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**EMBARCADERO BUILDING**

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Like many of the structures at Fair Park, this Embarcadero Building was constructed for the Texas Centennial Exposition in 1936. It is one of the 30 historic structures at Fair Park that remain from that fair.

Architect George Dahl designed it and the Food and Fiber Building across the way to serve as mirror images of one another, announcing the entrance to the fair's Agrarian Section. Back then, this building actually was known as the Foods Pavilion. It acquired its current name - inspired by the famous Embarcadero in San Francisco - in 1973.

During the State Fair of Texas, the 27,000-square-foot building hosts exhibits from a wide variety of retailers selling everything from home furnishings to exercise equipment to kitchen appliances.

The building, and its murals by Italian artist Carlo Ciampaglia, fell into disrepair during the latter half of the 20th century. One Ciampaglia mural yet to be conserved -- but known from history -- is a glorious tribute to Mother Nature.

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