

Lubbock Lake Landmark Social (Museum) Story

1. Welcome to the Lubbock Lake Landmark. The Landmark is an active archaeological site and nature preserve. There are many things to see and do here, both inside and outside. Stay with your adult and follow the rules, you will have a great time and learn many new things!

You will see this sign when you come into the parking lot.



A view of the Interpretive Center from the parking lot

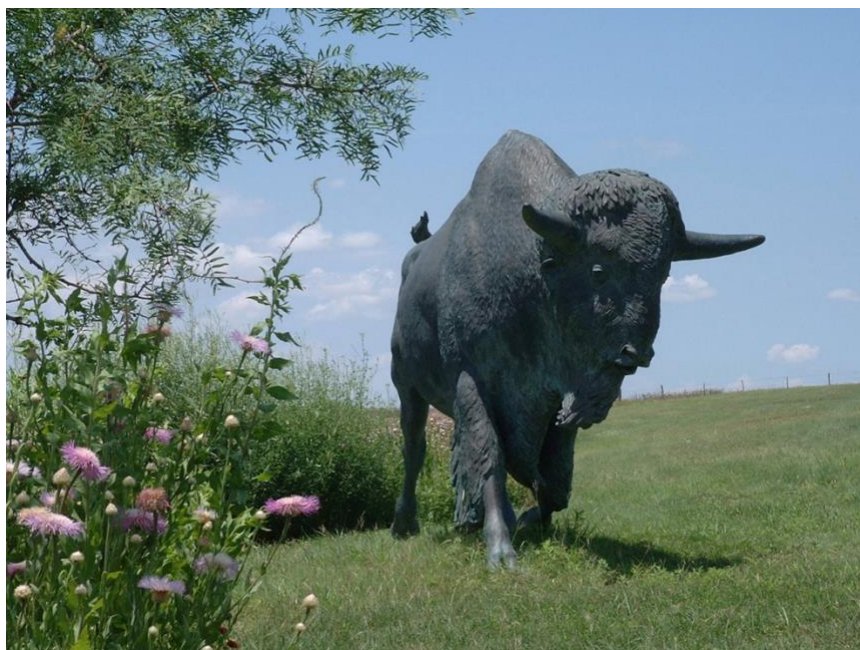


2. When you arrive, you will see the statues of ancient animals. There is an ancient bison and a Columbian mammoth with her baby. You may look at and touch the statues. Do not climb on the statues. Keeping your feet on the ground is the best way to stay safe!

Columbian mammoth and baby mammoth



Ancient bison



3. When you walk inside the building, you will see the front desk. You and your adult may sign our visitor log. Tell the person at the front desk that you are here for Sensory Saturdays and he or she will direct you to our Learning Center.



4. You will also see our gift shop. Here you may buy things like books, stuffed animals, toys and other souvenirs.



5. Ancient Oasis on the Southern Plains is the entrance to our gallery. Be sure to walk, not run, so that you, other visitors, and the exhibits will stay safe. Use your inside voice.



6. Reading the Secrets of the Past – through archaeological evidence, gallery exhibits tell the story of 12,000 years of human occupation in Lubbock, the Southern High Plains, and North America. Walk through the tent to look at tools archaeologists use in the field.



7. Walk through the tent into this room. Pushbuttons and a microscopic-viewer allow you to see archaeological evidence.



Microscope – viewer



8. This diorama shows mannequins of ancient Indians with a hunted bison. It may seem a little scary, but everything is okay. None of the people or bison are real, and they will not hurt you. If you listen closely, you can hear the sound of a storm.



9. A wall or barrier in the gallery means it is okay to look, but not to touch. Looking at the dioramas from the right side of the wall will help keep you safe and preserve the exhibit for everyone to enjoy.



10. You may see Apache Indians with their horse loaded up with trade goods. They may look real, but they are only mannequins.



11. The new exhibit – A Misunderstood Landscape - traces the history of human interaction with the Plains, and introduces visitors to a prairie conservation effort called Prescribed Burning.



12. In the Learning Center, you can read books or work on a floor puzzle. Here you will meet the Landmark's educators, they will instruct you on the activities you can participate in during your visit today.



13. When you go outside, look for the statues of an ancient armadillo and a short-face bear. You may look at and touch these statues, but be sure not to climb on them.



Ancient armadillo also named the Giant Pamphartere



14. The Lubbock Lake Landmark is also a Nature Preserve so when you hike on the trails you might see native animals. These animals are protected here, so do not chase or try to touch them. Animals that you might see here at the Landmark are the Eastern cotton tailed rabbits, bull snakes, red-winged black birds, mallard ducks, field mice or jackrabbits. Be sure to stay on the trail and with your group so that you stay safe.

Wildflower trail during the summer



Eastern Cotton tailed rabbit

