



Explore Dallas

Family-friendly Activities and Outings in Dallas

Most locations are within one mile of Dallas Community School.

Free Activities

Birch Street Park

New playground equipment (April 2009) and two basketball hoops, which are visible to seating, are the main components of Birch Park. This neighborhood gathering spot is located in southwest Dallas at 601 Southeast Birch Street.

Directions from DCS: Walking distance! Make a left on Birch from our parking lot. One block away.

Dallas Public Library

Located at 950 Main Street

Hours:

Monday: 11:00 - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 11:00 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 - 7:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 - 5:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 - 5:00 PM

Phone: 503.623.2633

Storytime : Stories, finger-plays, songs and simple crafts for children ages 0-5.

Tuesdays 11:15 am - 11:45 am

Tuesday PM 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Thursdays 11:15 am - 11:45 am

Building Readers Storytime - 1st Tuesday at 11:15 am - This Storytime includes block building after the stories.

Delbert Hunter Arboretum

Located on the northwest end of Dallas City Park, Delbert Hunter Arboretum is an easy walk from the Dallas City Park playgrounds or you can drive to the Arboretum using the directions below.

Walk from City Park playground:

Head towards Rickreall creek and cross the suspension bridge.

Make a left and look for the Delbert Hunter Arboretum building.

Drive from DCS:

Left on to Kings Valley/HWY 223

Left on Levens (signal)

Left on Ellendale

Left on SW Westwood Drive

Westwood dead ends into Park

Make a left on Park

You will pass the Arboretum Center on your right

Park in the gravel lot on the left

Dallas City Park

A 35 acre park with three playgrounds, disc golf, creek access, covered picnic areas, Japanese garden, arboretum, and a suspension bridge.

From DCS:

Left onto Kings Valley Highway/hwy 223

Left on Hayter

Left on Academy

Rickreall Creek Trail System

Rickreall Creek Trail is a paved, 4.2 mile trail that runs along Rickreall Creek. Try the stretch of the trail from Dallas City Park to downtown Dallas. Start at the Park and follow Rickreall Creek eastward towards Levens street. Cross Levens Street and then continue on the trail to downtown Dallas.

Trail system map:

<http://www.ci.dallas.or.us/index.aspx?NID=407>

Disc Golf

Disc golf is a fast-growing sport played competitively and for fun by people of all ages. It is easy to learn, inexpensive, and great exercise. Players throw a disc (similar to a Frisbee) from a tee towards a "hole" as they would in traditional golf. Every throw is a stroke and every hole in disc golf is a par 3. The holes are baskets equipped with hanging chains that help to "catch" the thrown disc. The tees are marked with a post planted flat on the ground. Players tee-off from behind these posts. The Dallas Disc Golf Course is located in the Brandvold (new) section of the park. Access via the entrance located at 401 Southwest Levens Street and head east at Brandvold Drive. Course map and scorecard: <http://www.dallasor.gov/index.aspx?NID=383>

Geocaching

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches". Once the cache is found, the seeker logs-in the find and trades "swag". Swag is a small token or treasure left behind by previous finders of the cache. There are many geocaches around Dallas! Start by visiting <https://www.geocaching.com/play>.

Letterboxing

Similar to geocaching, but uses written clues. Go to www.atlasquest.com or www.letterboxing.org.

Activities for a Fee

Dallas Indoor Play Park

First Presbyterian Church - 879 SW Levens (at Court St.)
Monday-Friday 9:30 - 11:30am
IPP is a welcoming place for parents (or grand) and little ones to make new friends and enjoy the playspace.
Children age 0 - pre-K with parent/adult. Snacks/beverages ok. Enter double white door on Levens. Down on an accessible ramp
\$1/child/session
Phone: 623-3397

The Jungle Gym

101 SW Court St.
Bouncy houses, lego room, dress up stage, tunnels, cargo net ladder. Designed so that kids from infant through elementary school can come in and have fun! Not a daycare. Socks only is mandatory.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am-1pm. Closed
Wednesday
\$8 for the first child and \$5 for sibling
Phone: 503-428-5565

Polk County Museum (approximately 10 minutes from the DCS site)

560 S. Pacific Highway West, Rickreall OR 97371, at the south end of the Polk County Fairgrounds parking lot.
Hours: 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday; closed Sunday and Tuesday
Admission: Adult (18-61), \$5.00, Student (6-18 with ID card), \$1.00, Child (under 6), Free
Phone: 503-623-6251

Dallas Aquatic Center

1005 S.E. LaCreole Dr.
The Dallas Aquatic Center has five pools, as well as a waterslide, a lazy river, and a spray fountain.
Pool hours change and are re-posted quarterly. Children are allowed in pools during non-recreation (rec) swim times and after 11am when accompanied by an adult in the water at all times.
For children 3 and under, wading pool use only is \$1.50
Adult: \$5.50 Youth: \$4.50
Classes, hours, information:
<http://www.dallasor.gov/index.aspx?NID=8>

Places to Eat

Dallas has many great restaurants. The ones listed below are within 1 mile or a 15 minute walk from the DCS site.

Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant

Located next to DCS. Many vegetarian options.

Pressed Coffee and Wine Bar

Family-friendly coffee shop located in downtown.
Located at 788 Main St.

Ugos Pizza

Great pizza and free video games! 967 Main St.

Washington Street Grill

American cuisine. Located at 141 SW Washington St.

Courtyard Coffeehouse

Sandwiches and coffee. Located at 156 SE Mill.