

Fort Bend County Area to Lubbock

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER: from Fort Bend County to Lubbock, highways are marked either **North or West**. These routes are approximately 8½ hours *not including* stops, so plan accordingly.

From your home, there are several ways to get to the main entrance to TTU campus, via Texas State Hwy 36.

1. From Mission Bend area, north on Hwy 6 to I-10 west  and turn left.  Sealy is ~30 miles,  #720. It's a cloverleaf, so you will **turn left**  on Hwy 36.
2. From Rosenberg, Needville, and points farther south & southeast, TX Hwy 36 North. You can stay on Hwy 36 North through Rosenberg, or
3. US 59 South  and  the TX 10 Spur  **turn right**.  This is Highway 36 Bypass, aka Hartledge Rd.
4. From Pecan Grove area, FM 359 West  for ~9.7mi. At the intersection of FM 1093, turn left  at the traffic light. In Fulshear, turn right  at the traffic light. Continue north on FM 359 for ~7.7 mi to Brookshire. (Go under I-10) At the intersection of US 90 , **turn left**  at the traffic light. Go to the 2nd traffic light and **turn right**  on Baines St. Shortly, there is a fork in the road; fork left. At the stop sign in the tiny town of Pattison; **turn right**.  In ~7 miles is a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of FM 359 and FM 529; go straight on FM 359 to US 290. Continue on  through the traffic light at the intersection of Hempstead Hwy. FM 359 ends ~2 mi; **turn left**  and you will come to another stop sign. There is a gas station and a McDonalds on your right. Go straight  and merge  onto US 290 West.  It is ~20 miles to Brenham.

You can shave off 4 miles if you turn left at this 4-way stop sign. FM 529 goes to Bellville, where it merges with FM 159, which connects to Hwy 36. Take Hwy 36 north to Brenham. The Hill has a good breakfast selection.
<http://www.thehillrestaurant.com/>

In Chappell Hill, on the right [north side] is Rattlers Mart – a Shell gas station & Burger King, new and clean. However, the gas is roughly 10¢ per gal more expensive, so wait for a fill up.

As you enter Brenham from US 290, stay on US 290 and loop around the town to the south and west. It will merge with Hwy 36 West . Do not exit on 290 toward Austin – you're going to Lubbock. [Besides, there's something burnt orange down that road.] At the merger of US 290 and Hwy 36 there are several restaurants: Chili's, Applebee's, What-a-burger, Taco Bell, etc; also gas stations: Phillips 66 is the cheapest.

As you enter Brenham from Hwy 36, merge left with US 290 West  which will split again in ~4.5 miles.

You will be on Hwy 36 West  for approximately 300 miles.

From Brenham to Temple is ~93 miles. Depending on when you leave, you may want to consider eating in Temple.

Somerville is ~15 miles from Brenham. If necessary, the best place to stop is a (Cefco) Shell & Subway on the left. You will pass through the little town of Lyons. In ~15 miles you will come to Caldwell. There is a traffic light at the intersection of Hwy 36 & Hwy 21 and on the northeast corner (right) is the Surry Inn. They have good, family style meals. Continue straight  to *stay on 36* and into Milano. There is a traffic light and you must **turn left**  to *stay on Hwy 36*. Road signs indicate you are on US-190/US-79/TX-36. There is a (Cefco) Shell gas station on the right. In ~2 miles, you'll come to another traffic light and you must **turn right**  to *stay on Hwy 36*.

From Milano, you'll pass through the towns of Cameron, Hoyte, Buckholts, Rogers and Heidenheimer.

Speed Trap Alert: between Milano and Temple
A Rogers' resident has erected a sign that reads, "Rogers – Speed Trap Capital of Texas"
Actually, in all of these towns, pay close attention to speed limits.

As you approach Temple, you will need to veer left to *stay on Hwy 36*. This is not very well marked, so look for it. Highway construction through Temple makes driving a little tricky. This is a busy road. **BE PATIENT** if you get behind slowpokes.

There are several places to eat in Temple. Get ready to  31st St for Cactus Jacks Steaks. 57th St for the typical fast foods, plus McAllister's Deli & Fazios. Take the exit for I-35 for Jack-in-the-Box and Cracker Barrel (get to CB through Jack's parking lot). BJs is on the north side of I-35 and is accessible from the feeder; turn at the Home Depot sign.

If you have stopped for lunch or dinner, return to  via the feeder road. North of I-35, in ~2 miles, there is a traffic light. You must **turn left**  to *stay on Hwy 36*.

Speed Trap Alert: through Fort Hood and Gatesville

As you leave Temple, check your speed. The speed limit is 50 mph through Fort Hood. ~3 miles after Fort Hood is Gatesville. *Do not take the Business Route 36*; continue straight  on . Continue around Gatesville and in ~15 miles you will come to the small town of Jonesboro where there is an Exxon station on your right. Go straight through  Hamilton [courthouse on right] and on through the small towns of Lamkin and Gustine. ~30 miles from Hamilton is Comanche. As you approach Comanche, **turn left**  to *stay on Hwy 36*. The **Rockin J Restaurant** has a great, inexpensive menu of home style cooking. It is on your left. A Dairy Queen  is ~1 mile down the road on your right. There's also Sonic and Miguel's in town. The best gas station is a Fina (Allsup). (There's a DQ in Cross Plains ~40 miles farther if you're not ready to eat). As you leave Comanche, **turn right**  to *stay on Hwy 36*.

Rising Star is ~25 miles. Go straight  through town to *stay on Hwy 36*. ~10 miles farther is Cross Plains with a Dairy Queen  on the right. Cross Plains is the last town on Hwy 36 until Abilene, ~40 miles down the road. You'll cross Hwy 283. There is no town. After passing Abilene's airport  on the left, there is an intersection with a sign that says Loop 322 and to I-20. **Turn right**  and get on Loop 322. You are now finished with Hwy 36. Good Bye  !

In ~2 miles there is a stop sign. *Do not take Business Route 20*. At the stop sign, go straight  under I-20 and **turn left**  Get on I-20 West  If you need to stop, don't take the first I-20 entrance ramp, but proceed down the feeder road. There are gas stations. Cracker Barrel is at the intersection of I-20 and St Hwy 351. **Turn right**  on Hwy 351 if you'd like Chili's. The Flying J Country Mkt (gasoline and fairly decent food) is exit #277. The feeder road is two way, so stay in the right lane.

You will be on  for about 53 miles.

If you need to stop, there is a Chevron & a Wendy's in Sweetwater,  #244. There is no convenient place to stop after this for ~80 miles. Back on   #238A to Hwy 84 ; stay on the main road and *do not take Business Route 84*.

You will be on  for about 111 miles.

It's a four-lane, divided highway all the way to Lubbock. YEA! There are several small towns – Wastella, Inadale, and Hermleigh. The first town of any size is Snyder, which is bypassed. The next town is Post and  runs straight  through the middle of it. Post is ~36 miles from Lubbock. Stop if you need to. You are almost there!!!

As you approach Lubbock, there are two ways to get to the main entrance. **Turn left**  onto Loop 289 and exit University Ave; **turn right**  **OR** stay on Hwy 84, which becomes Ave Q. Continue to 19th St; **turn left**  to University Ave and **turn right**  Your choice.

Congratulations! You made it.

