

# DESTINATION EL PASO

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

### **Franklin Mountains State Park**

- Nation's largest state park in an urban setting
- 24,000 acres of Chihuahuan desert
- 37 miles of desert wilderness, scrub vegetation and open space
- 12 miles of multi-use trails

### **Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site**

- World-renowned for rock climbing
- Archaic pictographs and rock art
- 860 acres of natural "huecos" or rock basins

### **Keystone Heritage Park**

- 4,500-year-old site comprises an Archaic archaeological site, wetlands and desert botanical garden
- Home to over 200 species of birds
- 17-acre of indigenous plant life

### **Wyler Aerial Tramway**

- Only public aerial tramway in the state of Texas
- Breathtaking 7,000-square-mile panoramic view
- See three states and two nations from an elevation of 5,632 feet in the air



## HISTORIC EL PASO

### **Mission Trail**

- 400 years of rich history
- Oldest working missions in the region
- Various museums, art galleries and the Tigua Cultural Center
- Guided group tours available

### **Concordia Cemetery**

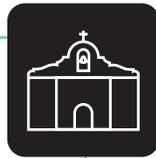
- The resting place for over 60,000 historical citizens and early pioneers
- Home to the region's own "Boot Hill," where gunfighter John Wesley Hardin rests
- Features a Buffalo Soldiers Memorial
- Guided group tours/ghost tours available

### **Plaza Theatre**

- 1930s theatre that holds true to its original beauty
- Home to one of only two Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organs
- Guided group tours available

### **Magoffin Home State Historic Site**

- Territorial style home dating back to 1875
- Magoffin family and their descendants inhabited the 1.5 acre home for
- Guided group tours available



## MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS

### **El Paso Museum of Archaeology**

- Presents more than 14,000 years of prehistory of the El Paso region
- 15-acre land with more than 250 varieties of Chihuahuan Desert native plants

### **El Paso Museum of Art**

- Houses a permanent collection of more than 6,000 works, including American and European classic masterworks, Spanish retablos, Mexican colonial, and contemporary
- Traveling exhibitions
- Guided group tours available

### **El Paso Museum of History**

- Features a 400 year chronology of El Paso
- Home to the first and only interactive digital touch-screen history wall in the United States (the other is in Denmark)

### **El Paso Holocaust Museum**

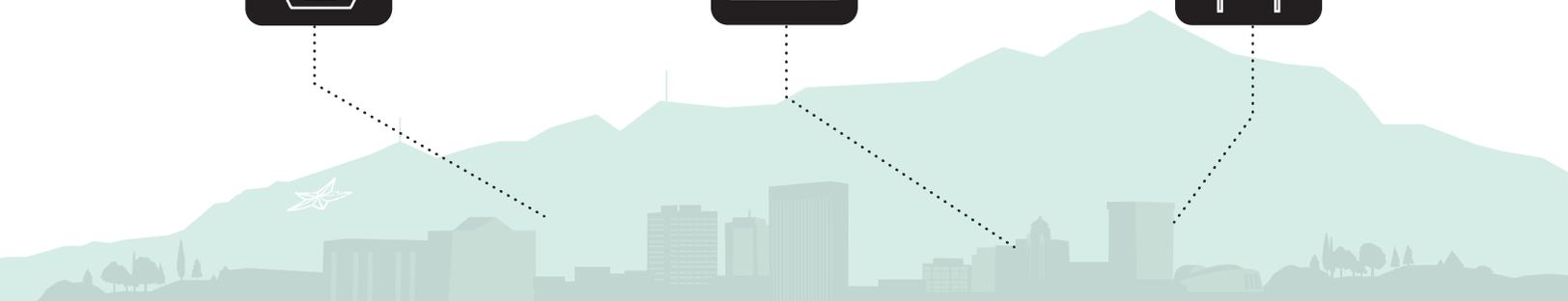
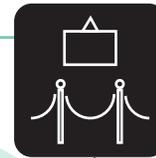
- One of only 16 in the nation

### **El Paso Zoo**

- Home to over 220 species of animals, a train, and an interactive treehouse

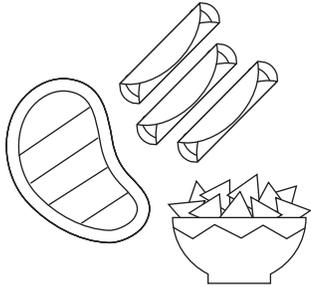
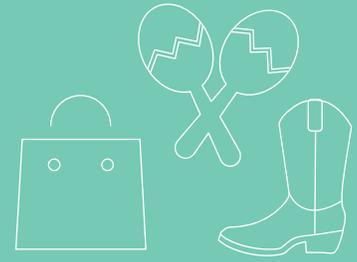
### **National Border Patrol Museum**

- The only one in the country



# SHOPPING

- Known as the Boot Capital of the World, we have more than a dozen boot companies and manufacturers who still make them by hand
- Six major malls and shopping complexes
- Several specialty shops with treasures representative of the southwest region
- Multiple local, unique boutique shopping districts



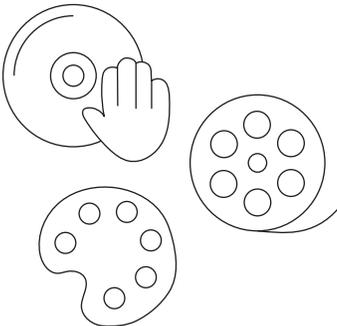
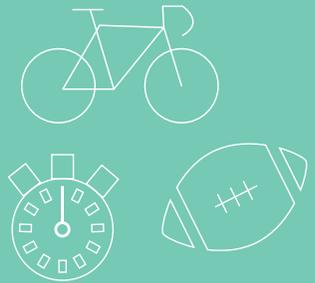
# FOOD NETWORK FAVES

The following restaurants have been featured on national television programs:

- Cattleman's Steakhouse at Indian Cliffs Ranch
- Chico's Tacos
- H&H Car Wash
- L&J Café

# SPORTS

- Home to the El Paso Chihuahuas, San Diego Padres Triple-A affiliate, and Southwest University Park which was named 2014 Ballpark of the Year by baseballparks.com (April-September)
- The Hyundai Sun Bowl football game is the second longest-running bowl game in the nation (December)
- Michelob Ultra El Paso Marathon, the fastest qualifier for the Boston Marathon (February)
- El Paso Puzzler Endurance Mountain Bike Race in Franklin Mountains State Park (January, MLK Weekend)
- The University of Texas at El Paso has the only NCAA basketball championship title in the state of Texas (1966 Texas Western team, featured in the Disney film, "Glory Road")



# ANNUAL FESTIVALS

- Neon Desert Music Festival - Popular indie, electronic and hip-hop music festival (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Billy the Kid Festival – Popular historical event with reenactments of Billy the Kid's great escape at the San Elizario jail (June)
- Sun City Music Festival – The largest electronic dance music festival in the region (Labor Day Weekend)
- Texas Showdown Tattoo and Music Festival – The largest of its kind in the U.S., featuring world-famous tattoo artists and live music (July)
- Plaza Classic Film Festival, the largest in the world dedicated to this genre (August)
- Chalk the Block – Interactive family-friendly event, in which the streets of El Paso become a canvas for local, regional, international artists and the community at-large. The event also features pop-up art galleries and live music (October)