

North Texas Visitor's Guide



2015









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Welcome

Dear Coach/Administrator:

The University of North Texas is pleased to welcome you to campus. To better prepare you for your visit, we have provided this Softball Visitor's Guide. The material will help to familiarize you and your team with various policies and procedures of UNT Softball and Lovelace Stadium.

The University of North Texas is committed to ensuring a High standard of athletic excellence for all home events. We hope that you find the enclosed material helpful in preparing for your upcoming visit to Denton. In the packet, you will find contact information, facility information (directions, maps, etc.) and transportation information. Please take a few moments to review the enclosed materials and share them with all appropriate personnel.

Best of luck on your upcoming season,

Natalie Kozlowski Associate Head Coach University of North Texas Softball

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Facility InFormation

The University of North Texas is located in Denton, TX. The Mean Green softball team plays its home games at Lovelace Stadium located within the Mean Green Olympic Sports Village.

Lovelace Stadium ("The Lace"), named for Don Lovelace, Denton businessman and president of Lily of the Desert Organic Aloeceuticals, was constructed as part of the Mean Green's overhaul of its athletic facilities beginning in 2005 with the creation of the Mean Green Village. The first game was played at Lovelace Stadium in 2007, and the Sun Belt Conference Tournament was hosted there in 2009.

Lovelace's field combines natural elements with synthetic enhancements. The infield is clay-based dirt and the warning track is Hilltopper Infield Mix, which is soil stabilized with a polymer that allows to it to shrug off weather, keeping it from being too dusty or muddy, and creates a more consistent playing surface. The outfield is natural grass.

The outfield wall is 200 feet from home plate down the left- and right-field lines and 220 feet to centerfield.

Lovelace has a grandstand behind home plate topped by an enclosed, climate-controlled press box and flanked on the first- and third-base lines by covered dugouts. The seating capacity is 371.

Like the neighboring Mean Green Soccer Complex, Lovelace uses a lighting system by Musco, the award-winning company which provided lighting for Yankee Stadium, the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, multiple Super Bowls and Olympic Games, the Winter X Games, Texas Motor Speedway and numerous feature films.

The softball team also benefits from batting cages at the The "E" Practice Facility.







General Information

ATHLETIC TRAINING

The University of North Texas Athletic Training Staff will provide the visiting team's dugout with water, cups, and a cooler with ice. A certified trainer will be at all home games. The Olympic Sports training room will be open during practice time and prior to games for treatment of visiting team student athletes.

For any questions please contact: Alex Crawford, Softball Athletic Trainer.

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

All visiting media and visiting team SID's should coordinate any specific needs prior to arrival. Every effort will be made to best meet these needs. Space is limited in the Lovelace Press Box.

For any questions please contact: Taylor Brasher, Softball Sports Information Director.

TEAM DUGOUT ASSIGNMENTS

The visiting team will be located on the first base side. Unless specified otherwise, North Texas will always occupy the third base dugout. Separate batting cages are provided behind each respective dugout. Visitors will be allotted four dozen NCAA regulation softballs, one pitching screen, and two tees.

INFIELD PRACTICE

There will be no infield practice on the field. This includes whiffle balls, short toss, live toss, etc. There will be no full infield practice; ground balls may be taken as line drills. Outfield may warm up in the outfield.

For any questions please contact: Natalie Kozlowski, Softball Associate Head Coach.

PARKING

Parking is limited. There will be reserved spaces for team busses and cars adjacent to the soccer complex. Teams will be permitted to load and unload from the shoulder of the road upon arrival at Lovelace Stadium.

For any questions please contact: Andy Crerar, Softball Facilities Coordinator.

LOCKER ROOMS

A visiting temporary locker room will be assigned inside the Mean Green Olympic Sports Complex. Please notify us ahead of time if you would like to use utilize these facilities.

VIDEOTAPING

Videotaping of games for coaches film purposes is permitted from designated areas, but teams must provide their own equipment including extension cords. Access to outlets is not guaranteed.

BANNED ITEMS

The following items may not be brought into Lovelace: Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, bottles, cans, cups or containers, irritants, pets, or strobe lights. North Texas administrators are resposible for determining items that qualify as "irritants."

Ticket Information

NORTH TEXAS ATHLETIC TICKET OFFICE

1-800-UNT-2366

MEAN GREEN SPORTS PASS

Allows fans to attend every North Texas home regular season softball, volleyball, and soccer game. \$50 - Adult \$30 - Children (17 and under)

INDIVIDUAL GAME TICKETS

All seating is general admission, and available to purchase at Lovelace Stadium on gamedays.

\$7 - Adult \$5 - Children (17 and under)

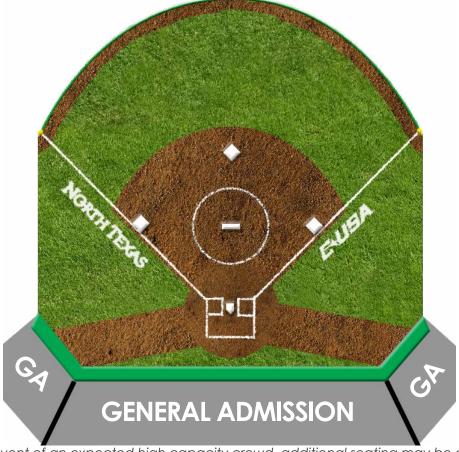
Free - UNT Students with valid ID

GROUP ADMISSION

Parties of ten or more are eligible for discounts. Contact the North Texas Ticket Office for details.

PLAYER-GUEST PASS LIST

Upon arrival, please present the pass list on page 16 to the front gate attendants. All guests using complementary tickets must show valid photo ID. Please check your contract for details regarding specific player-guest ticket allocation.



*In the event of an expected high capacity crowd, additional seating may be available with temporary bleachers, as well the addition of standing room only areas.

Gameday Timing

PRE-GAME FORMAT TIME CT TIME CT
North Texas Batting10:25am-1111:25am-12
Gates Open
Visitor Batting*11:00am-11:3512:00pm-12:35
North Texas IF/OF11:35pm-11:4312:35pm-12:43
Visiting Team IF/OF11:43pm-11:51 12:43pm-12:51
Coach's Meeting Home Plate 11:51pm-11:55 12:51pm-12:55
Player Introductions
Visiting Team - Base line
North Texas - Takes field
National Anthem11:58pm12:58pm
First Pitch

^{*}Visitors have their own batting cage, so hitting can begin and end at own discretion.

DOUBLEHEADERS

There will be a 20-minute break between games, and both teams will be warned with 5 minutes remaining before game two.

North Texas Invitational



During the 2015 campaign, North Texas will be hosting one tournament at Lovelace Stadium in Denton, TX. The North Texas Invitational will include 10 games of action over the course of three days (February 6-8). The 2015 tournament field consists of: Boise State (Mountain West Conference), Texas Southern (SWAC), Seton Hall (Big East), and host North Texas (C-USA).

TOURNAMENT SPECIFIC RULES

There is no time limit. The run rule will be in effect - 8 runs after 5 innings. If the score remains tied after 7 complete innings, the international tiebreaker will go into effect at the start of the 8th inning.

OFFICIAL SCORER

The official scorekeeper is the North Texas Softball SID, Taylor Brasher.

HOME TEAM

The home team has been designated on the tournament schedule.

DUGOUTS

Dugout assignments have been designated on the tournament schedule.

PROTEST

The umpires on the field will resolve all protests immediately. If not, then the protesting team will have the right for a written protest to be forwarded to the NCAA rules committee. If this occurs, the play will stand and the outcome of the tournament will not be affected by the protested play.

GAME BALLS

Game balls will be provided - one game ball per team per game. Please return the game balls to the umpires after each game.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If it rains **during** your game, the official will determine the playing conditions of the field for completion of the game. If it rains the night or morning **before** games, Natalie Kozlowski will be in contact with you regarding possible schedule changes.

WARM-UP

Each dugout has its own cage and bullpen area for warm-up. General pre-game warm-up will occur on the adjacent soccer field (no cleats).

TICKETS

All-Tournament Passes will be \$15-Adult and \$10-Youth (Ages 17 & Under).

FOLLOW THE TOURNAMENT ACTION ON:

<u>Tournament Website Homepage</u>: www.tinyurl.com/NorthTexasInvitationalSB15 <u>Live Stats:</u> www.MeanGreenStats.com

Twitter: #NorthTexasInvitational

Directions

MEAN GREEN VILLAGE - LOVELACE STADIUM

1500 South Bonnie Brae Street Denton, TX 76207

PHYSICAL LANDMARK

Directly across from Apogee Stadium/Wind Turbines

FROM AUSTIN

Go Northeast on I-35 to I-35W.

Go North on I-35W to Denton.

Exit number 84 - Bonnie Brae.

Turn right on Bonnie Brae Street then make the first left to contine on South Bonnie Brae Street.

Lovelace Stadium will be on your right.

FROM DALLAS

Go North on I-35E to Denton.

Exit number 467 - Bonnie Brae/Airport Road.

At the light turn left on Bonnie Brae Street then take second left to contine on South Bonnie Brae Street.

Lovelace Stadium will be on your right.

FROM FORT WORTH

Go North on I-35W to Denton.

Exit number 84 - Bonnie Brae.

Turn right on Bonnie Brae Street then make the first left to contine on South Bonnie Brae Street.

Lovelace Stadium will be on your right.

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY

Go South on I-35 to Texas.

Upon arrival to Denton, take Exit - Airport Road.

Turn left on Airport Road.

Turn right on South Bonnie Brae Street.

Lovelace Stadium will be on your right.

FROM DALLAS/FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL (DFW)

Take 121 North to Lewisville and then head North on I-35E.

Follow I-35 E North approximately 20 miles to Denton.

Exit number 467 - Bonnie Brae/Airport Road.

At the light turn left on Bonnie Brae Street then take second left to contine on South Bonnie Brae Street.

Lovelace Stadium will be on your right.

FROM DALLAS LOVE FIELD (DAL)

Turn right on Mockingbird Lane to I-35E.

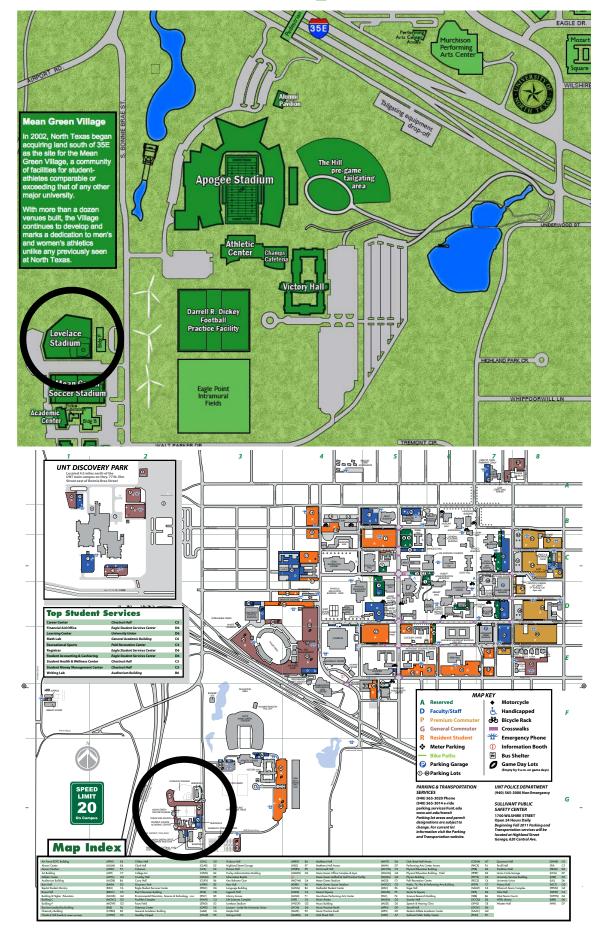
Take I-35E North all the way to Denton.

Exit number 467 - Bonnie Brae/Airport Road.

At the light turn left on Bonnie Brae Street then take second left to contine on South Bonnie Brae Street.

Lovelace Stadium will be on your right.

Maps



Hotels

UNIVERSITY AREA 3-STAR HOTELS



Hilton Garden Inn

2450 Brinker Road Denton, TX 76210

940-387-1000 Contact: Laura Custy

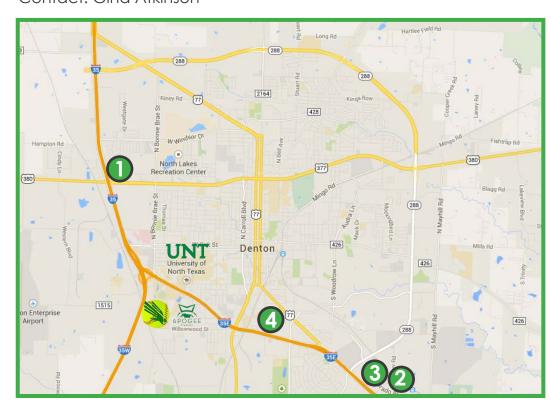


2800 Colorado Boulevard Denton, TX 76210 940-382-4600 Contact: Gina Atkinson

3110 Colorado Boulevard Denton, TX 76210 940-891-4700



2450 Brinker Road Denton, TX 76210 940-387-1000



Transportation

NEAREST AIRPORTS

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport

www.dfwairport.com

Call Letters: DFW



<u>Carriers:</u> American, American Eagle, Delta, United, jetBlue, US Airways, British Airways, Spirit, Avianca, Air Canada, AeroMexico, Alaska, Qantas, WestJet, Emirates, KLM, Lufthansa, Korean Air, Sun Country, Etihad, Qatar, Cayman Airways, Frontier

Popular Concessions: Baskin Robbins (Terminal B), Ben&Jerry's (Terminal D), Bennigan's (Terminal D), Burger King (Terminal E), Cantina Laredo (Terminal D), Chili's (Terminals B/C), Dickey's BBQ (Terminals C/E), Dunkin' Donuts (Terminals A/B/E), Einstein Bagels (Terminals A/D/E), Fuddruckers (Terminal D), Genghis Grill (Terminal E), Ill Forks (Terminal D), Jamba Juice (Terminal D), McDonald's (Terminals A/B/C/D), Pizza Hut (Terminals C/E), Popeyes (Terminals A/E), Qdoba (Terminal A), Smoothie King (Terminal C), Starbucks (Terminals A/B/C/D/E), The Salt Lick BBQ (Terminal A), Wendy's (Terminal E), find many more on the web.

<u>Rental Cars:</u> Advantage, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, E-Z, Hertz, National, Silvercar, Thrifty

Dallas Love Field

DALLAS LOVE FIELD

www.dallas-lovefield.com Call Letters: DAL Leading the **3VOJ**UTION of the Airport Experience

<u>Carriers:</u> Delta, Southwest, United, Virgin America, SeaPort <u>Popular Concessions:</u> Campisi's (Italian), Whataburger, Dunkin' Donuts, Baskin Robbins, Moe's (Southwestern Grill), Cantina Laredo (Mexican), Dickey's (BBQ), Chick-fil-A, Chili's, Jason's Deli

<u>Rental Cars:</u> ACE, Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, Thrifty

DENTON AREA RENTAL CARS

Enterprise

803 West University Drive Denton, TX 940-383-2212



3906 Highway I-35E South Denton, TX 940-381-2301

AREA BUS CHARTERS Gotta Go Trailways

5012 Mosson Road Fort Worth, TX 76119 817-572-4114



Food

BBQ

Dickey's - 3721 Interstate 35E - 940.566.5290 **Metzler's** - 628 Londonderry Lane - 940.591.1652 **Rudy's** - 520 Interstate 35 - 940.484.7839 **Smokehouse** - 1123 Fort Worth Drive - 940.566.3073

MEXICAN/TEX-MEX

Fuzzy's - 115 Industrial Street - 940.380.8226 Chuy's - 3300 Wind River Lane - 940.228.0555 On the Border - 2829 South Interstate 35E - 940.312.7000 Rosa's Cafe - 1275 Texas 288 Loop - 940.383.5700 El Guapo's - 419 South Elm Street - 940.566.5575 Mi Casita - 110 North Carroll Blvd - 940.891.1932 Chipotle - 1224 West Hickory Street - 940.808.1073 Freebird's - 2700 West University Dr - 940.565.5400

PIZZA/ITALIAN

Johnny Carino's - 1516 Centre Place Dr - 940.898.0990
Mellow Mushroom - 217 East Hickry Street - 940.323.1100
Olive Garden - 2809 I-35E South - 940.381.2549
Papa Johns - 1801 Alice Street - 940.387.7272
Pizza Hut - 1600 Teasley Lane - 940.387.5544
Dominos - 709 Sunset Street - 940. 323.2222
Crooked Crust - 101 Ave A - 940.565.5999

GRILLS

Buffalo Wild Wings - 1400 Loop 288 - 940.387.0924 Chilli's - 2406 I35 South - 940.891.0855 Hooters - 984 North I-35 - 940.442.6049 Mooyah - 2530 West University - 214.872.4313 Outback - 300 I-35 South - 940.320.5373

DELI/SANDWICHES/BAKERY

Kolache Haven - 301 Interstate 35E - 940.565.9700 Jimmy John's - 107 Ave A - 940.484.5466 McAlister's Deli - 1931 South Loop 288 - 940.320.7722 Jason's Deli - 2219 Texas 288 Loop - 940.484.1234 Which Wich - 1315 North Bell Avenue - 940.898.2781

OTHER FAST FOOD

Chicken Express - 1627 Eagle Drive - 940.382.0770 Chick-fil-A - 1711 South Loop 288 - 940.382.8149 Beth Marie's Ice Cream - 117 West Hickory St - 940.384.1818 Panda Express - 2700 West University - 940.383.3057 Whataburger - 712 Fort Worth Drive - 940.383.2316

GROCERY STORES

Albertsons - 2321 West University Dr - 940.383.2391 Kroger - 1592 South Loop 288 - 940.566.6075 Natural Grocers - 110 West University Dr - 940.387.1100 Target - 1801 South Loop 288 - 940.220.2122 Walmart - 2750 West University Drive - 940.735.3119

Attractions

CITY OF DENTON VISITOR'S GUIDE

WEB - www.discoverdenton.com





Visit "Discover Denton" for downloadable versions of all official city visitor guides and information.

Explore "Little D," the city that was ranked by Texas Highways Magazine as the No. 2 travel destination in Texas in 2014! From live music to performing arts and museums, Denton has it all!

DENTON EVENTS DURING SOFTBALL SEASON

February

8th Annual Thin Line Festival

International documentary and music festival

March

30th Annual Texas Storytelling Festival

Storytellers from across the nation share their tales at the largest event of its kind in the Southwest

April

Denton Community Market

Community gathering with music, fresh local produce, and locally produced handmade arts and crafts

NASCAR Sprint Cup & Nationwide Series

NASCAR races at local Texas Motor Speedway

21st Annual Denton Redbud Festival

Denton is the "Redubud Capital of Texas." This is a celebration of the first blooming of Redbirds.

<u>Denton County Heritage Festival</u>

Flashback to Denton County in the 1800's.

36th Annual Denton Arts & Jazz Festival

Annual three-day event to celebrate the arts. Over 2000 professional and amateur performers on six stages showcase the best in jazz, pop, rhythm & blues, and full orchestra music.

66th Annual "Lab Band Madness" Spring Concert

The internationally renowned University of North Texas One O'clock Lab Band is the featured performer, but all 9 UNT Lab Bands perform.

May

Twilight Tunes Concert Series

Local musicians perform every Thursday evening from on the lawn of the Historic Denton County Courthouse on the Square in downtown Denton.

26th Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival

This Mexican cultural festival is kicked off with a parade at 10:00am. Activities include live bands, food & drink, and fun for all.

Travel Info Form

Please return 10 or more days prior to scheduled game. ATTN: Head Coach Tracey Kee Fax: 940.369.7878 Email: Tracey.Kee@unt.edu

School:	
CONTACT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL Name:	
Title:	
Email:	Number of Vehicles:
Office Phone:	Cars:
Cell Phone:	Vans:
CONTACT WHILE IN DENTON	Busses:
Name:	Hotel:
Title:	Phone:
Email:Cell Phone:	OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY
CONFIRMED PRACTICE TIMES	(Excluding student-athletes)
Day Prior:	Head Coach:
Game Day:	Cell:
(All practice times must be previously arranged)	Email:
TRANSPORTATION/ACCOMODATIONS	Assistant Coach:
Arrival to Lovelace on PRACTICE day:	Cell:Email:
	Assistant Coach:
Arrival to Lovelace on GAME day:	Assistant Coach:
Departure Time (after final game):	Athletic Trainer:
Departure Time (after final game):	Cell:
Locker Room: Yes No	SID:
Training Room Access: Yes No	Cell:
Trainer Certified: Yes No	Admin:
Please list any travel restrictions that may	Manager:
affect play (i.e. early flight departure):	Other:

Visiting Team Tickets

This form may be completed and returned to game management or the front gate ticket attendants upon arrival to Lovelace Stadium. Please note that all requested tickets beyond the contractual allocation will be invoiced following the conclusion of the event.

If additional space is required, please make copies of this form

Athlete:			
Name	Relation	ID√	<u>Signature</u>
Athlete: Name	D. L. I'		
<u>Name</u>	Relation	$ID \vee$	<u>Signature</u>
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Name	Relation	ID√	<u>Signature</u>
Athlete:		/	
Name	Relation	ID√	<u>Signature</u>
<u>Athlete:</u> Name		,	
Name	Relation	ID√	<u>Signature</u>

Notes

2015 Home Schedule

NORTH TEXAS INVITATIONAL

Friday	Feb. 6	Seton Hall vs. Boise State	10:00AM
Friday	Feb. 6	North Texas vs. Seton Hall	12:00PM
Friday	Feb. 6	Boise State vs. Texas Southern	2:30PM
Friday	Feb. 6	Texas Southern vs. North Texas	4:30PM
Saturday	Feb. 7	Texas Southern vs. Boise State	10:00AM
Saturday	Feb. 7	Seton Hall vs. Texas Southern	12:00PM
Saturday	Feb. 7	Boise State vs. North Texas	2:30PM
Saturday	Feb. 7	North Texas vs. Seton Hall	4:30PM
Sunday	Feb. 8	Texas Southern vs. Seton Hall	9:00AM
Sunday	Feb. 8	North Texas vs. Boise State	11:00AM

Green designates North Texas game

Wednesday	Mar. 11	vs. Houston (DH)	4:00PM
Saturday	Mar. 14	vs. Southern Miss (DH)	1:00PM
Sunday	Mar. 15	vs. Southern Miss	12:00PM
Tuesday	Mar. 17	vs. Tulsa	2:00PM
Wednesday	Mar. 25	vs. Baylor	6:00PM
Saturday	Mar. 28	vs. Western Kentucky (DH)	1:00PM
Sunday	Mar. 29	vs. Western Kentucky	11:00AM
Saturday	Apr. 11	vs. UTSA (DH)	1:00PM
Sunday	Apr. 12	vs. UTSA	1:00PM
Tuesday	Apr. 14	vs. Oklahoma	6:00PM
Wednesday	Apr. 22	vs. SFA	6:00PM
Saturday	May 2	vs. UTEP (DH)	1:00PM
Sunday	May 3	vs. UTEP	12:00PM

Green designates Conference USA opponent

