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GO & DO: Mrs. Lee's Garden near Gladewater has millions of blooming daffodils

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Daffodils are seen in Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden in Gladewater in March of 2018. Millions of daffodil are in bloom through March on dozens of acres located between Tyler and Gladewater. (Chelsea Purgahn/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

Chelsea Purgahn

The daffodils are in bloom at Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden.

Millions of daffodils bloom through about mid-March on 28 acres between Tyler and Gladewater. A 4-mile trail meanders around two lakes, between wooded valleys and around a replica pioneer log cabin.

The garden is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except during the times when the road is wet from rain.

Admission is free.



Daffodils are seen in bloom at Mrs. Lee's Garden in Gladewater during a previous year. The garden is open briefly in February and March when the flowers are in full bloom and the weather is nice. (Sarah A. Miller/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

To reach to garden from Tyler, take U.S. Highway 271 7 miles north of Interstate 20 and turn east onto Smith County Road 3104 and then right on CR 3103. A sign marks the entrance.

The land was once the property of T.W. Lee, who made his fortune during the East Texas oil boom of the 1930s. His wife, Helen, purchased a boxload of daffodils from Holland and had them planted on the rolling hills, according to a history on the garden's website.

She bequeathed the area to remain open each spring so the public can enjoy the flowers.

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Vinyl & Record Show: The annual Tyler Vinyl & Record Show takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Staybridge Suites, 2759 McDonald Road. Vendors will include record dealers, music collectors and music-themed crafters, organizers said. Admission is \$3.