DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Visitor Center Information:

Tuesday - Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Last Tour at 4:30 p.m.
Hours are subject to change.
Closed on weekends, Federal holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Western Currency Facility
9000 Blue Mound Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76131

For more information,
please call our Tour Office:
(817) 231-4000
or Toll Free: (866) 865-1194
For either line, press 2 to speak directly with a tour scheduler.

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See America's Money Being Printed

Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Fort Worth, Texas

FREE Tours

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You will see billions of dollars

during the tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) in Fort Worth, Texas. The tour features the various steps of currency production, beginning with large, blank sheets of paper and ending with wallet-ready bills! As the U.S. Government's security printer, the BEP is responsible for the design, engraving, and printing of all U.S. paper currency. Over the years, the Bureau has also produced White House invitations, Treasury obligations, and other U.S. securities.

In 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing originated as a simple currency processing operation in Washington, D.C. Since then the Bureau has evolved into a state-of-the-art security document printing facility. The first government notes were produced by a private firm, then trimmed and separated by hand at the Department of the Treasury. Gradually, all facets of currency production were assumed by the BEP. The Bureau moved to its present site in Washington, D.C. in 1914, and in 1991 a second currency production facility was opened in Fort Worth, Texas.

Though new printing, production, and examining technologies have brought the BEP into the 21st century, the Bureau's engravers continue to use the same traditional tools that have been used for centuries.

WESTERN CURRENCY FACILITY TOUR AND VISITOR CENTER

At the Tour and Visitor Center, visitors are invited to view the printing of paper currency along an enclosed walkway suspended over the production floor. Visitors will also enjoy two floors of interactive exhibits and displays showcasing the history of paper currency and the intricacies of the currency production process.

The free, self-guided tour is available to individuals and groups Tuesday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To schedule a tour in advance call (817) 231- 4000 or toll free at (866) 865-1194. The Western Currency Facility is closed weekends, Federal holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. (Tour hours are subject to change).

Gift Shop

Unique items such as uncut currency sheets, shredded currency, collector's editions, and novelty items are available for purchase.

Foreign Languages

Self-guided audio tours are available in English and Spanish. Self-guided tours are available in written format in the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Portugese.

Accessibility

Tours are available in American Sign Language upon advanced request. In addition, assisted listening devices for the hearing-impaired, audio description wands for the sight-impaired, and wheelchairs are available upon request.

Transfer Station Security Screening

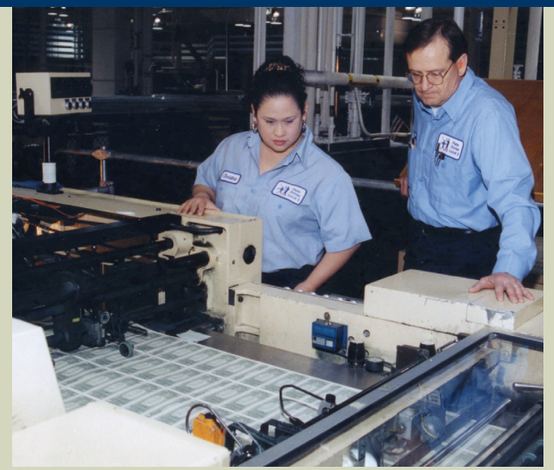
The visitor's experience will begin in the Transfer Station. Upon entering the Transfer Station, visitors will undergo a security screening. All visitors, including children, are required to pass through a metal detector for security screening. Once through security, visitors will proceed to the Tour and Visitor Center.

Vending and Rest Area

A vending and rest area is available for visitors.

Photography and Cell Phones

Cameras, video equipment, tape recorders, and cell phones are NOT permitted on Bureau premises.



Policies and Regulations

In times of elevated security levels, tour policies and security regulations are subject to change without notice.

Free Parking

Visitors will park in the designated visitor's parking lot and will enter the Transfer Station for security screening.

Directions

Note: FM 156 may also be called Blue Mound Road.

From Denton: Take I-35W South towards Fort Worth and merge onto US-287N/81N (exit 60). Exit FM 156 (second exit) and turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile and turn left into the visitor's parking lot.

From Downtown Dallas: Proceed West on I-30 to Loop I-820N (exit 21B). Proceed on Loop I-820 to I-35W North (exit 16A) toward Denton. Proceed North on I-35W to US-287N/81N (exit 60) to Decatur. Proceed North on US-287N/81N to FM 156 (second exit). Turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile and turn left into the visitor's parking lot.

From North Dallas: Take I-35E South to Loop 12 South (exit 436). Proceed to Hwy. 183 West toward Irving/ DFW airport. Proceed West on Hwy. 183 to Loop I-820W. Proceed on Loop I-820W to I-35W North (exit 16A) toward Denton. Proceed North on I-35W to US-287N/81N (exit 60) to Decatur. Proceed North on US-287N/81N to FM 156 (second exit). Turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile and turn left into the visitor's parking lot.

From South Fort Worth: Take I-35W North toward Downtown Fort Worth and proceed North to US-287N/81N (exit 60) toward Decatur. Exit FM 156 (second exit) and turn left (South) onto FM 156/Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile and turn left into the visitor's parking lot.

From West Fort Worth: Take I-30E and merge onto I-820N (exit 5B). Proceed on Loop I-820W to I-35W North (exit 16A) toward Denton. Proceed North on I-35W to US-287N/81N (exit 60) to Decatur. Proceed North on US-287N/81N to FM 156 (second exit). Turn left (South) onto FM 156/ Blue Mound Road. Proceed one mile and turn left into the visitor's parking lot.