

## Sam Rayburn House museum restoration beginning in May

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April 14, 2011 - The Sam Rayburn House Museum will undergo restoration work beginning in May 2011 that will last approximately ten months. The restoration will include work to the exterior of the house museum and will restore several historic architectural elements. Improvements will be made to the museum's visitor center and adjacent grounds.

As of April 5, tours are now limited to the site grounds and the visitor center while the staff prepare for the house museum restoration work. The newest visitor center exhibit, "Preserving the Speaker's Legacy: Restoration and Renovation at the Sam Rayburn House Museum," will remain open to the public during much of the project. However, once the restoration work gets underway in May the museum grounds will not be available for tours until the project is complete.

While the restoration project progresses, the Sam Rayburn House Museum collections will be available in other aspects. Offsite activities are being planned and the museum will join in activities and exhibits with other venues such as the Bonham Tourism Association, the Fannin County Historical Commission, and the Sam Rayburn Library and Museum. Expect to see frequent updates on the restoration work and museum activities in newspapers, on the museum's website at [www.visitsamrayburnhouse.com](http://www.visitsamrayburnhouse.com) and coming soon on the museum's new Facebook page.

The Sam Rayburn House Museum tells the real story of Sam Rayburn, one of the most powerful and influential politicians of the 20th century, in his authentic 1916 home. Preserved as a period time capsule, the two-story home contains all original Rayburn furnishings. The Sam Rayburn House Museum is one of 20 historic attractions operated by the Texas Historical Commission. For more information visit [www.visitsamrayburnhouse.com](http://www.visitsamrayburnhouse.com).