West Texas Area Lodging  
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Fort Davis: HOTELS AND B&Bs

- **Awakening Place** — Guestrooms and cedar cabin rental has maximum accommodations for four adults. It is light and airy with high ceilings and picture windows. Knotty pine walls enclose two bedrooms, one bath, full kitchen and living room which overlook the historic Fort. Several quiet garden areas available for relaxation and star gazing. There is ample off-street parking. Address: 103 Cavalry Road, Fort Davis, TX 79734. Phone: (432) 426-3789.


- **Butterfield Inn** — Located downtown; four cottages each with a queen-sized bed, Jacuzzi, and fireplace. Wheelchair accessible. Phone: (432) 426-3252. E-mail: butterfieldinn@sbcglobal.net.


- **Casa Hermosa Suites** — The newest addition to Wildflower Properties. Two great choices. Each with private porches and parking areas, free high-speed wireless, views of Sleeping Lion Mountain, cable TV,DVD, and many more amenities. The King Suite has a king bed, kitchenette, private parking, patio, cathedral ceiling. Starlight Suite has two bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen, living room, private parking and large front porch. Phone: (432) 249-1234. Web: www.wildflowercottages.net.

- **Davis Mountains Inn** — A new facility with old world charm in a beautiful, very private six-acre setting. Views of the majestic Davis Mountains and fabulous night skies from the porches and decks. Bring your telescope. Read in the shade of numerous trees or just listen to nature. This seven-bedroom Inn has plenty of room for relaxing. Each bedroom or suite is unique with amenities ranging from a Spa Bathroom, satellite TV, high speed wireless internet, private living area, wet bar, to private exterior entrances. The common living room in the main house hosts a fireplace, cathedral ceilings, and beautiful lighting from the bank of windows and doors. A full country breakfast is included in the nightly stay and is served between 7:30–9 am. Weekend art workshops and getaway packages are available as well as Spa Services. The Inn is conveniently situated next to the MacMillan RV park, making the Davis Mountains Inn property a perfect combination of lodging and RV space for family reunions, retreats and group gatherings. Phone: (432) 426-3939. E-mail: davismtinn@yahoo.com. Web: http://web.mac.com/davismtinn/.

- **Double M Ranch Getaway Suite** — Secluded guest suite on a 1500-acre working ranch; covered patio with unobstructed views of the McDonald Observatory & Mt. Livermore. Phone: (432) 426-2473. Web: www.mmguestranch.com.

- **Fort Davis Motor Inn & RV Campground** — Motor Inn has 48 simple rooms; RV Campground has full hookups, 30-by-50-foot spaces, cable TV hookups, tenting area, picnic tables, grills, showers and restrooms. Phone: (432) 426-2112 or (800) 80-DAVIS. Web: www.texbesthotels.com/fort_davis.htm.
• **Harvard Hotel** — A new, Western-themed hotel located in downtown Fort Davis on the Main strip. Phone: (432) 426-2500. Web: www.sprourlanch.com.

• **Historic Carriage House** — 1400 square feet with two-foot-thick adobe walls and oak floors. Two bedrooms, large living room, fully equipped kitchen, Italian country antiques, full breakfast. In a lovely garden area two blocks from downtown. Phone (888) 383-2847 or (432) 426-2233. E-mail: info@theveranda.com.

• **Hope’s Ranch** — The hospitality that the Kennedy family made a hallmark of at the Old Schoolhouse Bed & Breakfast has been extended to include this incredible three-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath vacation home. Situated on 40 acres on the eastern edge of Fort Davis, Hope’s Ranch offers sweeping vistas of the Davis Mountains, the village of Fort Davis, and the high grasslands nearby. Phone: (432) 426-2050. E-mail: kennedys@schoolhousebnb.com.

• **The Hotel Limpia** — Historic hotel with 32 rooms, suites on the square, and guest houses; guests can enjoy the veranda during the day and a quiet fire in the parlor in the evening; Phone: (800) 662-5517 or (432) 426-3237.

• **Hummingbird Cottage** — 301 Agave St. This cozy one-bedroom bungalow is nestled behind rose arbors and native trees yet within walking distance of shopping and dining. Phone/TV/Cable/VCR. Fully equipped kitchen. Sun porch with rockers for morning coffee. Phone: (432) 249-1234. Web: www.wildflowercottages.net.

• **Indian Lodge** in Davis Mountains State Park — A 39-unit park lodge, with two meeting rooms and restaurant; state park has 100 camping sites. Phone: (432) 426-3254.

• **Mary’s Post Office** — On Davis Street just north of the Courthouse. In 1908, James Edwards built this one-room building for his wife the postmaster. It has a Queen bed, claw-foot tub with a shower and more. Non-Smoking, No pets. Available April thru September. Phone: (432) 426-3097. E-mail: info@rmsprourlanch.com. Web: www.rmsprourlanch.com.

• **McIvor Ranch** — Also known as the U up U down, McIvor Ranch is a working cattle ranch that's tied to the history of McDonald Observatory. The ranch has remained in the family for over 100 years. Gram's Ranch House is a great place to stay here in the Davis Mountains. It has a wonderful view of the McDonald Observatory from the front porch and a majestic view of Blue Mountain off the back porch. The house has three bedrooms with air conditioning in each room/two full baths. It has a living and dining area with a TV/VCR (no cable). The house has a fully equipped kitchen including a washer and dryer. There is lots of wildlife. Birding, hiking, biking or just relaxing. We would love for you to come join us here at the ranch for a couple of nights or a while. Please contact us for more information and available dates. Address: Julie & Scott McIvor, HC 75 Box 1434, Fort Davis, TX 79734. Phone: (432) 426-2277. E-mail: mcivor@rionet.coop.

• **Mrs. Mims House** — Mrs. Mims rose-covered arbor leads to a courtyard garden, with flower beds in blues, pinks, and purples. The garden is totally fenced, to provide a private space for relaxing with your family, dog, or in quiet solitude. The Mims House has a fully equipped kitchen. The living room has twin day beds and a rocker. Large queen bedroom opens to a back porch with wicker furniture—perfect for morning coffee. Central heat & air. Cable TV. Phone: (432) 249-1234. Web: www.wildflowercottages.net.

• **Old Schoolhouse Bed and Breakfast** — Three beautifully renovated rooms in a historic building, one with a private bath, located near downtown. Phone: (432) 426-2050. E-mail: kennedys@schoolhousebnb.com.

• **Overland Trail Campground & Cabins** — Small, inexpensive, rustic camping cabins make up the campgrounds and cabins. Phone: (888) 478-5267 or (432) 426-2250. E-mail: otcamp@texascamping.com.
• **Point of Rocks Ranch Bed and Breakfast** — 11 miles West of Fort Davis on Highway166, HCR 74, Box 20, Fort Davis Texas. Phone: (432) 426-3786. E-mail BnB@pointofrocksranch.com.

• **Prude Guest Ranch** — A dude ranch with 35 motel rooms and seven family cabins, with tennis courts, an indoor heated swimming pool, and other facilities. Phone: (800) 458-6232 or (432) 426-3202. E-mail: info@prude-ranch.com.

• **The Ranch House** — Built in the early 1900's by Robert Stuart Sproul, the Ranch House served as the Sproul Ranch headquarters. The ranch has been in the Sproul family and a working cattle ranch for over 100 years. It has two bedrooms, one bath, fully equipped kitchen, dining and living room, and screened in back porch. Awesome scenery, hiking, birding, relaxing. Great view of Casket Mountain. Non-Smoking, No pets. Phone: (432) 426-3097. E-mail: info@rmsproulranch.com. Web: www.rmsproulranch.com.

• **H. E. Sproul Ranch (Harvard Lodge)** — Located 7 1⁄2 miles from Fort Davis, historic working cattle ranch with guest suites, catering and meeting facilities. All suites offer amenities including refrigerator, microwave, satellite TV, coffeepot, internet access, pillow-top mattresses and quality linens; Other activities include use of the hot-tub and fitness room, jeep tours, trap and skeet and hunting. Phone: (432) 426-3535. Web: www.sproulranch.com.

• **Stone Village Motel** — At State and Third Streets; 14-room motel, some with kitchenettes; Phone: (800) 649-8487 or (432) 426-3941.

• **Veranda Country Inn** — This lovely historic inn has 14 rooms and includes a full breakfast; all rooms have a private bath. Phone: (888) 383-2847 or (432) 426-2233. Email: info@theveranda.com.

• **Wayside Inn** — On Fourth Street at the base of Sleeping Lion Mountain; country-style house with resident hosts; seven bedrooms, each with private bath and king- or queen-sized beds. Phone: (800) 582-7510 or (432) 426-3535.


• **Wildflower Cottage** — The Wildflower Cottage was built in 1917, constructed of adobe built on site. It has large rooms, with high ceilings and stucco walls. Renovated in 2001, it was painted and furnished with warm, calming colors and hand painted murals and floors. Enjoy coffee in the handcrafted rockers or the old church pew located on the front porch, as spectacular sunrises appear before you. Then stroll along paths that wind their way through gardens of perennials and native plants. At the end of the day relax in one of two bath rooms. The master bath has an enclosed washer/dryer, shower, pedestal sink and large claw foot tub. Two bedrooms have queen pillow top beds, the third has two twins. Amenities include a fully equipped kitchen, TV with cable in the living room and master bedroom and phone. Pets and children are welcome. Family rates. Phone: (432) 249-1234. Web: www.wildflowercottages.net.

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**Fort Davis: Camping and RV Parks**

• **Crow's Nest Ranch** — Cabins, RV Park and Campground. Tent Camping, RV Camping with 22 RV hookups, 3 Cabins for 6 to 8 persons each, Group Camping. Located west of Fort Davis on Scenic Loop 166. Amenities include meeting rooms, restrooms, showers and laundry. Chuck-wagon available. Please visit our web site for extensive details about our facility. Phone: (432) 426-3300. E-mail: crowsnest@crowsnestranch.com.

• **Davis Mountains Retreat** — Located just 15 miles from town, off the Scenic Loop in the beautiful Davis Mountains. Shower/restroom facilities are convenient,
and a country store offers art, gifts, ice, sodas, beer, wine, and food. Campgrounds consists of only nine RV hookups and primitive campsites, ensuring an uncrowded and quiet stay. Small campfires allowed, wind and weather permitting, and socialized pets welcome. Phone: (432) 426-2600. Email: dmretreat@hughes.net.

- **Davis Mountains State Park** — Developed facilities on State Highway 118 include restrooms with and without showers; campsites with water; campsites with water and electricity; campsites with water, electricity, sewer, and cable TV connection. The northern half of the park, north of State Highway 118, has been designated the Limpia Canyon Primitive Area, a special use area (fee required). Currently, it includes 10 miles of back-country hiking trails with primitive campsites, a secured parking area, and a host campsite. Phone: (432) 426-3337. Web: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/davis_mountains/.

- **MacMillan in the Highlands** — RV and camping 26 full hookup sites, 9 camp sites, club house/store and office/bathhouse/laundry. Cable & wifi. Address: P O Box 1111, 43424 Hwy 17, Fort Davis, TX 79734. Phone: (432) 426-2056 or (877) 426-2055. Email: macmillanhighlands@gmail.com.

- **Overland Trail Campground & RV Park** — Good Sam, Woodall's, inspected RV park. RVs, tenting, camping cabins (Small, inexpensive, rustic camping cabins, Cable TV, refrigerator, microwave) Day, Week or Monthly Rates. Airstreams for rent. Picnic Tables, BBQ, Camp Kitchen, clean showers, restrooms, laundromat. Pull through sites, full hook ups. Free 42-channel Cable TV. RV storage. High speed WiFi access. Walk to all Fort Davis. Pets welcome. Phone reservations only: (888) 478-5267 or for information (432) 426-2250. Email: otkamp@texascamping.com.

- **Stone Village Tourist Camp** — This 1935 "tourist court" was purchased by The Hotel Limpia in 2006 and has been completely remodeled. It now has 14 rooms of which two are suites, plus seven "camp rooms" easily described as a step above camping complete with two twin beds made with thick comforters and full showers and bath facilities down the porch from your room. All of the motel rooms have flat-screen TVs. The new heated pool was completed in the summer of 2007 which is located off of a patio with a fire pit and landscaped area for relaxation. Located in the middle of Fort Davis. Phone: (432) 426-3941. Web: www.stonevillagetouristcamp.com.

### Alpine: HOTELS and B&Bs

- **Alpine Inn** — Former Days Inn has 41 rooms, with refrigerator and microwave. Phone: (432) 837-3417 or (800) 528-1234.

- **Antelope Lodge** — Complete with a rock and gem museum in the lobby; features 1940s cottages, replete with kitchenettes and porches; located on the west side of town. Phone: (800) 880-8106.

- **Best Western Alpine Classic Inn** — Located near Sul Ross State University; with outdoor swimming pool, hot tub, and complimentary breakfasts. Phone: (432) 837-1530.

- **Hotel Bien Venido** — The hotel has 40 rooms with kitchenettes, cable TV, and swimming pool. Phone: (432) 837-3454.

- **Highland Inn and Restaurant** — Mid-range hotel with 44 rooms and 10 suites. Phone: (432) 837-5811. Web: www.highlandinn.net.

- **Holland Hotel** — A Texas historic landmark from 1928 with 18 restored rooms, a penthouse, and four new guest lofts. Phone: (800) 535-8040 or (432) 837-2800. Web: www.thehollandhotelalpine.com.

- **The Maverick** — Directly in front of Sul Ross, guest rooms in this historic motor-court have been totally renovated to include Saltillo tiled floors, pillow top

- **Oak Tree Inn** — Forty rooms, a workout room, and outdoor hot tub comprise this Alpine inn; with Penny’s retro diner, open 24 hours a day. Phone: (432) 837-5711.
- **Ramada of Alpine Limited** — Two-story structure offering a perfect view of the Twin Peaks Mountains. Phone: (432) 837-1100.
- **Siesta Country Inn** — Located across from Sul Ross, with 22 rooms and cottage kitchenettes, with a small pool. Phone: (432) 837-2503.
- **Sunday House Motor Inn** — A budget hotel located on the east side of town, replete with swimming pool, cocktail lounge, and restaurant. Phone: (800) 510-3363.
- **The White House Inn** — Elegant B&B one mile from downtown; offers guests maximum privacy and a delicious, full breakfast. Phone: (432) 837-1401. Web: www.whitehouseinntexas.com.

**Marfa HOTELS AND B&Bs**

- **Adobe at Galveston St.** — One-bedroom rental, two blocks from Capri and Thunderbird; four blocks from Padres; an easy stroll to downtown. This lovely adobe casita has a spacious bedroom that opens onto a landscaped patio. The patio also connects with the kitchen - creating a great flow throughout. Stained concrete floors and wood ceilings compliment the adobe and plaster walls. The radiant-floor heating keeps you warm and cozy in the winter and the adobe walls cool you off during the summer. If you are looking for a clean and uncluttered space to write, create art, or just unwind from your daily grind this place will make you happy! His and hers bicycles are stored in back shed. Address: 406 West Galveston Street, Marfa TX 79843. Phone: (432) 364-2415. E-Mail: finelines@bigbend.net. Web: www.vrbo.com/270187.
- **Arcon Inn B&B** — Located in the High Lonesome Chihuahuan Desert of West Texas, in the town of Marfa, the Arcon Inn Bed and Breakfast is housed in a 19th-century, two-story Victorian adobe. There are three lovely rooms in the main house decorated with international and American antiques: the beautiful London room, the handsome Madrid room, and the cozy Paris room. There are two bathrooms just across the hall, one with a shower and the other with a big claw-footed tub. All of the guest rooms are quietly located on the second floor of the Inn. There is also the Arcon Casita, a restored adobe territorial located in the back patio of the Inn. It has two bedrooms, two private baths, a sitting room, kitchen, and a private patio. Address: 215 North Austin St., Marfa, TX 79843. E-mail: arconinn@christophers.net. Phone: (432) 729-4826. Web: www.christophers.net/ARCON/ARCON.htm
- **Buckeye Bungalow (a property of Minyard Rentals)** — Located on the courthouse square, Buckeye Bungalow is a charming historic two bedroom/one bath adobe home offering two living areas with indoor fireplace, modern kitchen, back veranda with built-in grill, spacious yard with outdoor fire-pit and “cowboy hot-tub.” Available for nightly rental, pets welcome. Call or email for availability and pricing. E-mail: vicki_barge@yahoo.com. Phone: (432) 249-0568. Address: 305 North Highland, Marfa, TX 79843.
- **Casa Cielo** — Casa Cielo is a two-bedroom, one-bath circa-1950 home just one block west of the square. The best of Marfa is just a short walk away. We feature comfort, with premium mattresses, quality linens and towels, and a well-appointed kitchen with full-sized modern appliances, ample tableware, and cookware. Wireless internet is included. Discover Marfa from Casa del Sol! Address: 205 West Lincoln St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (214) 450-9366. E-mail: info@discovermarfa.com.
• **Casa Julian** — Casa Julian Marfa is a three-bedroom/two-bath, sleek & comfortable residence in Marfa, Texas. The original house was completely remodeled in 2009 and is approximately 1600 square feet, so there is plenty of space plus central heat & AC, European pillow top mattresses, washer & dryer and wireless Internet. Located two blocks from the Courthouse. Address: 708 North Highland Ave., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (210) 364-1361. E-mail: dellspa@gmail.com. Web: Visit us on Facebook at MarfaCasaJulian.

• **Casa Mirasol High Desert Lodging** — Casa Mirasol, a distinctive, century-old adobe guesthouse in Marfa, is the perfect retreat for your high desert adventure. Three comfortable suites, available individually or together, feature private baths, antique furnishings, and free wireless Internet. Restored pine floors, beautiful Mexican decor, our signature wrap-around porch and striking vistas complete your experience. Address: 718 North Dean St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (210) 365-0637. E-mail: admin@casamirasol.com. Web: www.casamirasol.com.

• **Casa Villa Real** — A four-bedroom home with a full kitchen (no maid or cleaning service). Address: 400 West Waco Street, Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (702) 348-4266. Web: www.casavillarreal.com. E-mail: junehigh@yahoo.com.

• **Casita Colores** — Recently restored one-bedroom adobe casita centrally located in Marfa, Texas. Charming mix of traditional finishes with modern touches - whitewashed walls, new wood floors, raised/pitched ceilings, all new kitchen and (shower stall) bathroom. Very comfortable indoor/outdoor space in easy walking or biking distance to local galleries, music, food & drink. Maximum four-person occupancy. Address: 904 West San Antonio, Hwy. 90, Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (432) 729-4319. E-mail: linda@casitacoloresmarfa.com. Web: www.casitacoloresmarfa.com.

• **el sueno marfa** — Enjoy this very large 100-year old beautiful adobe Victorian home with casita, often referred to by locals as the castle in the desert. It has an upstairs 1200-sq.-ft. family suite as well as two bedrooms downstairs, large kitchen with butler’s pantry, dining room, and living room. There is also a casita with bedroom, bath, and sitting room on the property. It is a fabulous place to get together with family or host an event, has a privacy wall surrounding the property yet located downtown right next door to Hotel Paisano. Address: 110 West Texas St., Marfa, TX. Phone: (432) 333-5512. E-mail: laura@elsuenomarfa.com. Web: www.elsuenomarfa.com.

• **Gonzalez Residence** — This immaculate home-away-from-home is located in a quiet neighborhood approximately one mile from downtown Marfa. It features a fully equipped kitchen, dining room, living room, three bedrooms with queen-size beds, one bathroom, and a small office space. Features include a washer/dryer, HD satellite TV in the living room and one bedroom, WiFi internet, central heating/cooling, and an outdoor gas grill. The home is pet-friendly (dogs only) with an enclosed front area. Address: 1500 West Philadelphia St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (432) 386-7120. E-mail: g_conners@yahoo.com. Web: www.vrbo.com/267840.

• **Grande Dame Marfa** — Majestic Marfa Adobe - Located in downtown Marfa within a block or two of a gourmet grocery and several great galleries and eateries. This graceful historic adobe offers clean, spacious interiors, a gourmet kitchen and an amazing courtyard for enjoying Marfa’s sublime weather and evenings. The ultimate treat / retreat! three bedrooms, two bathrooms, sleeps 6-10. Address: 400 South Dean St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (512) 695-3168. E-mail: glenclifton@gmail.com. Web: www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p232134.

• **Hotel Paisano** — historic-landmark hotel in the middle of downtown Marfa. Address: 207 North Highland, Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (866) 729-3669. E-mail: frontdesk.hp@sbcglobal.net. Web: www.hotelpaisano.com.

• **Kokopelli Cottages** — one-bedroom/one-bath, modern and comfortable, located in Marfa, available for nightly, weekly, or monthly rentals. Kokopelli

- **Marfa 608 Guest House** — a four-bedroom/two-bath chic and comfortable home in Marfa, available for vacation rentals. The Marfa608 features soft high-thread-count cotton sheets, designer furnishings, hardwood floors, full kitchen, washer/dryer, land, outdoor patio with fire pit, A/C, wireless internet, and cable TV. We allow dogs on a case-by-case basis and for an additional fee. Address: 608 West Third St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (713) 961-5363. E-mail: stay@marfa608.com. Web: www.marfa608.com.

- **Marfa Guest Quarters** — Five guesthouses ranging from one-bedroom/one bath to two bedrooms/one bath. All houses have in-room coffee service, wireless internet, patios or porches, chimineas & BBQ grills. Three with fully equipped kitchens. A stock tank pool is available for guest use. Now open: our new Wine Bar and Event Center. Ideal for weddings, meetings and parties. Address: 109 West San Antonio St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (432) 729-4542. E-mail: thequarters@sbcglobal.net. Web: www.themarfaquarters.com.

- **Marfa House on the Hill** — A serene, arid retreat awaits you. The Marfa House on the Hill is a exquisitely updated, turn-of-the-century adobe home offering the best sunset vistas of Marfa and the surrounding arid landscape. The home's amenities include a full kitchen, large bathroom, lovely indoor kiva fireplace, and a seating area in the lush garden grounds. Address: 207 South Aparejo St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (214) 826-4612. E-mail: robert@bellamy-design.com. Web: www.marfahillhouse.com.

- **Riata Inn** — Motel features rooms with king-sized beds and two queen-sized beds, business center, pool, and wireless internet. Address: 1500 US-90 East, Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (432) 729-3800. E-mail: info@riatainnmarfa.com. Web: www.riatainn.com.

- **Simply West** — Address: 1110 North Ordenar St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (432) 386-2291. E-mail: aewest3@sbcglobal.net.

- **Stay marfa** — Enjoy your Marfa getaway in our classic adobes with modern comfort and art. Walk everywhere from apartments perfectly located in Marfa's Gallery District steps from the Get Go grocery, or enjoy our private casita in Marfa’s quiet NW. Kitchens, wifi, private fenced yards (dogs ok), satellite TV. Address: 203 South Dean St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (432) 386-7120. E-mail: g_conners@yahoo.com. Web: www.marfaretreat.com.

- **The House of Galleri Urbane** — Stay at The House of Galleri Urbane. Buy Art - Stay Free. Great hidden secret, 75-year-old adobe house, located on the backside of Galleri Urbane. You will be surrounded by beautiful art on the walls, comfy beds one queen ,one full, open floor plan, two baths, jacuzzi bathtub, walk-in shower. Central heat, window air conditioning. Close to everything. The perfect place to find all that Marfa has to offer. 2 bikes available for riding about town. Address: 212 East San Antonio St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (432) 386-0590. E-mail: willafordrj@sbcglobal.net. Web: www.vrbo.com/250989.

- **Thunderbird Hotel** — The Thunderbird Hotel is a classic mid-century roadside motor court updated to reflect a comfortably minimal aesthetic. A tribute to design and livability, it has 24 guest rooms and additionally offer amenities including a swimming pool, bicycles, gift shop, hotel lounge, vintage typewriters, record players, and vinyl library. Address: 601 West San Antonio St., Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (432) 729-1984. E-mail: reservations@thunderbirdmarfa.com. Web: www.thunderbirdmarfa.com.
• **Windmill Retreat** — This charming 100-year old adobe has been recently renovated, integrating modern conveniences while maintaining the integrity of the original architecture, including an old wooden windmill structure on the property. Minimally yet comfortably furnished, the one bedroom, one bath home features a queen-sized bed, a full sleep sofa, and a large gourmet kitchen with new modern appliances and accessories, ideal for cooking and entertaining. Hanging on the walls is contemporary art by established local artists from galleries in Marfa. Address: 605 East Lincoln St., Marfa TX 79843. Phone: (212) 203-1932. E-mail: dianebarnes@live.com. Web: www.vrbo.com/144026.

**Balmorhea, 52 miles from McDonald Observatory**

• **El Oso Flojo Lodge** — This beautiful lodge is located in the oasis of West Texas, Balmorhea. About 30 miles north of Fort Davis, Balmorhea is a wonderful town especially known for its amazing state park and spring fed swimming pools. Phone: (432) 375-0502. E-mail: info@elosoflojolodge.com.

• **Laird Ranch Bed and Breakfast** — Offers a unique lodging experience with modern, beautifully furnished rooms with satellite TV, a library, and wireless internet services, a “Hearty Texas Breakfast” and a beautiful view of the Davis Mountains. Phone: (432) 375-0158. E-mail info@lairdranch.com.

• **Madera Hills Ranch** — P O Box 12, Toyahvale TX, 79786. Guesthouse Lodging, trail rides, hunting, hiking, education seminars in Alexander Techniques. Breeding training and sales of Registered Tennessee Walkers. Cattle Ranch. open 7 days per week, 7am to 8pm. Phone: (432) 375-0296.

**Marathon, 55 miles from McDonald Observatory**

• **Gage Hotel** — One of the finest in the Trans-Pecos region of Texas; restored as a frontier-style luxurious small hotel with 17 rooms in the historic main building. The Los Portales addition to the hotel boasts 20 additional rooms and suites. Phone: (432) 386-4205.

• **Marathon Motel** — Rooms offering spectacular views and sunsets. Phone: (432) 386-4241.

• **Adobe Hacienda Lodges** — several converted cottages provide guests with relaxing porches, small yards, and modern conveniences. Phone: (800) 550-0503.

• **Adobe Rose Inn** — 22 South First Street, Marathon. A 100-year-old adobe house with four rooms, each with private bath. Phone: (866) 386-4564. Web: www.theadoberoseinn.com.

• **Eve’s Garden** — Avenue C and North Third Street, Marathon. An organic bed and breakfast and ecology resource center. Phone: (432) 386-4165. E-mail info@evesgarden.org.

**Shafter, 62 miles from McDonald Observatory**

• **Cibolo Creek Ranch** — Located 20 miles from the Texas-Mexico border, south of Marfa, this working ranch boasts suites and guest rooms in the architectural style of the 1800s, with Mexican décor, fireplaces in each of the rooms, all surrounded by spring-fed canyons. Phone: (432) 229-3737. Web: www.cibolocreekranch.com.