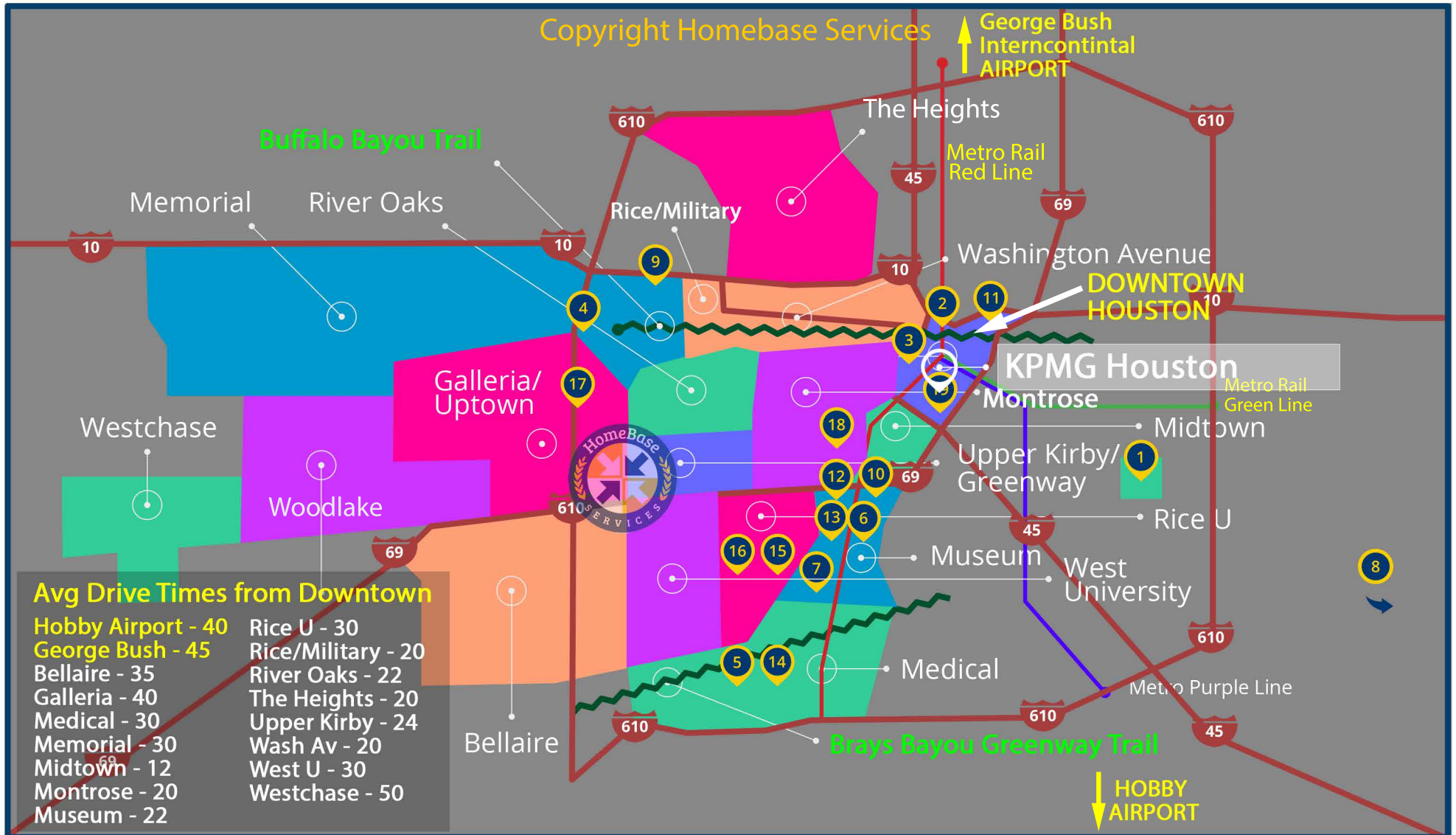




# Area & Major Attractions Map: **Houston!**

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## Description of Areas



**Bellaire:** Bellaire is a fantastic suburban area that is great for families! There are many good schools in the neighborhood such as Horn Elementary, Pin Oak middle school, Bellaire High school, Episcopal, etc. There are also plentiful parks and places to walk your dog.



**Buffalo Bayou Trails:** This is a fantastic 15 mile set of trails to walk, bike or run! They stretch from the Rice Military area on the left and go all the way to Midtown. It's a huge plus to live close to these great trails!



**Brays Bayou Greenway:** This is another set of great running/biking trails going through the southwest of Houston in the inner loop. Houston has a LOT of great places to enjoy an active lifestyle



**Downtown:** Houston Downtown is the business center of Houston. There are plenty of restaurants and night spots in walking distance...and quick access to nearby sporting events, including the Toyota Center (Houston Rockets) & Minute Maid Park (Houston Astros!).



**Galleria/Uptown:** A Shopper's Paradise! More than 700 retailers, fine dining, sports, and hotels sit within two square miles. Inside Texas' largest shopping mall, the Galleria, more than 375 stores, two hotels, an ice rink and endless food options make it a popular destination.



**Medical:** The Medical Center is a great area and it is helpful that the largest medical center in the world is close by. The area is close to several freeways, the light rail, and bus options. There are a lot of diverse food options all around as well!



**Memorial:** This residential area is gorgeous and heavily treed! The shopping and restaurants are incredible for not being as close to downtown as other areas. There are multiple parks open to the public, so that families and their children can enjoy outdoor activities.



**Midtown:** This is a modern and vibrant neighborhood bordering downtown Houston. The restaurants and night spots are plentiful here. It is 5 minutes from most of Houston's key freeways. And close to Buffalo Bayou park and trails to keep fit and trim!



**Montrose:** This is a highly popular and very walkable neighborhood in Houston. There are plenty of restaurants, night spots, coffee shops, and boutiques within walking distance. The neighborhood is super fun and distinct!



**Museum:** This is a terrific, upscale neighborhood with quick access to many of Houston's best art and cultural attractions. This includes one of America's largest art museums and many other art attractions.



**Rice U:** The area features Rice University and the extremely popular Rice Village shopping area with over 300 eclectic shops and plenty of restaurants. The area features a quick commute to Downtown as well.



**Rice/Military:** Rice Military is a fun neighborhood with a high walkable score. It has numerous parks with many beautiful trees...and great hiking and biking trails! It also includes easy access to Downtown, Montrose and the Galleria.



**River Oaks:** River Oaks is an amazing, GREEN & prestigious neighborhood. A prime attraction is the River Oaks Shopping Center, known for its upscale stores and eclectic restaurants. There are lots of young married & young single professionals in the area.



**The Heights:** The Heights is a fast growing area with a lot of restaurants, night spots, shops, and more. The Heights also has many events such as festivals, concerts and more.



**Upper Kirby/Greenway:** This is a quieter area that is extremely convenient! It is 7-12 minutes from the Galleria, Downtown and Midtown. There are shops, restaurants, theaters, and more here as well.



**Washington Avenue:** This street is widely known for its vibrant night spot and restaurant scene.



**West University:** West University Place is an AMAZING area of Houston to work, live, and enjoy life. It is very quiet and lots of grocery stores, restaurants, stores, etc. are within walking and short driving distance.



**Westchase:** The Westchase District is great for families. There are beautiful parks around the area (including dog parks!). Plus, there's plenty of shopping, including Memorial City Mall and Town and Country Village. There is also a fun, upscale night life scene at CityCentre.



**Woodlake:** Woodlake is a great spot for singles and young couples! There is shopping, dining, and nightlife with a Starbucks on every major corner. It features quick proximity to Memorial Park, filled with joggers, dog walkers, and even fitness boot camps!

## Points of interest

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**Buffalo Bayou Park:** This is a 106-acre park along Houston's famous waterway. The park offers jogging, bike trails, picnic areas, performance spaces, and gorgeous skyline views. There is also a great fenced dog park inside!

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**Discovery Green:** Discovery Green is a 12-acre urban park in Downtown Houston. Tree-shaded walks lead to a tranquil pond while grassy slopes offer postcard views of downtown.

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**Hobby Center for the Performing Arts:** The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts is a state-of-the-art, \$100 million theater complex anchoring Houston's Theater District. Designed by American architect Robert Stern, the Hobby Center features two distinguished theaters and Broadway style shows.

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**Houston Arboretum & Nature Center:** The Arboretum will give you a soothing escape into nature with over 155 acres of native Texas plants and wildlife. Visitors can explore the arboretum trails, ponds, gardens, and boardwalks. The Arboretum also allows leashed dogs.

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**Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo:** The HLSR is the largest livestock exhibitions and rodeo in the world. It also includes one of the richest regular-season rodeo events. It has been held at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas, since 2003.

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**Houston Museum of Natural Science:** This museum is an extremely popular tourist attraction. It has many activities that anybody of any age will enjoy. You can learn a lot about a wide variety of topics. It's truly a huge museum...so dress comfortably because you will probably spend hours here!

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**Houston Zoo:** This zoo has quick become one of the nicest in the country! The grounds are beautifully landscaped and there is an extremely wide variety of animals housed in areas resembling their natural habitats. This is a must see attraction of Houston!

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**Johnson Space Center:** NASA's Johnson Space Center has served as a hub of human spaceflight activity for more than half a century. It is home to the nation's astronaut corps, the International Space Station mission operations, the Orion Program, and a host of future space developments.

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**Memorial Park:** The Park is an AWESOME combination of amenities and nature, recreation and respite. Thirty miles of hiking trails provide a respite from urban life. Local sports enthusiasts flock to the Park's many amenities and facilities.

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**Miller Outdoor Theatre:** Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park is Houston's unique venue for outdoor performances. It offers an artistically excellent, culturally diverse eight month season of performances totally free of charge to the public!

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**Minute Maid Stadium:** Home of the World Champion MLB Houston Astros!

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**Museum of Fine Arts:** The Museum of Fine Arts Houston is one of the largest art museums in America with more than 300,000 square feet of space devoted to the display of art. The collection contains over 63,000 works of paintings, sculpture and more.

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**Museum of Natural Science:** This museum houses the Burke Baker Planetarium, Wortham Giant Screen Theatre, Cockrell Butterfly Center, and over a dozen permanent exhibit areas. This Museum examines astronomy, space, science, Native Americans, paleontology, energy, and additional topics.

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**NRG Stadium:** Home to the NFL Houston Texans!

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**Rice University:** This private university is considered an "Ivy of the South". It is a truly beautiful campus to drive through featuring tree lined roads and classic architecture.

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**Rice Village:** Rice Village is known for its small and eclectic shops and boutiques, as well as high end clothing stores. It features over 300 shops in a 16 block area! Rice Village boasts an incredible culinary array of places to eat as well.

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**The Galleria:** This is Texas' largest shopping mall and the 4th largest in the nation! It features more than 375 stores, two hotels, an ice rink and endless food options...making it an extremely popular destination!

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**The Menil Collection:** The Menil Collection houses approximately 17,000 paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, photographs, and rare books. Among the highlights of the museum are its Surrealist holdings, widely regarded as one of the world's foremost collections of its kind.

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**Toyota Center:** Home to the NBA Houston Rockets!