



DALLAS RESTAURANT GUIDE BY NEIGHBORHOOD

North Dallas / Preston Hollow / Preston Center / Near St. Mark's School of Texas

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University Park / Highland Park / Knox-Henderson / Oak Lawn

Al Biernat's (Oak Lawn) – Steakhouse with good variety. Expensive but not too formal. Delicious food and good service. Another location is near the Galleria on Spring Valley. One of Dallas's better steakhouses.

Café Pacific (Highland Park Village) – More upscale, old-school Dallas restaurant with very good food. A bit quieter with a mature crowd and a great location. Reservations required. A Dallas staple.

Javier's (Knox-Henderson) – Mexican, well-known, and a popular "Old Dallas" spot. A larger restaurant and typically crowded. Big menu, great location. Reservations required.

Toulouse (Knox-Henderson) French-inspired cuisine in a bohemian bistro. Indoor and sidewalk seating. Reservations necessary.

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Greenway Parks / Love Field / Inwood Village / Mockingbird Ln.

Neighborhood Services (Mockingbird Ln. & Inwood). Upscale American cuisine with daily specials and great craft cocktails. Reservations necessary. The Time Out Tavern (The Tot) is next door, and it's a fantastic dive bar.

Pappas Brothers Steakhouse (near Love Field Airport) – Arguably the best steakhouse in Dallas. Reservations essential. Expensive but not too formal. Dark and clubby. Good service. Extensive wine cellar. Pure Texas.

Bob's Steak & Chop House (Lemmon Ave) – The OTHER Dallas steakhouse argued to be the best. Old school Dallas. Wood paneling; no windows...clubby. Outstanding food, but expensive. Reservations essential.

Campisi's (Mockingbird Ln.). Good pizza and very casual pasta. Great Dallas history. Inexpensive. Might call ahead. Try for the Egyptian Room.

Hudson House (Lovers Lane near Love Field Airport) – Casual continental and fresh seafood. Good variety, moderately priced, large bar, good atmosphere. Reservations recommended.

Downtown / Midtown / Uptown Dallas

The Rustic (Lemon Ave. & Central Expressway) A modern twist on a Texas honky-tonk. Great Texas-inspired cuisine and an extensive Texas beer list. Indoor and outdoor seating with lawn games under shade trees and a live music stage out back. Reservations recommended for indoor seating.

Billy Can Can (Downtown near American Airlines Center) Modern, stylish, trendy twist on Texas favorites (not Tex-Mex). Eclectic dining room, good variety, and quality craft cocktails. Reservations recommended.

Perry's Steakhouse (Downtown) Dallas' modern, sophisticated steakhouse. Known for their pork chop, extensive wine list, and customizable steak preparation (sauces, sides, etc). It's expensive, but the location on Klyde Warren Park is nice. Reservations essential, but it's a large space. Sidewalk seating available.

El Fenix (Downtown) An old-school restaurant that put Tex-Mex on the map. It has been at this location for decades, and it's an institution. It's inexpensive and can accommodate large groups. Quality Tex-Mex but nothing fancy.

MiCocina at Klyde Warren Park (Downtown) The setting is as spectacular as the food. MiCocina is the “go-to” Tex-Mex restaurant for Dallasites, and the location in the park downtown has great views of the city. No reservations accepted but grab a drink and join the waitlist.

Mesero (also Tex-mex, related to owner of Mi Cocina, several locations) – Good Mexican. A bit more upscale Mexican restaurant. Bigger menu but not too expensive. Need to call ahead.

Oishi (Wycliff, just off Dallas North Tollroad) – Excellent sushi; another location near SMU. Pretty busy and likely need reservations. In a small strip center but a nice traditional interior.

S&D Oyster Company (McKinney Ave, in Uptown, not too far from Conference hotel) – Cajun style seafood, very casual, excellent gumbo, fried shrimp & oysters. Cool vibe, moderately priced.

Fearing’s (Uptown, in the Ritz Carlton Hotel) – started by Dean Fearing, well-known chef. Good food and variety, expensive, quiet, not too far from conference hotel. Reservations required.

Deep Ellum (Daytime Only)

Terry Black’s BBQ (Deep Ellum) – Bar-B-Que, well-known, very casual, serve until they run out of food, wait in line, order at counter, kind of a trendy area (lunch only).

Pecan Lodge (Deep Ellum, near downtown) – well-known BBQ, very casual, serve until they run out of food, wait in line, order at counter, artsy urban area (lunch only).

Canne Rosso (Deep Ellum) – The best pizza in Dallas. Authentic Neapolitan pies and a good beer list. Reservations accepted but not required. Very casual.

Lower Greenville Ave.

Desert Racer (Lower Greenville) – A hip Tex-Mex restaurant with a desert rally theme. Great for large groups. Indoor and outdoor spaces. Great food and an extensive drink list. Very casual. No reservations necessary.

HG Sply. (Lower Greenville) – Restaurant and rooftop bar overlooking the skyline of Dallas. Large outdoor space, great drinks, and good appetizers upstairs. It’s a great place to unwind after the sun sets. No reservations needed for the rooftop bar. Reservations required for the restaurant.

Truck Yard (Lower Greenville) – A Dallas gem. A large lot shaded by live oak trees and surrounded by food trucks, live music, neon, and a bar. An extensive Texas beer list and plenty of picnic tables make this place ideal for large groups. There’s a cheesesteak shop inside that’s legendary. Great place to unwind at night.

The Libertine Bar (Lower Greenville) – A classic tavern on a fun street. Indoor and outdoor seating, a diverse menu, and a rotating list of Dallas microbrews. Great place to start a bar crawl on Lower Greenville.



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