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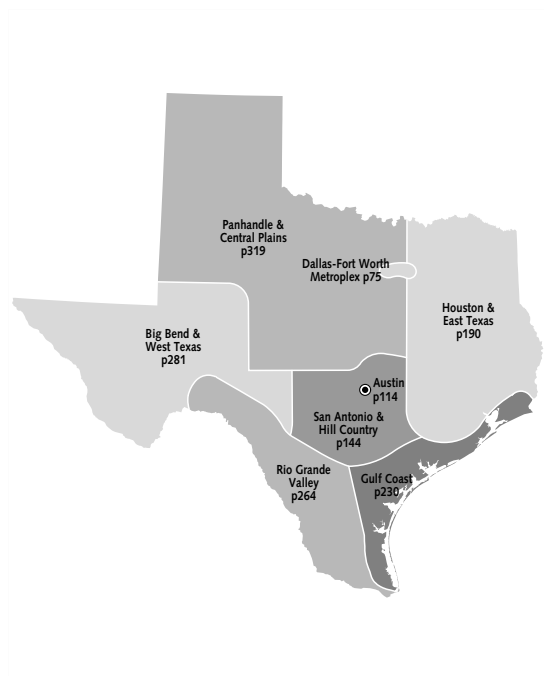
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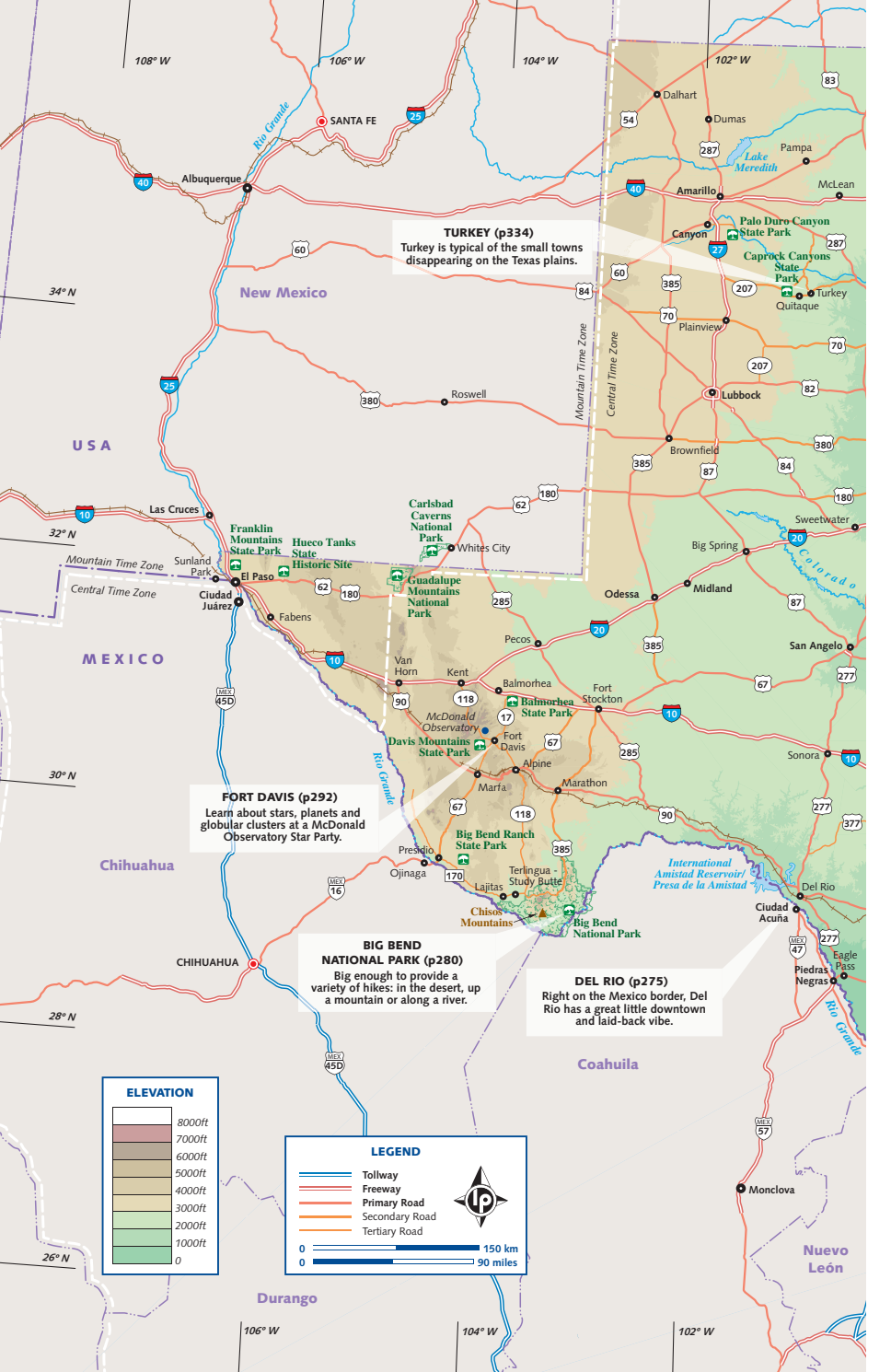
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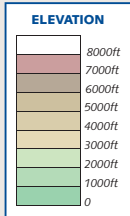


TURKEY (p334)
 Turkey is typical of the small towns disappearing on the Texas plains.

FORT DAVIS (p292)
 Learn about stars, planets and globular clusters at a McDonald Observatory Star Party.

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK (p280)
 Big enough to provide a variety of hikes: in the desert, up a mountain or along a river.

DEL RIO (p275)
 Right on the Mexico border, Del Rio has a great little downtown and laid-back vibe.



LUCKENBACH (p180)
Grab a longneck and watch the guitar pickers under the old shade tree behind the general store.

DALLAS-FORT WORTH (p74)
Cowboy cool meets red-hot arts in the biggest, best-lookin' metropolis down South.

JEFFERSON (p221)
This historic town's history, mystery and scandalous past make her the belle of the east Texas ball.

NACOGDOCHE (p219)
The oldest town in Texas, with cobblestone streets and azalea trails that bloom come springtime.

BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRESERVE (p219)
Hike through vast forests shaded by 300 kinds of trees: bliss on a scorching Texas day.

GALVESTON (p234)
A coastal town with free-spirited beaches and a sense of history.

HOUSTON (p189)
Hot, hot, hot. Huge, huge, huge. (We're talking about the foodie scene and the museum culture, y'all.)

AUSTIN (p112)
Live music, fun restaurants and an open-minded attitude give the state capital its appeal.

SHINER (p167)
Make a pilgrimage to where Texas' most popular microbrew, Shiner Bock, is made.

PORT ARANSAS (p251)
The funkier town on the Gulf is the most charming beach town in Texas.

PALO ALTO BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL HISTORICAL SITE (p267)
The site of the first major battle in the Mexican war is moody and evocative.

