

A Weekender's Guide to Fort Worth

A world of fun is waiting for you in Cowtown! Here are some of the most popular happenings throughout the Fort Worth area. From outdoor adventure to one-of-a-kind cultural attractions, there's something for everyone in this city. Consider this guide your one-stop shop for planning your weekend in Fort Worth!

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What the Locals are Talking About

Do you prefer old-fashioned Southern BBQ or tex-mex fajitas? If you had to choose, would you pick Mediterranean gyros or a tempura roll topped with chili mayo and masago? For after-dinner fare, are you more of an ice-cream or bourbon fan?

Whatever your preferences, we can pretty much guarantee that Fort Worth is a city for foodies. With so many different options, picking a weekend date night spot can be a challenge in and of itself!

To narrow down your dinner options, we want to present our top 5 favorite Fort Worth restaurants:

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Reata Restaurant

If you're craving a steak, you can't go wrong with an evening at Reata. Located in Sundance Square, this Fort-Worth favorite features both gourmet food and stunning rooftop views of the Dome.

Bonnell's Fine Texas Cuisine

Farm-to-table never tasted so good. A fusion of Southwestern, Creole, and Mexican flavors, Bonnell's is both truly unique in its wide offering of dishes and absolutely quintessential in its mix of flavors that Texas is so well-known for. While here, we can't recommend enough the Oysters Texasfeller and the Bison Tenderloin!

Righteous Foods

Who doesn't love "healthy food that tastes like it's bad for you"? Come here for out-of-this-world cocktails like the acai and hibiscus margarita or the Blueberry Collins, and stay for the organic salmon tacos and Niman Ranch beef burger with smoked gouda.

Gus's Fried Chicken

It wouldn't be a true guide to Texas cuisine without at least one authentic chicken shack on the list! You'll never forget how juicy this chicken is, and the wide array of delicious sides pairs perfectly with the hotter-than-expected chicken seasoning.

Little Lilly Sushi

A hidden gem, this has become our go-to sushi place. Please don't hesitate to order the butterfish sashimi, as it will change your life.





Shop 'Til You Drop

Upscale boutique or antique shop?
You'll find plenty of both in Fort Worth. We want to
give you a quick rundown of the best places to shop:

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Fort Worth Stockyards

Release your inner cowboy (or cowgirl) at the Fort Worth Stockyards. Home to Western finds like Cavender's Stock Yards and the Leather Trading Company, this is the place for authentic cowboy boots!

Our Favorite Spots in the 'Yards:

Maverick Fine Western Wear

Pinkies Uncommon Treasures

Sassy Pantz

M.L. Leddy's Boots & Saddlery

Kokopelli Jewlery

Stockyards Trading Post



Sundance Square

You could spend all day at Sundance Square and never be bored. Stroll along red-brick streets, passing historic buildings and some of the most extraordinary shopping you'll ever find!

Clothing:

Yours Truly

H&M

Loft

Parts Unknown

White House Black Market

Accessories:

Sunglass Hut

Earthbound Trading Company

Haltom's Jewelers

Francescas



Wait... there's More!

Pick up some vintage records, hit up a flea market or two, and find all your gifting needs in Fort Worth at these spots:

Doc's records & Vintage

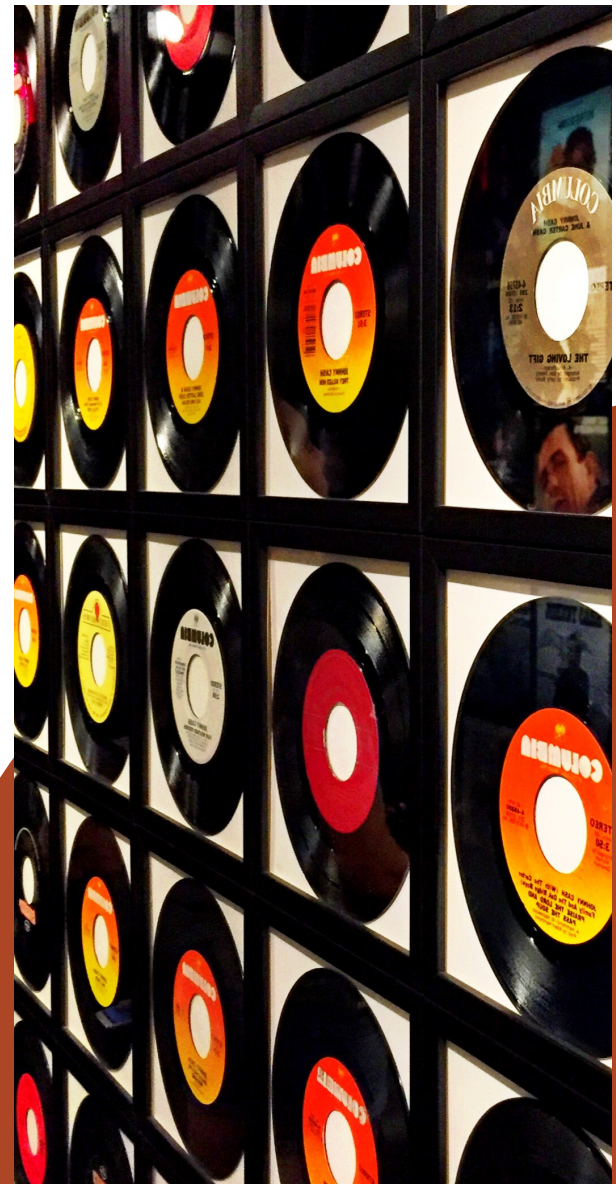
For all your music needs! Stop by for unique vintage finds, old arcade games, and an enormous collection of new and old records for sale.

Cattle Barn Flea Market

You never know what you might find at this local treasure chest! Come out and chat with vendors as you peruse antique finds.

The Shop at the Cowgirl Museum

The National Cowgirl Museum is a must-see by itself, but the shop here is perfect for any kind of gift! Specially created by women honored in the Hall of Fame, this is a wonderful place to shop.





The Great Outdoors

Adventure waits around every corner in Fort Worth! This is a city for outdoor lovers, with plenty of gardens, public parks, hiking trails, and more to explore here.

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From beloved Fort Worth institutions to spots you never thought to try, here's a guide to the many outdoor offerings of Fort Worth.

Wet 'n Wild

Just north of Downtown Fort Worth, Panther Island is the place to be for fun summer events like Rockin' the River, as well as outdoor recreation in the water like tubing, kayaking, and paddle boarding.

Burger's Lake is a wonderful spot for swimming. This 30-acre park comes with a 1-acre lake fed by springwater, with lots of shade, six diving boards, a huge water slide, 25-foot trapeze, and a staff of certified lifeguards.

Looking to try something new? Go stand-up paddleboarding at Lakeside Paddle at the Lake Worth Boat & Ski Club! Take lessons, rent gear, and get out on the water in this much-beloved local spot.

Go For a Ride

There's a reason it's called the City of Cowboys and Culture...

Check out Benbrook Stables, the River Ranch Stockyards, or the renowned Fort Worth Stockyards for horseback riding!

Or, you could get better acquainted with nature and wildlife at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge or the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens.



Golf the Day Away

There are tons of opportunities to practice your favorite game here, from verdant and luxurious country club courses to expertly maintained municipal golf courses within sight of Downtown.

If you're an avid golfer, be sure to check out the following courses in Fort Worth:

The Golf Club at the Resort

Fair rates and a beautiful course make this a superb course for golfers of any level. The design and layout reveal an attention to detail that will blow you away.

Rockwood Golf Course

Home of the First Tee of Fort Worth, you'll love the large putting area and beautiful set up of this course.

Colonial Country Club

Though a private and luxurious golf club, this course offers fair rates and is home wonderful events like the PGA Tournament.

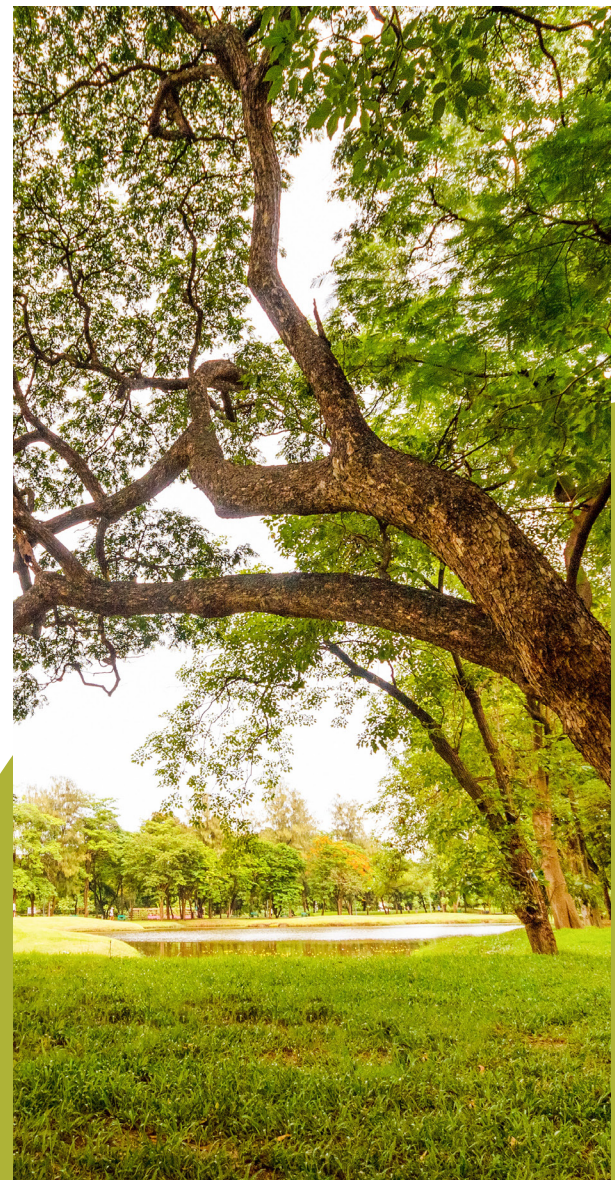
Our Park Picks

For scenic, urban, and peaceful park-wandering, these are our top picks!

The Fort Worth Water Gardens is a refreshing haven of aquatic architecture that's adjacent to the Fort Worth Convention Center. There's no better place to go and relax for a few minutes in the heart of the city.

Looking for something a little more adventurous? Tek on over to Eagle Mountain Park. With 400 acres of uninterrupted natural space, this park offers breathtaking views of local scenery and a plethora of different hiking trails.

For a peaceful respite from the hustle and bustle of the city, spend a few moments in the tranquil Fort Worth Japanese Garden. Listen to the enchanting sounds of the garden's waterfall and observe hundreds of beautiful Japanese trees.





Rock and Roll

All Night Long

From summer concert series to world-class artists coming through town, Fort Worth is home to a treasure trove of entertainment, live music, and theatrical performances.

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Begin your summer by checking out the Concerts in the Garden at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra will be there to provide stunning renditions of songs you know and love, including The Eagles, Buddy Holly, and Ritchie Valens.

Rockin' the River is a free summer concert series held every Saturday from July 7th to July 11. Go tubing in the river and lay back to watch some of Texas' biggest country acts live!

Arts, Culture, and Theater, oh my!

For an intimate performance of classic and contemporary music and theater, head over to Stage West Theater. How about a trendy local playhouse in Sundance Square? Your best bet is the Circle Theatre.

Maybe you'd prefer something out of the ordinary? The Hip Pocket Theatre features an outdoor stage and unbelievable local talent!

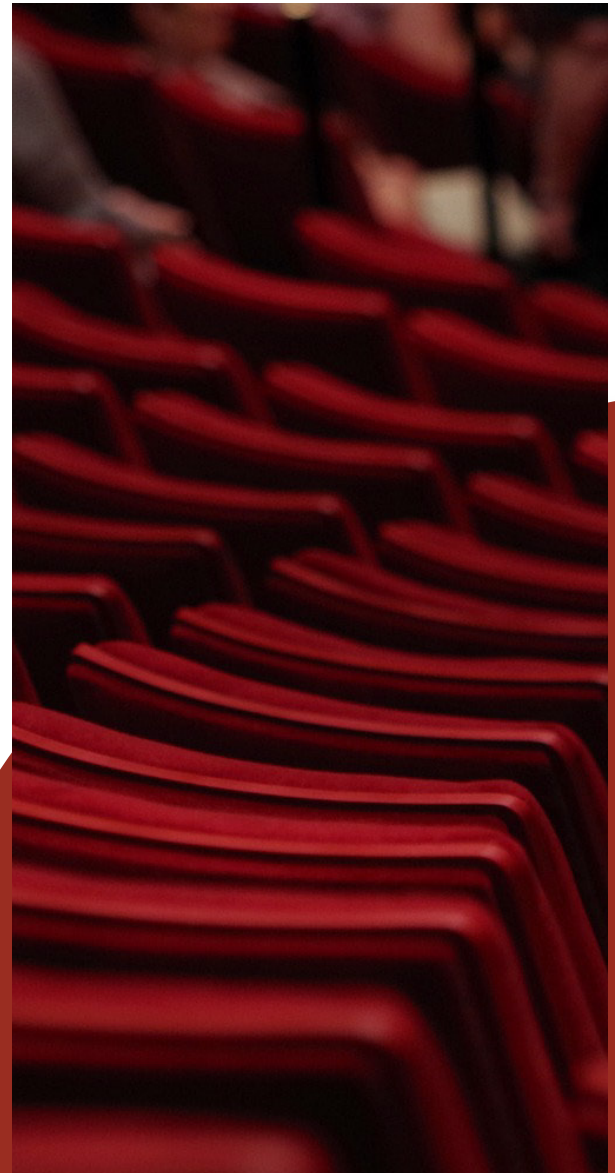
Some other great theaters in Fort Worth include:

Jubilee Theatre

Casa Manana Inc.

Fort Worth Opera

Ridglea Theater



Too Many Venues to Choose From...

But we'll try our hardest to point you in the right direction. Whether you prefer bluegrass, good old rock 'n' roll, pop, or anything on the musical spectrum, you're bound to find your exact cup of tea somewhere along the streets of Fort Worth.

In no particular order, may we recommend:

Billy Bob's Texas

The best concert hall for authentic country music!

Fred's Texas Cafe

Enjoy a sweet tea vodka or a juicy cheeseburger as you enjoy live music on the lawn!

Magnolia Motor Lounge

Cold beer and rock and roll never sounded so good!

Lola's Saloon

You cannot beat the craft beer selection!

Love Shack

Try the Dirty Love Burger as you enjoy live music!

Jazz Cafe

Jam out to some live jazz at Sunday brunch!





Fort Worth's Finest

There's nothing wrong with playing tourist every once in a while. Especially when Fort Worth is filled with so many wonderful, and famous, attractions.

Without further ado, here are some of our favorite famous Fort Worth hot spots.

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Fort Worth Zoo

Would this be an authentic Fort Worth weekenders guide if we didn't mention the Zoo? See giraffes, hippos, and all your favorite wild animals up close and personal at this renowned Fort Worth destination. They feature new animals regularly, host a number of exciting events centered around wildlife and nature, and offer educational programs to kids of all ages.

Kimbell Art Museum

Beloved by residents of all ages throughout the greater Fort Worth area, the Kimbell Art Museum hosts a number of traveling exhibits as well as a permanent exhibit, educational programs, and a huge research library. Develop a love for art as you stroll through the magnificent halls of this local treasure.

Cultural District

What's not to love about the Cultural District? Just a few miles west of Downtown, this setting is one of the most vibrant and exciting in the city. Home to the Will Rogers Memorial Center, the Casa Mañana theater, and the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, you'll love spending all day with family or friends at this Fort Worth staple.

