

The Fredonia Hotel

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History of The Fredonia Hotel:

- The Fredonia Hotel tells a story of perseverance. The Fredonia Hotel first opened its doors to the public on April 1st, 1955 and since then has undergone several managements.
- The original “moving spirit” behind the first management was Jack McKinney. He saw that Nacogdoches was in need of a first-class hotel to accommodate travelers and business men alike. He proposed to the chamber to construct a community owned hotel.
- The name *Fredonia* was suggested by 4-year old Susan McKinney, “ the name is distinctive, euphonious – easily remembered. It has universal appeal; yet indigenous and reflects the spirit of that will make the hotel possible.”
- Original rates for the Hotel Fredonia were \$6.45 per room. Famous guests include Farrah Fawcett, Amy Schumer, Elvis Presley, and Colonel Sanders.

Facts about The Fredonia Hotel:

- Our hotel was original built in 1955 and the atrium was built around an ancient Catalpa tree. The tree had to be cut down due to it rotting, but we paid homage to it with the hand-made iron tree in the atrium and sold the bowls to the public so that they could have a bit of history in their homes.
- We have 109 rooms that come in four different styles: Cabana Rooms, Tower Rooms, Terrace Rooms, and Suites.
- There is one bar and two restaurants on property:
- Nine Flags Bar – A community favored hot spot for drinks and bar food. 4pm to 12 am (4pm to 1 am).
- 1st City Café – Open from 6:30 am to 9pm. Casual dining serving farm-to-table southern cuisine.
- The Republic Steakhouse – 5pm - 10pm Thursday thru Saturday. Enjoy fine dining at our old-world style chophouse: Opening is January 4th, 2018
- Gym is open 24 hours.
- Pools are open from 6am to 10pm. Terrace pool is heated
- Gift Shop is open from 8am to 8pm.

History of Nacogdoches:

Considered to be the oldest town in Texas, Nacogdoches was founded in 1779 by Don Antonio Gil Y'Barbo. This quaint little town is booming with history and stories from years past beginning with the Caddo Indians, who lived in the area before the Spanish, through the present day. Over the course of its history, Nacogdoches had nine differently flags rather than the six for the rest of Texas. The flags included the Spanish, French, Gutierrez-Magee Rebellion, Dr. James Long Expedition, Mexican, Fredonia Rebellion, Lone Star, Confederate Stars & Bars and of course the United States of America.

The earliest settlers of Nacogdoches were a local Caddo tribe called the Nacogdoche who came to East Texas around 800 A.D. The Caddos are considered to be travelers and traders, and they built log cabins and burial mounds between the Banita and Lanana Creeks. Until the 1716, Nacogdoches stayed a Caddo Indian settlement; however the Spanish began to build missions in the area to maintain their ownership of East Texas. Around that same time, the French began to explore East Texas from Louisiana in order to set up trade with the Native Americans.

The Spanish lost ownership of Texas and Mexico in 1821 after the Mexican Revolution. In order to prevent Anglos from the United States from flooding Texas, the Mexican Government passed colonization laws and granted impresario grants to individuals to settle families in Texas. Disagreements over land titles led to the Fredonia Rebellion. By the early 1830s, relations between Mexico and Texas began to spiral out of control. The first clash between Mexican and Texans occurred on August 2, 1832 with the Battle of Nacogdoches. Aided by local resident Adolphus Sterne, a group of Texas revolutionaries forced the Mexican garrison out of Nacogdoches, and freeing East Texas from military rule. The first battle of the Texas Revolution was fought at Gonzales in October of 1835. The Texas Revolution would last until the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. Texas first became a republic in 1836, and then in 1845 successfully joined the United States of America as the 28th state to the Union.

Like the rest of the South, Texas and Nacogdoches suffered during the Civil War and Reconstruction years, but by the 1880s the town was booming. In 1882 the Houston East and West Texas Railroad came to Nacogdoches and changed the economy drastically from agriculture to trade and commerce.

After the turn of the century, local citizens began to lobby the state for an teacher's college in Nacogdoches. In 1923 Stephen F. Austin Teachers College opened with an enrollment of 158 students. Over the next several decades, the college began to expand to accommodate a large student body. Under the leadership of President Ralph Steen, the college achieved university status in 1969 and a student population of nearly 11,000.

Nacogdoches is considered one of the most historic towns in Texas and offers a wide variety of attractions for visitors. It is nestled right at the intersection of the historic El Camion Real de los Tejas and the La Calle del Norte and still attracts people from all over the world, just like it did in the 1800s when Nacogdoches was considered the gateway to Texas.

Things to do in town:

1. Downtown Main Street – shopping, eating, fun

- a. Charles Bright Visitor Bureau
- b. Banita Creek Dance Hall
- c. Clear Springs & Auntie Pasta's
- d. Liberty Bell
- e. Fredonia Brewery
- f. Dolly's Diner
- g. Old Towne General Store

2. SFASU

- a. Sporting events
- b. Fine arts
- c. Recreational trails / parks / outdoors
 - SFA Gardens
 - SFA Mast Arboretum
 - Ruby M. Mize Azalea Gardens (Texas Largest azalea garden)
 - Piney Woods Native Plant Center
 - SFA Experimental Forest Interpretative Trail System
 - Trails of Nacogdoches
 - Lake Nacogdoches / Tonkawa / Lake Naconiche
 - Roselake Ranch – horseback riding
 - Disc Golf
 - Banita Creek park
 - Pecan Acres
 - Pioneer Park
 - Lake Nacogdoches

3. Historical sites throughout city

- a. CVB
- b. Millard's Crossing Historic Village
- c. Stone Fort Museum
- d. Caddo Mounds
- e. Nacogdoches Fire Museum
- f. Durst Taylor House and Gardens
- g. Sterne Hoya Museum and Library
- h. Statue Trail
- i. Old Nacogdoches University Building
- j. Zion Hill Baptist Church

4. Zip Nac – ziplining

5. Escape Nac

6. Splash Kingdom

7. Texas Pro Bowl / Skate-o-rama

8. Golf / Mini Golf

- a. Woodland Hills Golf Club
- b. North Forest Putting Course – Mini Golf