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Quiet Texas RV Park Spaces

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Hondo isn't a large town by anyone's estimation, and nor is it much of a tourist attraction, but for RVers, it has a lot of advantages. Within this small town there are three RV Parks, all reasonably priced.

We spent a few months snowbirding at Quiet Texas RV Park, located on the south side of Hondo, surrounded by farmland. So, yes, it lived up to its name and was very quiet.

How to Get to Country View Campground

Quiet Texas RV Park (QTRV) is located at 3316 CR 541, Hondo, TX 78861. Office: 1-830-5-931-5777. Email: c5properties@yahoo.com; URL <http://www.qtrvpark.com/>.

The map shows how to get to the QTRV park as well as the park layout. From Highway 90 in Hondo, take Avenue U south about two miles. Avenue U becomes CR 541 at 30th Street, and QTRV about ¼ mile further south, on the right.

There are two entrances. The first one is narrower and easy to miss, but will have you pointed in the right direction for the back-in spots. The second one is a few hundred feet down the road, a bit wider and easier to spot, but, depending upon the space you choose, you may have to do some fancy backing up to get into your spot. But people do it all the time, so there's room to maneuver.

A Quite, Clean Campground

QTRV Park is a nice park with 29 shaded, spacious sites with plenty of room for slideouts. Each has a concrete pad with picnic table and full hookups for 20/30/50 amps. Most are 20' x 55', and are back-in sites. There are a couple pull-throughs, so it's a good idea to call ahead and reserve these. QTRV Park is open year-round and offers overnight, weekly and monthly rates.

Other amenities include a laundry room and free Wi-Fi. Pets are welcome but please clean up after them. There is a large grassy play area in the center of the park.

There are no cable TV, showers, bathrooms, pool, or rec room facilities.

Registration

Feel free to arrive anytime as you can hook up 24-hours a day. There is no onsite manager, so again, call ahead. Basically, you'll just pick a spot and watch for the owner who'll come around in the morning and get you registered.

Rates

QTRV's campground rates are competitive and reasonable, despite the minimal accommodations. Monthly rates don't include electricity, and a utility deposit is required for monthly stays. Electricity is included in daily and weekly rates. This is a Passport America park, so don't forget to ask for your discount.

Restaurants in Hondo

There aren't many choices for dining in Hondo, but three are worth mentioning.

The Jade Restaurant located on Highway 90, the main street through Hondo offers good Asian food at reasonable prices. They have individual dinners and a huge buffet to choose from. There's another Asian restaurant in town, but we didn't eat there.

El Restaurante Azteca is touted by locals as the best restaurant in town. We didn't eat there either, but it's worth mentioning that they are open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I noticed that it was always crowded for breakfast, and often for dinner. That's a good sign.

Hermann Sons Steakhouse, on Highway 90, immediately east of the Highway 170 overpass, on the right. Always crowded for lunch and dinner, this is the place for a good seafood, chicken, or steak dinner.

Other Eateries

Billy Bob's Barbeque was good, but pricey.

Taqueria El Rodeo De Jalisco has great Mexican food at great prices.

We didn't try McBee's Bar-B-Que, but it, too, was busy when open, which I recall was just afternoons on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Dinner specials: There are several fast food places--Subway, Sonic, McDonalds, What-a-Burger, Dairy Queen--but we found the best bargain at Church's Chicken. You can get a leg and thigh for 99¢ every Tuesday, a special we've seen in many Texas towns. Not much help if you prefer white-meat chicken.

Things to do Near Hondo

Probably the best feature of Hondo is its location. Just 40 miles west of San Antonio, 30 miles south of Bandera, and 50 miles south of Kerrville, it is surrounded by interesting places to visit, fishing, boating, and lots of community activities, especially from late spring through fall. Kerrville is known for its many festivals and fishing in the Guadalupe River. Bandera is the "old west" center, and is close to lake activities on Lake Medina. San Antonio offers the Alamo, River Walk, excellent access to health care facilities, shopping and a long list of tourist attractions.

If you travel up to Bandera, there are several interesting restaurants, gift shops and other cowboy themed attractions.

Go east 15 miles to Castroville and you'll find the fantastic Haby's Alsatian Bakery. They've got such a wide assortment of freshly baked goods that you'll want to set aside plenty of time just to look it all over.

We did have lunch at the Old Alsatian Steakhouse at 1403 Angelo Street in Castroville. They boast old world German cooking, and we both enjoyed our meal there.

There's a lot to enjoy about QTRV Park, especially if you like it quiet and enjoy a rural setting. We thoroughly enjoyed watching the many varieties of birds just outside our window, including cardinals, the brilliant vermillion flycatcher, doves, and so many more.

Workcamping Options

Workcamping doesn't seem to be an option at QTRV Park, but it never hurts to give the owner, Kevin Christiansen a call to ask. You never know when your needs and his might coincide.

Shopping

Shop at Super Wal-Mart and HEB grocery store, Dollar General, Bealls, Radio Shack, Family Dollar, and True Value Hardware among other name brand stores. Two propane suppliers are within 10 miles.

Going Green

The QTRV park is also very proactive about reducing the amount of electricity they purchase from the local utility which burns coal to make power. By installing three Skystream Wind Turbines in the RV park, they are able to keep the electric rates very low for residents. This is the only RV park we know of that is doing its part to "Go Green".