

# Republic of Texas Boundary Marker

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On a recent trip to deep East Texas, Elizabeth Glidden and I went in search of the only international boundary marker in existence within the 48 contiguous United States. The marker is the only one left, out of the many that were placed, that marked the boundary between the sovereign nations of the United States of America and the Republic of Texas.

We left Nacogdoches on a bright Saturday morning and headed east on US 59/84 to Logansport, LA. Once in Logansport we took [Hwy 31 back toward Carthage, TX](#). This last maneuver sounds like a simple one, but if you try it, please pay close attention as failure to do so can result in a repetitious tour of Logansport. A little over 5 miles northwest of Logansport on the north side of the road, a Louisiana State Historical Marker marked the object of our search. The 9 inch square by ten foot long granite boundary marker is about 250 feet north of the highway. As you can tell by the photo, about five and a half feet of the marker is buried and that's a good thing. Over the years there has been at least one attempt to steal the marker, but the crooks gave up as they realized



that they may be digging for quite some time. The marker is marked on three sides: on the east side is carved "U S" ; to the south, "Merid. Boundary, Established A.D., 1840" and to the west "RoT" (Republic of Texas).

The marker was carved and dated in 1840, but because the journey through the swamps and thick piney woods was so arduous, the marker wasn't finally set into place until 1841. Since April, 1977 the marker has been designated National Register of Historic Places. The site is noted by the, aforementioned, Louisiana State Historical Society marker and one placed by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The site is marked neither by the State of Texas nor any of Texas' many historical groups.

All in all, it's not a place I'd make a special trip to visit, but if you happen to be in the Nacogdoches/Carthage area, it's a great side trip. While you're near Logansport, I understand that Moses Rose, the one man rumored to have left the Alamo shortly before the final assault, is buried in a cemetery outside of town. Sounds like a photo op to me.

