

**YOUR 2024 SUMMER FAMILY FUN GUIDE** 

#### **SUMMER IS HERE!**

Embrace this season of family bonding without the stress of planning. Find an affordable, accessible getaway that caters to everyone in your family—right here in Hutch! We've got you covered with our all-inclusive Summer Family Fun Guide. From delicious dining spots to exciting activities and cozy accommodations, we've done the groundwork so you can focus on creating lasting memories. Dive into our guide categorized by activities like water fun, shopping, and arts & crafts, with special sections tailored for different age groups and preferences. Share the love this summer, and let us be your guide!

Love, **Hutchinson** 

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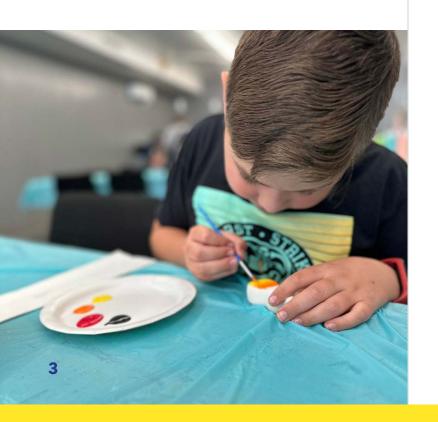
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#### **Wool Market and DIY School**

Retail and instruction for knitters, crocheters, spinners, and more.

- \* 420 N Main St, Hutchinson
- \* thewoolmarket.net
- Psst...When you buy your materials at The Wool Market & DIY School they'll give you one hour of FREE instruction. Learn how to knit, crochet, needle felt, and more! Stop in or call 620.694.3250 to schedule your Jump Start Lesson!
- Indoor Activity, Big Kids, Teens



#### **Splinters-N-Rust**

Pinterest-inspired maker space with a wide variety of make-and-take items.

- \* 125 N Main St, Hutchinson
- \* splintersnrust.com
- Indoor Activity, Little Kids, Big Kids, Teens

#### **Lit Studios Paint & Pottery**

Canvas and pottery painting with instruction, art camps, and more.

- **21 N Main St, Hutchinson**
- litstudiospaintandpottery.com
- Indoor Activity, Little Kids, Big Kids, Teens

#### **Board & Brush Creative Studio**

DIY workshops for people who love to create and connect.

- 115 S Main St, Hutchinson
- \* boardandbrush.com
- Indoor Activity, Little Kids, Big Kids, Teens

#### **Hutchinson Art Center**

Exhibits, camps, and classes for artists of all genres.

- \* 405 N. Washington St, Hutchinson
- \* hutchinsonartcenter.net
- Indoor Activity, Big Kids, Teens



#### **Salt City Splash**

- \* 1601 S Plum St, Hutchinson (in Carey Park)
- hutchrec.com/salt-city-splash
- **\*** LOCAL TIP!

Have little ones? Salt City Splash offers special hours called "Toddler Time" starting at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., giving you an extra hour and a half before the "big kids" arrive!

Fun for the Whole Family

#### **Arkanoe**

Take an adventure on the river with Hutchinson's only kayak, canoe, and tube rental and shuttle service on the Arkansas River! With abundant wildlife and plenty of sandbars to explore, the Arkansas River is perfect for enjoying nature's beauty.

- Entry points along Arkansas River
- \* arkanoe.com
- 🌟 Big Kids, Teens

#### **Dillon Nature Center**

Rent a canoe and explore the upper pond! Check their website for family canoeing times.

- \* 3002 E 30th Ave, Hutchinson
- hutchrec.com/dillon-nature-center
- Little Kids, Big Kids, Teens

#### **Splash Pads**

Come cool off and have free fun in the fountains at one of these three parks:

- \* Avenue A Park, 100 S Main St, Hutchinson
- Fairgrounds Park, 2101 N Severance St, Hutchinson
- Rice Park, 2112 N Hendricks St, Hutchinson
- Little Kids, Big Kids

#### **Area Pools**

#### **Buhler Pool:**

- **\*** 501 Parkside Dr, Buhler
- buhlerks.org/parks-and-pool
- \* Fun for the Whole Family

#### **Haven Pool:**

- \* 110 N. Salina Avenue, Haven
- havencityhall.org/swimming-pool
- \* Fun for the Whole Family





# Movies)

#### **B&B Theatres**

- \* 1500 E 11th Ave, Hutchinson
- bbtheatres.com/hutchinson-mall-8/showtimes
- \* Indoor Activity, Fun for the Family

#### **Fox Theatre**

- 18 E 1st Ave, Hutchinson
- \* hutchinsonfox.com
- **\*** LOCAL TIP!

Check out the Summer Movie Series! Admission is only \$4/person for all ages. Buy tickets at the door up to 30 minutes before, or get a FOX Kids Series Pass. That's eight FOX Kid Series movies for only \$16! What a deal!

Indoor Activity, Fun for the Family

#### **Cosmosphere:** Carey Digital Dome Theater

- 1100 N Plum St, Hutchinson | cosmo.org
- A two-story dome with an amazing 4K digital projection system.
- Indoor Activity, Fun for the Family

# Live Theatre

#### **Flag Theatre**

- \* 310 N Main St, Hutchinson
- \* familycommunitytheatre.org
- Check out their event calendar for productions your whole family will enjoy!
- \* Indoor Activity, Fun for the Family

#### Stage 9

- \* 9 S Main St, Hutchinson,
- \* stage9hutch.com
- Indoor Activity, Fun for the Family



#### Yoder

Young and old alike delight in seeing horse buggies alongside cars and trucks in this quaint little town. It's a mix of past and present, and a focus on tourism means you'll find the modern amenities you need while experiencing the simplicity of the past.

- yoderkansas.com
- A few things you can't miss!
  - Carriage Crossing (so many pies!)
  - The Little House in Yoder (a great place to stay)
  - Yoder Furniture Company (quality like no other)
  - Yoder Meats (wide variety of delicious things!)
- Indoors, Fun for the Family
- 🔆 Yoder Days: August 24
  - yoderkansas.com/heritage-day
  - A full day of fun in a unique Amish community! Start the day with a pancake feed, then music and a parade, and you can't miss the buggy races! There's shopping, events, and demonstrations throughout the day, then fireworks in the evening!
- **Fun for the Family**

#### **Reno County Museum**

- 100 S Walnut St, Hutchinson
- renocomuseum.org
- **\*** LOCAL TIP!

The OodlePlex is an interactive children's area and a great place to cool down and have fun at a very low cost. Kids have a blast "steering" the life-sized boat, trading in the general store, and trying on period clothes in the costume shop. It's recommended for children ages 2-12, with a \$1 per child charge.

\* Indoors, Fun for the Family





Nowhere else can you travel 650 below the earth's surface AND explore the wonders of outer space travel all in one day. Hutch is home to two world-renowned attractions, and they're both experiences to put on your list!

#### Cosmosphere

- \* 1100 N Plum St, Hutchinson
- cosmo.org
- ★ Indoors, Fun for the Family
- The Cosmosphere is a Smithsonian Affiliated air and space museum that offers attractions such as:
  - Justice Planetarium, a state-of-the-art, digital dual projector experience
  - Dr. Goddard's Lab, an interactive show packed with some explosive surprises using live demonstrations to take visitors on a journey through the history of rockets
  - Hall of Space Museum, featuring the largest combined collection of U.S. and Russian space artifacts in the world
  - CosmoKids Interactive Play Area, where families have a new way to experience STEM activities!

# Local Tip! Save when you do both!

Purchase a <u>Cosmosphere ALL ACCESS</u>
<u>MISSION PASS</u> or a <u>Strataca BLAST</u>
<u>PASS</u> and save \$5.00 if you visit the other attraction within 10 days.

#### **Strataca**

- 3650 E Ave G, Hutchinson,
- underkansas.org
- \* Indoors, Fun for the Family
- Adventure 650 feet underground and take a step back in time to experience the world of a salt mine worker.
- \* Attractions include:
  - The Dark Ride and Salt Mine Express, two different tram tours that take you through the mine
  - **Permian Room**, where the walls act as ancient scrolls of the earth revealing secrets of the strata formed long ago
  - Underground Vaults & Storage Exhibit, featuring movie costumes, props and other one-of-a-kind artifacts that are stored underground.





#### The Alley (laser tag, bowling)

- \* 1221 E 23rd Ave, Hutchinson
- \* thealleyhutchinson.com
- **\*** LOCAL TIP!

Go to <a href="www.kidsbowlfree.com">www.kidsbowlfree.com</a> (registered kids receive 2 FREE games of bowling each day of the KBF program all summer long)!

Indoors, Little Kids, Big Kids, Teens

#### **Carey Park Golf Course**

- In Carey Park, 9 Emerson Loop East, Hutchinson
- careyparkgolf.com
- → Maybe your kids aren't up for 18 holes, but that's okay! You can always hit the driving range or the putting green as a family and brush up on your swing together!
- **\*** Fun in the Sun, Big Kids, Teens

#### **Hutch Putt**

- 1500 N Lorraine St, Hutchinson
- hutchputt.com
- \* 18-hole miniature golf course
- ★ Fun in the Sun, Little Kids, Big Kids, Teens

#### **Skateland** (roller skating rink)

- **\*** 3101 N Lorraine St, Hutchinson
- \* skatelandhutch.com
- Indoors, Little Kids, Big Kids, Teens

#### Axe It Up Hutch

- \* 110 W. 2nd Ave, Hutchinson
- \* axeituphutch.com
- **\*** Indoors, Big Kids, Teens





#### **Hedrick Exotic Animal Farm**

- 7910 N Roy L Smith Rd, Nickerson
- \* hedricks.com
- \* A most unique animal farm AND Bed & Breakfast! This exotic animal farm has zebras, camels, ostriches, giraffes, kangaroos and more, plus nine guest rooms to provide a unique retreat experience. (Don't worry, the animals don't sleep with you, although some kids might think that was cool.)
- Fun in the Sun, Fun for the Family

#### **Family Tour**

More interactive than a zoo, more educational than a farm, and more lively than a museum, this will be one of the most interesting tours your family will experience. Feed kangaroos, pet camels and zebras, and get up close and personal as you learn more about these exotic animals.

#### **Camel and Pony Rides**

An experience for "kids" of all ages, taking a ride on these animals will be as unforgettable as it is fun.

#### **Hutch Zoo**

- ★ 6 Emerson Loop, Hutchinson
- hutchinsonzoo.org
- \* Take a ride on the Prairie Thunder Railroad, dig for fossils in the Dinosaur Dig Area, or dip your toes in the new Nature Play Expansion and Splash River area! The Hutchinson Zoo is free, but a suggested donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family helps fund zoo improvements.
- Fun in the Sun, Fun for the Family



# Take Your Pic/Pick

Who doesn't love a fun Instagram moment? These ag adventures help kids understand just where food and flora come from and give you some memory-making photo opportunities as a bonus!

#### **Reno County Farmer's Market**

- 🜟 103 W 2nd Ave, Hutchinson
- rcfmks.com
- Open on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, this cornucopia of local produce, baked goods, and artistry is a delicious experience!
- Fun in the Sun, Fun for the Family

#### **Owl's Lavender Patch**

- \* 21516 NW 60th, Buhler
- <u>owlslavenderpatch.com</u>
- ★ Take in the beauty of this 40-acre family farm that has over 725 lavender plants. Value added lavender products are homemade and available for purchase. While exploring the fields, take a break at one of the picnic tables or benches scattered throughout and enjoy the scenery and wildlife.
- Fun in the Sun, Fun for the Family

#### **Sunflowers**

- 13209 E 82nd Ave, Buhler
- \* kansasmaze.com
- 20 Acres of Beautiful Sunflowers! Check out their website for more information about The Sunflower Festival starting mid-August, and Sunflower Trail Run on Aug. 26
- \* Fun in the Sun, Fun for the Family

#### **Inland Ocean Vineyards**

- \* 4704 E. 43rd Avenue, Hutchinson
- **\*** inlandoceanvineyards.com/visit
- Visit Hutchinson's only vineyard, which is open for tastings on Saturdays and Sundays. Explore their website for information on participating in their grape harvest during August!
- 10 \* Fun in the Sun, Fun for the Family





There are many places to shop in Hutch, but here are a few unique offerings you'll only find here!

#### **Apron Strings**

Have a budding Master Chef Jr. on your hands? You've got to check out this downtown Hutchinson gem! But it's more than a cooking store. They offer cooking classes for kids throughout the summer.

- 1 S Main St, Hutchinson
- \* apronstringsstore.com
- Indoor, Fun for the Family

#### Crow & Co.

Book lovers will feel right at home in this quaint reader's retreat. And you can even grab a cup of coffee and a delicious pastry while you browse the shelves.

- \* 2 S Main St. Hutchinson
- \* crowandcobooks.com
- Indoor, Fun for the Family

#### **Toy Depot**

- \* 127 S Main St, Hutchinson
- hutchtoydepot.com
- You can't go wrong with a toy store! Located in a beautifully restored 1883 building in Hutchinson's historic antique district, Toy Depot is filled with over 50,000 vintage toys and is styled after a 1940s era toy store from its antique cash register to its handcrafted oak shelving and tin ceiling.
- Indoor, Fun for the Family

# **Antiques**& Specialty Stores

#### Sherman Street Emporium Antique & Boutique

\* 114 W. Sherman St. Hutchinson

#### **Long Ago Antique Mall**

- 110 N. Main St., Hutchinson
- \* longagohutch.com

#### **A5 Western**

- 🔭 116 N. Main St., Hutchinson
- \* a5westernks.com

#### Re-Nu

7 S Main St #5421, Hutchinson

#### **Hutch Vintage Market**

- \* 1500 E. 11th, Hutchinson
- hutchvintagemarket.com

#### Reffner's

- 🌟 119 N. Main, Hutchinson
- reffners.com

# Stop to Shops

There are many places to shop in Hutch, but here are a few unique offerings you'll only find here!

#### **Bookends**

This used and rare antique bookstore is a hidden gem in downtown Hutchinson. They also have a children's book room.

- 123 N Main St, Hutchinson
- facebook.com/bookendshutch
- Indoor, Fun for the Family

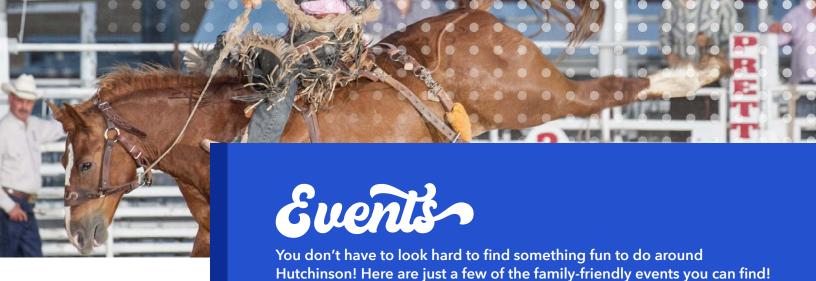
#### **Smith's Market**

- 211 S Main St. Hutchinson
- smithsmarketks.com
- You've got to check out this downtown Hutchinson landmark that's been around since 1933! Going to the "grocery" store usually isn't much fun, but when it has nostalgic toys, specialty foods, over 100 varieties of nuts and trail mixes, old-fashioned candies, and of course an assortment of fresh local produce and other standard grocery items—it sure is!
- Indoor, Fun for the Family

## Glenn's Bulk Food Shoppe & Gospel Book Store

- 6405 W. Morgan, Hutchinson
- <u>glennsbulkfood.com</u>
- Here you'll find Kansas' most remarkable blend of bulk foods and candy, Christian books, gifts, and home decor, and a full-service deli. It's the little store that offers you more!
- Indoor, Fun for the Family





#### **Smallville Festival & Events**

#### **June 20-22**

Join us for the Smallville Festival in Downtown Hutchinson. It kicks off on Third Thursday (June 15) when a proclamation is read and Hutchinson, KS officially changes its name for the weekend to Smallville, KS; home of Clark Kent, better known as Superman. Established in 2018, the Smallville Festival celebrates what makes small-town living SUPER!

#### June 20: Smallville's Third Thursday

Kick off the weekend and join us for the ultimate Smallville experience with:

- \* Smallville Proclamation
- Kids Costume Contest
- Lots of FREE and FUN family activities

#### June 21: Smallville's Local Superhero

The fun continues as we honor our local heroes! Featured events for the day include:

- \* Local Hero luncheon at the Reno County Musuem
- \* FREE movie at the Historic Fox Theatre
- Live street concert featuring Logan Mize at Salt City Brewing

#### June 22: Super Smallville Saturday

Prepare yourself for an action-packed day full of activities including:

- Smallville 5k 650' below at Strataca
- \* Smallville Open Disc Golf Tournament at Rice Park
- \* Smallville's Amazing Space Race at the Cosmosphere
- ALL NEW Hutch Comic Con at the Kansas State Fairgrounds

End the day with great food and music with the Smallville Fair, Food, & Tunes at the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

#### **Pretty Prairie Rodeo**

- **#** July 19-22
- \* 202 N Elm St, Pretty Prairie
- \* pprodeo.com
- Come check out Kansas' Largest Night Rodeo in Pretty Prairie Kansas, attended by thousands of rodeo fans from all over the world.

#### **Sunflower Festival**

It doesn't get more Kansas than this! Check out more than 20 acres of sunflowers and 600,000+ blooms!

- Mid-August Mid-September
- \* 13209 E. 82nd Ave, Buhler
- \* kansasmaze.com
- \* \*Hours & Dates subject to weather/conditions

#### **Kansas State Fairgrounds Car Races**

Rev your engines and head to the Kansas State Fairgrounds for some car races!

- \* May 24 (URSS Sprint Series & IMCA Weekly Points)
- June 21 (High Plains Late Model Special)
- **July 19-20** (USAC Silver Crown)
- \* August 3 (High Plains Late Model Special)
- **September 20** (Final Season Points Race)
- Go to VisitHutch.com for more details!



#### **Third Thursdays**

Live like a local on the Third Thursday of each month as Downtown Hutchinson turns into a celebration of local art, music, and community. Take in the local music and art scene while shopping, dining, and enjoying the month's featured activities and events.

#### Fun in the Sun, Fun for the Family

#### **June 20:**

Help kick off three fun-filled days of the Smallville Festival. Enjoy lots of fun and family activities including a youth costume contest, inflatables, and live performances.

#### **July 18:**

Come enjoy Arts and Eats! Connect with local Kansas artists who will have works of art for sale. Enjoy food trucks, LIVE music, and much more!

#### August 15:

Enjoy the Dog Days of Summer at this Third Thursday event dedicated to our four-legged best friends! Enjoy pet-friendly activities in Downtown Hutchinson, as well as water-bowl stations to keep our furry babies hydrated during this warm summer evening. As always LIVE music, food trucks, artisans & vendors will be set up and ready to greet you!

More info at **thirdthursday.com** 

#### **Yoder Days**

You don't have to look hard to find something fun to do around

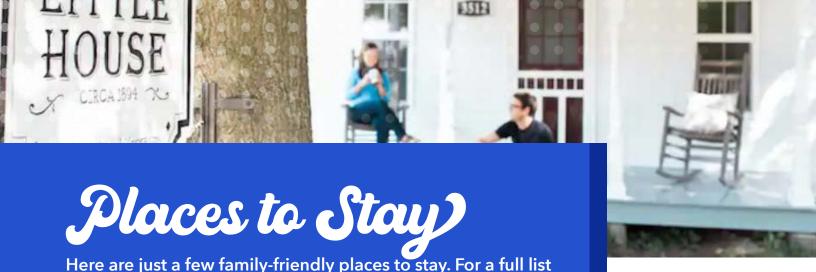
Hutchinson! Here are just a few of the family-friendly events you can find!

- \* August 24
- **Yoder, Kansas**
- yoderkansas.com/heritage-day
- \* A full day of fun in a unique Amish community! Start the day with a pancake feed, then music and a parade, and you can't miss the buggy races! There's shopping, events and demonstrations throughout the day, then fireworks in the evening!

#### **Kansas State Fair**

- \* September 6-15
- \* kansasstatefair.com
- Don't miss this ultimate celebration of Kansas culture, industry, agriculture, people, communities, and, of course, food. Check out the famous butter sculpture and giant pumpkins, sing your heart out with the grandstand entertainment acts, and take a ride on the legendary Ye Old Mill.





### Hotels

Unwind with the family at one of these hotels that have all the amenities you'll need, including an indoor pool!

visit https://www.visithutch.com/lodging

#### **Comfort Inn and Suites**

- \* 1601 Super Plaza, Hutchinson
- comfortinn.com
- **\*** (620) 669-5200

#### **Fairfield by Marriott**

- **\*** 1111 North Lorraine, Hutchinson
- \* marriott.com
- **\*** (620) 259-8787

#### **Hampton Inn**

- 1401 1/2 East 11th, Hutchinson
- hilton.com
- **(620)** 665-9800

#### **Holiday Inn Express**

- 911 Porter Street, Hutchinson
- ihg.com
- \* (620) 259-8656

For a full list of hotels and unique places to stay, go to visithutch.com!

# Unique Places to Stay

Not wanting a traditional hotel? Try one of our unique vacation rentals or bed and breakfasts for a truly memorable experience!

## Hedrick's B&B and Exotic Animal Farm

- \* 7910 North Roy L. Smith Road, Nickerson
- \* hedricks.com
- Turn up the fun and stay with the animals! This exotic animal farm has zebras, camels, ostriches, giraffes, kangaroos and more, plus nine guest rooms to provide a unique retreat experience (don't worry, the animals don't sleep with you, although some kids might think that was cool).

#### Little House in Yoder

- \* 3512 Lawrence St., Yoder
- \* littlehouseinyoder.com
- Nestled in the small Amish community of Yoder, this renovated 1800s home has the quaint touches you want, and the modern amenities you need. (Like TV and WiFi).) he upstairs is an open bedroom with a queen size bed and a half bath.

#### **Vacation Rentals**

From a round-top barn to a train boxcar and anything in between, Hutch has many one-of-a-kind vacation rentals for your next vacation! Check them out **here!** 



#### **Sugartime Confections**

- \* 29 S Main St, Hutchinson
- \* sugartimeconfections.com
- Not only do they sell delicious cookies, cupcakes and other baked goods, but they also serve boba a drink that originated in Taiwan and has become a national sensation.

#### **Holly's Sweet Treats**

- \* 205 S Main St, Hutchinson
- hsthutch.com
- Known for creatively designed cakes and cookies, Holly's also offers gluten-free options, like chocolate chip/M&M cookies and several flavors of brownies!

#### **Bakery House and Catering Company**

- 616 E 30th Ave, Hutchinson
- \* thebakeryhouse.com
- There's nothing quite like perusing a bakery case, deciding which treat (or treats) you'll be enjoying. You'll have a hard time deciding here, where daily baked goods include several varieties of cookies, lemon bars, cake balls, chocolate dipped pretzel rods, brownie cups, pecan tarts, cheesecake, and more!

### Ice Gream

Who doesn't love a scoop of ice cream on a sunny day? If you're looking to cool off with a frozen treat, check out one of these places!

#### **Bogey's**

- \* 1718 N Plum St, Hutchinson
- bogeysonline.com
- A local's favorite you haven't had a shake until you've had a Bogey's shake. There are 101 varieties to choose from!

#### **Baskin Robbins**

\* 1533 E. 17th, Hutchinson

#### **Dairy Queen**

- **2515** N Main, Hutchinson
- \* 12 E. 3rd Ave, Hutchinson

#### **Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Store**

\* 2807 N. Main St, Hutchinson

#### Freddy's Frozen Custard

\* 1501 E. 17th Ave, Hutchinson



# Local Eats

- \* Airport Steakhouse
- \* Anchor Inn
- \* Bogey's
- Carriage Crossing (Yoder)
- \* Daybreak Cafe
- \* Downtown Sampler
- **#** El Potrillo
- \* The Hickory Stik
- Ken's Pizza
- Koi Ramen and Sushi
- Metropolitan Coffee
- 🜟 Mi Tierra Restaurant and Cantina
- Mr. Cao Japanese Steakhouse
- Pizaacos
- R-B Drive In
- 🜟 Roma's Italian Restaurant
- Salt City Brewing Company
- \* Sandhills Brewing
- \* Scuttlebutts Coffee
- Skaets Steak Shop
- \* Taco Hut
- The Traveling Bowl

# Chains/Franchises

While trying a new local eatery might be on your to-do list, you may also want the comfort and predictability of a chain or franchise that you've tried before. Don't worry; we've got you covered!

- \* Applebee's
- **\*** Buffalo Wild Wings
- ★ Carlos O'Kelly's
- **\*** Chick-fil-A
- \* Daylight Donuts
- **\*** Firehouse Subs
- **\*** Freddy's
- Gambino's Pizza
- **# IHOP**
- **McDonald's**
- **\*** Olive Garden
- Papa John's
- \* Pizza Hut
- Pizza Ranch
- 🌟 Qdoba
- \* Spangles
- Texas T-Bone Steakhouse

- \* A&W
- \* Arby's
- \* Burger King
- \* Chili's
- Dairy Queen
- \* Domino's
- ★ Jimmy John's
- **\*** KFC
- Little Caesars
- \* Long John Silvers
- Panda Express
- Rib Crib
- Sam's Southern Eatery
- \* Sonic
- \* Starbucks
- 🜟 Subway
- Taco Bell
- \* Taco John's
- Willage Inn
- → Wendy's

