

# Visitors Center Tour

Our first stop on our field trip!

## Lone Star Fence

When we first get off the bus, you notice right away that everything about this place is designed to show off the beauty of Texas. This is the top of the fence right next to the bus stop.



# Visitors Center

Our first stop is the Visitors Center. It is a great place to learn more about Texas.

This building was originally the Texas State Land Office. This is the place where you would get your official deed to your land. They even have a room where you can pretend to stamp a deed with the official state seal.



## Visitors Center--Bonus Video Content

Click the link below to see a video of the Visitors Center. You can see the inside and hear more about the history of the building. I love that this video shows kids on a field trip walking up the stairs. You can almost feel how excited they are.

<https://tspb.texas.gov/prop/tcvc/cvcvideo/index.html>

# Goddess of Liberty

One of my favorite things to see at the Visitors Center is the Goddess of Liberty. She is located on top of the Capitol building, but you can see her from the Visitors Center using a telescope.



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When you see her up close through the telescope, you will see that her face isn't very beautiful. Her features are cut so deep into the surface in order to make her features visible from the ground.





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You can also take a photo pretending to be the goddess. This photo is actually from the day they put the goddess up in 1888. The original goddess began to fall apart and was replaced in 1985. You can still see the original at the Bob Bullock museum down the street from the Visitors Center.



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# Goddess of Liberty--Bonus Content

If you want to know more about the goddess, you can click these links.

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/artifacts/tx-capitol-goddess-liberty-spotlight-031116>

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/discover/texas-state-capitol/goddess-liberty>

This last site is my favorite. If you scroll down, there is a video of the installation of the second goddess. I love that they made the helicopter pilots "Texans for the day." Nobody but a Texan can touch her!!

<https://tspb.texas.gov/prop/tc/tc-history/goddess/index.html>



# State Symbols

My second favorite part about the Visitors Center is the state symbol challenge. This room has computer kiosks where you can work in groups to identify our state symbols. Since we can't do that, joins us for our Zoom symbol challenge. See the master schedule for times. For now, move onto the tour of the Capitol grounds!

