

# FORT WORTH GUIDE

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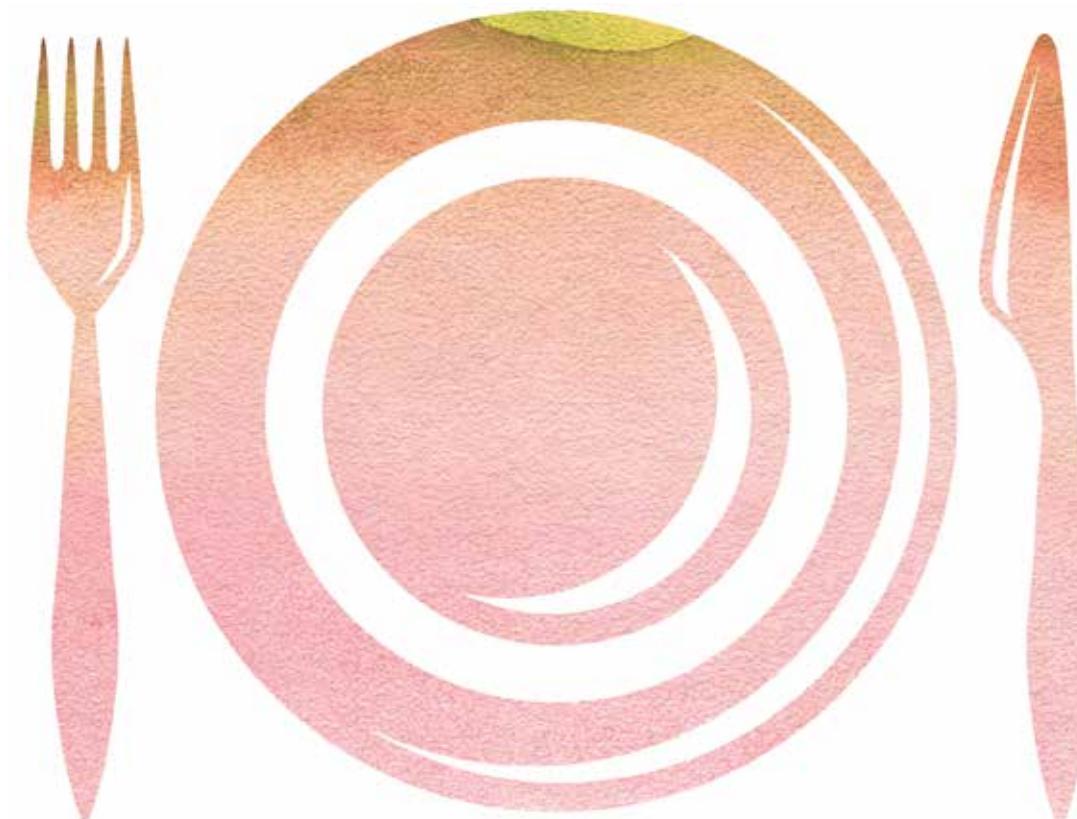
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## DINING ★ GUIDE

### STAFF RESTAURANT PICKS



#### JOE T. GARCIA'S

MEXICAN  
2201 N. COMMERCE ST. • FT. WORTH

Earlier this year, this family-run restaurant celebrated its 80th birthday, so it seems safe to say the Garcias know what they're doing. Originally only able to seat 16, the restaurant's famous enchiladas and homemade tortillas had hungry would-be-diners lining up for hours just to get a taste. One might wonder why they didn't just go to one of the numerous other Tex-Mex restaurants in the area. The answer is simple: because Joe T. Garcia's is good. New dining areas have since been developed, with seating capacity now in excess of 1,000, but the same style of cooking and original recipes are still employed today. Try the family's homemade brand of salsa picante and tomatillo salsa verde. And while these salsas are traditionally served as "mild," fear not, salsa aficionados: they also come in "hot." Make sure to bring cash, because they don't accept credit cards.

#### RAILHEAD

SMOKED MEATS  
2900 MONTGOMERY • FT. WORTH

The menu proclaims, "Life is too short to live in Dallas," and why would you want to when some of Texas' best BBQ is right here in Fort Worth. One of the long-timers in the Fort Worth BBQ scene, Railhead is well-versed in smoking meat the Texas

way—low and slow with lots of hardwood smoke. Thursday's rib sandwich plate special might be the best thing to come between two slices of bread since peanut butter and jelly. At lunchtime, the line might seem like BBQ purgatory, but don't let the smoke fool you—once you make it to the counter to place your order, BBQ heaven awaits.

#### RUDY'S

BBQ  
451 EAST I-20 • FT. WORTH

Yes, it's a chain. No, that doesn't matter. Rudy's started in the Texas hill country in 1989 as a gas station/market. From Rudolph's humble beginnings, a BBQ empire was born. Rudy's serves smoked meat, market style, so order a slice, a pound, or a truckload (really, they cater), grab a seat, a sweet tea or a Big Red soda, and enjoy paleo dieting living at its finest. Cannot misses here include the moist brisket, jalapeno sausage and the cream corn. If it's too early for lunch, Rudy's also makes a killer breakfast taco.

#### TORCHY'S TACOS

TACOS  
928 NORTHTON ST. • FT. WORTH

Ten years ago, you could only find Torchy's Tacos in one place: at a food trailer on South 1st in Austin, Texas. But when you make food this good, people want it close to home. Torchy's Tacos found a home in Fort Worth just a few blocks from Fort Worth Fire Station No. 8 on Rosedale, and it's a good thing, because things can get hot quick. There truly is a "taco for every appetite" at Torchy's, but their bread-and-butter ... er, tortilla-and-salsa, that is, would have to be the Green Chile Pork taco. The Crossroads taco, filled with smoked beef

brisket, jack cheese and a slice of avocado is about as Texan as you can get without wearing cowboy boots. The green chile queso and homemade chips with a dollop of guacamole in the middle may very well be the best queso in town. Torchy's offers flour or corn tortillas with almost all of their tacos, and a "Taco of the Month" keeps things interesting.



#### PIE FIVE

PIZZA  
2600 W 7TH ST.  
SUITE 105 • FT. WORTH

Located in Fort Worth's landmark Montgomery Plaza, Pie Five Pizza Co. makes your pizza exactly how you want it. Choose from 28 fresh toppings, 7 savory sauces, and 4 made-from-scratch crusts—and feel free to mix and match to your heart's content. Want both marinara sauce and BBQ? No problem. Want your pizza topped with sausage, cheddar cheese and marinated artichoke hearts? Go for it! If you lean more toward the less adventurous side, they do have signature pies with pre-set recipes. No matter what you choose, all pies cost the same price: just \$6.99. Kid's pies are \$3.69. For those who need to know, yes, some of their ingredients are gluten-free.

#### LONESOME DOVE

FINE WESTERN DINING  
2406 N MAIN ST • FT. WORTH

Tim Love is a Texas chef best known for urban western cuisine, so he is just the person you want running a restaurant in the Fort Worth Stockyards, the city "where the West begins." Lonesome Dove gives you the classic Texas experience without playing into all the hokey cowboy clichés, bridging the gap between elegant and rustic. Lonesome Dove is great for a special date night or if you just feel like splurging on dinner. However, they do offer a great lunch deal called the "Stockyard Special," a rotating lunch menu that costs only \$10. If you decide to go for dinner, be sure to go hungry and ready to try something different. In addition to your more traditional steaks, menu items include kangaroo nachos, elk sausage sliders, and truffle mac and cheese.

#### OL' SOUTH PANCAKE HOUSE

HOMESTYLE  
1509 S UNIVERSITY DR • FT. WORTH

Ol' South Pancake House will make you wonder how Waffle House stays in business. It's where the entire family can eat southern home-style cooking at any time of the day (or night). Don't even waste your time looking at a menu—you won't be disappointed with the German pancakes, or for the ladies desiring a smaller portion, "Dutch babies." Prepared tableside, these crepe-like cakes are covered in butter and powdered sugar and drenched in lemon before being delicately folded into a pillow of pancake fluff that will melt in your mouth. Order with a cup of coffee plus a side of scrambled eggs topped with their homemade salsas and you'll never go to IHOP again.

## BEST BURGERS IN COWTOWN



### LOVE SHACK

110 E EXCHANGE AVE • FT. WORTH

We don't usually encourage the purchase of anything with the word "dirty" in the title, but the "Dirty Love Burger" from Fort Worth's famous "Love Shack" is an exception. Lauded by critics as "one of the best burgers in America," the thick and grilled-to-perfection burger patty is paired with lettuce, tomato, pickles, wild-boar bacon, love sauce and our personal favorite, a fried quail egg. While you probably won't find this specialty on Jenny Craig's recommended list, this burger, paired with hand-cut fries, onion rings and freshly squeezed lemonade is a must-have. Love Shack is a multi-level, deck-style outdoor-only restaurant located in the historic Stockyards of Fort Worth. Plastic-lovers, beware! They only accept cash, but for your convenience, there is an ATM directly adjacent to the restaurant (the surcharge is at your own risk). If you are looking for a fancy-boutique burger, you are looking in the wrong place, but if good food is among your priorities, Love Shack's got you covered.

### RODEO GOAT

2836 BLEDSOE ST. • FT. WORTH

Don't let the name fool you or keep you away—Rodeo Goat offers up one of the

best burgers in Fort Worth. After looking over the lineup of gourmet burgers, you may very well need a pronunciation guide for some of the items on their menu, like Gruyere, arugula, and aioli. This ain't your typical burger joint, but touting daily fresh ground meat, it's guaranteed to give your taste buds a friendly head-butt. To start your visit to the Goat off right, order the "Cheese Fries Surprise"; the surprise means you'll have plenty to share with your friends. The Terlingua Burger, named after a town in west Texas that hosts a famous annual chili cook-off, is topped with Havarti cheese, brisket chili, onion, corn chips, and garlic-herb mayo. Brisket chili: need we say more? Two specialty burgers are always on the menu going head-to-head, vying for a spot on the regular rotation, and your order counts as one vote toward making it a permanent fixture on the menu. Vegetarian options are available.

### KINCAID'S HAMBURGERS

FOR ALL LOCATIONS:

KINCAIDSHAMBURGERS.COM

There are hamburgers and then there are hamburgers. Kincaid's serves the latter. Every burger is made from 100 percent all-natural Black Angus beef, completely free of hormones, antibiotics

and preservatives. For those of you unimpressed by such food-y jargon, just know this: Kincaid's hamburgers were, at one time, cows. Let's not point fingers, but not all restaurants can say that about their burgers. If burgers aren't your thing (perhaps there's one of you out there), Kincaid's also serves chicken, hot dogs and grilled cheeses. If you've got a bottle of Pepto-Bismol on hand, make your burger "Cowtown Style" with grilled onions and jalapeños for only 39 cents more.

### IN-N-OUT BURGER

4620 S. HULEN ST. • FT. WORTH

As renowned chefs Gordan Ramsay, Mario Batali, and even Ms. Julia Child herself testify, In-N-Out Burger is among the best fast-food chains in America. The simple menu delivers on what the name promises: burgers. What else do they have, you ask? More burgers. Really, all you have to decide is what you want on your burger. And if you want more choices than the menu has to offer, there is a not-so-secret menu (clue as to what's on it: more burgers!). As an added bonus, cups and wrappers have Bible verses printed on them, reflecting the Christian beliefs of In-N-Out's founding family. Meal prices fall within the \$5-7 range.

### CHARLEY'S OLD FASHIONED HAMBURGERS

4616 GRANBURY RD • FT. WORTH

Charley's won't be winning Michelle Obama's "healthy alternatives award" anytime soon. But what's bad for the waistline is often good for the soul. Located on 4616 Granbury Road, Charley's is the perfect combination of good prices, fresh ingredients and great taste. Now it's true that the kitchen is technically a trailer, and the inside seating area is small, but good burgers are meant to be enjoyed outside on picnic tables anyway. And, as one Yelp user remarked, "who needs fanciness for a burger?" With options ranging from the bacon burger to Project X (Tabasco sauce, jalapenos, and cheddar cheese), and from the classic cheeseburger to "Matt's Favorite" (not for the faint of heart—3 slices of cheese, 2 strips of bacon, double meat, AND Canadian bacon), Charley's is perfect both for lunch breaks and those late night cravings. You'll also get an apple slice and an orange slice with your order because, you know, you should at least pretend you're trying to eat healthy.

#### PULLED PORK

★Red Hot & Blue

3000 S. Hulen St. #600 | Ft. Worth

#### SAUSAGE

★The Sausage Shoppe

1302 E Seminary Dr | Ft. Worth

#### RIBS

★Texas Pit BBQ

324 S Saginaw Blvd | Saginaw

#### JALAPEÑO & CHEESE SAUSAGE

★Railhead Smokehouse BBQ

2900 Montgomery St | Ft. Worth

#### SLICED BRISKET

★Rudys

451 East I-20 | Arlington

#### BEST DEAL

★Ricky's Barbeque

6701 Camp Bowie Blvd | Ft. Worth

**BEST  
BBQ**

# COFFEE & DESSERT

Your Fort Worth dining experience would not be complete without a stop at one of these incredible establishments for a delicious latte or frozen treat.

BREWED

801 W MAGNOLIA AVE • FT. WORTH

Brewed is one of those places that defies classification. Is it a restaurant? Is it a coffee shop? Is it a really well designed eclectic space to get your creative juices flowing? Their self-designation of "The Locals' Living Room" is probably one of the most helpful ways to look at this place. It's not just a coffee shop. It's not just a restaurant. It's not just a cool space. It truly is a food and beverage experience, and everything Brewed does, Brewed does well. All of the coffee and tea beverages are made by hand, one at a time, and local Texas roasters provide the coffee used to make everything from a press pot to a café freddo. Everything on the breakfast, lunch and dinner menus is simple, fresh and made from scratch in the kitchen at Brewed. The Duck Fat Fries are a fan favorite, and the S'mores in a Jar dessert is one you probably won't want to share.

AVOCÀ COFFEE

1311 W MAGNOLIA AVE • FT. WORTH

If you identify with the phrase “I’d rather cut off my arm than drink bad coffee,” Avoca Coffee is the place for you (and they even sell a t-shirt so you can brag about your superior taste in coffee). If words like V60, Chemex, and cold brew really get your water boiling, make your way to Avoca’s

coffee shop, located in the heart of the Near Southside neighborhood of Fort Worth. Avoca Coffee isn't just a coffee shop; the flagship roastery on Magnolia Avenue provides expertly roasted whole bean coffee to a growing number of local restaurants and retailers. The atmosphere in the shop is bright and open with a lot of natural light thanks to the garage door windows. An abundance of electric outlets make this a great place to get some studying done while you enjoy a perfectly brewed cup of coffee. You won't find a better place to get coffee in Fort Worth.



STEEL CITY POPS

When asked to name their favorite flavor of frozen pop, people may feel that their options are a bit limited—red, orange, purple, or maybe blue (the fact that those are colors, not flavors, is precisely the point). But now, thanks to Steel City Pops, you can take everything you thought you knew about what a popsicle could be and toss it out the window. These gluten-free, vegetarian pops come in such flavors as passion fruit, cherry sour cream, chocolate with peanut butter, chocolate brownie, and yes, even just plain chocolate (chocolate!). Prices are low, so check back regularly for seasonal flavors.

## MELT ICE CREAMS

954 W ROSEDALE ST • FT. WORTH

Walt Disney has found himself some competition with Fort Worth's Melt Ice Creams, which claims to be the happiest place on earth. Locals are familiar with the vibrant yellow brick wall that frequently shows up on their Instagram feed, usually featuring a homemade waffle cone filled with a variety of creamy in-house creations. Melt is known for partnering with local businesses that dot the streets of Southside Fort Worth to create six flavors that rotate monthly. For those of you practicing vegans, vegetarians, pescatarians, sulfite-free, allergy-free or gluten-free, there is always an option for the dietary restricted. If you are the "artsy" type, you'll fit right in as 75 percent of Melt's customers wear black-rimmed glasses and tight-fitting jeans and frequently sport plaid paired with a good cup of coffee. Melt regularly works with non-profits and organizations that align with their mission: "Ice cream can change the world, one scoop at a time."

## SWEET SAMMIES

## SWEET SUMMERS WEST 7TH PROPERTY, 825 CURRIE ST • FT WORTH

Fresh, homemade cookies and creamy ice cream ... you really can't go wrong with either one, but Sweet Sammies makes all your ice cream sandwich dreams come true by putting the two together. This family-owned DIY dessert shop bakes homemade cookies every day and offers many different flavors—13 to be exact—to pair with your favorite ice cream flavor. Located in the middle of the popular West 7th development, the nearby parking garage is free before 5 p.m. and free if you receive merchant validation from the shop. Parking isn't convenient, but

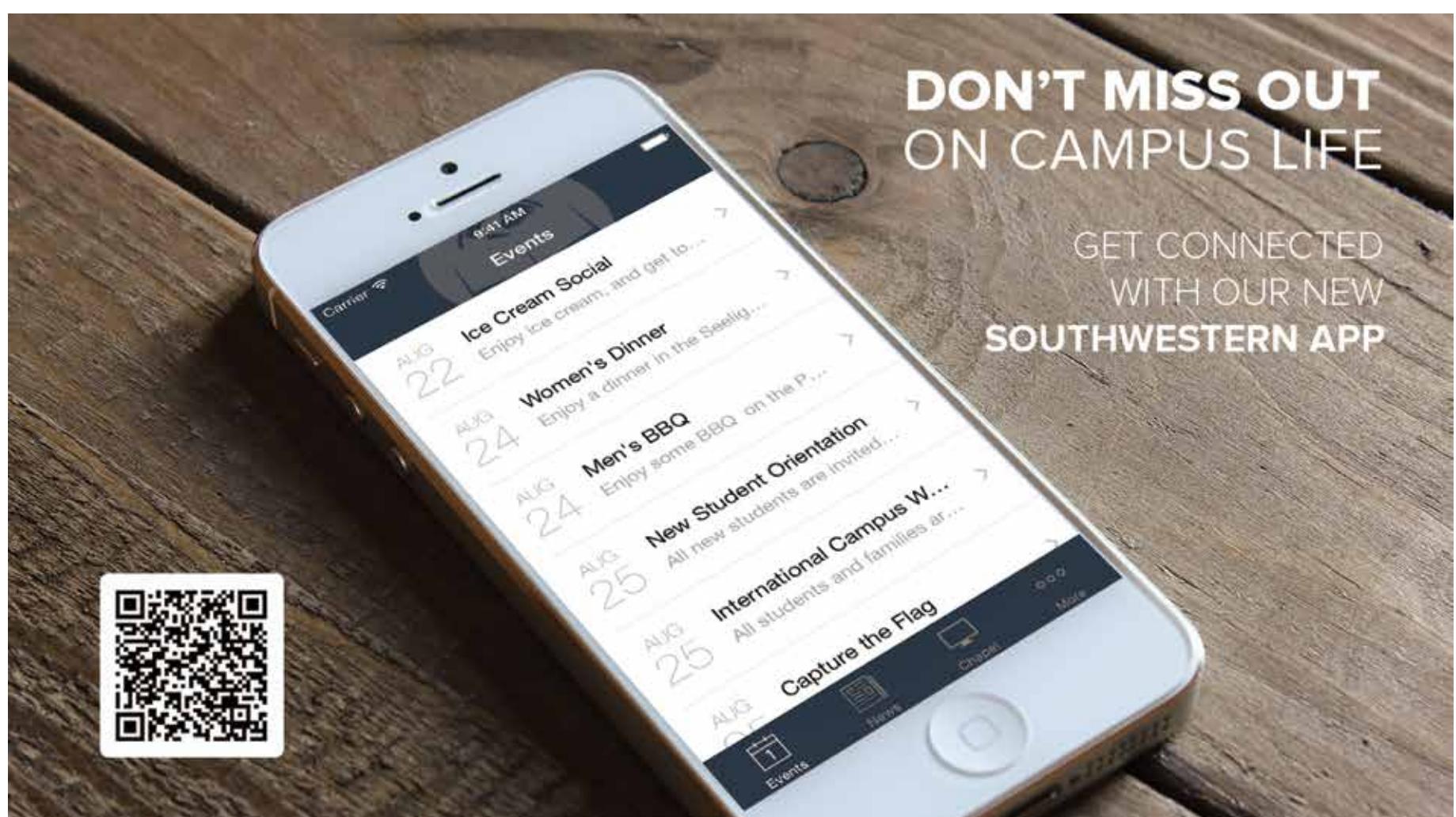
that might be a good thing; otherwise you would likely be there every day and weigh 500 pounds by the end of the year.



# PACIUGO GELATO AND CAFE

WEST 7TH PROPERTY, 2926 CROCKETT  
ST • FT. WORTH

We could clarify the difference between gelato and ice cream, but who cares? They both taste good, but gelato is smoother and has about 70 percent less fat. In other words, gelato is almost healthy! Need I say more? Paciugo (fortunately, they'll still let you in even if you can't pronounce the name) offers dozens of flavors of this traditional Italian treat. And if you're looking for the exact opposite of a frozen treat, they have you covered there, too, with an assortment of unique blends of coffee



# FUN★GUIDE

## STAFF PICKS



### AMON CARTER MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

3501 CAMP BOWIE BOULEVARD  
• FT. WORTH

Even if museums aren't your thing, the word "free" should be enough incentive to pay a visit to the Amon Carter Museum. Admission is always free to both the permanent collection and special exhibitions, featuring a variety of different mediums that span early 19th-century to mid-20th century American art. Amon Carter is also home to one of the largest collections of American photography. Tours of the permanent collection take place Thursday-Sunday at 2 p.m. No reservations are required; just stop by for a free, air-conditioned outing. Open 10-5, Tuesday-Saturday, and noon-5, Sundays.

### FORT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY

1600 GENDY ST. • FT. WORTH

Trying to summarize everything the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History has to offer is like trying to summarize World War II on Twitter—there's just too much to say but not enough room in which to say it. Suffice it to list a few highlights. For the kid in all of us, there's DinoLabs (with genuine, no-fooling dinosaur bones) and DinoDig, which allows patrons to experience what

it's like to be one of those archaeologists from "Jurassic Park." For those more interested in space-y things, the Noble Planetarium allows you to visit the Milky Way galaxy and travel up to 13.7 billion light years away (figuratively speaking, of course). The Omni IMAX Theater is also pretty sharp, exhibiting a wide variety of immersive film experiences (Warning: any scenes featuring the helicopter's P.O.V. will make you dizzy). Tickets for the museum are \$15 for adults and \$11 for kids. Tickets for Omni screenings are \$7 and \$6, respectively. Open 10-5, Monday-Saturday, and noon-5, Sundays.

### TEXAS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

760 JIM WRIGHT FREEWAY NORTH  
• FT. WORTH

The largest Civil War museum west of the Mississippi (just one more reason Texas is awesome), the Texas Civil War Museum offers a detailed view of the War Between the States. Exhibits include the coat worn by Ulysses S. Grant during the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, a Confederate cannon, and the state's largest collection of original, historic Texas flags. There's also a Victorian dress collection, because who doesn't want to know how people dressed in the latter part of the 19th century? Adults get in for \$6, children ages 7-12 for \$3, and children 6 and under get in for free. Open Tuesday-Saturday from 10-5.



### BASS PERFORMANCE HALL

525 COMMERCE ST. • FT. WORTH

Need something a little different from your normal movie night? No need to travel to the dark side of the metroplex (a.k.a. Dallas) for an evening of entertainment. Located in the heart of downtown Fort Worth, Bass Performance Hall is home to the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Fort Worth Opera, the Texas Ballet Theater, and popular Broadway shows. Unlike many other performance halls, you can easily find free parking nearby and spend some time in the popular Sundance Square plaza before or after the show.

### MODERN ART MUSEUM

3200 DARNELL ST. • FT. WORTH

Perhaps beauty really is in the eye of the beholder. If you are looking for something out of the ordinary, the Modern Art Museum certainly offers that experience. Don't worry if you don't understand the art because, chances are, the person standing next to you doesn't either. The museum comprises nearly 3,000 objects representing post-World War II art in every medium you could imagine. Admission is only \$4 with your student ID, \$10 general admission, and free for kids 12 and under. Even if you don't make it into an exhibit, the building itself is a work of art. Named one of

the world's most beautiful art museums by Travel + Leisure magazine, it was designed in 2002 by famous Japanese architect Tadao Ando. Grab some coffee and enjoy the view.



### COYOTE DRIVE-IN

223 NE 4TH ST. • FT. WORTH

A sense of nostalgia. An open-air environment. Two movies for the price of one. All of this (and more!) is available here at the Coyote Drive-In theater. Buy tickets online or at the gate, park your car, and experience those classic summer days of the 1950s. Each screen shows two full-length movies, with a 10-minute intermission in-between. (That's two movies for one ticket.) General admission is \$8; \$6 for kids 4-10; free for kids 3 and under. Open daily.

## FREE AND FUN



### FORT WORTH WATER GARDENS

1502 COMMERCE ST • FT. WORTH

If you have some time to spare and are looking to do something free, the Water Gardens are a hidden gem of Fort Worth and a great place to visit. Located on the south end of downtown, the four-acre park features three pools of water: the aerating, the quiet and the active pool. (To clarify, they're just for looking at, not swimming in). If you're brave, take the cascading steps to the bottom of the active pool. It can be a bit unnerving to hear the water rushing past you as you make your way to the bottom, but it is definitely worth it. The park is open to the public year-round.

### JETTED FOUNTAINS IN SUNDANCE SQUARE PLAZA

201 MAIN STREET • FT. WORTH

Texas has one constant: it's hot (and we like it!). Which makes the Jetted Fountains in the Sundance Square Plaza the perfect addition to Fort Worth's vibrant downtown. Open for play from 2-6, Monday-Friday, and 1-6, Saturday-Sunday, your kids will think you've brought them to the Mecca of all splash pads (but leave Cujo at home, because animals are not allowed inside the jetted fountains; sorry, PETA). At night, the fountains also light up, turning the pavilion into a picturesque late night stroll. For those of you wishing to impress your significant other, here's your chance to grab the perfect date night selfie.

### FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDENS

3220 BOTANIC GARDEN BLVD

• FT. WORTH

If you love the outdoors, be sure to visit the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, located just south of the cultural district. The 10,000-square-foot conservatory offers several events (including outdoor concerts) throughout the year and interactive areas for the kids. However, it's

also just the perfect place to explore the winding paths of various trees, flowers and foliage. Bring a picnic meal and make a day of it. View their 23 specialty gardens, including the 7-acre Japanese Garden. There is an admission fee for the Conservatory and Japanese Garden; all other gardens are free.



### STOCKYARDS CATTLE DRIVE

130 E EXCHANGE AVE • FT. WORTH

Fort Worth is affectionately known as "Cowtown." Nothing epitomizes this sentiment better than the Fort Worth Herd cattle drive, where the Wild West comes to life. Texas cowhands drive a herd of longhorns down Exchange Avenue in the Stockyards National Historic District twice daily—at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. It's a must-see, plus it's free! Every detail of the cattle drive—from the saddles to the boots and hats—is an authentic representation of the life of a cowboy in historic Fort Worth. Saddle up your posse

and mosey on down to the Stockyards to enjoy the same nostalgia that John Wayne gives your grandparents.

### TRINITY TRAILS

VISIT [FORTWORTH.COM/TRINITY-TRAILS](http://FORTWORTH.COM/TRINITY-TRAILS) TO VIEW A MAP OF ALL TRAILS.

"But I hate running" might be your first response when the Trinity Trails are suggested to you. However, while the trails offer 40 miles of running and biking paths, there are numerous other things to take advantage of along the trails. Go for a leisurely stroll, take a picnic to one of the 17 trailheads, or take advantage of the 88 miles of river running through the city. Find the nearest kayak launch, tubing event or river festival. Throughout the year, numerous events and concerts take place at Panther Island Pavilion, a waterfront stage located north of downtown Fort Worth. Several restaurants and activities are also located along the trails, connecting major areas of the city, such as downtown, TCU and the Cultural District.

## WORTH THE DRIVE

In Texas, we often measure units of distance with the all but technical term *yonder*. Here are a few places near-ish Fort Worth that we think are worth the drive out *yonder*.

### SIX FLAGS

2201 RD TO SIX FLAGS ST E  
• ARLINGTON

Located 15 miles from downtown Fort Worth in Arlington, Six Flags Over Texas is the largest amusement park in the metroplex. Even if you're not a thrill-seeker or you're not up for the 85 miles-per-hour speed of the Titan or the steep, 79-degree drop of the Texas Giant, the park has more than 50 rides and attractions that can appeal to anyone. The cost of tickets and parking can quickly add up, so if you plan to go more than once, be sure to get a season pass to get the most out of your money. The park is open from March to December, with limited operating days during the fall and winter. Check online for detailed operating hours.

### AT&T STADIUM

ONE AT&T WAY • ARLINGTON

You hear "everything is bigger in Texas" tossed around a lot, but have you ever wondered what epitomizes that concept? Look no further than AT&T

Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys. With a seating capacity of 85,000, Cowboy Stadium is the largest stadium in the NFL. And for those of you not already bubbling over with pride in your Lone Star State, fear not, for it holds other records as well: it has the world's largest column-free interior and the fourth largest high definition video screen, which hangs from 20-yard line to 20-yard line. (Don't let that fourth place ranking fool you—it's still a very big TV.) When the Dallas Cowboys aren't busy schooling their opponents in how to win football on Cowboy turf (or at least that's what we Texans like to think they're doing), the stadium also hosts concerts, basketball games, soccer matches and even motocross races. While tickets to these events may cost more than humble seminary students can ever hope to pay, the stadium itself is worth seeing even when nobody's there, and a number of tours are offered during such occasions. Tickets for self-guided tours are \$17.

### GLOBE LIFE PARK IN ARLINGTON

1000 BALLPARK WAY • ARLINGTON

Though somewhat dwarfed by the neighboring AT&T Stadium, Globe Life Park (colloquially known as Rangers Ballpark) is still a site to see. Home to the Texas Rangers and the Texas

Rangers Baseball Hall of Fame, the ballpark opened in 1994 and has seen its home team get better and better as the years have gone by, with the Rangers making it to the World Series in 2010 and 2011 as the American League Champions. (Never mind that that was four years ago and that recent seasons have been a bit less encouraging.) Game tickets start at \$13. Guided tours of the stadium are also offered daily. Tickets for adults are \$14, while tickets for youth (ages 4-14) are \$7.

### FOSSIL RIM WILDLIFE CENTER

1789 CO RD 2009 • GLEN ROSE

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center is where Africa comes to Texas. The 1,800-acre preserve filled with more than 1,100 animals of 50 different species gives them something to brag about. You may not be a go-green tree-hugger, but who doesn't love getting slimed by a baby giraffe, getting up-close and in-person with an emu, or getting 10 feet away from a 3,000-pound rhinoceros? Located about an hour south of Fort Worth, plan on a half-day excursion to the quaint town of Glen Rose, Texas. The self-guided drive-thru winds through a 9.5-mile tour route where animals meet you at your vehicle in hopes of earning a snack (be sure to squeeze the \$8 bag of animal feed into

your budget). If you want to do it right, call ahead to reserve a guided tour where you will experience a Texas-style African safari on an open-air vehicle. You can see animals in a cage at any zoo, but at Fossil Rim you get to take the experience one step further by stepping inside the cage yourself.

### DR. PEPPER MUSEUM

300 SOUTH 5TH STREET • WACO

10, 2, and 4 are the prescribed dosage times for Dr. Pepper, and the 1 place with all the history on this Texas "medicine" and its 23 flavors is the Dr. Pepper Museum in Waco. Housed in Dr. Pepper's original 1906 bottling plant is one of the finest collections of soft drink memorabilia in the world. Whether you simply call it a carbonated beverage or you're a true devotee and believe W.W. "Foots" Clements stumbled upon the nectar of the gods, you will enjoy this place. Tour the exhibits, laugh while watching some vintage commercials, and then hit the soda fountain for an authentic hand-made Dr. Pepper. This might be the only place in Texas where it is socially acceptable to address your server as a "jerk." Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for children. Check the museum website for discount coupons.

## FOR THE KIDS

### FORT WORTH ZOO

1989 COLONIAL PARKWAY • FT. WORTH

Feel like grooming a goat or watching an elephant paint? The Fort Worth Zoo is home to more than 500 species of animals and features 12 permanent exhibit areas ranging from Texas Wild to the African Savannah. Founded in 1909 (which makes it one year younger than Southwestern Seminary!), the Fort Worth Zoo is the oldest zoo in Texas. For 82 years, the zoo was owned and operated by the City of Fort Worth. Since 1992, the Fort Worth Zoological Association has managed the zoo and brought new life and national ranking to it. Approximately 1 million people visit the Fort Worth Zoo on an annual basis, and it is the only zoo in the nation to house representatives of all four Great Ape species—gorillas, orangutans, bonobos and chimpanzees. The Fort Worth Zoo is open 365 days a year, and Wednesdays are half-price admission days.

### FOREST PARK MINIATURE RAILROAD

1700 COLONIAL PARKWAY • FT. WORTH

If riding the rails like a hobo has been on your bucket list for some time, grab your bindle and can of beans, because now's your chance. For more than 50 years, the Forest Park Miniature Railroad has been taking passengers, young and old, on a 40-minute, 5-mile, round-trip ride through Forest and Trinity Parks. Occupy your children or exercise your inner child as you cross back and forth over the

Trinity River. As long as you have your \$4 adult/\$3.50 child ticket, there are no railroad bulls to worry about.

### LOG CABIN VILLAGE

2100 LOG CABIN VILLAGE LN  
• FT. WORTH

Cross through the entrance to Log Cabin Village, and you'll think you've transported to another time (or to the set of "Little House on the Prairie"). The village gives an authentic, mid-19th-century experience where even employees are dressed in the attire of the time. Take a tour of the blacksmith shop, the one-room schoolhouse, and several other historically furnished log-cabin homes. Be sure to take your children to the Seela cabin, which is designed to be a hands-on learning experience where kids can play with antique toys; pump water from a well; and grind corn, wheat and coffee by hand. Closed on Mondays. Tickets for adults are \$5; \$4.50 for kids ages 4-17. Free for kids 3 and under.

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Cross through the entrance to Log Cabin Village, and you'll think you've transported to another time (or to the set of "Little House on the Prairie"). The village gives an authentic, mid-19th-century experience where even employees are dressed in the attire of the time. Take a tour of the blacksmith shop, the one-

room schoolhouse, and several other historically furnished log-cabin homes. Be sure to take your children to the Seela cabin, which is designed to be a hands-on learning experience where kids can play with antique toys; pump water from a well; and grind corn, wheat and coffee by hand. Closed on Mondays. Tickets for adults are \$5; \$4.50 for kids ages 4-17. Free for kids 3 and under.

### STOCKYARDS CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO

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Yes, it is a stereotype that all Texans are cowboys who go to rodeos every weekend, and yes, advertising a rodeo to students at a Texas school does somewhat reinforce that stereotype. But you know what? Rodeos are really fun, and who cares what non-Texans think anyway? Located in the historic Fort Worth Stockyards, the Stockyards Rodeo is the world's only year-round rodeo. (Take that, whatever other place offers rodeos.) Designed for visitors seeking an authentic cowboy experience, the two-hour show features such activities as bull riding, tie down roping, and barrel racing. There are also calf and mutton scrambles with prizes for the kids. The rodeo starts at 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday night. Regular seating is \$17.50 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

### BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING

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At this Texas outpost of the U.S. Treasury, visitors can walk through two floors of interactive exhibits and displays showcasing the history of the nation's currency as well as the intricate art of currency manufacturing. In addition, they can see where billions of dollars are printed each year, as more than half the nation's currency is produced at this Fort Worth center. If all of that doesn't spell out "family fun," we don't know what does. And did we mention it's free? Open Tuesday-Friday.

### BURGER'S LAKE

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In Texas, there is no better way to beat the heat than a day at the pool or the lake. Burger's Lake is an old-school-style swimming hole with sandy beaches perfect for making sand castles with the kids, as well as numerous diving boards and slides. The 30-acre park also includes more than 300 picnic tables, charcoal grills and plenty of space for other fun family activities. Although concessions are available, save some money and bring your own food for a picnic-style meal. General admission is \$15; children 6 and under get in for \$5.

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