

LEOH Trip

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Tomball, TX

Arbor Gate was the first stop, an oasis of many beautiful plants and garden art





Lots to look at



Getting the picture



Lizards and
frogs
galore



Also
birdhouses!



Sometimes
you just want
to sit and
relax
in a beautiful
environment!



Next stop: Lunch



Our server was fantastic! Many of us were at one long table, and he took our varied drink and food orders accurately, delivered them to the correct people, and last but not least distributed our separate checks. All done right and with a smile!



**THREE
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VISIONS**

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GlassBlowingHouston

Hot and warm glass art studio and gallery



Next stop: The glassblowing “hot shop” of *Three Dimensional Visions*. Sally, the owner, explained the process step by step as a glass piece was created.

Note: They have a small gallery on site, as well as a gallery in *The Silos on Sawyer*, located on Sawyer St. in Houston



The glass was heated in a furnace of over 2,000 degrees and then shaped. Sometimes glass was added to enlarge the piece. Here, the metal pole is rolled through water to cool the pole.





“Fencing” pieces are heated as they lie on a grid. The heated glass is then quickly rolled over the pieces to pick them up to incorporate them into the glass design.

The piece continues to be rolled and shaped. Gentle blowing of air through the pipe facilitates the process.



A blowtorch is used to smooth the bottom of the piece following its removal from the pipe. The Kevlar gloves have been pre-heated to handle the glass without breaking it. The mask and Kevlar jacket are worn to protect the assistant from the blowtorch and kiln heat. Next, the piece goes into the kiln. It will be days before the slowly lowered kiln temperature results in the final color and completion of the piece.



Last Stop: A treat for the ride back to Houston! A quick stop at the Dairy Queen!