Events in Odessa

From the first few days of the year, there’s always something going on in Odessa. This West Texas city proudly hosts a wide variety of events throughout the year, such as the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo and the Permian Basin Fair & Exposition. Read on to learn more about the many events in Odessa that just about anyone will enjoy.

January

**Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo**

There’s nothing more Texan than a rodeo, and the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa has it all.

Bareback horse riding, steer wrestling, team roping, and bull riding are just a few of the competitions that take place during this early January rodeo.
The event also features a quarter horse event and plenty of live music.
4201 Andrews Highway
Odessa, TX 79762

February
Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show
Outdoors enthusiasts can’t miss the Midessa Boat, RV, Sport & Gun Show, held every February in Odessa’s Ector County Coliseum. Exhibitors showing new and top of the line gear are on hand at the event, which is open to the public. Tickets to the three-day event are available at the coliseum during the event.
4201 North Andrews Highway
Odessa, TX 79764

May
Fiesta West Texas
Fiesta West Texas is a one-of-a-kind annual event that offers plenty of family-friendly fun. Carnival rides, concerts, food vendors, a washer tournament, and a children’s pageant are part of the festival, held in early May at the Ector County Coliseum.
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Odessa, TX 79762

June
Juneteenth Celebration
The Juneteenth Celebration in Odessa is a three-day mid-June event that commemorates the day the slaves in Texas learned of their emancipation. Musical performances, food vendors, a parade, multicultural exhibits, a talent show, and children’s activities are all part of the fun.
1020 East Murphy
Odessa, TX 79761

June - July
Hot Summer Nights
Celebrate summer with live music and tasty cuisine from local food trucks during the Hot Summer Nights concert series. These free and family-friendly shows are held on Friday nights from early June through mid-July at Noël Plaza next to the Ector County Library.
201 West 5th Street
Odessa, TX 79761

July
Firecracker Fandango

Live music, a classic car show, and an epic fireworks show are just a small part of the fun during Odessa’s annual Independence Day festival. A nine-hole putt-putt course, face painting, balloon artists, and a 105-foot obstacle course provide plenty of fun for kids, while you might enjoy the beer booths and entertainment.
Downtown Odessa
Odessa, TX 79761

August
Rock the Desert
Enjoy great music and uplifting fellowship at Rock the Desert, a four-day festival that brings together some of the best contemporary Christian bands around. The festival takes place in early August at the RTD festival field between Odessa and Midland, home to an outstanding indoor skateboard facility.
2000 South FM 1788
Midland, TX 79711

Permian Basin Fair & Exposition
The Permian Basin Fair and Exposition offers nine days of family-friendly excitement. A large carnival, livestock shows, interactive attractions, animal exhibits, live music, and a creative arts contest make up the early September festival, the largest of its kind in the region.
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Odessa, TX 79762

September

October
Oktoberfest!
Experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of the grand German fall tradition of Oktoberfest in Odessa at the Ellen Noël Art Museum of the Permian Basin. Authentic German beer, cuisine, and live music performances are all part of the fun of this early October event.
4909 East University
Odessa, TX 79762

Tap Into Downtown Odessa
Treat yourself to some of the best Texas craft beer and regional wines at Tap Into Downtown Odessa, a one-day event held in early October. Take your pick of the delectable wares of nine craft breweries and nine wineries, and pair your beverage of choice with something from one of several food trucks on hand. Stick around for the live jazz and acoustic music, the perfect accompaniment to your palate-pleasing tasting tour of Texas.
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Fall Festival
Embrace the fall season at Odessa’s own Fall Festival. Featuring face and pumpkin painting, zip line rides, carnival-style children’s games, arts and crafts, a costume parade for youngsters, and live entertainment, the one-day, late-October festival is a fantastic way to enjoy a day out with your family.
Basin BBQ Blowout
Barbecue is serious business here in Texas, and you can have some of the best of it at Odessa’s own Basin BBQ Blowout. More than 100 local businessmen and women compete for the title of Best BBQ of the Basin. Smell the aromas of smoked meats and try whatever looks tasty, including your choice of sides and desserts. With so much food here, you’d better bring your appetite.

Tejano Super Car Show
Auto enthusiasts will find much to love about the Tejano Super Car Show in Odessa. Check out dozens of flashy lowriders, motorcycles, and classic cars, as well as some of the best Tejano bands in the business. Great food and fun games are all part of the festival, held at the Ector Country Coliseum in late November.

Heritage Holiday Parade
Relish the many colors of the holiday season at the Odessa Heritage Holiday Parade of Lights, an annual early-December event that starts at Odessa College and ends near downtown.

Starbright Village
The holiday season comes to life at Odessa’s Starbright Village in McKinney Park. More than 270,000 lights and holiday-themed displays, the largest in the Permian Basin, light up the night sky throughout December. Santa also makes an appearance every Friday and Saturday throughout the month. Festivities kick off in early December with a tree lighting ceremony, which includes carolers, dancers, and plenty of hot chocolate.