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☐ Green Spaces

City Parks

Fort Worth has 243 public parks for a total of 10,907 acres of which 10,188.51 acres are developed for active use. Of the 211 active parks, 178 parks were classified as Neighborhood Parks with a total of 1,943.86 acres. The average size is 10.92 acres. The remaining acreage is held in reserve until population growth warrants development.

Who do I call to reserve a park?

Call Parks and Community Services at (817) 392-5757.

Who do I call to get the playground equipment in our park fixed?

Call Parks and Community Services at (817) 392-6761.

What about getting lighting required in city parks?

Call Parks and Community Services at (817) 392-6761.

I would like to volunteer to do a project outdoors. How can I volunteer with Forestry?

Find out about Forestry volunteer opportunities at the tree farm, in your neighborhood, at your city park and on public property in Fort Worth. For more information contact Forestry at (817) 392-5738 or visit www.fortworthgov.org/pacs/fwpcsd/forestry/volunteer/volunteer.htm.

Hiking and Bicycle Trails

Are bike trails available?

The City of Fort Worth provides numerous options for hiking and biking:

- Approximately 58 miles of designated hard-surface hike and bike trails
- 20 miles of natural surface hiking trails at the Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge
- More than two miles of developed nature trails at the Botanic Garden

For additional information about these trails, contact Parks and Community Services at (817) 392-7275.

Nature Center and Refuge

What is the Nature Center and Refuge?

The Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge is an urban retreat with hiking and a visitors' center. It is one of the largest municipally owned facilities of its kind in the United States, with more than 3,600 acres of sanctuary and 20 miles of natural surface hiking trails.

Do I need a guide to hike a trail at the Nature Center and Refuge?

The public is invited to hike with or without guides.

What kinds of programs and activities are offered by the Nature Center?

Many programs are available for people of all ages. Some examples: Naturalist-led nature hikes in both English and Spanish, day and evening; presentations on indigenous snakes, birds and wildflowers; preschool discovery presentations and story times; the annual Buffalo Boogie run; and canoe outings.

Nature Center and Refuge

9601 Fossil Ridge Road
Fort Worth, TX 76135
(817) 392-7410

Refuge Grounds

Summer Hours (May-September)
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Winter Hours (October-April)
Daily: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Visitor Center

Monday-Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: noon - 4:30 p.m.
www.fwnaturecenter.org

What does it cost to visit the Nature Center and Refuge?

General:
 Children: under age 3, free; age 3-17, \$2
 Seniors: \$3
 Adults: \$4

Community Centers

What services are provided by local community centers?

Fort Worth has 21 municipally owned community centers located throughout the city. These centers provide a variety of services tailored to each neighborhood they serve. Typical services and programs include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After-School programs • Benefits counseling for seniors • Comin’ Up Gang Intervention Program • Computer labs • Fitness and wellness programs • Learning centers • Lunches and dances for seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly cultural activities • Recreational, educational and cultural classes • Room rental • Sports and games • Youth activities in summer and during school breaks • Youth late-night programs • Weight rooms
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How do I find the community center closest to my home?

See the following center listing or call Parks and Community Services at (817) 392-PARK.

How do I find out which community centers offer services for seniors?

Various community centers offer services to seniors. Call Greater Tarrant County Senior Services at (817) 338-4433 for center locations.

What do I need to do to a use community center’s facilities and participate in the programs?

Memberships are required for all community center participants. You may purchase a membership card at any center for a nominal fee. Your card is valid for one year at all center locations.

Community Centers		
Andrew “Doc” Session 201 S. Sylvania Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76111 (817) 871-6585	Como 4900 Horne St. Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 871-5030	Diamond Hill 1701 NE 36th St. Fort Worth, TX 76106 (817) 625-1525
Eugene McCray 4932 Wilbarger St. Fort Worth, TX 76119 (817) 871-7156	Far Northwest 920 Roberts Cut-Off Road River Oaks, TX 76114 (817) 624-3139	Far Southeast 1188 N. Broad St. Mansfield, TX 76063 (817) 871-7620
Fire Station 1601 Lipscomb St. Fort Worth, TX 76104 (817) 924-9971	Greenbriar 5200 Hemphill St. Fort Worth, TX 76115 (817) 926-6214	Handley-Meadowbrook 6201 Beaty St. Fort Worth, TX 76112 (817) 451-0222
Highland Hills 1600 Glasgow Road Fort Worth, TX 76134 (817) 293-0681	Hillside 1201 E. Maddox Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76104 (817) 871-7660	Martin Luther King 5565 Truman Drive Fort Worth, TX 76112 (817) 871-5960
North Tri-Ethnic 2950 Roosevelt Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76106 (817) 871-5850	Northside 1100 N.W. 18th St. Fort Worth, TX 76106 (817) 871-5820	R.D. Evans 3200 Lackland Road Fort Worth, TX 76116 (817) 731-8789

Community Centers

Riverside 3700 E. Belknap St. Fort Worth, TX 76111 (817)871-7670	Southside 959 E. Rosedale St. Fort Worth, TX 76104 (817) 871-6605	Southwest 6300 Welch Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76133 (817) 292-8956
Sycamore 2525 E. Rosedale St. Fort Worth, TX 76105 (817) 871-7675	Thomas Place 4237 Lafayette Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76107 (817) 735-1751	Worth Heights 3551 New York Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76110 (817) 871-8722

Northpark YMCA, 9100 Beach St. 76248, 817-993-1333, is a joint project of the City of Fort Worth and the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth.

☐ Sports

Golf Courses

Where are the city golf courses located?

Meadowbrook

An 18-hole championship facility;
 considered one of the top 25 municipal golf courses in Texas
 1815 Jenson Road
 Fort Worth, TX 76112
 (817) 457-4616

Pecan Valley

A 36-hole facility with driving range;
 considered one of the top 25 municipal golf courses in Texas
 6400 Pecan Valley Drive
 Fort Worth, TX 76132
 (817) 249-1845

Rockwood

An 18-hole facility with complete practice area
 Home of the First Tee of Fort Worth
 1851 Jacksboro Highway
 Fort Worth, TX 76114
 (817) 624-1771

Sycamore Creek

Unique 9-hole facility with a double set of tee boxes
 401 Martin Luther King Freeway
 Fort Worth, TX 76104
 (817) 535-7241

Z. Boaz

An 18-hole facility
 3200 Lackland Road
 Fort Worth, TX 76116
 (817) 738-6287

Detailed information about each course, including par space, slope rating, course map and driving directions are provided at www.fortworthgolf.org. Golf lessons, tournaments, handicap services, and pro shops are available at all courses.

What does it cost to play golf on a city course?

Fees vary according to course, day and time. The city's golf facilities are considered one of the best golf values in the Metroplex. A complete fee schedule can be found at www.fortworthgolf.org or you may call (817) 392-5721.

How do I reserve a tee time?

Tee times are available by contacting the golf course of your choice directly or book your tee time on line at www.fortworthgolf.org.

Who may take golf lessons?

Individual and group lessons are available for all golfers, including women and junior golfers. Costs vary by program. Lessons are taught by PGA-certified professionals.

How often do tournaments take place?

City-run tournaments are conducted monthly and sometimes more frequently from April through December. All golfers may participate. Costs vary according to tournament format.

Are there online services available to golfers?

For a nominal fee, and if you are a member of the Fort Worth Golf Association, you have access to view your handicap, post golf scores and view your recent scores. For more information visit www.fortworthgolf.org.

What may I buy at the golf pro shops?

A full line of golf equipment and apparel is available at all pro shops. Prices are competitive.

Swimming Pool/Aquatics

The City of Fort Worth offers swimming lessons, open swim and other programs at the Forest Park Pool, open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The facility also offers diving boards, water slides, lap lanes, picnic areas and a sand volleyball court.

Forest Park

2850 Park Place
Fort Worth, TX 76110

Call 817-871-7691 (between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day, call 817-927-9386) for more information.

Tennis Courts

The city provides its residents with nearly 100 tennis courts, as well as the McLeland Tennis Center, which has 14-lighted outdoor hard courts and two climate-controlled indoor courts.

Where are the tennis courts located?

The address of the McLeland Tennis Center is provided in the box at right. Call (817) 392-PARK to find out about the others.

Does the city have tennis leagues?

Yes, Parks and Community Services offers adult league and youth and adult league tournaments.

Does the city offer tennis lessons?

McLeland Tennis Center offers individual and group lessons. Lessons are \$45 an hour. Contact the center for more information.

What are the fees for playing on city tennis courts?

Tennis courts are free and on a first come first served basis, except for the McLeland Tennis Center. For the Tennis Center, fees for tennis are \$2.50 per hour for an hour and a half per person during daytime hours, \$3 per person with lights (after 6 p.m.); indoor courts are \$20.

How do I make a reservation at the McLeland Tennis Center?

Contact the Center at (817) 921-5134.

Does the McLeland Center have a pro shop?

Yes. The facility offers racket restringing, tennis merchandise, concession items, and restrooms with showers and lockers.

City Sports Leagues and Open Play

Does the city offer opportunities to play in sport leagues?

The City of Fort Worth offers children and adults many opportunities for league sports and open play.

Athletic Fields

How do I reserve a city athletic field?

Contact the Athletics Section at (817) 871-7696.

What are the fees to reserve a city athletic field?

Unlighted, unlined practice fields	\$7.50	
Lighted, unlined practice fields	\$15	
Unlighted, inline hockey half rink	\$7.50	
Unlighted, inline hockey full rink	\$15	
Unlighted, baseball/softball game fields	\$10	field prep
fee (initial hour only)+\$7.50 per additional hour		
Lighted, baseball/softball game fields	\$15	field prep
fee (initial hour only)+\$12.50 per additional hour		
Natural turf, unlighted soccer game fields	\$15	an hour
Natural turf, lighted soccer game fields	\$25	an hour
Synthetic turf, unlighted multipurpose fields	\$20	an hour
Synthetic turf, lighted multipurpose fields	\$30	an hour

Athletic Centers

Haws Athletic Center has a high school size gymnasium, two racquetball courts and two meeting rooms. Bertha Collins Sports Center is a sports site for league play, special events and meetings.

Where are the Haws Athletic Center and Bertha Collins Sports Center located?

Addresses for both centers are provided in the box below.

How do I reserve the Haws Athletic Center or the Bertha Collins Sports Center?

Call the Athletics Section at (817) 871-7696.

Adult Leagues

The table below lists the sports leagues available for adults.

McLeland Tennis Center

1600 W. Seminary St.
Fort Worth, TX 76115
(817) 921-5134

Monday – Friday:
9 a.m. – noon
5 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Seasons typically span 10 to 12 weeks, with teams playing one weekday evening or weekend afternoon during the season.

Sport	Play Location	Season	Team Fee
Basketball	Haws Athletic Center	Winter	\$300
Volleyball	Haws Athletic Center	Winter	\$135
Flag Football	Gateway Park	Fall	\$330
Softball	Gateway Park	Spring/Fall	\$365

Who is eligible to play in adult leagues?

Anyone who is 16 years or older.

How does our team sign up?

Call Haws Athletic Center at (817) 871-7690.

Youth Leagues

The City of Fort Worth, in conjunction with the Youth Sports Council of Fort Worth, provides free year-round sports leagues for Fort Worth children. These leagues are targeted to high-risk youth, with the goal of promoting sportsmanship, fair play and positive, healthy physical activity. The following sports are offered:

- Soccer (fall)
- Basketball (summer and winter)
- Flag football (fall)
- Baseball/softball (spring)

Who is eligible to play in youth leagues?

All youth ages 5 to 17 may participate.

Where do the adult and youth leagues play?

At community centers located throughout the City of Fort Worth and at Gateway Park and Sycamore Park for outdoor sports.

How do I enroll my child?

Visit the community center in your neighborhood. There is a listing of community centers earlier in this chapter.

How much does it cost to participate in community center activities?

There is a membership fee of \$5 to participate in community center activities. There is no additional fee for youth sports leagues.

Athletic Centers

Haws Athletic Center
 600 Congress St.
 Fort Worth, TX 76107
 (817) 871-7690

Bertha Collins Sports Center
 1501 MLK Freeway
 Fort Worth, TX 76104
 (817) 871-7655

Who can participate in the Youth Track and Field?

This program is open to all youth 18 years old and younger and is offered to both teams and individuals. The program typically runs from the end of May until mid-July.

Where do track and field activities take place?

Farrington Field
 1501 University Drive
 Fort Worth, TX 76107

☐ **Animals, Gardens and Historic Treasures**

Fort Worth Zoo

The Fort Worth Zoo has nearly 4,000 exotic and native animals in beautifully landscaped natural habitats. Established in 1909, the Fort Worth Zoo is the oldest continuous zoo site in Texas and one of the top zoos in the country.

The zoo is a smoke-free environment.

When is the Fort Worth Zoo open?

Summer hours.

Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Winter hours.

Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What does it cost to go to the Fort Worth Zoo?

- \$12 for ages 13 and up
- \$8 for children 3 through 12
- Free for toddlers 2 and under
- \$7 for seniors 65+
- Parking is \$5.
- On Wednesdays, admission is half-price to all guests all day.

What kinds of special events does the Fort Worth Zoo sponsor?

Here are some examples, but keep a lookout for new opportunities.

- Boo at the Zoo – Kids meet their favorite Halloween characters while safely trick-or-treating in the zoo
- Zoo Run – Participants a 10K, 5K or a one mile fun run through the Zoo and its surrounding neighborhoods before a live animal presentation, music, awards and more!
- Beastro – The Zoo's premier tasting event allows patrons to stroll through the Zoo and sample food from the area's finest restaurants, while enjoying live animals, live music and open bars.

What educational opportunities are available at the Fort Worth Zoo?

Many educational opportunities are available at the zoo, including:

- Saturday Classes
- Weekday Edventure School
- Zoo Careers Camp
- Educator Resources
- Student group programs
- Wild Wonders

Adult League Sports Sites

Registration

Athletics Section
(817) 871-7690

Haws Athletic Center

600 Congress St.
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 871-7690

Gateway Ball Park

1701 N. Beach St.
Fort Worth, TX 76103
(817) 838-9765

Youth League Sports Sites

Information and Scheduling

Athletics Division
(817) 871-7693

Youth Sports Council of Fort Worth

(817) 732-9600

Gateway Ball Park

1701 N. Beach St.
Fort Worth, TX 76103
(817) 838-9765

Rockwood Park

500 N. University Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 871-7693

Sycamore Park

2525 E. Rosedale St.
Fort Worth, TX 76105
(817) 871-7693

Municipal community centers

(listed earlier in this section)

For information about these programs, call (817) 759-7555 or go to the zoo's Web site: www.fortworthzoo.com.

Botanic Garden

What is the Fort Worth Botanic Garden?

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden is the oldest botanic garden in Texas. The Garden boasts more than 2,500 native and exotic species of plants throughout 109 acres of gardens and natural settings.

Where is the Fort Worth Botanic Garden located?

The Garden is approximately 1.5 miles west of downtown Fort Worth just north of Interstate 30 and University Drive. The Garden has two entrances on the left or west side of University Drive. The Garden Center is located at the second entrance.

Is the Fort Worth Botanic Garden free?

All areas, except the Japanese Garden and conservatory (described below), are free. Of particular interest are these free areas:

- Rose Gardens – European design, with more than 1,800 roses
- Fragrance Garden – scented leaves to touch and smell
- Trial Garden – new varieties of perennial flowering plants
- Perennial Garden – features a kitchen herb garden and seasonal blooms
- Exhibition Greenhouse – showcases specimens from the world's largest species begonia collection
- Fuller Garden – an impressionistic perennial garden that blends light, architecture and splashes of color to depict the stages of life
- Water Conservation Garden – features native and adapted plants with low water requirements
- Compost Outpost – an area that demonstrates different methods of composting
- Nature Trails – more than two miles
- Texas Native Forest Boardwalk – an elevated boardwalk with viewing platforms and educational features that also act as a pathway connecting major features of the Botanic Garden

Japanese Garden

What is the Japanese Garden?

This beautifully landscaped 7.5-acre site features waterfalls and pools with Koi fish, surrounded by evergreen shrubs, trees, spring flowers and colorful fall foliage. You also will see many interesting architectural structures, such as the main gate, a teahouse, a moon viewing deck and a pagoda.

Botanic Garden

3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 871-7686
www.fwbg.org

Grounds are open daily
from 8 a.m. – dusk

Hours and Location
(24-Hour Recording)
(817) 871-7686

Scheduling (with voice mail)
(817) 871-7673

Educational Office & Tour Information
(817) 871-7682
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra
(817) 665-6500
www.fwsymphony.org

Japanese Garden

(817) 871-7685 ticket office
Daylight Saving Time
Daily: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Standard Time
Daily: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Japanese Garden Pavilion Reservation
Botanical Society
(817) 763-0724

What does it cost to visit the Japanese Garden?

Adults/children over 12: \$3 on weekdays; \$3.50 weekends and holidays

Seniors: 50¢ off regular admission

Children ages 4 to 12: \$2

Children under 4: Free

Garden Center and Conservatory

The Garden Center Complex is a unique, versatile facility offering a variety of beautiful, functional meeting areas in a garden setting.

What is housed in the Conservatory?

The Conservatory is a 10,000 square foot tropical paradise. Exotic plants, bursting with color, line serene pathways that wind around reflection pools and cool waterfalls. Every third spring, thousands of butterflies transform the Conservatory.

What are the fees for the Conservatory?

Adults/children over 12: \$1

Children ages 4 to 12: 50¢

Children under 4: Free

Seniors: 50¢

Concerts in the Garden

What is Concerts in the Garden?

Each summer, the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra sponsors a variety of musical programs and performers. Patrons may purchase table or lawn seating for the concerts.

For additional information, contact the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra at (817) 665-6500 or visit www.fwsymphony.org.

Water Gardens

What is the Water Gardens?

This unique 4.3-acre park is a popular spot for downtown business people, as well as local residents and out-of-town visitors. The gardens feature massive concrete sculptures and fountains designed by Philip Johnson and John Burgee.

Log Cabin Village

What is the Log Cabin Village?

Nestled on 2.5 acres in historic Forest Park, Log Cabin Village is a living history museum. History comes to life through authentic 19th century structures and artifacts, a blacksmith shop, a one-room schoolhouse, a water-powered gristmill, a herb garden and more. Historical interpreters demonstrate various activities, such as candle-making, spinning and weaving all while you learn about Texas pioneer history.

Garden Center and Conservatory

(817) 871-7686

(817) 871-7638 FAX

Meeting Room Rentals/Weddings

(817) 871-7673

Garden Center Hours

Year-round: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.*

* Event Dependent. If no event scheduled, center closes at 5 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time:

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Standard Time:

Saturday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Conservatory Hours

Daylight Saving Time

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Standard Time

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Concerts in the Garden

Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

(817) 665-6500

www.fwsymphony.org

Water Gardens

Commerce & Houston streets

Fort Worth, TX 76102

(817) 871-7698

Open Daily: Dawn to Dusk

Log Cabin Village

2100 Log Cabin Village Lane

Fort Worth, TX 76109

(817) 392-5881

www.logcabinvillage.org

Tuesday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed Mondays

What are the fees for the Log Cabin Village?

Adults: \$3.50

Youths ages 4 to 17: \$3

Senior Citizens: \$3

Children 3 and under: Free

Fort Worth Herd

What is the Fort Worth Herd?

Visitors can truly experience the Old West through daily cattle drives in the heart of the Fort Worth Stockyards. Every day, weather permitting, 10 to 15 longhorn steers are herded down Exchange Avenue. Annually, more than 250,000 people watch the daily cattle drives.

When and where can I see the cattle drives?

- Each day at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. the cattle are driven down East Exchange Avenue in front of the Livestock Exchange Building and the Stockyard's Visitors Center.
- To view the cattle between drives, go to the Herd Observation Deck, located on the northeast side of the Exchange Building.

What kinds of educational programs are available regarding the Fort Worth Herd?

Programs are available for both adults and children. Contact (817) 336-HERD for more information.

Is the herd available for special events?

Yes. Cowhands on horseback and longhorns from the Fort Worth Herd can add Western flavor to your special event. Call the Herd office at (817) 336-4373 for information about fees and regulations.

Fort Worth Herd

131 E. Exchange Avenue, Suite 215
Fort Worth, TX 76164
(817) 336-HERD (4373)
www.fortworthherd.com

Viewing Times: 11:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

Many volunteer opportunities are available at the Nature Center, Zoo, Botanic Gardens, Log Cabin Village and with the Fort Worth Herd.

Call for further information:

Nature Center
(817) 237-1111

Zoo
(817) 759-7500

Botanic Garden
(817) 871-7966

Log Cabin Village
(817) 392-6769

Fort Worth Herd
(817) 336-HERD (4373)

Educational Opportunities

Numerous possibilities are presented throughout this section. Call Parks and Community Services at (817) 392-PARK (7275) for detailed information on the program of interest to you.

Fort Woof Dog Park

What is Fort Woof?

Fort Woof, the first dog park in Fort Worth, is a 5-acre, fenced area where people can bring their Chihuahua or Greyhound to romp with other dogs. The dog park also features a double gated entry that provides safety when entering and exiting the area. The fenced park is divided into two areas: one for smaller dogs (under 40 lbs.) and one for larger dogs. Picnic tables, benches, canine and human water fountain, pet washing areas, baggies and litter receptacles are provided.

Where is Fort Woof located?

Fort Woof Dog Park is located in Gateway Park, 751 North Beach St.

Are dogs required to be leashed at Fort Woof Dog Park?

Fort Worth City Code, Sec. 24-9 allows dogs to run "off leash" in areas of city parks designated by the Parks and Community Services Departments as off-leash areas (dog parks), provided that the dog remains under the immediate personal supervision and command of the owner or handler. Fort Woof is the first area of its kind in the City of Fort Worth. In all other cases, dogs must be kept on a leash and under the direct physical control of the owner or handler while in any city park or recreation area.