



Introducing the 2012 Reader Rides Program

we've included website links for information about each state symbol (download this list from our website for live links). As with all Points Across Texas submissions – these photo submissions MUST have you and/or your bike in the photo to qualify. (Limit one picture for each symbol and must be a separate photo from any overlapping categories in this list and from any other category in the Points Across Texas “base” destination list.)

There are many different lists out there. We are only accepting the list provided by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (tsl.state.tx.us/ref/abouttx/symbols.html) updated January 9, 2012. Any updates to this list during 2012 will also qualify.

The rules remain basically the same:

- Send in 10 photos (unique for each category/destination) and get a FREE 2012

Points Across Texas patch. If we add level awards, we'll make that announcement in a later issue, on our website, and in our Facebook pages.

- Pictures must be from 2012 and can be submitted March 1 through October 31, 2012.
- Photos can be emailed to Shelly@ThunderRoadsTexas.com or snail mailed to 4631 Cashel Glen Dr, Houston, TX 77069 or submitted via our Points Across Texas Facebook page.
- Only destinations listed here or online (online will have the most recent updates) are accepted.
- First 10 photos are entered into a drawing for prizes at the end of the program (November 2012). Must be 18 years old to receive drawing prizes.

2012 Themed List - Symbols of Texas:

- Air Force – Commemorative Air Force
www.CommemorativeAirForce.org
- Amphibian – Texas Toad (*Bufo speciosus*)
npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/herps/amphibid/species/bspeciosus.htm
- Aquarium – Texas State Aquarium
www.TexasStateAquarium.org
- Bird – Mockingbird
www.statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Mockingbird.html
- Bison Herd – Texas State Bison Herd At Caprock Canyons State Park
TexasBison.org
TPWD.state.TX.us/spdest/finadest/parks/caprock_canyons
- Bluebonnet Festival
Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Festival
- Bluebonnet Trail Festival
VisitEnnis.org/Festivals/Bluebonnet_Trails.html
- Bread – Pan De Campo
TexasCooking.com/features/nov2005_pan_de_cam-po.htm
- Cooking Implement – Cast Iron Dutch Oven
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/cooking_dutchoven.html
- Dinosaur – Paluxysaurus Jonesi
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Dinosaur_Brachiosaur.html
- Dish – Chili
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/CHILI.html
- Dog Breed – Blue Lacy
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Dog-blue-lacy.html
- Domino Game – 42
Texas42.net
- Epic Poem – Legend Of Old Stone Ranch
tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fclju
- Fiber And Fabric – Cotton
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Cotton.html
- Fish (freshwater) – Guadalupe Bass
TPWD.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_br_t3200_0191.pdf
- Fish (salt water) – Red Drum
TPWD.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/species/reddrum/
- Flag – Texas State Flag
tsl.state.tx.us/ref/abouttx/flagdes.html
- Flower – Bluebonnet
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Flower_Bluebonnet.html
- Flower Song – “Bluebonnets”
netstate.com/states/symb/song/tx_bluebonnets.htm
- Folk Dance – Square Dance
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/SQUARE_DANCE.html
- Footwear – Cowboy Boot
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/TexasStateFootwearCow-boyBoot.html
- Fruit – Texas Red Grapefruit
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/fruit/
- Gem – Texas Blue Topaz
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Gem_Topaz_Lone_Star.html
- Gemstone Cut – Lone Star Cut (see Texas Blue Topaz above)
- Grass – Sideoats Grama
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Grass_Sideoats_grama.html
- Health Nut – Pecan
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Pecan_Health_Nut.html
- Horse (domestic mammal) – American Quarter Horse
tqa.com
- Insect – Monarch Butterfly
TPWD.state.tx.us/learning/texas_nature_trackers/monarch/
- (Note: Prime months are September and October)
- Longhorn Herd – Foundation Herd Of The Texas Parks And Wildlife Department
TPWD.state.tx.us/spdest/parkinfolonghorn/
- Mammal, Flying – Mexican Free-Tailed Bat
TX.sbdn.org/bat_viewing_sites.html
- Mammal, Small – Armadillo
tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/tca02
- Maritime Museum – Texas Maritime Museum
TexasMaritimeMuseum.org
- Motto – “Friendship”
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Motto.html
- Music – Western Swing
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/WesternSwingTXstate-music.html
- Musical Instrument – Guitar
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/musicalinstrument/
- Nickname – “Lone Star State”
netstate.com/states/intro/tx_intro.htm#nickname
- Pastries – Sopaipilla And Strudel
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Sopaipilla_Pastry.html
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Strudel_pastry.html
- Pepper – Jalapeno
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/pepper/
- Pepper, Native – Chiltepin
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/peppernative/
- Plant – Prickly Pear Cactus
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/plant/

This year, we're setting up for future years. We've created a “base” distribution list that won't change and each year, we'll augment with a “themed” list to keep the program fresh.

The “base” list includes:

- A picture of you in a Thunder Roads Texas T-shirt or standing with someone in a Thunder Roads Texas T-shirt. (Limit one per rider.)
- A picture of you/or your bike next to a Thunder Roads Texas banner or sign. (Limit one per rider.)
- Texas Welcome Sign at any state border (limit one per rider).
- Texas county courthouse. (Limit one per county/per rider.)
- All jailhouses listed the “Texas Jail List” on TexasEscapes.com under Texas Architecture. See list at end of article - or download from our website.
- “Capitals” of Texas. See list at end of article - or download from our website. If we've missed any Capitals - please let us know and we'll update our list.

The Lone Star State is a giant of a state; proud of its achievements. It leads the nation in total productivity. It is the leading oil producer in the nation. More beef is produced in Texas than in any other state. It is still the nation's largest cotton producer. Texas is a giant in the space industry, and is a major player in high technology. No state has a greater variety of reptiles, or a more diverse selection of flowers, than the great state of Texas. Fittingly, Texas also boasts the largest (gross square feet) of all the state capitol buildings, constructed of 15,000 carloads of pink granite.

Official Symbols represent the cultural heritage and natural treasures of each state or the entire United States. Each state and region is also recognized by well-known icons and emblems such as state flags and seals. Additionally, each state also accepts a set of other symbols, such as the state bird, flower, mammal, tree, etc. They tell us what makes each state special. Not all states have the same category of symbols, such as the Texas State Tartan and Domino Game. But all go through a similar state process that involves submissions, legislative acceptance, and governor's signature.

So this year, we're looking for your creativity! Take this list and send in pictures representing the symbols. Some of these will be “no-brainers”; others will require a little ingenuity. We welcome BOTH! And to help out a little,

Plays – The Lone Star, Texas, Beyond The Sundown, Fandangle
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/plays/
 Precious Metal – Silver
tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/dks02
 Quarter – Texas State Quarter (51 State Quarters® Program (1999-2008)
theus50.com/texas/quarter.php
 Railroad – Texas State Railroad
TexasStateRR.com
 Reptile – Texas Horned Lizard
TPWD.state.TX.us/learning/texas_nature_trackers/horned_lizard/
 Rodeo Drill Team – Ghostriders
TheGhostRiders.homestead.com
 Seal – Great Seal of Texas (adopted June 1992)
sos.state.tx.us/statdoc/seal-additional.shtm
 Shell – Lightning Whelk
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/shell/
 Ship – USS Texas
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/ship/
 Shrub – Crape Myrtle
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/shrub/
 Shrub, Native – Texas Purple Sage
e-referencedesk.com/resources/state-symbols/texas/native-shrub.html
 Snack – Tortilla Chips And Salsa
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/Tortilla_Chips_Salsa.html
 Song – “Texas, Our Texas”
TexasOurTexas.info
 Sport – Rodeo
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/sport/
 Stone – Petrified Palmwood
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/stone/
 Tall Ship – Elissa
GalvestonHistory.org/1877_tall_ship_elissa.asp
 Tartan – Texas Bluebonnet
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/tartan/
 10k Run – Texas Round-Up 10k
TexasRoundUp.org
 Tie – Bolo Tie
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolo_tie
 Tree – Pecan
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/tree/
 Vegetable – Sweet Onion
shgresources.com/tx/symbols/vegetable/
 Texas Onionfest; March 24-25, 2012 Weslaco.com/OnionFest
 Vehicle – Chuck Wagon
statesymbolsusa.org/Texas/texas_chuckwagon.html
 Waterlily – Texas Dawn
water-garden-blog.com/texas-dawn-dedication-as-the-state-waterlily-of-texas

Texas Jails List:

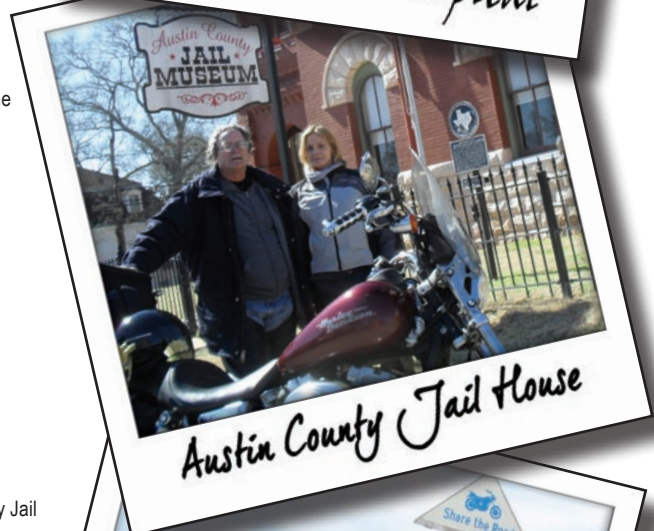
Albany, former Shackelford County Jail
 Alice - Jim Wells County Jail
 Alpine, former Brewster County Jail
 Andrews - former Andrews County Jail
 Archer City, former Archer County Jail
 Athens, former Henderson County Jail
 Baird, Callahan County, old and new jails
 Ballinger, former Runnels County jail
 Bandera, Bandera County former jail
 Bastrop - Bastrop County Old Jail
 Baytown, Chambers/Harris Counties, former Goose Creek Jail
 Bellville, Austin County, former Bellville jail
 Belton - Former Bell County Jail
 Benjamin, Knox County, former jail
 Boerne, Kendall County Jail
 Brackettville, Kinney County Jail
 Brady, McCulloch County Jail

Brownfield - Terry County's First Jail
 Brownsville - Cameron County Jails
 Brownwood - Brown County Jail Museum
 Burnet - Former Burnet County Jail
 Cameron, Milam County Jailhouse and the Jailhouse Ghost
 Canadian, Hemphill County old jail
 Carbon Old Jail
 Carthage, Former Panola County jail
 Center, Shelby County, former jail
 Chillicothe, Former City Jail
 Clairmont, Kent County old jail
 Clairmont Jail
 Clarksville, Red River County Jail
 Claude, Armstrong County Jail
 Coldspring, Old San Jacinto County Jail
 Coleman, Coleman County Jail
 Comanche, Comanche County jail
 Corpus Christi, Nueces County old jail
 Corsicana City Jail
 Dallas County Jail
 Decatur, Wise County Jail - Old Stone Prison
 Del Rio, Val Verde County Jail
 Dell City, Hudspeth county
 Desdemona, Eastland County old jail
 Dickens, Dickens County Jail
 Eagle Pass, Maverick County Jail
 East Bernard - Old Holding Cell
 Eastland, former Eastland County Jail
 Edna, Jackson County Jail
 Eldorado, former Schleicher County Jail
 Fairfield, Freestone County former jail
 Farwell, Parmer County Jail
 Floydada - Floyd County Jail
 Fort Davis - Jeff Davis County Jail
 Fort Griffin
 Fort Stockton, Pecos County, Pecos County Jail
 Franklin - Robertson County Jail
 Fredericksburg, Gillespie County jail
 Gail, Former Borden County Jail
 Gainesville - Cooke County Jail
 Garden City, former Glasscock County jail
 Georgetown, Williamson County old jail
 Glen Rose - Somervell County Jail
 Goldsmith, former city jail
 Goldthwaite - Mills County jail
 Gonzales - Gonzales County jail
 Graham - Young County Jail
 Granbury, Hood County old jail
 Groveton, Trinity County jail
 Guthrie - King County jail
 Hamilton, Hamilton County jail
 Hartley - First Hartley County Jail
 Hebronville - Jim Hogg County Jail
 Hemphill - Former Sabine County Jail
 Henderson, Rusk County jail
 Henrietta, former Clay county jail
 Hidalgo County Jail, Edinburg Texas
 Hidalgo - Former Hidalgo County Jail
 Hillsboro, Former Hill County jail
 Holliday
 Hondo, Medina County Jail
 Johnson City, Blanco County Jail
 Jourdanton - Atascosa County Jail
 Junction - Kimble County Jail
 Kemp - Once held Bonnie Parker
 Kyle City Jail - old jail and sign
 La Grange - Former Fayette County Jail
 Centerville - Leon County Jail
 Llano, Llano County jail

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Navasota, Blues Capital



Austin County Jail House



Share the Road



Paparazzi & Patch Ride Bandera - Cowboy Capital



Lockhart, former Caldwell County jail
 Lubbock, Lubbock County Jail
 Marathon, former Brewster County jail
 Marfa, Presidio County, jail and water tower
 Mason, Mason County jail
 Matador - Motley County Jail
 McKinney, Collin County Prison
 Menard - Menard County Jail
 Mobeetie, Wheeler County Jail
 Montague, Montague County Jail
 Mount Vernon, Franklin County jail
 Navasota, Grime County, former jail
 New Boston, Bowie County old jail
 Oakville - Former Live Oak County Jail
 Paducah - Former Cottle County Jail
 Palestine, Anderson County Jail
 Palo Pinto County Jail
 Pearsall, Frio County Jail
 Quanah, former Hardeman County jail
 Richmond, former Fort Bend County jail
 Robert Lee - Former Coke County jail
 Roby, Fisher County Jail
 Rocksprings - Edwards County Jail
 San Augustine County Jail
 San Elizario - Former El Paso County Jail
 San Jacinto County Jail
 San Marcos - Former Hays County Jails
 San Saba County Jail
 Schleicher County Jail
 Seymour - Former Baylor County Jail
 Silverton - Former Briscoe County Jail
 Skellytown jail
 Snyder, Scurry County Jail of 1912
 Somerville City Jail 4-13-10
 Sonora, Sutton County Jail
 Sour Lake Iron Cage Jail
 Spofford - Strap-iron Jail
 Stanton jail, Martin County
 Sterling City - Sterling County Jail
 Stockdale City Jail
 Sweetwater, Nolan County old jail

Throckmorton, former Throckmorton County jail
 Tilden, McMullen County Jail
 Van Horn - Former Culberson County Jail
 Vernon Texas - Former Wilbarger County Jail
 Waller County Jail
 Waxahachie, Ellis County old jail
 Wheeler, Wheeler County old jail
 Wichita Falls - 1890 Wichita County Jail
 Woodville - Tyler County jail

Texas "Capital's" List:

Alligator Capital of Texas; Anahuac
 Antique Capital of Texas; Baird
 Balloon Capital of Texas; Alpine
 Barbeque Capital of Texas; Lockhart
 Bass Capital of Texas; Mount Pleasant
 Bed & Breakfast Capital; Jefferson
 Big Bass Capital of Texas; Quitman
 Birding Capital of East Texas; Mineola
 Blackeyed Pea Capital; Athens
 Blueberry Capital of Texas; Nacogdoches
 Bluebird Capital; Wills Point
 Bluebonnet City; Ennis
 Bluebonnet Co-Capital of Texas; Burnet
 Bluebonnet Co-Capital; Llano County
 Blues Capital; Navasota
 Boot Capital of America; Justin
 Cactus Capital; Sanderson
 Cement and Steel Capital; Midlothian
 Cheeseburger Capital; Friona
 Chess Capital; Brownsville
 Chili Capital of the World; Terlingua
 Christmas Capital of Texas; Grapevine
 Citrus Capital; Weslaco
 Colonial Capital of Texas; San Felipe
 Cowboy Capital of the World; Bandera
 Crape Myrtle Capital; Waxahachie
 Crape Myrtle City; Mauriceville
 Crape Myrtle Capital; Lamar County
 Crawfish Capital of Texas; Mauriceville
 Czech Heritage Capital; West
 Daffodil Capital; Round Rock
 Danis Capital; Danevang
 Deer Capital of Texas; Llano
 Dinosaur Capital; Glen Rose
 Dove Capital of Texas; Hamilton
 Eagle Capital; Rains County
 Fruit Cake Capital of the World; Corsicana
 Goose Hunting Capital; Eagle Lake
 Hippo Capital; Hutto
 Horned Lizard Capital; Kenedy
 Hot Air Balloon Capital; Plano
 Irish Capital; Dublin
 Jackrabbgit-Roping Capital; Odessa
 Leap Year Capital of the World; Anthony
 Mural Capital; Breckenridge
 Mushroom Capital; Madisonville
 Norwegian Capital; Clifton
 Ostrich Capital; Midland
 Outdoor Capital; Buda

Pancake Capital; Hawkins
 Peach Capital; Parker County
 Polka Capital of Texas; Fredericksburg
 Pottery Capital of the World; Marshall
 Pump Jack Capital; Electra
 Pumpkin Capital; Floydada
 Purple Martin Capital; Longview
 Red Poppy Capital; Georgetown
 Red Tail Hawk Capital; Kaufman
 Redbud Capital; Denton
 Rice Capital of the World; Katy
 Rodeo Capital; Mesquite
 Rose Capital of the World; Tyler
 Sausage Capital; Elgin
 Seedless Watermelon Capital; Knox City
 Spinach Capital of the World; Crystal City
 Sports Capital of Texas; Round Rock
 Spur Capital; Gatesville
 Square Dance Capital; McAllen
 Stagecoach Capital; Bridgeport
 Storyfest Capital; George West
 Storytelling Capital of Texas; George West
 Strawberry Capital of Texas; Poteet
 Sunflower Capital; Hearne
 The Birthplace of Texas; Deer Park
 Tomato Capital of the World; Jacksonville
 Turkey Capital of the World; Cuero
 Vaquero Capital of Texas; Jim Hogg County/
 Hebbornville
 Volunteer Capital; Comal County
 Watermelon Capital of Texas; Luling
 Western Swing Capital; Turkey
 Wild Boar Capital; Dickens
 Wildflower Capital of Texas; Temple
 Wind Energy Capital; McCamey
 Wine Root Stock Capital; Denison
 Wool and Mohair Capital; San Angelo



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