1. America's Best Value Inn
381 N U.S. Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567
Phone: (512) 446-6163
www.abvrockdaleinn.com

2. Days Inn by Wyndham
221 N U.S. Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567
Phone: (512) 446-5900
www.daysinnhotels.com/days-inn

3. Quality Inn
702 W Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
Phone: (512) 446-1600
www.choicehotels.com/texas/rockdale/
quality-inn-hotels/tx72

4. Rainbow Courts Motel & Apartments
915 E Cameron Avenue
Rockdale, TX 76567
Phone: (512) 446-2361
www.rainbowcourts.com

5. Regency Inn
213 N Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567
Phone: (512) 446-3755

6. Rodeway Inn
3300 W Cameron Avenue
Rockdale, TX 76567
Phone: (512) 446-2575

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1. ROCKDALE CITY HALL

The Rock of Rockdale

There are many accounts of how Rockdale got its name but the most commonly accepted one is that a Mr. B. P. Ackerman, who, after seeing a rock formation while looking down over a claims made several months of postwar Rockdale joined the town Rockdale. Her husband, B. P. Ackerman, had been one of the key individuals that old land to the railroad to lay out a new town and, when it came time to officially name the town, the railroad delegated the task to Mrs. Ackerman who officially named it Rockdale.

Calaboose - Old Jail From Burlington, Texas

The term "calaboose" comes from the Spanish "calabaza" which means "jail, dungeon, or cell" and was used to describe small structures used as jails throughout Texas and the United States until the early 20th century. The calaboose at City Hall is believed to have been built around 1890 and was previously located in Burlington, Texas, across the street from a row of houses called "Fat Row." Rockdale must have its own calaboose located at 123 West Bell, but it is long gone. In 2016, the city of Rockdale obtained permission from the Willson County Commissioners’ Court to relocate the Burlington calaboose to its present location behind Rockdale City Hall where it will be preserved as a reminder of Rockdale’s past.

City Hall Mural

The mural located inside City Hall, was designed and painted in 2015 by Santiago Balderas while a student at Rockdale High School, won a city-sponsored contest to design a mural depicting Rockdale’s history and landmarks.

2. VOLUNTEER FIREMAN’S MEMORIAL

The cenotaph honors the volunteer fireman who selflessly served to help keep Rockdale’s citizens safe since 1872. One of the boats especially beloved by those firemen was lost in a blaze while on duty. John W. Williams and J. W. Hooper, who died while combating the firestorm, September 26th, 1910.

3. BRIDGE PARK

Bridge Park gets its name from two out-of-service Milan County bridges, the Shafter Bridge and the Guthrie Bridge, that were moved to the park in 2015.

4. RAINBOW COURTS MOTEL

Rockdale’s Rainbow Tour and Camp was established in 1918 by Monroe Bullock. Highway 79 wasn’t yet paved, but that didn’t stop Monroe Bullock from building an "inn" for tourists and migrant workers alike. His brother, Ben Bullock joined him at the Rainbow in the early 1930s and they became a Central Texas red and breakfast business before "Red and Breakfast" was all the rage.

5. AYCOCK HIGH SCHOOL

Aycock High School was opened in 1902 and was originally known as the Rockdale Colored Public School. The building, consisting of two rooms, was furnished with a few battered desks, a bench or two, and a small table and chair for each teacher. Two hours of classes, a few euros, and time spent in a water park and dinner made up the students. Over the years it was expanded to the current structure. The school was named Aycock High School in 1994 after Bryant Aycock, who served as principal from 1903 to 1921. In the 1955-1956 school year, Aycock High School won state championships in both football and basketball.

6. MULLTYPY PARK

Moulty Park is dedicated to Paul Moulty, who was born a slave in South Carolina in 1853. He became a free man at the age of 12 and in 1868 he traveled to Georgetown, Texas, where he opened a blacksmith shop. In 1902, he moved to Rockdale to work for the Valentine and Hoskins general store, where he was named Moulty Park after his blacksmith shop. In 1895, he purchased the shop and made money running it to buy two farms.