Jefferson Antique Tractor, Truck & Model-T Show
Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate in this event?

Antique Tractors, Antique Trucks, Model-T's, stationary and working antique engines, antique farm machinery, any type of antique displays depicting such things as blacksmithing, and corn processing; and swap meet participants with items for sale of interest to this specific group

What is considered an antique?

Generally, anything over 50 years old.

Can I bring my modern tractor for the Parade?

Only antique tractors, trucks and Model-T's that are registered for the Annual Jefferson Antique Tractor, Truck & Model-T Show will be permitted into the Parade. Sorry, modern tractors will not be able to participate – but everyone is welcome to Jefferson as spectators.

Where do I park my trailer?

See map on page 3. There is trailer parking available behind the courthouse off Polk and Dallas; at the parking lots on both sides of the street near the Jefferson Tourism & Visitor Center located across the railroad track on Austin near Washington Street. Overflow parking can be accommodated behind the train depot at Historic Jefferson Railway.

When can I set up?

Friday 11:30AM - 6:30PM. Saturday 7:00AM - 10:00AM. The show is from 10:00AM - 2:00PM on Saturday so we would appreciate everyone being in place by 10:00 Saturday morning. Streets will reopen on Saturday afternoon as soon as all vehicles are loaded and departed from Jefferson. You are welcome to leave your vehicles in place on Friday evening, but the vehicles should be loaded and removed from the streets by 4:00 on Saturday.

Where do I park my tractor, truck, Model-T or exhibit as part of the Show?

See map on page 3 (orange lines). Austin Street is closed to traffic from Vale to Washington for show parking. Overflow show parking will occur on Lafayette from Walnut to Polk. All exhibitors will park with their front in the street, and back of vehicle toward the sidewalk with all vehicles facing toward Walnut Street, in order to be ready to pull out for Parade. If parking on Lafayette, your front will face toward Polk.

Tell me about the Swap Meet:

There will be a swap meet located on Austin from Walnut to Washington. There is no charge for swap meet vendors, but you must sign up at Registration. Swap meet participants should have items for sale of interest to this specific group, i.e.. vintage tractors, Model-T's and antique farm machinery and engines.

What time is the parade and where is it? How will that work?

See map on page 3. The parade will start at 1:00, with the vehicles closest to Walnut & Austin. The other vehicles will fall in behind the leader heading toward Walnut. The parade route will be Austin to Walnut; left on Walnut; left on Lafayette; left on Market; left on Austin. Each vehicle will fall out of the parade as they come back around to their original parking spot. Antique tractors, trucks and Model-T's are welcome to join the parade. Sorry no modern vehicles.

Tell me about the slow race. When and where is it?

See slow race rules on page 3. The slow race will start at 11:00 near the registration area at Walnut and Austin and head toward Lafayette. The tractors will run two at a time. Then we will run the Model-Ts. This is a timed event, not racing against each other. Each tractor or Model-T will be judged by stopwatch as to slowest time. The three slowest tractors and the three slowest Model-T's will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd trophies. There will also be a Dead-Ass Last award for the fastest tractor and Model-T. If there is a tie, run off's may be required.

Will you have awards/trophies?

Yes, judging will occur between 12:00-12:30 and we will award trophies at 1:45 at the registration area, Walnut & Austin. There will be trophies for antique tractors, trucks, Model-T's and exhibits. All exhibitors have a chance to win. There are also trophies for Slow Race winners.

Will there be door prizes?

Yes, each exhibitor will receive one door prize ticket for each exhibit. Door prizes are provided by local Jefferson businesses. Drawing will take place at the awards ceremony at 1:45, Saturday.

Where can I eat or shop?

There are many restaurants and shops on Austin, Polk, Walnut and throughout Jefferson, within walking distance. Many restaurants will accommodate call-in to-go orders. Pick up a map at the registration table for more information, or visit City of Jefferson Tourism website: www.VisitJeffersonTexas.com.

Have you set a date for 2026 event?

Yes, date for 2026 will be September 12, 2026.

Need further assistance? See our website for more information, www.diamonddonempire.com/jefferson-antique-tractor-show, text or call Francene, 903-445-9796, or send email to info@DiamondDon.com.

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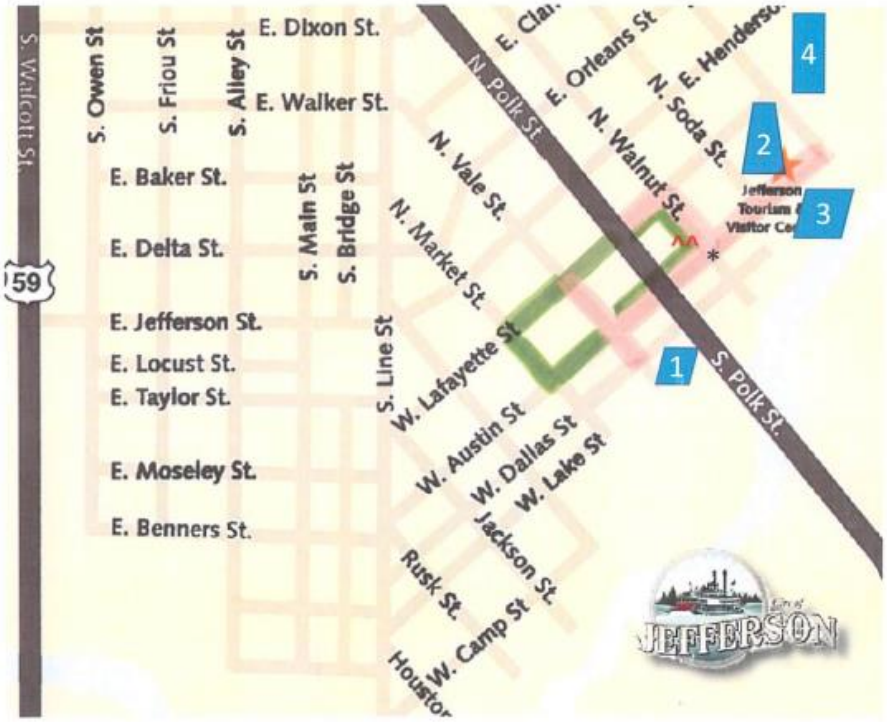
Map of Jefferson



Blue = truck & trailer parking
1 behind courthouse
2 Convention Center
3 Across street from Tourism-Boat parking lot
4 Behind Jefferson Railway Depot

Orange Line = Parking for Event Vehicles. All vehicles should have their front in the street; back to the sidewalk and facing toward Walnut Street (to be ready for Parade). Streets closed to traffic.

^^ = Registration / Information (next to General Store at Austin & Walnut)

❖ = start of Slow Race and Parade (On Austin, with a left turn on to Walnut)

Green Line = Parade Route

Slow Race Guidelines

Length of track is 50 feet and width 30 feet. We will run two tractors at a time, until all tractors have run. Then we will run two Model-T's at a time.

This is timed trials – not racing against each other. Each tractor or Model-T will be timed by stopwatch. After all tractors and Model-T's run, the three tractors and the three Model-T's with the slowest times will receive a trophy. We may run another round if needed, in case of a tie.

The fastest tractor and Model-T will receive special recognition: The Dead Ass Last award.

General Rules

1. **NO LAWNMOWERS ALLOWED**
2. Both vehicles leave the starting line at the same time, at the drop of the green flag.
3. Finish will be by checkered flag. There will be a stopwatch for each vehicle.
4. Run on all cylinders.
5. No clutch slipping.
6. You can't come to a complete stop
7. You can't touch the vehicle's brakes (except in case of emergency)
8. Keep decompression releases closed.
9. All vehicles must go forward.
10. Must stay in your own lane.
11. Diamond Don is referee, and his word is final.