallery, George West Trail Drivers Gallery, Will Smith Classroom, Will Smith Amphitheater and more!

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### George West Trail Drivers Gallery

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/george-west-trail-driver-gallery/>

The George West Trail Drivers Gallery stands as a memorial to those Texans who built the Texas cattle industry and carried livestock up the trail in the 1800s after the civil war.

The gallery features artifacts and portraits with biographies of many who were important in the era.



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### H-E-B Body Adventure

<https://www.wittemuseum.org/h-e-b-body-adventure-3/>

The H-E-B Body Adventure Powered by University Health System is a revolutionary experience that will increase your Health I.Q., Empowerment and Wellness. Sign in and select a Buddy to be your virtual guide through four floors of interactive adventures for all ages. Receive a special POWERpass card to scan at fun activity stations. Cycle through a San Antonio River landscape. Walk or run across a motion-capture screen and receive your Energy Score. Then check your stride and height to discover how long it will take to walk the beautiful San Antonio River Trek. Examine real preserved human specimens, then look deeper on a life-size touchscreen anatomy table. Stroll through the gorgeous culinary and medicinal plant gardens, and participate in live cooking demonstrations, where you will learn simple ways to make healthy snacks and meals for the whole family. When you are done, be sure to sign-out and receive your personalized take-home POWERprofile to compare with future visits.