



Bastrop, Texas

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Directions

Coming from the East on I-10: Take exit 695 to merge onto TX-71 West/Feeder Rd toward La Grange/Austin. Continue to follow TX-71 W for 54.2 miles. Turn right onto Co Rd 181/Pine Hill Drive. Bastrop MDS camp on the left at 132 Pine Hill Loop.

Coming from the North on I-35: At Temple turn left onto NW H K Dodgen Loop, which then turns into Hwy 95. Turn left onto TX-71 E/TX-95 South for 2.9 miles. Turn left onto Co Rd 181/Pine Hill Loop. Bastrop MDS camp will be on the left at 132 Pine Hill Loop.

Coming West towards Bastrop on I-10: Take exit 477 to merge onto US-290 East toward Fredericksburg/Johnson City/Austin. Travel 71.7 miles. US-290 turns into Hwy 71 just before Austin. Follow Hwy 71 through Bastrop. Turn left on Co Rd 181/Pine Hill Loop. Bastrop MDS camp will be on the left at 132 Pine Hill Loop.

Location

Bastrop Texas is located in central Texas, 30 miles South East of Austin.

Demographics

Bastrop is rich in history and natural beauty. The Colorado River runs through the City and forests cover much of the land. Early in Texas history, Bastrop was seriously considered as a place for the capital, but because of land prices, Austin, located 30 miles North West of Bastrop, was chosen instead. The current population is approximately 7,800 people. Nearly 12 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

September 2011 Fires

The most destructive wildfire on record in Texas destroyed 34,000 acres in Bastrop County in September 2011. Approximately 1600 homes were burnt in Bastrop County. Reports are that half of the homes were uninsured or underinsured.

MDS

Local MDS volunteers were involved early on in investigation and clean up work in the Bastrop area. In the fall of 2011, MDS volunteers, some with heavy equipment, began the big job of tree and debris removal in the area. MDS volunteers will continue the work of tree and brush clearing around property lines. New construction will hopefully start in the winter or early spring of 2012. MDS will work closely with local recovery committees to help meet client needs. The MDS camp will be set up on a school property that was almost completely destroyed by the fires. One building remains which will house kitchen and fellowship areas. Mobile units will be used for sleeping