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Lone Star Park continues it's tradition of great horseracing action and fun

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Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie

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A day at Lone Star Park is a very fun filled afternoon and evening that is fun for all ages. Who would have thought that a date night or a family night could be so much fun? As an Examiner write, I stumbled into the gates thinking it would be a quiet afternoon of dinner and wagering and instead I Tweeted my way to ending the evening by kicking back with some outstanding DFW celebrities of social media and learning so much more about [horseracing](#) and Lone Star Park itself than I could have imagined.



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view of the outside of the Grandstand from the Paddock
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Here are the top things that I love about Lone Star Park and why you will love bringing a date or the family here as well. This summer they have a lot of great activities but the party doesn't stop there. They are a year round venue with a lot of happenings going on around town that will get youngsters all the way to grandparents excited about coming here. Not to mention that they have a an annual Fourth of July **Lone Stars and Stripes celebration** typically on July 3rd and 4th. So sit back and relax and look through this list and I'll see you at **Lone Star Park**

1) Live Animals – Kids love live animals and seeing the race horses in the front courtyard and then seeing them on the track gets kids so excited. Kids love seeing live animals and with anywhere from 5 to 15 races a day during the season of live racing, kids will get to see a lot of live horses at the racetrack. They also hold special family events that have a **family fun park** on select days that also include bounce houses and pony ride.

2) Great views of the track - I ventured to many different areas of Lonestar Park. Even with a general admission ticket of just \$5, you can put down a lawn chair at the Courtyard of Champions and get a wonderful view of the track. Even at other admission levels all the way up to the finish line box seats at \$27.00 you can get a great vantage point at the clubhouse, the terrace seats, Silks Dining and more. There is always a good seat, even if it's standing room only. I found you always have a great vantage point of the track and a multitude of televisions to watch the action all over the complex. Learn more about your ticket options [here!](#)

3) Fantastic customer service – I found the employees that work there are very helpful and very attentive to your needs. Of course if you are at Silks for either the buffet at or eating off the menu, the service is excellent and there is always someone around to get your wagers. They keep the place clean as well which is something I really liked about Lone Star Park and there was always security or an employee around to answer your questions.

4) Food and beverage options – I have found that the food available via Silks dining or at the buffet has a lot of great options for attendees. Whether you are eating at the buffet for \$29.00 or eating off the menu at Silks, you are getting some great choices in dining. Dress code strictly enforced (upscale or business casual; collared shirt required for men, t-shirts and ragged/abbreviated wear prohibited).

I walked up to the Maitre'd stand and a table was available but I would highly recommend you reserve in advance. Club House admission is required for walk-up requests. Advance table purchase will include clubhouse admission. A \$12.50 food and beverage is required of each guest. To purchase your Silks Dining Table or to make advance reservations (based upon availability), please call (972) 263-PONY (Metro) or (800) 795-RACE (outside Metro). Menu items include: shrimp cocktails, steak, sandwiches, appetizers and more. Whether you are purchasing from the concession or in the suites, the food and beverage options are extensive and great.

5) Wagering – betting and wagering is synonymous with horseracing. I think it's fun to check out the

horses in the Paddock area located behind the Grandstand. You can check out how the riders and the horses are saddled and try to guess which one is “hot” that day. Then you make your way into the Bar & Book or the Grandstand to place your bets at either the live counter, a machine or with the one of the employees walking around taking your bets. If you don't know how to bet, I would recommend checking out Lone Star Park's [how to wager](#) guide.

6) Music and Concerts – on the evening that I went, the Josh Abbot band was playing and the Courtyard of Champions Stage is a huge stage. There are a lot of great acts going on even when there is no live racing. They have [2013 VIP Concert Packages](#) that also include food. With acts like Pat Green and Billy Currington and even some smaller acts on select nights, Lone Star Park has some outstanding musical acts that keep you entertained.

7) Other Events – Lone Star Park has many other events besides live racing. The Bar and Book has simulcasts of all the major sporting events including UFC, football, baseball, basketball and more. They have Eleven 32" dedicated flat screen televisions and three projection televisions. A multi-user interactive touchscreen television table is integrated to display electronic menus with direct order capability as well as various media content and games.

I would definitely consider this place as a great date night, family night and a place to bring out of town guests. There are a lot of things to do here, it is relatively inexpensive and it's always entertaining. Lone Star Park is located at 1000 Lone Star Parkway Grand Prairie, TX 75050. For more information, please visit them at lonestarpark.com.

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Google Plus - <https://plus.google.com/+lonestarpark/>

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