

# LOVE YOUR PARK

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 Dallas Park & Recreation  
Bringing Communities Together

# UP & COMING

AT PARK AND RECREATION

## Presidents Day Closure



Dallas Park and Recreation administrative offices, maintenance facilities, and recreation centers are closed **Monday, February 16, 2026**.

## Honoring Black Excellence



During February, "A Century of Black History Commemorations" celebrates 100 years of honoring the influences and contributions of African Americans from the past to today. Visit [DallasParks.org](https://DallasParks.org) or follow us on social media @DallasParkRec to learn about upcoming programs and events.

## Director Named Among Top 100 Texas Leaders

*Dallas Business Journal* features Dallas Park and Recreation Director John D. Jenkins in its *2026 Texas 100*, a spotlight on Texans expected to significantly impact their community and the state.



John D. Jenkins

The article highlighted Jenkins' role in leading signature park projects across the city including the Dallas Wings facility, Fair Park upgrades, Harold Simmons Park, Five Mile Creek Greenbelt, and the Klyde Warren Park expansion. Jenkins is the city's eighth park director.

## Fall in Love with Dallas Parks

Dallas has more than 400 parks for you to love! More than scenic green spaces, parks are home to year-round recreation center programs, 18-hole golf courses, aquatics venues, community pools, playgrounds, athletic fields, off-leash areas, and trails. Fair Park and City Park are exciting attractions that offer history, culture, and family-friendly events. Visit [DallasParks.org](https://DallasParks.org) to find a park!



## Looking for a special Valentine's Day outing?

Join us for **Love Parks Dallas** on February 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at Samuell Grand Recreation Center. Volunteers will take part in hands-on park beautification projects and environmental activities to keep Dallas parks clean and green. Love Parks Dallas is a local initiative sponsored by the National Recreation and Parks Association. Lunch will be provided for the first 150 volunteers. [Register here for Love Parks Dallas!](#)

## Fit in February!

Join the **Fit In February** monthlong challenge and you could be the grand prize winner of a one-year membership (\$270 value) to 39 **Dallas Park and Recreation fitness centers**. Take your routine workouts to another level with free pop-up fitness classes, access to 39 fitness centers, and an exclusive Facebook motivational group. Adults and youth ages 13 to 17 can register in person at a **City of Dallas recreation center**.



# THINGS TO DO

## Help keep city creeks litter-free!

Join **community cleanups** at 10 a.m. on February 7 at Bachman Lake, Glendale, and Crawford parks. Volunteers of all ages are welcome and can register onsite.

## Make love your target with archery

Whether you're an expert archer or a first-timer, come to Samuell Farm and experience the **Couples (and Lonely Hearts!) Valentine's Day Archery** on February 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. [Visit Samuell Farm's Facebook for details!](#)

## Grab your gloves and beautify a park

**Branching Out** tree planting is 9 a.m. February 28 at the popular East Dallas park, 101 S. Glasgow Drive, Dallas 75214. [Register here to volunteer!](#)

## Spend the day at Samuell Farm on Saturday, February 21

Youth 16 and under can compete in a fishing derby from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trophies awarded for heaviest fish, longest fish, and heaviest bag. Bring your own pole or borrow ours. Afterwards, stay for the **Outdoor Adventures Open House** at 1 p.m. Enjoy mountain biking, archery, geocaching, and nature photography.

## Learn how to grow your green spaces

The popular **City Park Seed & Plant Swap** is February 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Park, 1515 Harwood Street. This free event welcomes those with green and not-so-green thumbs who want to share information on growing indoor and urban gardens, exchange seeds, and offer general gardening tips. Vendor booths - at no cost - are available to individuals, groups and nonprofits.

## Attend a Dallas Park and Recreation board meeting

The **Dallas Park and Recreation Board** meets February 5 and February 19. Individuals who want to address the board can [register online](#) starting on the Friday before a scheduled meeting until 12 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to meeting. [Click here](#) for future meeting dates. Meetings can be [viewed](#) on Dallas City Channel 96.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

Experience world-class events, festivals, and activities that bring Dallas culture, history, and community together. [Click here for upcoming events!](#)

**New Sunday tradition is starting at Fair Park!**

Beginning March 1, Good Local Markets is bringing a producer-only farmers market to Fair Park — filled with the best local farmers and makers, live music, dragon boats, and plenty of room to slow down and enjoy your city.

This launch marks the start to our 18th season, and we're proud to partner with the City of Dallas to create a market rooted in quality, care, and community.

If you're a local grower or maker, head to our website to apply!

Pets encouraged. Families welcome.

See you Sundays at Fair Park.

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