

# LANDMARK INN

*state historic site*

## EDUCATOR GUIDE

In the 1840s, the Republic of Texas encouraged settlement of the state's vast, unsettled land. Responding to the opportunity, entrepreneur Henri Castro recruited more than 6,000 settlers, mostly farmers from the Alsace region of France, to travel to Texas and settle tracts of his 1.2 million-acre land grant. The town of Castroville was founded on September 3, 1844. Throughout the second half of the 19th century, the Landmark Inn State Historic Site evolved as a residence, store, hotel, and grist mill. In 1925, Jordan T. Lawler acquired the mill, inn, residence, and outbuildings, and converted the mill to a power plant that provided Castroville's first electric power. The property was donated to the state of Texas in 1974. The inn, gristmill, bathhouse, kitchen, and grounds were renovated and the area opened as a historic site in 1981.

### Contact Information

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### Hours and Reservations

Open daily from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Educational programs and tours are available by appointment, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please note that most programs and tours involve being outdoors, so dress accordingly. Programs and tours may also be postponed by inclement weather. Please make reservations by calling 830.931.2133.

### General Admission

Admission for school groups is \$1 per person. Please note that we recommend a ratio of one adult supervisor to every 10 students. There are no additional fees charged for educational programs.

### Directions

The Landmark Inn is located on Highway 90, 20 miles west of San Antonio.



## Social Studies TEKS Connections

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