



# Unlocking Adventure

Grapevine treats visitors to the unexpected when it comes to local spots for food and fun. All ages will enjoy the classic offerings of Historic Main Street and beyond.

Have a look at these emerging attractions and local gems. **BY SALLY VERRANDO**

## **MISTER O1 EXTRAORDINARY PIZZA**

129 S. MAIN ST. • [MISTERO1.COM/GRAPEVINE](http://MISTERO1.COM/GRAPEVINE)

Not only are regular pizzas, calzones and salads on the menu, but how about star-shaped pies with ricotta cheese stuffed in the star points? The sauce is sugar-free, and the dough is naturally fermented with no sugar added. Gluten-free vegan crust, vegan cheese and vegan hazelnut chocolate pizza are also offered. As appetizers, order antipasti or the cheesy burrata bar. Pick up a bottle of truffle oil or balsamic vinegar on the way out.

## BETH MARIE'S OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM

419 S. MAIN ST. • BETHMARIES.COM

Old fashioned is right—the one machine churning out their premium products is from 1927. However, there's nothing old-fashioned about some of the 185 flavors rotating seasonally, all made in North Texas, like Evil Elvis, 2 Shots Fired and Cowgirl Texas Heat. Giddy-up!



## GREAT WOLF LODGE

100 GREAT WOLF DRIVE • GREATWOLF.COM/GRAPEVINE

The Grand Lobby was recently upgraded with added attractions and updated restaurants. Vacay in Virtual Frontier. Mini-bowl at Ten Paw Alley. Tag friends on the Laser Trail. Timbers Table & Kitchen is the go-to spot for casual dining with more seating, a new menu items and Fireside is a full-service restaurant. What hasn't changed is the indoor water park. All the fun, wet and dry, under one roof.



## WINESTEIN'S TASTING ROOM & WINE BAR

280 N. MAIN ST. • WINESTEINTASTINGROOM.COM

Wine wisdom can be achieved through the mentoring of Grapevine couple Michael and Maranda Einstein. They guide customers on vino voyages of discovery from how to select the best red or white to hosting a sparkling bubbly brunch. Learn about wine, and buy it by the glass or take it home by the bottle. The Einsteins have curated an inventory focused on style and value.

## WHOAZONE

3000 MEADOWMERE LANE • WHOA.ZONE/GRAPEVINE

Located inside Meadowmere Park (vehicle admission required), WhoaZone is open Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends, depending on the weather. Swimmers 7 years old and up can bounce and dunk on the floating obstacle course. Littles 4-to-7 may cool off in the shallow Wibit KidsZone. Splash sessions are one hour with a 10-minute safety review and 50 minutes in the water. Or get All Day Splash passes. Rented umbrella seating and concessions are available. Highly recommended: making reservations and reviewing the website's FAQ (see life jackets). There is public swimming at Meadowmere Park. WhoaZone requires separate tickets.



## BIG DADDY'S CANTINA

2500 OAK GROVE LOOP SOUTH • BIGDADDYSCANTINA.COM

Relax and dine on the outdoor deck on Lake Grapevine. Nestled in Scott's Landing Marina, this casual, family-friendly spot serves up fresh Tex-Mex and more—burgers, grilled shrimp, salads and soups. Order shareables of mango shrimp ceviche, quesadillas and chips and salsa. The dock starts to rock with happy hour specials Monday through Thursday. Catch live, local music on the outdoor stage on weekend evenings. Big Daddy's offers online ordering, catering and private areas for special events. Open March through October, depending on weather.



## OG CELLARS WINERY ON MAIN

909 S. MAIN ST. • 817-421-9463

This educational tasting room is a satellite shop of a little ol' winery in Sunset, Texas. Award-winning owner James Hangar says they make and sell wines from 100% Texas-grown grapes; varieties from Spain and Italy thrive in the North Texas climate. He makes "clean-crafted" wines with no additives. He says his vino may look a little cloudy sometimes but that's a good thing, as it means the properly aged wine is mixing with oxygen. Charcuterie boards and cheese trays complete the vibe.



**TEATRO BISTRO & COCKTAIL LOUNGE**

120 S. MAIN ST. • [TEATROBISTROTX.COM](http://TEATROBISTROTX.COM)

Fine-dining customers are wowed by the award-winning culinary works of celebrity Chef Carla Pellegrino. Candied pork belly bites can start off the evening. Try entrees like Penne Vodka, Salmon Harissa or Lamb Lollipops with a side of truffle fries or sauteed mushrooms. Don't miss the specialty Teatro cocktails. And cool the palate with Italian sorbet fresh from Italy, or calm that sweet tooth with crème brûlée or chocolate lava cake. Reservations accepted.



**LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTER**

3000 GRAPEVINE MILLS PKWY. • [LEGOLANDDISCOVERYCENTER.COM/DALLAS-FW](http://LEGOLANDDISCOVERYCENTER.COM/DALLAS-FW)

LEGOLAND is what a child's imagination looks like when it comes to life. One of the unique features at this store is the Minifigurate Factory. For \$13, you can create and take home a customized mini-figurine, complete with face, hair, accessories and torso. All visitors can pick up favorite themed LEGO kits of Ninjago, Star Wars, DREAMZZZ and more. No tickets are required to visit the LEGO gift shop at Grapevine Mills. It's open to all shoppers as well as Discovery Center visitors. Fun fact: all LEGO bricks are interchangeable, even if made decades ago.



**SON OF A BUTCHER**

480 W. STATE HWY. 114 • [SOBSLIDERS.COM/LOCATIONS/GRAPEVINE](http://SOBSLIDERS.COM/LOCATIONS/GRAPEVINE)

Son of a Butcher is a carnivore's paradise specializing in sliders of chicken or Wagyu beef. Anyone for spicy Frikka Tikka chicken or The Cowboy with beef, bacon and pimento cheese? Don't be fooled: PB&J also includes beef, bacon and cheese. Health-conscious patrons can order veggie patties and lettuce wraps. Wash it all down with a Filthy Soda (fizzy pop and added syrups) or a handmade shake of chocolate brownie or cookie butter. Guests over 21 can add alcohol to the shakes. Also, check out their margaritas, tap brews or bourbon blackberry smash.



**ROCK & BREWS RESTAURANT**

520 W. STATE HWY 114 • [ROCKANDBREWS.COM/GRAPEVINE](http://ROCKANDBREWS.COM/GRAPEVINE)

This mecca for classic rock fans of all ages fully embraces the rock 'n' roll vibe, thanks to brand founders Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons of KISS. The dining area, reminiscent of a modern-medieval great hall for the lords of rock, includes murals of iconic rockers, long tables and sumptuous food—Opening Acts, VIP Salads, Headliner Sandwiches, Rock Star Tacos, Front Row Pizzas, Encores, Rocktails and more. Sports or music videos are on 75-inch screens, and the atmosphere is a continuous classic hits soundtrack (local bands gig on weekends). Take advantage of patio seating as well. Open late every night. Rock on. ★