

# Take a Drive



## An East Texas Color Run

Maple, sweet gum, and Virginia creeper flaunt fiery hues against loblolly pines, creating a lively tapestry for this drive.

Begin in Winnsboro and head south on TX 37, continuing through Mineola and Lindale on US 69. Use eastbound FM 16 to reach Winona—savor the mural at the intersection of FM 16 and TX 155. So far, you've traveled 52 miles, but consider adding in side county roads, where autumn creates cozy canopies over roadways. A favorite: the gentle roll of CR 32, located 7 miles east of Lindale just off FM 16. —Mary O. Parker



### OUT & ABOUT

## Homage to the Old West

Since opening in 1955, the [National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum](#) in Oklahoma City has seen more than 10 million visitors, a testament to the world's fascination with this slice of American culture. Admission, \$5.75–\$12.50. (405) 478-2250; [nationalcowboymuseum.org](#). —Beverly Burmeier

**DON'T MISS:** [Canyon Princess](#). The 16,000-pound white-marble cougar (pictured) was presented to the museum in 1995 by sculptor Gerald Balciar. The cat guards the entrance to the Gaylord Exhibition wing. Peruse the [Western Performers Gallery](#), where actors who portrayed cowboys in movies are honored through displays such as the John Wayne Collection of personal firearms, artwork, and memorabilia. Stroll the streets, peek in store windows, and walk into authentically furnished buildings at [Prosperity Junction](#), a replica frontier town.

**SAVE THE DATE:** [Rodeo Hall of Fame Weekend](#), September 27–28, celebrates Rodeo Hall of Fame inductees. Activities include a commemoration dinner, a gala, and storytelling. Contact the museum for tickets.