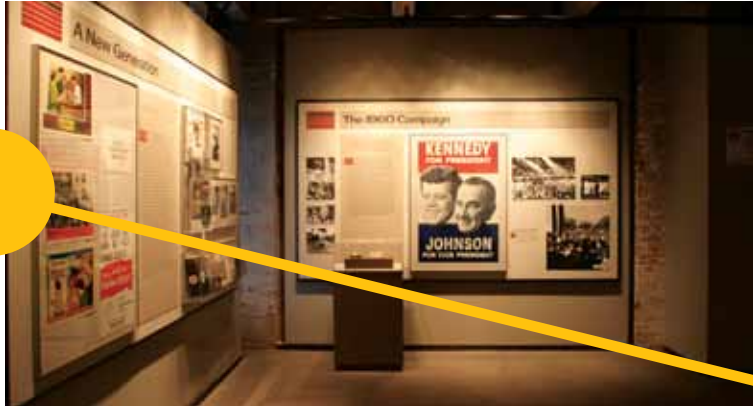


Dallas

The heart of Texas for five kinds of travellers

November 22, 1963 is the 50th anniversary of JFK's death. The squarish, brown structure from where Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy is now the home of the **Sixth Floor Museum**, where you can learn about Kennedy's life and death and look out from Oswald's (alleged) perch.



SIXTH FLOOR MUSEUM

In front of the memorial is the **JFK Tour** pickup location. This guided bus tour runs you through all the significant spots in JFK's assassination and Oswald's subsequent flight and arrest. If you're planning to do the tour around the anniversary, make sure to book ahead.



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If monuments aren't your thing, or you prefer to commemorate the event a little differently, head to **Lee Harvey's**, a well-known local pub. The name is iffy, but they do have live music and award-winning onion rings.



Conspiracy theorist

2013 Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association

November 16-20
Dallas Convention Center

tel: 214-570-5935;
my.americanheart.org

The **JFK Memorial** is right across the street. Designed by Philip Johnson, it's still a matter of debate whether it's an understated, tasteful homage to Kennedy or an ugly concrete box. Make up your own mind.



High-art connoisseur

Thanks to billions of dollars of investment, the **Arts District** (thedallasartsdistrict.org) is fast becoming Dallas's main draw. **Klyde Warren Park** is the newest addition and the park's design places an emphasis on activities, with game tables, *pétanque* courts, and huge lawns where daily events take place.



DILLON DIERKS

The **AT&T Performing Arts Center** offers ample choices for entertainment. Completed in 2009 and the centerpiece of the Arts District, it plays host to Broadway musicals, ballet, plays, opera and more.



TIM HURSLEY

The **Nasher Sculpture Center** opened in 2003 and has steadily expanded its collections. The open-air concept makes it pleasant to amble through the various installations, even if you're not debating the merits of the minutiae of each piece.

Two great free options are the **Dallas Museum of Art**, which is one of the premier art museums in North America, and the **Crow Collection of Asian Art**, whose surrounding gardens, with their serene water features, are a highlight.



DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART

Deep Ellum diver

Once a slum, Deep Ellum is now hopping with bars, galleries and music venues. To let loose, make for the divey **Adair's Saloon**, which has live music every night and cheap drinks.



AUGUSTE RODIN, THE AGE OF BRONZE, CA. 1876 / PHOTO DAVID HEALD



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With its art museums, green spaces and trendy neighbourhoods, Dallas may have gone a little “east coast,” but Fort Worth, the other eponymous part of the DFW Metroplex, is proud to display its Western roots. The **Stockyards Rodeo** runs events every Friday and Saturday night; get there early to snag the best seat to watch bull-riding, calf-roping and more.

Real cowboy

If you prefer to learn about past exploits of cowpeople, the **National Cowgirls Hall of Fame**, the **Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame** and the **National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum** will tell you everything you could possibly ever want to know.



The **Will Rogers Memorial Center** plays host to a constant stream of events, many of them equine or bovine in nature. If you can't time it to see a horse or cattle-trading event, the **Cattle Barn Flea Market** (free entry) is a great place to discover Texan treasures on Saturdays and Sundays, and the whole place even smells vaguely of cow.

If all that staring at animals makes you hungry, **Cousin's Pit Bar-B-Q** was named on *Texas Monthly's* coveted Top 50 list in both 2008 and 2013. The flagship of a growing chain of restaurants, this spot serves up the classics, like pulled pork and beef brisket, and it's pretty easy to eat for around US\$10.



DIRECTORY

Adair's Saloon
2624 Commerce Street
tel: 214-939-9900
adairssaloon.com

AT&T Performing Arts Center
2403 Flora Street
tel: 214-880-0202
attpac.org

Cousin's Pit Bar-B-Q
6262 McCart Avenue
tel: 817-346-2511
cousinsbbq.com

Crow Collection of Asian Art
2010 Flora Street
tel: 214-979-6430
crowcollection.com

Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens
8525 Garland Road
tel: 214-515-6500
dallasarboretum.org
adults US\$15; kids 3 to 12 US\$10

Dallas Museum of Art
1717 North Harwood Street
tel: 214-922-1200
dma.org

Fort Worth Botanic Garden
3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard
tel: 817-871-7686
fwbg.org

JFK Tour
bigdfuntours.com
adults US\$20, kids US\$10

Klyde Warren Park
2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway
klydewarren.org

Lee Harvey's
1807 Gould Street
tel: 214-428-1555
leeharveys.com

Nasher Sculpture Center
2001 Flora Street
tel: 214-979-6430
nashersculpturecenter.org
adults US\$10; kids 12 and under free

National Cowgirls Hall of Fame
1720 Gendy Street
tel: 817-336-4475
cowgirl.net
adults US\$10; kids under 13 US\$8

National Multicultural Western Heritage Museum
3400 Mount Vernon Avenue
tel: 817-534-8801
cowboysofcolor.org
US\$6

Sixth Floor Museum
411 Elm Street
tel: 214-747-6660
jfk.org
adults US\$16; kids 6 to 18 US\$13

Sons of Hermann Hall
3413 Elm Street
tel: 214-747-4422
sonsofhermann.com

Stockyards Rodeo
121 East Exchange Avenue
tel: 817-625-1025
stockyardsrodeo.com
adults US\$17.50; kids 12 and under US\$10

Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame
128 East Exchange Avenue
tel: 817-626-7131
texascowboyhalloffame.org
adults US\$5; kids 12 and under US\$3

White Rock Paddle Company
315 East Lawther Drive
tel: 469-888-0620
whiterockpaddle.com
canoes US\$20 per hour

Will Rogers Memorial Center
3401 West Lancaster Avenue
tel: 817-392-7469
events schedule: fortworth.com/includes/media/docs/WRMC-March-2013-2014-Calendar.pdf

For more info: visitdallas.com



MATT PASANT

Fresh-air fanatic

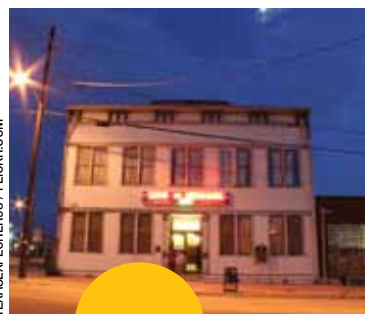


On the north side of White Rock Lake you can rent canoes and kayaks at **White Rock Paddle Company**, and paddle around spotting herons, pelicans, geese and other birds.

If you're willing travel further, you can take the hour-long train ride to Fort Worth, and then head to the **Fort Worth Botanic Garden**. At 44 hectares it's larger than its Dallas counterpart, and better yet it's free (the worthwhile Japanese garden is an extra US\$5.)

For a pleasant afternoon, take the 30-minute ride on the 60 bus from Commerce Street downtown to the **Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens**. The park is 27 hectares of trees, gardens and green space, and a favourite spot for proposals and photoshoots (it's said to be unbearable during prom season). Bring food for a picnic.

The entire neighbourhood is covered with outdoor murals. For indoor options, there are plenty of **art galleries** (deepellum.texas.com/art/galleries). Consider the University of Texas's Central Trak program, to the artist/volunteer-run **Kettle Art**, or swankier environs like the **Kirk Hopper** or **Liliana Bloch** galleries; it's easy to hit up a half-dozen in a day if you time it right.



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The **Sons of Hermann Hall** has been an institution since 1911, through the neighbourhood's ups and downs. It juggles weekly events like swing-dancing Wednesdays (US\$5 for a lesson and a few hours of dancing) and Thursday's Electric Campfire Jam, with country music shows.



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