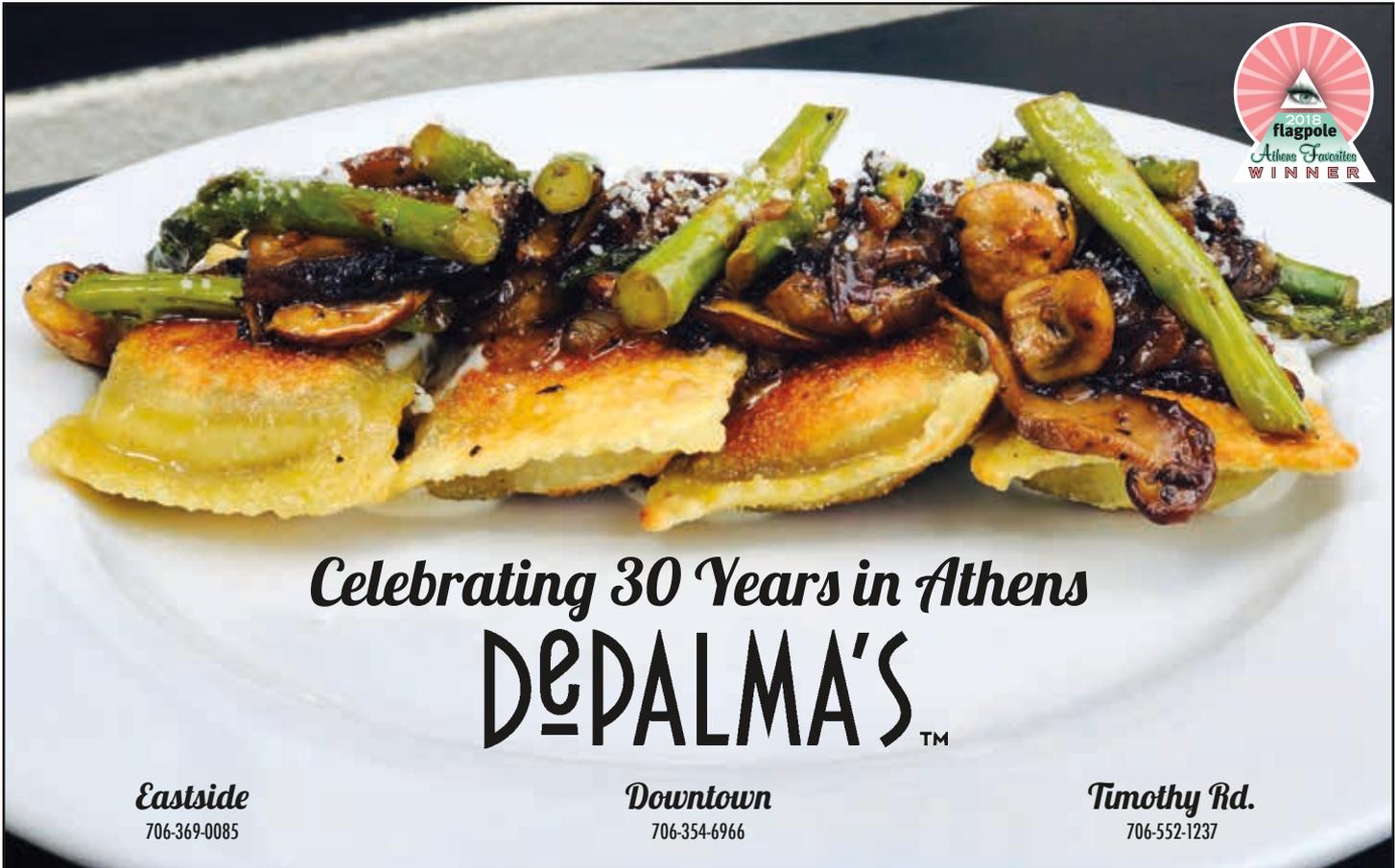


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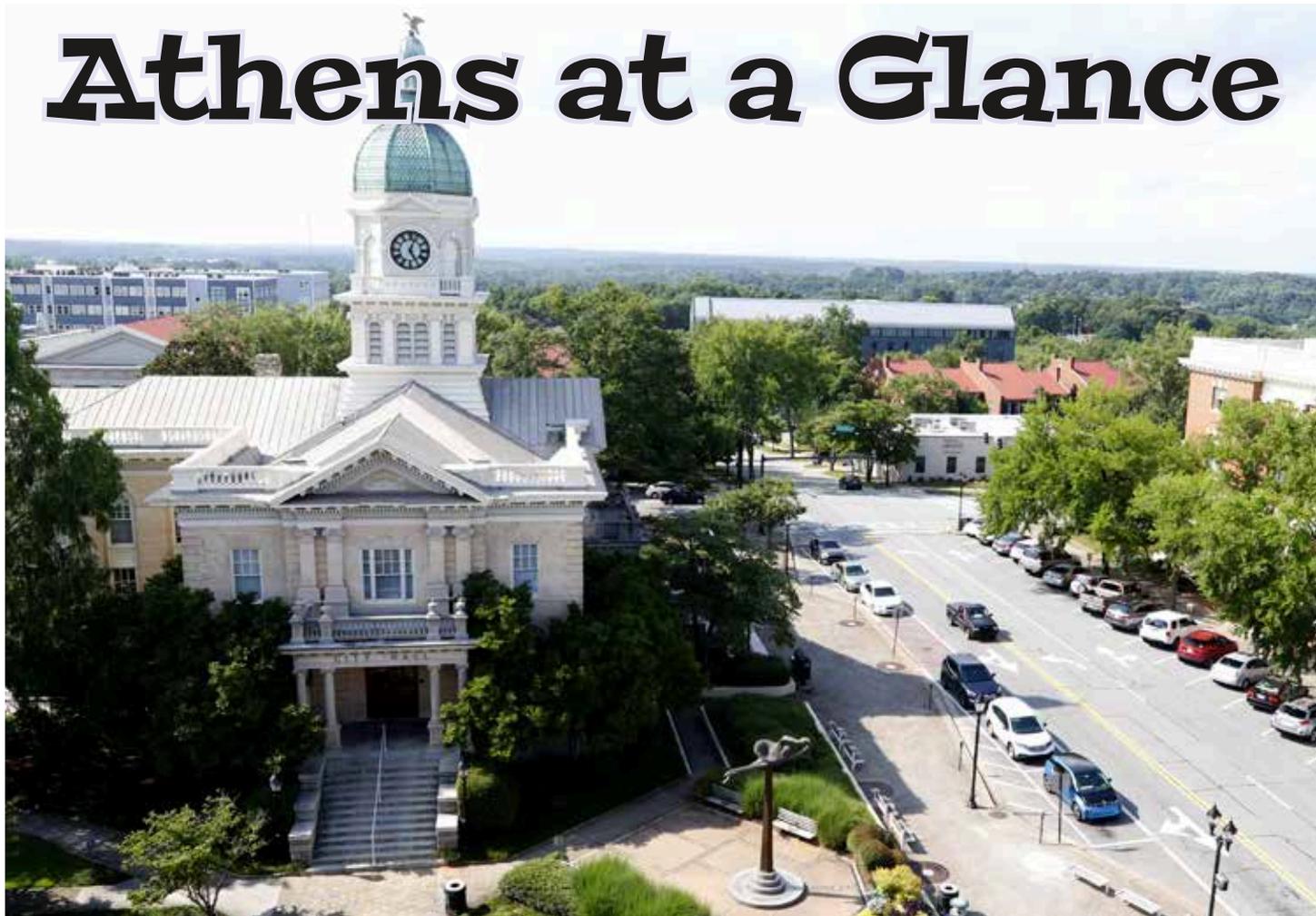
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Athens at a Glance



10 Things to Know About Athens

1. Athens' Founder Ran for the Border

The North Oconee River was once the western frontier dividing Georgia and the U.S. from the Creek Indian nation, until Daniel Easley built a mill at Cedar Shoals, now known as the Carr's Hill neighborhood, southeast of what's now downtown. In a sign of the times, a luxury student apartment complex now sits on a bluff overlooking the spot.

2. UGA Is America's Oldest Public University

Don't believe what our neighbors to the north tell you. While the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill started operating before the University of Georgia, UGA was chartered a year before UNC, in 1785. Future governor John Milledge, who purchased 633 acres from Easley to start Athens and UGA, named the town for the Greek cradle of civilization.

3. No Battles, But a Big Impact on the Civil War

Other than a skirmish near Barber Creek, Athens didn't see any action during the Civil War, but it had an impact in other ways. Brothers T.R.R. and Howell Cobb—lawyers, politicians, military officers and ardent slavery defenders—lived in Athens, and the former's salmon-pink mansion off Prince Avenue is now a house museum (175 Hill St.; trrcobhouse.org). The fortress-like Chicopee building across the river from downtown was once the Cook and Brothers Armory, supplying rifles to the rebel army. A local dentist named John Gilleland invented a double-barreled cannon during this era. It didn't work and now sits outside City Hall, a reminder of the Confederacy's failure.

4. UGA Sports Are About More Than Just Football

The Bulldogs, under second-year head coach Kirby Smart, won the Southeastern Conference football championship in 2017 and lost a thrilling national title game to Alabama. But the Dawgs have had success in other sports,

too. The baseball and softball teams made the College World Series in 2017, and the women's basketball team consistently wins 20-plus games. The men's and women's golf, track and tennis and the women's swimming, gymnastics and equestrian teams have all won recent national championships. In addition to NFL stars like 1982 Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker, current Los Angeles Rams running back Todd Gurley and Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, notable UGA athletes include basketball Hall of Famer Dominique Wilkins, top-ranked tennis player John Isner, 2016 Olympic gold medalists Shaunae Miller-Uibo (track) and Allison Schmitt (swimming), and Bubba Watson, two-time winner of the Masters golf tournament. Find schedules and more at georgiadogs.com.

5. UGA Is About More Than Just Sports

Widely considered a "public Ivy," UGA has risen up the ranks of public universities (to 16th on the *Newsweek* list), fueled by the lottery-funded HOPE Scholarship that has kept many of the best and brightest students in-state. The average freshman in 2017 had a 4.0 high-school grade point average and a 1344 SAT score. The university hosts tons of lectures, plays, films, music and dance performances, readings and other educational/entertainment opportunities that are open to the public. The Georgia Museum of Art (90 Carlton St.; georgiamuseum.org) and the Special Collections Libraries (300 S. Hull St.; libs.uga.edu/scl) boast excellent collections, and they're free. Residents over 62 can even audit classes for free (reg.uga.edu/policies). Check the Calendar in *Flagpole* or visit calendar.uga.edu for listings.

6. Lots of Famous People Went to UGA

Alumni include Food Network host Alton Brown, actor Tituss Burgess ("The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"), "NBA on TNT" host Ernie Johnson, "Good Morning America" anchor Amy Robach, R.E.M. singer Michael Stipe, U.S. Sen. Johnny Isakson, former senators Saxby Chambliss and Phil Gramm, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Natasha Trethewey. TV personality Ryan Seacrest, actors Wayne Knight (Newman on

“Seinfeld”), Kyle Chandler (Coach Taylor on “Friday Night Lights”) and Josh Holloway (Sawyer on “Lost”), actress Kim Basinger and music producer Brian “Danger Mouse” Burton also attended UGA.

7. Music Put Athens on the Map

In the early 1980s, downtown cleared out as shops headed for the mall. Art-school students and other creative types took advantage of the empty spaces and cheap rents to rehearse and play shows in nightclubs like the 40 Watt Club. The resulting scene spawned the likes of R.E.M., Pylon, Dreams So Real and Love Tractor and turned a sleepy college town into an internationally known music town, and a weekly rag called *Flagpole* cropped up to cover it. In the '90s, jam band Widespread Panic rose to prominence, and The Olivia Tremor Control, Neutral Milk Hotel and the rest of the Elephant 6 collective became indie-rock favorites. More recently, of Montreal, Drive-By Truckers and a surging hip-hop scene have kept Athens relevant.

8. You Can See Where History Was Made

The B-52s played their first show in a house across the street from the Milledge Avenue Taco Stand. R.E.M. played theirs in a church off Oconee Street that was demolished to make way for condominiums, but the steeple remains and is being restored by local nonprofit Nuçi’s Space. Nearby is the trestle shown on the back cover of the band’s debut album *Murmur*. It, too, has been partially demolished, but what remains can be accessed via the new Firefly Trail, an abandoned railroad the city turned into a walking and biking path. The trailhead is next door to Weaver D’s, a soul food restaurant owned by Dexter Weaver, who lent his slogan to R.E.M.’s *Automatic for the People*. The Athens Welcome Center (280 E. Dougherty St.; 706-353-1820; athenswelcomecenter.com) offers guided and self-guided tours.

9. Athens Is More Than Downtown

Downtown (downtownathensga.com) still has plenty of quirky shops and great bars and restaurants. But as it’s become more homogenized in recent years with chains and cookie-cutter student high-rises, much of what makes Athens unique has moved into the surrounding neighborhoods. Check out Cobbham and Normaltown along Prince Avenue, the Five Points area at Lumpkin Street and Milledge Avenue and the Chase Park warehouses off Chase Street. The Eastside, once a suburban wasteland, is now a hub for international food, and sprawling Atlanta Highway even has a brewpub. The Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau (visitathensga.com) is another useful resource.

10. Athens Is Undergoing a Political Revolution

This is a typical liberal college town—Donald Trump only won 28 percent of the vote here. But lately it’s tilted even further to the left. In a 2017 special election, Democrats took control of two state House of Representatives seats despite the fact that they were gerrymandered by the Republican-controlled legislature. And last May, voters threw out three incumbent commissioners, electing what is likely to be the youngest and most progressive commission in Athens history. Kelly Girtz will take over for Mayor Nancy Denson in January 2019. On the agenda: affordable housing, living wages and criminal justice reform. Read *Flagpole’s* City Dope column to keep up with local political news, and visit accgov.com for more information on the local government.

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BY THE NUMBERS

AREA: About 122 square miles—geographically the smallest county in Georgia.

POPULATION: 125,661 (2017 Census estimate—includes UGA students)

DEMOGRAPHICS: 65 percent white, 27 percent black, 7 percent Hispanic, 3 percent Asian (2010 Census)

UGA ENROLLMENT: 37,606 (Fall 2017)

LARGEST EMPLOYERS: UGA (10,665), Clarke County School District (2,418), Athens-Clarke County government (2,180), St. Mary’s Hospital (2,090), Caterpillar (1,700), Pilgrim’s Pride (1,650), Piedmont Athens Regional (1,348)

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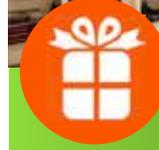
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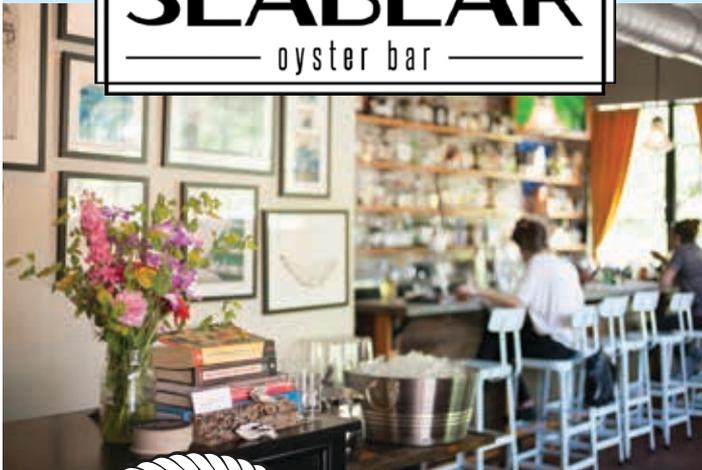
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Sidewalks go almost everywhere, and the **Greenway** stretches along the North Oconee River.

BIKE: BikeAthens offers a handy map of streets with bike lanes. • bikeathens.com

DRIVE: Downtown metered parking is \$1.25 an hour Monday–Saturday 8 a.m.–10 p.m. (Sundays are free.) Two-hour time limit from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Most meters accept cards and coins. Parking decks cost \$1 per hour after the first half hour, with no time limit. • downtownathensga.com | Most surface lots downtown are operated at night by National Parking, which charges \$5 and will tow you if you “forget” to pay. • national-parking.com | On campus, a good rule of thumb is to park in a deck. Most surface lots are permit-only. • 706-542-PARK • parking.uga.edu

TAXIS: Cabs in Athens are not what you’d expect in a city this size. The taxis are large vans, and you have to share with other passengers. If you’re downtown late and need to take a cab, you can probably hail one in front of the UGA Arch. Be sure it’s legit, though. Make sure it has a permit and fares posted and a special license plate. Good luck!

RIDE-SHARING: Uber and Lyft both operate in Athens. Fares vary based on demand. Download the apps at uber.com and lyft.com.

BUS: Athens Transit buses leave in all directions from the Multimodal Center on East Broad Street, down the hill from downtown. Fares are \$1.75 for adults; UGA students, faculty and staff, and kids under 18 ride free. • 706-613-3430 • athenstransit.com | Everybody rides free on Campus Transit. Buses mostly run through campus, but there are routes along Milledge Avenue and Prince Avenue, too. They don’t stop automatically, but you can flag one down from any Athens Transit stop. • 706-369-6220 • transit.uga.edu

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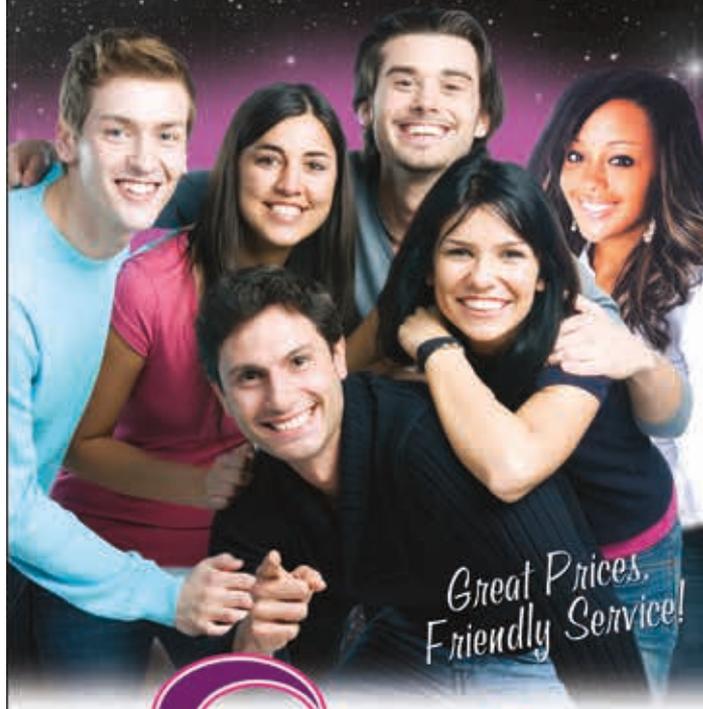
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- No **open containers**, except inside the metal rails if you’re in a sidewalk cafe or on campus for football game days. And no glass.
- **Last call** is 2 a.m., except on Sundays, when it’s midnight. Bars that don’t sell food can’t open on Sundays at all, but restaurants can serve you booze.
- We shouldn’t have to tell you this, but we do: **Public intoxication** and **public urination** are illegal.
- Drinking under age **21** is illegal everywhere.
- Probably no one will hassle you if you’re discreet, but unfortunately Georgia is not one of the states that has legalized **marijuana**.
- It’s illegal for **more than two unrelated people** to live in houses in areas zoned single-family. Check with the ACC Planning Department before signing a lease.
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- Athens Popfest** | Aug. 8-11, 2018 | This cool, eclectic indie festival features pop, rock, hip hop and experimental music from Athens and well beyond. athenspopfest.com
- Groovy Nights** | Aug. 25, 2018 | Get good and groovy with local nonprofit Project Safe at The Foundry. project-safe.org
- UGA Home Football Games 2018** | Sept. 1 Austin Peay • Sept. 15 Middle Tennessee • Sept. 29 Tennessee • Oct. 6 Vanderbilt • Nov. 10 Auburn • Nov. 17 Massachusetts • Nov. 24 Georgia Tech. georgiadogs.com
- North Georgia Folk Festival** | Sept. 29, 2018 | Enjoy a day of local and regional folk music at family-friendly Sandy Creek Park. athensfolk.org
- Classic City Fringe Festival** | Oct. 18-21, 2018 | Experimental arts showcases include theater, dance, video, puppetry, comedy, music, circus, cabaret, burlesque and vaudeville. classiccityfringefestival.com
- AthHalf** | Oct. 21, 2018 | AthFest Educates' half-marathon features live music along its scenic course and is designed to showcase Athens and UGA. athhalf.com
- Wild Rumpus Parade and Spectacle** | Oct. 26-27, 2018 | Don your best costume and howl at the moon with your fellow Athenians on Halloween weekend. Enjoy kids' events, music and more. wildrumpus.org
- Indie South Fair** | Dec. 1-2, 2018 & Apr. 13-14, 2019 | This large outdoor market of folk and functional art has several other events throughout the year. indiesouthfair.com
- Downtown Parade of Lights** | Dec. 6, 2018 | Floats, marching bands and Santa Claus make their way through downtown and wind up at City Hall for a tree-lighting ceremony. athensclarkecounty.com
- Athens Jewish Film Festival** | March 2019 | Enjoy feature and short films celebrating and exploring Jewish identity. athensjff.org

- Fluke Mini-Comics and Zine Festival** | Mar. 30, 2019 | Comic and zine creators get together to share and sell their stuff at the 40 Watt Club. fluke-athens.com
- Dancing with the Athens Stars** | Apr. 6, 2019 | Local celebrities work hard with their paired dancers for Project Safe at the Classic Center. project-safe.org
- Boybutante Ball** | Apr. 13, 2019 | A glamorous tradition at the 40 Watt features drag queens and kings raising funds for the Boybutante AIDS Foundation. boybutante.org
- G-Day Game** | Apr. 20, 2019 | UGA's free spring scrimmage provides fans a first look at next year's football team. georgiadogs.com
- Twilight Criterium** | Apr. 26-27, 2019 | This world-class bicycle race draws thousands downtown and includes lots of associated activities. athenstwi-light.com
- Athens Community Council on Aging Retro Prom** | May 3, 2019 | Dress up in throwback attire and show up at The Foundry to support ACCA. accaging.org/prom
- Athens Human Rights Festival** | May 4-5, 2019 | Athens' all-inclusive people's fest features progressive speakers, live music and lots more. athens-humanrightsfest.org
- Winterville Marigold Festival** | May 11, 2019 | Music, food, arts and a race highlight a day of fun for all ages in a quirky, cool pocket of Clarke County. marigoldfestival.com
- Hot Corner Celebration and Soul Food Festival** | June 2019 | Music, food and fellowship at Hull and Washington streets downtown, celebrating local black culture and commerce. facebook.com/hotcornerath
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Hope Animal Medical Center

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Bark Dog Spa

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FAVORITE HOTEL

Hotel Indigo p.12

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Zoomworks

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Flowerland

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Republic Salon

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Matt Wheeler at Emporium Hair & Color Salon

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Laura Glenn, Somaspace

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Pain and Wonder ad on p.57

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Collin Cown at Pure Barre Athens

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STUFF AROUND TOWN:

FAVORITE PLACE TO SEE LOCAL ART

Lyndon House Arts Center p.15, ad on p.6

FAVORITE NONPROFIT/CHARITY

Project Safe

FAVORITE FESTIVAL/EVENT

AthFest: Music, Arts and Kids Festival

Lodging



Rates are the hotel's standard reservation charge, not including 14 percent in taxes and an additional \$5 per night state levy. Rates are higher on weekends and during special events, and even higher on football game weekends, if available.

DOWNTOWN

America's Best Value Inn

898 W. Broad St. • 706-549-5400 •
americasbestvalueinn.com
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\$61 | 40 rooms

Best Western Athens

170 N. Millidge Ave. • 706-546-7311 •
bestwestern.com
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\$79 | 121 rooms

Courtyard by Marriott

166 N. Finley St. • 706-369-7000 •
marriott.com/AHNCY
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\$116 | 105 rooms

Days Inn

230 N. Finley St. • 706-389-1204 •
daysinnathens.com
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\$56 | 75 rooms

Georgia Center Hotel

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-1311 • hotel.
uga.edu
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\$94 | 200 rooms

Georgia Gameday Center

250 W. Broad St. • 706-583-4500 •
gagamedaycenter.com
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\$169 | 113 apartment-style rooms

Graduate Athens Hotel & Spa

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7020 •
graduateathens.com
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\$109 | 122 Athens-themed rooms
and a spa, plus The Foundry, a
music venue and restaurant. See
ad on p. 13.

Hilton Garden Inn

390 E. Washington St. • 706-353-6800 •
hiltongardeninnathens.com
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\$137 | 185 rooms

Holiday Inn

197 E. Broad St. • 706-549-4433 •
holidayinn.com
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\$91 | 209 rooms

Holiday Inn Express

513 W. Broad St. • 706-546-8122 •
hiexpress.com
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\$81 | 160 rooms

Homewood Suites By Hilton

750 E. Broad St. • 800-225-5466 •
homewoodsuites3.hilton.com
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130 rooms | Opening March 2019

Hotel Indigo

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430 •
indigoathens.com
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\$129 | 130 rooms, plus an art gallery
and the Rialto Room, a music venue.

Hyatt Place Athens

412 N. Thomas St. • 706-425-1800 •
hyattplaceathens.com
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\$149 | 190 rooms

Springhill Suites

220 S. Hull St. • 706-850-2072 • marriott.
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\$151 | 200 rooms

Wingate by Wyndham

255 North Ave. • 706-995-4000 •
wyndhamhotels.com

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\$85 | 73 rooms

WESTSIDE/MALL

Quality Inn & Suites

2715 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-549-1530 •
choicehotels.com
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\$84 | 45 rooms

Budget Host Inn / Campus Inn

3425 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-549-0251
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\$55 | 38 rooms

Candlewood Suites

156 Classic Road • 706-548-9663 •
candlewoodsuites.com/athensga
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\$98 | 97 rooms

Comfort Inn

3980 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-9700 •
comfortinn.com
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\$94 | 69 rooms

Country Inn & Suites

236 Old Epps Bridge Road • 706-612-9100 •
countryinns.com
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\$95 | 81 rooms

Hampton Inn

2220 W. Broad St. • 706-548-9600 • hampton-inn.com/hi/athens
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\$101 | 112 rooms

Howard Johnson

2465 W. Broad St. • 706-548-1108 • wyndhamhotels.com/hojo
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\$72 | 99 rooms

Microtel Inn

1050 Ultimate Dr. • 706-389-4836 • wyndhamhotels.com/microtel
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\$74 | 61 rooms

Perimeter Inn

3791 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-3000 • perimeterinn.com
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\$74 | 32 rooms

Sleep Inn and Suites

109 Florence Dr. • 706-850-1261 • choicehotels.com
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\$80 | 65 rooms

NORTH ATHENS

Bulldog Inn

1225 Commerce Road • 706-543-3611
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\$55 | 30 rooms

SOUTH ATHENS

The Colonels on Angel Oaks Farm

3890 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-559-9595 • thecolonels.net
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\$155 | Seven rooms in an antebellum country house.

Intown Suites

2044 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-355-3121 • intownsuites.com
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WORTH THE DRIVE

Ashford Manor Bed & Breakfast

5 Harden Hill Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-2633 • ambedandbreakfast.com
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\$139 | Seven rooms in an 1893 Victorian house and adjacent cottage on five acres. Ages 14 and up.

Luxury Inn

173 1/2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-769-7781
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\$48 | 18 rooms

Fair Havens Bed & Breakfast

75 Old Edwards Road, Arnoldsville • 706-208-8900 • fairhavensplantation.com
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\$125 | Six rooms in an 1825 house and adjoining cottage on 30 acres.

Springhill Suites by Marriott

3500 Daniells Bridge Road • 706-353-8484 • marriott.com
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\$139 | 99 rooms

CAMPING

Bell Acres Resort

158 Bell Acres Road, Maysville • 706-677-2931 • bellacresresort.com
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Tent camping and RV hookups on a 60-acre, family-oriented nudist resort. \$20 (tent), \$45 (cottage), plus membership fee

Broad River Outpost

7911 Wildcat Bridge Road, Danielsville • 706-795-3242 • broadriveroutpost.com
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\$1 (tent) | Wooded site with showers. No RVs. See ad on p. 61.

Pine Lake

5540 High Shoals Road, Bishop • 706-769-5486 • pinelakervcamp.com
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\$26 (tent), \$45 (cabin) | RV rates, bathhouse, checks/cash only.

The Sandbar

3435 King Hall Mill Road, Bowman • 706-245-4163 • thesandbarbroadriver.com
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\$10 (tent), \$75 (cabin)

Fort Yargo State Park

210 S. Broad St., Winder • 770-867-3489 • gastateparks.org/fortyargo
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\$25-32 (tent), \$85 (yurt), \$135 (cabin), \$165 (cottage)

Watson Mill State Park

650 Watson Mill Road, Comer • 706-783-5349 • gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge
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\$30 (tents), \$85 (cabins), RV camping available



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Art Around Town

NICOLE ADAMSON



Kryisia Ara's mosaic "Twilight Fireflies"

There are lots of galleries in Athens, and more artwork can be found woven into the fabric of town. Through the efforts of organizations like the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission and Athens Area Arts Council, the arts scene continues to flourish. Third Thursday hosts extended hours once per month. For info on receptions, sales and events, check *Flagpole's* calendar and Art Around Town.

ART VENUES

Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA)

675 Pulaski St., Ste. 1200 • 706-389-5450 • athica.org

Hours: Check website

ATHICA balances Athens-centric exhibitions with those of artists from across the country. "Emerges" highlights rising locals, while a juried exhibition welcomes global submissions. In addition to receptions, exhibitions are often accompanied by workshops, performances and talks with visiting artists.

Aurum Studios

125 E. Clayton St. • 706-546-8826 • aurumstudios.com

Hours: Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Established in 1975, Aurum Studios specializes in fine jewelry but also features a wide collection of ceramics, woodwork, glass and paintings. Rotating exhibitions highlight the works of local artists.

Ciné

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343 • athenscine.com

Hours: When the theater is open

More than movies, Ciné also features visual art. The exhibit space runs down both walls from the entrance and highlights a few artists each year. Art can be viewed during theater hours, but you don't have to buy tickets to check out the art or enjoy the opening receptions. See ad on p. 8.

The Circle Gallery

285 S. Jackson St. • 706-542-8292 • ced.uga.edu

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. during the academic year

Part of UGA's College of Environment and Design and housed on North Campus, the Circle Gallery celebrates the relationship between fine art and

themes of landscape architecture, historic preservation and, naturally, environmental design. Recent artists include sculptor Jean Westmacott, landscape architect Warren H. Manning and painter Rich Panico.

The Classic Center

300 N. Thomas St. • 706-208-0900 • classiccenter.com

Hours: When the Center is open

In addition to awarding grants and scholarships, the Classic Center Cultural Foundation funds the purchase of local art, which adorns the large walls of the conference and events venue. Some art remains on view permanently, while even more changes biannually through exhibitions curated by Didi Dunphy. See ad on p. 23.

The Dodd Galleries

270 River Road • 706-542-1511 • art.uga.edu/galleries

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., except university holidays

UGA's renowned art school neighbors the Georgia Museum of Art. In addition to BFA exit shows, which pop up near the end of each semester to showcase the works of graduating students, multiple galleries host exhibitions by students, faculty and visiting artists that rotate year-round. Events include receptions and lectures by artists and art historians.

Gallery@Hotel Indigo-Athens

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430 • indigoathens.com

Hours: Same as the hotel lobby

Contemporary exhibitions within this downtown boutique hotel typically have a group focus and a theme, carefully curated by Didi Dunphy. The Glass Cube, a literal glass cube located just outside the hotel's main entrance, serves as a unique space for site-specific installations.

Georgia Museum of Art

90 Carlton St. • 706-542-4662 • georgiamuseum.org

Hours: Tue, Wed, Fri and Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 1-5 p.m.

Georgia's official art museum on UGA's East Campus houses a large permanent collection of paintings, prints, decorative arts, sculpture and more. This year's lineup includes "Central to Their Lives: Southern Women Artists in the Johnson Collection," "One Heart, One Way: The Journey of a Princely Art Collection," "For

Home and Country: World War I Posters from the Collection of Murray and Ann Blum,” “Vernacular Modernism: The Photography of Doris Ulmann,” “Richard Hunt: Synthesis” and “Louis Comfort Tiffany: Treasures from the Driehaus Collection.” Admission is free, as are almost all of its many events: gallery tours, lectures, films, workshops for teens, a monthly Family Day and thrice-yearly late-night art parties with a DJ. A café serves coffee and snacks Tuesday through Friday afternoons in the lobby.

Hip Vintage & Handmade

215 Commerce Blvd. • 706-215-9585 • hipvintagehandmade.com

Hours: Wed, Thu and Sat, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fri, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

With over 100 vendors, the market offers antiques and vintage items as well as handmade goods and crafts by local artists. Exhibitions rotate monthly and include paintings, drawings and sculptures. See ad on p. 57.

Howard's Gallery

119 N. Jackson St. • howardsartgallery.com

Hours: Check website

Recently established by artist and New York transplant Ridley Howard, this gallery shares a physical space with Tif Sigfrids. The two collaborators plan to present distinct programming, using the space's three rooms however feels best. Howard's inaugural exhibition shared works by Milano Chow and Torkwase Dyson, and upcoming shows feature Eleanor Ray and Yanique Norman.

Lowery Gallery

2400 Booger Hill Road, Danielsville • 706-248-9599 • lowerygallery.com

Hours: Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The gallery of photographer Robert Lowery specializes in large-scale, art-quality prints. Occasional exhibitions typically have a thematic focus.

Lyndon House Arts Center

211 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623 • athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse

Hours: Tue and Thu, 12-9 p.m.; Wed, Fri and Sat (except home football games), 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Run by Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services, the center displays professional exhibitions in large, sunny galleries, while the Ware-Lyndon House museum offers a glimpse into Athens' past. In addition to classes, summer camps and festivals, the center serves as a meeting grounds for local craft groups. A gift shop features items created by regional artists. See ad on p. 6.

Madison-Morgan Cultural Center

434 S. Main St., Madison • 706-342-4743 • mmcc-arts.org

Hours: Tue-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun, 2-5 p.m.

The nonprofit is outside of Athens in a beautifully restored 1895 Romanesque Revival building. Programming includes visual exhibitions, performing arts and events such as an antiques show, chamber music festival and tour of homes.

The Myers and Bertelsmann Galleries at Athens Academy

1281 Spartan Lane • 706-549-9225 • athensacademy.org

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (Closed June and July)

Athens Academy, a local private pre-K-12 school, includes two galleries on its large campus that are open to public viewing. Typically dedicated to displaying student masterpieces, the walls will occasionally feature professional local artists.

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF)

34 School St., Watkinsville • 706-769-4565 • ocaf.com

Hours: Tue-Sat, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

In a turn-of-the-century schoolhouse, OCAF promotes performing, visual and literary arts through festivals, exhibitions and classes for all ages. Longstanding annual events include “Southworks,” a national juried art exhibition; “Perspectives,” the Georgia pottery invitational; a members' exhibition; and a holiday market. Smaller exhibitions are hosted in a converted classroom adjacent to the main gallery.

Tif Sigfrids

119 N. Jackson St. • info@tifsigfrids.com • tifsigfrids.com

Hours: Thu-Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., or by appointment

Downtown's newest gallery, which shares a space with Howard's, debuted in summer 2018 with an exhibition focused around folk painter Art Rosenbaum

and his portraits of fellow artists. Owner Tif Sigfrids relocated her gallery from Los Angeles and anticipates showcasing the works of many visiting artists.

Trio Contemporary Art Gallery

766 W. Broad St. • 706-850-5112 • trioathens.com

Hours: Sat-Sun, 12-5 p.m. (Check website for seasonal hours)

Opened in June 2017, Trio is housed upstairs from Pixel & Ink Studio and features three rooms for revolving exhibitions, installations, murals, performances and other programming. Artistic director Tatiana Veneruso considers proposals from curators, artists and collectives, with all media welcome.

UGA Special Collections Libraries

300 S. Hull St. • 706-542-7123 • libs.uga.edu/sci

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, 1-5 p.m. (except home football games)

The galleries feature items from the Hargrett, Russell and Brown Archives. Historical pieces include photographs, manuscripts, maps and memorabilia.

Winterville Center for Community and Culture

371 N. Church St., Winterville • 706-742-0823 • wintervillecenter.com

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Opened in spring 2016, this \$1.3 million renovation transformed the former Winterville High School building into a regional enrichment center for adults. Exhibitions rotate every two months and vary in theme and style. In addition to the exhibition hall, the facility includes a demonstration kitchen, dining and activity space and classrooms for hosting lectures, workshops and other events.

ART CLASSES

ARTini's Art Studio, Gallery & Lounge

337 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8530 • artinisartlounge.com

Learn to paint while enjoying an adult beverage.

Community

260 N. Jackson St. • 706-316-2067 • shopcommunityathens.com

Garment-making in beginner and intermediate sewing courses.

Good Dirt

485 Macon Hwy. • 706-355-3161 • gooddirt.net

Pottery classes for all ages in a variety of techniques.

The K.A. Artist Shop

127 N. Jackson St. • 706-850-1224 • kaartist.com

Photo-room rentals, workshops and art supplies.

The Loft Art Supply

1035 Baxter St. • 706-548-5334 • loftartsupply.com

Fine-art supplies, a drawing circle and crafting classes.

Lyndon House Arts Center

211 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623 • athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse

Adult and youth classes in diverse media.

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF)

34 School St., Watkinsville • 706-769-4565 • ocaf.com

A wide variety of art and craftwork programs.

The Pearl Girls

548 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-5296 • thepearlgirls.com

Classes in pearl-stringing and wire-wrapping.

Revival Yarns

297 Prince Ave., No. 17 • 706-850-1354 • revivalyarnsathens.com

Knit and crochet classes.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

2450 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-542-1244 • botgarden.uga.edu

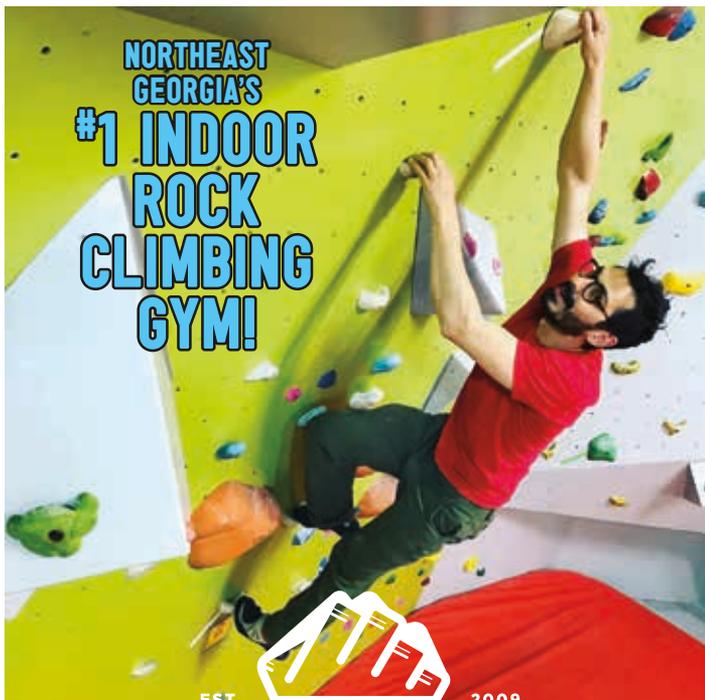
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Air-conditioned adventures at the only local indoor climbing gym. See ad on p. 16.

Canopy Studio

160 Tracy St., Unit C6 • 706-549-8501 • canopystudio.org

Aerial dance explorations on trapeze, pole or silks for all ages. See ad on p. 21.

Escape the Space

540 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-389-5931 • escapethespace.com

Build team trust while solving a series of puzzles—or stay locked in the room.

Rush Athens

10 Huntington Road, Ste. B • 706-548-4470 • rushathens.com

Bounce around on trampolines, and other high-energy fun.

GET OUTDOORS

Big Dog's on the River

2525 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-6002 • bigdogsontheriver.com

Kayak the Middle Oconee, with shoals to break up the ride.

BikeAthens

1075 W. Broad St. • bikeathens.com

Participate in a group bicycle ride through town, or go on a longer adventure.

Broad River Outpost

7911 Wildcat Bridge Road, Danielsville • 706-795-3242 • broadriveroutpost.com

Whitewater or scenic, kayak or canoe, day or night. Food and camping, too. See ad on p. 61.

The Sandbar

3435 King Hall Mill Road, Bowman • 706-245-4163 • thesandbarbroadriver.com

Kayak the Broad River, or enjoy the ziplines and canopy tours.

Skate Park of Athens

4440 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991 • facebook.com/skateparkofathens

Ramps and bowls for serious skaters and BMXers, with a planned street course in the works.

JOIN THE TEAM

Adult Soccer and Softball Leagues

706-613-3589 • athensclarkecounty.com

Athens Area Men's Baseball League

297 Hoyt St. • 706-207-8939 • aambl.com

Athens Area Pickleball

770-328-8449 • athensareapickleball.com

Athens Bike Polo

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Classic City Roller girls

Athens Arena, 280 Commerce Blvd., Bogart • classiccityrollergirls.com

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gokickball.com/athens

Good Look Ultimate Frisbee

goodlookultimate.com

Premier Indoor Soccer

125 Mill Center Blvd., Bogart • premiersoccerathens.com

United Team Sports Center

375-B Commerce Blvd., Bogart • 706-850-3100 • utscenter.com

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562 Research Dr. • 706-354-7880 • ywcosoccer.com

Parks and Recreation



Memorial Park

Athens has lots of public parks, a few of which are connected by the North Oconee River Greenway, which follows the river and features several scenic miles of walking and biking paths. All are suitable for kids and families, and many feature athletic facilities or public pools. Amenities vary by park, and are indicated by symbols on this page. Picnic shelters must be rented ahead of time at most parks.

Athens' only public golf course is the UGA Golf Course, at 2600 Riverbend Road; Lane Creek Golf Club is in nearby Bishop.

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

accgov.com/149/Parks-Facilities

Ben Burton Park

616 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset



The 32-acre intown wildlife preserve features a hardwood forest, trails and plenty of picnic spots. A boat launch provides easy access to the Middle Oconee River.

Bishop Park

705 Sunset Dr. • 706-613-3589

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



Normaltown-adjacent park equipped with fields and courts for a variety of sports. Programs include tennis, gymnastics, swimming and more. The Athens Farmers Market runs Saturdays, April to December.

Boulevard Woods

298 Barber St. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset



A small paved loop with a bench looks out to the wooded back portion of this pocket park.

Dudley Park

100 Dudley Park Dr. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset



A short walk east of downtown, with open fields and connections to multiple trails, including the North Oconee River Greenway.

East Athens Community Center

400 McKinley Dr. • 706-613-3593

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 2-6 p.m.



The center features indoor and outdoor activities for everyone from kids to seniors, as well as a branch of the public library.

Firefly Trail

Entrances: East Broad Street, Dudley Park, Poplar Street, Inglewood Avenue, Old Winterville Road • 706-613-3801



The first mile of this ambitiously designed walking and biking trail is now open along the historic Georgia Railroad corridor.

Greenway and Riverside Parks

706-613-3615

Hours: sunrise-sunset



Enjoy over seven miles of concrete for non-motorized use. Connections include Dudley Park, Firefly Trail, Sandy Creek Nature Center and Sandy Creek Park.

Holland Youth Sports Complex

250 Vincent Dr. • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



A 62-acre complex with baseball and softball games, soccer tournaments and more.

Lay Park

297 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3596

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 2-6 p.m.



Athens' only downtown park is accessible to everybody looking to get active, both indoors and out.

Memorial Park

293 Gran Ellen Dr. • 706-613-3580

Hours: sunrise-sunset



A popular park nestled in the heart of Five Points that's home to Bear Hollow Zoo (open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.), a dog park, duck-filled pond and public pool, as well as Athens Creative Theater.

North Oconee River Park

300 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. • 706-613-3615

Hours: sunrise-sunset



This section of the Greenway stretches out along the North Oconee River, with several overlooks connected to a narrow strip of green.

Reese & Pope Park

375 Reese St. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset

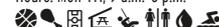


This neighborhood park is an ideal spot for a game of basketball or a picnic.

Rocksprings Community Center & Park

291 Henderson Ext. • 706-613-3603

Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.



The multipurpose park offers something for everybody with a pirate-ship playground, pool and splash pad.

Sandy Creek Nature Center
205 Old Commerce Road • 706-613-3615
Hours: Tue-Sat, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
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Sandy Creek Park
400 Bob Holman Road • 706-613-3631
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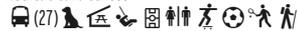
The county's largest park surrounds lovely Lake Chapman with a beach, dog park and trails. There's plenty to do, including disc golf, picnicking, boating and fishing. Expect to pay a small entrance fee.

Satterfield Park
3028 Cherokee Road • 706-613-3871
Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



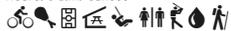
A community park with athletic fields and courts where little baseball players can dream big.

Southeast Clarke Park
4440 Lexington Road • 706-613-3871
Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



It's home to World of Wonder, the largest play area in the park system, with a three-story slide and rock wall and passive play area, plus the Skate Park of Athens, with a series of concrete ramps, bowls and rails. There's also a dog park, tennis courts, soccer and softball fields, and trails.

Trail Creek Park
200 Trail Creek St. • 706-613-3991
Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



A sprawling park just minutes from downtown with a fitness zone, a popular splash pad for kids and mountain bike trails.

UGA PARKS

Legion Pool
830 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-8235 • tate.uga.edu/legionpool
Hours: late May through July, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; first week in August, 3-7 p.m.

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A historic pool with lap lanes and a bath house, Legion is enjoyed each summer by the university community and by those who join the Friends of Campus Life.

Oconee Forest Park
College Station Road at Alumni Drive • 706-542-4287 • warnell.forestry.uga.edu/oconee-forest-park
Hours: dawn-dusk

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The 60-acre park sits behind the UGA intramural fields, preserving a 100-year-old forest and its wildlife around Lake Herrick.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia
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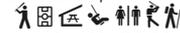
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Bogart Sports Complex
S. Burson Ave., Bogart • 706-769-3965
Hours: dawn-11 p.m.



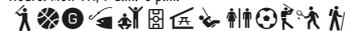
Lighted ballfields and multipurpose fields, as well as a small walking trail.

Heritage Park
2543 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-3965
Hours: sunrise-sunset



This 364-acre park bordering the Apalachee River has miles of hiking, biking and horse-riding trails, as well as an open-air arena for special events.

Herman C. Michael Park
1051 Elder Road, Bishop • 706-769-3966
Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.



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Oconee Veterans Park
3500A Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-3965
Hours: Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 1-9 p.m.



The community center features walking trails, tennis courts and multipurpose fields outside and a gym and track inside.

CITY OF WINTERVILLE

Pittard Park and Pavilion
Parkview and Church streets • 706-742-8600 • cityofwinterville.com/pittard-park
Hours: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.



In the heart of Winterville, this park features a pavilion, playgrounds and metal art by Beverly Babb. The park hosts the Marigold Festival every spring.

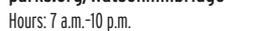
STATE OF GEORGIA

Fort Yargo State Park
210 S. Broad St., Winder • 770-867-3489 • gastateparks.org/fortyargo
Hours: 7 a.m.-10 p.m.



The park surrounds a lake for swimming, fishing and boating. It features a 1792 log fort and campsites, including yurts and cabins.

Watson Mill Bridge State Park
650 Watson Mill Road, Comer • 706-783-5349 • gastateparks.org/watsonmillbridge
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127 N. Jackson St. • 706-850-1224 • kaartist.com

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Lyndon House Arts Center

211 Hoyt St. • 706-613-3623 • athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse

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Treehouse Kid & Craft

815 W. Broad St. • 706-850-8226 • treehousekidandcraft.com

Crafting workshops throughout the year for toddlers to preteens, as well as creative summer camps for younger tots.

Georgia Museum of Art

90 Carlton St. • 706-542-GMOA • georgiamuseum.org

Monthly Family Day links a take-home craft to a specific exhibition. Galleries feature temporary exhibits and selections from the permanent collection.

UGA Performing Arts Center

230 River Road • 706-542-4400 • pac.uga.edu

The Saturday Morning Club allows kids to explore rhythm in a fun, interactive way. Performances are led by UGA student ensembles. See ad on p. 19.

READ IT

Athens-Clarke County Library

2025 Baxter St. • 706-613-3650 • athenslibrary.org

Storytimes for infants, preschoolers and early readers, as well as a young readers' club for middle-schoolers. Movies, clubs, music and dance classes for kids and teens, plus Monday afternoon Chess and Community gatherings.

Avid Bookshop

493 Prince Ave. • 706-352-2060 • avidbookshop.com

1662 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-2843 • avidbookshop.com

Regular storytimes are Thursdays and Saturdays. Other programs include a young-adult book club, spoken-word performances and author visits.

Normal Books

1238 Prince Ave. • 706-850-6225 • facebook.com/normalbooksathens

Children's-book-themed days, author visits, storytimes and more.

Oconee County Library

1080 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-3950 • athenslibrary.org/oconee

Family movie nights, toddler storytimes and events for all ages. Storytimes on Tuesdays, craft workshops on Thursdays and more.

Winterville Public Library

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Town & Gown Players

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MOVIES

AMC Athens 12

1575 Lexington Road • 706-354-0584 • amctheatres.com

Watch the latest wide releases. Early arrivers can relax in the lobby, featuring a full bar and dining area. Guests can also order snacks, meals and drinks from their seats.

Athens-Clarke County Library

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Patrons can watch a variety of movies shown by different departments and clubs.

Beechwood Stadium 11 Cinemas

196 Alps Road • 706-546-1011 • gtcmovies.com

First-run movies, repertory classics and the occasional indie title, plus live broadcasts of Metropolitan Opera performances. Dinner is available from the Outtakes kitchen and bar.

Ciné

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343 • athenscine.com

Our arthouse cinema screens indie and foreign releases, as well as wide-release gems. Classic and cult movies are shown alongside local offerings and film festivals. Craft beer, cocktails and soda are available. Snacks include local baked goods and yummy popcorn. See ad on p. 8.

Flicker Theatre & Bar

263 W. Washington St. • 706-546-0039 • flickertheatreandbar.com

The theater side of the local townie bar has cult-oriented screenings each month hosted by the Flicker Film Society, a group of local movie enthusiasts.

Georgia Museum of Art

90 Carlton St. • 706-542-46662 • uga.edu/gamuseum/calendar/films

The museum occasionally presents films in conjunction with art exhibits, frequently introduced by a guest speaker.

Tate Cinema

45 Baxter St. • 706-542-3816 • tate.uga.edu

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Boozy Bard Players

facebook.com/boozybardplayers

This upstart company specializes in “desecrations” of the Shakespearean canon in various venues that serve alcohol.

Circle Ensemble Theatre Company

371 N. Church St., Winterville • 706-362-2175 • circleensembletheatre.com

The company, at home in the beautiful old Winterville Auditorium, mounts plays and teaches classes and workshops for teens and adults.

Rose of Athens

150 Fritz Mar Lane • 706-340-9181 • roseofathens.org

RoA has an off-off-Broadway-type warehouse home and, in addition to plays, focuses on education, with kids classes and performances for school groups.

Town & Gown Players

115 Grady Ave. • 706-208-3854 • townandgownplayers.org

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PUBLIC THEATER

Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Department

293 Gran Ellen Dr. & 195 W. Washington St. • 706-613-3628 • athensclarkecounty.com/act & mortontheatre.com

Athens Creative Theatre stages plays and conducts classes for adults and children in Memorial Park’s Quinn Hall and in the Morton Theatre downtown. Leisure Services also manages the Morton, a renovated vaudeville hall that offers a full schedule of community and traveling events during the year.

The Classic Center

300 N. Thomas St. • 706-357-4444 • classiccenter.com

In addition to its full schedule of conferences, receptions and other civic gatherings, the Classic Center presents touring plays and performances in its 2,100-seat theater throughout the year. See ad on p. 23.

UNIVERSITY THEATER

UGA Theatre

255 Baldwin St. • 706-542-4400 • ugateatre.com

University Theatre mounts a season of plays each academic year in the classic, Art Deco Fine Arts Building on campus and is home to a variety of student groups, including the Thalian Blackfriars, Black Theatrical Ensemble, Improv Athens, Next Act and Children’s Theatre Troupe.

NEARBY THEATER

Arts!Oglethorpe (Crawford) • 706-202-1211 • artsoglethorpe.org

Brightstone Productions (Watkinsville) • 706-705-2599 • brightstoneathens.com

Encore Productions (Elberton) • 706-283-1049 • elberttheatre.org

Jefferson Community Theatre (Jefferson) • 706-367-5714 • jeffersoncommunitytheatre.com

Oconee Youth Playhouse (Watkinsville) • 706-769-2677 • oconeyouthplayhouse.com

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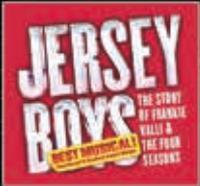
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260 W. Clayton St. • 706-316-0130 • [facebook.com/atomicathens](https://www.facebook.com/atomicathens)

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115 Marigold Lane, Winterville • 706-372-1236 • cityofwinterville.com/front-porch-bookstore

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10 Things to Know About Athens Music

1. There's Something for Everyone

Athens is known for its major contributions to the alternative rock, new wave and Southern rock canons—think R.E.M., The B-52s and Drive-By Truckers—but there's a whole lot else going on in town, from rap to punk to folk to experimental and beyond. Make sure to pick up *Flagpole* for a full weekly rundown.

2. The 'Khaki Divide' Is Real

The joke is that downtown is split into competing musical halves by Lumpkin Street, with the eastern end's college bars bursting with noodly jam bands and classic-rock cover acts, and the western portion home to a more diverse set of venues catering to hipsters, townies and in-the-know undergrads. The line is often blurred, but as a guiding principle this holds true.

3. It's Not All About Downtown

Downtown is Athens music's epicenter, but branch out and you'll find more to discover. Terrapin's northside brewery presents an eclectic range of touring acts. In Homewood Hills, The Office Lounge plays to a seasoned crowd with blues, Southern rock and beyond. And keep your ear to the ground for house-show announcements, as a rotating list of DIY venues host backyard and basement throwdowns.

4. Early Birds and Night Owls Are Welcome

Athens shows have a longstanding reputation for starting late and ending just shy of last call, but with audiences skewing slightly older, many venues are offering earlier events, from the Georgia Theatre Rooftop's various summertime series to jazz nights at Hendershot's to family-friendly brewery showcases and much more.

5. It's All Over the Airwaves

You can hear lots of local music on the radio, starting with WUOG 90.5 FM, UGA's student-run outfit that broadcasts the weekly "Live in the Lobby" showcase. NPR affiliate WUGA 91.7 and 94.5 FM airs classical performances, plus The Rotation, a group of shows focused on Athens music. And a Sunday-evening program on modern-rock station Bulldog 93.3 often features local acts.

6. We've Got a World-Class Vinyl Plant

When Kindercore Vinyl opened in 2017, it became the only currently operating vinyl-manufacturing facility in the state of Georgia, and one of only a handful in the country. Given records' ongoing comeback, the plant has stayed busy pressing local and national releases but occasionally finds time to open its doors for public events, including concerts.

7. UGA Puts the 'Classic' in 'The Classic City'

Though its sheer size and a lack of effective town-gown communication can make the university seem intimidating to newcomers, its cultural programming is open to the public and worth taking advantage of. The Performing Arts Center brings in acclaimed classical and world-music artists, with the 2018-'19 schedule including Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the Vienna Boys Choir, New York Philharmonic String Quartet and more.

8. Summer Is Hot, Hot, Hot

Athens does tend to slow down once summer rolls around. But several annual happenings keep the town hoppin' in the hotter months, including our flagship music event, AthFest, in late June; the hip hop, gospel and soul-centric Hot Corner Celebration, earlier that month; the punky SlopFest, in July; and Athens Popfest, in August. See the Annual Events section on p. 9 for more.

9. Hip Hop Has the Spotlight

Athens rap has experienced a serious resurgence in recent years, thanks to the tireless work of a dedicated group of emcees and promoters. Hip hop dominates the live-music landscape and takes center stage at the Athens Hip Hop Awards, held in early spring. It's also inextricably linked to local politics, with firebrand rapper Mariah Parker, aka Linqua Franqa, having been elected to the county commission in 2018.

10. *Flagpole* Has You Covered

This *Guide* is full of horn-tootin', but we mean it when we say that *Flagpole* is your guide to all things Athens music, from the weekly print edition and comprehensive calendar to our online premieres, photo galleries and live reviews to the annual *Flagpole* Athens Music Awards and beyond. Covering local music was our founding mission, and it's still a huge part of who we are and what we do.

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The Center's auditorium and 440 Foundry Pavilion host high-profile touring acts. See ad on p. 23.

Flicker Theatre & Bar

263 W. Washington St. • 706-546-0039 • flickertheatreandbar.com

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40 Watt Club

285 W. Washington St. • 706-549-7871 • 40watt.com

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295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-389-5549 • thefoundryathens.com

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Georgia Theatre

215 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7670 • georgiatheatre.com

The renovated Theatre is where in-demand touring acts play. The rooftop bar has a great view and

features daily live music from early spring through early fall.

The Globe

199 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-4721

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195 Prince Ave. • 706-546-5609 • facebook.com/go.bar.35

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Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050 • hendershotscoffee.com

Coffee joint and watering hole known for jazz and folk shows, plus open mic and more.

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269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997 • highwirelounge.com

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255 W. Washington St. • 706-395-6877 • ironfactoryinc.com

Listen to rock, rap and more on the restaurant's outdoor patio.

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223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144 • facebook.com/lkshuffleclub

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Live Wire Athens

227 W. Dougherty St. • 706-543-8283 • livewireathens.com

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Morton Theatre

195 W. Washington St. • 706-613-3770 • mortontheatre.com

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Nowhere Bar

240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742 • facebook.com/nowherebarathens

A nightly stream of national and local talent, with themed series and a focus on jam, funk and rock.

Nuçi's Space

396 Oconee St. • 706-227-1515 • nuci.org

The nonprofit organizes showcases for its Camp Amped program, plus the occasional benefit concert.

The Office Lounge

2455 Jefferson Road • 706-546-0840 • facebook.com/OfficeAthens

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Venom

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23 N. Main St. & 4 Main St., Watkinsville • oconeefarmersmarket.org

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Opa Robby's Market

3129 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-8210 • oparobbysmarket.com

Open daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (noon–6 p.m. on Sunday) in a brightly painted former garage in front of Target, Opa Robby's is a combination country store, farmers market and retailer of delicious prepared foods. Great deals on produce and a regularly updated Facebook page with specials.

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135 Hoyt St. (ACCA) • 706-549-4850 • facebook.com/ugardeners

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West Broad Farmers Market

1573 W. Broad St. • 706-613-0122 • athenslandtrust.org
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197 Park Ave. • 706-765-7087 • facebook.com/holycrepeathens

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King of Pops

kingofpops.net

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706-255-7450 • illicreamdude.com

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Manila Express

199-A Park Ave. • manilaexpressga.com

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678-936-3794 • nedzas.com

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facebook.com/RasheCuisine

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streetstix.net

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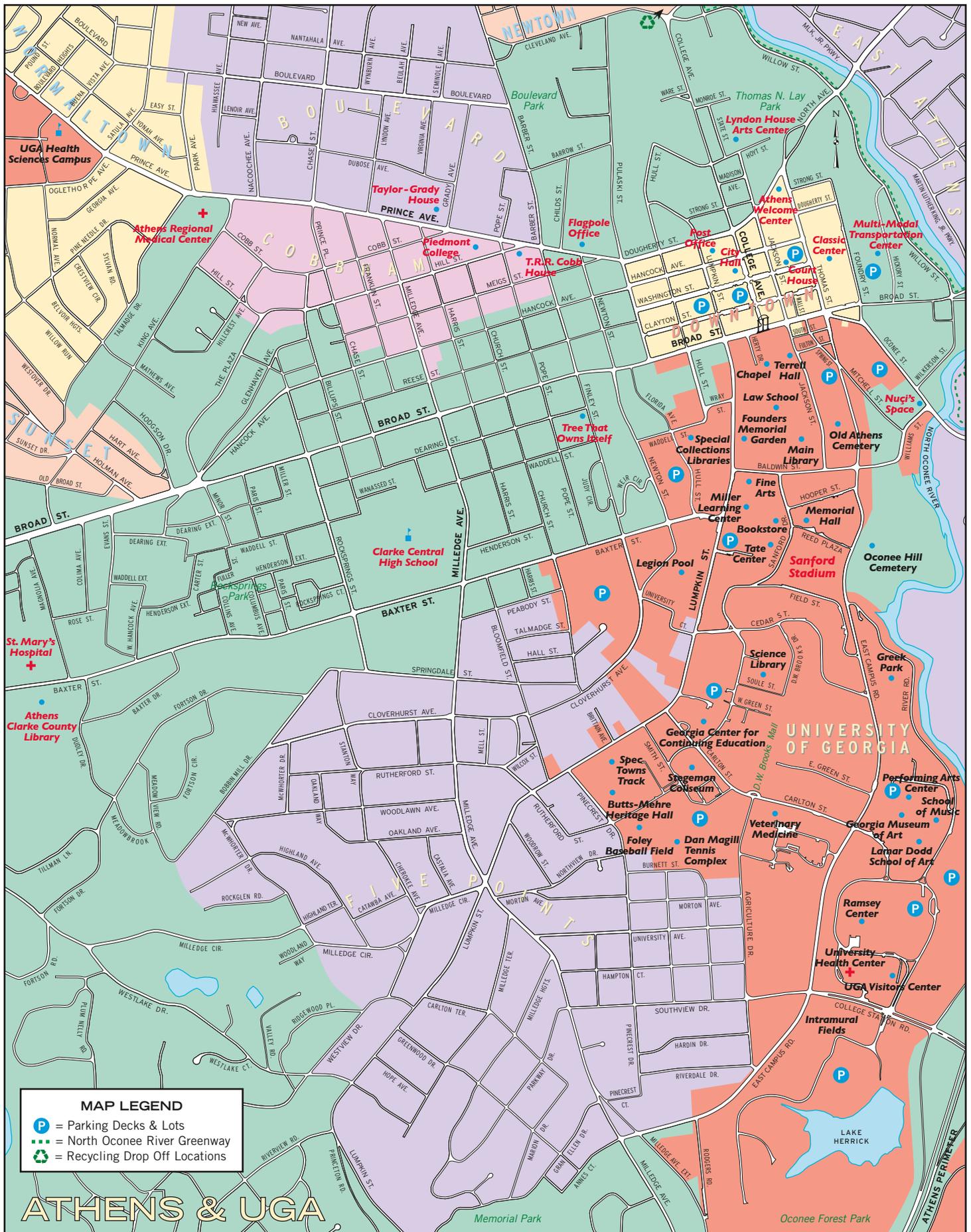
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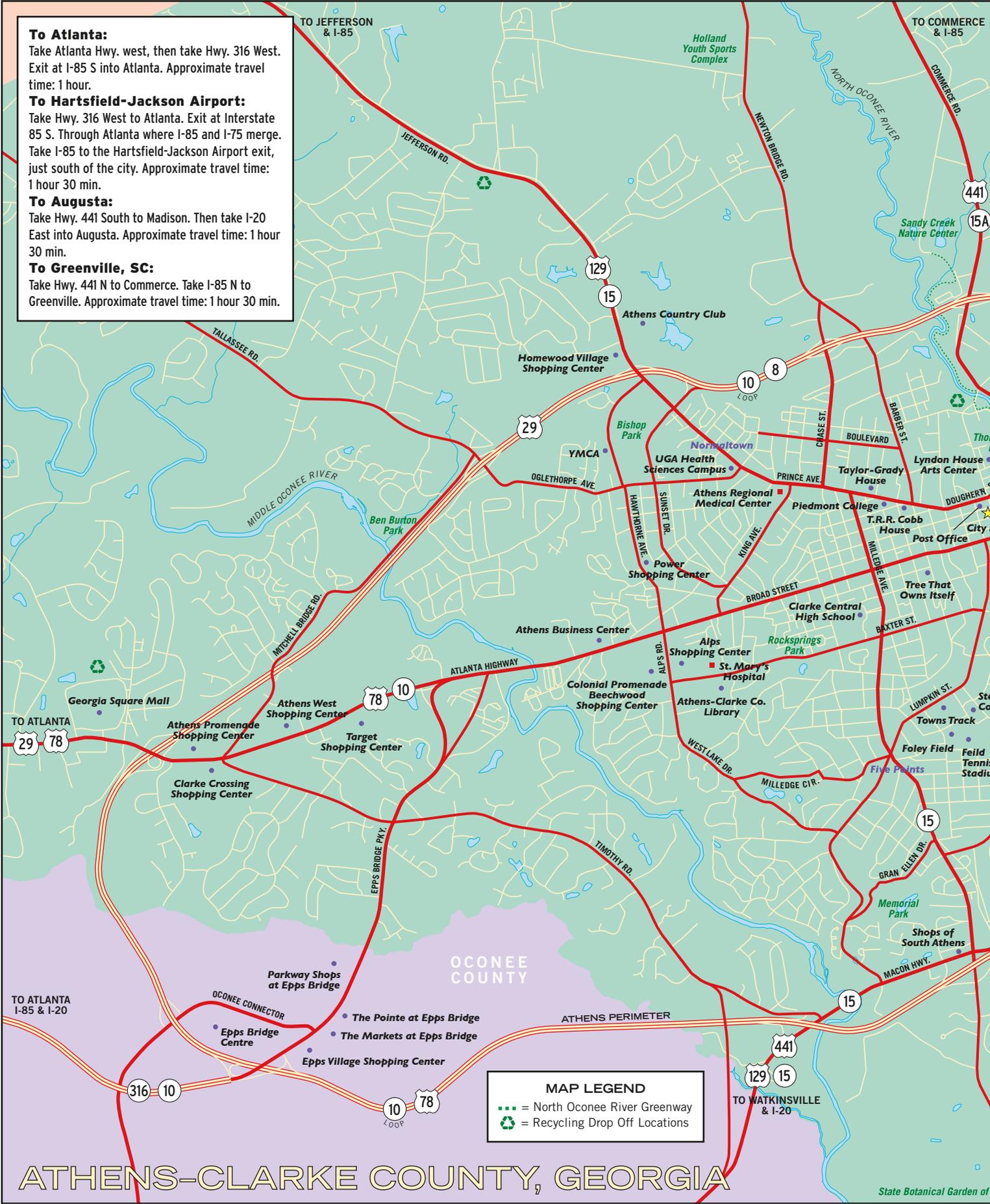
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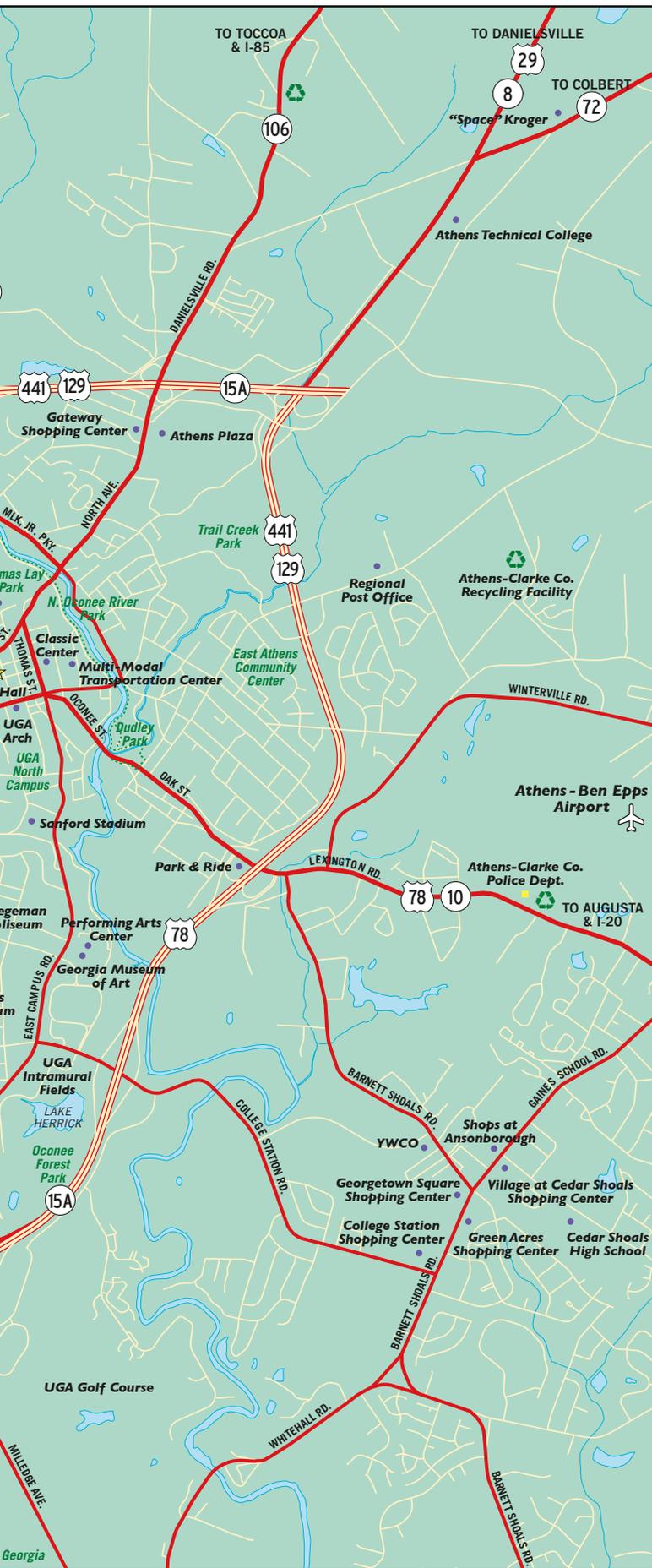
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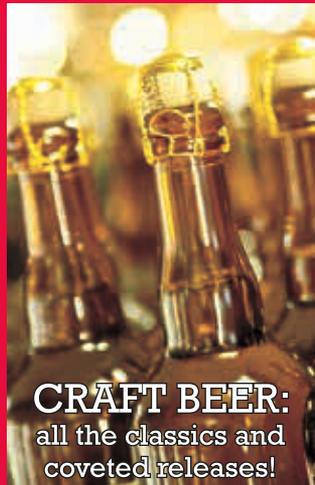
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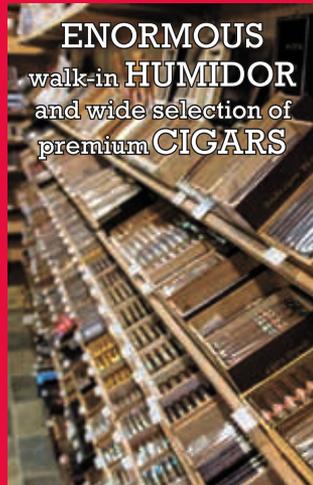
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The Grit

100 Proof

364 E. Broad St. • 706-850-8500
facebook.com/100proofathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** DJs, full bar, karaoke, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A college bar specializing in frozen drinks. The rooftop patio has a full-service tiki bar. **DRINKS:** Load up on "smurf juice," shots and bombs before dancing the night away under the rooftop's neon palm trees. \$

1000 Faces Coffee

510 N. Thomas St. • 706-534-8860
1000facescoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. **HOURS:** Open Mon–Fri, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. **THE LOOK:** Beautifully renovated space in a historic building houses the local micro-roaster's production facilities. **MENU:** Superlative coffee, either pour-over or pre-made, plus beans, coffee accessories and baked goods by The

Comerian, plus a view into the roasting space. Partners with Farm Cart on a monthly biscuits-and-coffee thing that benefits local charities. \$

The 11th Pin

555 Macon Hwy. • 706-308-2008
11thpinathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **HOURS:** Lunch, Sat–Sun. Dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Counter inside the recently redone Showtime Bowl. **MENU:** Better versions of bar food standards: burgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches. Also: loaded fries/tots/nachos, garlic knots, fried pickles, slices of pizza and a kids menu. **DRINKS:** Mix and match a bucket of domestic or local beers. Wine available too. \$

9d's Bar

400 Clayton St. • 706-461-0268
facebook.com/9dsbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs/live music. **THE LOOK:** Students and others sweat it out on the dance floor to '90s jams. **DRINKS:** Buy a tallboy, shot or mixed drink for dancing fuel. \$

Add Drug Store

1695 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-2239
facebook.com/add.drug

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Burgers. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** An old-fashioned neighborhood soda fountain and lunch counter inside a Five Points pharmacy. **MENU:** Southern staples for

breakfast. Burgers, hot dogs, simple sandwiches (egg salad, tuna salad, pimento cheese, BLT) and small baskets of fresh, hot french fries at low prices for lunch. Malts, milkshakes, floats and classic vanilla and cherry sodas made in front of you. \$

Agua Linda Mexican Restaurant & Cantina

2080 Timothy Road • 706-543-0154
1376 Prince Ave. • 706-543-1500
agualindarestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Friendly and family-owned, Agua Linda has two locations: Prince and Timothy. **MENU:** Lots of Ameri-Mex standards (burrito supreme, etc.). Your kids can get chicken fingers, but if you're willing to be more adventurous, there's also horchata, Mexican-style tacos with al pastor or barbacoa, tortas and more. **DRINKS:** Margaritas, bottled and draft beer, micheladas (beer cocktails) and sangria. \$\$

Ahi Hibachi & Poke

489 E. Clayton St. • 706-543-8898
ahihibachi.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Counter-service poke. **MENU:** Opt for the poke bowls, made with sushi or brown rice (or a salad base), plus raw fish, cooked shrimp, tofu and a bajillion fresh topping options. Hibachi, fried rice, noodles and basic soups and salads. \$\$

 = 2018 Athens Favorites
flagpole reader picks (see p. 11)

\$	\$7 & under
\$\$	\$8–\$12
\$\$\$	\$13–\$17
\$\$\$\$	\$18 & up

**Average
Price of
Entree**

Akademia Brewing Co.

150 Crane Dr., Bogart • 678-726-2288

akademiabc.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer.

THE LOOK: Large brewpub, with a huge bar, a view of the tanks and crows to go. Lots of space for events. **MENU:** Big menu, with some stuff that incorporates beer ("ale-oli" instead of aioli). Good snacks, like fried cheese curds and fries served with dips, plus burgers, pasta, grilled fish and flatbreads. Kids menu. **DRINKS:** Craft beers made in house, as well as guest brews. Offerings change daily, with lots of interesting options. Available in flights. \$

Allgood Lounge

256 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0166

allgoodlounge.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, upstairs pool, outside seating. **HOURS:** Opens at noon Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** A two-story bar with a mixed crowd and seemingly endless drink options. Move from the downstairs space upstairs for a little pool, or to the patio and tiki bar. **DRINKS:** 20 rotating beers, 55 whiskeys, 18 tequilas and over 200 bottle

beers, plus a build-your-own Bloody Mary bar daily, noon–9 p.m. See ad on p. 54. \$



AMC Athens 12

1570 Lexington Road • 706-354-0584

amctheatres.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** All 12 theaters have call buttons to order food and drink, plus there's a bar and dining area in the lobby (where you don't have to have tickets to eat). **MENU:** Candy and popcorn, yes, but also burgers, flatbreads, some sushi and poutine. **DRINKS:** Mostly domestics on draft, imports, domestics and local in the bottle, wine and full bar. \$\$

American Deli

2139 W. Broad St. • 706-395-6615

3700 Atlanta Hwy. Ste. 4 • 706-543-3009

1055 Gaines School Road, Ste. 102 • 706-714-1212

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-540-7707

americandeli.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. \$

Amici

233 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-0000

amici-cafe.com

FILE UNDER: Pizza, Bars. **FEATURES:** Trivia, catering, outside seating, art, take-out, delivery, full bar, Wi-Fi.

HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Casual dining space just renovated, with added seating, a long bar and brick walls. **MENU:** This small Georgia chain focuses mostly on pizza and wings, but also does sandwiches, pasta, salads and soup. Pizza of the month is fun (chicken fajita, an Oktoberfest pie with bratwurst) and lots of toppings. **DRINKS:** Full bar with lots of draft choices. The Beer of the Month is usually a good craft brew. \$\$

Applebee's

2226 W. Broad St. • 706-543-1339

applebees.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside

pick-up. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days.

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ARTini's Art Lounge

337 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8530

artinisartlounge.com

FILE UNDER: Bars. **FEATURES:** Art classes, parking. **THE LOOK:** Unwind with a group of friends at the town's only paint-and-sip. **DRINKS:** Beer, wine, sodas and bottled water. \$

Athens Bagel Co.

268 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-5001

athensbagel.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Locally owned bagel bakery with space to eat-in. **MENU:** Big, good bagels boiled and baked in-house in a wide variety of flavors. Top with hummus, butter (whipped, honey, peanut) or cream cheese (bacon and chive, pimento, snickerdoodle, roasted red pepper). Breakfast and lunch sandwiches on bagels: smoked pork, reuben or roasted chicken salad. \$

Athens Pizza

2024 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-9292

athenspizzas.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Medium-sized space in the middle of a red-roofed building with tables for dine-in. **MENU:** Pizza with a wide variety of toppings, plus pasta (baked ziti, lasagna), subs, wings, calzones, salads and meatballs a la carte. \$

Athens Wok

493 E. Clayton St. • 706-850-2695

athenswok.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Casual atmosphere, friendly owners. **MENU:** Thai, Chinese, Korean and Japanese quick-sauteed dishes made with chicken, steak, salmon, shrimp, vegetables or tofu, plus sushi. The Thai curries are some of the best things on the menu, but everything is fast and fresh. \$

Auntee's Home Cooking

645 Danielsville Road • 706-308-4434

FILE UNDER: Downhome, BBQ. **FEATURES:** Debit cards, cash, take-out. **HOURS:** 12–5 p.m. Fri–Sat. 12–4 p.m. Sun. **THE LOOK:** A few tables bear hints of decoration, and a covered steam table is incorporated into a counter at the back. **MENU:** A classic meat-and-two menu, with a four-veggie plate should you prefer. Great cornbread dressing, mac and cheese, black-eyed peas, cabbage, fried chicken, baked ham, etc. \$

Automatic Pizza

1397 Prince Ave. • 706-850-2037

facebook.com/automaticpizzaathens

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Cute Normaltown space with some tables in front and out back. **MENU:** Excellent, large, floppy slices or whole pies, topped with quality stuff, including great anchovies; good salads; nice subs on Luna bread; cannoli. Vegan-friendly. **DRINKS:** Local and mainstream draft beer, wine, half-pours of either for half-price and Sunday discounts. \$

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706-549-4850

www.accaging.org

Bar South

104 E. Washington St. • 706-850-1329

facebook.com/barsouthathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, live music. **THE LOOK:** Located near the Georgia Theatre, this sports bar is relaxed and roomy with plenty of TVs, pool tables, darts and foosball. **DRINKS:** Beer and mixed drinks across a wide range of taste and budget, appealing to students, alumni and visitors alike. \$

The Bar-B-Que Shack

4320 Lexington Road • 706-613-6752

facebook.com/bbqshackathens

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Thu–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Old-school barbecue establishment with picnic tables covered in checkered tablecloths. **MENU:** Chicken, pork and rib plates served with coleslaw, stew, chips and bread. Great sweet tea. Don't leave without trying the famous banana pudding. Thursday night bluegrass. \$\$

Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-0300

1739 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-1866

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-9954

259 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9008

2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-1228

680 N. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-5299

barberitos.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer (Clayton St.), catering, outside seating, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Locally owned burrito chain. **MENU:** Health-oriented Mexican fare, with seven options that have less than 7 grams of fat each. Customizable burritos, quesadillas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and salads. Lots of vegetarian and vegan options. \$

Barnes and Noble Café

3650 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-354-1195

barnesandnoble.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Open 7 Days. \$

Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts

771 Prince Ave. • 706-548-3444

2081 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-8363

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-353-7166

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-546-1635

dunkindonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru (Prince Ave., Epps Bridge and Watkinsville). Wi-Fi (Prince Ave. and Watkinsville), counter service. **HOURS:** 5 a.m.–12 a.m. (Prince Ave.), 6 a.m.–10 p.m., seven days (Watkinsville, Epps Bridge and Gaines School Road). \$

Bee's Knees Bakery & Gifts

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-3633

beeskneesbakeryandgifts.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Sandwiches, Delivery. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service. **HOURS:** 9:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Think fondant if it were a store. Lots of yellow and white. **MENU:** Custom-order desserts, or pick up something from the display case (cake, iced cookies, cupcakes, brownies, cake pops and more). Box lunches with a sandwich, cheese straws and a cupcake are available without pre-ordering. \$

Beef 'O' Brady's

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-1916

beefobradys.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, trivia, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Bella Noche

2061 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-310-4414

bellanoche Watkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: Italian, Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Reservations, catering, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Quiet dining in a Watkinsville shopping center with a covered patio. **MENU:** Many Italian standards but some Latin accents, too; the calamari come with fried banana peppers. Gluten-free pastas, kids menu and lunch specials on pastas and sandwiches. \$\$

Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop

105 College Ave. • 706-208-0031

benjerry.com/athens

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, counter service. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.–12 a.m., Sun–Thu. 11 a.m.–1 a.m., Fri–Sat. \$

Big City Bread Cafe

393 N. Finley St. • 706-353-0029

bigcitybreadcafe.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service (breakfast and lunch), outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, six days. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Amazing dog-friendly patio with sidewalk chalk for kids; big booths and art inside.



MENU: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus breads, pastries, cakes and more from the bakery. Really good French toast and burgers, plus quiche and lots of healthy stuff. Dinner brings table service and brasserie-style French standards. **DRINKS:** Small but nice selection of beer; wine by the glass or bottle. See ad on p. 41. \$\$

Big Family Cafe

2467 Jefferson Road • 706-355-3102

thefamilycafe.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Tue–Sun, 8 a.m.–3 p.m. **THE LOOK:** Long space, welcoming staff. **MENU:** Think California diner. Big Family will make you a scramble, burrito, sandwich, order of pancakes, crepes, huevos rancheros, burger, eggs Benedict and more any time it's open. Everything is made in-house, and it shows. The food is genuinely fresh, reliably delicious and has a healthy accent (lots of whole grains). Hot berry cobbler is always available for dessert. \$

Bill's Bar-B-Que

10010 Fortson Store Road, Hull • 706-549-4949

facebook.com/billsbarbeque

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Classic barbecue surroundings, a couple of TVs, vintage UGA memorabilia. **MENU:** Bill's is known for hash (halfway between Brunswick stew and chopped pork), which you can get in a sandwich, and chicken mull, but also has slaw dogs, hash dogs, pork, beef, burgers, hush puppies and fried catfish. Sauce is vinegary and thin. Cokes in glass bottles. \$

Blazer's-N-Hull

1462 Glenn Carrie Road, Hull • 706-208-0705

blazers-n-hull.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Little red stand that serves wings and chicken fingers to go. Covered, picnic-style seating outside. **MENU:** Boneless or traditional wings, available with 13 sauces (lemon pepper, honey mustard, sweet and sour) and in bulk. Also: burgers, corn dogs, meaty salads, onion rings, fries and fried apple pies on the side. Other locations are in Statham, Lexington, Commerce, Elberton and Hartwell. \$

Blind Pig Tavern

312 E. Washington St. • 706-548-3442

2440 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7979

2301 College Station Road • 706-850-4919

blindpigtavern.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, trivia, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late-night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Longtime Athens sports bar. **MENU:** Tasty bar food: burgers, wings, sandwiches, wraps, hot dogs, fried pickles and chili cheese fries. Tuesdays bring po'boys, Cajun burgers and more. Downtown is popular with the courthouse crowd. **DRINKS:** Beer on tap and in bottles, including local brews. Standard cocktails plus a Bloody Mary bar on Saturday and Sunday. \$\$

Blue Sky

128 College Ave. • 706-850-3153

blueskyatthens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** Climb on up to a cozy bar above Walker's Pub that appeals to a variety of patrons. Large windows overlook North Campus, plus there's a rooftop patio. **DRINKS:** 300+ craft beers, 100+ scotches, a wide selection of whiskeys and wine from all over. Specialty cocktails too. \$

Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040

@BoarsHeadLounge

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A multi-level bar with plenty of space for students to party. Wander inside from live music on the patio for pool, beer pong, popcorn machines and more. **DRINKS:** Regular specials on already inexpensive drafts and wells. \$

Bone Island Grillhouse

2055 Oconee Connector • 706-623-0255

boneislandgrillhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Upscale-ish surf-and-turf with a fancy fireplace and nice lighting. **MENU:** Fried and grilled seafood and steaks plus sandwiches, a whole bunch of American restaurant-style apps, Key lime pie and a tasty house salad dressing it sells bottled. **DRINKS:** Plenty of beer in bottle and on draft. Tropical and other specialty drinks by the glass or pitcher. \$\$\$

Bourbon Street

333 E. Broad St. • 706-369-1313

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** Party New Orleans-style all night (or at least until 2 a.m.). Nightly specials allow for cheap, boisterous fun for students and visitors alike. Pool upstairs.

DRINKS: Cheap beer, nightly specials and liquor drinks, including hurricanes and fishbowls. \$

Bread Basket

723 Boulevard • 706-548-3412

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Breakfast, Sat. **THE LOOK:** Counter with a few booths inside a neighborhood convenience store. **MENU:** Fat biscuits with sausage, ham, eggs, tenderloin, cheese and/or gravy. Grits, eggs or hashbrowns on the side. Perfect hangover cure. Rotating lunch items include corn dogs, chicken fingers, pork chops and fish on Fridays. \$

Brett's Casual American Restaurant

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-1395

brettscasualamerican.com
FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, curbside pick-up, catering, outside seating, delivery, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Casual and family-friendly. **MENU:** The kitchen makes pretty much everything from scratch, including the salad dressings, on a large menu that goes from artichoke dip to tilapia. Want a Monte Cristo? Fish tacos? Nachos? They have all that, plus kids meals. \$

Bubble Café

154 College Ave. • 706-355-3002

bubblecafeathens.com
FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Tiny, cute eatery below the sidewalk downtown. **MENU:** Bubble tea and other drinks, of course, but also gyoza, some hearty noodle soups, tasty Taiwanese-style snacks and rice bowls. Prepackaged snacks by the register. \$

Buddha Bar

431 E. Broad St. • 706-208-7017

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **THE LOOK:** A large golden Buddha beckons you inside to pound sake bombs off chopsticks. **DRINKS:** Sake bombs, lychee martinis, shots and beer. \$

Bulldawg Pizza, Wings & More

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-355-3294

bulldawgpizzaandmore.com
FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** No-frills restaurant with booth seating in a shopping center. **MENU:** Order pizzas as big as 24 inches in diameter online, with up to 20 toppings, as well as wings (15 sauces), hot and cold subs, calzones, fried apps, pasta, salads, breadsticks and dessert. \$

Burgerim

351 E. Broad St.

burgerim.com
FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out, counter service. **THE LOOK:** Franchise in a big space, opening 2018. **MENU:** Lots of different kinds of burgers (salmon, falafel, lamb, merguez, Wagyu, etc.), all in smaller sizes with loads of toppings, plus chicken, salads, fries and some interesting-looking desserts. \$

Butt Hutt Bar-B-Q

480 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8511

butthuttathens.com
FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live

music, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Casual, with butt jokes. **MENU:** Consistently good pulled pork and ribs, even without sauce. Also solid sides, like a potato salad that includes bacon and a good chicken mull. **DRINKS:** Beer, liquor, margaritas and Bloody Marys. \$

Buvez

585 Barber St. • 706-850-0172

facebook.com/buvezathens
FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, seven days. The bar stays open at night. **THE LOOK:** Great kids area plus a bar in a cool space where you can watch the trains go by. **MENU:** Eats are on the lighter side: pastries and soft pretzels by The Comerian, hard-boiled eggs, sandwiches, snoballs and snacks by the scoop. Coffee and tea, too, plus interesting sodas. **DRINKS:** Draft and bottled/canned craft beers, wine, craft cocktails made with beer and wine, boozy snoballs. \$

The Cabin Room

321 E. Clayton St. • 706-548-5888

facebook.com/thecabinroom
FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating. **THE LOOK:** Pass the time pretending you're snowed in with games like beer pong and pool, or chill out in the downstairs cave (yes, the bar is decorated like a cave!). **DRINKS:** Cheap well drinks and domestic beer during happy hour. \$

Caborita

1155 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-850-1442

caborita-athens.com
FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar, delivery, take-out, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Big, two-floor space with a second-floor deck and a winding staircase. **MENU:** Lots of Americanized Mexican standards, some made with fresh avocado, like a good chicken tortilla soup. Yucca fries, tacos, chiles rellenos, burgers, nachos and jarritos. Taco Thursdays. **DRINKS:** Lots of margs, beer (draft and bottled), full bar. \$

Cakewalk

688 S. Milledge Ave. • 813-917-5689

facebook.com/cakewalkathensga
FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Tue–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Small sweet shop in a big old house, with lots of gift items for sale. **MENU:** Whole cakes by Savvy Cakes and Hoosier Girl, if you order ahead, but also cake by the slice, cute cookies, coffee, tea, gooey bars, baklava, Italian chocolates and more. Free samples. \$

Cali 'N' Tito's Eastside

1254 Cedar Shoals Dr. • 706-355-7087

calinitos.com
FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, beer and wine, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Like Chuck E. Cheese for townies, with coin-operated children's rides, old video games, an airplane hanging from the ceiling, tricycles, a full-size fountain and much more. **MENU:** The menu is almost the same as at the original Cali 'N' Tito's, but there are some differences, like chicken dishes under the heading Pollo Criollo and, of course, beer, wine and margaritas. La Michoacana... es Natural operates a booth with ice cream, paletas and street snacks inside the restaurant. \$\$



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1427 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-9979

calintitos.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American, Vegetarian Friendly, Cash and Checks Only. **FEATURES:** BYOB, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Magical wonderland that continually changes; most seating is outside, but a lot of it is covered. **MENU:** Latin American food with a Peruvian influence and big portions: plantains (sweet and savory), steak and fries, tacu tacu (rice and beans topped with eggs), fish burrito, great empanadas and more. Lots of veggie choices. Show up early if the weather's nice; the lines can get long. Small fee to BYOB; ATM in the gas station next door. \$\$\$

Carrabba's Italian Grill

3194 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-9938

carrabbas.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. Lunch, Sat and Sun. \$\$\$

Catch 22 Gastropub

1021 Parkway Blvd. • 706-549-6333

catch22gp.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Gastropub with a large wooden bar and a chill atmosphere. **MENU:** Creative bar food with an emphasis on big flavors (tacos with jerk tuna, arugula, cheese, avocado, sriracha soy, wasabi honey mustard). Fun snacks, lots of specials, cute kids menu. **DRINKS:** Serious about beer, with more than 20 on draft and even more canned (gose, witbier, many IPAs), plus regular beer dinners and tastings. \$\$

Cecilia Villaveces Cakes

610 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-3308

ceciliascakes.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Family-owned cake bakery that supplies many restaurants. **MENU:** All cakes are made to order; specialty and wedding cakes require more advance notice and can be custom-designed. Popular flavors include lemon, tres leches, Hummingbird, mocha, caramel, coconut and red velvet. \$\$

Centro Bar

400 E. Clayton St.

facebook.com/centrobarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating. **THE LOOK:** A college bar with an upscale look. A balcony with its own bar wraps around the main floor. **DRINKS:** Full bar with specialty cocktails like the East Clayton lemonade and Prairie Fire. \$

Champy's Famous Fried Chicken

1120 Baxter St. • 706-850-3092

champyschicken.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Delta-style juke joint with crazy, chicken-themed yard art. **MENU:** Fried chicken is the main offering, but don't miss the Delta hot tamales, served with slaw and saltines. Other fried food, like jalapenos, pickle spears, green tomatoes and catfish, plus frogs' legs and wings. **DRINKS:** 40s of beer, plus local beer on tap and a full bar. \$

Charlie Graingers

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5767

charliegraingers.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Lunch, Sun. **THE LOOK:** Hot dog franchise supplying fast eats near the movie theater. **MENU:** A whole bunch of different combinations of hot dog toppings, from cheese to tomatoes, jalapenos and "Jamaican relish," plus brisket, pimento cheese and turkey salad. House strawberry lemonade is a point of pride. \$

Cheddar's Casual Cafe

2040 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0217

cheddars.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Chef Ming

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-552-3233

chefmingathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** A shopping-center space that feels more elegant than it should. **MENU:** Lots of standards prepared with a lighter touch and less grease than usual. Singapore noodles, seafood with eggplant, roast duck and lunch specials. \$\$

Chili's Grill & Bar

183 Alps Road • 706-613-5405

chilis.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

China 1

2026 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-7788

chinaoneathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Quick service is key at this small Chinese restaurant that focuses on to-go food. **MENU:** Lo mein, pancit, teriyaki, egg foo young, sweet and sour, moo shu and meat entrees, plus chef's special Cantonese dishes. \$

China Star Super Buffet

3567 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-316-3382

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Eight buffet tables, including a sushi bar and a hibachi area; take-out priced by the pound. **MENU:** Choose from over 300 Chinese, American and Japanese dishes from the buffets or order off the menu of mostly Americanized Chinese standards. Crab legs are available daily after 4 p.m. \$

China Wok

2475 Jefferson Road • 706-353-3399

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **THE LOOK:** Limited seating and no frills, mostly to-go orders. **MENU:** Americanized quick-service Chinese dishes, including chop suey, lo mein, mai fun, moo shu and egg fu yung, make up the primary order of business here. \$

Chipotle

165 Alps Road • 706-548-7210

chipotle.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Choo Choo Japanese Korean Grill Express

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-543-8888

choochoorestaurants.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and sake, delivery, trivia, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late-night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Counter service, big booths. **MENU:** Generous servings of Korean and Japanese noodle and rice entrees with chicken, steak, salmon, shrimp or tofu. More traditional dishes include bibimbap, bulgogi and tonkatsu. Korean tacos come stuffed with jae yuk (marinated pork), kimchi or calamari. Popular with the late-night crowd. \$

Chops and Hops

2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-310-1101

chopsandhops.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, reservations, outside seating, Wi-Fi, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Upscale, two-floor space; big bar with TVs. **MENU:** Steaks and beer are the emphasis, but the kitchen also loves vegetables. Menu changes frequently but includes good burgers, salads and a sandwich that combines fried green tomatoes, bacon and pimento cheese. Kids menu. **DRINKS:** Well-priced and well-chosen selection of beer and wine, tap takeovers and craft cocktails. \$\$\$

Chuck E. Cheese's

3654 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-6715

chuckecheese.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine. **HOURS:** Open seven days. \$

Cici's Pizza

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-2424

cicis.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, counter service, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Ciné Barcafé

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343

athenscine.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, movies, art. **THE LOOK:** Athens' only indie movie theater features an art gallery, two screens, a lab/meeting room and full bar. **DRINKS:** Thoughtful selection of beer and wine, plus liquor with specialty cocktails. Coffee, tea, sodas, local baked goods and fresh-popped popcorn. See ad on p. 8. \$

Cinnaholic

170 W. Broad St. • 706-608-9100

cinnaholic.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Vegan. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Open seven days. \$

City Bar

220 College Ave. • 706-546-7612

facebook.com/CityBarAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A bar in a historic space with tall ceilings, hardwood, marble accents and chandeliers. Watch sports on big-screen TVs in elegance. **DRINKS:** A sensible selection of beer, shots and cocktails. \$

Clarke's Standard

225 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5152

clarkesathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late-night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Preppy but a little hip. **MENU:** Burgers (build-your-own, with a gluten-free bun if needed, sriracha mayo, house-made sauerkraut, etc.), sandwiches, avocado toast, some nice salads and waffles for dessert, all made better than they need to be. Good pickles. **DRINKS:** Long list of bottled beer, plus a selection of wine and cute cocktails. \$\$

Clocked!

259 W. Washington St. • 706-548-9175

clockeddiner.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late-night, Fri and Sat. **THE LOOK:** Hipster diner with vintage lamps and cute decor. **MENU:** Burgers are the main attraction, made with all-natural, humanely raised, antibiotic-free beef and creative toppings: bacon jam, peanut butter, gouda, grilled mushrooms and more. Tater tots and a milkshake are the standard sides. Lots of gluten-free and vegan options. \$\$

Cloud

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-7771

@CloudAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **THE LOOK:** The second-story student bar may not be in the clouds, but the rainbow-lit bubble wall behind the bar makes it the next best thing. With a spacious layout, pool and laser lights, this makes a great spot for groups to party. **DRINKS:** Full bar. Try the Moscow mule. \$

Condor Chocolates

1658 S Lumpkin St. • 706-850-4803

condorchocolates.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Something Different. **HOURS:** Open seven days. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **THE LOOK:** Cool space with Aztec motifs on the walls. Operations are fully visible. **MENU:** Artisanal bean-to-bar chocolate shop sells truffles, chocolate bars, drinking chocolate, coffee, gelato, salted caramel brownies, ice cream sandwiches and homemade honeycomb candy.

Selection is constantly evolving. A small shelf features fancy chocolate bars from other producers. \$

Cook Out

1020 Jordan Dr. • 706-425-8662

1917 W. Broad St. • 706-850-9305

cookout.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Courtyard Café

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-2633

georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/dining

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. **THE LOOK:** Cafeteria inside the UGA Hotel. Validated parking for up to one hour is available at the South Campus Parking Deck. **MENU:** Breakfast in the a.m., made-to-order deli sandwiches in the p.m. Southern standards from a steam table and a soup and salad bar on weekdays. Coffee, muffins and bagels are available around the corner at Georgia Java. \$

Cozy Bar

179 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-8898

facebook.com/CozyBarAthens

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night, Thu–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Tucked away on Jackson Street downtown, with paper lanterns and flowers on tables. **MENU:** Thai food with vegetarian options, including curry, pad Thai and noodles with tofu or vegetables. Soups, satay and more. **DRINKS:** Sake bombs! \$

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

1913 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-0304

crackerbarrel.com

FILE UNDER: American. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Craft Public House

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-4363

craftathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full Bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Sunday

brunch. **THE LOOK:** Gastropub in the Ansonborough development on the Eastside. **MENU:** In addition to burgers, steaks and chicken, the menu highlights vegetables, like a red Thai curry with sweet potatoes, leeks and cauliflower. Vegan and gluten-free items highlighted; lots of options for substitutes. **DRINKS:** Craft beer on draft, in bottle or can, a nice selection of wines and cocktails, housemade blood-orangecello. \$\$

Creature Comforts Brewery

271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043

creaturecomfortsbeer.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer. **THE LOOK:** A large, semi-industrial space inside the historic Snow Tire building downtown. The Athens Farmers Market sets up Wednesdays. The brewery also hosts art, music and food trucks. **DRINKS:** Popular year-round offerings include the juicy Tropicalia, effervescent Athena and complex Reclaimed Rye. Limited and seasonal beers are often available during tour hours. Purchase cans on-site to take home. \$

Cutters Pub

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-353-9800

facebook.com/CuttersPubAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** This Irish pub features exposed brick and festive decorum. With a recent expansion, it is more spacious than ever. It opens earlier than a lot of bars on Clayton, and you'll find a good mix of patrons here. **DRINKS:** Vodka slushies, whiskey and, of course, Guinness on tap. \$

D.P. Dough

180 W. Broad St. • 706-842-2828

dpdough.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out, catering, counter service, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late-night, seven days. \$

Dawg Gone Good BBQ

224 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-613-9799

facebook.com/dawggonegoodbbq

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night Fri–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Eat at a picnic table or



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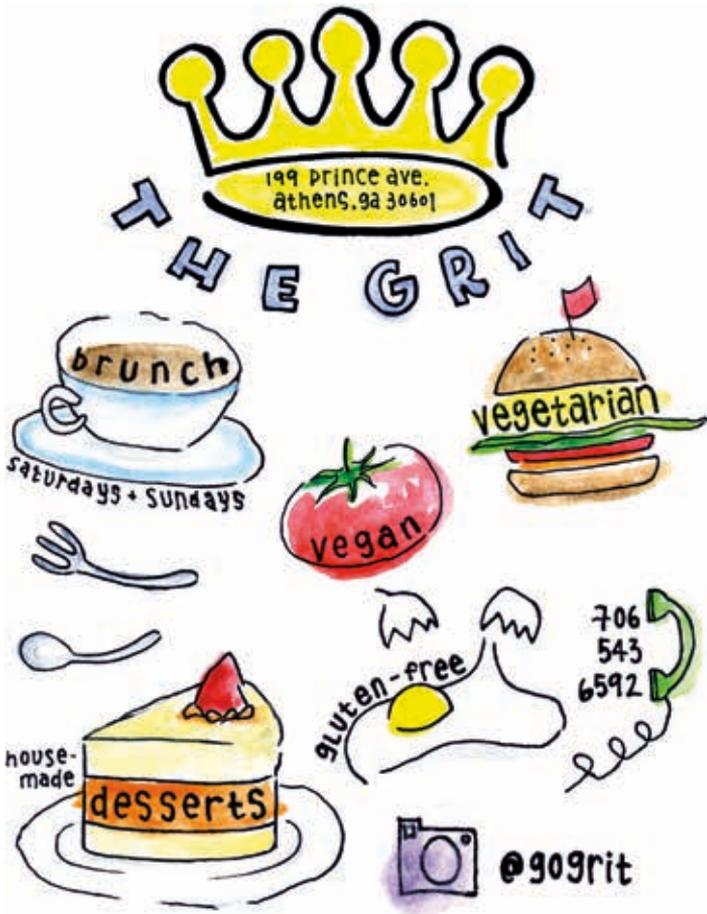
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DePalma's Italian Cafe

2080 Timothy Road • 706-552-1237
1965 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-369-0085
401 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6966
depalmasitaliancafe.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Classic Italian good for a date or a casual lunch.

MENU: Each location is a little different, but all have pizza, pasta, salad and desserts. The menu expands at dinner, with regular specials (lasagna of the day) and nice entrees like apricot-glazed salmon. Vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options; kids menu. **DRINKS:** Long wine list with many Italian reds. Really good beer too. See ad on p. 2. \$\$



Diablo's Southwest Grill

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-543-3399
diablosouthwestgrill.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out. \$

Dickey's Barbecue Pit

2131 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-1326
dickeys.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Di'lishi Frozen Yogurt Bar

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-208-1170
facebook.com/dilishiatheans

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses. **HOURS:** Seven days, until 9 or 10 p.m. in the summer. \$

Dolce Vita Trattoria Italiana

323 E. Broad St. • 706-353-3911
facebook.com/dolcevitatrattoriaitaliana

FILE UNDER: Italian. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, reservations, catering. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Second-floor restaurant with a great view of UGA's North Campus. **MENU:** Traditional Italian with carpaccio, ragu, housemade pasta, good salads, daily risotto, grilled tuna and mussels. Cannoli, tiramisu and gelato finish off your meal. **DRINKS:** Italian wine, of course. \$\$\$

Dominick's Italian

1430 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 706-769-6255
dominicksitalian.com

FILE UNDER: Italian. **FEATURES:** Catering, Full bar, Reservations, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Family-style upscale Italian in small chain. **MENU:** Classics like eggplant parmigiana, lasagna, stuffed pork chops, chicken saltimbocca and steaks, most available in full or half servings. Express lunch special, sandwiches. Tiramisu, cannoli and a kids menu. **DRINKS:** Big wine list, Italian margaritas, beers, regular wine dinners. \$\$\$

Donderos' Kitchen

590 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-354-8688
donderoskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Weekend brunch. **THE LOOK:** Comfy, spacious restaurant in a historic house. Very family-friendly, with a playroom. **MENU:** Hot breakfast and lunch to order until 2 p.m.; open later on weekdays for pick-up of pre-made items. Lots of veggie stuff, some vegan. Brunch on the weekends. To-go meals in the fridge and the freezer include breakfast stratas, casseroles, desserts and more. Walkers, bikers and bus riders get a 5 percent discount. \$

Donna Chang's

1664 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-215-9100
donnachang.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, vegetarian friendly, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** New York-cool narrow space full of perfect touches. **MENU:** Gourmet versions of Chinese-American classics. Striving not for authenticity, but for fun. Major love for vegetables, nice small plates, beautiful ice creams for dessert, amazing eggplant fries. **DRINKS:** Fun, intelligently picked and described wine list; a few nice beers; fancy cocktails that can be a little retro. \$\$

Dos Palmas Restaurant & Cantina

3523 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-7771
athens-dospalmas.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Big, beachy mural; chill atmosphere in a shopping center. **MENU:** Americanized Mexican staples: tacos, burritos, nachos, fajitas, quesadillas, big burritos, enchiladas, queso, fish tacos, fried ice cream. **DRINKS:** Margaritas and more than 30 tequilas, some draft beers, more in bottles. \$\$

The Double Barrel

429 E. Broad St.,
facebook.com/DoubleBarrelAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outdoor seating. **THE LOOK:** Southern-themed bar named after Athens' famously unique double-barreled cannon. **DRINKS:** Signature cocktails include the Bacon Watson and Cannonball Bomb. \$

Earth Fare Café

1689 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-1717
earthfare.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Restaurant inside the grocery store; great deals for kids meals. **MENU:** Much better than the average grocery store restaurant. Lots of variety, all with a natural emphasis: salads with organic ingredients, sushi, fresh-made sandwiches and a hot bar, plus smoothies, juice, coffee, soups and baked goods. \$\$

Eddie's Calzones

265 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9676
eddiescalzones.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. \$

Einstein Bros. Bagels

259 E. Broad St. • 706-549-0027
einsteinbros.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** 6 a.m.–5 p.m., seven days. \$

El Barrio

1331 S. Milledge Ave.

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** Somewhat upscale Mexican, in a renovated house in Five Points. **MENU:** Tacos, tequila and mezcal from the dudes behind The Pine, opening 2018. Housemade tortillas, fajitas, guac, etc. \$\$\$

Em's Kitchen

975 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-206-9322
emskitchenathawthorne.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Saturday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Cute eatery inside Hawthorne Drugs, with sweet decorations and children's books to read. **MENU:** Serious breakfast, with plates, biscuits, omelets, pancakes and baked goods. Brunch adds quiche, Benedict and more. Lunch is mostly classic sandwiches

(chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad) but also a good Cuban and a pimento-cheese BLT with pepper jelly. See ad on p. 22. \$



The Expat

1680 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-521-5041
theexpatathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Reservations, outside seating, full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. Sunday Brunch. **THE LOOK:** Renovated house has lots of light and a very serious upstairs bar with its own snacks. **MENU:** French-ish and refined: chicken liver pâté, charcuterie, gougères, rabbit ragout, soufflé. Brunch menu changes weekly but could include congee, quiche, cardoons or crepes. **DRINKS:** Full bar, high-end cocktails with forward-thinking ingredients and a long wine list by the glass and bottle. \$\$\$

The Falls

8851 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-2217
fallsrestaurantathens.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner, Tue–Sun. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Fairly snazzy place in an upscale shopping center with a nice view. **MENU:** Date-night stuff, like surf and turf, house-made pasta, pork belly with grits, steakhouse-style sides. Simpler fare at the bar, but some overlap in the menus. Pina colada ice cream made tableside with liquid nitrogen. **DRINKS:** High-end wines and spirits. \$\$\$

Farmview Cafe

2610 Eatonton Road, Madison • 844-210-7030
farmviewmarket.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Big cafe attached

to a fancy, farm-fresh, independent grocery store.

MENU: Morgan County is largely agricultural, but that means tons of great ingredients. Breakfast brings fancy biscuits, stuffed French toast, eggs, bacon and more. Lunch has hearty salads, burgers, a grilled cheese sandwich that includes apples and bacon and local veggies. High Road ice cream and lots of baked goods for dessert. See ad on p. 10. \$



Fatz Café

4115 Lexington Road • 706-425-8780

fatz.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Firehouse Subs

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-543-4266

1226 Prince Ave. • 706-357-4994

firehousesubs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

The Fish Shack

1660 W. Broad St. • 706-521-8333

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FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch, Wed-Sat. Dinner, Wed-Fri. **THE LOOK:** Tiny vintage building with nets and a boat, some booths outside and warm family service. **MENU:** Whiting and tilapia fried to perfection, plus hush puppies, coleslaw and fries. Homemade cake. \$

Five & Ten

1073 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-546-7300

fiveandten.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Hugh Acheson's flagship restaurant in a superlatively renovated historic home with a lovely bar. **MENU:** Serious dining that stays up on trends and pushes the envelope without being obnoxiously hip. Some items recur frequently, but there's always something new based on the season. Tuesday-night ramen is a standout. **DRINKS:** Wine list by James Beard nominee; unpretentious but smart cocktails; excellent after-dinner drinks. \$\$\$\$

Five Bar

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-5515

five-bar.com/athens

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner, Tue-Sun. Late night, Fri-Sat. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Two levels of dining, kitschy chandeliers, lots of art. **THE MENU:** Five options of each category: snacks, entrees and desserts. Baked avocado, gyoza, cheeseburger, market catch from Destin, fritto misto and more. Brunch brings breakfast cheeseburgers, burritos and chicken and waffles. **DRINKS:** Five-option lists of wine, beer and signature cocktails. \$\$\$

Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-549-9081

fiveguys.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Burgers. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Flanagan's

301 E. Clayton St. • 706-208-9711

flanagansathens.homestead.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A classic Irish pub with a brick and dark wood interior and a mezzanine lounge. Located next door to its sister bar, Half Moon Pub, this bar is at the center of downtown nightlife. **DRINKS:** Daily specials on everything from cocktails to shots. Try the famous Irish Carbomb. \$

Flicker Theatre & Bar

263 W. Washington St. • 706-546-0039

flickertheatreandbar.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating, movies, art. **THE LOOK:** A townie bar with a warm atmosphere featuring music, art, stand-up comedy, cult movies and more. **DRINKS:** A full bar with signature concoctions, retro cocktails and boozy slushies. Beer and wine too. \$

Food for the Soul

1965 W. Broad St. • 706-546-0052

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch, Tue-Fri and Sun. **THE LOOK:** Homey eatery with a self-service buffet and a great mural outside. **MENU:** Meat-and-three staples that rotate daily and tons of good vegetables. All-you-can-eat buffet lets you stuff yourself silly. \$

The Foundry

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-549-7051

thefoundryathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Live music, catering, outside seating, reservations, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Dinner, Tue-Sat.



THE LOOK: You can eat at this music-venue restaurant until the start of a show if you don't have tickets. Hotel guests and ticket holders can dine until late. **MENU:** Veggie-friendly stuff like spiralized kohlrabi pasta, plus burgers, a ribeye, fish and grits, wings in unusual flavors and Brunswick stew. **DRINKS:** A wide selection of wines, scotches, craft beers and cocktails. See ad on p. 13. \$\$\$

Four Fat Cows

723 Baxter St. • 706-850-8510

fourfatcows.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. **HOURS:** Open seven days. **THE LOOK:** Gifts and free Wi-Fi inside this ice cream parlor. **MENU:** Rich ice cream in standard flavors and custom ones like root-beer float, plus gluten-free and puffle cones, baked goods, coffee drinks and pints to go. \$

Fox's Pizza Den

2971 Monroe Hwy., Watkinsville • 678-661-0220

foxspizzaoconee.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out, catering, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Franklin House Cafe

480 E. Broad St. • 404-910-9565

franklinhousecafe.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Sandwiches. **HOURS:** Open seven days. **FEATURES:** Live music, Wi-Fi. **THE LOOK:** Light-

filled, open space with lots of seating options, free Wi-Fi, encourages lingering. **MENU:** Good toasts (avocado, Nutella, the ZK Special Toast with goat cheese, honey, cilantro and strawberry), panini and a few salads, plus lots of Batdorf and Bronson coffee options, tea and smoothies. \$

Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers

2050 Oconee Connector • 706-354-0671

freddysusa.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Fresh Air Bar-B-Que

5170 Atlanta Hwy. • 770-725-5227

1110 Hull Road • 706-546-6060

freshairbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Buffet (Hull Road), catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days (Atlanta Hwy.). Lunch and dinner, Wed-Sat (Hull Road). **THE LOOK:** Wood paneling, shack-like exterior. **MENU:** The Hull location does an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch Wednesday through Friday, with ribs, shrimp and catfish respectively on the menu. Otherwise, it's chopped pork and chicken, Brunswick stew, baked beans, chicken tenders and banana pudding. Family and tailgating specials for take-out. \$

Frutta Bowls

245 Oconee St.

fruttabowls.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **THE LOOK:** Health-focused franchise in The Mark development. **MENU:** Bowls of açai, kale, pitaya, oatmeal with fruit, dairy and protein-based toppings. Also smoothies and cold drinks. \$

Fuzzy's Taco Shop

265 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-0305

fuzzystacoshop.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late-night, Fri and Sat. \$

The Garden Grille

390 E. Washington St. • 706-353-6800

hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, buffet, catering, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Full-service restaurant inside the Hilton Garden Inn. **MENU:** Breakfast can be cooked to order or assembled from the buffet (kids under 12 eat free). Steaks, burgers, pasta, salads and other all-American staples for dinner. \$

General Beauregard's

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-543-8201

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** Controversy-courting downtown spot decked out in Civil War memorabilia. MAGA hats abound. **DRINKS:** Southern-themed cocktails. \$

George's Lowcountry Table

2095 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-548-3359

georgeslowcountrytable.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, live music, reservations, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. Weekend brunch. **THE LOOK:** George's has a quiet atmosphere, with good service to match its white tablecloths. **MENU:** Classics from the Gulf and Carolina coasts: étouffée, shrimp and grits, sherry crab bisque, oysters (raw and cooked), peel-and-eat shrimp, jambalaya,

redfish and more. Green eggs and ham at brunch, plus drop biscuits, grits, etc. **DRINKS:** Wines from all over, beer and Southern-accented cocktails. \$\$\$

Gigi's Cupcakes

296 W. Broad St. • 706-208-7879
1791 Oconee Connector • 706-208-3727
gigiscupcakesusa.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, gluten-free options. **HOURS:** Open seven days (Epps Bridge), Tue-Sun (W. Broad). \$

Girasoles

24 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-0410
girasoleswatkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, reservations, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, Tue-Fri. Dinner, Tue-Sat. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Cozy space in downtown Watkinsville. **MENU:** Mexican-accented fusion, but also classic steaks and seafood. Tapas, entrees and frequently changing specials: crab cakes, Cajun pasta, fish and grits, plus chef's selection of three dishes. Sunday brunch includes waffles, omelets and a buffet. \$\$\$

The Globe

199 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-4721
facebook.com/globe.athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Live music, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **THE LOOK:** Often named one of the best college bars in the country, The Globe is more grown-up than that makes it sound. Soccer and live music upstairs. **MENU:** Pub cuisine, including fish and chips, burgers, a croque monsieur, really good vegan chili and housemade potato chips. Sunday brunch includes pancakes, grits, steak and eggs and a frittata. **DRINKS:** An eclectic selection of over 80 craft beers, 60 wines and 40 single-malt scotches. \$

Go Bar

195 Prince Ave. • 706-546-5609
facebook.com/go.bar.35

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music/DJs, karaoke, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A venue with unique performances and dance parties under the reflections of a disco ball. The tiny TV at the bar is usually showing something cool. **DRINKS:** Bottled brews, cocktails and shots. \$

Golden Chick

7990 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-705-1655
goldenchick.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Golden Dragon

126 Alps Road • 706-552-1688
athensgoldendragon.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, buffet, delivery, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Chinese restaurant in a shopping center. **MENU:** Big lunch buffet daily. Tons of standard options. Dragon Dinners feature combinations of dishes for two to 10 people. \$\$

Golden Sun Chinese Restaurant

4375 Lexington Road • 706-549-3388
goldensuninathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue-Sun. **THE LOOK:** Pleasant dining in the Eastside Walmart shopping

center. **MENU:** Countless classic options, 30 chef's specials, 50 different lunch specials and Peking duck (if you order ahead). A Lighter Fare section offers steamed MSG-free meals low in sodium; lots of tofu choices. \$\$

The Grill

171 College Ave. • 706-543-4770

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer. **HOURS:** 24 hours, seven days. **THE LOOK:** An Athens classic that mixes 1950s with punk, with tons of late-night stories. **MENU:** Burgers, hot sandwiches and tons of veggie choices. Don't forget crinkle-cut fries with a side of feta dressing and a milkshake. Breakfast is served half the day, from midnight to noon, and works well on hangovers. See ad on p. 47. \$



Grindhouse Killer Burgers

1553 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-612-9327
grindhouseburgers.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, counter service, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Two-floor small chain out of Atlanta. **MENU:** Small (1/4 lb.), flat burgers made with beef, turkey or beans and quinoa; build your own or select a combo from the menu. Handspun milkshakes, crinkle-cut fries, fried pimento cheese nuggets, salads, chili. **DRINKS:** Domestics and craft beers, wine, cocktails and boozy milkshakes. See ad on p. 6. \$\$



The Grit

199 Prince Ave. • 706-543-6592
thegrit.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. Weekend brunch. **THE LOOK:** Art everywhere, including an R.A. Miller by the bathrooms. Lots of character. **MENU:** Vegetarian and vegan from around the world, but plenty of meat-eaters swear by it. The chalkboard lists daily veggies that you can assemble into a plate, or pick from the Golden Bowl (brown rice tossed with double-fried tofu and topped with veggies and cheese), seitan gyro, banh mi, etc. Breakfast and brunch bring burritos, pancakes, omelets and more. Don't skip dessert. Whole housemade cakes and pies are available with 48 hours notice. See ad on p. 44. \$\$



Groove Burgers

1791 Oconee Connector • 762-499-5699
grooveburgers.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, counter service, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Slick,

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independently owned burger place that gets orders out fast. **MENU:** Burgers (both meat and veggie), salads and hot sandwiches (pork chop, Philly, fried chicken) come with great sides ("street corn," asparagus, brussels sprouts, fabulous onion rings). Clever toppings and smart choice of ingredients like pickled shallots. Good shakes. \$\$

The Grotto

140 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9933

facebook.com/grotto.athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. **THE LOOK:** Go downstairs to this often overlooked underground hangout for an intimate atmosphere. **DRINKS:** Top-shelf sipping whiskeys and fresh-fruit-driven cocktails like the Tatouini Martini. \$

Gyro Wrap

175 E. Broad St. • 706-543-9071

gyrowrap.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly.



FEATURES: Beer, counter service, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Tables in one room, a few outside and some seats at the counter. **MENU:** Tortilla and pita wraps, salads and Phillies. See ad on p. 49. \$

Half Moon Pub

301 E. Clayton St. • 706-208-9711

flanagansathens.homestead.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **THE LOOK:** Nestled beneath its sister bar, Flanagan's, Half Moon is a calmer place to pass the time. Enjoy a brew at the authentic Irish bar. **DRINKS:** Several beers to choose from; known for its wine and whiskey selection. \$

Half-Shepherd Market & Cheese Shop

1238 Prince Ave., Ste. B • 706-850-2955

facebook.com/halfshep

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **HOURS:** Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. **THE LOOK:** Cheese shop and neighborhood market in Normaltown, opening fall 2018. **MENU:** Cut-to-order cheese counter and high-quality pantry staples. Sandwiches, soups, salads and more from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; ready-to-eat foods all day long. \$

Hedges on Broad

346 E. Broad St. • 706-850-8500

facebook.com/HedgesOnBroad

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A big screen to watch football in a bar named for Sanford Stadium's hedges. Two bars, plus a dance floor with a balcony. **DRINKS:** Fully stocked bar. \$

Heirloom Cafe and Fresh Market

815 N. Chase St. • 706-354-7901

heirloomathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian

Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Fri. Dinner, Tue–Sat. Weekend brunch. **THE LOOK:** Clean, arty space with great light, a bocce court and



wonderful patio in a historic neighborhood. **MENU:** Chef takes on Southern standards, including a refined chicken mull. Local providers supply inspiration for menu that changes regularly. Brunch is busy for good reason. Very accommodating of diet restrictions. **DRINKS:** Seasonal artisan cocktails. Good wines and beers. Regular wine tastings. See ad on p. 49. \$\$\$

Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050

hendershotscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, live music, art, Wi-Fi, outside seating. **HOURS:** Open seven days. Dinner Mon–Sat. Brunch Sat and Sun. **THE LOOK:** Coffeehouse/restaurant/bar/music club in the Bottleworks. **MENU:** Coffee drinks, nitro coffee, teas and juices all day pair with muffins, cookies and savory scones or freshly made hummus, sandwiches and wraps. Dinner brings good burgers, tacos, a mahi mahi sandwich and egg rolls. Biscuits, more tacos, French toast, etc. for brunch. **DRINKS:** Draft and bottled/canned craft beers, wine, craft cocktails (some with coffee). \$

Hi-Lo Lounge

1354 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8561

hiloathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, counter service, trivia. **HOURS:** Dinner and late night, Mon–Sun. Lunch, Mon–Sat. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Family-friendly neighborhood bar with eats. TVs for sporting events. **MENU:** Hot dogs with an array of toppings, fried cheese galore, plus tons of veggie and vegan choices that work for meat-eaters. Broiled grapefruit with gin, Cointreau and Lillet for brunch, plus biscuits and gravy. **DRINKS:** Full bar with 15 draft beers plus a well-curated selection of bottles and cans; half pours; whiskeys; classic cocktails. \$

Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

2020 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-8668

hibachiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Buffet. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Huge Asian buffet of over 300 items. **MENU:** Hibachi station cooks your veggies and proteins to order, including clams, lobster, crab legs and mussels. Buffet tables with tons of Chinese dishes, sushi, American food, fruit, salad and desserts are spread across the room. Open most holidays. \$\$

Highwire Lounge

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997

highwirelounge.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Live music, trivia, outside seating, art. **HOURS:** Dinner and late night, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Upscale cocktail bar with soft lighting, reclaimed wood walls and live music. **MENU:** Snacks and heavier options from Trappeze, its sister bar, to which it connects. **DRINKS:** High-end cocktails carefully crafted with small-batch liquors and fresh ingredients. \$

Hilltop Grille

2310 W. Broad St. • 706-353-7667

hilltopgrille.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Reservations, live music, full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and

dinner, Tue–Sun. Dinner, Mon. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Friendly, preppy, somewhat upscale hangout

with Jack Davis art. **MENU:** Familiar, well-executed food done better than the big chains, from bacon-wrapped shrimp and artichoke dip to country-fried steak, lots of seafood, steaks and Key lime pie. **DRINKS:** Large wooden bar serving beer, wine and cocktails with happy hour specials. See ad on p. 54. \$\$\$



Hodgson's Pharmacy

1260 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-7386

hodgsonsr.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. **HOURS:** Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Sat, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **THE LOOK:** Old-fashioned drug store with soda fountain counter. **MENU:** Scoops of Edy's ice cream in a cup or cone for just \$1. Malts, shakes and floats, too. Sit on the hill outside for the best experience. \$

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1072 Baxter St. • 706-206-9216

homemadethens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, take-out, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. Saturday brunch. **THE LOOK:** R. Wood pottery, pretty flowers, welcoming atmosphere. **MENU:** A little bit New Orleans, a little bit rest of the South and a lot of vegetables. Menu changes often, but could include smoked trout ravioli, fried chicken thighs (with greens and green tomato chow chow) and tomato pie. Supper Club for early diners (5–6 p.m.) gets you two courses for \$15. You can also buy casseroles, sides, snacks and take-away meals. **DRINKS:** Bright cocktails, good wine list and beer selection. \$\$

HoneyBaked Ham Co. & Café

3690 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-8800

honeybaked.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Delivery, catering, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. \$

Hot Thomas Barbecue

3753 Hwy. 15, Watkinsville • 706-769-6550

hotthomasbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, checks. **HOURS:** Lunch, Tue–Sat. Dinner, Fri and Sat. **THE LOOK:** Country barbecue since 1984; vintage soda bottles for decoration. **MENU:** It's short: chopped pork, ribs, chicken, hamburgers and chili dogs, plus stew, slaw, mull and chips (listed just so). Slices of pecan or chocolate pie for dessert. \$

Hungry Howie's

529 Baxter St. • 706-826-2600

hungryhowies.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. \$

Ideal Bagel

815 W. Broad St. • 706-353-0005

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FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Homage to a classic deli. **MENU:** Breakfast and lunch, with nice, small bagels, house-smoked fish and sandwiches (either

on bagels or on Luna bread). Sandwiches involve meats sliced in front of you (capicola, roast beef, etc.) but also hummus, roasted veggies and sauerkraut. Kids meals. \$

Ike and Jane

1307 Prince Ave. • 706-850-1580
ikeandjane.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Crafts and bright colors under the big doughnut sign. **MENU:** Doughnuts, of course, topped with cereal, cookies, sprinkles and more and decorated adorably. Also: coffee, many other baked goods, biscuits, soups, salads and sandwiches. Some gluten-free stuff. \$

Independent Baking Co.

1625 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3550
independentbaking.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **HOURS:** Open Tue–Sun. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **THE LOOK:** Small shop with most of its space devoted to baking; a few seats at a counter. **MENU:** It doesn't really matter what you order here, because it is all superlative: very serious bread (down to the rolls), plus croissants and other feather-light viennoiserie, Counter Culture coffee, a limited selection of cookies and the occasional pizza pop-up. Products available at a few other places around town. \$

Inoko Express

2061 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-7088

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-425-8828

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Ideal for meals to go. **MENU:** Steak, chicken, shrimp, salmon, tofu and "Ultimate Vegetarian" prepared hibachi style or with teriyaki sauce. Entrees come with fried rice, vegetables and two sauces. \$

Inoko Japanese Steak House

161 Alps Road • 706-546-8589
facebook.com/inokoathens

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Sun–Fri. Dinner, Sat. **THE LOOK:** Hibachi cooked in front of you as entertainment with your meal. **MENU:** Combinations of ribeye, filet mignon, chicken, shrimp, scallops and lobster cooked on the grill, served with rice and veggies and paired with onion soup, salad and a shrimp appetizer. Discounts for college students and senior citizens. Smaller portions during lunch. Good selection of sushi. \$\$\$

Inoko Sushi Express

2301 College Station Road • 706-546-5662
facebook.com/InokoSushiExpress

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Fast sushi in a casual environment. **MENU:** No bells and whistles, but good sushi at a reasonable price. Choose among nigiri, maki and specialty rolls, then accessorize with katsu, edamame, seaweed salad, etc. Teriyaki and tempura too. \$

Insomnia Cookies

228 E. Clayton St. • 706-623-6277
insomniacookies.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Seven days until 3 a.m. \$

Iron Factory

255 W. Washington St. • 706-395-6877
ironfactoryinc.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, full bar, live music, karaoke. **HOURS:** Dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** More upscale than you might think. Each table has its own grill; big patio outside and private karaoke rooms. **MENU:** You can cook your own food, but the servers will do it for you. Pick a protein (pork belly, steak, chicken, shrimp, prawns, fish) or veggies, sear, wrap in radish slices and gulp down. Everything comes with salad, rice and side vegetables. **DRINKS:** Korean soju, sake and wine, plus cocktails in addition to beer. \$\$

Iron Works Coffee

295 E. Dougherty St. • 706-254-6909
graduateathens.com/dining/graduate-coffee-bar

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. **HOURS:** 7 a.m.–9 p.m., seven days. **THE LOOK:** You don't have to be a guest at Graduate Athens to stop by the coffee shop in its lobby. **MENU:** Pastries, muffins, hot chocolate with M&Ms and coffee by La Colombe. See ad on p. 13. \$



J & J Flea Market

11661 Hwy. 441 N. • 706-613-2410
jandjfleamarket.com

FILE UNDER: American, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, counter service, cash only. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Sat and Sun. **THE LOOK:** Georgia's biggest flea market has several large buildings with regular eateries and a ton of tables outside selling fresh, well-priced produce. **MENU:** Biscuits and burgers at the Flea Bite Cafe, barbecue, boiled peanuts, pizza and the wonderful Taqueria Mi Tierra, serving up excellent and authentic Mexican food, including fantastic pollo a la brasa. Food truck nights. \$

J Buffalo Wings

196 Alps Road • 706-850-2095
jbuffalo.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, outside seating, take out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Atlanta-based chain with plenty of seating. **MENU:** The usual combination of wings, fried rice, noodles, teriyaki, fried fish and shrimp, sandwiches and chicken tenders, prepared quickly. \$

J. Christopher's

1650 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3520
jchristophers.com

FILE UNDER: American. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, seven days. **FEATURES:** Outdoor seating, Wi-Fi. \$

J.R. Crickets

810 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-9800
facebook.com/athensjrcrickets

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Black-and-white checkered floor, TVs around the room, red walls and a bar. **MENU:** The Atlanta chain is best known for wings (lemon pepper wet is the most famous), but it also does tasty ribs, fried shrimp, waffles, Philly cheesesteaks, fried fish and more. You can get various combos of the above or add three ribs or five wings to any menu item for an upcharge. Not super veggie-friendly, but everything is good. \$\$



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FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, catering, counter service, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

JB's Smokin' Pig Barbeque

64 N. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-6116

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FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Not too rustic, not too fancy, with a large covered patio on the edge of downtown Watkinsville. **MENU:** Pulled and chopped pork, a small but good array of sauces, good barbecue chicken and great beans. Slices of pie in the case up front, and ribs on special. \$

Jennings Mill Drug Company

1360 Caduceus Way, Building 400 • 706-621-5996

jenningsmilldrugcompany.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. **THE LOOK:** Classic soda fountain in an independent drugstore hidden away. **MENU:** Bagels for breakfast. Lunch expands to sandwiches (pimento cheese, chicken salad, grilled cheese, chicken wrap, spinach salad with egg, bacon and poppyseed dressing). Also chili dogs, slaw dogs, good soups, PB&J, fro-yo and milkshakes. \$

Jersey Mike's

690 U.S. Hwy. 29, Ste. 125 • 706-353-4655

jerseymikes.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Jerzees Sports Bar

420 E. Clayton St.

facebook.com/jerzeessport

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Live music/DJs. **HOURS:** Dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Sports bar by day, dance club by night frequented by students, athletes and locals. This huge space features a multitude of TVs for catching a game or watching music videos. **MENU:** All-American fast-food snacks like hot dogs, pretzels and popcorn. **DRINKS:** Ten beers on draft and many more in bottle. \$

Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs

600 Baxter St. • 706-613-0500

2301 College Station Road • 706-543-5411

jimmyjohns.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru (Baxter), delivery, catering, counter service, outside seating (Baxter). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night (Baxter). \$

Jittery Joe's Coffee

UGA Miller Learning Center • 706-549-2124

27 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-4280

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-354-8000

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1230 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-1979

297 E. Broad St. • 706-613-7449

1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-8900

jitteryjoes.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru (Baxter, Greensboro and Epps Bridge), outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Vary by location. Open seven days. **THE LOOK:** Named for a coffee shop on "The Simpsons," Jittery Joe's is instantly identifiable with

Athens. The beans are roasted here in town, and each location is different. **MENU:** Wide range of specialty roasts that benefit different causes. Lots of hot and cold drinks and premium teas. Locally baked goodies like bagels, giant brownies, parfaits, scones and muffins. Heartier fare at some locations. \$

The Tasting Room at Jittery Joe's Roasting Company

425 Barber St. • 706-227-2161

jitteryjoes.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside Seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. **THE LOOK:** Look for the shiny Quonset hut. You can check out the roasting equipment inside. Some tables. **MENU:** Fresh-roasted beans by the pound—whole or ground to your specs—cups of coffee, teas and shots of espresso. Home base for the ubiquitous local brew. Hosts lots of events and occasional food truck pop-ups. \$

Johnny's New York Style Pizza

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-354-1515

johnnypizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, outside seating, trivia, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Journey Juice

1428 Prince Ave. • 706-850-0707

journeyjuice.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Mon–Fri. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat. Noon–5 p.m., Sun. **THE LOOK:** Swing by this juicing operation for a quick liquid meal. Knowledgeable staff members will gladly offer tips on how to plan a juice cleanse. **MENU:** Raw, organic, cold-pressed and unpasteurized fruit and vegetable juices that are also delicious and pre-packaged for easy transporting. \$

Just Pho...and More

1063 Baxter St. • 706-850-1420

facebook.com/justphoandmore

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, art, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Fern-decorated Vietnamese eatery with sit-down service and local art on the walls. **MENU:** Lots of pho (beef-broth-based noodle soup customizable with lots of additions; available in a veggie version), but also com (rice with grilled meat), bun (noodles) or banh mi sandwiches. Bubble tea, fruit smoothies, pastries in the case. \$

KEBA Spitfire Grill

1021 Jamestown Blvd., Watkinsville • 706-310-7222

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-543-8210

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-7285

kebagrill.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, drive-thru (Watkinsville), delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Locally based kebap sandwich franchise. **MENU:** The signature sandwich (beef, chicken, lamb, feta, falafel) is still available, as are delicious Belgian fries and dipping sauces, but also wraps, salads, bowls and more. Kids meals, gelato for dessert, low-carb choices. \$

Kelly's Jamaican Food

1583 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-208-0000

145 Epps Bridge Road • 706-369-5400

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FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Beer, catering, counter service, outside seating.

HOURS: Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun (Five Points), Mon–Sat (Epps Bridge). **THE LOOK:** Two locations of a longtime Athens restaurant. Lumpkin Street has a covered patio.

MENU: Walk down the counter and select from Jamaican standards and veggies: jerk chicken, oxtail, curry goat, barbecue ribs, salmon, spicy cabbage, spicy squash, rice and peas, fried plantains, mac and cheese. Patties, too, plus super-sweet tea and cornbread. \$\$

Kiki's Bakeshop

20 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-6766

kikisbakeshop.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon–Fri. 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat. **MENU:** Fresh breads (loaf-style, baguettes, bagels), muffins, scones (sweet and savory), cinnamon rolls and sweets from cheesecake to bar desserts, cupcakes, layer cakes and cookies, everything cutely packaged. The deli case holds pimento cheese, chicken salad, tuna salad and hummus. Specialty cakes and pies orderable in advance. Holiday menus. \$\$

Koa Bowls

114 College Ave.

koabowls.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Charleston-based, Hawaii-themed poke restaurant. **MENU:** All kinds of healthy stuff in bowls: acai with granola, tuna or vegetarian poke (also available as nachos and tacos), chicken teriyaki. Also avocado toast, Hawaiian hot dogs (with fruit relish) and BLT sliders. Opening 2018. \$\$

Krimson Kafe

40 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-0888

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FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, art. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Friendly small-town café. **MENU:** Homemade soups, salads and deli sandwiches. Chicken salad, egg salad, ham salad and pimento cheese homemade daily (available by the scoop or the pound). Nice selection of veggie options. Fresh-squeezed apple and carrot juice, plus Jittery Joe's coffee. \$

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

3703 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 706-208-0628

krispykreme.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, drive-thru, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** 5:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun–Thu. 5:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri–Sat. \$

La Cabaña de Don Juan

2061 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-4490

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Americanized Mexican restaurant: booths, TVs, sombreros and a big fireplace. **MENU:** Queso, burritos, combo plates, many varieties of fajitas and quesadillas and lots of lunch specials, too. **DRINKS:** Margaritas, Mexican beers and a few draft brews. \$\$

La Estrella

400 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-353-8557

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FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wed–Mon. **THE LOOK:**

Awesome murals and beach-inspired decor. **MENU:** Breakfast starts a little late, but is a nice option, with eggs and pancakes. The menu has all the Americanized standards, but also wonderful seafood specialties (mojarra frita, caldo de siete mares) and excellent al pastor. **DRINKS:** Margaritas, plus beer and wine. \$\$\$

La Fiesta

1395 College Station Road • 706-549-5933
athens-lafiesta.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Eastside restaurant with colorful decor and a large covered outdoor patio. **MENU:** Popular Americanized Mexican fare: burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, taquitos, nachos, tacos and quesadillas. Special entrees and combo plates. **DRINKS:** Margaritas, Mexican beers, domestics and house wines. \$\$\$

La Michoacana... es Natural

1635 Glenn Carrie Road, Hull • 706-521-8008
facebook.com/lamichoacanahull

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Noon–9 p.m., seven days. **THE LOOK:** Bright pink and green environs connected to the gas station in front of the Ingles. Second location inside Eastside Cali 'N' Tito's. Truck at the J&J sometimes. **MENU:** This ice-cream chain popular in Mexico makes flavors fresh in-store daily (try the tequila ice cream), as well as gorgeous paletas full of fruit, rollitos (rolled ice cream), smoothies, aguas frescas and a variety of Mexican street-food snacks like Dorilocos and loaded potato chips. Tostadas de ceviche on Fridays. \$

La Superior

9029 Hwy. 29 S., Hull • 706-521-8244
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FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Wed–Mon, 6 a.m.–9 p.m. **THE LOOK:** Select your own pastries with tongs or browse the refrigerated cases in this cute bakery in a small strip mall. **MENU:** Cake by the slice, cookies, Mexican sweet breads, doughnuts, whole cakes, coffee and surprisingly excellent bagels. Snocones sometimes. All exceedingly reasonably priced. \$

La Tienda Los Amigos

109 Rowe Road • 706-543-9637

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Small counter in a lively Mexican grocery store with a few booths. **MENU:** Tacos, tortas, burritos and a few other things, all made with meat available at the butcher's counter next door. The "American taco" comes with lettuce and cheese and is actually quite tasty. Homemade tortillas. Horchata and aguas frescas with tamarind, pineapple and hibiscus to drink. Browse for snacks while you wait. \$

Larry's Giant Subs

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-227-7298
1959 S. Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-4926
larryssubs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Last Resort Grill

184 W. Clayton St. • 706-549-0810
lastresortgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars.

FEATURES: Outside seating, art. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. Lunch, Mon–Sat. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Great outdoor seating, cool mural outside, exposed brick walls. **MENU:** South by Southwest. In other words, steak with poblano pisto and cactus vinaigrette exists alongside fried green tomatoes with Vidalia bacon dressing. Brunch is always busy and serves omelets, clay pots, crab Benedict and more. **DRINKS:** American vodkas, gins and vermouths, as well as Armagnac, ice wine, Madeira, sherry and a long list of wines. \$\$\$

Lay-Z-Shopper

361 E. Clayton St. • 706-548-6000

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Big downtown convenience store with a sandwich counter that also sells beer-pong accessories, cat food and the like. **MENU:** Big deli sandwiches made with fresh-sliced Boar's Head meats and cheeses, in a hurry. Plenty of choice for beverages. Free high fives if you leave a tip. \$

Lil' Ice Cream Dude's Cool World

1040 Gaines School Road
lilicecreamdude.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **THE LOOK:** Popular kid-owned ice cream truck gets a brick-and-mortar space in the Ansonborough development. Opening 2018. **MENU:** Ice cream sandwiches, hand-dipped and soft-serve ice cream, novelty ice cream, Italian ices, rolled ice cream and milkshakes. \$

Lindsey's Culinary Market

520 N. Thomas St. • 706-353-0558
lindseysculinarymarket.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Mon–Fri. 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Sat. **THE LOOK:** Cute space under 1000 Faces downtown. **MENU:** Best known for take-out and catering, Lindsey's does hot and cold lunch six days a week. Eat in the friendly dining room after choosing from pimento-less cheese, shrimp salad, chicken salad and a number of veggie-based dishes that change out daily: collard rolls, quiche, grain salads and more. Cookies, fancy chocolates, candy and gift items available, too. Biscuits on weekends. \$\$\$

Little City Diner

135 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-7590
littlecitydiner.com

FILE UNDER: American. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Fri (except summers). Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Pretty, sunny little restaurant in the middle of Winterville. **MENU:** Great food in a quiet environment. Southern breakfast and brunch include country ham biscuits, hotcakes, Red Mule grits and sawmill gravy. Lunch has a hot blue-plate special, plus soup, salads and sandwiches. Dinner one night a week is a fun place to experiment. Good pie and coffee. \$

Little Italy

125 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-7100
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FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Fast, traditional New York-style pizzeria. **MENU:** Pizza by the big, floppy slice or by the pie. Massive subs, antipasti, salads, stromboli and calzones. Everything, including pitchers of beer, is priced for the penny-pincher. \$



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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, trivia, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **THE LOOK:** A spacious bar, music venue and dance floor for the local crowd. Outside, you'll find a large, dog-friendly patio decked out with a camper, boat and cornhole. **DRINKS:** A variety of bottled beers and rotating drafts that include seasonal brews. Wines, too. \$

Live Wire

227 W. Dougherty St. • 706-543-8283

livewireathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music/DJs, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** This all-purpose music venue has three stages—two inside and one outside in a large beer garden. The space has proven adaptable for private parties, fashion and film events. **DRINKS:** A good assortment of craft and local beer, as well as budget-friendly options. Wine and cocktails, too. \$\$

Locos Grill & Pub

2020 Timothy Road • 706-549-7700

1985 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-208-0911

locosgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up (Timothy), delivery, live music (Timothy), trivia, catering, Wi-Fi, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Local chain gone statewide has a focus on sports. **MENU:** Deli sandwiches, burgers with lots of toppings, salads, grilled cheese and chili combo, wings, fish tacos and, surprisingly, lots of vegetarian options. **DRINKS:** Fully stocked bar with domestic beer available in pitchers or by the glass. \$\$

Logan's Roadhouse

3668 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-9890

logansroadhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Longhorn Steakhouse

2170 W. Broad St. • 706-548-0054

longhornsteakhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$\$

Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant

1880 Hwy. 29 N. • 706-227-8308

facebook.com/losreyesmexrest

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Large, authentic Mexican restaurant with a nice patio, attached to a gas station. **MENU:** Excellent tacos (filled with cilantro, onions and fish, al pastor, barbacoa or lengua), big tortas, menudo, tostadas de ceviche and a molcajete full of grilled meats and veggies. **DRINKS:** Margaritas, mixed drinks and beer. \$

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1653 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-2020

lrgprovisions.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Catering, full bar, reservations. **HOURS:** Dinner, Tue-Sun. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Modern space in the heart of Five Points with an enclosed porch. **MENU:** The catering base for Last Resort Grill also does dinner five nights a week: meat-and-three-inspired on Tuesday; dishes like mojo chicken and al pastor guajillo the other nights. Brunch has huevos rancheros,

fried oyster and eggs, ropa vieja hash and Bloody Marys.

DRINKS: Local beers, specialty cocktails and fine wines. \$\$

Madison Bar & Bistro

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430

indigoathens.com/about-us/madison-bar-bistro

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Reservations, outside seating, live music, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Hotel Indigo's restaurant has a nice patio featuring a fire pit and a weekly cocktail hour to which you can bring your dog. **MENU:** Breakfast starts at 6:30 a.m. and is divided into "hot and hearty" and "quick and easy," with pastries from Ike & Jane and locally made bagels. Dinner brings both fancy bar snacks and full meals better than average hotel fare. **DRINKS:** Nice cocktails that might include house-infused peach bourbon, High West vodka or blackberries. Local draft beer, wine. \$\$

Maepole

1021 N. Chase St. • 706-850-3600

maepole.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Peter Dale's sweet reno in Boulevard has a bright veggie mural and captain's hats for kids. **MENU:** Pick a base (brown rice, quinoa, sweet potatoes, salad greens), then a protein (hormone- and antibiotic-free meats, black-eyed-pea tempeh), two veggie sides and a sauce. There are a couple of soups and both Condor Chocolates and La Michoacana paletas for dessert. Kids meals. Gluten-free choices. **DRINKS:** Wine and beer, Aperol spritzes. \$\$

Magnolias

312 E. Broad St. • 706-543-0797

facebook.com/magnoliasathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A two-story lounge across the street from North Campus in the historic Frigidaire building. There's free pool upstairs and several projection screens to watch the Dawgs play while enjoying a beautiful view of both downtown and campus. **DRINKS:** The usual array of brews, plus daily deals on domestics and wells. \$

Main Moon Restaurant

2061 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-8686

FILE UNDER: Asian. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Quick and casual counter service is the focus. **MENU:** Chow mein, stir fry, fried rice, lo mein, egg foo yung, Mongolian chicken, Szechuan beef and Hunan shrimp, all ready for take-out or eat-in. Menu has a Weight Watchers section. \$\$

Malinda's Country Kitchen

3755 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-0385

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Independent Southern restaurant in a former Sonny's BBQ. **MENU:** Country buffet with fried chicken, ribs, pork chops, meatloaf, collards, squash casserole and more, with slightly different options every day, including a cobbler. Also: burgers, hot dogs, pimento cheese, barbecue sandwiches. \$\$

Mama Jewel's Kitchen

1075 Baxter St. • 706-850-9797

mamajewelskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out, outdoor seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Tue-Fri. Weekend brunch. **THE LOOK:** Big space with homey touches like a giant bookshelf filled with

cookbooks. **MENU:** Breakfast all day, with biscuit plates, eggs, yogurt, chicken and waffles. Lunch is Southern but not exclusively, from ladies-who-lunch fare to a very good corned beef and hot platters. Even more breakfast choices at brunch. Take-and-bake casseroles and food to go. \$\$

Mama Sid's Pizza

2240 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-6100

mamasidspizza.net

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** BYOB, buffet, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon-Sat. **THE LOOK:** Casual family-run pizzeria. **MENU:** An all-you-can-eat buffet is perfect for pizza lovers with a large appetite and a small budget. Order from the menu for salads, subs, pasta, hot wings, calzones and more. \$

Mama's Boy

197 Oak St. • 706-548-6249

8851 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8550

mamasboyathens.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, reservations, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Thu. Brunch, Fri-Sun. **THE LOOK:** Original location with a pretty patio by the Greenway. Version 2.0 is more open but captures the feel of its big sibling. **MENU:** Breakfast all day (biscuits, of course, but also scramblers, chocolate cake, omelets and more); lunch (fried chicken plate, pimento cheese-topped burger, fried green tomato sandwich, salads)

in the second half of the day. UGA-made sausage. Strawberry lemonade. Very accommodating to those with special dietary needs. See ad on p. 53. \$\$



Manhattan Café

337 N. Hull St. • 706-369-9767

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, DJs. **THE LOOK:** A local favorite for more than two decades, darkly lit and cozy. Lights and vinyl records hang from the ceiling, and a time-worn jukebox spins tunes. Popcorn and snacks available. **DRINKS:** Check out the specials on the handwritten signs. Cocktails, beer, wine, sangria and even sake. \$

Mannaweenta

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-850-8422

mannaweenta.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue-Sat. Dinner only, Mon. **THE LOOK:** Wonderfully hospitable Ethiopian spot in a nondescript shopping center. **MENU:** Lots of beef dishes, but also tons of vegetarian and vegan options, all served with chewy, pancake-like injera bread. You'll be surprised how many ways lentils, tomatoes and onions can come together to make something delicious. Ethiopian tea and coffee, plus cookies. \$

Marker 7 Coastal Grill

1195 Milledge Ave. • 706-850-3451

marker7coastalgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue-Sun. Dinner,

Mon. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Nice fish shack in a renovated historic house. **MENU:** Georgia and Gulf seafood: lightly fried baskets, peel-and-eat shrimp, oysters (raw or cooked), grilled or blackened entrees and sides like coleslaw and hush puppies. Burgers and chicken tacos, too. Cornhole on the lawn. Extra parking at the fire station. **DRINKS:** Beachy cocktails, beer and wine. See ad on p. 54. \$\$



Marti's at Midday

1280 Prince Ave. • 706-543-3541
martisatmidday.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. **THE LOOK:** Sunny rooms in a pretty white house in Normaltown. **MENU:** Southern-style lunch and take-home entrees and casseroles are what Marti's is known for, although it also does breakfast weekdays with homemade muffins and more. Highlights include tarragon chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad, chicken gumbo and mint sweet tea, all of which can be bought in bulk. \$\$

Max

243 W. Washington St. • 706-286-0339
facebook.com/themaxcanada

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A huge bar with a lot to offer. Play pool, air hockey or arcade games in the back, or enjoy the night air and possibly a DJ in one of the larger patios Downtown. **DRINKS:** A great variety of beers both bottled and on draft at the three bars. \$

Mayflower Restaurant

171 E. Broad St. • 706-548-1692
mayflowerrestaurant.weebly.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Cash only, delivery. **HOURS:** Breakfast, seven days. Lunch, Sun–Fri. **THE LOOK:** Family-run Southern diner operating since 1948. **MENU:** Country-style comfort food. Omelets, biscuits, hotcakes, steak, country ham and more for breakfast. Hearty lunch options rotate daily and include pot roast,

fried chicken livers and lemon pepper tilapia alongside vegetables like fried okra, cabbage, sweet potato soufflé and squash casserole. \$

Mediterranean Grill

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-543-5000
mediterraneangrill.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Small chain from Decatur cooks Mediterranean standards in an open kitchen. **MENU:** Grilled meats and veggies (lamb, chicken, kofta, gyros) and tons of vegetarian choices, like falafel, salads, dolmas, hummus and tabbouleh, all of which can be mixed and matched into good combos. Kids meals and business lunch specials. Baklava and other desserts. \$

Mell's Place

4648 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 706-548-0830
facebook.com/mells.place.7

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, cash only, live music, karaoke. **THE LOOK:** A classic bar built in 1952. Get away from downtown to sing country songs and play pool in a friendly atmosphere. **DRINKS:** A full bar with the usual domestic beer selection and generous liquor pours. \$

Mellow Mushroom

320 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-0892
mellowmushroom.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, outside seating, trivia, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Psychedelia meets sports. **MENU:** This Atlanta-based chain founded in 1974 has been in Athens a long time. Lots of toppings and specialty pies, plus pretzels made with the same dough, salads, subs, calzones and munchies. **DRINKS:** More than 40 beers on tap, including regional, craft and high-gravity brews; bottled/canned beers, too, as well wine and liquor. \$\$

Menchie's

1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-850-8336
196 Alps Road • 706-208-7223
menchies.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Open seven days, noon–10 or 11 p.m. \$

Mirko Pasta

2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-310-1233
mirkopasta.com

FILE UNDER: Italian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Athens-based casual dining franchise. **MENU:** Pick a fresh pasta and a sauce (you can also add a protein: chicken, sausage, meatballs, shrimp), or choose a seasonal entree (like Pollo Marsala and Lasagna Verde). Add on a salad, some antipasti and dessert. White-bean hummus comes complimentary with bread. \$\$

Moe's Southwest Grill

1320 Baxter St. • 706-369-7776
moes.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Moonshine Bar

275 E. Clayton St. • 706-552-0606
facebook.com/moonshineathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** DJs, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A rustic downtown bar with warm wood accents and barn doors. **DRINKS:** Rotating beers on draft, margaritas and, of course, moonshine. \$

Mother Pho

167 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6006
motherphoathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, take out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Patio out front with a fountain; plenty of seating inside, too. **MENU:** The traditional beef-broth-based noodle soup is a mainstay, but you can also order banh mi sandwiches, Vietnamese crepes, summer rolls, claypots and rice dishes. Vietnamese coffee, fruit slushies, bubble tea and coconut juice to drink. \$

The National

232 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-549-3450
thenationalrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Reservations, catering, outside

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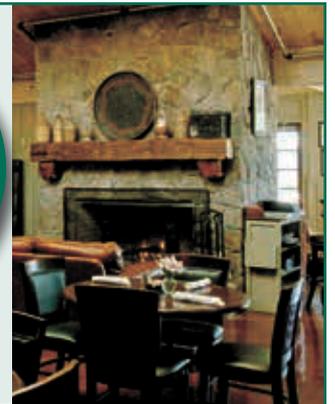


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seating, Wi-Fi, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Sophisticated date-night restaurant that works great for lunch, too. **MENU:** Spanish-Mediterranean, with tapas and more. There's



lots to keep vegetarians happy, like the “power lunch” (an ever-changing array of healthy, colorful veggie items) and dinner's veggie plate. Also: amazing chicken, beauteous salads, thoughtful desserts. **DRINKS:** Wine-by-the-glass selection is large due to the Enomatic system. Finely crafted cocktails change seasonally. The bar has its own scene and hosts the occasional late-night dance party. See ad on p. 43. \$\$\$\$

New Red Bowl Asian Bistro

1935 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-227-7888

newredbowl.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Slick place with a sushi bar, a full bar with big TVs, a bunch of booths and a big dining room. **MENU:** Yes, there's sesame chicken and Mongolian beef—plus sushi, Thai curries and lunch bento boxes—but your best bet is to ask for the Szechuan menu (cumin lamb liberally sprinkled with dried red chilis, interesting soups with pickled vegetables, conch in chili oil, unusual meats). Good noodles, too. \$\$

Normal Bar

1365 Prince Ave. • 706-548-6186

facebook.com/normal.bar.7

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** Unwind at this neighborhood bar in Normaltown. There's plenty of space for groups, inside and out. With fires on the patio in the winter, it feels extra homey. **DRINKS:** Ever-changing craft and local beers and handcrafted cocktails. If the drinks aren't enough, try the boiled peanuts. \$

Nowhere Bar

240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742

facebook.com/NowhereBarAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. **THE LOOK:** A charming dive-y bar where locals and students can throw darts, shoot pool and enjoy live music most nights. **DRINKS:** Plenty of beers on draft, with the usual suspects behind the bar. \$

The Office Lounge

2455 Jefferson Road • 706-546-0840

facebook.com/officeathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating, live music, karaoke. **THE LOOK:** Popular among the more seasoned local crowd, with classic Athens musicians, drag shows and dance parties. Play pool, shuffleboard, darts or keno. **DRINKS:** The full bar offers inexpensive wells and domestics, as well as signature cocktails like the Red Snapper, made with Crown Royal and cranberry. \$

The Office Sports Bar and Grill

135 W. Washington St. • 706-521-5898

theofficecolumbusga.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** TVs for sports, but swankier surroundings than most places of its type. **MENU:** Big menu, with standards like wings and burgers, but also grilled chicken with various

sauces, pork chops, steakhouse sides and large desserts. Breakfast burger at brunch. **DRINKS:** Domestic and craft beer, cocktails with 9–5-inspired names. \$\$

The Old Pal

1320 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4340

theoldpal.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** An elegant but easygoing cocktail bar, set among the shops of Normaltown. Knowledgeable bartenders and occasional DJ dance parties. **DRINKS:** An extensive craft beer selection on draft and in bottles and cans, top-shelf spirits, plus a crafted cocktail selection using housemade bitters and fresh ingredients. \$

The Olive Garden

3666 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-2225

olivegarden.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina

3640 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-247-7290

ontheborder.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

On the Rocks

255 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-6666

facebook.com/OnTheRocksAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **THE LOOK:** A college bar with spare decor but lots of cheap booze. **DRINKS:** Plenty of inexpensive domestics, wells, shooters and frozen drinks. \$

One Night Stand

246 E. Clayton St.

facebook.com/onsathensga

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs/live music. **THE LOOK:** A downtown bar and dance club with a large Pabst Blue Ribbon mural and regular country-rock DJs. **DRINKS:** Five beers on tap, more in the bottle, plus Mason jar cocktails. \$

Outback Steakhouse

3585 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-6015

outback.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$\$

Outtakes

1793 Ocone Connector • 706-355-9122

196 Alps Road • 706-546-1011

gtcmovies.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine (Ocone), full bar (Athens). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** A full-service restaurant in the University 16 and Beechwood cinemas. **MENU:** Hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, pizzas and salads, plus Georgia Street Tacos with tilapia. View movies in a dine-in theater with servers, or pick up meals ahead of time to bring into the other theaters. **DRINKS:** Mostly domestics on drafts, imports and domestics in the bottle, wine; full bar in Athens. \$

Panadería Tacuari

2131 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-6333

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American, Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter and table service, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Daily, 8 a.m.–9 p.m. **THE LOOK:** Sweet bakery/

restaurant in a Watkinsville strip mall, across from Publix, with a nice kids area. **MENU:** Uruguayan steaks and choripan, chicken milanesa torta, breakfast all day, milanesa, chivito, churrasco del sur and more, with a much expanded menu at dinner. Great baked goods, especially Latin American sweet breads, and tasty empanadas, both sweet and savory. Some gluten-free items. \$

Panera Bread

3151 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-6812

panerabread.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Pauley's Original Crepe Bar

134 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0034

pauleyscrepebar.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Long, narrow downtown space is quiet at lunch, then turns into a busy bar at night. Big TVs for sports. **MENU:** A bunch of different crepes, both savory and sweet, plus sandwiches, salads, dips and some bar snacks available after 11 p.m. **DRINKS:** Over 150 beers, including 28 on tap (customers who try 100 beers are recognized on the Around the World Beer Club wall), wines, cocktails. \$

Peach Pit Cafe

321 Athens Road, Winterville • 706-899-0001

peachpitcafe.net

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Wed–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Basic, unpretentious barbecue joint in the middle of Winterville. **MENU:** Simple menu: pulled pork, barbecue chicken, ribs and brisket, as a plate (with slaw, stew, chips and bread) or a sandwich. Really good cake. Vinegar-based sauces. \$\$

Peking Restaurant

2725 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-549-9333

westpekingathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, buffet, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Fri, Sun. Dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** A lot of look! Ornate red-and-gold interior with lots of dragons. **MENU:** Big menu covers all the standards, with lots of vegetarian options. Pre-set dinners based on the quantity of guests makes sharing dishes in large parties easy. The expansive weekday lunch buffet is all-you-can-eat and the best bang for your buck. \$\$\$

Peppino's

950 Whitehall Road • 706-613-1616

peppinospizzeria.homestead.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Family-friendly pizza parlor with quick counter service and big TVs. Same folks as Little Italy. **MENU:** Standard New York-style staples: huge slices of thin- and thick-crust pizza (or get a whole pie), calzones, giant subs (Italian sausage, Philly cheesesteak, eggplant parmigiana), stromboli, pasta and a salad bar. \$

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center

1199 Prince Ave. • 706-475-7000

piedmont.org/locations/piedmont-athens/visitors

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Two eateries that welcome the general public, as well

as visitors or staff. The Dogwood Bistro Cafeteria is on the basement floor of Talmadge Tower 1; the Dogwood Deli is on the first floor of Prince Tower. **MENU:** Cafeteria selections rotate daily and are relatively nutritious. The deli does sandwiches, salads, smoothies and Jittery Joe's coffee. \$

The Pine

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059

thepineathens.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, Tue-Sat. Dinner and late night, Tue-Sun. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** New South eats fueled by a visible wood-fired oven behind the long bar. **MENU:** Flatbreads with creative toppings make good use of the oven. Daily burger special, nightly hand-rolled pasta, fancy veggie-forward dishes (blackened mushroom lettuce wraps with whipped avocado slaw) and some heartier stuff for dinner. Brunch highlights biscuits. **DRINKS:** Five Points Bottle's owners are involved, which means a great list of beer and wine and some thoughtful cocktails. \$\$\$

Pita Pit

123 N. Jackson St. • 706-552-0051

pitapit.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** 10:30 a.m.–late night, seven days. \$

Pizza Hut

496 Baxter St. • 706-353-0888

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pizzahut.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

The Place

229 Broad St. • 706-850-2988

theplaceathens.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Beautifully renovated, historic downtown space, with a great bar upstairs; not too casual, not too formal. **MENU:** Southern food that updates meat-and-three standards with lighter, healthier ingredients or makes them trendier. The chicken and waffles comes with Tabasco-candied bacon strips, for example. Daily specials and milk and cookies for dessert. **DRINKS:** 11 draft beers, all craft, wine, Southern-accented cocktails. \$\$

Planet Smoothie

196 Alps Road • 706-316-3090

1993 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-353-8181

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5833

planetsmoothie.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Open seven days. \$

Plantation Buffet

1119 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. • 706-353-3663

plantationbuffet.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, counter service, take-out, checks. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon-Fri. **THE LOOK:** Casual atmosphere, unassuming space. **MENU:** Country cooking with a buffet that changes daily. Expect fried chicken, steak and gravy, barbecue pork, meatloaf, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, yams and Southern desserts. Goat makes an appearance on the menu sometimes. \$

Polleria Pablo

3075 Danielsville Road • 706-461-2533

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Cash only, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Thu-Sun. **THE LOOK:** A counter and a few tables at the back of a convenience store by Sandra's Salon. **MENU:** Mostly Peruvian dishes, with a few Salvadorean offerings and some Mexican standards. Excellent ceviche, magical roasted/grilled chicken with cilantro-infused rice, good lomo saltado (beef, french fries, onion, tomatoes) and some desserts. Menu on a whiteboard for easy alteration. \$

Porterhouse Grill

459 E. Broad St. • 706-369-0990

porterhouseathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Reservations, outside seating, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon-Fri. Dinner, Mon-Sat. **THE LOOK:** Locally owned steakhouse is dark and quiet, a grown-up space downtown. **MENU:** Lunch has lots that isn't steak: fish tacos, grilled salmon BLT, turkey club, crab-avocado salad. Dinner is fancier, with steaks alongside surf-and-turf, traditional à la carte sides and a classic wedge salad. **DRINKS:** Four beers on tap, long wine list, full bar. \$\$\$

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151 E. Broad St. • 706-395-6696

pouchpies.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon-Sat. Late night, Thu-Sat. **THE LOOK:** Lots of seating options, including community tables, in this long space. **MENU:** Savory pies with fillings inspired by South Africa, Russia, the Mediterranean, Portugal and more. Good sides, some larger entrees, sweet pies and soup and salad. **DRINKS:** Draft beer and wine. Cocktails from around the world. \$

Pub on Main

22 Main St., Watkinsville • 706-310-4450

pubonmainwatkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch seven days. Dinner, Mon-Sat. **THE LOOK:** Family-friendly spot with lawn games outside. **MENU:** Burgers, Cuban, hot fish sandwich, Cajun deviled eggs. Entrees at dinner include a daily stuffed meatloaf, a country-fried plate with sawmill gravy, pulled pork, and fish and chips with dill pickle aioli. **DRINKS:** Frosé, tons of whiskeys, good craft beer selection, three beers on tap. \$\$

Pulaski Heights BBQ

675 Pulaski St. • 706-583-9600

pulaskiheightsbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** BYOB, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Next to the railroad tracks down Pulaski Street; family-friendly patio with sidewalk chalk; trains go by regularly. **MENU:** Excellent meats smoked daily (which means when they're out, they're out). Pescatarians and vegetarians will find plenty to eat, too. Ramen, kids-eat-free Mondays and other specials are well publicized. Housemade pickles, vinegar-lime slaw, smoked potato salad, tacos and a family dinner for take-out that feeds four for \$32. See ad on p. 61. \$\$

**PULASKI
HEIGHTS
BBQ**

Purpose Snackery

130 Hickory St.

purposesnackery.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Something Different. **THE LOOK:** Grab-and-go in The Mark. **MENU:** Healthful snacks, frozen treats, flatbreads, artisan toasts, craft sodas, coffee and more. \$

Rachel's Southern Style Restaurant

1021 Jamestown Blvd., Watkinsville • 706-310-0091

rachelssouthernstyle.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon-Fri. Lunch, Sun. **THE LOOK:** Country cooking in a strip mall in Watkinsville. **MENU:** Traditional Southern cuisine with a rotating menu written on a whiteboard. Choose among pork chops, chicken, fish and more, plus fried chicken livers and a host of vegetable sides (rutabagas, cabbage, carrot-and-raisin salad, turnip greens, hash-brown casserole). Homemade desserts. \$

Rafferty's Restaurant & Bar

15 Huntington Road • 706-613-0045

raffertys.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

The Rail Athens

1120 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-354-7289

facebook.com/therailathens

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Bars.

FEATURES: Outside seating, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night. **THE LOOK:** A laid-back bar and grill full of pool tables, dart boards, slot machines and big-screen TVs. Trivia contests, dart league nights, pool tournaments and Texas Hold'em weekly. **MENU:** Typical bar food, including burgers, wings, sandwiches, nachos and fries. **DRINKS:** 15 beers on draft and a fully stocked bar. \$

Raising Cane's

795 Baxter St. • 706-548-2008

raisingcanes.com

FILE UNDER: Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, late night, seven days. \$

Red Lobster

1956 W. Broad St. • 706-549-5376

redlobster.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$\$

Redfearn Grille

197 E. Broad St. • 706-549-4433

facebook.com/redfearngrille

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering. **HOURS:** Breakfast and dinner, seven days. Sunday lunch. **THE LOOK:** Inside the Holiday Inn and serving hotel guests and the public alike. **MENU:** Stuffed French toast, waffles, biscuit sandwiches and omelets in the morning. Evening entrees include a New York strip steak, sun-dried-tomato ravioli, fried chicken and balsamic-glazed pork chops. Sunday lunch buffet or à la carte ordering. Lunch on Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. \$\$

The Roadhouse

137 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2324

facebook.com/roadhousedive

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** A dive bar to the core, featuring neon lighting and classic bar games to pass the time. Conveniently located next door to pizza. **DRINKS:**

"Serving hangovers since 1991," all the usual domestics and imports are behind the bar. \$

The Rooftop

215 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7670

georgiatheatre.com/rooftop

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars.

FEATURES: Counter service, outside seating, live music, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Cool bar/restaurant on top of the historic Georgia Theatre; take the elevator up to see fantastic views. DJs and bands regularly. **MENU:** Open both during shows and not, the Rooftop makes grass-fed burgers, a veggie banh mi, pork or tofu barbecue and a few other things ready in a jiffy. **DRINKS:** Draft and canned/bottled beer, mixed drinks. \$

The Rook and Pawn

294 W. Washington St. • 706-543-5040

therookandpawn.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs, Something Different.

FEATURES: Full bar, counter service, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Board-game café with a floor-to-ceiling shelf stocked with games and intimate tables in a long space. Kids under 13 play for free. Free bar games. **FOOD:** Lots of things you can eat with one hand while you roll dice with the other: panini, cold sandwiches, salads, cheese plates, bowls of salty and sweet snacks. **DRINKS:** Eight beers on draft; rotating wines and spirits, including cocktails. Coffee, tea and smoothies, too. See ad on p. 41. \$\$



THE
ROOK & PAWN

The Root

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059

therootathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **THE**

LOOK: A modern, intimate bar in the basement of Five Points restaurant The Pine offering big-screen TVs. **MENU:** Small plates from upstairs, like cauliflower hot wings, blackened shrimp lettuce wraps, macaroni and cheese. **DRINKS:** Plenty of craft beer, hand-crafted cocktails and whiskey. \$

The Royal Peasant

1675 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-549-7920

royalpeasant.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** English pub with a covered patio and TVs for soccer. **MENU:** The tiny kitchen turns out delicious English food: bangers and mash, lamb burger, curries, housemade potato chips with blue cheese and bacon and specials depending on the day, plus a couple of really good desserts. **DRINKS:** UK beers, dry ciders, craft brews, wine, whiskey and cocktails. See ad on p. 24. \$\$



Ru San's

196 Alps Road • 706-552-0488

rusansathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full

bar, reservations, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Big, loud sushi bar with a heated outdoor patio. **MENU:** Lots of specialty rolls and sashimi and sushi combinations. Many options if you don't do sushi, like noodles, rice dishes, tempura, grilled fish and more. **DRINKS:** Premium cold sakes and cocktails with Japanese ingredients. Beer and wine, too, including four plum wines. \$\$

Sakura Steak House

3557 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-227-0001

1225 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-2027

sakuraathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Original location is a hidden gem in its shopping center; Five Points one is similar but more compact. **MENU:** Simple but beautifully presented food, made with fresh ingredients; good sushi. Lunch specials are a great deal, with bento boxes and maki combinations. Hot pots, yaki udon and hibachi dinners. **DRINKS:** Japanese beer, sake, cocktails, wine. \$\$

Sandbar

220 College Ave. • 404-271-8440

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** Captain Morgan looks right at home with the palm trees at this landlocked beach bar. **DRINKS:** Surfboard shots, "blackout buckets," frozen drinks and a full bar to cover all the refreshments you need. \$

Saucehouse Barbeque

830 W. Broad St. • 706-363-3351

saucehouse.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Bars/Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, live music, outside seating, take-out, trivia. **HOURS:** Breakfast, Sat and Sun. Lunch, dinner and late night, Wed–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Big complex with a great patio (with porch swing and cornhole) and a bar that serves a different menu from the restaurant proper. **MENU:** Chicken, pork, brisket, ribs, tofu, heftily topped baked potatoes; classic sides like mac and cheese, slaw and baked beans; a ton of different kinds of sauce. Breakfast brings eggs, gravy, meats and grits. The bar has snacks like pork nachos and fried mac-and-cheese balls. **DRINKS:** The bar is housed in a separate building and is open seven nights a week serving local beers, cocktails and wine with plenty of weekly specials. \$

The Savannah Room

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-6341

georgiacenter.uga.edu

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Fri. Dinner, Mon–Sat. Weekend brunch. **THE LOOK:** UGA Hotel restaurant focuses on service. **MENU:** Some stuff on the menu is tradition, like Celestial Chicken (breaded chicken tenders over rice pilaf with a special sauce) and strawberry ice-cream pie, but there's also steak, sandwiches, grilled fish, shrimp and grits and good vegetarian choices. Parking is validated for up to two hours in the South Campus Deck. **DRINKS:** Classic cocktails, beer and wine. \$\$

Schlotsky's Deli

1490 Baxter St. • 706-543-2518

schlotzskys.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, catering, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$



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Scott & BJ's BBQ

4007 Danielsville Road • 706-546-1005

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Cash and checks only. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Thu–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Country 'cue spot with a few booths, a lunch counter and the motto "Where the Food Speaks for Itself." **MENU:** Barbecue pork, chicken, beef and ribs with sides like baked beans, hash, slaw, potato salad, collard greens and seasonal vegetables. Sauce is hot and thin. \$\$

Seabear Oyster Bar

297 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4367

seabearoysterbar.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Daily, 3 p.m.–midnight. **THE LOOK:** Beautifully appointed, intimate oyster bar in the Bottleworks. **MENU:** Oysters change daily and are from places familiar and not. The rest of the menu is mostly small plates: a fantastic grilled cheese; mini lobster roll; Parker House rolls. Monday is ramen night (vegan and delicious). Oyster deals at daily happy hours, 3–6 p.m. and 10 p.m.–midnight. **DRINKS:** Beer, wine, absinthe, sake, serious cocktails and frozen Negronis. See ad on p. 6. \$\$\$



Sr. Sol

2455 W. Broad St. • 706-850-7112

175 Tallassee Road • 706-546-1570

facebook.com/SrSolRestaurants

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, delivery, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Tallassee location has limited seating but a few tables outside (and is attached to a gas station). Broad Street location is better for big groups and has mariachi sometimes. **MENU:** Plenty for people looking for burritos, but there's also horchata to drink, real Mexican-style tacos (on corn tortillas with onions, cilantro, lime and fatty meats) and an awesome hamburguesa topped with ham and pineapple. **DRINKS:** Margaritas served frozen or on the rocks, available in a variety of flavors. Beer, too. \$\$

Shane's Rib Shack

680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N. • 706-549-9135

shanesribshack.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Shokitini

251 W. Clayton St. • 706-353-7933

shokitini.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Karaoke, full bar, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Loud and slick, with private karaoke rooms upstairs that are a big attraction. **MENU:** Long menu of sushi and sashimi options: nigiri, hand rolls, veggie options, house and special rolls. Also fried softshell crab, dumplings, steak, chicken, lobster, noodles and desserts. **DRINKS:** Hot and cold sake, saketinis, wine, mostly domestic beer but a few Japanese brews. \$\$\$

Silver Dollar

262 College Ave. • 706-353-3093

facebook.com/silverdollarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** This clean, classic college bar is

especially popular on game days. Taxidermied animals and darts on the wall. A covered outdoor patio provides a breath of fresh air. **DRINKS:** 10 beers on tap and well drinks. \$

Sips Espresso Café

1390 Prince Ave. • 706-363-7211

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FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Open until 9 p.m. seven days. **THE LOOK:** Small, independent coffee shop in the heart of Normaltown with a covered year-round porch. **MENU:** Pastries and treats from local bakeries, plus lattes, cappuccinos and espresso drinks brewed with Jittery Joe's and 1000 Faces coffee. Some Latin-inspired options and specialty drinks. Many loose tea options as well. \$

Siri Thai Cuisine

367 Prince Ave. • 706-548-7667

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-3500

sirithaiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Wed–Mon. (Prince Ave.). Seven days (Gaines School). **THE LOOK:** Both locations feature photos of Thailand and a slightly upscale atmosphere. **MENU:** Many vegetarian options and dishes that can be built around chicken, shrimp, pork, beef, seafood, tofu or vegetables. Noodles, rice entrees, soups, salads, curries and a Thai dessert selection. Spice level can be serious. Lunch specials. **DRINKS:** A couple of Thai beers among the domestics, sakes and a section of organic wines. \$\$

Sister Louisa's Church

254 W. Clayton St. • 706-850-3668

sisterlouisaschurch.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** The irreverent bar is covered in velvet paintings, Pee-Wee Herman dolls and pseudo-religious paraphernalia. Don a choir robe, play ping-pong and enjoy complimentary Goldfish crackers. **DRINKS:** Try the house sangria. \$

Smoothie King

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2600

smoothieking.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Vary by location. Open seven days. \$

South Kitchen and Bar

247 E. Washington St. • 706-395-6125

southkitchenbar.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Fri. Dinner, Mon–Sun. Late night, Fri–Sat. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Beautiful historic space with vintage tile and stained glass. **MENU:** New South-ish cuisine from a polished team. The tater tots are made with duck fat; the veggie burger incorporates housemade tempeh and kidney beans. Small plates and large ones. Brunch has egg scramblers and meaty

skillets, plus pancakes and special cocktails. Gluten-free menu. **DRINKS:** Rotating draft beers in full or half pours, good wines by the glass (and bottle) and regularly changing craft cocktails with housemade ingredients. See ad on p. 2. \$\$

SOUTH KITCHEN + BAR

Southern Brewing Company

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183

sobrewco.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer. **THE LOOK:** A dog- and kid-friendly brewery off the beaten path. SBC offers an indoor space full of brewing equipment and a big yard with games, fire pits and live music. **DRINKS:** A wide variety of beers, from ales to IPAs to porters, with standards like the Broad Street Pale Ale and Ironmaker Kolsch on tap. The brewery also offers small-batch, seasonal releases. \$

Southern Standard

166 E. Clayton St. • 706-395-6001

facebook.com/ssathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating. **THE LOOK:** An upscale, college bar. **DRINKS:** Full bar with cheap domestics and wells. Specialty cocktails and novelties like the massive 192-ounce Moscow Mule. \$

Starland Pizzeria and Pub

145 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-8773

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars.

FEATURES: Outside seating, full bar, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Opening August 2018, the former Transmet has your choice of table or counter service. Big bar upstairs, plus rooms for private parties. **MENU:** Simpler than its predecessor: large New York style slices, lots of fresh toppings, specialty pies, calzones, salads and sandwiches on housemade focaccia. **DRINKS:** Domestic and import bottles and cans, tons of craft beer, wine and cocktails. \$

Steak 'n Shake

2033 W. Broad St. • 706-353-6969

steaknshake.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, outside seating. **HOURS:** 24 hours, seven days. \$

Strickland's Restaurant

4723 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-7003

stricklandsrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, checks. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Breakfast, Sat. **THE LOOK:** Family-run half-century-old operation. Look for the big billboard to find it. **MENU:** Southern comfort food done perfectly. Big buttermilk biscuit sandwiches (filled with eggs, cheese or many meats), pancakes, grits and hashbrowns in the morning. Meat-'n'-three lunches may include fried chicken, ribs, catfish, pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed corn and greens. \$

The Sultan

1074 Baxter St. • 706-850-7725

facebook.com/thesultanathens

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Great big shady patio and a welcoming atmosphere in this restaurant that sells some Middle Eastern dry goods. **MENU:** Lunch specials include Lebanese-style flatbreads topped with cheese, tomato or za'atar. Lots of vegetarian and vegan options (big salads, stuffed grape leaves, hummus, tabbouleh, baba ghanouj, falafel) good enough to please meatatarians, plus shawarma and kebabs of grilled beef, chicken and lamb. \$\$\$

Suncatcher Café

42 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-424-8281

facebook.com/suncatchercafe

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Mon–Sat, 5–11 a.m. **THE LOOK:** Space next to a

gas station in downtown Watkinsville, with some seating in an adjoining room. **MENU:** Biscuits, omelets, bowls of breakfast stuff, breakfast burritos, pancakes (with chocolate chips or blueberries), French toast, hash browns, grits and the like, all made fast. Kids meals. \$

Sundown Saloon

50 Gaines School Road • 706-850-1180

facebook.com/SundownSaloonAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **THE LOOK:** A no-frills local watering hole for Eastside residents. DJs sometimes, pool always.

DRINKS: A couple of beers on draft and the usual collection of domestics and wells behind the bar. \$

Sweetie Pie by Savie

150 E. Whitehall Road • 706-850-9255

facebook.com/sweetiepiebysavie

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** 7:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Tue–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Historic grocery renovated into cute bakery. **MENU:** European, American and Asian sweets, including fancy custom cakes, taro croissants, cupcakes, mini pies, bar cookies and anything you can imagine with fondant. Savory things, too, including scones and tiny pies. Espresso and drip coffee in the a.m. Custom orders of all kinds. \$

The Table

1075 Baxter St., B102 • 706-395-6599

mkt.com/thetableathens

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Mon, Wed–Fri. **THE LOOK:** Sweet hidden gem on Baxter that attracts grown-ups. **MENU:** Asian-accented quick bistro with an emphasis on fresh flavors and beautiful presentation. Lots of veggies and seafood; little in the way of salt. Gluten-free and dairy-free options. \$\$

Taco Stand

2230 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-5481

247 E. Broad St. • 706-549-1446

670 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-549-2894

facebook.com/thetstand

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar (Broad St.), beer (Milledge Ave. and Eastside), outside seating (Broad St. and Milledge Ave.). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** The original location on Milledge is the most spartan, but has its own charm. Downtown is big and open, with sports on TV. Eastside is in a strip mall, but clean and neat. **MENU:** If you just get tacos, you'll miss the great strengths of this small local chain: burritos (beef, chicken, tofu, bean), Mega Nachos, veggie chili in the cooler months and basic quesadillas (with onions and jalapeños). Slight menu variations among locations. **DRINKS:** Frozen margaritas downtown; beer at the other two. \$

Tacos los Plebes

3077 Danielsville Road • 706-208-1930

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **THE LOOK:** Food counter in the back of a small but neat and well-stocked supermarket with a few tables. **MENU:** Limited but well-executed choices, cooked right in front of you on the flat top. Pollo, lengua, cabeza, al pastor, chorizo, carnitas, barbacoa, asada and tripa prepared as tacos, sopes (some of the best in town), tortas, burritos or quesadillas; menudo on weekends and a big cooler of horchata. Credit cards accepted, cash preferred. \$

Taqueria Del Sol

334 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3890

taqueriadelsol.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Tue–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Atlanta-based chef-crafted taqueria in a cool, clean, efficient space. **MENU:** This location of the small franchise is run by the original owners, with an eye toward consistency and quality. The menu is small, but everything is good, and specials change weekly. Pork, brisket, fried chicken, carnitas, fish and veggie tacos are small and intensely flavored. Guacamole is made fresh. Everything runs like a top. **DRINKS:** Great selection of premium tequilas, build-your-own margaritas, bottled beers. \$

Taqueria El Agave

1280 Oconee St. • 706-549-2639

facebook.com/taqueriaelagave

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Lots of booths, bar in the back, soccer on the TV. **MENU:** Some Americanized Mexican standards, but also Mexican tacos (lengua, al pastor), seafood, aguas frescas and weekend specials, including menudo and seafood soups. **DRINKS:** Mexican beers, margaritas. \$

Taqueria Juaritos

3875 Jefferson Road • 706-202-6906

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Taqueria with some seating inside the Petro Express. **MENU:** Tacos, sopes, gorditas and burros (burritos) with fillings including asada, chicken, al pastor, barbacoa, carnitas, deshebrada (shredded beef), tongue, tripe, chorizo and buche (stomach), plus hot wings. Don't skip the hot pickled onions on the condiment bar, and get the veggie-heavy shrimp soup if it's available. \$

Taqueria La Jalisco

3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-316-3560

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** A small taqueria housed inside a Mexican grocery store. **MENU:** Authentically prepared Mexican cuisine, including menudo, carnitas, chorizo tacos, tortas, al pastor and a few freshly made salsas. Great baked goods in the grocery section and paletas in the freezer. \$

Taqueria La Parrilla

1431 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 706-310-9991

2439 Jefferson Road • 706-549-4977

855 Gaines School Road • 706-548-5040

lapa.us

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar (Jefferson Road and Gaines School Road), beer and wine (Watkinsville), delivery, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Family-friendly Mexican restaurant with festive decor. **MENU:** Lots of friendly standards well executed, like big burritos to which you can add cheese dip, tons of vegetarian options, taco salads, fajitas and combo after combo. Also Jarritos, a low-cal menu, Mexican tacos, sopes and tortas. Something for everyone, and great for big groups. **DRINKS:** Margaritas, Mexican beers, regular bottled stuff, pitchers. \$\$

Taqueria Mundos

675 Danielsville Road • 706-850-3235

taqueria-mundos.business.site

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Taqueria inside a former Huddle



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Taqueria Tsunami

1741 Oconee Connector • 706-353-0040

320 E. Clayton St. • 706-621-7999

taqueriatsunami.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Mexican and South American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, take-out, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Small, Atlanta-based chain with two of six locations in Athens. **MENU:** Asian/Latin fusion tacos: bulgogi and shitake; teriyaki chicken with pineapple pico de gallo; tofu with sesame-soy vinaigrette; and more. Apps, bowls and salads, too. **DRINKS:** Margaritas, cocktails, sangria, craft beers. \$

Taste of India

1040 Gaines School Road, Ste. 119 • 706-559-0000

indiaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, buffet, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Tablecloths, tapestries and statues. **MENU:** Big menu of Indian standards, from samosas and pakoras to poori, chat, tandoori and many vegetarian options. There's goat if you want it, and combination dinners if you want to try a bunch of things (the daily lunch buffet works, too). Lassis, chai and Indian tea to drink. Moving to the Ansonborough development on Gaines School Road by the end of summer 2018. **DRINKS:** Wine and beer, including Indian varieties of both. \$\$\$

Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe

227 Prince Ave. • 706-247-7619

tazikiscafe.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Two-level corner space in the Bottleworks. **MENU:** Mediterranean quick-service franchise does healthful grilled food, including gyros, entree-size salads and "feasts" (grilled veggies or protein, salad, side). Soups, baklava, daily specials, family take-home meals, hummus and spicy pimento cheese, too. \$\$

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745 Danielsville Road • 706-543-8326

teambandb.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, drive-thru, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Thu–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Red-and-black football theme. **THE MENU:** Breakfast biscuits with sausage, bacon, bologna, steak, chicken, country ham, tenderloin, smoke-link or salmon. Beef, chicken, salmon and shrimp burgers. Some healthier options, too. Wings available in large quantities geared to tailgating. \$

Ted's Most Best

254 W. Washington St. • 706-543-1523

tedsmostbest.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, outside seating, live music, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** One of the best patios around, with a sandbox for kids and some cover.

MENU: Refined individually sized thin-crust pizzas make toppings like pineapple seem sophisticated.



Sandwiches, calzones, pastas, sliders and a great beet salad, too. Desserts in the refrigerated case. **DRINKS:** Five taps, \$1 PBR at happy hour, good beer in cans and bottles, a few wines by the glass. See ad on p. 44. \$\$

Teriyaki 101

1805 Epps Bridge Pkwy., Ste. 103 • 706-353-0823

teriyaki101athens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Simple, clean space that looks like a franchise but isn't. **MENU:** Teriyaki bowls come with beef, shrimp or chicken, your choice of veggies and a sauce. Fried shrimp, fried fish, wings, chicken tenders and fried rice. Kids menu. \$

Terrapin Beer Co.

265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377

terrapinbeer.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer. **THE LOOK:** A warehouse in the industrial part of town, with a wood-lined indoor tasting room and a huge outdoor area with tables, tents and a stage for music. Regular events include a farmers market. Dogs are welcome! **DRINKS:** The company that introduced craft beer to Athens continues to brew and can some of the tastiest suds around. Sample the Rye Pale Ale, Sound Czech pilsner or Hopsecutioner IPA. Many seasonal offerings. See ad on p. 8. \$



Texas Roadhouse

1021 Dowdy Road • 706-613-1300

texasroadhouse.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$\$

Thai E3 Cuisine

269 E. Broad St. • 706-215-9500

thai3cuisine.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Nice views from second-floor place with bright entrance. **MENU:** Thai classics made with fresh ingredients and less sugar than at many restaurants. Curry fries, good noodles and salads, Thai duck, seafood and sweet rice for dessert. Lunch specials and bubble tea. \$\$

Thai Spoon

149 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-9222

thaispoonathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, delivery, reservations. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Sun. **THE LOOK:** Cozy and ornate, with lots of small tables throughout the space. **MENU:** Big menu runs from fresh Thai salads to satay, spicy basil duck, lots of seafood and vegetarian (and vegan) options. Kids menu with Thai scrambled eggs. Great deals at lunch. Pretty good sushi. **DRINKS:** Beer and wine, Thai iced tea and Thai iced coffee. \$\$

Tlaloc El Mexicano Restaurant

1225 N. Chase St. • 706-613-9301

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Brightly colored cinder-block building near the loop on Chase Street; some picnic tables outside by the substation. **MENU:** Named for the Aztec rain god, this restaurant has a cult following for its Central American specialties and real-deal Mexican food. Pupusas, massive tortas, regular specials and fantastic mole. Breakfast starts at 10 a.m. and is served all day, featuring eggs, beans and pork products. **DRINKS:** Margaritas, beer. \$\$

Tokyo Express

690 U.S. Hwy. 29, Ste. 130 • 706-543-8833

tokyoexpressga.net

FILE UNDER: Asian. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **THE LOOK:** Quick-service hibachi and sushi by the Space Kroger on Highway 29. **MENU:** A decent selection of sushi rolls, including specialty ones, plus wings, bento box specials at lunch and dinner, hibachi, soup, edamame, some fried apps and poke bowls with baby octopus as well as tuna and salmon. \$

Toppers International Showbar

100 N. Jackson St. • 706-613-0504

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, exotic dancing. **THE LOOK:** Athens' only exotic-dancing club is in the middle of downtown, convenient to the rest of your bar-hopping. Special shows like the male revue happen often. **DRINKS:** Full bar with prices for high rollers and budget drinkers alike. \$

Trappeze Pub

269 W. Washington St. • 706-543-8997

trappezepub.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** High ceilings, plenty of character. **MENU:** From snacks to full meals: popcorn, barbecue pork tacos, sliders, French onion soup, veggie-packed quinoa salad, Caribbean fried rice, ribs, cheeses and more. **DRINKS:** Serious beer, with more than 200 well-described options in the bottle and 30 on tap, plus wine and nice cocktails from Highwire Lounge (under the same ownership and accessible through a door). See ad on p. 2. \$\$



The Traveling Hobo Cafe

20 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-4323

facebook.com/TravelingHoboCafe

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **HOURS:** Lunch, seven days. Dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Lots of train paraphernalia in a cozy downtown Watkinsville space. **MENU:** Burgers are the biggest attraction, and they're large and varied: lamb, bison, doughnuts for patties, etc. Not much in the way of health food, but the fries with gravy are great. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. \$

Treehouse Market

8851 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-4380

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FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** A few tables inside an upscale convenience store. **MENU:** Sandwiches made with meats sliced to order (Cuban, Cajun Philly, etc.), soup, wings, empanadas, chicken tenders, potato salad, pasta salad and suchlike. Coffee, tea and a wide selection of other beverages. \$

Utage Athens Sushi Bar
440 E. Clayton St. • 706-227-9339
utageathenssushibar.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Fri. Dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** A long sushi bar, plus tables lit by twinkling star lights. **MENU:** Lots of specialty rolls on the menu, but the nigiri shows off the fish best. Big menu also includes udon and ramen, tonkatsu, teriyaki, fried rice and kids specials that come with ice cream. All-you-can-eat special. **DRINKS:** Hot and cold sake, Japanese (and American) beers, wine, sake bombs and martinis. \$\$

The Varsity
1000 W. Broad St. • 706-548-6325
thevarsity.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Late night, Fri and Sat. **THE LOOK:** “What’ll ya have?!” greets you at the door of this retro fast-food eatery, still going strong after 80 years of business. **MENU:** Hot dogs (with cheese, slaw or chili), burgers, BLTs, grilled cheeses, chicken sandwiches, french fries and onion rings; wash it down with a famous Varsity frosted-orange drink. Fried apple or peach pies, 16 flavors of ice cream and brownies for dessert. \$

Venom Venue
1700 Commerce Road • 706-438-2048
facebook.com/venomvenue

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs/live music. **THE LOOK:** Caters to a diverse crowd of locals with live music, themed dance nights and hookah. **DRINKS:** The standard classics. \$

Veronica's Sweet Spot
159 Oneta St. • 706-247-0421
facebook.com/weetspotstudio

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **HOURS:** Mid-morning to mid-afternoon, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Sweet space in the Tracy Street warehouses packed with art, books and more. **MENU:** Coffee from Jittery Joe’s, tea, pastries from Independent Baking Co. and others, plus packaged snacks (yogurt, cheese sticks, pretzels, etc.) and some ready-made sandwiches. Comedy nights. \$

Viva! Argentine Cuisine
247 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8284
vivaargentine.com

FILE UNDER: Latin American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Small bar, black-and-white tiled floor, a color scheme that reflect the Argentinean flag. **MENU:** Not just beef. Viva has lots of vegetarian choices. Empanadas are a popular option, with fillings including sausage and rice, spinach and mushroom and ham and cheese.



Dinner options include lomo con papas fritas, as well as chicken, shrimp and steak entrees. Cupcakes in regular and mini sizes, with a soft filling in the middle, are a highlight. See ad on p. 22. \$\$

Walker's Coffee & Pub
128 College Ave. • 706-543-1433
facebook.com/walkerspab

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, counter service, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Open seven days. **THE LOOK:** Large bar, tons of wooden booths; a good place for meetings or late-night hanging out. **MENU:** From locally roasted coffees, pastries, bagels, breakfast burritos and drunken waffles (Guinness and chocolate chips) to sandwiches, quesadillas and nice small burgers. **DRINKS:** Six beers on draft and over 70 in bottles, including many microbrews. \$

WayWard Nightclub
251 W. Clayton St..

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs. **THE LOOK:** A classy cocktail bar with Prohibition-era decor and weekend dance parties. **DRINKS:** Martinis, champagne, cocktails, as well as the usual beer and wine offerings. \$

Weaver D's Fine Foods
1016 E. Broad St. • 706-353-7797
weaverds.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Look for the bright-green cinderblock building and the sign that reads “Automatic for the People.” Few frills. Be snappy with your order, or you’ll hear about it. **MENU:** Dexter Weaver is still serving up fantastic fried chicken, squash casserole, mac and cheese, collards and the like. The James Beard Foundation named it an “America’s Classic.” Damn right. \$

What's Cooking
2546 Commerce Road • 706-850-0606

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Cash only, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, Sat–Thu. **THE LOOK:** An under-the-radar spot on Highway 441. Order at the window and take a seat on the colorful patio surrounded by cacti, tropical plants and kitschy decor. **MENU:** Fajitas, enchiladas, quesadillas, tortas Cubanas, sope, tacos Mexicanos and mole, some authentic, some less so. \$

Whiskey Bent
335 E. Clayton St. • 706-548-8899
facebook.com/whiskeybentathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** DJs/live music, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** Sister bar to Half Moon Pub and Flanagan’s. Enjoy the large outdoor patio in the middle of the downtown street bustle. **DRINKS:** Eight beers on tap and plenty of whiskey. \$

White Tiger Gourmet
217 Hiawassee Ave. • 706-353-6847
whitetigergourmet.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, live music, BYOB, delivery, take-out, art, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Thu–Sat. Sunday brunch. **THE LOOK:** Tucked away in a historic grocery, White Tiger has cozy indoor seating and fun picnic tables outside. **MENU:** Carnivores and vegetarians will be equally happy.

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Willy's Mexicana Grill

196 Alps Road • 706-548-1920
willys.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, catering, counter service, delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Wing House Grill

8727 U.S. Hwy. 29, Hull • 706-850-9700
winghousegrill.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating, live music, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Casual environs with picnic tables outside that's one of the rare options to get a beer in Madison County. **MENU:** Wings, of course, but also fried green tomatoes, burgers, mozzarella sticks, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and a couple of salads. Kids meals include a cookie. Homemade cake. \$

Wingster Café

521 Baxter St. • 706-583-9611
wingsteraathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Located near the high-rise freshman dorms, this is a popular late-night spot for pick-up-and-go service. **MENU:** Wings and chicken tenders (for an individual or in bulk), wraps (including one with french fries, cool ranch, cheese and bacon), sandwiches and some Asian options (sesame chicken, tonkatsu, teriyaki). \$

Wok Star

225 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-2555
wokstarrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: American, Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **THE HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. **THE LOOK:** Real Chinese food, hidden in an unpromising Winterville shopping center. **MENU:** Excellent authentic Chinese dishes, including pork with chives, hot pot, yu xiang eggplant, various fish dishes, mapo tofu and more. On the other

hand, you can also get Americanized standards, like sesame chicken and Mongolian beef, plus burgers, an egg salad sandwich and chicken mull. \$\$

Wok's Up

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5486
facebook.com/woksupgeorgia

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Epps Bridge fast-casual Asian; part of a planned franchise. **MENU:** Made-to-order stir-fry. Pick a protein (steak, chicken, shrimp, pork, tofu), some veggies, a sauce and a base (rice, noodles, salad), then watch the flames leap high as the dudes behind the counter toss it together. \$

Wonderbar

240 E. Washington St.
facebook.com/wonderbarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** This gamer bar has everything from vintage arcade games and video-game consoles to old-school board games. A few snacks are served to help you keep up the gaming energy. **DRINKS:** A full bar with specialties like Princess Peach Tea. \$

Woodford

120 E. Washington St.
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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **THE LOOK:** Edison lightbulbs, digital murals and a nice indoor-outdoor seating area that caters to a slightly older college crowd. **DRINKS:** Focusing on craft and draft beer. Specialty cocktails and giant Moscow mules. \$

The World Famous

351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002
facebook.com/theworldfamousathens

FILE UNDER: American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, live music/DJs, art, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Bright and cute, with funky art and fresh flowers; serious about football despite being a townie hangout. **MENU:** Smart bar food with good veggie options: steamed bao, tofu lettuce wraps, poutine, chicken-and-waffle club. **DRINKS:** Creative cocktails, well-priced beer (including lots of craft brews), wine, housemade nonalcoholic sodas. \$

Your Pie

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7424
196 Alps Road • 706-549-3179
1045 Gaines School Road • 706-355-7048
1430 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 706-705-1510
yourpie.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, trivia, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. **THE LOOK:** Locally based franchise does personal-size pizzas baked in a brick oven right in front of you. **MENU:** Lots of topping, sauce and cheese choices, as well as several doughs. Pick a specialty pie or build your own. Vegan and gluten-free pizzas are available. Panini, bread bowl salads and gelato, too. Beer and wine available. \$\$

Zeb's Bar-B-Q

5742 U.S. Hwy. 29 N., Danielsville • 706-795-2701
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FILE UNDER: Downhome and BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, checks. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wed–Sat. Lunch, Sun. **THE LOOK:** Country barbecue joint with awesome signage, un-fancy environs. **MENU:** Dean's signature pepper-vinegar sauce attracts 'cue hounds from far and wide, and the creamed-corn-based Brunswick stew has also contributed to its reputation as worthy of a drive. Burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, tots and slaw, too. Brightly colored slices of soda cake by the register. \$

Zoe's Kitchen

145 Alps Road • 706-850-3400
zoeskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, drive-thru, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Zombie Coffee and Donuts

350 E. Broad St. • 706-850-2526
zombiecoffeeanddonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Late Night. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. Late night, Thu–Sat. **THE LOOK:** Wooden tables, doughnuts made before your eyes behind the counter. **MENU:** Coffee, espresso and the main attraction: doughnuts customizable with toppings from shredded coconut to bacon. Vegan, paleo and gluten-free options. Some ready-to-go sandwiches. \$



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