Nestled on the banks of the Colorado River and in the heart of the Lost Pines of Texas, the Bastrop historic district offers a delightful selection of shops, restaurants, hotels and inns. Nearby neighborhoods contain over 100 historic homes, many beautifully restored.

**Main Street**

7. **1602 Elm:** Manlove-Chambers House, Built 1835

This stately house, indicative of 1800’s era architecture, still has indoor shutters with holes intended for rifles should the need arise. It was the home of Bastrop’s first mayor, Bartholomew Manlove. Today it is an inn beautifully decorated with antiques from England, Ireland and the U.S.

8. **1710 Main:** Sarah Jenkins House, Built 1832

After her husband, Edward, was killed by Indians, Sarah Jenkins moved into this home with three children and a baby on the way. Sarah married Reverend James Northcross in 1835 who died at the Alamo the next year. Her son John Holland, joined Sam Houston’s army in 1836, but returned to help his mother flee Bastrop during the “Runaway Scrape.”

9. **1704 Main:** E.S. Orgain House, 1914

Elbert and his wife, Louise, received this magnificent house as a wedding gift from Elbert’s father, B. D. Orgain. The stately columned porch is repeated inside the house. A dramatic staircase rises from the entrance hall to the second floor and is highlighted by a beveled glass oval window. The home remained in the family until shortly after the death of Louise in 1970. “When Angels Sing,” a holiday movie starring Harry Connick Jr., was filmed here in 2011.

10. **1402 Main:** Dimon-Erhard House, Circa 1855 (See Walking Trail)

11. **1403 Main:** Brooks-Wilbarger House, Built 1842 (See Walking Trail)

12. **1307 Main:** White-Turner House, Built 1890 (See Walking Trail)

For more information or to arrange a group tour of historic homes in Bastrop, contact the Bastrop County Historical Society Museum at 512-303-0057.
Historic Homes of Bastrop

See beautiful vintage homes along tree canopied streets in the Bastrop historic district where there are more than 130 sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Together, these homes reflect a wide variety of architectural styles and represent residential life in Bastrop during the 1800s to the mid 1900s.

Walking Trail

Church Street

1. 1208 Church: H.B. Combs House, Built 1912
   - Built by the Wilbarger Lumber Co. in 1912, the home is an eclectic mixture of architectural styles including Neo-Classical and arts-and-crafts. It was the home of Dr. Henry Burris Combs, a prominent local physician and his wife, Dorothy Maude Olive, granddaughter of pioneer Texans, Thomas and Margaret Chambers. Dr. Combs was active in community affairs and served as Vice President of the Citizens State Bank from 1909-1945.

2. 1307 Church: Hall-Sayers-Peterson House, Circa 1830-1850s
   - This was originally the home of Dr. David Sayers, who we believe moved to Bastrop so that his sons could attend the Bastrop Military Institute. His son, Joseph, became governor of Texas in 1889, serving until 1903. Originally, the home was a two-room cottage with a dog-trot passage and an outdoor kitchen. Each room had a fireplace. A second story was added in 1910, and the house was restored in the 1960s. It is now recognized for its herb garden.

3. 1402 Church: H.P. Luckett House, Built 1892
   - Located on the site of the famous Bastrop Military Institute, also known as “The Academy,” which was razed, the H.P. Luckett House is one of Bastrop’s grand Victorians. It was built in Queen Ann style for $14,000, has ornately decorated rooms, a variety of gingerbread and fretwork and a grand staircase. The Military Institute was active during the Civil War.

4. 1408 Church: Allen-Bell House, Circa 1850s
   - From 1859 to 1866, this was the home of Major Robert D. Allen, Commandant of the Bastrop Military Institute. In 1866, the Bell brothers purchased the property for their mother. It has been the home of four generations of Bells. The exterior walls are of vertical board and batten. The bedrooms on the west were a part of the original military barracks, which were added to the house in the 1890s.

5. 1501 Church: Rufus A. Green House, Built 1888
   - In 1851, the lot on which this house was located was purchased from John D. Hogge for $300. Rufus A. Green, builder of the First National Bank, purchased the home in 1888. It was formerly a one-story cottage with high ceilings and a second story was added in 1910, and the house survived. Years later he purchased this home with his wife, Harriet, from M.O. Dimon who lost his business in the 1862 Bastrop fire. Cayton opened a drug store on Main Street in 1865.

6. 1508 Church: B.D. Orgain House, Built 1881
   - This double-gabled Victorian residence was constructed in 1888 for Benjamin Darby Orgain, a prominent area banker, attorney and civic leader and his wife, Drucilla. Drucilla was an assistant teacher in the local Colorado Institute. The exterior of their home features intricate detailing and fishtail shingling. The interior includes woodwork of pine, mahogany and walnut.

7. 602 Cedar: Sarah Jane Orgain House, Circa mid 1800s
   - For 57 years, it was the home of Mrs. Sarah Jane Orgain, an outstanding leader in educational and cultural affairs of early Bastrop and her husband, Edward. Sarah Jane was perhaps best known for organizing a private school known as the Colorado Institute. In this home, a foyer with a grand staircase divides the front two rooms. Its kitchen was once a separate building. Sarah Jane died in 1924.

Wilson Street

8. 1402 Wilson: Crocheron-McDowell House, Built 1857
   - The two-story Greek Revival style house was built of cedar in 1857 for Bastrop area merchant Henry Crocheron and his wife, Mary Ann. Henry was one of the founders of the Bastrop Steam Mill. For many years the house served as the social and intellectual center in Bastrop. Five fireplaces add to its splendor.

9. 1404 Wilson: Allen-Fowler House, Built 1852
   - Professor William J. Hancock, headmaster of the new Bastrop Academy, which opened in 1851, built the house to serve as a residence and boarding house. In 1857, the Academy was converted into the Bastrop Military Institute (BMI) under a new headmaster, Col. Robert T. Pallen, a West Point graduate. Col. Allen purchased the house for $5,000 in 1869 and converted it to board to students there. A frequent visitor was Governor Sam Houston, whose sons were BMI cadets. In 1876, John Preston Fowler and his wife, Maud, purchased the house. Fowler was mayor of Bastrop in 1874, a county attorney and a State Senator.

Main Street

1. 1402 Main: Dimon-Erhard House, Circa 1855
   - Cayton Erhard served as a member of the 1841 Texas Santa Fe Expedition. He was captured, but survived. Years later he purchased this house with his wife, Harriet, from M.O. Dimon who lost his business in the 1862 Bastrop fire. Cayton opened a drug store on Main Street in 1865.

2. 1403 Main: Brooks-Wilbarger House, Built 1851
   - Major A.M. Brooks and his wife, Althen, built this Greek Revival home in 1851. James Harvey and Dorothy Wilbarger acquired the property in 1865. While a teenager, James, son of noted sculpting victor Josiah Wilbarger, served in the U.S.-Mexican War.

3. 1404 Main: T.A. and Marie Hasler House, Built 1870
   - J.A. Hasler arrived in Bastrop in 1861 as a penniless teenager, but was a prominent businessman when he died in 1909. He helped to organize the First National Bank in 1896. After 1926, the Hasler’s daughter, Mary Perkins, added extensively to this house. A movie, “Fireflies in the Garden,” starring Julia Roberts and Ryan Reynolds, was filmed here in April 2007.

Driving Trail

Pecan Street

1. 1010 Pecan Street: Zeiten-Morris Home, Built 1903
   - Tucked underneath a grove of pecan trees, this elegant turn-of-the-century Victorian residence at one time faced Chestnut St., but was moved with the aid of mules and logs. At the gateway to Bastrop’s “Silk Stocking Row,” it is beautifully appointed with tasteful American antiques. The home also features romantic fireplaces, elaborately milked and long leaf pine floors.

2. 1109 Pecan: T.A. and Marie Hasler House, Built 1870
   - T.A. Hasler arrived in Bastrop in 1861 as a penniless teenager, but was a prominent businessman when he died in 1909. He helped to organize the First National Bank in 1896. After 1926, the Hasler’s daughter, Mary Perkins, added extensively to this house. A movie, “Fireflies in the Garden,” starring Julia Roberts and Ryan Reynolds, was filmed here in April 2007.