



# THE *Original* DENTON DISTRICT

## FOOD, DRINK, AND OTHER VENUES

Residents and visitors to the District know that Denton's music, art, and performance scene is unmatched. Walking the streets of the District could lead you to live jam sessions in recording studios or house venues, mural paintings on a neighborhood bar, or a quick poetry slam in the basement of a pizza joint. While it is almost impossible to capture all of the spontaneous and creative cultural assets, here is a quick list of venues and locations where culture, music, and art abound in the Original Denton District.

**Andy's Bar/Basement/Paschall:** A unique live entertainment experience on the corner of the Square, Andy's is a celebrated performance venue for local musicians, bands, and more. Almost daily performances of everything from rock, metal, jazz, rap, alternative and more have a home at Andy's. Want something a little different? Head down to the basement for one of Andy's famous Moscow Mules and some darts surrounded by unique artwork and murals. Or, head upstairs to Paschall, a speakeasy themed bar overlooking the Courthouse (that is, if you can find the door).

**Armadillo Ale Works/Cryptozoology:** A mixture of the cool coffeehouse vibe of Cryptozoology and the rustic feel of Armadillo Ale Works, this local industrial coffee shop and brewery hosts weekly live music and performances. Come for the coffee/beer, but stay for festival fundraisers, blues bands, and art shows.

**Barley and Board:** Local restaurant and brewery Barley and Board often plays host to smaller, intimate music performances during happy hour and brunch. Come enjoy this uniquely Denton restaurant and stay to enjoy the music. Grab a seat by a window to stare at the whimsical murals on Andy's Bar and Recycled Books.

**The Bearded Monk:** This craft beer, bottle shop, and growler bar plays host to weekly music performances, spoken word or stand-up comedy, and art shows. Join in the fun with events like the Sharpie Showdown, where local artists are given one hour and a handful of Sharpies to compete in a speed art contest. See their creations at local Denton hotspots for the next two weeks before they are auctioned off to support the Greater Denton Arts Council.

**Dan's SilverLeaf:** One of Denton's most famous music venues is where many local musicians get their start. Jazz, rock, bluegrass, alternative, punk, whatever music you are into, find it here.



**Denton County Brewing Company:** This locally owned independent brewery isn't just home to good beer as it also hosts live music performances and displays unique artwork from Denton artists. Make sure to check out the calendar as painting classes and craft workshops are often scheduled in this versatile space.

**East Side Denton:** One of Denton's most well-known spots with an incredible selection of beers and cocktails, East Side is also home to the Austin Street Food Truck Park where locals snack on tacos, BBQ, and more in a large open courtyard. Throughout the year, this space also is home to special events to support local artists and art organizations, such as the Backyard Market at Eastside. The Market features handmade gifts and art in a cozy backyard setting, inviting visitors to shop local and support the arts.

**Harvest House:** Sit inside or outside this chic industrial space and enjoy a craft cocktail or fresh squeezed juice, a snack from the Pickled Carrot II food truck, and listen to one of the nightly live music performances.

**J & J's Pizza and Basement:** Stop in for a slice of pizza, then head downstairs to the iconic J & J's basement music venue. Known locally as ODB (Old Dirty Basement), this iconic space hosts live performances six days a week.

**Lone Star Attitude (LSA) Burger Co.:** At this local restaurant, enjoy murals painted by local artists or jam out to a local band on the rooftop overlooking the Courthouse and the Square. Stick around for the sunset toast where every evening Dentonites celebrate the beauty that surrounds them.

**The Loophole Gastropub and Ale House:** The recently restored Loophole serves as a reminder to one of the most infamous pieces of Denton's history, Bonnie and Clyde. With themed signage and art, the Loophole reminds visitors of Denton's connection to the notorious couple.

**Oak Street Draft House and Cocktail Parlor:** Located only a few blocks off the Square, this unique bar is inside one of the oldest houses in Denton (built in 1886). A large outdoor patio is home to the iconic Denton postcard mural by local artists Mick Burson and Dan Black. Come on a weekend you might find a local band serenading the crowds.

**Panhandle House Recording Studio:** A full service recording studio located just north of the Square, Panhandle House helps local bands preserve their sounds for distribution. Master sound engineers, music producers, and musicians have worked in this iconic space.

**Queenie's Steakhouse:** Listen to live music while enjoying some of the finer things in life at this local upscale steakhouse from Chef Tim Love. Want to keep it more casual? Head outside to



Back Dough to grab one of the freshest, and hilariously themed, late-night doughnuts in Denton.

**Rubber Gloves Recording Studio (RGRS):** Rubber Gloves, or RGRS, is one of the best venues in town to find that uniquely Denton sound. Bands find this intimate live venue a great place to try out new music and often offer something different. RGRS was closed briefly in the late 2010s, but is reopening in 2019 and is ready to reignite the live music scene in this growing area of the District.

**Steve's Wine Bar:** This local wine bar and shop is a great place for District visitors and residents to unwind. Steve's invites patrons to enjoy a relaxing environment, taste wines from around the world, and enjoy live jazz performances weekly.

**Sweetwater Grill and Tavern:** Sit on the patio of one of Denton's most iconic restaurants to listen to live jazz while enjoying brunch or a dinner with friends.

**Wine Squared:** Locally owned Wine Squared offers wines from around the world and a comfortable indoor and outdoor setting for District visitors to enjoy. Live music, comedy shows, book clubs and more happen at this intimate space on the Square.