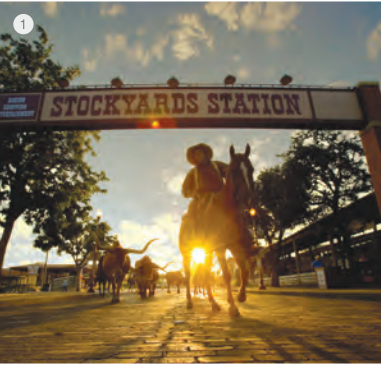


out *of* town



Come to north texas

The towns of DeSoto, Fort Worth, Frisco, Glen Rose, Granbury, and Wichita Falls all lie within an area known as North Texas. An easy drive from Dallas, these treasures offer shopping, culture, dining, and outdoor attractions, making them ideal choices for weekend excursions.

fort Worth The “City of Cowboys and Culture,” Fort Worth marries Western heritage with cultural experiences.

1 In one day, a visitor can see the world’s only twice-daily cattle drive in the Stockyards National Historic District, and Michelangelo’s first painting at the Kimbell Art Museum. Sundance Square, one of the nation’s premier downtown revitalizations, is home to shopping, dining, Bass Performance Hall, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Texas Ballet Theater, and the Fort Worth Opera. And the Cultural District features five museums. *Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau, 800-433-5747, fortworth.com.*

Frisco offers a hometown feel in an upscale environment. A suburb of Dallas, shoppers delight in the more than 8 million-square-foot of retail including an IKEA, Stonebriar Centre, and the Shops at Starwood, a Mediterranean-style outdoor center filled with boutiques and restaurants. 2 Known as “the playing field of champions,” entertainment buffs can catch family shows at Dr Pepper Arena and major league soccer at Pizza Hut Park, while outdoor lovers delight in the more than 100 sculptures on display all over town. *Frisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, 877-GoFrisco, visitfrisco.com.*

come visit

DeSoto is one of the oldest settlements in the state with its first settlers in 1847. 3 Today, with 12 parks including Grimes Park and Mosley Park, an area with 3 softball fields, 2 playgrounds, and a pool, it offers activities for outdoor enthusiasts. The 3.6-mile Roy Orr Trail connects several parks and Windmill Hill Nature Preserve. DeSoto also houses the largest covered BMX race track in the U.S. *DeSoto Chamber of Commerce, 972-224-3565, desotochamber.org.*

Granbury Stroll through the Victorian downtown with its more than 40 unique shops. Take in family musical entertainment at Granbury Live, or experience a Broadway-style show in the 1886 Granbury Opera House. Play golf, enjoy water sports on the lake, or relax on the beach. Pamper yourself at a bed and breakfast inn or hotel. Fine dining, wine tasting, art displays and historical sites add to the Granbury experience. *Granbury Convention and Visitors Bureau, 877-936-1201, granburytx.com.*

Wichita Falls Splash into Castaway Cove Waterpark, enjoy a free concert at the Museum of Art at Midwestern State University, tour the River Bend Nature Center or Wichita Falls Winery. 4 In August, take part in the Hotter ‘N Hell Hundred, the largest sanctioned century bike race in the U.S. Visit the Kell House Museum, the Museum of North Texas History, the Backdoor Theatre, or the Wichita Theatre. *Wichita Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau, 940-716-5500, wichitafalls.org.*

GLEN ROSE Known as “The Official Dinosaur Capital of Texas,” Glen Rose will feature a new show this summer, *Land of the Dinosaurs*, at the Texas Amphitheatre. *Glen Rose Convention and Visitors Bureau, 888-346-6282, glenrosetexas.net.*

