

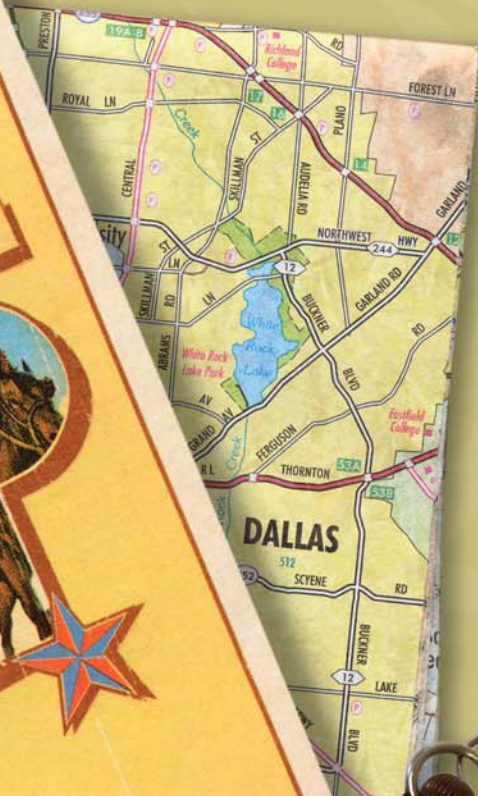


# Close to Dallas, but far from it...

McKinney, Texas is home to one of the state's largest historic districts and the country's fastest growing populations. Rolling hills, plentiful parks and pristine lakes and creeks provide a natural background for McKinney's vibrant downtown district, expansive economic development and unique neighborhoods.

Close to Dallas, but far from it, McKinney's charm and comfortable pace is quite different from the metroplex's urban sprawl. The city's tree-lined streets, historic downtown and tight-knit community give McKinney a friendly, small-town feel, despite being only 30 miles north of Dallas.

The county seat of one of the fastest growing counties in the nation, McKinney is home to over 100,000 residents.



Festivals & Fun!



Abundant Shopping

## Special Events AND FESTIVALS

### ONGOING EVENTS

- Second Saturdays on the Square in Historic Downtown – Second Saturday of each month
- Art History Series at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts – First Wednesday of each month
- Living History at Chestnut Square Historic Village – Second Sunday of each month, March through October
- Third Monday Trade Days – Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the third Monday of each month

### FEBRUARY

- Krewe of Barkus – Canine Mardi Gras Parade and Festival in Historic Downtown

### APRIL

- Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary Native Plant Sale
- Music in the Garden at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts (each Thursday in April)

### MAY

- Forever Free Presents the 97.5 KLAQ Summer Concert Series at Myers Park & Event Center

### JUNE

- Art and Jazz Festival in Historic Downtown
- Music in the Park at Towne Lake (each Thursday in June)
- Forever Free Presents the 97.5 KLAQ Summer Concert Series at Myers Park & Event Center

### OCTOBER

- Dinosaurs Alive! at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary (Oct.-Jan.)
- Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary Native Plant Sale
- Roundup on the Range at Myers Park & Event Center
- Scare on the Square in Historic Downtown

### NOVEMBER

- Dickens of a Christmas in Historic Downtown

### DECEMBER

- Holiday Tour of Homes at Chestnut Square Historic Village

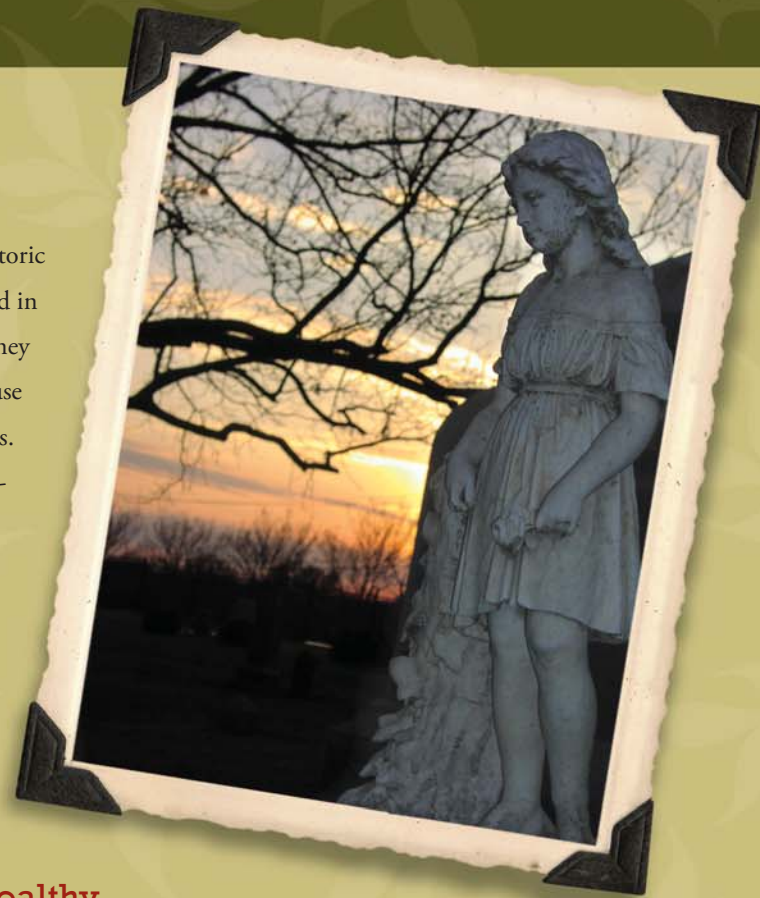
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## Walk in the steps of history.

Turn-of-the-century homes line the streets of McKinney's Historic District and more than 100 unique restaurants and shops are located in the city's Historic Downtown. The district's centerpiece, the McKinney Performing Arts Center at the Historic Collin County Courthouse (MPAC), is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. McKinney's Pecan Grove Memorial Park is one of the oldest cemeteries in North Texas and is the final resting place for many Texas pioneers. The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts, Chestnut Square Historic Village and The North Texas History Center also let visitors step back in time.



## Take center stage.

MPAC serves as the cornerstone of performing and visual arts in McKinney. The center features an intimate 420-seat theater with vintage Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, art gallery and recital hall. MPAC regularly hosts performances and exhibits of all types and sizes. The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts promotes the fine arts through educational programs and exhibits. Live music and the arts abound at McKinney's festivals, celebrations, summer outdoor concerts and theatrical performances.



## Get healthy.

McKinney is fast becoming a world destination point for the practice of preventative medicine. The world-renown Cooper Aerobics Center at Craig Ranch, founded by the father of aerobics Dr. Kenneth Cooper, provides members with the most up-to-date wellness information and regimens anywhere in the world. The Cooper wellness complex will soon include the Cooper Clinic at Craig Ranch; the Cooper Sports Complex, home of Michael Johnson's Performance Training Center at Craig Ranch; and Wellstone Community. Visitors can also enjoy the nearly 30 miles of hike and bike trails that stretch across the city. After working up a sweat, relax at one of the city's multiple luxury spas.



## Shop 'til you drop.

From Eldorado Plaza and Craig Crossing just off U.S. Hwy. 75 to Market Street Center to Historic Downtown, shopping options abound in McKinney. Visitors can browse gourmet markets, boutiques and brand name stores while grabbing a bite to eat at one of McKinney's sidewalk cafes, upscale restaurants or ethnic eateries. Wine aficionados can sample and purchase locally produced wine or create their own. Third Monday Trade Days, one of the oldest Trade Day markets in Texas, is held each month in McKinney.



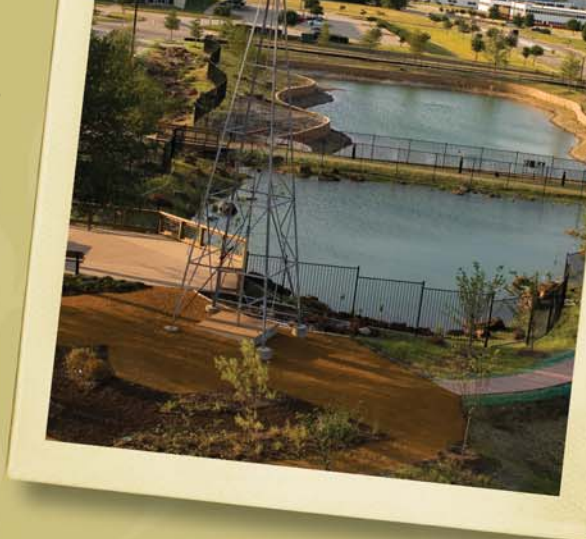
## Explore nature.

McKinney has dedicated more than 1,114 acres to parks of all sizes and is in the process of extending the parks along Wilson Creek to create one of the country's most expansive green spaces. The Crape Myrtle Trails of McKinney is creating the World Collection of Crape Myrtles, consisting of all known species and varieties of crape myrtles. The Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary includes a 289-acre wildlife sanctuary along side a science museum and resource center.



## Go green.

The world's first environmentally friendly, LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) automobile dealership, Pat Lobb Toyota, and the country's first privately developed LEED platinum building, West World Holding's McKinney Green Office Building, are located in McKinney. "The McKinney Experiment," a Wal-Mart test store for environmentally friendly processes and technologies, is one of only two such experimental Wal-Mart stores in the world. El Dorado Motors utilizes environmentally-sensitive practices and facilities at its dealership. McKinney Independent School District boasts four environmentally-friendly elementary school campuses.



## Play ball!

Take in a game at The Ballfields at Craig Ranch, home of the McKinney Marshals, the city's entry into the Texas Collegiate League. Al Ruschhaupt Soccer Complex and the McKinney Soccer Complex at Craig Ranch host tournaments throughout soccer season. Many city parks include softball fields, tennis and basketball courts, and Erwin Park features a challenging eight-mile mountain bike trail. McKinney's eight golf courses, both public and private, provide visitors with a wide range of challenging and enjoyable courses.



## Say I do.

McKinney's many parks, including Collin County's Myers Park & Event Center, provide a beautiful natural setting for your ceremony or reception. MPAC, Chestnut Square Historic Village and The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts provide historic venues that can accommodate groups of varying sizes. The Grand Hotel in Historic Downtown also offers unique space for the perfect wedding experience. Adriatica at Stonebridge Ranch, a unique neighborhood modeled after the village of Supetar, Croatia, will open a wedding chapel on the edge of Stonebridge Lake in 2008.

## Accommodations

### BED & BREAKFASTS AND GUEST HOUSES

- The Bingham House  
www.binghamhouse.com  
800 S. Chestnut, 972-529-1883
- Cottages at Stonebridge Ranch  
www.stonebridgeranchcountryclub.com  
7003 Beacon Hill, 972-529-5993



- Country Charm  
www.countrycharmdbandb.com  
504 W. Virginia St., 972-529-9970
- Dowell House c. 1870  
www.dowellhouse.com  
1104 S. Tennessee St., 972-562-2456
- Tartan Thistle  
www.tartanthistle.net  
513 W. Louisiana St., 214-680-2744

### HOTELS AND MOTELS

- AmeriHost Inn  
www.amerihostinn.com  
951 S. Central Expwy., 972-547-4500,  
800-434-5800
- Best Value Inn & Suites  
www.americasbestvalueinn.com  
205 W. University Dr., 972-540-0700
- Best Western McKinney Inn & Suites  
www.bestwestern.com/prop\_44507  
480 Wilson Creek Blvd., 972-548-3000,  
800-780-7234
- Comfort Suites  
www.choicehotels.com  
1590 N. Central Expwy., 972-548-9595



- Days Inn  
www.daysinn.com  
2104 N. Central Expwy., 972-548-8888,  
800-DAYS-INN
- The Grand Hotel of McKinney  
www.mckinneygrand.com  
107 N. Kentucky, 214-726-9250
- Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
www.holidayinn.com  
3220 Craig Dr. (Opening Nov/Dec 2007)

## POST CARD



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www.mckinneyinn.com  
1431 N. Tennessee, 972-542-4469
- Motel 6 McKinney  
www.motel6.com  
2125 White Ave., 972-542-8600,  
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- Super 8 Motel  
www.super8.com  
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