

Our Mission

The mission of Millard's Crossing Historic Village, Inc is to portray the spirit and ingenuity of pioneer settlement in East Texas and to connect present generations with those of the past.

Our Story

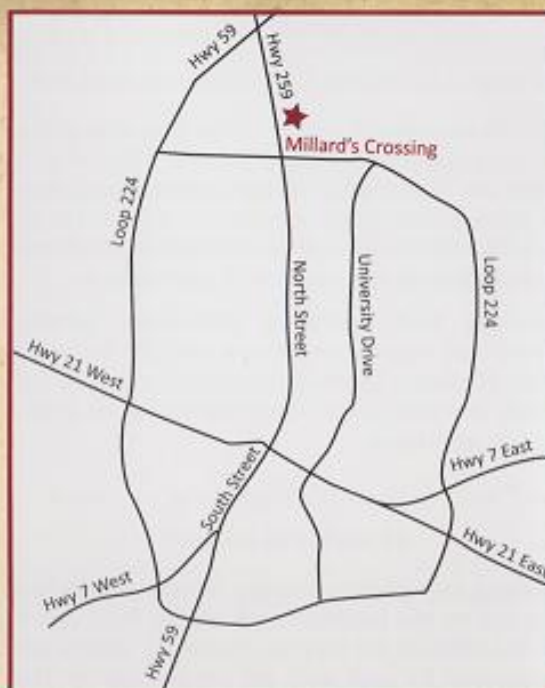
Millard's Crossing Historic Village was created by Nacogdoches native Lera Millard Thomas, wife of former Congressman Albert Thomas. Beginning in 1970, Lera Thomas embarked upon this remarkable project, relocating a variety of historic structures from Nacogdoches County to family property north of town. She then had them restored and furnished with her extensive collection of artifacts and antiques. She named her village "Millard's Crossing" after the train crossing that passes on the north side of the property. Today the Village stands as a testament to one woman's determination to save what she could of "the oldest town in Texas."



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Millard's Crossing Historic Village is unique for its number and variety of 19th East Texas buildings open to the public. No where else can visitors find so many log structures dating back to the 1840s, including a classic "dogtrot" home, a log school house and a log office. Visitors can also tour a rare two-story "double-house" built during the Republic of Texas days along with three other late 19th century homes. One of the most appealing structures to young and old alike is the pre-1920's wood caboose, which was once a part of the Nacogdoches & Southeastern Line.



Latitude: 31 degrees, 39 minutes, 37.50 seconds north
Longitude: 94 degrees, 39 minutes, 30.35 seconds west

Hours

MON – SAT: 9 am to 4 pm
SUN: 1 pm to 4 pm

Location

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MILLARD'S CROSSING

HISTORIC VILLAGE
Nacogdoches, Texas



Hands-On History Tours

Nestled among the pines of the oldest town in Texas, Millard's Crossing Historic Village is a charming reconstructed site, where visitors can catch a glimpse of East Texas as it was in the 19th century. Here, history comes alive through activities designed to create an awareness of the resourcefulness, strength and ingenuity of preceding generations. Our award-winning "hands-on" tours are loved by all and are personalized to the age and interests of the participants.



ADULT GROUP TOURS:

- "Guess What It Is" - Antique tools & gadgets
- Humorous pump organ demonstration
- Reading of a 1922 teaching contract
- A school house lesson with hats & bonnets
- Free-wheeling tour of buildings & collections

CHILDREN'S TOURS:

- Drawing water from a well
- Doing Mama's laundry
- Shelling corn
- Push plowing and planting corn
- A school house lesson wearing hats & bonnets
- Writing with quill pens
- Pioneer games and corn cob toys



Guided Individual & Group Tours

\$6 adults • \$5 children 4-17 • Age 3 and under free*

Guided tours are offered on a drop-in basis and take 1.5 to 2 hours to experience all the Village has to offer. Our "round robin" system permits newcomers to join a tour already in progress. Fully-guided tours require a four person minimum. Group tours of more than 10 people require advance reservations.

Specialty tours, including after-hours, picnics, dinner and entertainment, are available for more than 30 people by pre-arrangement only. Call our office or e-mail us for more information on group or specialty tours.

Self-Guided Walking Tours

\$2 adults • \$1 children*

Walking tour packets and the "stroll toll" box are located by the brochure rack on the front porch of the office in the Burrows House. All visitors are welcomed by staff with an introduction to the Village when not engaged in a tour.

Historic buildings do not have handicap ramps but every effort is made to accommodate visitors who are partially mobile.

Annual Events

Millard's Crossing hosts several unique annual family events.

- Easter Egg Hunt - Palm Sunday
- Ghosts of Millard's Crossing - October 31st
- Old Fashioned Christmas - First Friday in December
- Pine Knot Music Night - Fourth Friday each month

Picture Your Event in History Buildings and Grounds Rentals

This wonderful historic complex is also operated and maintained as a resource for hosting both public and private events in a setting that is unique, reflecting the community spirit of celebration then and now.



RENTAL OPTIONS:

- Charming turn-of-the-century chapel
- Victorian reception house
- Rose-covered gazebo for outdoor weddings
- Victorian parsonage
- Beautiful grounds with picnic tables



Gift Shop

Millard's Crossing has a unique gift shop specializing in inexpensive old-timey toys, games and artifacts that are hard to find, such as music boxes, fans and kaleidoscopes. There is also a wonderful collection of books about how things were done in the old days to delight teachers and history enthusiasts of all ages.

*All ticket prices subject to change.