

## Hunting the Fabulous Bluebonnet

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One of the delights of this region is the appearance of the bluebonnets in fields and ditches around this time of year. A good display is dependent on adequate fall and winter rain, so the expectations in the hill country are quite low this year. Ruby Pecot tipped me off to an abundance of spring flowers near Chappell Hill, about an hour and a half east of here on US 290. I went to the area today and found flowers. I feel that they have not peaked yet. A route might consist of exiting US 290 at Chappell Hill (FM 1155) and heading North to Washington-on-the-Brazos and returning to Brenham on SH 105.

In addition, to the flowers, there is really pretty ranch country and a significant dose of Texas history. Brenham provides several lunch places. On the east side of the courthouse is Ernie's, which has great specials at reasonable prices. They have a bar. A block west of the courthouse on Alamo Street is "Must be Heaven", a very busy ice cream and sandwich shop. I passed it up because people were lined up on the street outside the place.

This trek will take you the better part of the day. I have a guide if you would like to sneak a peek.

