Events in Paris

From sports competitions to cultural festivals, Paris boasts a super crop of yearly events. Festival season begins when the weather starts to warm with an archery tournament in April, followed by a popular fishing tournament in May. The rest of the summer and fall are full of fun family activities, carrying you right into the special celebrations during the holidays. Use our list of annual events in Paris as a guide for when you plan your trip to this charming North Texas town.

April

Southwest Shoot-Out
Amateur and professional archers aim at 3-D targets from across America and abroad to compete for cash prizes and the coveted Paris Signature Belt Buckle.
Paris Main Street Winefest
Enjoy a stroll in the Historic Downtown District while sampling Texas’s top wines, dining on local restaurants’ savory bites, and browsing the local shops.
Paris, TX 75460

May

Uncle Jesse’s Big Bass Classic
Bring your A-game to this fishing tournament as you vie for the top prize of $5,000. Proceeds benefit organizations helping children in need throughout Lamar County.
Pat Mayse Lake
Sanders Cove, TX 75411

Paris Art Fair
Purchase your Mother’s Day gifts at the Paris Art Fair, with professional artists displaying their work, craft booths, entertainment, food, and kids’ activities at Kid’s Safe Saturday partnered with the Fair.
2025 South Collegiate Drive
Paris, TX 75460

Wings Over Paris Air Show
Enjoy fun for the whole family while viewing jaw-dropping aerobatics from skilled pilots flying colorful planes. All the excitement takes place at Cox Field on one day in mid-May, so don’t miss out!
6780 Collier Drive
Paris, TX 75462

July

Tour de Paris
One of the most popular events for cyclists in Texas, Tour de Paris Bicycle Rally offers routes 20, 35, 57, 68 and 80 miles on County Roads and a 21 mile route on our Trail. More than 1000 riders turn out for these rides each year. The event also includes a pancake breakfast, hamburger after-party, and a fun filled day!
2025 South Collegiate Drive
Paris, TX 75460

Balloon and Music Festival
A new addition to Paris’ calendar of annual events, this festival offers blues and country performances, hot air balloon watching, raffles, and lots of food and goods vendors.
2025 South Collegiate Drive
Paris, TX 75460
Paris Powerboat Grand Prix
Watch as more than 100 speed boats soar across Lake Crook at the annual Paris Powerboat Grand Prix. The stakes couldn't be higher, as all competitors are vying for a slice of the $30,000 purse. Along with the races, the grand prix features plenty of family fun, lots of food vendors, and much more.
Paris, TX 75460

August

Bug Tussle Trek Antique Auto Tour
Find a spot on the side of the road and watch as more than 60 vintage autos roll through Paris on this one-a-year parade that starts in Farmersville.
Historic Downtown
Paris, TX 75460

September

Chaparral Square Dancing Weekend
A weekend of do-si-do fun comes to Paris, courtesy of Chaparral Records. Catch dance workshops, guest callers, and a ball to close out the festivities on Saturday evening with dancers in traditional square dance attire.
2025 South Collegiate Drive
Paris, TX 75460

Northeast Texas Rod Run
In addition to the hot rod show, enjoy games for both kids and adults, food, door prizes, and live entertainment at the Red River Fairgrounds.
570 East Center Street
Paris, TX 75460

Paris Fair & Exposition
A Paris tradition for over a century, the fair brings livestock shows, a carnival midway, food, live stage entertainment, and exhibits to town in late September and early October.
570 East Center Street
Paris, TX 75460

October

Pumpkin Patch Downtown
Shop for that perfect pumpkin, or simply browse the large collection, at the annual Pumpkin Patch located in downtown Paris. Open Monday through Sunday through 6 p.m., a visit to the patch is a great way to celebrate autumn while also enjoying all the shopping and dining found in the downtown area.
Historic Downtown
Paris, TX 75460
Oktoberfest
Bavarian pretzels and sausage, a tall pint of beer, and a full day of performances by German bands. What more do you want from an Oktoberfest? Paris’ version of this beloved festival is held at the historic Gibraltar Hotel in early October. Along with all the food, beer, and music, the festival also features a Marketplatz full of vendors selling German gifts and other items.
265 South Main
Paris, TX 75460

Paris Antique Fair and Winefest
Antiquers and wine lovers alike will find plenty to love about this annual event in Paris. Browse vendor stalls stocked with vintage furniture, art, dishes, and even cowboy boots, then enjoy a wine tasting (and pick up a souvenir glass of your own). The fun continues at Party on the Plaza in downtown Paris, where you’ll enjoy late night shopping and plenty of live music.
265 South Main
Paris, TX 75460

Texas Square Dance Convention
Put on your dancing shoes and head to the Paris Fair Grounds for three days of whirlin’ and twirlin’ at the Texas Square Dance Convention.
570 East Center Street
Paris, TX 75460

Festival of Pumpkins
With autumn blowing in on the wind, head for historic downtown Paris for entertainment, crafts, vendors, food, and lots of those big orange squash.
Historic Downtown
Paris, TX 75460

November

Christmas Open House
Ring in the holiday season with all the cheer of Paris’ festive tree lighting ceremony! Bring your kids for a photo op with Santa and enjoy all the sights of Paris’ historic downtown.
Historic Downtown
Paris, TX 75460

Lamar County Chamber of Commerce Annual All Breed Bull Sale
Every year, registered bulls and handpicked heifers are sold at the Cattlemen’s Livestock Commission, with proceeds going toward scholarships for 4-H and FFA seniors.
1354 Clement Road
Paris, TX 75460

December

Christmas in Fair Park
Knock out some of your Christmas shopping the first weekend of December at this outdoor bazaar, with dozens of booths peddling handmade ornaments,
decorations, and other gifts.
570 East Center Street
Paris, TX 75460

**Annual Lighted Christmas Parade**
Starting at the courthouse parking lot, the annual Paris parade winds through downtown, spreading holiday cheer to one and all.
Historic Downtown
Paris, TX 75460

**Holiday in Paris Shop Local $10,000 and $5,000 Give-a-Way!**
Do your holiday shopping in downtown Paris and you'll have the chance to win either a $10,000 or $5,000 prize! Each store you go to gives you a ticket that you can enter for the drawing, held at the Culbertson Fountain in the heart of the downtown square in mid-December.
Historic Downtown
Paris, TX 75460