



VERNON, TEXAS

## LODGING DIRECTORY

### **Budget Host Inn**

715 Wilbarger  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-2531

[www.budgethost.com/hotels/BudgetHost Inn Vernon TX.aspx](http://www.budgethost.com/hotels/BudgetHostInnVernonTX.aspx)

### **Days Inn**

3110 Frontage Rd. Hwy. 287  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-2639

[www.daysinn.com/hotels/texas/vernon/days-inn-vernon-tx/hotel-overview](http://www.daysinn.com/hotels/texas/vernon/days-inn-vernon-tx/hotel-overview)

### **Green Tree Inn**

3029 Morton St.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-5421

[www.greentreeinnvernon.com](http://www.greentreeinnvernon.com)

### **Hampton Inn**

4131 Western Trail Drive  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-2100

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hampton-inn-vernon-SPSVEHX/index.html>

### **Holiday Inn Express**

700 Hillcrest Dr.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-0200

[www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/vernon-vtctx/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/vernon-vtctx/hoteldetail)

### **Hotel Vernon**

1615 Expressway 287 East  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-5417

[www.thehotelvernon.com](http://www.thehotelvernon.com)

### **La Fonda Motel**

1004 Wilbarger  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-553-1533

### **Pecan Grove Bed & Breakfast**

1904 Houston St.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-553-3827  
940-838-8622

[www.pecangrovebnbvernontx.com](http://www.pecangrovebnbvernontx.com)

### **Super 8 Motel**

1829 Hwy 287 West  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-9321

[www.super8.com/hotels/texas/vernon/super-8-vernon/hotel-overview](http://www.super8.com/hotels/texas/vernon/super-8-vernon/hotel-overview)

### **A&A RV Park**

6169 Hwy 287 Business East  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-6530

### **Rocking A RV Park**

3725 Harrison  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-552-2821

<http://rockingarvpark.com>

### **Old Glory RV Park**

1400 Commerce St.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
940-553-1362

<http://oldgloryrv.com>

# Dining in Vernon Texas

## Pizza

Mr. Jims Pizza  
5115 College Dr.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-0095

Little Caesars Pizza  
909 Hillcrest Dr.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 473-5040

Pizza Hut  
2230 Wilbarger St  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-1806

## Mexican

Brown Cow Family Restaurant  
3205 Us Highway 287 W  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-3322

Taqueria Jalisco  
3511 Wilbarger St.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-5825

Lupes II  
529 Hwy 287 E  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-2622

\*Taco Casa  
4200 College Dr  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-3144

Taco Bell  
4112 Hillcrest Plaza  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-1987

## \* Chamber Members

\*El Coco Loco  
1026 Wilbarger  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 473-5151

## Steak/Hamburgers

Vernon Parts Sports Grill  
1701 Marshall  
Vernon, TX 76384

Three Heart Steakhouse  
1722 Pease St.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-0803

Bevos Drive In  
4000 Wilbarger St  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-2570

\*Rusty Spur Steakhouse & Saloon  
1117 Hillcrest Dr.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 473-5055

\*Braums Ice Cream & Burger Restaurant  
4220 College Dr.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-9849

\*Fred's Corner Grille  
2327 Main St.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-2402

\*McDonalds Restaurant  
801 Hillcrest Dr.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-1881

Sonic Drive In  
4004 Wilbarger St  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-4733

Vernon Burger  
2330 Wilbarger St.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-3111

### **Breakfast**

\*Good Morning Donuts  
809 Hillcrest Dr.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-4489

Huddle House  
2822 Hwy 287 W  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-2512

### **Sub Sandwiches**

Subway  
4123 Hillcrest Plz  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-2227

### **Barbeque**

Mics BBQ  
3011 Us Hwy 287 W  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-9190

Duncan's Smoke House  
829 Wilbarger St.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-2764

### **Coffee Shop**

Herring Coffee Shop  
1900 Pease Street  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-2206

\*Sweet Sammie's  
3723 Wilbarger St.  
Vernon, TX 76384

\*The Main Street Grill  
1726 Main Street  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 839-9327

### **Chicken**

\*Chicken Shack  
3901 Wilbarger  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 552-6464

### **Chinese Food**

\*Texoma China Buffet  
2424 Wilbarger Street  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-1066

### **Home style**

Vernon Livestock Market  
6170 Bus Hwy 287  
Vernon, TX 76384

\*Great Western Dining Services  
4400 College Dr.  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 553-1320

### **Thai Food**

Thai Cuisine  
2128 Main  
Vernon, TX 76384  
806-445-6795

### **Japanese Cuisine**

Toro Japanese Restaurant  
3110 US 287 Business  
Vernon, TX 76384  
(940) 886-7480

### **Italian cuisine**

Benito's Italian Cafe & Pizzeria  
4201 College Drive  
Vernon, TX 76484  
(940) 552-9970

# VERNON HERITAGE

In 1874 Captain John T. Lytle and several cowboys left South Texas with 3,500 head of longhorn cattle and a remuda of saddle horses. Five years later, the route Lytle cut out of the prairie to Ft. Rovison, Nebraska, had become the most significant cattle trail in history - the Great Western Trail.

Though less well known than the Chisholm Trail, the Great Western Trail was longer in length and carried cattle two years longer than the Chisholm. The Great Western saw over seven million cattle and horses pass through Texas and Oklahoma to the railheads in Kansas and Nebraska - an important factor in developing the cattle industry as far north as Wyoming and Montana.

A typical herd would move 10 - 12 miles a day and included 3,000 head of cattle, 11 drovers including the trail boss, a wrangler and a cook. The drive from South Texas to Kansas took about two months at a cost of \$1,000 in wages and provisions. At the end of the trail, cattle sold for \$1.00 to \$1.50 per head.

In Texas, feeder trails from the Rio Grande led to the trailhead near Bandera and the Great Western passed through Kerrville, Junction, Brady, Coleman, Baird, Albany and Fort Griffin. It is believed that the main streets of Throckmorton, Seymour, and Vernon run north and south because of the trail.

Established in 1878, Doan's Crossing was known on the trail as "the jumping off place." The last place to get mail and supplies before entering Indian Territory, the Doan's store did a brisk business in Stetson hats, guns, ammunition, tobacco and provisions. At its peak, 300 people lived in the town of Doan's which consisted of a two-story hotel with basement, a restaurant, saloon, drug store, supply house, wagon yard, branding pens with furnaces and corrals, twelve houses, and several families that lived in half dugouts in the hills surrounding the town site. Today, the 1881 adobe building, still standing at Doan's, is the oldest structure in Wilbarger County.

Traffic on the Great Western Trail began to decline in 1885 with the introduction of barbed wire and legislation that was passed calling for a quarantine of Texas cattle because of the "Texas Fever," a disease caused by a parasitic tick. In 1893 the last large cattle drive up the Great Western crossed the Red River headed to Deadwood, South Dakota. By this time an estimated six million cattle and one million horses had crossed the river at Doan's and moved up the trail.

In the 1930's two markers were set at Doan's to commemorate the historical significance of the area. In 2003 a project was launched to mark the entire Great Western Trail with a cement post placed every six miles along the trail from the Rio Grande to Ogallala, Nebraska. Oklahoma set the first post south of the city of Altus near the Red River, and challenged Texas to follow suit. The Vernon Rotary Club has adopted the project of marking the trail in Texas from the Red River to the Rio Grande. Oklahoma donated the first post in Texas

which was set in 2004 during the 121st Doan's May Day Picnic at the Doan's adobe. The Vernon Rotary Club has invited the Rotary Clubs in each county on the Western Trail to continue the project and will donate the first post to each county.

Through the era of the cowboy and the great trail drives was short historically speaking, the Great Western Trail embodied the spirit, determination, and the grit of the early Texans and remains on the most romantic and interesting times of our past. The Red River Valley Museum in Vernon, Texas, is keeping the spirit and history of the trail and Texas alive with colorful exhibits, maps, photos and presentations. Soon, with the help and support of others interested in preserving the history of the trail, the museum will add a 14,000 sq. ft. Western Trail Heritage Center providing an invaluable source of information and resources for students, educators, historians, and tourists from around the world.

So saddle up, partner and hit the trail to the past for a "Great Western" adventure across Texas.