



Area Information

VISITING McDONALD OBSERVATORY

McDonald Observatory welcomes guests to its astronomical facilities in the beautiful Davis Mountains of West Texas. Since there are no overnight accommodations at the Observatory, we have compiled the following information for your convenience when visiting the area. During peak visiting times, accommodations may be full, so we recommend making reservations in advance.

Mileage from McDonald Observatory to:

Alpine	39	Marfa	37
Balmorhea	52	Odessa	165
Big Bend NP HQ	145	Presidio	97
Carlsbad Caverns	175	Pecos	91
El Paso	185	Fort Stockton	101
Fort Davis	16	Monahans	128
Kent, TX (I-10)	35	Marathon	71

AREA POINTS OF INTEREST

- Balmorhea State Park
- Big Bend National Park
- Carlsbad Caverns National Park
- Davis Mountain State Park
- Fort Davis Courthouse
- Fort Davis National Historic Site
- Guadalupe Mountains National Park
- Monahans Sandhills State Park
- Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine
- Hwy 118/166 Scenic Loop
- Odessa Meteor Crater

THE TOWN OF FORT DAVIS

Fort Davis is 16 miles southeast of McDonald Observatory. For more information contact:

The Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce

800.524.3015 or 432.426.3015
 email: ftdavis@overland.net
<http://www.fortdavis.com>

McDonald Observatory Information Line

Recorded message toll free at 877.984.7827
 or call 432.426.3640 9am to 5pm daily.
<http://mcdonaldobservatory.org>

Restaurants & Cafes

The Stardate Café (at the McDonald Observatory)

The Café, in our Visitors Center, features healthful and economical meals with a southwestern theme. Visitors will be able to enjoy a snack or full meal with a breathtaking view of the mountains and observatories. Open 9am-5pm daily & Tues, Fri. & Sat. nights. 432.426.3644

The Black Bear at the Indian Lodge in the Davis Mountains State Park – Open daily 7-10am, 11-2pm, 5-8pm. Sunday hours 7-9:30am, 12-2:30pm, 5-8pm 432.426.3254

The Caboose – Ice cream, shakes, sundaes, shaved ice. 12:00-9:00pm everyday spring to fall. 432.426.2742

Coffee Beans & Rawhide – Inside the Harvard Hotel

Cueva de Leon - (Mexican food) - 11:30-3pm & 5pm-9pm Mon.-Sat. 432.426.3801

Fort Davis Drug Store (at the Old Texas Inn) - Grill & soda fountain. Sunday to Thursday Breakfast/lunch, Friday and Saturday Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner 8am to 9pm 432.426.3118

Hotel Limpia Dining Room - Dinner served; Sunday to Thursday 5pm-9:30pm, Friday & Saturday 5pm- 10pm, Breakfast from 6:30am-11am daily. 432.426.3241

KB's BBQ – 11-3 & 5-? Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri. ~ Open all day Sat. Closed Tues. ~ 407 State Street

Murphy's Pizzeria & Café - 11am-9pm MON.-Sat. 432.426.2020

Mary Lou's Highway 118 Cafe' - 6:30am-2:00pm Sun.-Fri.; Closed Sat. 432.426.3898

Poco Mexico Café – Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. 432.426.3939

Pop's Grill - (1/4 mi south of Ft. Davis Hwy 17) Family dining, Hamburgers, sandwiches, chicken fried steak, chicken. 9am-9pm daily 432.426.3195

Prude Guest Ranch - Scheduled meals. Call for info. 432.426.3201

Rodney's Phat Burger – Burgers, Veggie burgers, BBQ & shakes. Open 7 days a week 11am-9pm 432.426.2900

Smokin' D's – Bar-B-Q 10am-8pm Wed.-Monday (closed Tuesday) 432.426.3096