

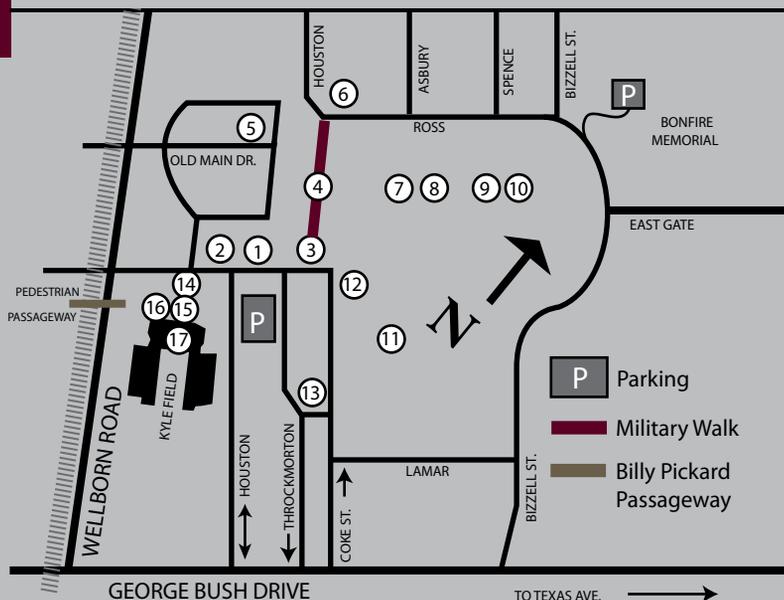
## Self-Guided Walking Tour

### Howdy! Welcome to Aggieland!

The combination of world-class academics, spirit and traditions is what makes Texas A&M unique. We hope this tour provides you with a taste of all we have to offer.

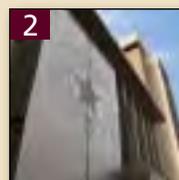
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**1 RUDDER TOWER:** You are standing in the lobby of Rudder Tower, home to the Appelt Aggieland Visitor Center. The lobby elevators take you up Rudder Tower, where the office of the president of Texas A&M and the University Club are located. At the end of the lobby is the Rudder Theatre Complex, which hosts special events, lectures, arts and entertainment. In the past few years, President Barack Obama, former Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, General David Petraeus and noted physicist Stephen Hawking have all spoken here.

*Exit through the doors next to the Visitor Center and make an immediate left. Walk to the Loyalty Entrance on the southeast corner of the Memorial Student Center.*



**2 THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER:** Both a living memorial and the hub of student life at Texas A&M University, the MSC contains such iconic Aggie traditions as the Flag Room and the Hall of Honor. Either now or after your tour, you may want to spend more time in the newly renovated and expanded MSC. You can shop in the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, enjoy the art galleries, have a bite to eat at one of dozens of eateries and honor those Aggies who have fallen while serving our country. To leave the MSC, proceed down the 12th Man Hall and exit through the Integrity door.

*Turn right, and walk across Rudder plaza and the fountain area. Stop when you reach the statue of James Earl Rudder at the beginning of Military Walk.*



**3 GENERAL JAMES EARL RUDDER '32:** Texas A&M's president from 1959-1970 and one of WWII's most decorated soldiers. He is known for transforming Texas A&M by making the military requirement optional and opening admission to women.



**4 MILITARY WALK:** Historic military walk commemorates the path the Corps of Cadets took each morning in formation to Sbisa Dining Hall. Recently renovated and restored to its former glory thanks to the generous donation of a former student, this is now a major thoroughfare through campus.

*Continue walking north along Military Walk towards Sbisa Dining Hall. You'll pass Academic Plaza on your right. If you turn your back to the Plaza, you'll be facing Albritton Tower in the distance; you will*

*hear its Westminster chimes ring every quarter hour. On your left is the newly renovated historic YMCA Building. And note the huge building in between the YMCA and the Tower, the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building.*



**5 INTERDISCIPLINARY LIFE SCIENCES:** The 220,000-square-foot building represents one of the largest investments in research in Texas A&M's history — a \$100 million facility to advance our role in the most advanced scientific research and teaching.

*Continue walking down Military Walk. At the end of Military Walk, you'll reach Sbisa Dining Hall and to the right, Fish Pond, an Aggie landmark. When Texas A&M wins a football game, students catch the yell leaders on the field and throw them into the pond.*



**6 SBISA DINING HALL:** The main dining hall for students and one of the largest university dining halls in the nation. It features an all-you-can-eat buffet of contemporary American, Mexican, Asian and Italian cuisine, a large salad bar, all kinds of health food and a make-your-own burger station.

*Return south on Military Walk and walk into Academic Plaza.*



**7 ACADEMIC PLAZA:** The centerpiece for main campus and gathering spot for students studying and relaxing, Academic Plaza is a key component of Aggie life. The plaza continues to serve as a venue for a number of special events and traditions. Three such traditions are commemorated by the Sul Ross Statue and the Silver Taps and Muster markers. Be sure to read about these well-known Aggie traditions on the plaques and in the History and Traditions section on page 32.

*To your left as you face the Academic Building, you will see the Century Tree. This old oak tree holds a special place in the hearts of many Aggies. Well over 100 years of age, this was one of the first trees planted on Texas A&M's 5,200-acre campus, and has been the site of numerous Aggie marriage proposals. Enter and walk through the Academic Building.*



**8 ACADEMIC BUILDING:** Built in 1912, after the Old Main building burned down, its copper dome has never been polished. Presented to Texas A&M by the Class of 1978, the giant mosaic-tile rendition of the university seal dominates the floor of the rotunda. Suspended from the rotunda dome is a replica of the Liberty Bell to honor Aggies who made sacrifices during World War II.

*Walk past the mosaic floor, down the stairs and out the back door; directly ahead of you is the Cushing Memorial Library.*



**9 CUSHING MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** Constructed in 1930 as the first freestanding library on campus, Cushing is home to special collections, rare books and the archives of Texas A&M University. It memorializes the contributions of one of Texas A&M's most loyal and generous supporters, Col. Edward Benjamin Cushing.

*Walk around the left of Cushing and along the left side of the Sterling C. Evans Library. Enter the Library.*



**10 THE STERLING C. EVANS LIBRARY & LIBRARY ANNEX:** With approximately 4 million volumes and 400,000 e-books, the Texas A&M library ranks 12th among academic libraries in U.S. public institutions. Evans is the largest and most central library available to students on campus; it also houses the nationally acclaimed University Writing Center. In

the Annex, students can reserve private or group study rooms and access microfilm, movies and the Internet.

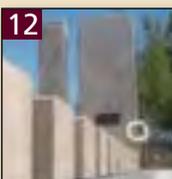
*Continue walking southwest on Nagle Street toward Lubbock and stop in front of the arches.*



**11 THE QUAD:** Symbolizing the spirit of the 12th Man, the arches serve as the entry point to the Corps of Cadets Quadrangle or "Quad." The Quad is the home of the Corps, and contains the new Buzbee Leadership Learning Center, residence halls to house all 2,100 male and female cadets, and Duncan Dining Hall to feed them. Notice the

sculpture of the Aggie Ring, the most enduring symbol of belonging to the Aggie family.

*When you leave the Quad, stop in front of the memorial to your right, before continuing on the sidewalk west towards Joe Routt Blvd.*



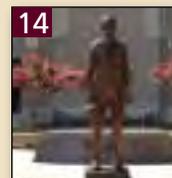
**12 FREEDOM FROM TERRORISM MEMORIAL:** A gift from Texas A&M's classes of 1968 and 2003. Designed by Texas A&M graduate architecture students, it is dedicated to Texas Aggies "who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who will continue to make sacrifices . . ." including the many Texas Aggies who guard and protect the United States from terrorist attacks.

*Walk on the left sidewalk of Joe Routt Blvd. and stop in front of the Centennial Eagle and the Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center.*



**13 SAM HOUSTON SANDERS CORPS OF CADETS CENTER:** Home to a museum that houses thousands of Aggie artifacts and a library with more than 3,000 military research volumes. More than 60 exhibits, 600 photographs and thousands of pieces of memorabilia are also on display. The most famous exhibit is the Metzger-Sanders gun collection, which is known nationally and used continually for historical research.

*Cross Coke Street and walk past the John J. Koldus Student Services Building and G. Rollie White Coliseum toward Kyle Field. Continue walking until you see the statue of E. King Gill.*



**14 12TH MAN STATUE:** E. King Gill became the embodiment of the 12th Man on January 2, 1922 when A&M was playing Centre College in the Dixie Classic. A reserve who never played, he suited up and stood ready and willing on the sideline. Today the Aggie student body, known as the 12th Man, remains standing throughout the

entire football game as a gesture of its loyalty and readiness for duty.

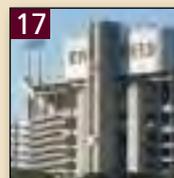


**15 REVELLE'S GRAVES/SCOREBOARD:** Reveille, the first lady of Aggieland, is the official mascot of Texas A&M. As a five-star general, she is the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets. When the first Reveille died, she was buried in the north end of Kyle Field so that the score of the Aggie football games was always

visible from the site. After construction of the Bernard C. Richardson Zone, a graveyard was dedicated outside the Zone and a small electronic scoreboard was mounted on the Zone, so that the score would remain visible.



**16 ZONE SPORTS MUSEUM:** The nation's only all-sports museum funded primarily by former athletes. Feel free to walk in and enjoy the Aggie timeline, Legends Gallery and interactive exhibits dedicated to the great athletes in Texas A&M history.



**17 KYLE FIELD:** Home to the Texas A&M football team in rudimentary form since 1904 and as a complete stadium since 1927. It is known as The Home of the 12th Man. Kyle Field has an official capacity of 83,002 but has hosted crowds in excess of 88,000. Kyle Field is regarded by many as one of the most intimidating

college football stadiums in the nation.

You might not realize this, but Texas A&M is divided by the Union Pacific railroad tracks into main and west campus.

Your tour has been in a small area east of the tracks, known as main campus. In addition to the campus attractions you've already seen, main campus includes engineering, architecture, geosciences, science, education and liberal arts buildings. Residence halls, as well as the main dining centers and many campus support facilities, are also on main campus. Of particular interest on the main campus are the **Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center**; the **Jack K. Williams Administration Building** and **The Bonfire Memorial**.



West campus is home to most other sports facilities, including **Olsen Field at Blue Bell Park**, **Reed Arena**, the Student Recreation Center, as well as business, agriculture, political science, economics, veterinary medicine and biomedical sciences, the Bush School of Government and Public Service and the **George Bush Presidential Library and Museum**.



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