

THINGS TO SEE AND DO:

- Abilene Zoo
- Frontier Texas – Featuring life – sized holographic figures
- Abilene State Park
- Paramount Theatre – Concerts, live theater and touring shows
- Lake Abilene, Lake Kirby, and Lake Fort Phantom Hill

ANNUAL EVENTS:

- Key City Rhythm & Blues Festival – April
- Buffalo Gap Wine and Food Summit – April
- Cinco de Mayo Celebration – May
- Children’s Art and Literacy Festival – C.A.L.F Festival - June
- Big Country Balloon Fest – September
- “The Nutcracker” – Classic Ballet – November
- Lighted outdoor Christmas displays – December

SCHOOLS:

- Four middle schools, 14 elementary schools, 2 Traditional high schools, and a STEM Academy high school <https://www.abileneisd.org/abileneisd>
- Abilene Christian University <http://www.acu.edu/>
- Hardin – Simmons University <https://www.hsutx.edu/>
- McMurry University, Texas Tech University at Abilene, and Texas College of Cosmetology

OTHER FUN FACTS:

- Merkel is located in Taylor County with a population of 2,617 off IH 20 seventeen miles west of Abilene was founded in the early 1880’s and was first known as the “Windmill Town.”
- Abilene is perhaps best known for Dyess Air Force Base and the many churches and universities located in the city.

LINKS:

<http://www.abilenevisitors.com/> - Visitor’s Bureau

<http://www.abilenechamber.com/our-members> - Chamber of Commerce