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Work or Play, Transit's Your Way

Rather than sitting in traffic or struggling to find parking in your daily work commute, have you considered looking into what public transportation options are available to you? Taking the bus or train to your office allows you to relax on your commute, save money, and contribute to better air quality by taking your vehicle off the road. The growing mass transit options in North Texas makes it likely that you will find a route that best fits your needs. When you find an option that you are comfortable with, remember to log your commutes on TryParkingIt.com to track your financial and environmental savings. Think about utilizing transit also when making summer plans throughout our region with family and friends. Dallas Area



Rapid Transit ([DART](http://DART.com)), Fort Worth Transportation Authority ([The T](http://TheT.com)), Denton County Transportation Authority ([DCTA](http://DCTA.com)) and the Trinity Railway Express ([TRE](http://TRE.com)) have maps, schedules, and other resources available to you on each of their websites. The transit agencies' tools will assist you when you choose public transportation for your work commute and fun activities.

If you have never used mass transit it is understandable to be a little hesitant towards changing your usual trips and commute. We have included a few tips below that may aid in reducing some of the uneasiness and making sure you and other passengers have a great trip:

-Know Your Route: Go over the routes you need to take beforehand to become comfortable with when and where you need to get on and off of transit.



-Download [GoPass](#): If you have a smartphone, the previous tips can be made easier by downloading the [GoPass](#) Application to purchase your transit tickets early, look over routes, forward your travel itinerary, and more.

-Arrive Early: Try arriving 5 to 10 minutes before your departure time to ensure that you are in the correct area and not rushing to catch your bus or train.

-Be Courteous: It is perfectly fine to enjoy some music on your commute or call up a loved one, just be mindful of other passengers with the volume of your tunes and conversations.

Visit the following links for more helpful guidelines: [It's Our DART](#), [How to Ride The T Transit](#), and [DCTA Rider Information](#).

National Dump the Pump Day

June 19 was National Dump the Pump Day! The [American Public Transportation Association](#) states that the day, "encourages people to ride public transportation (instead of driving) and save money." Although the day has passed, with rising gas prices and DFW traffic congestion, transit is always considered a great alternative to driving alone. Take a chance and you may be pleasantly surprised by the benefits.

Clean Air Action Day

On June 26, North Texans will join in doing at least one extra thing for clean air. Previously held on July 7, Clean Air Action Day will now be the first Friday of summer every year. Incorporate a clean air strategy when traveling to work, making Friday night plans, getting the weekend started early with a trip to the lake, or in another way. It's up to each of us to take responsibility for the air we breathe. Tell and show us what you will do and why clean air is important at the Clean Air Action Day link above. You can also learn more about the Air North Texas initiative on www.airnorthtexas.org.

Independence Day Events in North Texas



Enjoy Independence Day with fireworks, food, music, and more at one of the many events going on in North Texas! It is almost certain that traffic will be an issue on the Fourth, so we urge you to take transit to the event to avoid congestion, as well as any parking hassles and fees.

DART

July 3rd: Addison Kaboom Town features dazzling fireworks choreographed to music, plus great food, live performances and the spectacular Addison Airport Air Show featuring the Cavanaugh Flight Museum Warbird Flyover. Fireworks will be launched at approximately 9:35 p.m. Events run 5 p.m. to midnight at Addison Circle Park, 4970 Addison Circle Drive. Information: addisontexas.net.

- [Addison Transit Center](#)

July 4th: Fair Park Fourth celebration starts with the Dallas 7/4 race in the morning and finishes with Dallas' official fireworks display at night. In between, you and your family can enjoy all that Fair Park has to offer, including the Midway, an Esplanade Fountain show, music from Dixie Land Band, A Hard Night's Day, and the Dallas Wind Symphony and much more. Information: fairpark.org.

- [Fair Park Station](#) and [MLK, Jr. Station](#)

For more events within DART's service area visit:
<http://dart.org/about/riderinsider/2015july4.asp>

The T

July 2nd through July 4th: Fort Worth's Symphony Orchestra's Old-Fashioned Family Fireworks Picnic is one of Fort Worth's favorite traditions! Celebrate Independence Day at Fort Worth Botanic Gardens in true patriotic fashion with thrilling marches, heartfelt military salutes, and the

most spectacular fireworks show in town. These concerts fill quickly, so order your reserved table or general admission lawn tickets today! Information and tickets: <http://www.fwsymphony.org/>

- [Via The T Bus Route 7](#)

July 4th: Fort Worth's Fourth is an Independence Day Celebration taking place on the Trinity River at Panther Island Pavilion. The event will include music, food, tubing, activities for all ages, and of course fireworks. Gates open at 2 p.m., with fireworks occurring at 10 p.m. Admission to the event is free and V.I.P. options are available. Information: <http://fortworthsfourth.com/>.

- [Intermodal Transportation Center Station](#) and [Trinity Trails](#)

July 4th: Stockyards Fourth of July Celebration will be some free family fun - cowboy style! Cattle drive at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. followed by the Legends of Texas performing live Gunshow Fights at 11:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. inside Stockyards Station. Enjoy free face painting from 12-4pm. Lots of great food, shopping, museums and entertainment in the Fort Worth Stockyards! Information: <http://www.fortworthstockyards.org/Event.aspx?eId=54>

- [Via The T Bus Route 1 \(North/South\), 14, 15, or 17](#)

DCTA

July 4th: Denton Kiwanis Club Fireworks Show is Denton County's most spectacular night, and has been for over forty years! UNT's beautiful new Apogee Stadium is the place for live music, followed by an awesome array of fireworks that light up the sky. The event is FREE, but donations are gladly accepted before, during, and after the show. Information: <http://www.dentonkiwanisclub.org/>

- [Via DCTA Connect Bus Route 8](#)

July 4th: Fourth of July Yankee Doodle Parade is a fun Independence Day event in downtown Denton for all ages. Judging will be at 8:30 a.m., and the parade will commence at 9 a.m.

Entry forms will be available by June 1. Staging will begin at 8 a.m. on South Locust Street between Walnut Street and Sycamore Street. Information: <http://www.cityofdenton.com/departments-services/departments-g-p/parks-recreation/athletics/races>

- [Via DCTA Connect Bus Routes 6, 7, 8, or 9](#)

Find more Independence Day events in Denton County at:

