

SELF GUIDED RIDE SUGGESTIONS

Tyler Rose Garden

The Rose Garden is open from sunrise until sunset, seven days a week. Admission is free to the public. Tyler is approximately 117 miles from the Convention Center and it will take you about 2 hours.

The Rose Garden Center serves as the gateway to the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden.

The Rose Garden Center hours are as follows:

Mon - Fri, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

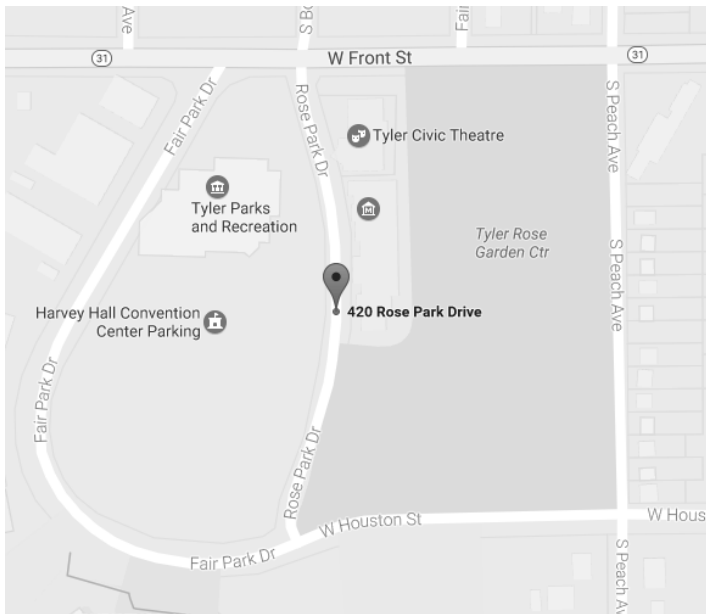
Sunday, 1:00 pm. to 5:00 pm.



Bob Carlson came through Tyler, Texas in the early Spring of 2016 and created a wonderful blog about his adventures here! Bob stated, "I almost bypassed the museum but the nice person at the front desk suggested I go. The movie alone was worth it. You never know how wonderful some places are until you really walk them and learn about them. Your little bit of the world really needs to not be such a big secret."

The history of the Texas Rose Festival and rose industry are chronicled in the Tyler Rose Museum. Interactive exhibits draw you in and make you part of the excitement. Hear the marching band as the floats pass by in the Parade Room. Listen to the recorded voices of former Rose Queens describe their "royal" experience. Beautiful hand-sewn gowns dating from 1935 share display space with bejeweled crowns and scepters.

The "Attic of Memories", a favorite of many museum visitors, feature antiques and poignant memorabilia donated from the private collections of local residents. In the tradition of the best Smithsonian displays, "The Attic" gives visitors a realistic glimpse of life in Smith County throughout the past hundred years. Steamer trunks and faded hat boxes display dated treasures, while audio tapes describe how these items relate to unforgettable Rose Festival moments.



When you visit the Rose Garden you may also want to take in the Goodman-LeGrand House & Museum. This has been a Texas Historic Landmark since 1964. The house was built in 1859, and it was the first property in Smith County to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is 2 miles north east from the Rose Garden, directly north of the Tyler downtown square.

The Goodman-LeGrand Museum is open for walk-ins during normal hours of operation. It is a free attraction. However, a \$2 donation per person is suggested.

The Goodman Museum is located in the 9-acre LeGrand Park & Gardens at 624 North Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75702, just north of the downtown Tyler square.

For additional information please call **(903) 531-1286**. The Museum is open for all to visit.

Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed on Sunday and Monday

The Goodman home was originally built in 1859 as a one-story, four-room house, and it was established on a 9-acre wooded parcel of land. Its first owner and occupant was Samuel Gallatin Smith. The young well-to-do bachelor and attorney sold the house in 1861 when the Civil War broke out. Mr. Smith became a Captain in the Confederacy and was later killed in battle in Louisiana.

The next owner who bought the home in 1861 was Franklin N. Gary, a local school teacher. In 1866, a year after the Civil War ended, Dr. Samuel Adams Goodman, a retired country doctor from South Carolina, purchased the house. The following year in 1867, his son, Dr. William Jeffries Goodman, a local doctor and Civil War Major and Chief Surgeon, bought the house from his father and moved in with his new bride, Mary Priscilla Gaston. Her brother was William Henry Gaston, a founder of the city of Dallas, and one of Dallas' first millionaires. For 73 years and four generations, this prominent family made the house their family home.



Dr. & Mrs. W.J. Goodman raised three children in the home. They added the second story to the house around 1880. Their oldest child and daughter, Sallie Gertrude Goodman, married James H. LeGrand in October, 1893. She and her husband lived here throughout their lives, and after the deaths of Sallie's parents, siblings, and her 2 year old son who died in 1896. In 1926, Sallie and her husband, remodeled the house to its current state, which is in the Classic Revival-style architecture. The 1926 remodel included the construction of the projecting circular porticos and the massive 2-story columns. When Sallie Goodman LeGrand died in 1939, four years after her husband's death, she was the last direct heir to live in the house. Upon her death, she bequeathed the Goodman-LeGrand estate to the City of Tyler, with instructions to maintain the historic family home and to keep it open as a public museum. The City of Tyler officially took ownership in 1940.

Directions to Tyler

When exiting the convention center get on Loop 635. This will take you east around the Dallas Area. Approximately 32 miles you will exit to Highway 80 off Loop 635. Follow the signs to Interstate 20 East. You can take Exit 523 (highway 64) and head through Canton (be aware if traveling through Canton) there is a very large flea market the first of every month (It is called Canton First Monday, you can look it up on the internet). If you don't mind interstate travel you can stay on I-20 to exit 556 (highway 69) and head south. The Rose Center is located on off W Front St (hwy 31) The Rose Garden address is 420 Rose Park Dr, Tyler TX 75602,

