

Beyond Texas' border

Want to wander beyond the state lines? Consider these family-friendly destinations where our neighbors welcome you with plenty of homegrown distractions.



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Easy access leads to lots of Texas families to Red River.

New Mexico: Red River, named one of the top 10 ski areas in the West by Sunset magazine this winter was built by Texans, and you'll always find plenty of pen pals from the Lone Star State on hand. It's considered one of the best old-school ski areas, with lifts that whisk you up the mountain right Main Street and within walking distance of the Old West – style motels and steak joints. You and the family can ski, snowboard, snowmobile, cross-country ski, snowshoe and tour a mining camp replica. On Saturday nights, be sure to catch the torch light parade down the mountain. Red River's about 625 miles northwest of Fort Worth; the drive usually takes about 12 hours. 800-331-7669; www.redriverskiarea.com