



Public Transportation and Major Highways

[Google Map of Tulia](#)



Tulia is easy to navigate. The town is laid out on a north-south grid parallel to the BNSF railroad and Interstate 27. There is one traffic light in the center of town, and blinking lights in two locations on US Hwy 87.

Tulia is serviced by Interstate 27, making it easy to travel to Amarillo (50 miles), Lubbock (74), and points between and beyond. US 87 parallels the Interstate, serving as a service road in some locations. Texas 86 traverses Swisher County east and west, connecting to US 287 in the east, and US 60 to the west.

Public transportation is provided around town by Panhandle Community Services for \$1 per trip. Trips to Plainview, Amarillo, and Lubbock are also provided:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays to Amarillo -- \$17 RT

Tuesdays, Thursdays to Lubbock (\$25) or Plainview (\$9 RT)

Some local churches provide transportation for medical purposes on an as-needed basis.

Catching airline flights is easy from Tulia, with an international airport about an hour's drive to the north and south.

Both airports--Amarillo's Rick Husband Airport and Lubbock's Preston Smith Airport--are serviced by American Eagle, Continental Express, and Southwest Airlines.

For private aircraft, Tulia/Swisher County Airport has a 4800 foot runway.

Bus service

Greyhound, traveling I-27, makes four stops each day at Rip Griffin's Travel Center.

The nearest **passenger rail service** is Amtrak in Las Vegas, NM. (Approx 270 miles)

Airports

Amarillo – Rick Husband Intl – 60 miles

Lubbock – Preston Smith Intl – 68 miles

Additional Information

Financial services and retail businesses

Tulia is served by three banks and a credit union. There are several financial advisory venues, including Wells Fargo, Investment Centers of America, and Merrill Lynch.

Tulia has a pharmacy (which accepts Medicare and offers personal service), a lumber yard, two auto parts stores, two discount stores, a number of hair salons, Curves, and a number of restaurants.

Utilities

Electricity and water are provided by the City of Tulia. Electricity is based on a minimum of \$10 + .0339/kwh. Turn-on is \$35.

Water is charged at \$13 for the first 2000 gallons, \$2/1000 thereafter.

In rural areas, electricity is provided by Swisher Electric Cooperative.

Gas is provided by Atmos Energy.

Cable Television is available from Suddenlink.

Satellite TV is available from Dish Network and Direct TV.

The city operates a translator, which allows viewers to pick up five Amarillo stations (CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, and PBS) with a small antenna.

Telephone (land line) service is available from Windstream and Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative. Several providers offer cell phone service.



Internet services are available from a variety of providers, utilizing dial-up, DSL, cable, and wireless technologies.

Volunteer Opportunities

Swisher County RSVP, sponsored locally by Swisher County Commissioners' Court, connects active adult volunteers, 55 and older, with volunteer opportunities at non-profit organizations and schools throughout Swisher County.

Civic Clubs (Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions), Women's Clubs (Progressive Study Club, Omicron, Kaleidoscope, Red Hat Society and others) and Veterans Organizations and Auxiliaries are always looking for members who want to be involved.

Youth programs (4-H, Girls Scouts, Little League) are always eager for volunteers. The Boy Scout program in Tulia currently needs a volunteer coordinator.

Accessibility

Most buildings in Tulia are at ground level and only one story high, accessible to most special needs. The main multi-level buildings in Tulia, the County Courthouse and Swisher Memorial Building (which houses the museum, library, Chamber of Commerce, and City Hall) are elevator equipped and accessible. The Texas Department of Transportation recently installed ramps at almost all intersections on major streets in Tulia.

Of Interest to Veterans

Cannon AFB with a Base Exchange is about an hour and a half to the west in Clovis NM. Amarillo is the site of the nearest VA hospital.