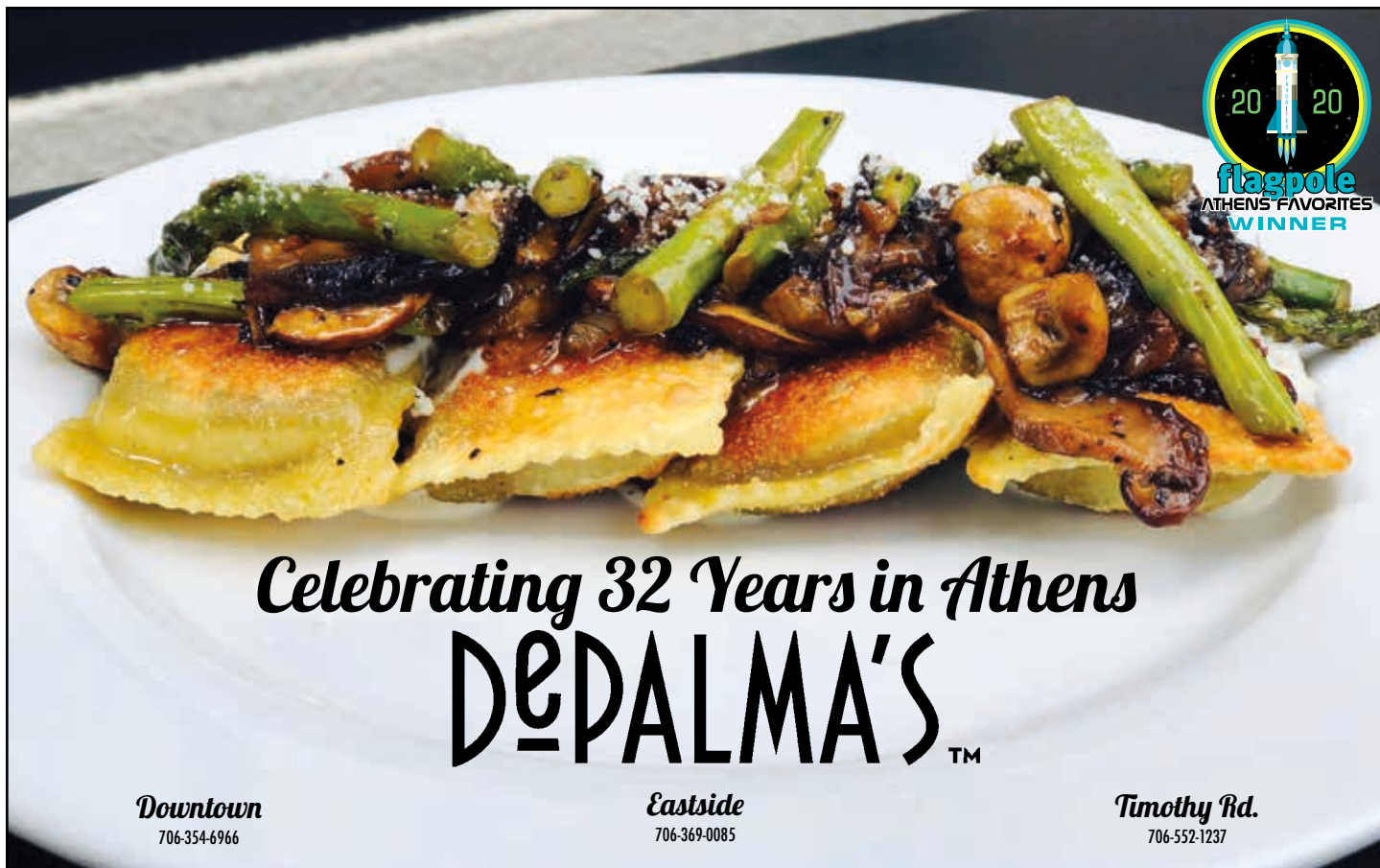


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Athens at a Glance



ATHENS IS A SPECIAL PLACE: a small town with welcoming people, a big university and many of the amenities of a big city, like vibrant music, arts and food scenes—at least when there's not a pandemic going on. It hasn't always been that way, though. Recent elections have brought a renewed interest in issues of equity of social justice. With that in mind, here's some background through that lens on Athens' history and the current political landscape.

How We Got Here

ATHENS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA have been intertwined from the beginning. The state legislature chartered the University of Georgia in 1785, making UGA the oldest public university in the country, no matter what anyone in North Carolina says. Future governor John Milledge, who bought the university's initial 633 acres from early settler Daniel Easley in 1801, named the village-to-be for the Greek cradle of philosophy. The county was named for Elijah Clarke, a Revolutionary War hero who later attacked the Creek Indians and became involved in the Yazoo Land Fraud. Ironically, considering Athens now has over 100 bars, the site for UGA was chosen because it was far from any taverns that might distract students.

Athens was incorporated in 1806. In the decades that followed, the town became known as the "Manchester of the South," because of its cotton mills. James Camak led the building of the city's first railroad, connecting Athens to Augusta in 1841.

Other than a minor skirmish, Athens saw no action during the Civil War; but the Cook and Bros. armory across the river from downtown—now housing UGA offices—manufactured rifles for the Confederacy. On a lighter note, local dentist John Gilleland devised a double-barreled cannon that failed spectacularly when tested. The chain connecting the balls snapped, knocking over a chimney and killing a cow. The cannon is now displayed outside City Hall, facing north.

Many prominent rebels—including Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens, former U.S. House Speaker Howell Cobb and his brother, T.R.R. Cobb, whose writings defended slavery—had ties to Athens. Plantation slave labor funded the construction of many grand antebellum homes, such as T.R.R. Cobb's, which is now a museum in the Cobbham neighborhood.

Slave labor also helped build UGA. The remains of 105 individuals, mostly slaves or former slaves of African descent, were unearthed during a recent construction project at Baldwin Hall. Subsequent research revealed that the university rented slaves from nearby slave owners, and that much of North Campus had been built on top of a cemetery used by African Americans through the 1880s. A memorial was erected at Baldwin Hall in 2018 honoring those who were buried there.

In 1872, Howell Cobb's sister, Laura Cobb Rutherford, spearheaded the construction of an obelisk honoring the Confederate dead, now located in the median on Broad Street downtown. Her daughter, Mildred Rutherford, was a prominent educator and advocate of the discredited "Lost Cause." In addition, Howell Cobb's speeches attacking black citizens' newly won right to vote helped inspire the formation of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia. In June 2020, city officials announced plans to move the monument to a location near the aforementioned Barber Creek skirmish.

By the turn of the century, Athens had public schools, a police force and its first streetcar suburbs, Cobbham, Boulevard and Five Points. In 1891, the State Normal School, a teacher's college, opened in what's now called Normaltown. The Navy took over the college in the 1950s, training its Supply Corps there. When the Navy school moved to Rhode Island in 2011, UGA acquired the property and turned it into a health sciences campus.

In the early 20th Century, Black-owned businesses were flourishing on the Hot Corner at Hull and Washington streets, centered around the Morton Theatre, built by wealthy developer Monroe "Pink" Morton, the son of a former slave. But race relations remained tense. Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter integrated UGA in 1961, sparking near-riots. In 1964, Athens Klansmen murdered

Lemuel Penn, a Black Army Reserve officer, who was passing through town late at night. Marches and sit-ins were held at the popular fast-food restaurant The Varsity. Local public schools didn't fully integrate until 1970, 16 years after *Brown v. Board of Education*. There was also Urban Renewal, which demolished Black neighborhoods, and Model Cities—which brought a health clinic, better housing and more improvements to African-American areas.

Downtown largely emptied out when Georgia Square Mall opened on Atlanta Highway in 1981, which paved the way for Athens to become the music mecca it is today. R.E.M. was about to hit it big, and entrepreneurs took advantage of the vacancies to open venues like the 40 Watt Club.

Clarke County and the City of Athens, after two previous failed attempts, merged in 1990, and the newly unified Athens-Clarke County elected Gwen O'Looney as its first female and first progressive mayor.

Today, the mall is struggling, while downtown has become in some ways a victim of its own success. The proliferation of luxury apartment complexes has brought rising rents and more chains, increasingly catering to (mostly white) students and pushing locally owned businesses out into the Five Points, Normaltown and Chase Park areas. Historically Black neighborhoods like East Athens and the Hancock Corridor that have suffered for decades from lack of investment are now ripe for gentrification.

These issues and more galvanized voters in 2018. They swept five new, more liberal commissioners into office and chose another progressive, Kelly Girtz, as mayor in a landslide. Spurred on even further by massive protests after Minneapolis police killed George Floyd in May 2020, the new group is now tackling issues like affordable housing and criminal justice reform.

How to Get Involved

FLAGPOLE'S CITY DOPE COLUMN is a great resource for keeping up with local politics and government.

The ACC Commission includes 10 members, each representing a district, and the mayor, who is elected countywide and presides over meetings but only votes in case of a tie. It meets at least three times a month: Work sessions, where staff give presentations on upcoming decisions, are at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday. Agenda-setting meetings, which include further discussion as well as public input, are at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday. Voting meetings are at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the following month. When not held remotely, all three are at City Hall (301 College Ave.) and televised on Channel 180 on Charter cable and streamed at youtube.com/accgov. Agendas, background information and contact information for county officials are available at accgov.com.

The Clarke County Board of Education, composed of nine members who elect a president from among themselves, meets in the H.T. Edwards Building (440 Dearing Extension) on the first and second Thursdays of the month at 6 p.m. In January 2021 the district plans to move its headquarters to the Piedmont College campus on Prince Avenue. The 14,000-student district has gone through some turmoil recently, with the board placing Superintendent Demond Means on leave in December 2019 and replacing him with his chief of staff, Xernona Thomas. CCSD's website is clarke.k12.ga.us. Agendas are posted at boarddocs.com/ga/clarke/Board.nsf/Public 24 hours before the meeting.

Although Athens is roughly 70 percent Democratic, due to gerrymandering, it's represented by four Republicans and just one Democrat in the state legislature. Republicans still dominate both the House and the Senate, despite losing seats in 2018, when Gov. Brian Kemp only narrowly defeated Democrat Stacey Abrams (without much help from his hometown of Athens). The General Assembly meets for 40 working days a year, starting on the second Monday in January and usually ending sometime in late March (before the Masters golf tournament). Check legis.ga.gov to contact legislators, read the text of bills and watch the action on live-stream.

Athens has numerous activist groups working on labor, discrimination, LGBTQ, immigration, transportation and other issues. An incomplete list includes the Clarke County Democrats (clarkecounty.com), Athens for Everyone (athensforeveryone.com), Athens Anti-Discrimination Movement (aadmovement.org), Athens Immigrant Rights Coalition (athensimmigrantrights.org), Athens PRIDE (athenspride.org), United Campus Workers of Georgia (wcwga.org), BikeAthens (bikeathens.org), Young Democrats of UGA (facebook.com/YoungDemsUGA), Young Democratic Socialists (facebook.com/AthensYDSA), College Republicans (ugarepublicans.com), Athens GOP (athensgop.com) and the Libertarian Party of Athens (facebook.com/AthensLP). Many campus group meetings are open to non-students.

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When restrictions on gatherings aren't in place, UGA also hosts nearly daily lectures, exhibitions, readings and discussion groups that are open to the public; check *Flagpole's* Calendar or calendar.uga.edu for the latest.

How to Get Around

WALK/BIKE: Downtown, North Campus and most intown neighborhoods are compact and easy to navigate on foot or bike. (Drivers, remember to stop for pedestrians!) The North Oconee River Greenway runs from Sandy Creek Nature Center through downtown, with another leg to College Station Road on the Eastside under construction. Except for a gap in Dudley Park—where part of the trestle on the back cover of R.E.M.'s *Murmur* will be incorporated into a new bridge—the Firefly Trail is now complete between East Broad Street and Old Winterville Road. Eventually, it will run to Winterville and perhaps beyond. BikeAthens has a map of streets with bike lanes.

SCOOT: The ACC Commission temporarily banned electric scooter rentals in 2018 while working on new regulations, but that effort is now on hold.

DRIVE: On-street parking downtown is \$1.50 per hour between 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Monday–Saturday, with a two-hour time limit from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Meters accept cards and coins. Tickets will run you \$20–\$25. Avoid the risk by parking in a deck—they're free for the first half-hour (and all day Sunday) and \$1 per hour after that. Most surface lots are operated at night and on weekends by National Parking, which usually charges \$5 and can tow or boot you if you don't pay. On campus, surface lots are permit-only, so visitors should park in a deck. See downtownathensga.org and parking.uga.edu for more.

TAKE A CAB: Athens taxis are mostly large vans shared with other passengers. Fares aren't metered; they're based on zones and should be posted inside the cab. Vans gather by the Arch late at night. Expect to be asked whether you're going to the Eastside or Westside. With multiple stops to make, the ride might take a while. Uber and Lyft also operate in Athens.

TAKE A BUS: Athens Transit (athenstransit.com) 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, seniors over 65 and kids under 18 ride free. Starting Jan. 1, 2021, night and weekend buses will be free for everyone. Campus Transit (transit.uga.edu) is free and open to the public—just hop on. Buses mostly run through campus, but routes along Milledge Avenue and Prince Avenue stop at a handful of off-campus locations. Both agencies have apps that allow you to track buses.

SKIP TOWN: Southeastern Stages (southeasternstages.com) intercity buses leave from 4020 Atlanta Hwy. Groome Transportation (groometransportation.com) will take you from one of several pick-up locations to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. Athens officials are currently negotiating with American Airlines to provide commercial air service to Charlotte. Amtrak's Crescent (amtrak.com) stops in Gainesville on its run between New Orleans and New York City.

How We Stack Up

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

POPULATION: 127,330 (2018 Census estimate—includes UGA students)

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

UGA ENROLLMENT: 38,920 (Fall 2019)

LARGEST EMPLOYERS: UGA (10,700), Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center (3,300), Clarke County School District (2,400), St. Mary's Hospital (2,100), Athens-Clarke County government (2,100), Caterpillar (1,600), Pilgrim's Pride (1,350)



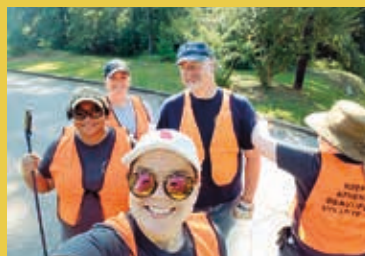
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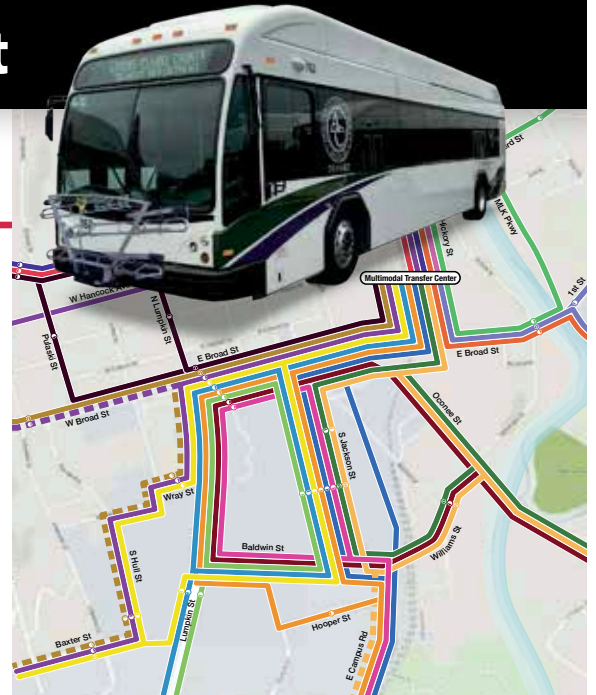
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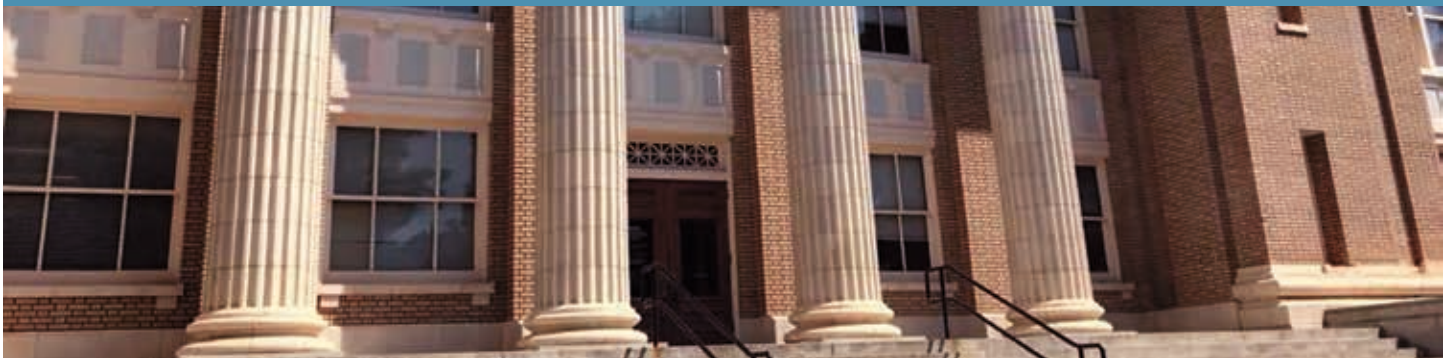


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Art Around Town



ATHENS HAS A HANDFUL OF INTERESTING GALLERIES, and even more eye-catching artwork can be found around town, adding bursts of color and character to the walls of coffee houses, restaurants, bars and shops. Check *Flagpole's* Art Around Town for a list of current exhibitions. Organizations like the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission and Athens Area Arts Council continue to fund public art projects, while many working artists frequently show off their studios during open houses and seasonal sales. For info on receptions and events, check *Flagpole's* Calendar.

Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (ATHICA) 675 Pulaski St., Ste. 1200 • 706-850-7770 • athica.org

ATHICA balances Athens-centric exhibitions with those of professional artists from across the country. The longstanding "Emerges" show highlights rising local artists, while an annual juried exhibition welcomes submissions from across the globe. In addition to traditional opening receptions, exhibitions are often accompanied by workshops, performances and talks with visiting artists. The gallery also hosts Artist-in-ATHICA Residencies through which creatives working in a variety of disciplines showcase their talents.

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

More than just an indie movie theater, Ciné is also a venue for visual art. The exhibit space runs down both walls leading from the entrance and highlights a few artists each year. Art can be viewed during the same hours as the theater, but you don't have to buy movie tickets to check it out or enjoy opening receptions.

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

Part of UGA's College of Environment and Design and housed on North Campus, the Circle Gallery hosts seven shows per year celebrating the relationship between fine art and themes of landscape architecture, historic preservation and, naturally, environmental design.

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

In addition to awarding grants and scholarships, the Classic Center Cultural Foundation exists to fund 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.

Creature Comforts Brewing Co. 271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043 • getcurious.com/get-artistic

Launched in June 2018, Creature Comforts' Get Artistic initiative aims to support art in its many forms: visual art, performance, music and writing. In addition to exhibitions curated by Madeline Bates, the brewery hosts artist talks, craft workshops, art parties and other enrichment opportunities for the arts community.

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

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

Georgia Museum of Art 90 Carlton St. • 706-542-4662 • georgiamuseum.org

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 diverse lineup includes "Hurricane Katrina and Its Aftermath in the Art of Rolland Golden," "Carl Hotly: Romantic Modernist," "The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design," "Modernism Foretold: The Nadler Collection of Late Antique Art from Egypt" and "Extra Ordinary: Magic, Mystery and Imagination

in American Realism.” 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 parties with a DJ.

Howard’s Gallery

119 N. Jackson St. • howardsartgallery.com

Opened in 2018 by artist and New York transplant Ridley Howard, this gallery shares a space with Tif Sigrids. The two collaborators present distinct programming, using the space’s three rooms however feels best.

Indie South

470 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-0644 • theindiesouth.com

After establishing itself as one of the largest handmade markets in the Southeast, Indie South opened a brick-and-mortar boutique full of artisan and vintage goods, rare plants, crystals and more. The space, which also houses its own screen printing studio, hosts classes on everything from Tarot reading to indigo dyeing.

The K.A. Artist Shop

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

A one-stop shop for all artist supply needs, K.A. hosts occasional group exhibitions that are typically hung in eclectic salon-style arrangements. The shop also offers photography services and workshops for all ages.

Lyndon House Arts Center

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

Run by Athens-Clarke County, the arts center displays professional exhibitions in large, sunny galleries upstairs and down, while the Ware-Lyndon House museum offers a glimpse into Athens’ past through period decor and artifacts. In addition to offering classes instructed by professional artists, summer camps and the occasional festival, the center serves as meeting grounds for local craft groups. A gift shop features items created by regional artists.

Madison-Morgan Cultural Center

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

The nonprofit is outside of Athens in a beautifully restored 1895 Romanesque Revival building. Programming ranges from visual art exhibitions to performing arts, and annual events include 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

Athens Academy includes two galleries on its large campus that are open to public viewing. Typically dedicated to displaying student masterpieces, the walls will occasionally feature the work of professional local artists.

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF)

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

Centered in a renovated turn-of-the-century schoolhouse, OCAF is a nonprofit that promotes performing, visual and literary arts. 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 Sigrids

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

Owner Tif Sigrids relocated her gallery from Los Angeles and showcases the works of many professional contemporary artists. Sharing a downtown space with Howard’s, the gallery has recently hosted shows by Sheila Held, Becky Kolsrud, Marten Elder and Adrienne Rubenstein.

tiny ATH gallery

174 Cleveland Ave. • tinyathgallery.com

Athens’ smallest physical gallery space packs a punch with high-quality pop-up exhibitions each month. Artists coming this fall include Jacob Wenzka, Travis Ward, Eli Saragoussi, Jamie Calkin and David Noah.

UGA Special Collections Libraries

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

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

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

Public Art Projects to Check Out

Art Decko

Organized by the Athens Area Arts Council, Art Decko is a series of nine large-scale paintings installed on each floor of the Vertical Gallery, an unconventional stairwell-turned-art space in the College Avenue Parking Deck. Artists include Ashley Anderson, Jared Brown, Jeremy Kiran Fernandes, Ruth Allen, Jacob Wenzka, Hannah Betzel, Will Eskridge, Jeanne Whatley and Dorian Edwards.

ATHENS Mural

Located in an alley off Clayton Street, former Athenian Taylor Shaw’s new mural resembles a vintage “Greetings from...” postcard and celebrates the Classic City as a musical mecca. Part of the new Athens Music Walk of Fame—and funded by the Athens Downtown Development Authority—the mural depicts a collage of local music references embedded into the block letters: Pylon, Widespread Panic, The B-52s and more.

Cobbham Triangle Park

This past year, the slice of land nestled between Prince Avenue, Cobb and Harris streets was transformed into a public art park. Highlights include a mosaic sitting wall by Krysia Ara, a towering sculpture by Harold Rittenberry, and granite sculptures by Stan Mullins for games of chess and ping pong. The park also features a Little Free Library and charging stations.

BirdSong

Commissioned by AthFest Educates to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the AthFest Music and Arts Festival, David Hale’s “BirdSong” mural includes 20 species of native songbirds flying across an exterior wall of Epiphany, on the corner of Washington and Pulaski streets.

Fire Up the Hydrants

A project of the Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department, Fire Up the Hydrants transformed 20 ordinary hydrants into functional, life-saving works of art. Spread across downtown, the hydrants were cleverly hand-painted by local artists including Sarah Cook, Lilli Sams, Dan Smith and Jennifer Zwirn.

Hot Corner: An Athens Legacy

Downtown’s newest mural, at the corner of Lumpkin and Washington streets, is dedicated to the rich history of Hot Corner, a hub of African-American entrepreneurship. Organized by the Athens Cultural Affairs Commission with support from a National Endowment for the Arts grant, the mural was created by Miami-based muralist Elio Mercado and local artist Broderick Flanigan.

Project Ginkgo

Beautifying the concrete bases of light poles with intricate mosaics, Krysia Ara’s Project Ginkgo adds glittering charm and color into the downtown landscape. Funded by the Athens Downtown Development Authority, each design is unique and can be found outside of Flicker Theatre and Bar, The World Famous, Morton Theatre, Epiphany, Creature Comforts, Musician’s Warehouse, Ciné and the Chamber of Commerce.

Activities for Kids



IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, now is a great time to introduce your children to the outdoors. While autumn can have its share of hot days, it's not impossible to venture outside, and social distancing and other public health measures mean indoor activities are... complicated. So, why not use these pandemic times to explore some of Clarke County's natural areas? We also know that it's important to keep kids' activities free or nearly free, since we all know kids can be a strain on our wallets (and we don't want to exclude families who may be experiencing a loss of income these days). With that in mind, here are ideas for outdoor activities around Athens that satisfy a range of ages.

Places to Walk, Run, Ride

Athens' diverse parks are a great place to start. While playgrounds are off limits (as of press time), there are still a variety of parks that offer ways to get the wiggles out.

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Dudley Park (or, in any of the parking lots along the river north of downtown) and follow it up to Sandy Creek Nature Center or down to the UGA campus from Lexington Road, allowing access across the river as well as a connection to neighborhoods on Athens' east side. Visit accgov.com/greenway for maps and more details.

Ben Burton Park (615 Mitchell Bridge Road): Best for hiking along the river and taking a dip in the stream that feeds into it. Check out the old power station that runs along the trail.

Bishop Park (705 Sunset Dr.): Bring your scooter, skateboard or roller skates to roll along the paved pathway along the western side of this in-town park. Or, if kicking a ball is more your style, run around in the large field at the corner of Sunset Drive and Oglethorpe Avenue.

Southeast Clarke Park (4440 Lexington Road): While one of the largest draws to this park is the recently revamped playground, pull into the other side of the park, off Lexington Road, to indulge in some skateboarding/BMX tricks at the Tony Hawk-designed skate park. There are also a walking path and trails in the adjacent woods.

SORBA Trails (sorbAthens.org): If your kids are curious about trails but want more action than what they'll find on foot, Athens has a glorious network of mountain bike trails to explore. Walker Park (formerly Trail Creek Park) is a great place to start. Other locations include UGA's Oconee Forest Park (behind the UGA Intramural Fields), Hawkes Creek Farm in Winterville and, for when you're feeling adventurous, dirt paths that follow the Loop around Athens.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia (2450 S. Milledge Ave.): As of press time, the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden was closed due to public health concerns, but that doesn't mean there aren't places for kids to explore. The trail network around the property includes picturesque walks along the Middle Oconee River, and it's always nice to visit the more manicured gardens to see how they change with the seasons.

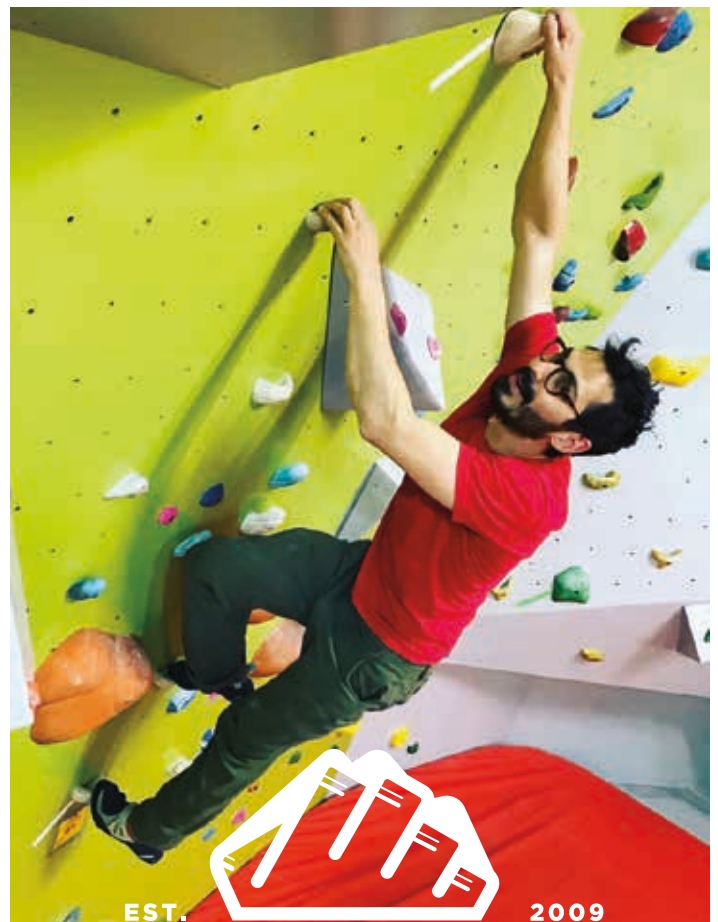
When you're tired of the trails...

GET CREATIVE: We're lucky to have two large, free indoor spaces dedicated to displaying art and also allow social distancing. The **Lyndon House Arts Center** (211 Hoyt St.) re-opened its galleries in July and has hand sanitizing stations set up throughout the space, so you can enjoy new exhibitions while staying safe. While studio spaces are open to adults, check out their website for programming for kids. The **Georgia Museum of Art** (90 Carlton St.) plans to re-open Aug. 13, but kids' activities remain digital for the time being. Toddler Tuesdays, Art Cart, Family Day and Teen Studio are continuing in virtual format, and the museum also offers weekly at-home art projects for kids in partnership with K.A. Artist Shop.

HANG WITH ANIMALS: If your kids want to commune with some animals, **Memorial Park** (293 Gran Ellen Dr.) offers a walk through Bear Hollow Zoo, as well as opportunities to feed the ducks at its pond (please don't bring bread!). The animal rescue nonprofit **Sweet Olive Farm** (855 Parkview Road, Winterville; sweetolivefarm.org) is home to dozens of animals, such as donkeys, alpacas, exotic birds, and a sheep, goat and pig. Children are welcome with adults on Saturdays, when volunteers can work on the farm. Tours are also available (\$10) but reservations are required, as are masks.

GET LOST IN A BOOK: As of press time, the **Athens-Clarke County Library** (2025 Baxter St.), was offering curbside book pick-ups (reserve a book online or call to speak with a librarian). Athens' children's library staff have also been banding together with other libraries in the region to provide storytimes each weekday morning—find them on Facebook and read live (or later!). **Avid Bookshop** (1662 S. Lumpkin St.) also offers virtual meet-ups for YA readers.

LEARN SOME HISTORY: Athens has four historic house museums that are available for self-guided tours. The **Ware-Lyndon House** is adjacent to the Lyndon House Arts Center and is open when the arts center is open. Tours of the **Taylor-Grady House** (634 Prince Ave.) and the **T.R.R. Cobb House** (175 Hill St.) are on hiatus as of press time. But the **Athens Welcome Center** (280 E. Dougherty St.) offers virtual tours on its website and also has a series of videos exploring Athens history.



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ATHENS HAS LOTS OF PUBLIC PARKS, a few of which are connected by the North Oconee River Greenway, which features several scenic miles of walking and biking paths. Amenities vary, 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. Due to COVID-19, park hours, services and guidelines may have changed. Please call ahead for more details before your visit.

Athens-Clarke County

accgov.com/149/Parks-Facilities

Ben Burton Park

615 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



The 32-acre wildlife preserve features a hardwood forest, trails and picnic spots. A boat launch and shoals provide access to the Middle Oconee River.

Bishop Park

705 Sunset Dr. • 706-613-3589

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



Large Normaltown park equipped with fields and courts for a variety of sports. Programs include tennis, gymnastics, swimming and more. Home to the Athens Farmers Market on Saturdays from April to December.

Boulevard Woods

298 Barber St. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset



Cute pocket park in the Boulevard neighborhood with a paved walking loop and a small playground.

Dudley Park

100 Dudley Park Road • 706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



32-acre park near downtown, by the river, with open fields and connections to the Firefly Trail and

North Oconee River Greenway. Improvements are also underway and the public is invited to stay in touch with Leisure Services about updates.

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.



Indoor and outdoor activities for everyone from kids to seniors, plus a branch of the public library and multipurpose rooms.

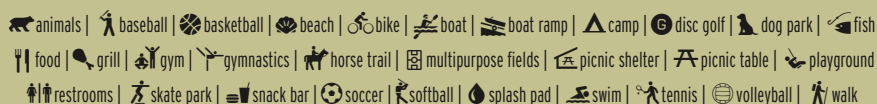
Firefly Trail

Multiple entrances: East Broad Street, Dudley Park, Poplar Street, Inglewood Avenue, Old Winterville Road • 706-613-3801 • fireflytrail.com

Hours: sunrise-sunset



The first mile of this painstakingly designed walking and biking trail is open along the historic Georgia Railroad corridor. Future construction



plans include the Firefly Bridge Over Walker Park that will incorporate the historic “Murmur Trestle.” Construction is also taking place in Winterville and has been installed on the Maxeys Model Mile.

Greenway and Riverside Parks

706-613-3620

Hours: sunrise-sunset



Over seven miles of concrete for non-motorized use. Improvements are also underway and the public is invited to stay in touch with Leisure Services about updates. Connections include Dudley Park, Firefly Trail, Sandy Creek Nature Center and Sandy Creek Park. For a list of riverside parks, see accgov.com/6919/Riverside-Parks.

Holland Youth Sports Complex

250 Vincent Dr. • 706-613-3991 (before 4 p.m.); 706-613-3604 (after 4 p.m.)

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



62-acre sports complex. Home to Athens United soccer, Downtown Falcons football and Athens Little League baseball and softball action.

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: 8 a.m.-sunset



Popular park 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.

Reese & Pope Park

375 Reese St. • 706-613-3801

Hours: sunrise-sunset



Neighborhood park with basketball courts and a playground.

Rocksprings Community Center & Park

291 Henderson Ext. • 706-613-3603

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



Multipurpose park with something for everyone, including 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.



See snakes and other live critters up close. Hike over four miles of trails through woodlands and wetlands. Discover a 19th Century log house and the ruins of a century-old brick factory. Construction on the Nature Playscape construction is underway and both the Education and Visitor Center will be closed for approximately 120 days as construction continues. Short-term closures of the Greenway adjoining the construction zone may also take place, so be aware of warning signs or barricades.

Sandy Creek Park

400 Bob Holman Road • 706-613-3631

Hours: Tue-Sun., 7 a.m.-8:30 p.m.



The county's largest park surrounds picturesque Lake Chapman with a beach, dog park and trails. Enjoy disc golf, picnicking, boating and fishing. Due to COVID-19 all playgrounds, basketball courts, volleyball courts and the Visitor's Center are restricted areas, accompanied by limited reservable facilities and no boat rentals until further notice. Bring your credit/debit card to pay for entrance fees, no cash.

Satterfield Park

2950 Cherokee Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset

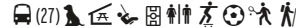


Community park with athletic fields and courts. Home to East Athens Little League play.

Southeast Clarke Park

4440 Lexington Road • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



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.

Walker Park

200 Trail Creek St. • 706-613-3991

Hours: 8 a.m.-sunset



Sprawling park just minutes from downtown with a fitness zone, a popular splash pad for kids, soccer fields 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.



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. **Closed for the 2020 season.**

Oconee Forest Park

College Station Road at Alumni Drive • 706-542-4287 • warnell.forestry.uga.edu/oconee-forest-park

Hours: dawn-dusk



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

State Botanical Garden of Georgia

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

Hours: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.



Admire beautiful and diverse gardens, or explore nature trails. The grounds include a visitors center with a conservatory and café and frequently serve as a concert or wedding venue. The Alice H. Richards Children's Garden is a kid-centric wonderland. The lovely Day Chapel in the woods is available for rental. No dogs.

Oconee County

oconeecounty.com/398/Parks-Facilities

Bogart Sports Complex

S. Burson Ave., Bogart • 706-769-3965

Hours: dawn-11 p.m.



Lighted ballfields and multipurpose fields.

Harris Shoals Park

Harris Shoals Drive, Watkinsville • 706-769-5161

Hours: 7 a.m.-8 p.m.



Small park with picnic tables, walking trails, shoals and a baseball field.

Heritage Park

2543 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-769-3965

Hours: sunrise-sunset



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

Herman C. Michael Park

1051 Elder Road, Bishop • 706-769-3965

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

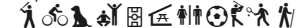


Large park with lighted fields and a free disc golf course.

Oconee Veterans Park

3500A Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-3965

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sun, 1-6 p.m.



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: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.



This park has a pavilion, playgrounds and metal art by Beverly Babb. It 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

Hours: 7 a.m.-10 p.m.



This park contains the longest covered bridge in the state, as well as log cabins and campsites, horse-riding trails and a river perfect for wading.



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Athens Music

10 Things to Know About Athens Music

1. It's (Not) Only Rock and Roll

Athens is known for its contributions to the rock and roll canon—our lil' town birthed R.E.M., the B-52s, Pylon, Widespread Panic, Neutral Milk Hotel, of Montreal and Drive-By Truckers, among others—but there's a lot more going on locally. Hip hop continues to boom, and the Latinx scene is hot, too. Roots music, including country and Americana, can be found just about everywhere, as can experimental and genre-defying acts.

2. Music Venues Range in Size and Focus

Though the live entertainment industry has been severely curtailed by the pandemic, Athens is still home to a remarkably high number of music venues, given its population size. The best bets for catching major touring acts have always been the 40 Watt Club, Georgia Theatre and Caledonia Lounge, while Flicker Theatre & Bar, Hendershot's Coffee Bar, Little Kings Shuffle Club, Nowhere Bar and World Famous are dependable choices for catching local bands any night of the week.

3. Festivals (Usually) Happen Year-Round

In fall, the North Georgia Folk Festival livens Sandy Creek Park, and the Wild Rumpus is a Halloween-time hoot. In spring, the Athens Human Rights Festival features two days of music downtown, and the Athens Spring Fling pops up on the Eastside. The hip hop- and gospel-centric Hot Corner Celebration takes place in early June, followed by our flagship event, AthFest, later that month, while the punky SlopFest returns in July.

4. It's Kid-Friendly

As more Athenians start families, there's been an increased focus on kid-centric music. The leader of the pack is Nuçi's Space, a resource center that offers health services to musicians, plus rehearsal rooms and Camp Amped, where local youth learn to start their own bands. Girls Rock Athens operates a similar program for female and nonbinary kiddos, while Full Moon Studio's Oconee School of Rock serves nearby Watkinsville.

5. There's an Athens Music Walk of Fame

The new Athens Music Walk of Fame debuts this season to honor the movers and shakers who helped place our town on the map as a musical destination. The walk recognizes honorees with bronze plaques that are planted along a route passing notable music venues like the Morton Theatre, 40 Watt Club and Georgia Theatre. An interactive mobile app offers additional sights and sounds associated with each honoree, as well as updates on where to catch live music.

6. Tune In to Turn On

You can hear local music all over the airwaves, starting with WUOG 90.5 FM, UGA's student-run station that broadcasts "Live in the Lobby" performances every Tuesday and Thursday. University-chartered NPR affiliate WUGA 91.7 and 94.5 FM airs "The Rotation," a block focused on Athens music, as well as "Sound of Athens," a segment of live concert recordings. And a Sunday-evening program on rock station Bulldog 93.3 often features local sounds.

7. See Athens on the Big Screen

Tony Gayton's 1987 documentary *Athens, GA: Inside/Out* is essential viewing for any aspiring local music buff for its interviews and live footage from the mid-80s scene. For a glimpse into today's cultural landscape, check out local filmmaker James Preston's pair of documentaries, *Athens Rising: The Sicyon Project* and *Athens Rising 2: Transmittance*, which compile vignettes of DIY house shows, festivals, performance art, comedy, restaurants and other unique organizations.

8. It's a Recording Destination

Behind the tremendous number of albums churned out by up-and-coming artists each year are the recording studios that make them possible. Chase Park Transduction, The Glow Recording Studio, Espresso Machine, Studio 1093, Phippen Studios in Winterville and Full Moon Studio in Watkinsville stay busy year-round. Tweed Recording Audio Production School, a world-class facility that opened downtown this year, aims to train the next generation of audio professionals.

9. If You Like It, Buy It

When Kindercore Vinyl opened in 2017, it became the only vinyl record manufacturing facility in the state, and one of only a handful in the country. Peruse the collections at Wuxtry Records and Low Yo Yo Stuff Records, which both offer a wide variety of classic and new releases sold by super-knowledgeable clerks. Secret Sounds, which is any vintage collector's dream, and Shadebeast Records, which specializes in heavy metal, punk and noise, are both operating virtual storefronts until new physical locations are secured.

10. Flagpole Has You Covered

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Breweries

ATHENS IS SLOWLY EMERGING as a true craft beer destination, with two new micro-breweries opening this year, making six in total. If you'd like to sample their work, you can purchase cans or crowlers (machine-sealed aluminum cans) from most breweries on-site or at local stores. Bars and restaurants all over town have craft-minded lists featuring a wide variety of native brews. One option that's not available this year is the Classic City Brew Fest, which normally brings beer lovers into Athens from all over. It's unfortunately been cancelled due to COVID-19, but be sure to check it out in 2021.

Akademia Brewing Company

150 Crane Dr. • 678-726-2288 • akademiabc.com

Akademia is a large brewpub in a warehouse-type space off Atlanta Highway with a huge bar featuring a view of the brewing tanks. They also serve food with a full menu, and they're open seven days a week for dine-in. If you're in a hurry, they've got crowlers to go, which you can fill up with anything on tap to enjoy later. Offerings change daily, with lots of interesting options and tasty standbys, like IQ, a citrusy, New England-style IPA, and Skål Norwegian wheat.

Athentic Brewing Company

108 Park Ave. • 706-206-2074 • athenticbrewing.com

Athentic is in the historic Boulevard neighborhood and features a futuristic beerwall with self-serve taps. Depending on availability, you'll be able to pick from a variety of brews, including Amour de Ferme, a saison; Perfect Number, a coffee brown ale; Sunshine, a wheat beer and also Sister, a pale ale. Other offerings include a juicy IPA, dry Irish stout, pilsner and a double IPA for those who appreciate the hoppy side of microbrew.

Creature Comforts Brewing Company

271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043 • creaturecomfortsbeer.com

A bustling brewery in a large, semi-industrial space inside a historic building downtown, they have ample outside seating, which is where the Athens Farmers Market sets up on Wednesdays.

The brewery also hosts art, music and food trucks. Popular year-round offerings include the Tropicalia IPA, Athena Berliner Weisse and Classic City Lager. They also have a large selection of special offerings and limited releases sold in bottles.

Normaltown Brewing Company

149 Oneta St. • 706-988-8501 • facebook.com/Normaltownbrewingco

Normaltown is a "nanobrewery" producing very small, carefully crafted batches. They aren't currently bottling for distribution, but look for that coming soon. To sample their brews like Elder Masters, a west-coast double IPA, or Electric Mist, a New England-style hazy IPA, you can visit them in the same warehouse complex off Chase Street where the Cotton Press and Canopy are located. New beers are available often, and you can take anything they've got home with you in a crowler.

Southern Brewing Company

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183 • sobrewco.com

SBC offers an indoor space with a bar and brewing equipment, as well as a five-acre yard so you can spread out and get comfortable. They serve up a wide variety of beers, from 25 to 32 choices, depending on the day. Year-round standards include the Red and Black Berliner and Hobnail IPA. The brewery also offers small-batch, seasonal releases. In fact, they release a new beer every Friday.

Terrapin Beer Company

265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377 • terrapinbeer.com

In a warehouse just past Chase with an indoor tasting room and a huge lawn, Athens' OG craft brewery hosts live music regularly and lots of annual events, weather and COVID permitting. The company has been making beer in Athens for over 15 years. Sample old favorites like the seasonable RecreationAle, Sound Czech pilsner or Hopsecutioner IPA. New beers this year include Frenchy's Blues, a Berliner Weisse brewed with blueberries in collaboration with former Braves outfielder Jeff Francoeur, and summer seasonal Peach Dreamsicle, a "peaches and cream" Imperial IPA. Both are available in cans you can take home.

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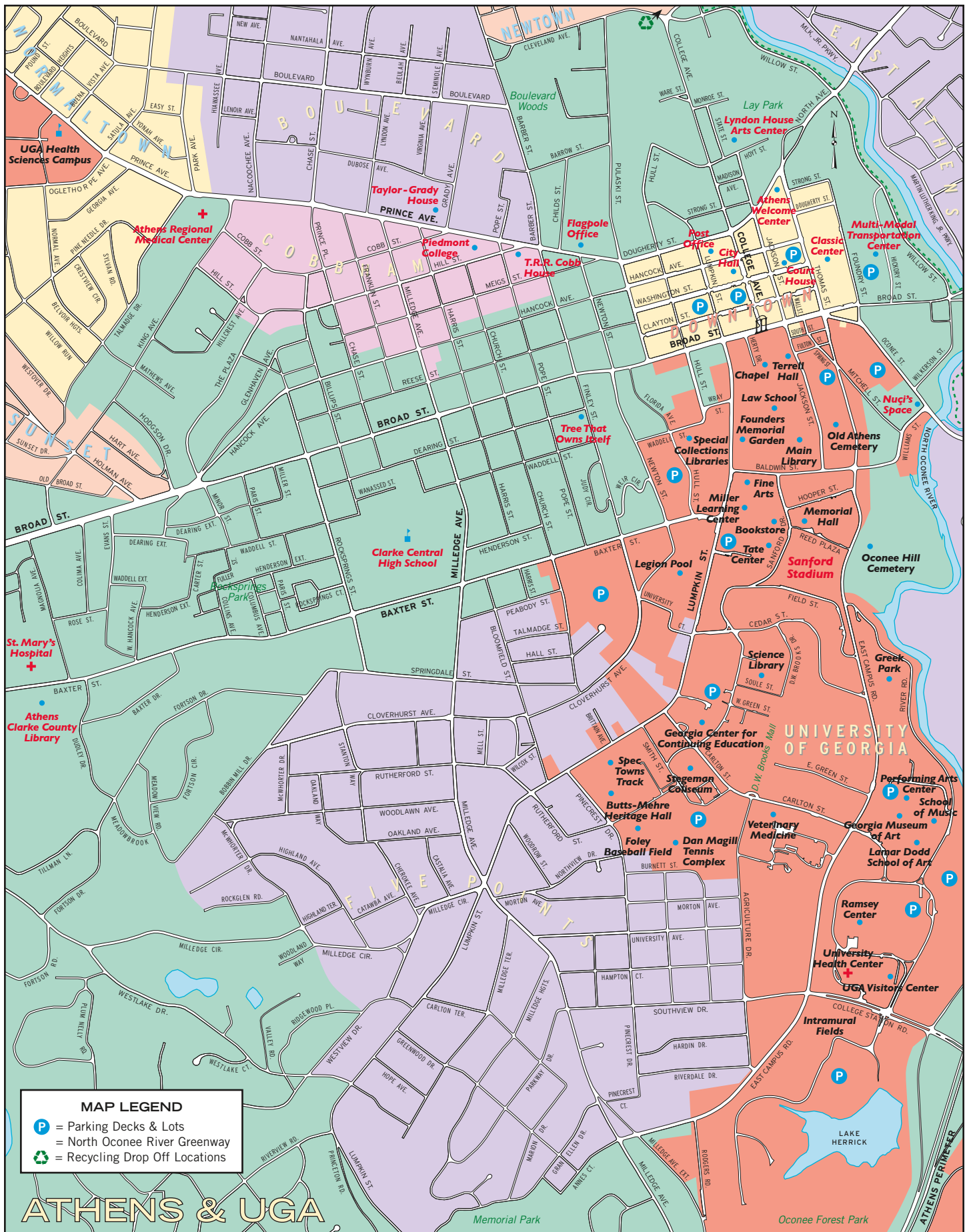
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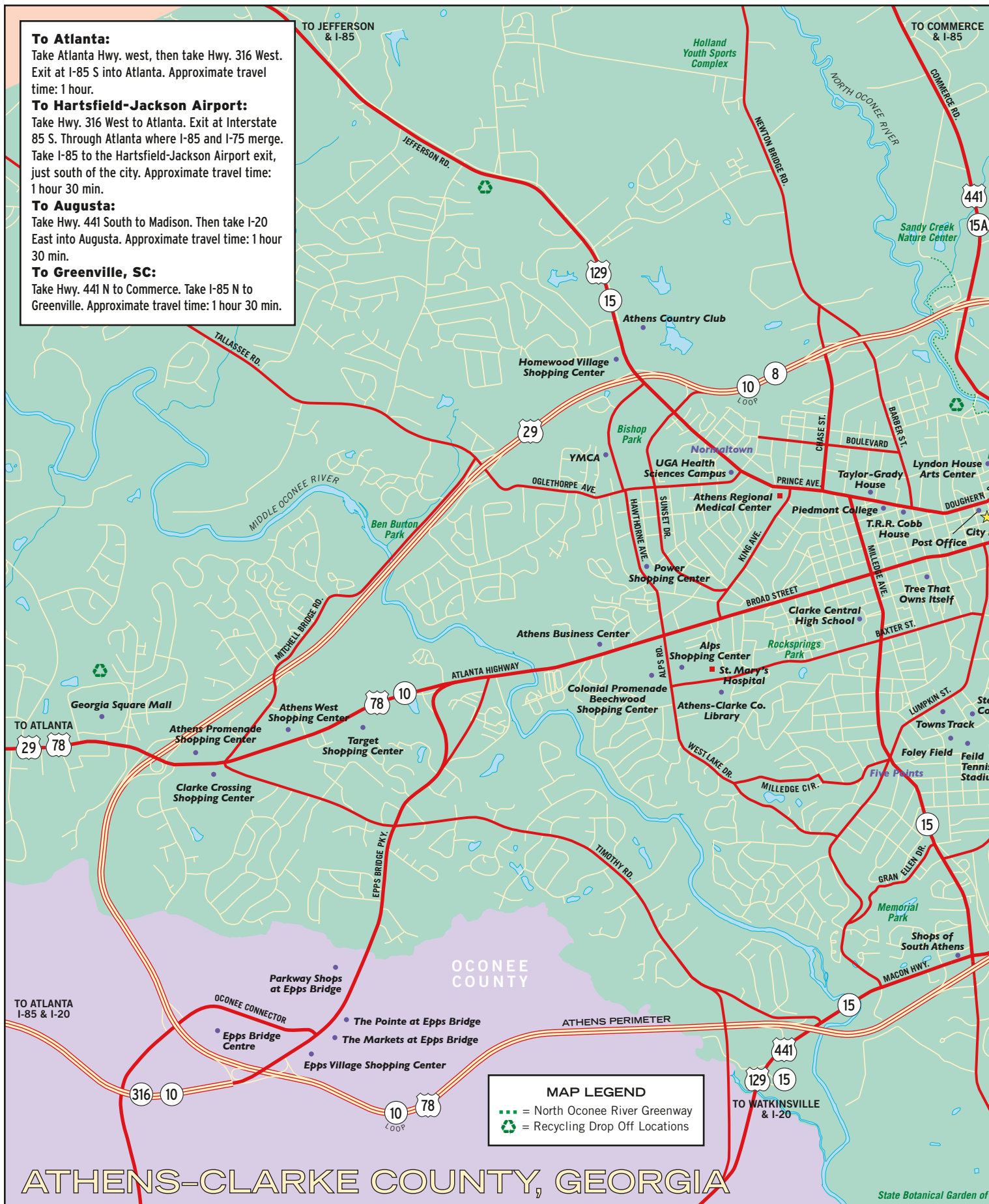
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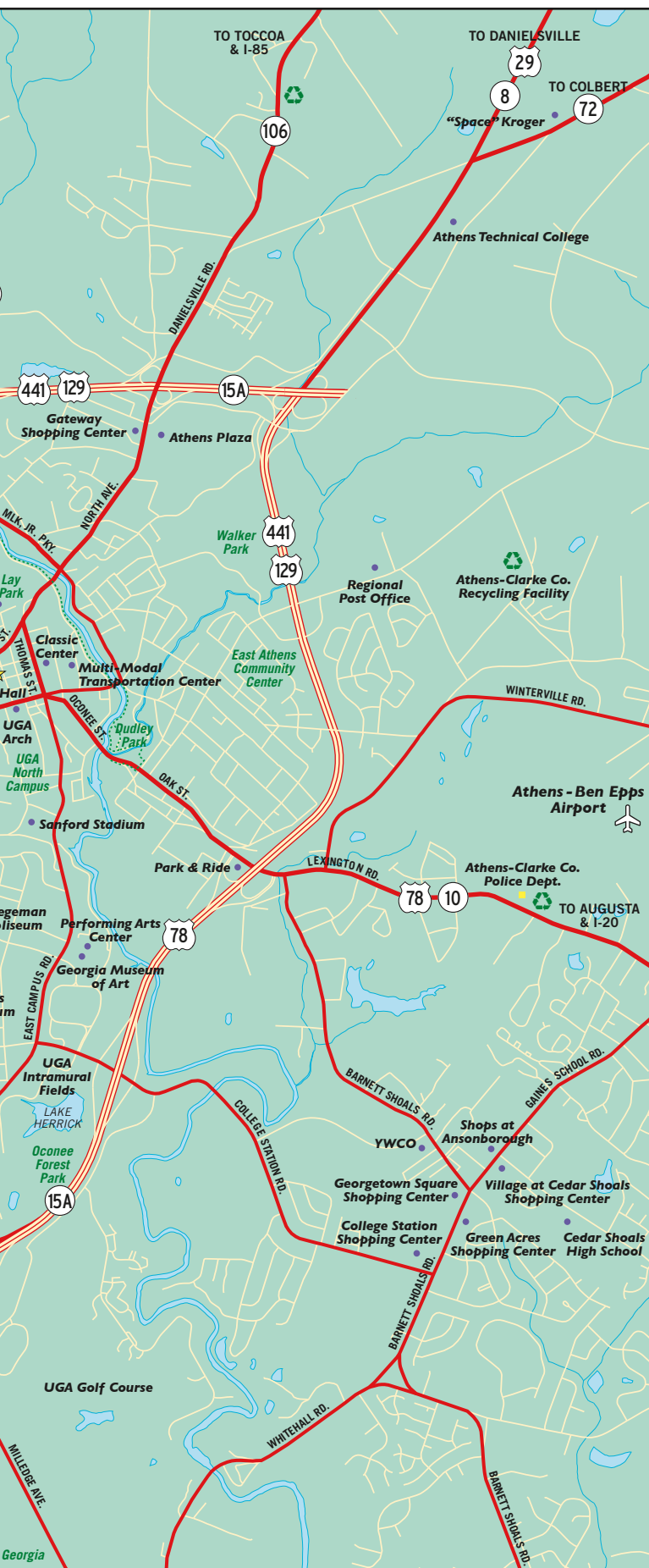
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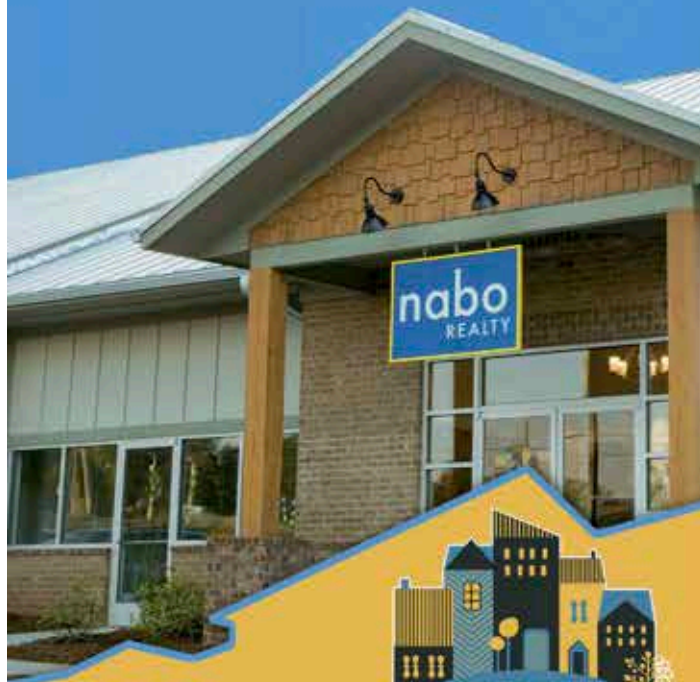
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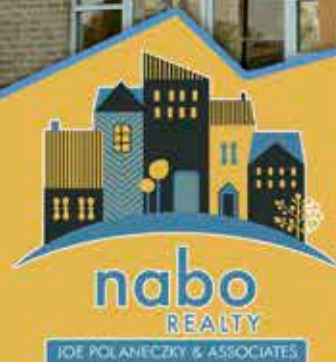
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Restaurant & Bar Listings



1000 Faces Coffee

510 N. Thomas St. • 706-534-8860

1000facescoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses. **HOURS:** Seven days. Some of the best coffee around, roasted in tiny batches in a space visible through the window. Pour-over will give you the best flavor, but there's also pre-made if you're in a hurry as well as tea and other drinks, plus beans, coffee accessories and baked goods by The Comerian. Coffees on offer change out frequently. \$

The 11th Pin

555 Macon Hwy. • 706-548-1028

11thpinathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. A bowling-alley food counter located inside of Showtime Bowl, but make it a little bit fancy. You can get all the things guaranteed to make

your fingers greasy: burgers, fried chicken items, wings, jalapeno poppers, tots, etc. Beers by the bucket. \$

1785 Bar & Grill

420 E. Clayton St.

<https://www.facebook.com/1785Athens/>

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs. Big college bar gets its name from the year UGA was chartered but doesn't exactly have an academic atmosphere. Also serves food (burgers, wings, tacos, nachos). Margarita towers, pitchers of domestics. \$

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:** Millennials sweat it out on the dance floor to (mostly) '90s jams. **DRINKS:** Buy a tallboy, shot or mixed drink for dancing fuel. \$

Add Drug Store

1695 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-2239

add-drugstore.com/lunch-counter

FILE UNDER: American. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. **FEATURES:** Counter service. Opened in 1961, this soda fountain and lunch counter inside a Five Points pharmacy hasn't changed much. Breakfast is sandwich-oriented. Lunch includes cute lil' burgers, excellent slaw dogs, simple and classic sandwiches and fresh, hot fries. Malts, milkshakes, floats and classic vanilla and cherry sodas. Everything is made mere feet 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. This friendly, family-owned restaurant with Normaltown and Timothy locations serves Americanized Mexican basics (guac, margs, cheese dip, taco salad), but you can also find horchata, Mexican-style tacos with al pastor or barbacoa, rajas, tortas, micheladas (beer-based cocktails) and more. Kids menu. \$\$

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. Super-basic stripped-down restaurant that does some of the best poke around. Punch cards for repeat diners, vegetarian options, a bajillion fresh topping options, plus hibachi, fried rice, noodles and basic soups and salads. \$\$

Akademia Brewing Co.

150 Crane Dr., Bogart • 678-726-2288

akademiabc.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer, live music, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Beer is the focus at this craft brewery that has a full restaurant. Beers (available in flights) feature in many

\$	\$7 & under	Average Price of Entree
\$\$	\$8–\$12	
\$\$\$	\$13–\$17	
\$\$\$\$	\$18 & up	

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dishes, and the menu goes beyond fried cheese to actual entrees and flatbreads. Ramen nights. \$

Allgood Lounge

256 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0166
allgoodlounge.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Opens earlier than most bars. Two-stories and a big garage door to add some air plus a patio and tiki bar. Hundreds of drink options, including a build-your-own bloody mary bar. Twenty rotating beers, 55 whiskeys, 18 tequilas and over 200 bottled beers. \$

Alumni Cookie Dough

480 N. Thomas St. • 706-254-9171
alumnicookedough.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream, Something Different. You don't need to worry about eating this cookie dough raw. It's safe to eat and available in many flavors. Jittery Joe's coffee, milkshakes (with cookie dough), ice cream sundaes and toppings. Some gluten-free choices. \$

American Deli

2139 W. Broad St. • 706-395-6615
3700 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-543-3009
1055 Gaines School Road • 706-714-1212
1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy • 706-540-7707
americandeli.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

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. Casual dining space with a long bar and brick walls. This small Georgia chain is known for its wings and wide variety of pizza toppings; the menu is big, with lots of sandwiches, pasta, salads and soup. Good craft brews. \$\$

ARTini's Art Lounge

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

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Art classes, parking. Local in-town paint-and-sip with beer and wine, plus nonalcoholic beverages if you need to concentrate on your sunset masterpiece. \$

Athens Bagel Co.

268 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-5001
athensbagel.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Excellent bagels boiled and baked in-house in a wide variety of flavors. Top with hummus, butter (whipped, honey, peanut) or housemade cream cheese OR turn into a sandwich with egg, meat, cheese or veggies. \$

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. Locally owned pizza place 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
athenswokga.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Informal place focusing on quick-sauteed Thai, Chinese, Korean and Japanese dishes made with fresh ingredients. The Thai curries are a highlight. \$

Athentic Brewing Company

108 Park Ave. • 706-206-2074
authenticbrewing.com

FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer. Athens' newest brewery is in the historic Boulevard neighborhood and is starting to roll out curbside pick-up of new brews. See ad on p. 19. \$

Auntie's Home Cooking

645 Danielsville Road • 706-255-6198

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Debit cards, cash, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Small home-cooking place attached to a convenience store does classic Southern meat and veggie plates on weekends. 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/automaticpizzathens
FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Top-notch New York-style pizza by the slice or the pie, plus delish but not giant subs, salads, cannoli, all with quality ingredients. Vegan-friendly + gluten-free options. Half-pours on beer and wine while you wait for your order. \$

Bad Moon

246 E. Clayton St.
instagram.com/badmoonbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. Lots of neon, light-up dance floor, '90s music, karaoke. Choose from domestic and local standbys, or order a house specialty like the disco lemonade. \$

Bar South

104 E. Washington St. • 706-850-1329
facebook.com/barsouthathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, live music. Roomy sports bar with TVs, pool tables, darts and foosball. Beer and mixed drinks across a wide range of taste and budget. \$

The Bar-B-Que Shack

4320 Lexington Road • 706-613-6752
facebook.com/bbqshackathens

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Lunch and Dinner, Thu-Sat. Old-school barbeque, with chicken, pork and rib plates served with coleslaw, stew, chips and



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Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina

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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. Locally owned burrito chain has expanded throughout the Southeast. Serves health-oriented Mexican-ish fare. Everything is customizable to your taste/dietary needs: burritos, quesadillas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and salads, lots of veggies; 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. \$

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

935 Highway 29 N. • 706-548-6338

dunkindonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, Wi-Fi, counter service. \$

Bee's Knees Bakery & Gifts

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-3633

beeskneesbakeryandgifts.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Sandwiches, Delivery. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service. **THE LOOK:** Cute and decorative, like the fancy cookies and cakes it offers. Frilly cookies and cakes, either custom or impulse-buy, plus box lunches with a sandwich, cheese straws and a cupcake. \$

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. \$\$

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:** Closed until further notice. \$

Big City Bread Cafe

393 N. Finley Street • 706-353-0029

bigcitybreadcafe.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries, Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine,

catering, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi.

HOURS: Breakfast and lunch. Lots more than bread



and baked sweets, although plenty of those, too. Supa-good French toast, eggs, quiche, nice burgers (veg and meat), big salads, tons of veggie and vegan options. Lots of beverages, boozy and non. See ad on p. 29. \$\$

Bill's Bar-B-Que

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

billsbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering.

HOURS: Lunch and dinner. Long-time barbeque joint 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. \$

Billy Meadow's Station

6729 Hwy. 72, Colbert • 706-788-3517

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken.

FEATURES: Take out, counter service. Old-school hot doggerly in the country makes a steamed dog with cold slaw on a toasted bun like no other. Also grilled cheese, corned beef and chicken salad. \$

Birrieria & Taqueria Jalisco

494 Broad St., Nicholson • 678-767-2912

birriadejalisco.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Tacos, grilled meats and Mexican standards, but the real attraction is the birria, a meaty stew highlighting goat or lamb, darkly spicy with ancho chiles. Goat and lamb cooked similarly can also make for good taco fillings or sope toppings. Brunch specials. \$

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, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Wings and chicken fingers to go, with 13 different sauces. Also: burgers, corn dogs, meaty salads, onion rings, fries and fried apple pies on the side. Other locations are in Statham, Lexington, Commerce, Elberton, Hartwell and Royston. \$

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. Long-time Athens sports bar with a big menu and lots of vegetarian choices; New Orleans specials on Tuesday. 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

blueskyathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. Upstairs, above Walker's, a cozy bar for students and townies with a nice view and a rooftop patio. Big drink selection: 300+ craft beers, 100+ scotches, a wide selection of whiskeys and wine from all over. \$

Boar's Head Lounge

260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040

instagram.com/boarsheadlounge

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. Big, multi-level student bar. Pool, beer pong, popcorn machines and more inside. Live music outside every Thursday and on game days. Regular specials on already inexpensive drafts and wells. \$

Bourbon Street

333 E. Broad St. • 706-369-1313

twitter.com/BourbonStAth

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. College bar encourages you to chug through Power Hour and party New Orleans-style all night. Pool upstairs. Cheap beer, nightly specials and liquor drinks, including hurricanes and fishbowls. \$

Bread Basket

723 Boulevard • 706-548-3412

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Downhome cooking from a counter inside a neighborhood convenience store. Fat biscuits with sausage, ham, eggs, tenderloin, cheese, gravy and more. Grits, eggs or hashbrowns on the side. Lunch items rotate and 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. Brett's is family-oriented, which means a menu with something for everyone and deals on kids' meals. Gluten-free stuff, big salads, tacos, burgers, grilled seafood and more. \$

Bruster's Real Ice Cream

1029 Parkway Pl. • 706-850-1249

brusters.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering. \$

Bubble Café

247 E. Broad St. • 706-355-3002

bubblecafeathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Formerly itty-bitty hidden eatery has new digs above ground in what was Taco Stand. Bubble tea, of course, but also snacks, dumplings, good soups, rice bowls and more. \$

Buddha Bar

431 E. Broad St. • 706-208-7017

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

Zen, more sake bombs that involve pounding on the table to make the shot fall into the drink. Skee-Ball in the back, 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. Some of the biggest pizzas in town, plus wings, hot and cold subs, calzones, fried apps, pasta, salads, breadsticks and dessert. \$

Bulldog Bistro

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-338-8781

hotel.uga.edu/dining-in-athens/bulldog-bistro

FILE UNDER: American, Coffee Houses and Bakeries.

FEATURES: Take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. This restaurant inside the UGA's Georgia Center does a wide variety of dishes throughout most of the day, including some grab-and-go stuff. Bar snacks, Savannah Room favorites like celestial chicken, Thai chicken salad, burgers and more. \$

Butt Hutt Bar-B-Q

480 Macon Hwy. • 706-850-8511

butthuttathens.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Divey atmosphere and consistently good pulled pork and ribs, even without sauce, plus tasty sides like chicken mull, corn nuggets, fried okra, meat skins, meaty potato salad. \$

Buvez

585 Barber St. • 706-850-0172

facebook.com/buvezathens

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars, Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, counter service, full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi. European-style cafe that goes from early a.m. to lateish p.m. Delish pre-made sandwiches, pastries and soft pretzels by The Comerian, hard-boiled eggs, snoballs (including boozy ones) and snacks by the scoop. Coffee, tea, cool sodas, craft cocktails, wine, beer and aperitifs. \$

Cabin Creek BBQ

199 Memorial Dr., Nicholson • 706-757-2267

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FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Worth the drive a bit outside of Athens to Nicholson for some of the best barbecue around. Also: chicken mull, Sunday buffet with Southern standards and cobbler for dessert. Holiday specials. \$

The Café on Lumpkin

1700 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-215-9240

thecafeonlumpkin.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out, outside seating, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea, seven days. Five Points newcomer in a historic house does breakfast all day (until 6 p.m.), with pastries, burritos, tacos, sandwiches; classic sandwiches, soups and salads at lunch; four different types of tea service (high, low, royal and cream), with scones, clotted cream, tea sandwiches; and then snacks and light drinks in the early evening. Kids menu. \$\$

Cali 'N' Tito's

1254 Cedar Shoals Dr. • 706-355-7087

1427 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-9979

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, beer and wine (Eastside), curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Both locations of this Athens original do Latin American food with a Peruvian influence: lomo saltado, big sandwiches, plantains (sweet and savory), yuca, tacu tacu (rice and beans topped with eggs) and much more. Lots of veggie choices. Eastside location has more indoor seating, quarter-operated kiddie rides and a La Michoacana... es Natural ice cream counter. Lumpkin has a small fee to BYOB and usually accepts cash and check only, but there's an ATM in the gas station next door. Westside location is in the works. \$\$

Carrabba's Italian Grill

3194 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-9938

carrabbas.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$\$\$

The Carriage House of Athens

3755 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-546-0385

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FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. All-you-can-eat Southern-style cooking off the buffet. Lots of dessert choices. \$

Catch 22 Gastropub

1021 Parkway Blvd. • 706-549-6333

catch22gp.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick up, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. This place has a strong desire to push the envelope, in both its flavors and its marketing (they boast "people hate us on Yelp"). Creative bar food, good beer selection, lots of specials, cute kids menu. \$\$

Cecilia Villaveces Cakes

610 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-3308

ceciliascakes.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering. Family-owned bakery makes all cakes to order, including for special occasions like weddings and birthdays. Popular flavors include lemon, tres leches, hummingbird, mocha, caramel, coconut and red velvet. Purchase only. No seating. \$\$

Centro Bar

400 E. Clayton St. • 404-271-8440

instagram.com/centrobarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating. Watch football on a big screen and sign up for the weekly beer pong tournament. A balcony with its own bar wraps around the main floor. Full bar with specialty drinks like the East Clayton lemonade and key lime pie shots. Yappy hour sometimes. \$

Charlie Graingers

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5767

charliegraingers.com

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



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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. Better and healthier-than-average strip-mall Chinese, focusing on Cantonese standards. Singapore noodles, seafood with eggplant, roast duck and daily 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. Mostly to-go food, available fast, but a better selection than your standard stir-fry eatery: lo mein, pancit, teriyaki, 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. Enormous buffet with over 300 Chinese, American and Japanese dishes, including crab legs sometimes. You can also select from the menu of mostly Americanized Chinese standards or you can order take-out priced by the pound. \$

China Wok

2475 Jefferson Road • 706-353-3399

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. Americanized quick-service Chinese dishes, including chop suey, lo mein, mai fun, moo shu, et al., make up the primary order of business in this small restaurant that mostly does to-go. \$

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

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and sake, delivery, trivia, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night. **THE LOOK:** Counter service, big booths. Quick-service Japanese and Korean food at bargain prices. You can get rice and meat basics but also bibimbap, bulgogi, tonkatsu and Korean tacos. \$

Chops and Hops

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

chopsandhops.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, curbside pick-up, outside seating, reservations, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Somewhat upscale steaks and brews in Watkinsville but with a surprising love of vegetables. Menu changes frequently with the seasons and includes many gluten-free choices. \$\$\$

Chuck E. Cheese's

3654 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-353-6715

chuckecheese.com

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

Chuck's Fish

220 W. Broad St. • 706-395-6611

chucksfish.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, full bar, outdoor seating, reservations, take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner. Swanky seafood out of Destin in a historic building, with lots of simply treated stuff, sushi and East Asian-accented apps (brussels sprouts with kimchi, shishito peppers). Signature cocktails with sake or Japanese whiskey as well as standards. \$\$\$

Cici's Pizza

3190 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-2424

cicis.com

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

Ciné

234 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-353-3343

athenscine.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, movies, art. Athens' only indie movie theater features an art gallery, two screens, a lab/meeting room and a bar that's a destination in its own right, with movie-themed cocktails, good beer and wine, and liquor. Coffee, tea, sodas, local baked goods and fresh-popped popcorn. \$

City Bar

220 College Ave.

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. Watch sports on big-screen TVs in a historic space with marble accents and fancy chandeliers. Daily drink deals, plus the usual selection of beer, seltzers and shots. \$

Clarke's Standard

225 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-5152

clarkesathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Half bar, half restaurant, with hamburgers, bar snacks, "loaded bowls," croissant beignets. \$\$

Classic City Eats

1120 Baxter St. • 706-850-3092

classicciteats.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and

dinner; Sunday brunch. A revised version of the former Champy's, still with a heavy emphasis on fried chicken, plus fried catfish, green tomatoes, jalapeños, okra and pickle spears. Sunday brunch includes chicken and waffles. \$

Clocked!

259 W. Washington St. • 706-548-9175

clockeddiner.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Hipster diner is best known for hamburgers, made with all-natural, humanely raised, antibiotic-free beef and creative toppings: bacon jam, peanut butter, gouda, etc. Tots and shakes are popular, and the latter include tasty boozy ones. Gluten-free and vegan options available. \$\$

Cloud

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-7771

facebook.com/cloudathensga

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. Rainbow-lit bubble wall bar and a light-up dance floor after renovations. Spacious layout, pool, TV and laser lights. Full bar with all the shots and bombs you could ask for. \$

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. Locally based small-batch chocolate shop makes desserts right in front of you: truffles, chocolate bars, coffee bars and more, plus drinking chocolate, coffee, gelato, ice cream sandwiches, toffee, etc. Vegan options, too. \$

Condor Chocolates Factory

160 E. Washington St.

condorchocolates.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Something Different. Coming to downtown Athens fall 2020 is this expanded version of Condor's production facilities, with big windows to see the makers at work and coffee roasting. Bigger café menu than at the original Five Points location, plus retail and gifts. \$

Cozy Bar

179 N. Jackson St. • 706-543-8898

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Small space tucked away downtown, with paper lanterns and flowers on tables. Food is sometimes available. Domestic, Asian beers, wine and liquor. \$

The Crab Hut

2361 W. Broad St. • 706-850-6173

www.facebook.com/SkajunGa

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Viet-Cajun fusion means boil-in-bag seafood (crawfish is the go-to, and you can pick just how spicy you want it) with plenty of spice as well as fried baskets, salmon and shrimp burgers, corn, hushpuppies, coleslaw and wings. Milk teas among the soft drinks. \$

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

1913 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-0304

crackerbarrel.com

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

Cravings

480 E. Broad St. • 706-850-0049

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FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch. This second location of a Milledgeville restaurant has deli sandwiches (build-your-own or pick a combo), kids' meals, soup, salads and, surprisingly, bubble tea, plus sides like potato salad or chips and a range of coffee drinks. \$

Creature Comforts Brewery

271 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-410-1043

creaturecomfortsbeer.com

FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, outside seating. Big space with indoor and outdoor seating and lots of varied art offerings. Popular year-round brews include Tropicalia IPA, Athena Berliner Weisse and Classic City Lager, but there are lots of seasonal and limited-edition beers too. Purchase cans and bottles on-site to take home. \$

Cutters Pub

120 E. Clayton St. • 706-224-1187

facebook.com/CuttersPubAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. One of the largest pubs in town and a more grown-up crowd than many bars around it. Pool, Skee-Ball, Golden Tee, foosball, darts, a photo booth and football on TV. Huge whiskey selection, befitting its Irish branding, 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. \$

D92 Korean BBQ

1080 Baxter St. • 706-850-7990

www.d92kbbq.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Something Different. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Grilled meats (mostly beef, pork and chicken) cooked on your table with cheese, corn and eggs, plus banchan (free snacks that vary frequently). Also: noodles hot and cold, rice bowls, Korean fried chicken and fun popsicles. Japanese whiskey, shochu and other unusual selections at the bar. \$\$

Dawg Gone Good BBQ

224 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-613-9799

dawggonegoodbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Hard-working family cooks up ribs, chicken, pork and sausage, plus southern-style veggies (available in small, medium and large) and fruit cobbles. Very sweet tea. It's not huge, but there are picnic tables out front and food is ready speedily. \$

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: Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner.

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Diablo's Southwest Grill

1791 Oconee Connector • 706-543-3399

diablosouthwestgrill.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **HOURS:**

Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, take-out. \$

Dickey's Barbecue Pit

2131 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-1326

dickeys.com

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

Ding Tea

125 W. Washington St.

dingtea.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out. Taiwanese tea shop chain with many international locations, opening downtown this year. Milk tea, fruit tea, slushies, juice, coffee, yakult/yogurt drinks, boba, hot tea and lattes. \$\$

Dominick's Italian

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

dominicksitalian.com

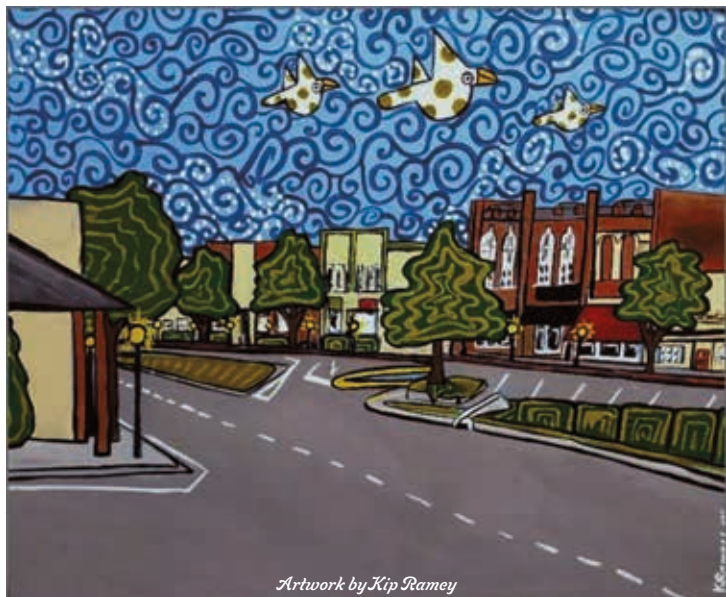
FILE UNDER: Italian. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, full bar, reservations, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Small chain featuring family-style Italian food like pastas, eggplant parmigiana, stuffed pork chops, chicken saltimbocca and steaks, most available in full or half servings. Gluten-free options, express lunch special, sandwiches, kids menu, tiramisu and cannoli. 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, delivery. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Weekend brunch. Something for everyone: hot food made to order until 2 p.m., including a good vegan burger; stuff in the fridge and freezer any other time, plus delivery meals and lots of weekly specials, ranging all over the world in influences. Holiday special orders. Walkers, bikers and bus riders get a 5% discount. \$



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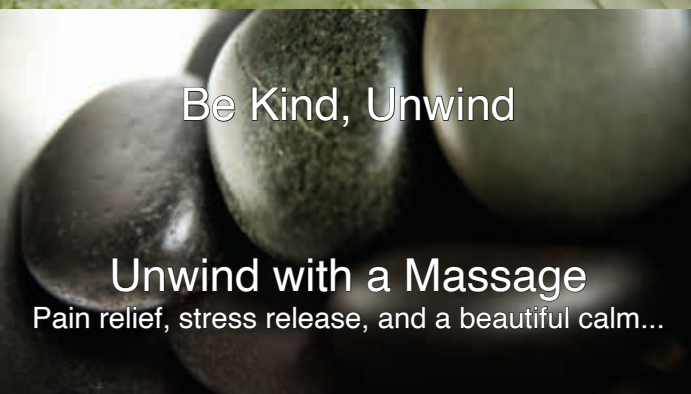
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Donna Chang's

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donnachangs.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Full bar, take-out, vegetarian friendly, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner. Cheffed-up versions of Americanized Chinese food (mu shu, General Tso's chicken). Vegetarian stuff is even better than the meatier options, like wickedly good dry-fried eggplant. A variety of ice creams made in-house for dessert. 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, curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Americanized Mexican staples done well: tacos, burritos, nachos, chimichangas, fajitas, quesadillas, big burritos, enchiladas, queso, fish tacos, fried ice cream. Margaritas, lots of tequilas. \$\$

Double Barrel

429 E. Broad St.

instagram.com/doublebarrelathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. A college bar named for Athens' famous double-barreled cannon. TVs to watch sports and low prices. What you'd expect for drinks but a few specialty cocktails like the Bacon Watson. \$

Doughby's Pizza and More

50 N. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-6500

doughbyspizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Pizza, including gluten-free options, but also fried apps, wings, salads, subs, wraps, a wide selection of pastas, Italian desserts and big, good garlic rolls. Cornhole outside. Curbside pick-up. \$

Earth Fare Café

1689 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-2170

earthfare.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, counter service, outside seating, Wi-Fi. Likely reopening along with the health-focused grocery store this year. Previously included salads, sushi, fresh-made sandwiches and a hot bar. \$\$

Eddie's Calzones

227 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9676

eddieiscalzones.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. Moving into the former Zaxby's on the corner of College and Clayton in fall 2020. \$

El Barrio

1331 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-0708

elbarrioathens.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Tacos (including veggie and vegan choices) that change out

regularly, plus nachos, salad bowls, dips, kids menu and a serious bar with lots of tequilas, a selection of mezcals, beer buckets and build-your-own margs. \$\$

Em's Kitchen

975 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-206-9322

emskitchenhawthorne.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Saturday brunch. Family-run eatery inside Hawthorne Drugs, does big breakfast plates, biscuits, omelets, pancakes, quiche, Benedicts, classic sandwiches (chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad), a surprisingly good Cuban, ice cream, milkshakes, hot dogs and robust take-home meals. See ad on p. 29. \$



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. Bar and dining room are equally good, with smart, cocktails and an excellent wine list for the former and refined, French-inspired food for the latter. Looking for fancy cheeses or a smoked rabbit terrine? This is your place. Ditto for some of the best charcuterie in town. Meal kits and more for take-out. \$\$\$\$

Farm Cart

1074 Baxter Street • 706-850-8150

thefarmcart.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, vegetarian friendly, outside seating, take-out, counter service, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Breakfast served all day, with big biscuit sandwiches made with good ingredients and sourced locally, including the jam, as well as egg plates; meat and veggie ones are equally delicious. Lunch adds non-biscuit sandwiches and burgers plus specials. Baked goods in a case at the counter, good coffee. \$

Farmview Cafe

2610 Eatonton Road, Madison • 844-210-7030

farmviewmarket.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. Surrounding farms mean good ingredients at this big independent grocery store restaurant outside Madison. Lots of choices for a hearty and healthy meal, plus a counter with High Road ice cream for dessert. Kids menu. \$

Figment Kombucha

1085 Baxter St. • 706-340-3469

figmentkombucha.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. Small-batch kombucha made with high-quality local ingredients, available by the growler (half or full) or cup, plus new solid fermented offerings, like slaw and kraut. Specific flavors change

regularly. Their kombuchas are on tap several places in town. \$

Firehouse Subs

1226 Prince Ave. • 706-357-4994

firehousesubs.com

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

Five & Ten

1073 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-546-7300

fiveandten.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, reservations, catering, outside seating, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Dinner. Fine dining from celebrity chef Hugh Acheson. His focus is on vegetables and careful experimentation with Southern touches. Menu changes weekly, focusing on what's in season. 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

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner. Sunday brunch. Five entrees, five desserts, five apps, you get the idea, and it holds true through the drinks menu, too. Seafood from Destin is a point of emphasis, but you can also get a ribeye or fried chicken. \$\$\$

Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-549-9081

fiveguys.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches and Burgers. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Flanagan's & Half Moon Pub

301 E. Clayton St. • 706-208-9711

facebook.com/FlanagansAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, outside seating. A classic college hangout, Irish pub Flanagan's and its downstairs sister bar get packed on late nights and weekends. Pool, daily specials on everything from cocktails to shots. Lots of whiskey. \$

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, trivia. Chill townie bar normally has lots of live music and cult film nights. At the moment, it's sticking to its grown-up slushies, nice beer selection, retro cocktails and yes, even wine. \$

Flying Biscuit

1180 Prince Ave.

flyingbiscuit.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Breakfast and Lunch. Athens is finally getting a branch of this Atlanta franchise, which focuses on large, kinda healthy biscuits and does breakfast all day, including omelets, scrambles, benedicts and pancakes. Also: sandwiches, wraps, salads, burgers and blue-plate-special-type meals. Opening at some point in a new building on Prince. \$

Food for the Soul

1965 W. Broad St. • 706-546-0052

FILE UNDER: Downhome, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Buffet, catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch. Meat-and-three staples that rotate daily, like pork chops, fried chicken livers, catfish, mac and cheese and tons of good vegetables. You'll often see UGA football players chowing down here. \$

Four Fat Cows

723 Baxter St. • 706-850-8510

fourfatcows.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. **FEATURES:** Delivery, curbside pick-up, outside seating. Rich ice cream in lots of flavors (smoked chocolate, fruity cereal, lavender honey, plus standards), some of which swap out, plus gluten-free and puffle cones, baked goods, coffee drinks and pints to go. Cashless for the time being. \$

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, curbside pick-up, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

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, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Fresh Air Bar-B-Que

5170 Atlanta Hwy., Bogart • 770-725-5227

1110 Hull Road • 706-546-6060

freshairbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Hull location has an expanded menu, with ribs, shrimp or catfish depending on the day. Both locations have classics like chopped pork and chicken, Brunswick stew, baked beans, chicken tenders and banana pudding. Family and tailgating specials. \$

Frutta Bowls

245 Oconee St. • 706-514-0060

fruttabowls.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **HOURS:** Seven days. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service, catering, vegetarian friendly. \$

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, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

G Brand BBQ

1140 Athens Road, Crawford • 706-743-7000

gretschbrothersangus.com/g-brand-bbq

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Downtown Crawford eatery prides itself on brisket but also offers pork, chicken and ribs.

Five different sauces, great green beans among the sides and a kids' menu that offers grilled cheese or a hot dog. \$

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. The Hilton Garden Inn's restaurant does American staples: steaks, burgers, pasta, salads and the like, plus standard breakfast offerings. \$

General Beauregard's

164 E. Clayton St. • 706-543-8201

instagram.com/generalbeauregards

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

Genesis

1700 Commerce Road • 706-351-4174

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FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs/live music. Urban nightclub setting with live music, boxing, dance nights and more. \$

George's Lowcountry Table

2095 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-548-3359

georgelowcountrytable.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, reservations, outside seating, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Dinner, seven days. Grown-up restaurant serves Gulf and low country classics: étouffée, shrimp and grits, sherry crab bisque, oysters (raw and cooked), jambalaya, redfish and more. Good wine list from all over, beer and Southern-accented cocktails. Moving to a new location on Macon Highway once it's built. \$\$\$

Giana's Mexican Grill

1280 Oconee St. • 706-549-2639

facebook.com/gianasmexicangrill

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Tex-Mex, including a deep-fried burrito, plus some actual Mex, like caldo 7 mares. Mexican beers and margaritas to drink. \$

Girasoles

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

girasoleswatkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner. Mexican-accented fusion restaurant has its popular brunch on pause but is still doing take-out with steaks, seafood, pasta, jambalaya, shrimp and grits, escargot, chicken in a roasted garlic mushroom cheese sauce and more. Specials change weekly. \$\$\$

The Globe

199 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-353-4721

facebook.com/globe.athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi, live music. An Athens classic, whether you want to watch soccer or discuss William Blake with some academics. The menu includes fish and chips, burgers, a croque monsieur, legitimately good vegan chili and

housemade potato chips. Great, smart selection of over 80 craft beers, 60 wines and 40 single-malt scotches. \$

Golden Dragon

126 Alps Road • 706-552-1688

athensgoldendragon.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Tons of standard Americanized Chinese options, including duck, seafood and some good tofu options. Dragon Dinners feature combinations of dishes for two to 10 people. Online ordering. \$\$

Golden Sun Chinese Restaurant

4375 Lexington Road • 706-549-3388

goldensuninathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. 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: BREAKFAST,** lunch, dinner and late night. Punk rock diner decorated with cute toys does burgers, hot sandwiches and tons of veggie choices, plus good milkshakes. Breakfast is served half the day, from midnight to noon, and works well on hangovers. \$

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. Small chain based in Atlanta does smallish flat burgers (beef, turkey, beans and quinoa, or Impossible Burger) plus bar snacks, fried sides and boozy and virgin milkshakes. \$\$

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:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Weekend brunch. An Athens classic for decades. Yes, it's vegetarian and sometimes vegan, but it's reliably delicious and not always healthy. Big menu drawing inspiration from around the world plus many daily veggies on the chalkboard. Breakfast and brunch bring burritos, pancakes, omelets and more. Excellent cakes and pies that can be ordered whole (with advance notice) or by the slice. \$\$

Groove Burgers

1791 Oconee Connector • 762-499-5699

grooveburgers.com

FILE UNDER: Burgers, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, outside seating curbside pick-up delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Clever burgers (both meat and veggie), plus salads and hot sandwiches (pimento chicken, Italian beef), good sides ("street corn," asparagus, brussels sprouts, fabulous onion rings) and milkshakes. Cecilia cakes for dessert. \$\$

Half-Shepherd Market & Cheese Shop

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

halfshepherd.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. Cheese shop and neighborhood market in Normaltown normally does a good lunch, with sandwiches, soups and salads, plus specials. In COVID times, it's sticking to groceries, which you can order online, with a huge array of cheeses, meats, nice wines and stuff to make yourself a little party. Here's hoping the grilled cheese returns at some point. \$

Heirloom Cafe and Fresh Market

815 N. Chas. St. • 706-354-7901

heirloomathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi, curbside pick-up, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Weekend brunch. Neighborhood restaurant focusing on local produce with a seasonally driven menu. Very accommodating of diet restrictions and preferences; Southern-inspired but not heavy. Seasonal artisan cocktails. Good wines and beers. \$\$\$

Hendershot's Coffee Bar

237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050

hendershotscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, live music, art, Wi-Fi, outside seating. **HOURS:** Open seven days. Coffee drinks, nitro coffee, teas and juices all day pair with a rotating menu from The Plate Sale Tuesday–Saturday and biscuits available daily. Lots of draft and bottled/canned craft beers, plus wine, craft cocktails and mocktails (some made with coffee). \$

Hi-Lo Lounge

1354 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8561

hiloathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music, counter service, trivia, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Is it a bar or a restaurant? It's clearly both. Good hot dogs, corn dogs and veggie dogs with an array of toppings, fried cheese

galore, tons of veggie and vegan choices, salads and more. Excellent beer selection includes half pours to see if you like something; also whiskeys, classic cocktails and juice for kids. \$

Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet

2020 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-8777

hibachiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Buffet, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Huge Asian buffet of over 300 items (scaled back a little in COVID times). You can also get hibachi cooked to order. Tofu Chinese dishes, sushi, American food, fruit, salad and desserts spread across the room. Open most holidays. \$\$\$

The Hideout Bar

251 W. Clayton St.

https://www.facebook.com/thehideoutathens/

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating, DJs. Neon and dancing, plus the usual drinks in the former That Bar. \$

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. Country club-ish place does classic American food with a bit of a Southern accent, like meatloaf, steak sandwich, crab cakes and gumbo. A fair amount of fried stuff, but salads, too. Big desserts. Nice patio. See ad on p. 32. \$\$\$



Hodgson's Pharmacy

1260 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-7386

hodgsonsr.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. **THE LOOK:** Old-fashioned drug store with soda fountain counter. Dollar scoops of Edy's

ice cream in a cup or cone. Malts, shakes and floats, too. Sit on the hill outside for the best experience. \$

HoneyBaked Ham Co. & Café

3690 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-8800

honeybaked.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Delivery, catering, curbside pick-up, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

Hook and Reel

3640 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-850-2010

hookreel.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. National Viet/Cajun seafood chain with boil-in-bag options. Pick your seafood, sauce, spice level and add-ins to customize your order. Also: sides, salads, po'boys, raw bar, fried seafood baskets. \$\$\$

I Heart Mac and Cheese

165 Hickory St. • 706-945-3585

iheartmacandcheese.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, dinner, late night, lunch, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

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. **THE LOOK:** Homage to a classic deli. Breakfast and lunch, with nice, small bagels, excellent house-smoked fish and sandwiches (either on bagels or on Luna bread). Sandwiches involve meats sliced in front of you, but also hummus, roasted veggies, sauerkraut and scrambled eggs. Kids meals. \$

Independent Baking Co.

1625 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3550

independentbaking.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. New owner hasn't changed how good the bread (made with house-milled wheat) and viennoiserie are.



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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. Quick-service hibachi includes steak, chicken, shrimp, salmon, tofu and “Ultimate Vegetarian” 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. **THE LOOK:** Hibachi cooked in front of you as entertainment with your meal. 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. Good selection of sushi. \$\$\$

Inoko Sushi Express

1860 S. Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-5662

facebook.com/InokoSushiExpress
FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Good, fast sushi at a reasonable price. Choose among nigiri, maki and specialty rolls, then accessorize with katsu, edamame, seaweed salad, etc. Teriyaki, tempura and poke, too. \$

Insomnia Cookies

228 E. Clayton St. • 706-623-6277

insomniacookies.com
FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

International Grill and Bar

1155 Mitchell Bridge Road Bldg. A • 706-850-1509

facebook.com/IGBAthensGA
FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, dinner, full bar, lunch, outside seating, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Warm, family-run Persian charmer has great options for meat and veggies. Anything with eggplant is guaranteed delicious. Great specials, including lamb shanks; kids menu, including pizza. \$\$

Iron Factory

255 W. Washington St. • 706-395-6877

ironfactoryinc.com
FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner. Cook your own Korean barbecue on the grill at your table or have the servers do it for you. Everything comes with salad, rice and side vegetables. Korean soju and sake at the bar and private karaoke rooms. \$\$

J&J Flea Market

11661 Hwy. 441 N. • 706-613-2410

jandjfleamarket.com
FILE UNDER: American, Mexican. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, counter service. Wander around the flea market

inside and outside and find some eats while you're there. La Michoacana...es Natural has its ice cream/paleta truck there most weekends. Other options often include Mexican but are limited for now. \$

J Buffalo Wings

196 Alps Road • 706-850-2095
1805 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-353-0823
jbuffalo.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, outside seating, take out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

J. Christopher's

1650 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3520

jchristophers.com
FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Outdoor seating, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. \$

J.R. Crickets

810 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-9800

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Atlanta-based sports bar chain is known for wings (lemon pepper wet and more) but also does burgers, Phillies, wraps, etc. \$\$

Jason's Deli

140 Alps Road • 706-425-4950

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

Jennings Mill Drug Company

1360 Caduceus Way, Bldg. 400 • 706-621-5996

jenningsmilldrugcompany.com
FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch. Drugstore soda fountain is drive-thru and delivery only at the moment, with sandwiches for lunch (pimento cheese, chicken salad, grilled cheese, Southwestern 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 • 706-353-4655

jerseymikes.com
FILE UNDER: Sandwiches. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

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. \$

Jinya Ramen Bar

351 E. Broad St. • 706-478-0880

jinya-ramenbar.com
FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Highly reputed franchise does lots of ramen but also salads, tacos, rice bowls, curry, sides like crispy chickpeas, dumplings and

takoyaki. Mochi ice cream and panna cotta for dessert. Kids meals, too. \$\$

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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297 E. Broad St. • 706-613-7449
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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. The local coffee roaster now extends beyond Athens, but the beans are still roasted on Barber Street. Lots of specialty roasts benefit different causes. Hot and cold drinks, premium teas, locally baked goodies. \$

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:** Mon–Sat. Fresh-roasted beans by the pound—whole or ground; cups of coffee, teas and shots of espresso, all out of a Quonset hut in an unprepossessing parking lot that does the actual roasting. Normally hosts lots of events and food truck/market pop-ups. \$

Johnny's New York Style Pizza

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-354-1515
johnnyspizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, outside seating, take-out, 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. **FEATURES:** Delivery, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Seven days. 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, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. The “and more” part of the name is accurate. 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), banh mi, etc. Bubble tea, fruit smoothies, pastries in the case. \$

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. Be prepared for some serious

spice. Jerk chicken, oxtail, curry goat, barbecue ribs, salmon, spicy cabbage, spicy squash, rice and peas, fried plantains, mac and cheese, patties, super-sweet tea and cornbread. Kelly has a cookbook/memoir, too. \$\$

Kiki's Bakeshop

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

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FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:**

Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, take-out.

HOURS: Mon.–Sat. All kinds of baked goods, sweet and savory, plus pimento cheese, chicken salad, tuna salad and hummus in the cold case. Specialty cakes and pies orderable in advance. Holiday menus. \$\$

Krimson Kafe

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

krimsonkafe.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Catering, counter service, outside seating, art. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon.–Sat. Friendly small-town café is currently requiring you to call your order in ahead of time. Deli sandwiches (including pimento cheese, egg salad and hummus) and salads. \$

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

3703 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-208-0628

krispykreme.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:**

Catering, drive-thru, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

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. Americanized Mexican with queso, burritos, combo plates, fajitas, quesadillas and lots of lunch specials. Yes, you can get a margarita or a beer. \$\$\$

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. Popular Americanized Mexican fare: burritos, enchiladas, fajitas, taquitos, nachos, tacos and quesadillas. Special entrees and combo plates. Margaritas, Mexican beers, domestics and wines. \$\$\$

La Michoacana Antojitos Mexicanos

3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-206-5260

facebook.com/LamichoacanaAntojitosMexicanos

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies, Mexican.

FEATURES: Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. Rainbow-hued palace of paletas and helados, attached to La Jalisco grocery store and taqueria does a huge array of housemade frozen treats (filled popsicles are notable), plus street-food snacks like Cheetos with crema and Valentina, chopped fruit with chile and chile-flavored candies. Take-out only for now. \$

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:** Seven days. Astonishingly good Mexican ice cream shop that makes

flavors fresh in-store daily, as well as gorgeous paletas full of fruit, rollitos (rolled ice cream), smoothies, aguas frescas and street-food snacks like Dorilocos and loaded potato chips. Tostadas de ceviche on Fridays. A food truck appears at the J&J and there's a counter inside the Eastside Cali 'N' Tito's. \$

La Superior Bakery

9029 Hwy. 29 S., Hull • 706-521-8244

facebook.com/lasuperiorbakery

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Wed–Mon. Cake by the slice, cookies, Mexican sweet breads, doughnuts, whole cakes, coffee and surprisingly excellent bagels. Sno-cones sometimes. All exceedingly reasonably priced. \$

La Tienda Los Amigos

109 Rowe Road • 706-543-9637

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Walk inside the grocery store to find this taco counter. Bangin' tacos, tortas, burritos and a few other things, all made with meat available at the butcher's counter next door. Homemade tortillas are super-fresh on the weekends. Horchata and aguas frescas with tamarind, pineapple and hibiscus to drink. \$

Larry's Giant Subs

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-227-7298

larryssubs.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Catering, counter service, delivery, take-out.

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, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Dinner, Wed–Sun. An Athens classic for more than a generation, this restaurant added a big outdoor dining area in its parking lot recently. The menu draws from the South and the Southwest, often mingling the two; veggie and vegan choices, plus fish and seafood that it's well known for. Cecilia cakes and more for dessert. Good bar, with vodkas, gins and vermouths, as well as Armagnac, ice wine, Madeira, sherry and a long list of wines. \$\$\$

Latino's Taqueria y Mariscos

400 Hawthorne Ave. Ste. 12 • 706-850-9151

latinostaqueriaymar.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:**

Lunch, dinner, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Seven days. What was previously La Estrella and is not that different from its predecessor, this Mexican restaurant has combo platters but also lots of authentic specialties: molcajete full of grilled stuff, barbacoa, menudo on weekends, 7 mares. \$

Lickin' Chicken

377 Oak St. • 706-850-6722

facebook.com/lcathens

FILE UNDER: Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out, drive-thru.

HOURS: Lunch and dinner. Grab-and-go chicken spot does wings and tenders, either plain or sauced, plus fried fish, hot sandwiches, salads, desserts and fried pickles as well as family meal deals. \$



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lilicecreamdude.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream and Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Seven days. High-schooler Beau Shell and his family own this super-fun ice cream shop, which has both hand-dipped and soft-serve, milkshakes, fat ice cream sandwiches (made in house), Italian ices and pints. You can hire the truck for parties, too. \$

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:** Lunch. Hot and cold lunch six days a week, plus catering. Salads (chicken salad and the like, plus bowls of greens and vegetables), soups, lots of veggies that change daily. Cookies, fancy chocolates, candy and gift items, too. \$\$

Little City Diner

135 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-7590

littlecitydiner.com

FILE UNDER: American. **HOURS:** Brunch and lunch. **FEATURES:** Counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out, outside seating, vegetarian friendly. Winterville doesn't have a ton of eateries, but this is a lovely one. Southern breakfast and brunch include biscuits, eggs, quiche, Red Mule grits. Lunch means sandwiches on housemade breads, burgers and salads. Good desserts, coffee and veggie options. \$

Little Italy

125 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-7100

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FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, counter service, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Foldable New York slices and pies, subs that can feed two, antipasti, salads, stromboli and calzones, all at low prices. \$

Little Kings Shuffle Club

223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144

facebook.com/lkshuffleclub

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, trivia, outside seating, Wi-Fi. Like its sister bar, the Manhattan, it's a bit more for grown-ups, but still with plenty of dancing. Big, dog-friendly patio with cornhole. A variety of bottled beers and rotating drafts that include seasonal brews. Wine and cocktails, too. \$

The Local 706

1676 S. Lumpkin St.

thelocal706.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. Shmancy-ish sports bar opening soon in the former Home Place in Five Points. \$\$

Locos Grill & Pub

2020 Timothy Road • 706-549-7700

1985 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-208-0911

locosgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up (Timothy), delivery, live music (Timothy), trivia, catering, Wi-Fi, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Locally based sportsbar

chain has a big menu with lots of vegetarian choices, deli sandwiches, burgers, salads, grilled cheese and chili combo, wings, fish tacos. \$\$

Longhorn Steakhouse

2170 W. Broad St. • 706-548-0054

longhornsteakhouse.com

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

Los Primos

7990 Macon Hwy., Watkinsville.

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Fast-casual Mexican opening soon from the folks who own La Cabana, both drive-thru and dine-in, with tacos, enchiladas, burritos and more. \$

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, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. One of the best Mexican restaurants around, with 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. \$

LRG Provisions

1653 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-2020

lrgprovisions.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, full bar, reservations. **HOURS:** Dinner, Tue–Thurs. The catering base for Last Resort Grill is also a restaurant. At the moment, it's doing its meat-and-three dinner menu three nights a week, with mains like smoked chicken leg with a peach tamarind bbq or chicken andouille gumbo with white rice and green onions and plenty of vegan and gluten-free sides. \$\$

Lumberjaxe

510 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-8293

lumberjaxe.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. Yup, you can drink and throw axes at targets. Also: TVs, giant Jenga and handcrafted wood tables. Local craft beer and wine. \$\$

Madison Bar & Bistro

500 College Ave. • 706-546-0430

indigoathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Reservations, outside seating, live music, room service, take-out, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and dinner, seven days. Hotel Indigo's restaurant serves heavy and light breakfast, with some locally made baked goods. Dinner brings both fancy bar snacks and full meals. Nice cocktails might include house-infused peach bourbon, High West vodka or blackberries. \$\$

Maepole

1021 N. Chast 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. A way to make you eat your veggies and like it. Pick a base (brown rice, quinoa,

sweet potatoes, salad greens), then a protein, two veggie sides and a housemade sauce. Menu changes seasonally and food is ready in no time. Condor Chocolates and La Michoacana paletas for dessert. Kids meals. Gluten-free choices. Everything is recyclable or compostable. \$\$

Magnolias

312 E. Broad St. • 706-543-0797

facebook.com/magnoliasathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. Two-story bar in a historic building has free pool upstairs, a great view of downtown and campus and TVs for sports. The usual array of brews behind the bar, plus house mixers like the Humbly Hammy. \$

Main Moon Restaurant

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

FILE UNDER: Asian. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Take-out only for the moment, with chow mein, stir fry, fried rice, lo mein, egg foo yung, Mongolian chicken, Szechuan beef, Hunan shrimp and the like, all ready fast. Menu has a Weight Watchers section. \$\$

Mama Sid's Pizza

2240 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-6100

mamasidspizza.net

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Casual, family-run pizzeria of long standing with budget prices, 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, curbside pick-up, counter service, outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Tues–Sun. Two locations help spread out the diners at this popular updated Southern restaurant that focuses on breakfast all day. Chow down on biscuits, chocolate cake, strawberry lemonade, various egg dishes, pimento cheese-topped burgers and more. Lots of great sides and family meals for pick-up. Very accommodating to those with special dietary needs. See ad on p. 39. \$\$



Manhattan Café

337 N. Hull St. • 706-369-9767

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, DJs. The ultimate townie bar, with a chill, vintage-decorated, dim interior. Popcorn and snacks available. Specialty drinks, including a whole selection of hot ones in cold weather, listed on handwritten signs. Cocktails, beer, wine, sangria and sake. \$

Mannaweenta

1055 Gaines School Road • 706-850-8422

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and

dinner. Equally good for meat-eaters and vegans, this wonderfully hospitable Ethiopian spot does lots of beef dishes, but also lentils, tomatoes and onions, all served with chewy, pancake-like injera bread. Ethiopian tea and coffee, plus cookies. Take-out only for the moment. \$

Marker 7 Coastal Grill

1195 Milledge Ave. • 706-850-3451
marker7coastalgrill.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner and brunch. Beachy fish shack does 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. Beachy cocktails on special on the reg. See ad on p. 32. \$\$



Martino's Italian Restaurant

2061 Hog Mountain Rd., Suite K, Watkinsville • 706-705-6243
martinositalian.com

FILE UNDER: Italian. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, outdoor seating, take-out, beer and wine. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Family-owned local Italian place has a big menu of primi and secondi, plus antipasti. Are you craving veal or chicken marsala, saltimboca, cacciatore or something of the sort? They have it, plus lots of traditional seafood preparations and Italian wine. \$\$

Marti's at Midday

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

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Southern-style lunch (tarragon chicken salad, pimento cheese, other salads with great pita chips, smoked turkey sandwich with apricot mayo), plus take-

home entrees and casseroles, weekday breakfast, all made with copious amounts of love. \$\$

Max

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

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. A huge bar that attracts a slightly older crowd. Pool, air hockey and darts, a huge patio that sometimes hosts dance parties and a big TV that shows UGA games. Beers both bottled and on draft, liquor and mixers. \$

Mayflower Restaurant

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

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Cash only, delivery. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch. The oldest restaurant in Athens (since 1948), with Southern comfort food for breakfast and lunch. Try the hotcakes. Lunch options rotate and include pot roast, fried chicken livers and lemon pepper tilapia alongside vegetables like fried okra, cabbage, sweet potato souffle and squash casserole. \$

Mediterranean Grill

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

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, catering, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. 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 lunch specials. Baklava and other desserts. No dine-in at the moment. \$

Mellow Mushroom

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

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, trivia, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Yes, it's a chain, but like the now closed GYRO Wrap, it feels like part of Athens. Lots of toppings and specialty

pies, plus pretzels made with the same dough, salads, subs, calzones and munchies; good beer selection. \$\$

Menchie's

196 Alps Road • 706-208-7223
menchies.com

FILE UNDER: Ice Cream. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

Mifflin House

2467 Jefferson Road • 706-850-6806
facebook.com/mifflins

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out, BYOB. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Family-run Peruvian place with a big menu of delicious standards and surprisingly fancy plating: lomo saltado, aji de gallina, tallarin, lots of ceviche choices and seafood, causas and causitas (mashed potato terrines with lime and chicken, tuna or shrimp salad). \$

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. \$

Molly's Coffee Company

8830 Macon Hwy., Bldg. 100 • 762-499-2002
mollyscoffee.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru. **HOURS:** Seven days. Brand-new coffee place on Macon Highway does drip coffee, cold brew, lattes, tea, kombucha, mochas and pastries from Kiki's Bakeshop. Coffee from 1000 Faces, meaning they're serious about it. \$

Moonshine Bar

275 E. Clayton St.
facebook.com/moonshineathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** DJs, outside seating. Clayton Street party bar with warm wood accents and barn doors. Yes, it has moonshine. \$

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Mother Pho

167 E. Broad St. • 706-354-6006

facebook.com/MotherPho

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Delivery, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Pho, of course, but other delicious Vietnamese standards, too, including banh mi sandwiches, 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, curbside pick-up, outside seating, Wi-Fi, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Mediterranean-inspired and chef-driven food that loves vegetables. The “power lunch” (an ever-changing array of healthy, colorful veggie items) is always a great choice, but everything on the menu is good and focused on sustainability as well as keeping your tastebuds happy. Great wine list and cocktails. \$\$\$\$

Nedza's Waffles

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 678-936-3794

nedzas.com

FILE UNDER: Ice cream and Smoothies, Coffee Houses and Bakeries. Opening a brick-and-mortar at the beginning of August, this mobile business does puffle cones filled with ice cream and toppings, fun doughnuts in intense flavors and now biscuits with pulled pork, sausage, fried chicken and homemade jams. \$

New Red Bowl Asian Bistro

1935 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-227-7888

newredbowl.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Take-out, curbside pick-up, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. One of two places in the area to get actual Chinese food; ask for the Szechuan menu and you'll find lots of options that include chili oil, organ meats, great soups, dry-fried stuff full of red chilis. If that's not your thing, there's sesame chicken, too, plus Thai curries, sushi, steamed seafood and much more. \$\$

Newk's Eatery

1850 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-543-5700

newks.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, dinner, lunch, take out. **HOURS:** Seven days. \$

Normal Bar

1365 Prince Ave. • 706-548-6186

facebook.com/normal.bar.7

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. This friendly neighborhood bar in Normaltown is serving on its patio, which has fire pits for the winter. Ever-changing craft and local beers and handcrafted cocktails. Getchase a pizza from Automatic next door. \$

Nothing Bundt Cakes

1021 Dowdy Road • 706-400-6950

nothingbundtcakes.com

FILE UNDER: Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Mon–Sat. \$

Nowhere Bar

240 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-546-4742

facebook.com/NowhereBarAthens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, live music. Charmingly dive-y bar across from the Georgia Theatre hosts locals and students alike for darts, pool and lots of live music. Plenty of beers on draft, with the usual suspects behind the bar. \$

Off the Vine Produce

302 Athens Road, Winterville • 706-899-0400

facebook.com/offthevinewinterville

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Take-out, vegetarian friendly, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch Mon–Sat. Country store in Winterville does hot lunch, fresh produce, grab-and-go stuff from a cold case, biscuits in the morning and excellent homemade ice cream on Saturdays, often with fresh fruit. \$

The Office Sports Bar and Grill

135 W. Washington St. • 706-521-5898

theofficeathensga.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Delivery, full bar, trivia. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Fancy-ish sports bar has a big, 9-to-5-themed menu, with wings, burgers, pork chops, steakhouse sides and large desserts. Breakfast burger at brunch. Domestic and craft beer, specialty cocktails. \$\$

Oglethorpe Garage

1560 Oglethorpe Ave. • 706-850-8810

facebook.com/oglethorpegarage

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Outside Seating, Full Bar. **HOURS:** Mon–Sat, 3–10 p.m. Neighborhood bar and motorcycle shop/hang-out also has snacks and a nice patio. Sports on TV, howdies, frosé, crepes from Holy Crepe. \$\$

The Old Pal

1320 Prince Ave. • 706-850-4340

theoldpal.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, take-out. Seasonally focused cocktails, made with knowledge and care. Classics, listed with the year they were invented, and new things, like an Eastern Standard made with green chile vodka. Deep list of good spirits, plus some judiciously chosen wines and beers. \$

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 Rocks

255 E. Clayton St. • 706-354-6666

twitter.com/ontherocksuga

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. College sports bar with an impressive sound system. Plenty of inexpensive domestics, wells, shooters and frozen drinks. Every flavor of White Claw your heart desires. \$

Osteria Athena

323 E. Broad St. • 706-353-3911

osteriaathena.com

FILE UNDER: Italian. **FEATURES:** Catering, dinner, full bar, curbside pick-up, take-out. **HOURS:** Dinner, Wed–Sun.

Italian standards (housemade pasta, chicken marsala, eggplant parm, carpaccio, caprese), all well seasoned and well executed. Gluten-free options and a kids menu. Italian beer and wine. \$\$

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 Oconee Connector • 706-355-9122

196 Alps Road • 706-546-1011

gtcmovies.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine (Oconee), full bar (Alps). **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Full-service movie theater restaurant in University 16 and Beechwood cinemas does burgers, chicken sandwiches, pizzas, salads and tacos. Mostly domestics on draft, imports and domestics in the bottle, wine. \$

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 and dinner. Crepe-based restaurant by day (with savory and sweet options, plus non-pancake-based foods) turns into a busy bar by night, offering 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

facebook.com/PeachPitCafe

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. BBQ place in Winterville does the basics: pulled pork, barbecue chicken, ribs and brisket, as a plate (with slaw, stew, chips and bread) or a sandwich, with vinegar-based sauces and things like cobbler and banana pudding for dessert. \$\$

Peking Restaurant

2725 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-549-9333

westpekingathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Look for the palace on the hill on Atlanta Highway. Big menu covers all the standards, with lots of vegetarian options. Pre-set dinners based on the quantity of guests make sharing dishes in large parties easy and can be ordered for take-out or delivery as well as for eat-in. \$\$

Pelican's Snoballs

510 Baxter St.

pelicanssnoballs.com

FILE UNDER: Snoballs. **FEATURES:** Outside seating. **HOURS:** Seven days (closes in cold weather). \$

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, Tues–Sun. Owned by the same folks as Little Italy, so the food is similar (New York-style pizza, enormous subs), but the vibe is different and more family-oriented. Italian salads, pasta of the day, stromboli, tiramisu and cheesecake. \$

The Picnic Basket Meal Market

1973 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-1292

picnicbasketmealmarket.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Drive thru, take-out, vegetarian friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch and early dinner (closes at 6 p.m.). Drive-thru only for the moment, but you can order ahead on the website to make it easier. Options change daily, but could include tomato pie, lasagna, salads, cheesecake, enchiladas, pork chops and anything else the owners feel like making. \$

The Pine

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059

thepineathens.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outdoor seating, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Dinner, Wed–Sun. New South eats that can include flatbreads, hand-rolled pasta, wood-fired oysters, sandwiches, nice fish options, French toast made with bread from Independent. Great whiskey selection, craft beer, a few wine options. \$\$\$

Pita Pit

123 N. Jackson St. • 706-552-0051

pitapit.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Catering, counter service, delivery, Wi-Fi.

HOURS: Lunch and dinner. \$

Pizza Hut

1995 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-546-6100

1720 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-208-3399

680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N., Hull • 706-354-0225

pizzahut.com

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

The Place

229 E. Broad St. • 706-850-2988

theplaceathens.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Thurs–Sat. A meat-and-three for the now, updated to use lighter, healthier ingredients and less salt. Shrimp burger, buttermilk-fried chicken, grilled pork chop, etc. Southern-accented cocktails. Menu is limited for now. \$\$

Planet Smoothie

196 Alps Road • 706-316-3090

1993 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-353-8181

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2361 W. Broad St. • 706-369-3111

planetsmoothie.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** 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, outdoor seating, checks. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Fri. Country cooking with a buffet that changes daily; normally it's serve yourself, but these days staff will serve you. Expect fried chicken, steak and gravy, barbecue pork, meatloaf, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, yams and Southern desserts. AYCE. \$

Polleria Pablo

50 Gaines School Rd. • 706-850-8599

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Peripatetic Peruvian restaurant has a new location, inside a small grocery store on the Eastside, but is worth seeking out, as usual. Excellent ceviche, magical roasted/grilled chicken with cilantro-infused rice, good lomo saltado, seafood specials, tallarin (spaghetti) and tortas with fries. \$

Porterhouse Grill

459 E. Broad St. • 706-369-0990

porterhouseathens.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, outside seating, live music. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Fri. Dinner, Sat. Locally owned steakhouse also does crab cakes, chicken, shrimp scampi and other things that aren't red meat. Lunch includes a fried green tomato sandwich, grilled salmon BLT, she-crab soup. \$\$\$

Pub on Main

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

pubonmainwatkinsville.com

FILE UNDER: American, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Thu–Sat. Dinner, Tue–Wed. Breakfast and brunch, Sun. All-American Watkinsville pub with a family-friendly atmosphere. Burgers, hot pretzels, fish and chips, fried shrimp, catfish po'boy, banana pudding. Kids menu. Frosé, tons of whiskeys, good craft beer selection. Breakfast pop-up by the Biscuit Bros includes a pancake taco. \$\$

Pulaski Heights BBQ

675 Pulaski St. • 706-583-9600

pulaskiheightsbbq.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** BYOB, catering, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. Excellent meats smoked daily, which means when they're out, they're out. No dine-in during pandemics. Pescatarians and vegetarians will find plenty to eat. Ramen on Wednesdays. Housemade pickles, vinegar-lime slaw, smoked potato salad, tacos and the Redneck Reuben, one of the best sandwiches in town. \$\$

Punta Cana Latin Grill

367 Prince Ave., Ste. 1 • 706-850-8960

facebook.com/puntacanakitchen

FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Sweetie-pie Dominican resto serves typical rib-sticking fare, including mofongo (plantains mashed with tons of garlic and broth), sliders made with tostones instead of a bun, rice and meat platters, seafood, empanadas and churros. \$\$

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Rachel's Southern Style Restaurant

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

facebook.com/RachelsSouthernStyleRestaurant

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Fri. Sunday lunch. Traditional Southern cuisine with a rotating menu written on a whiteboard. Choose among pork chops, chicken, fish and more, grilled or fried, 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. Bar and grill with pool tables, dart boards, slot machines, poker games and big-screen TVs. Bar food, including hamburgers, wings, sandwiches, nachos and fries. \$

Raising Cane's

795 Baxter St. • 706-548-2008

raisingcane.com

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

Rashe's Cuisine Jamaican To Go Restaurant

585 Vine St., Ste. 3 • 706-850-4164

https://rashecuisine.com/

FILE UNDER: Something Different. **FEATURES:** Catering, Take-Out, Delivery, Vegetarian Friendly. **HOURS:** Lunch; call for current hours. Rashe Malcom makes delicious, healthful Jamaican food, both meat and veggie focused: veggie roti, oxtail, goat, fish, rice and peas and more, plus bags of farmers' market veggies. Food truck soon. \$

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. Inside the Holiday Inn, but you can go there if you're not a guest. Big menu for the two meals that bookend the day, plus Sunday lunch. Usually open 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. Dive bar "serving hangovers since 1991" features neon lighting and friendly bartenders. Conveniently located next door to pizza. \$

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. Bar/restaurant on top of the historic Georgia Theatre has great views, plus grass-fed burgers, a veggie banh mi, pork or tofu barbecue and a few other things ready in a jiffy. Draft and canned/bottled beer, mixed drinks. \$

The Rook and Pawn

294 W. Washington St. • 706-543-5040

therookandpawn.com

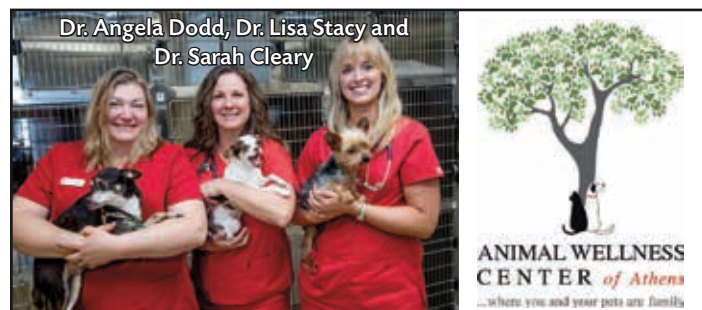
FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs, Something Different. **FEATURES:** Full bar, curbside pick-up, counter service, outside seating, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Board-game café has a robust menu crafted to go well with hours of play: panini, cold sandwiches, salads, cheese plates, bowls of salty and sweet snacks. Games for rent or purchase and drinks soft and hard. \$\$

The Root

1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059

therootathens.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. This bar in the basement of Five Points restaurant The Pine also does small plates from upstairs, like deviled eggs, blackened shrimp lettuce wraps, macaroni and cheese, a bar burger on special and some other more substantial eats. Plenty of craft beer, hand-crafted cocktails and whiskey. \$



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The Rowdy Goose

364 E. Broad St.

facebook.com/TheRowdyGoose

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

Replacing 100 Proof, this new bar has a rooftop patio, a focus on boozy slushies (made with cane sugar), a shot wheel if you're indecisive and a beer pong table. \$\$

The Royal Peasant

1675 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-549-7920

royalpeasant.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. English pub does proper bangers and mash, lamb burger, curries, housemade potato chips with blue cheese and bacon, plus a couple of really good desserts. Soccer on the TV. U.K. beers, dry ciders, craft brews, wine, whiskey and cocktails. \$\$

Ru San's

196 Alps Road • 706-552-0488

rusansathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, full bar, reservations, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Lots of specialty rolls and sashimi and sushi combinations, plus noodles, rice dishes, tempura, grilled fish and more. Premium cold sakes and cocktails with Japanese ingredients. Beer and wine, too, including four plum wines. \$\$

Sake Mama

166 E. Clayton St. • 770-456-7890

sakemama-uga.com

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar. Club-type scene. Knock some shots off chopsticks and hit the dance floor. A neon menu offers over 20 types of sake bombs. Beer, too. \$

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, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Each location has its charms and both are a lovely surprise. Simple, well-presented food made with fresh ingredients, including good sushi, lunch specials, hot pots, yaki udon and hibachi dinners. Japanese beer, sake, cocktails, wine. \$\$

Sandbar

220 College Ave. • 404-271-8440

instagram.com/sandbarathens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. Beach-themed college bar lets you take a shot off a surfboard or choose from “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: BBQ, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Lunch, dinner, Thu–Sun. Giant barbeque place that has pork, brisket, ribs, tofu, chicken fingers, slaw, beans, fried okra, potato salad and bread

pudding. Bulk orders, too, and margaritas available for take-out. \$

The Savannah Room

1197 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-542-6341

hotel.uga.edu

FILE UNDER: American, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. UGA Hotel restaurant. Celestial Chicken (breaded chicken tenders over rice pilaf with a special sauce) is a standard as is the strawberry ice-cream pie, but there's plenty more. Waitstaff is made up of UGA students. \$\$

Schlotsky's Deli

1490 Baxter St. • 706-543-2518

schlotskys.com

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

Scott & BJ's BBQ

4007 Danielsville Road • 706-546-1005

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Cash and checks only. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. It's not quite out in the boonies, but it is a bit off the beaten path. Quality barbeque pork, chicken, beef and ribs with 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, take-out, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** Dinner. Oysters, of course, from much farther afield than the Gulf, plus smart, tasty small plates, including an awesome grilled

cheese, scallop fried rice, lobster roll, veggie-loving dishes. Menu changes often. Beer, wine, absinthe, sake, serious cocktails and frozen Negronis. See ad on p. 32. \$\$\$

Sr. Sol

2455 W. Broad St. • 706-850-7112

175 Tallahassee Road • 706-546-1570

facebook.com/SrSolRestaurants

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Full bar, delivery, catering, curbside pick-up, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Two locations; the original, on Tallahassee, is smaller. Lots of standards if you just want margs and guac but also good stuff for the more adventurous, including real tacos (on corn tortillas with onions, cilantro, lime and fatty meats). Super-good beans. \$\$

Shane's Rib Shack

680 U.S. Hwy. 29 N. • 706-549-9135

shanesribshack.com

FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Catering, curbside pick-up, 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, seven days. Not the place for a quiet night out but good for a party. Long menu of sushi and sashimi as well as fried softshell crab, dumplings, steak, chicken, lobster, noodles and desserts. 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. This clean, classic college bar is especially popular on game days. Play darts or grab some air on a covered outdoor patio. Ten beers on tap, well drinks and daily specials. \$

Sips Espresso Café

1390 Prince Ave. • 706-363-7211

Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Seven days. Small, independent coffee shop makes caffeinated beverages with local coffees, carries pastries and treats. Fun specials like Vietnamese iced coffee or frozen lemonade. Many loose tea options and smoothies. \$

Siri Thai Cuisine

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-850-3500

sirithaiathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, delivery, outdoor seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. Somewhat upscale Thai restaurant does dishes that can be easily adapted for vegetarians. Noodles, rice entrees, soups, salads, curries and a Thai dessert selection. Spice level can be serious. Lunch specials. 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. Welcoming, goofy scene with velvet paintings, Pee-Wee Herman dolls and satirical religious art. Dance, play ping-pong and enjoy complimentary Goldfish crackers. Try the house sangria. \$

Smoothie King

1591 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-613-2600

smoothieking.com

FILE UNDER: Smoothies. **FEATURES:** Catering, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** 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:** Dinner and brunch. Popular with lawyers and such, but there's also an excellent veggie burger as well as many fun, cheffy details. Gluten-free menu. Rotating draft beers in full or half pours, good wines by the glass (and bottle) and regularly changing craft cocktails with housemade ingredients. \$\$

Southern Brewing Company

231 Collins Industrial Blvd. • 706-548-7183

sobrewco.com

FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer. Lots of outdoor space and a wide variety of beers, with standards like the Red and Black Berliner and Hobnail IPA on tap. The brewery also offers small-batch, seasonal releases and lots of sours. \$

Square One Fish Co.

1298 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8862

squareonefishco.com

FILE UNDER: American. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, full bar. **HOURS:** Dinner, Tues–Sat. Sunday brunch. Seafood from Florida, raw and cooked: fried sardines, seafood tower, snow crab clusters, regular specials and some land animals. Brunch includes omelets and fish tacos. Lots of local beers, wines and cocktails. \$\$

Stacked Sandwiches and More

720 Baxter St. • 706-715-2525

stackedsandwiches.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers, and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Take-out, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Milledgeville restaurant focused on sandwiches opened a second location, in Athens. Club, grilled cheese, deli and sandwich of the month, flatbreads, soup and sides. \$

Starland Pizzeria and Pub

145 E. Clayton St. • 706-613-8773

starlandpizza.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Outside seating, full bar, take-out, counter service, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Simple menu focuses on large New York-style slices, lots of fresh toppings, specialty pies, big calzones and salads. Slice and a salad will run you \$6. 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:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. \$

Strickland's Restaurant

4723 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-548-7003

stricklandsrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering, checks. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Fri. Breakfast, Sat. Family-run half-century-old operation is worth seeking out. Southern comfort food done perfectly and now with a menu updated daily on the website (!). Fantastic biscuits, fried chicken, ribs, catfish, pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed corn and greens. \$

Suncatcher Café

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

facebook.com/suncatchercafe

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Take-out, counter service. **HOURS:** Breakfast, Mon–Sat. Sunday lunch. Biscuits are a point of focus, but all breakfast options are prepared speedily: omelets, bowls, burritos, pancakes, French toast, hash browns, grits and the like. Lunch on Sunday comes off a steam table and includes Southern-style meats and veggies. Kids meals. \$

Sweetie Pie by Savie

150 E. Whitehall Road • 706-850-9255

sweetiepiebysavie.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Catering, take-out, curbside pick-up. **HOURS:** 7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Tue–Sat. This darling bakery does Asian-inspired as well as Western 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 mini quiches. Espresso and drip coffee, online ordering and custom orders of all kinds. No cash at the moment. \$

The Table Bistro

1075 Baxter St., B102 • 706-395-6599

mkt.com/thetableathens

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, outside seating, take-out, curbside pick-up, catering. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–Sat. Dinner, Wed–Fri. This restaurant is in the middle of things but hidden away at the same time. Asian-accented quick bistro emphasizes fresh flavors and minimal salt, with lots of veggies and seafood. Gluten-free and dairy-free options. \$\$

Taco Stand

2270 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-5481

670 N. Milledge Ave. • 706-549-2894

facebook.com/thetstand

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer, outside seating (Milledge), take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Despite the name, not so much a taqueria as a burrito joint, with excellent nachos (the “mini” size is enormous), veggie chili in the cooler months and microwaved quesadillas packed with onions and jalapeños that have their charm. Slight menu variations between locations. Original location on Milledge is an Athens treasure. \$

Tacos los Plebes

3077 Danielsville Road • 706-208-1930

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner.

FEATURES: Counter service, take-out. Wander inside the supermarket and you'll find this taqueria that makes everything right in front of you: pollo, lengua, cabeza, al pastor, chorizo, carnitas, barbacoa, asada and tripa. Menudo on weekends, horchata and great sopes. Credit cards accepted, cash preferred. \$

Tacuari Sabor Latino

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

1550 Oglethorpe Ave.

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FILE UNDER: Mexican and South American, Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, full bar, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Our only Uruguayan restaurant, with some burritos and tacos but also choripan, chivito, churrosco del sur and more. Great baked goods, especially Latin American sweet breads, and tasty empanadas, both sweet and savory. Some gluten-free items. \$

Taqueria del Sol

334 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3890

taqueriadelosol.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **FEATURES:** Full bar, catering, counter service, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch,

Mon–Sat. Dinner, Tues–Sat. Chef-crafted taqueria isn't trying to be the most authentic, but it is consistently good. Pork, brisket, fried chicken, carnitas, fish and veggie tacos, plus weekly specials and a blue-plate special. Great selection of premium tequilas, build-your-own margaritas, bottled beers. \$

Taqueria Juaritos

3875 Jefferson Road • 706-521-5260

FILE UNDER: Mexican. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Great taqueria inside the Petro Express does tacos, sopes, gorditas and burritos with fillings including asada, chicken, al pastor, barbacoa, carnitas, desabrada (shredded beef), tongue, tripe, chorizo and buche (stomach), plus hot wings and really good soups. Don't skip the hot pickled onions on the condiment bar. \$

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 and Gaines School), beer and wine (Watkinsville), delivery, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Popular family-friendly Mexican restaurant does all the usual things (burritos, taco salads, fajitas, fried ice cream), but also Mexican tacos and good tortas. Kids menu. Margaritas, Mexican beers, regular bottled stuff, pitchers. \$\$

Taqueria Tsunami

1791 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, delivery, curbside pick-up, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Small Atlanta-based chain does Asian/Latin fusion tacos: bulgogi and shiitake, teriyaki chicken with pineapple pico de gallo, tofu with sesame-soy vinaigrette and more. Apps, bowls and salads. Margaritas, cocktails, sangria, craft beers. \$

Taste of India

1040 Gaines School Road • 706-559-0000

indiaathens.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, delivery, catering, outdoor seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Big menu of Indian standards, from samosas and pakoras to poori, chat, tandoori and many vegetarian options. There's goat, and combination dinners if you want to try a bunch of different things. Lassis, chai and Indian tea, wine and beer. \$\$\$

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, curbside pick-up, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. 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. \$\$

Team Biscuits and Burgers

745 Danielsville Road • 706-543-8326

teambandb.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome, Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Drive-thru, catering, outside seating. **HOURS:** Breakfast and lunch, Mon–Sat. Football-themed place that does biscuits with sausage, bacon, bologna, steak, chicken, country ham, tenderloin, smoke-link or salmon. Beef, chicken, salmon and shrimp burgers. 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, outside seating, take-out, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Refined, individually sized thin-crust pizzas are light as a feather, with good char and cool toppings. Gluten-free options. Also: sandwiches, calzones, pastas, sliders and a great beet salad. Desserts in the refrigerated case. \$\$

Terrapin Beer Co.

265 Newton Bridge Road • 706-549-3377

terrapinbeer.com

FILE UNDER: Breweries. **FEATURES:** Beer, outside seating. Loads of outside space, with live music, at which to taste local craft beer. Dogs are welcome! IPA fiends are into Hopsecutioner, but you might also find a watermelon gose or the Wake-n-Bake coffee oatmeal imperial stout. Food trucks are sometimes present. \$

Texas Roadhouse

1021 Dowdy Road • 706-613-1300

texasroadhouse.com

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

Thai Spoon

149 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-9222

thaispoonathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner,

Mon–Sat. Sunday dinner. Cozy restaurant was doing take-out and delivery only at press time. Big menu runs from fresh Thai salads to satay, spicy basil duck, lots of seafood and vegan options, plus gluten-free choices. Kids menu. Beer and wine, Thai iced tea and Thai iced coffee. \$\$

Tlaloc El Mexicano Restaurant

1225 N. Chase St. • 706-613-9301

tlalocelmexicanorestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican and Latin American. **FEATURES:** Full bar, outside seating, drive-thru. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. Named for the Aztec rain god, this restaurant has a cult following for its Central American specialties and real-deal Mexican food; it's added a drive-thru in COVID times. Pupusas, massive tortas, regular specials and fantastic mole. Breakfast, which includes chilaquiles, starts at 10 a.m. and is served all day. Margaritas, beer. \$\$

Tokyo Express

690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-8833

tokyorexpressathens.com

FILE UNDER: Asian. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sun. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out. Quick-service hibachi and sushi, plus wings, bento box specials at lunch and dinner, hibachi, soup, edamame and some fried apps. \$

Toppers International Showbar

100 N. Jackson St. • 706-613-0504

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, exotic dancing. Athens' only strip club sometimes does a male revue. Full bar with prices for high rollers and budget drinkers alike. \$

Trapeze Pub

269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997

trapezepub.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. Reopening soon with a new look but the same good menu that includes tacos, sliders, French onion soup,

veggie-packed quinoa salad, burgers, ribs, cheeses and snacks. Serious beer, with more than 200 well-described options in the bottle and 30 on tap, plus wine and nice cocktails. \$\$

The Traveling Hobo Cafe

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

facebook.com/TravelingHoboCafe

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. Ginormous two-hands-required burgers are the focus (bison, lamb, lots of toppings, regular specials), but you can also get other sandwiches, hot dogs, fried apps, wings and salads. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Kids menu. \$

Uncle Ernie's Pub N Grub

235 W. Washington St. • 706-850-8990

facebook.com/ue.athens

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers And Chicken. **FEATURES:** Delivery, full bar, outdoor seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. The Battinelli family is famous for its sandwiches, mostly made with sliced deli meats, but other options, too, like egg salad or chicken tender. Veggie options, too, plus burgers, hot dogs, fries, tater tots, chips, pickles. \$

Utage Athens Sushi Bar

440 E. Clayton St. • 706-227-9339

utagesushibar.restaurant

FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. **FEATURES:** Full bar, delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. No dine-in at press time. Lunch and dinner combos give you bang for your buck: specialty rolls, udon and ramen bowls, yakitori, sunomono, tonkatsu, teriyaki, fried rice and much more. 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, outside seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Drive-thru only right now at this long-time Athens place famous for hot dogs (with



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slaw, chili or pimento cheese), onion rings and frosted orange drink. You can also get burgers, BLTs, grilled cheese, chicken sandwiches, fries, fried pies and ice cream. \$

Veronica's Sweet Spot

149 Oneta St. • 706-247-0421

facebook.com/sweetspotathens

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **HOURS:** Mid-morning to mid-afternoon, Mon–Sat. Darling space in the Chase Park warehouses packed with art, books and more. 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. Watch for live music and comedy nights. \$

Viva! Argentine Cuisine

247 Prince Ave. • 706-850-8284

vivaargentine.com

FILE UNDER: South American, Vegetarian Friendly.

FEATURES: Delivery, outside seating. **HOURS:** Dinner, call for current hours. Not just beef (although it does that well!), this place is well known for its shepherd's pie, known as pastel de papa, and its filled cupcakes. Lots of vegetarian choices, empanadas, lomo con papas fritas and great sandwiches. You do want the chimichurri sauce. See ad on p. 45. \$\$



Walker's Coffee & Pub

128 College Ave. • 706-543-1433

www.walkerscoffee.com

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. Local coffee and pretty good light food by day, bar by night. Six beers on draft and over 70 in bottles, including many microbrews. \$

Weaver D's Fine Foods

1016 E. Broad St. • 706-353-7797

weaverds.com

FILE UNDER: Downhome. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, outside seating, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. A legend, in Athens and far outside it. Look for the bright-green cinderblock building and the sign that reads "Automatic for the People." Fantastic fried chicken, squash casserole, mac and cheese, collards and the like, varying a bit daily. Order online for delivery or pick-up. \$

White Tiger Gourmet

217 Hiawassee Ave. • 706-353-6847

whitetigergourmet.com

FILE UNDER: Something Different, Downhome and BBQ, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Catering, counter service, delivery, take-out, art, outside seating. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Tue–Sat. One of the best cheeseburgers anywhere, as well as bbq (pork and tofu, both good), excellent veggie sides (including perfect coleslaw), Fanta in the cooler, fun specials, almost everything cooked on the magical flat-top. \$\$

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

64 N Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-6370

winghouse-grill.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, take-out, outside seating, beer. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Two locations plus a food truck that shows up around Athens. Wings, of course, boneless and regular, but also fried green tomatoes, burgers, mozzarella sticks, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches and a couple of salads. Kids meals include a cookie. \$

Wing Zone

142 W. Clayton St. • 706-621-6196

wingzone.com

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

Wingster Café

521 Baxter St. • 706-583-9611

wingsterathens.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. **FEATURES:** Counter service, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Wings and chicken tenders (for an individual or in bulk), wraps (including one with fries, cool ranch, cheese and bacon), sandwiches and some Asian options (sesame chicken, tonkatsu, teriyaki). \$

WNB Factory

280 Williams St. • 706-308-8088

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers And Chicken.

FEATURES: Catering, outdoor seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. \$

Wok Star

225 Cherokee Road, Winterville • 706-742-2555

wokstarrestaurant.com

FILE UNDER: American, Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. The other place in the area to get real Chinese food, hidden in a shopping center. You can get Americanized stuff, too, as well as chicken mull and burgers, but what you want is on the Chinese menu: including duck, yu xiang eggplant, steamed fish, mapo tofu, cumin lamb and more. \$\$

Wok's Up

1791 Oconee Connector, Bogart • 706-521-5486

facebook.com/woksupgeorgia

FILE UNDER: Asian. **FEATURES:** Counter service, curbside pick-up, take-out, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Fast-casual made-to-order stir-fry. Pick a protein (steak, chicken, shrimp, pork, tofu), some veggies, a sauce and a base (rice, noodles, salad), and they'll cook it for you. \$

Wonderbar

240 E. Washington St.

instagram.com/wonderbarwonderbar

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. Video games, board games and rock,

paper, scissors tournaments, plus snacks. Sweet specialty drinks like tippy popsicles and Princess Peach Tea. \$

Woodford

120 E. Washington St.

instagram.com/woodford.athens

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. **FEATURES:** Full bar, DJs, outside seating. Craft and draft beer, specialty cocktails and giant Moscow mules, TVs for sports, trivia. \$

The World Famous

351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002

facebook.com/theworldfamousathens

FILE UNDER: American, Bars, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, art, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. Half bar, half restaurant, with fun food like steamed buns, tofu lettuce wraps, ever-changing tacos, shawarma, chicken-and-waffle sandwich. Lots of veggie choices. Creative cocktails, well-priced beer (including lots of canned craft brews), wine, housemade nonalcoholic sodas and a great chalkboard, plus a small shrine to Kirby Smart that sits alongside cool folk art. \$

Your Pie

196 Alps Road • 706-549-3179

1430 Capital Ave., Watkinsville • 706-705-1510

yourpie.com

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Beer and wine, catering, counter service, curbside pick-up, delivery, Wi-Fi. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. Locally based franchise does personal-size customized pizzas. Lots of topping, sauce and cheese choices, as well as several doughs. Pick a specialty pie or build your own. Vegan and gluten-free choices. Panini, bread bowl salads, gelato, beer and wine. \$\$

Zeb's Bar-B-Q

5742 U.S. Hwy. 29, Danielsville • 706-795-2701

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FILE UNDER: BBQ. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, drive-thru, checks, take-out. **HOURS:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wed–Sat. Lunch, Sun. Country bbq joint of long standing, with a signature pepper-vinegar sauce on the pork sandwiches. Burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, tots and slaw, too. Brightly colored slices of soda cake by the register. New drive-thru. \$

Zoe's Kitchen

145 Alps Road • 706-850-3400

zoeskitchen.com

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner, Wed–Mon. \$

Zombie Coffee and Donuts

350 E. Broad St. • 706-850-2526

eatzombiedonuts.com

FILE UNDER: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, delivery, outside seating, Wi-Fi, catering. **HOURS:** Seven days. Coffee (including iced coffee made with coffee ice cubes) and doughnuts customizable right then and there with toppings from shredded coconut to bacon, pecans, Fruity Pebbles and the traditional sprinkles. Vegan, paleo and gluten-free options. \$



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