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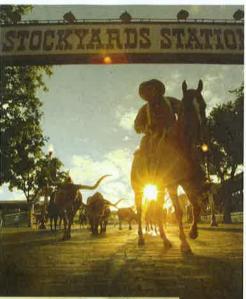
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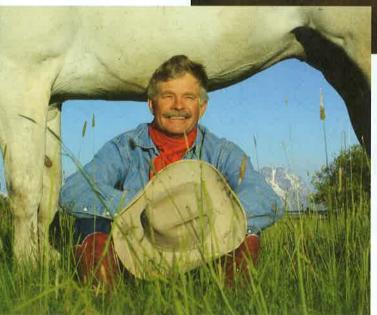
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Fort Worth, Texas Where Cowboys and Cowgirls Have it all

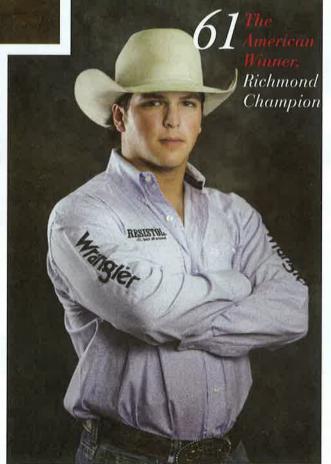


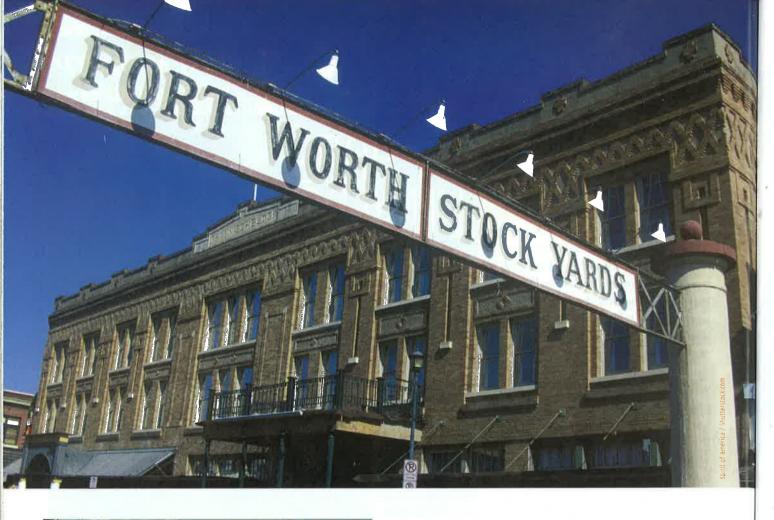
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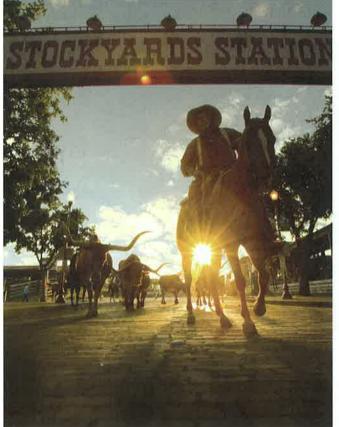




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# FORT WORTH TEXAS

WHEN IT COMES TO COWBOY & COWGIRL LIVING, FORT WORTH, TEXAS HAS IT ALL

BY HEATHER A. HAINES

Fort Worth has long been a regular destination for the horse connoisseur. Not only is it home to the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo but, the city hosts dozens upon dozens of rodeos and other competitions each year. Fort Worth both welcomes and understands the savvy horsemen and women who call her home when competition beckons... and gives back ten-fold in entertainment, kindness and down home fun. So next time you're in Fort Worth (because we all end up there at some point) make sure to check our favorite hot spots!

#### 1 STOCKYARD STATION

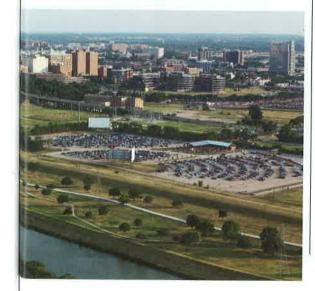
Perhaps one of the biggest draws in Fort Worth. It's a great way to spend a few free hours away from the arena and enjoying an ice cream cone. There are carriage and train rides, a petting zoo for the kids and unique stores now fill the old stock pens.

TIP: While the Stockyards are interesting, they're very popular on the weekends with tourists, so try to visit during the week or head over first thing in the morning.

### 2 SUNDANCE SQUARE

If you're looking for a way to spend an evening out, head over to Sundance Square. You'll find a few dozen restaurants and bars just waiting to be explored. After dinner and drinks, take in a show, hit a comedy club or just spend the evening hanging out and enjoying the nightlife under one of their giant umbrellas.

TIP: One of the biggest draws are their gorgeous fountains which are well lit in the evening and worthy of admiration.



# 3 THE COYOTE DRIVE-IN

While the drive-in theater is not a new concept, The Coyote is. They offer three different screens, online ticket purchasing options, double features and the place even converts to a music venue when entertainers like Jimmy Buffett come to town. There are new movies showing all the time, so make sure to call ahead or check their website before visiting.

**TIP:** Wine Down Wednesdays are a good night to take in a show if you can. All bottles of wine are half price!

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Sundance Square is the place to be for evening entertainment in Fort Worth. Looking for a family friendly way to spend the evening? Take in a double feature at the Coyote Drive-In.

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#### 4 KINCAID'S HAMBURGERS

Don't expect fancy, just expect good. Seriously good. Their burgers have been voted the best in Fort Worth, the state and nationwide several times over. Kincaid's was originally a grocery until the owner bought a used fryer to make hamburgers in 1964. Eventually, the groceries were gone and the burgers had become the new family business.

TIP: Kincaid's is a popular hangout amongst locals and tourists, so don't be surprised when you have a hard time finding a place to park or have to wait for a table.

# 5 FORT WORTH WATER GARDENS

Let's face it, Texas is pretty darn hot most of the year and that barn water pipe just doesn't cut it when you've been sweatin' buckets all day. That's when it's time to check out the Fort Worth Water Gardens. Built in 1974, the gardens are often referred to an architectural marvel. They span a little over four acres and are located in the heart of downtown across from the convention center. The cool and shaded area is a welcome change to a hot and dusty arena!

TIP: Night or day, the gardens offer a quiet and calm space that anyone can enjoy however, evening visits are often less crowded.

# 6 COWTOWN CATTLEPEN MAZE

Adults and children will enjoy this human maze set up to test your mind. To make it a bit more challenging, you're given tasks to complete along the way.

TIP: If you aren't the Maze participating type, there are observation decks set up to watch your mice... err, friends and family... and their navigation skills.

#### 7 NATIONAL COWGIRL MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME

Their Mission Statement says it all: "The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame honors and celebrates women, past and present, whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience, and independence that helped shape the American West, and fosters an appreciation of the ideals and spirit of self-reliance they inspire."

TIP: This museum isn't an all-day affair, so it will easily fit into your plans if you have some free time to fill.

#### 8 FORT WORTH HERD

Many people don't have the opportunity to see true Texas longhorn cattle in person, so make sure to take the opportunity to watch them move through the Stockyards when you can,

TIP: Stick around after the herd moves through. The drovers are willing to take pictures with you and answer any questions you may have.

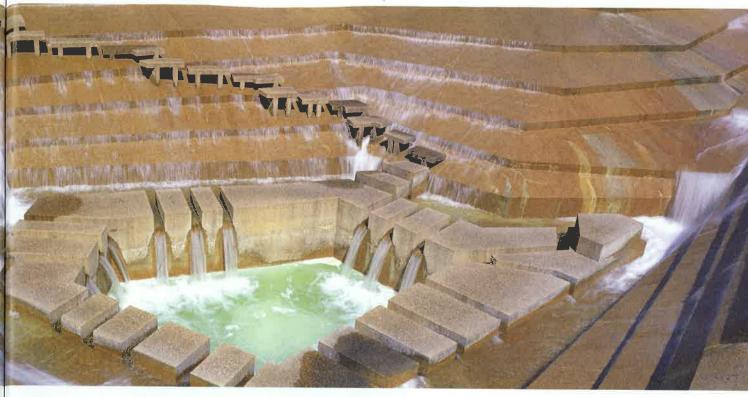


BELOW:

#### The National Cowgirl Museum

Of Fame celebrates women who have helped shape the American West.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP

The Fort Worth Water Gardens offer a cool and relaxing break from the Texas heat, Kincald's Hamburgers have been voted the best burgers in Fort Worth, not to mention the Nation, has been home to dozens of retired champions in different disciplines as well as housing different breeds from all over the world. Test your mental prowess at the Cowtown

Cattlepen Maze.



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#### DESTINATION



Panther Island Pavillion is the place to be for summer music whether you're in a floating in a tube or sitting in a grassy spot. The historic Stockyard Hotel is located in the center of the Stockyard District and surrounded by great restaurants, entertainment and shopping.



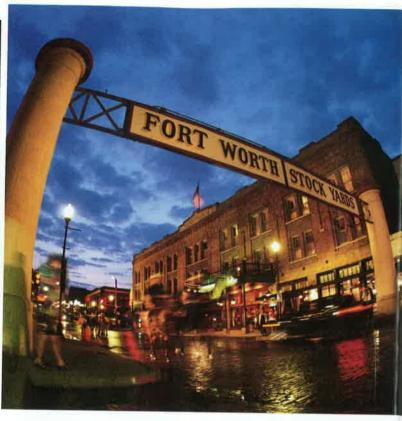
This is a lot of fun for adults if you can manage the time! Let's sum it up for you: pick a band you wanna see, get on a raft and float around with a few adult beverages listening to some great tunes with lots of other people on rafts listening to great tunes.

TIP: Your experience doesn't have to be limited to tubing. There's plenty of green space to sit with blankets and chairs if you prefer to stay dry or have small children in your party.

#### 10 THE STOCKYARD HOTEL

The Stockyard Hotel is a bit of a museum in itself. Bonnie and Clyde once stayed here and you can even sleep in the same room they once occupied. The hotel is located in the center of the historic stockyard district so there are plenty of restaurants and entertainments venues in easy walking distance.

TIP: Because of its prime location and colorful history, The Stockyard Hotel can be a popular place to stay. Try to make reservations early. 🗱





When in Fort Worth. you cannot skip out on the shopping! Check out our two of our favorite and most popular stores:



#### M. L. LEDDYS BOOTS

For 85 years, four generations of Leddy's have been selling high end western wear and equipment to cowboys and cowgirls all over the globe.

#### PETERS BROTHERS HATS

Another family owned and operated business (one of the original brothers learned from Mr. Stetson himself). Peters Brothers will find you the perfect hat and shape it with traditional Texas flare!

