

The neighboring enclaves of Cottage Grove and Timbergrove are inner-loop magnets for young professionals and families because both offer a variety of real estate stock from townhomes to traditional single-family homes. Easy access to I-10, 610, and 290 provide convenience for commuters, especially those heading to offices Downtown or the Galleria area. Residents enjoy locally-owned restaurants in a casual setting and proximity to the happening cuisine scene in the Heights. Tree-lined streets along with greenspace ranging from parks to trails provide a picturesque backdrop for outdoor activities.

Cottage Grove, named for the original dwellings first built in the area, offers homebuyers townhomes, patio homes, and even a few cottages. Timbergrove is known for homes featuring large lot sizes and active civic associations, including the Timbergrove Manor Civic Club and the Timbergrove Manor Neighborhood Association.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Given the closeness of Cottage Grove and Timbergrove, both densely residential neighborhoods have access to many outdoor spaces in the area

The splash pad at Jaycee Park is the cure for Houston's summertime heat where kids can cool off while their parents park themselves on benches under the shade trees. Children love the challenge of the mini rock wall on the playground that's outfitted with a rope bridge and monkey bars. There's a walking path along with basketball court and

tennis courts where the Houston Youth Tennis League holds team challenges.

Pick-up games are a common sight at the covered basketball court in Cottage Grove Park (2100 Arabelle Street) that's also home to a lighted baseball field popular with youth leagues. Girls and boys are welcome to join the baseball and soccer leagues run by the Timbergrove Sports Association.

The West 11th Street Park contains 20 acres of woodsy trails in a heavily forested area unique to the urban environment. The nature trails provide birders with 144 species to view along with a butterfly garden and wildflower area. While you're forest bathing, you can take a self-guided, wilderness tour on your smart phone pointing out native bee territory, mulberry trees, and woodpecker hangouts.

Ride your bike, jog, or stroll the White Oak Bayou Hike and Bike Trail along T.C. Jester. The city's largest urban greenspace, Memorial Park, is also nearby providing another natural resource for outdoorsy types.



DINING

Elliot's Table, manned by chef/owner Elliot Roddy, has a menu full of comfort food and global flavors in a cozy setting that's attracted attention from Houston foodies. Family-style meals appeal to groups wanting to try a variety of the restaurant's specialties which feature Texas beef from 44 Farms with breads and desserts made by local bakers, Cake and Bacon.

Neighbors meet at Down the Street, a relaxed watering hole where dogs are welcome on their patio. Drinks pair well with their crowd-pleasing menu of pizzas and bar bites. Weekends are busy with the brunch crowd who go for crème brulee French toast and eggs Benedict topped with spicy chorizo.

Wind down with a cocktail or craft beer at Ladybird's, which has a food truck on-site. Cactus Cove Bar and Grill has a generous happy hour, a steak night, and bingo.

Other popular nearby dining destinations include Hughie's for American fare and Vietnamese dishes Pappa Geno's for Philly cheesesteaks, King's BierHaus for brats and beer, and the adjacent Egghaus Gourmet for over-the-top egg sandwiches and pastries. Make reservations for date night at The Barking Pig, Rainbow Lodge, or Cavatore, an old school Italian restaurant famous for their Caesar salad served tableside.

SCHOOLS

Both Cottage Grove and Timbergrove neighborhoods are zoned to HISD schools. Sinclair Elementary hosts a popular pumpkin patch and fall festival. Heights High School has an art car club whose designs have won top honors in the annual Art Car Parade. Waltrip High School has bragging rights as the school where Dirty Dancing star and native Houstonian, Patrick Swayze attended.

The Kindle School is a recent addition to the private school options in the area. Both child-care and curriculum-based preschool is offered for ages ranging from 12 months to five years. Stimulating classes geared to enrich young minds focus on engineering, music, foreign languages, and yoga. The Awty International School covers students from Pre-K to high school with a large expat family presence. St. Theresa Catholic School, nestled in Memorial Park, takes students from early childhood through junior high. School sprit runs strong at St. Thomas, an all-boys prep school for grades 9-12, with an emphasis on critical thinking, leadership, and football.





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