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### **GRAND AVENUE ENTRANCE GATES**

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Look closely and you will see two entrances here to Fair Park, entrances that were built half a century apart.

The more contemporary glass pillars that are closer to Robert B. Cullum Boulevard made their debut in 2009. They were erected to give the entrance a more modern look and to make it easier for drivers to spot the entrance to Fair Park.

But closer to the park itself you will see the gentle curves of the Art Deco Texanic gates built in 1936 for the Texas Centennial Exposition. They bear reddish-orange trim and blue circular markers featuring the images of an Indian chief and buffalo.

These original gates are among the 30 historic structures at Fair Park remaining from that fair. Their location makes sense, for the road that ran along the perimeter of the fairgrounds in 1936 was much closer to the park than is the much newer Robert B. Cullum Boulevard.

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