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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 and 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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RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Clean, Hard Plastic Cups, Trays, Bottles & Containers (Lids ON) No Styrofoam or Bioplastics

Clean Bulky Hard Plastics Buckets, Crates, Totes

Clean Metal Cans, Empty Aerosol Cans (Lids OFF) Clean Foil & Trays

Clean Glass Bottles & Jars (Lids OFF)

Cardboard Packaging & Boxes (Clean & Flattened)

Junk Mail, Mixed Paper, Paper Bags, Newspaper, Paperback Books, Magazines

Clean & Empty Paper Cups & Containers

NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING:

TRASH!
Plastic Bags & Wraps*
Styrofoam*
Food** and dirty recyclables
“Tanglers” (hoses, chain, straps, cords)
Scrap Metal*
(pots/pans, tools, auto parts, bulky items)*
Shredded Paper*
Batteries or Light Bulbs*
Plastic Cutlery
Glassware (plates, cups, mugs, windows)*
Hangers (metal or plastic)
Wax Coated Cardboard**
Napkins or Paper Towels**

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ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT
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)

SOURCE: ACC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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accgov.com/transit

Athens Transit takes the wellbeing of our riders seriously by working diligently to maximize the benefits of public transit while minimizing risks.

- 20 Routes, 7-Day Service
- Senior Citizens, Those with Disabilities, UGA Students & Staff & Youth Ride FREE with valid ID
- Face Masks Required
  FREE masks on buses while supplies last
- Coming Soon: Live on-board passenger counts to help you decide when to travel.
- Buses disinfected nightly. Frequent touch surfaces cleaned hourly.

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**Restaurants**

FAVORITE NEW RESTAURANT
- Barberitos Southwestern
- Trappeze Pub
- Clocked!
- Automatic Pizza
- Jittery Joe's Coffee
- Home.made
- Independent Baking Co.
- Favorite Downhome/Southern
- Mannawenta
- Favorite BBQ
- Pulaski Heights BBQ
- Favorite Bakery
- Favorite Local Coffee House
- Jittery Joe's Coffee
- Favorite Local Pizza
- Automatic Pizza
- Favorite Local Burger
- Clocked!
- Favorite Fries
- Trappeze Pub
- Favorite Burrito
- Barberitos Southwestern
- Grille and Cantina
- Favorite Taco
- Taqueria del Sol
- Favorite Steak
- Porterhouse Grill
- Favorite Seafood
- Seabear Oyster Bar
- Favorite Wings
- Blind Pig Tavern
- Favorite Vegetarian Options
- The Grit
- Favorite Sandwich
- Half-Shepherd Market and Cheese Shop
- Favorite Dessert
- The Last Resort
- Favorite Frozen Treat
- Ben and Jerry's Scoop Shop
- Favorite Breakfast
- Mama's Boy
- Favorite Lunch
- Marti's at Midday
- Favorite Brunch
- Mama's Boy
- Favorite Late Night
- The Grill
- Favorite Date Night
- The National
- Favorite Meal for a Deal
- Taco Stand
- Favorite Special Occasion
- The National
- Favorite Kid-Friendly
- Local Restaurant
- Ted's Most Best
- Favorite Outdoor Dining
- Ted's Most Best

**Bars**

FAVORITE BARTENDER
- Richard Mikulka at Flicker
- Favorite Speciality Drinks
- The Old Pal
- Favorite Margarita
- Aqua Linda Mexican
- Restaurant & Cantina
- Favorite Bloody Mary
- Hi-Lo Lounge
- Favorite Beer Selection
- Trappeze Pub
- Favorite Wine Selection
- Donna Chang’s
- Favorite Local Brewery
- Creature Comforts Brewery
- Favorite Place to Dance
- Little Kings Shuffle Club
- Favorite Place to Play Games
- The Rook and Pawn
- Favorite Happy Hour
- Seabear Oyster Bar
- Favorite Trivia
- Hi-Lo Lounge
- Favorite Karaoke
- Shokitini
- Favorite College Bar
- Silver Dollar
- Favorite Place to Watch the Dawgs Play
- Silver Dollar
- Favorite Uniquely Athens Bar
- The Manhattan Café

**Music**

FAVORITE RECORDING STUDIO
- Chase Park Transduction
- Favorite Live Music Venue
- (Less than 200 Capacity)
- Caledonia Lounge
- Favorite Live Music Venue
- (200+ Capacity)
- Georgia Theatre

**Retail**

FAVORITE NAUGHTY BUSINESS
- Sexy Suz
- Favorite Smoke/Vape Shop
- Cloud 9 Smoke and Vape
- Favorite Store to Buy a Gift
- For Her
- Native America Gallery
- Favorite Store to Buy a Gift
- For Him
- Kemp
- Favorite Local Clothing Boutique
- Community
- Favorite Place to Buy Local Art and Handmade Goods
- Inman South
- Favorite Thrift/Vintage Store
- Atomic
- Favorite Place to Buy Wine
- Five Points Bottle Shop

**Services**

FAVORITE ADULT CLASSES:
- Creative
- Good Dirt
- Favorite Car Repair Shop
- Five Star Automotive
- Favorite Car Dealership
- Heyward Allen Toyota
- Favorite Plumber
- Carson Plumbing
- Favorite Electrician
- Blue Moon Electric
- Favorite HVAC
- Stanfield Air Systems
- Favorite Lawyer to Get You Out of a Jam
- Dustin K. Kirby
- Favorite Lawyer to Sort Out Your Affairs
- Samuel Thomas
- Favorite Bank
- Synovus Bank
- Favorite Realtor
- Cord Sibilsy
- Favorite Local Business
- Avid Bookshop

**Pets & Kids**

FAVORITE VET CLINIC
- Hope Animal Medical Center
- Favorite Pet Groomer
- Bark Dog Spa
- Favorite Event Space
- Georgian Hall
- Favorite Hotel
- Hotel Indigo
- Favorite Photography Studio
- Thrasher Photo and Design
- Favorite Florist
- Flowerland
- Favorite Hair Salon
- Republic Salon
- Favorite Stylist
- Matt Wheeler at Emporium
- Hair and Color Salon
- Favorite Alternative Health Treatment
- Thrive Integrative Medicine
- Favorite Massage Therapist
- Elizabeth Sheppard at Spa Collective
- Favorite Tattoo Studio
- Pink Goblin
- Favorite Spa
- Urban Sanctuary Spa
- Favorite Fitness Instructor
- Nick Combs at M3 Yoga
- Favorite Place to Get Fit
- Pure Barre Athens
- Favorite Adult Classes
- Movement
- M3 Yoga

**Stuff Around Town**

FAVORITE PLACE TO SEE LOCAL ART
- Lydon House Arts Center
- Favorite Nonprofit/Charity
- Nuči’s Space
- Favorite Festival/Event
- AthFest: Music, Arts, and Kids Festival
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.

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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
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 Sigfrids. 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
Madison-Morgan Cultural Center 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 Arai’s Project Ginkgo adds glittering charm and color into the downtown landscape. Funded by the Athens Downtown Development Authority, each mural depicts a collage of local music references embedded into the block letters: Pylon, Widespread Panic, The B-52s and more.

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.

Oconeé 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 Sigfrids
119 N. Jackson St. • info@tifsigfrids.com • tifsigfrids.com
Owner Tif Sigfrids 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 Kolsum, Marten Elder and Adrienne Rubenstein.

tiny ATH gallery
174 Cleveland Ave. • tinyathgallery.com
Tiny ATH gallery's 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/scl
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 Betzal, 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 includes 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, Cîme and the Chamber of Commerce.
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.

ATHENS-NORTH OCONEE RIVER GREENWAY/FIREFLY TRAIL: This seven-mile network of paths gets better every year. Bring your bikes and park at
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** *(sorbAathens.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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**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

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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.

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**South Athens Community Center**
500 Highland Rd. • 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.

**Barnes Park**
3405 S. Hardy Rd. • 706-613-3620
Hours: sunrise-sunset

Large park near the South Oconee River with picnic shelters and restrooms.

**Creekside Park**
105 Martin Dr. • 706-613-3620
Hours: sunrise-sunset

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3000 S. Hardy Rd. • 706-613-3620
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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 Bridge.

Greenway and Riverside Parks
706-613-3630
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.

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 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/oconeeforestpark
Hours: dawn–dusk
The 60-acre park sits behind the UGA intramural fields, preserving a 100-year-old forest and its wildlife around Lake Herrick.

State Botanical Garden of Georgia
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.

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oconeecounty.com/398/Parks-Facilities

Bogart Sports Complex
S. Burson Ave., Bogart • 706-769-3965
Hours: Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–5 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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Sandy Creek Nature Center
205 Old Commerce Rd
Athens, GA 30607
(706) 613-3615

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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 punley 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. **Time 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, Pigpen 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**

    Trust us when we say that *Flagpole* is your No. 1 source for all things Athens music, from the weekly print edition and comprehensive events calendar to our online premieres, photo galleries, live reviews and beyond. Covering local music was our founding mission, and it remains an integral part of who we are and what we do.
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ATHENS IS SLOWLY EMERGING as a true craft beer destination, with two new microbreweries 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 Skal 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 Recreation Ale, 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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facebook.com/9dsbar
File Under: Bars and Clubs. 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.

Add Drug Store
1695 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-2239
add-drugstore.com/lunch-counter

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

**Algood Lounge**  
256 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-0166  
algoodlounge.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  
alumnicookie dough.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-sasued Thai, Chinese, Korean and Japanese dishes made with fresh ingredients. The Thai curries are a highlight. $  

**Auntée’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/automaticpizzahens  
**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 meatballs a la carte. $  

**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. $  

**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 mac and cheese. $
bread, which is all you need. Famous banana pudding for dessert. Currently drive-thru only. $$

Barberitos Southwestern Grille & Cantina
1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy • 706-354-0300
1739 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-548-1866
1860 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-549-9954
259 E. Clayton St. • 706-549-9008
2 S. Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-1228
680 N. Hwy. 29 • 706-543-5299
barberitos.com

FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Beer (Clayton St.), catering, outside seating, delivery, Wi-Fi. HOURS: Breakfast and lunch. Lots more than bread and baked sweets, although plenty of those, too. Super-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
billsbqq.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 mail, 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 Meadows’ Station
6729 Hwy. 72, Colbert • 706-788-3517

FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. FEATURES: Take-out, counter service. Old-school hot doggy in the country makes a steamed dog with cold slaw on a toasted bun like no other. Also grilled cheese, corned beef and chicken sandwich. $

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. The look: Cute and decorative, full bar, live music outside every Thursday and on game days. Regular specials on already inexpensive drafts and wells. $

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 whiskies and wine from all over. $

Boar’s Head Lounge
260 E. Washington St. • 706-369-3040
instagram.com/boarshedlounge

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/BourbonStAtl

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
Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar. Less
Zent, 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  
buldawgpizzaandmore.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  
buthutthens.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  
Find Us on Facebook  
**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. $$  

**Call 'N' Tito's**  
1254 Cedar Shoals Dr. • 706-355-7087  
1427 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-227-9979  
Find Us on Facebook  
**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-esque 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  
Find Us on Facebook  
**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. $
Cheddar’s Casual Cafe
2040 Ocone 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

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 eateries: 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
ccics.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
clarkeathens.com

Classic City Eats
1120 Baxter St. • 706-850-3092
classiccityeats.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
clockedediner.com
FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken. 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 regular, 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

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 (crabfish 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
[FILE UNDER: American. HOURS: Breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days. $$]

Cravings
480 E. Broad St. • 706-850-0049
Find Us on Facebook
[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 home. Features: Large 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. $]

D.P. Dough
180 W. Broad St. • 706-842-2828
dpdoc.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
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 cobblers. 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. Classic Italian in a long-time Athens restaurant. You can go simple with a slice of pizza and a salad or fancier with short rib ravioli and zuppa inglese. Vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options; kids menu. Long wine list with many Italian reds and plenty of beers. See ad on p. 2. $$]

Diablo’s Southwest Grill
1791 Oconee Connector • 706-543-3399
diablosswestgrrill.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
dickys.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
dominickssitalian.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 parmesigiana, 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
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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 priced 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 tequitas. $$

Double Barrel
429 E. Broad St.
instagram/doublebarrelathens
FILE UNDER: Bars and Clubs. FEATURES: Full bar, DJs, full 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
eddiecalzones.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 mezcalas, beer buckets and build-your-own margs. $$

Em’s Kitchen
975 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-206-9322
emskitchenathawthorne.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
thexpatathens.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 eggs 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
liveandten.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. $
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
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**George's Lowcountry Table**
2095 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-548-3359
georgeslowcountrytable.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, shrimp curry, 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


**Girasoles**
24 Greensboro Hwy., Watkinsville • 706-310-0410
girasoleswattsinville.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


**Golden Sun Chinese Restaurant**
4375 Lexington Road • 706-549-3388
goldensuninathens.com


**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


**The Grit**
199 Prince Ave. • 706-543-6592
thewgrit.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, brussel sprouts, fabhulous onion rings) and milkshakes. Cecilia cakes for dessert. $$

**Food for the Soul**
1965 W. Broad St. • 706-546-0052


**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

floxpizzawatkins.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. $
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 dividing 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. Chase St. • 706-354-7901
heirloomathens.com

Hendershot’s Coffee Bar
237 Prince Ave. • 706-353-3050
hendershotscoffeebar.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. 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, country-fried steak, crab cakes and gumbo. A fair amount of fried stuff, but also hummus, roasted veggies, bagels or on Luna bread. Sandwiches involve meats excellent house-smoked fish and sandwiches (either on classic deli. 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. $

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 also hummus, roasted veggies, bagels or on Luna bread. Sandwiches involve meats excellent house-smoked fish and sandwiches (either on classic deli. 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. $

Hodgson’s Pharmacy
1260 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-543-7386
hodgsonsrx.com

HoneyBaked Ham Co. & Café
3690 Atlanta Hwy. • 706-613-8900
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
hookkreel.com

I Heart Mac and Cheese
165 Hickory St. • 706-945-3585
iheartmacandcheese.com

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
independentsbaking.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.
Check the case for specials, like beautiful galettes made with local fruit, but nothing here is frothy or overdone. Counter Culture coffee and a limited selection of cookies. Products available at a few other places around town.

Inoko Express
2061 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville • 706-769-7088
facebook.com/inokoathens

Inoko Japanese Steak House
161 Alps Road • 706-546-8589
facebook.com/inokoathers
File Under: Asian. Features: Full bar, reservations, delivery, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner. The Look: Hibachi includes steaks, chicken, shrimp, salmon, tofu and “Ultimate Vegetarian” with fried rice, vegetables and two sauces. $-

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

J. Christopher’s
1650 S. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-3520
jchrishoppers.com

J.R. Crickets
810 Hawthorne Ave. • 706-850-9800

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, slow dogs, good soups, PB&J, fro-yo and milkshakes. $

Jersey Mike’s
690 U.S. Hwy. 29 • 706-353-4655
jerseymikes.com

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. $

Jinyra Ramen Bar
351 E. Broad St. • 706-478-0880
jinyaramenbar.com

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
1480 Baxter St. • 706-548-1099
1230 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-1979
297 E. Broad St. • 706-613-7449
1880 Epps Bridge Pkwy. • 706-354-8900
jitteryjoes.com
File Under: Coffee Houses and Bakeries. Features: Drive-thru (Baxter, Greensboro and Epps Bridge), outside seating, art, Wi-Fi. Hours: Vary by location. 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
johnnysspizza.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), bánh 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
Find Us on Facebook
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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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 High 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 quesos, 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

La Michoacana Antojitos Mexicanos
3750 Old Jefferson Road • 706-206-5260
facebook.com/LaMichoacanaAntojitosMexicanos
File Under: Ice Cream and Smootheries, Mexican. Features: Counter service, take-out. Hours: Seven days. Rainbow-hued palace of pastelos and heladeros, 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 fruit, 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&D and there's a counter inside the Eastside Call 'N Titos. $

La Superior Bakery
9029 Hwy. 29 S., Hull • 706-521-8244
facebook.com/lassuperiorbakery

La Tienda Los Amigos
109 Rowe Road • 706-543-9637
Find Us on Facebook
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

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 vodka, 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
latinosataqueriaymar.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

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&D and there's a counter inside the Eastside Call 'N Titos. $

flagpole.com
Lil’ Ice Cream Dude’s Cool World
1040 Gaines School Road • 706-308-8885
lilicecreamduke.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-lun 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
Find Us on Facebook

FILE UNDER: Italian and Pizza, Vegetarian Friendly. Features: Beer, counter service, delivery, take-out. Hours: Lunch and dinner, Mon–Sat. Foldable New York ice cream and coffee truck inside with ice cream and smoothies. $-

Little Kings Shuffle Club
223 W. Hancock Ave. • 706-369-3144
facebook.com/lkshufflecub

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.
the-local706.com


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, barbaccia 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
lrugprovisions.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. $$

Maeiple
1021 N. Chase St. • 706-850-3600
maeiple.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


Mama’s Boy
197 Oak St. • 706-549-6249
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. $$

Manhatten 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. $

Mannawenta
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  

**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, cacciatorre or something of the sort? They have it, plus lots of traditional seafood preparations and Italian wine. $$

**Martini’s at Midday**  
1280 Prince Ave. • 706-543-3541  
*martiniatmidday.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. *HOURS:* Lunch and dinner, seven days. Grilled meats and vegetables (lamb, chicken, kufra, 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, tallarín, 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  
*mollyscoffeeco.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. $

**Oconee Street United Methodist Church**  
595 Oconee Street • Oconeestreetumc.org  
*All Are Welcome!*
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. $$$$ $nered bowl Asian Bistro
1935 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-227-7888
newredbowl.com
FILE UNDER: Asian, Vegetarian Friendly. FEATURES: Take-out, curbside pick-up, full bar. HOURS: Lunch and dinner, seven days. One of two places in the area to get actual Chinese food; ask for the Szechuan menu and you’ll find lots of options that include chili oil, organ meats, great soups, dry-fried stuff full of red chilis. If that’s not your thing, there’s sesame chicken, too, plus Thai curries, sushi, steamed seafood and much more. $$

Newk’s Eats
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. Getchassell 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. • 706-521-5998
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, crostè, crepes and a nice patio. $ $$

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

Osteria Athena
323 E. Broad St. • 706-353-3911
osteriathena.com

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
gtomovies.com
FILE UNDER: American. FEATURES: Beer and wine. 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 saw and, 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.
pelicansnobbals.com
FILE UNDER: Snoballs. FEATURES: Outside seating. HOURS: Seven days (closes in cold weather). $

Italian standards (homemade pasta, chicken marsala, eggplant parm, carpecci, caprese), all well seasoned and well executed. Gluten-free options and a kids menu. Italian beer and wine. $$
The Picnic Basket Meal Market
1973 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville • 706-705-1292
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, cheese cake, enchiladas, pork chops and anything else the owners feel like making.

The Pine
1235 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-208-0059
thepineathens.com

Pita Pit
123 N. Jackson St. • 706-552-0051
pitapit.com

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1995 Barnett Shoals Rd • 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 Rd • 706-316-3090
1993 Barnett Shoals Road • 706-353-8181
1791 Oconee Connector • 706-521-5833
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, mashed potatoes, yams and Southern desserts. AYCE. $$

Polleria Pablo
50 Gaines School Rd. • 706-850-8599
Find Us on Facebook
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
pubonmainatl.com

Pulaski Heights BBQ
675 Pulaski St. • 706-583-9600
pulaskiheightsbbq.com

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. $$

Pulaski Heights BBQ
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pulaskiheightsbbq.com

Punta Cana Latin Grill
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1021 Jamestown Blvd., Watkinsville • 706-310-0091
facebook.com/RachelsSouthernStyleRestaurant
**File Under:** Southern, 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-rasin salad, turnip greens, hash–brown casserole). Homemade desserts. $  

Rafferty’s Restaurant & Bar
15 Huntington Road • 706-613-0045
raffertys.com
**File Under:** American. **Features:** Catering. **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:** 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 Rail Athens
1120 Mitchell Bridge Road • 706-354-7289
facebook.com/therailathens
**File Under:** Sandwiches, Burgers and Chicken, Bars. **Features:** Outside seating, live music, Wi-Fi. **Hours:** Lunch and dinner, seven days. $  

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. $  

The Rooftop
215 N. Lumpkin St. • 706-850-7670
greatatheatre.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. **Features:** 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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**https://rashecuisine.com/**

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flagpole.com
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

Ru San’s
196 Alps Road • 706-552-0488
ruSanathens.com

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 choppsticks 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
225 S. Milledge Ave. • 706-850-2027
sakurasteakhouse.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

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 (breadcr Spinach or rice pillow 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. $$

Schlotzsky’s Deli
1490 Baxter St. • 706-543-2518
schlotzskys.com
FILE UNDER: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Friendly. Features: Drive-thru, 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

Sr. Sol
2455 W. Broad St. • 706-850-7112
175 Tallassee Road • 706-546-1570
facebook.com/SrSolRestaurants
FILE UNDER: Mexican, Vegetarian Friendly. Features: Full bar, delivery, catering, curbside pick-up, outside seating. Hours: Lunch and dinner. Two locations; the original, on Tallassee, is smaller. Lots of standards if you just want margaritas 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. $$

Shokitteni
251 W. Clayton St. • 706-353-7933
shokitteni.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, sakotinis, 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 cappuccino 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
sirithaithens.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

Smoothie King
1519 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, cheeky 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  
213 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 sour s. $  

Square One Fish Co.  
1298 Prince Ave. • 706-353-8862  
squareonefishco.com  
**FILE UNDER:** American. **FEATURES:** Curbside pick-up, full bar. **HOURS:** Lunch, Mon–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  
stricklandrestaurant.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  
mtk.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:** Catering, curbside service and delivery. **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. Menu is 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.  
**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, churrasco 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  
taqueriadelso.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, desebra (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 Pallrilla  
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, entre-size salads and “feasts” (grilled veggies or protein, salad, side). Soups, baktava, 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 Drive-thru, catering, outside seating. Beer

Tlaloc El Mexicano Restaurant
1225 N. Chase St. • 706-613-9301
tlalocelmexicano.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. $$

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 flends are into Hopscouterion, 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 Rd • 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

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 beef salad. Desserts in the refrigerated case. $$

Toppers International Showbar
100 N. Jackson St. • 706-613-0504
toppersathens.com

Trappeze Pub
269 N. Hull St. • 706-543-8997
trappezepub.com
FILE UNDER: Something Different, Vegetarian Friendly, Bars. Features: Full bar, outside seating, Wi-Fi. Hours: Lunch, dinner and late night, seven days. Sunday brunch. 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
utagesushibarrestaurant.com

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
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. $

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**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. $$$

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**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. $

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**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. $

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**White Tiger Gourmet**
217 Hiawassee Ave. • 706-353-6847
whitepigergourmet.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, everything almost cooked on the magical flat-top. $$

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**Willy’s Mexicana Grill**
196 Alps Road • 706-549-1920
willys.com

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

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**Wing House Grill**
8727 U.S. Hwy. 29, Hull • 706-850-9700
64 N Main St., Watkinsville • 706-705-6370
winghousegrill.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. $

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**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. $

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**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). $

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**WNB Factory**
280 Williams St. • 706-308-8088

**FILE UNDER:** Sandwiches, Burgers And Chicken. **FEATURES:** Catering, outdoor seating, take-out. **HOURS:** Lunch and dinner. $

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

**FILE UNDER:** American, Asian. **FEATURES:** Delivery, take-out. **THE 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 and burgers, but what you want is on the Chinese menu: including duck, yu xiang eggplant, steamed fish, mapo tofu, cumin lamb and more. $$$

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**Wok’s Up**
1791 Oconee Connector, Bogart • 706-521-5486
facebook.com/woksupportgeorgia

**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. $

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**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 tipsy papocakes and Princess Peach Tea. $

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**Woodford**
1791 Oconee Connector, Bogart • 706-521-5486

**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. $

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**The World Famous**
351 N. Hull St. • 706-543-4002
facebook.com/the-world-famous-atl

**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. $

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**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. $$

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**Zeb’s Bar-B-Q**
5742 U.S. Hwy. 29, Danielsville • 706-795-2701
Find Us on Facebook

**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, lots and slaw, too. Brightly colored slices of soda cake by the register. New drive-thru. $

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**Zoe’s Kitchen**
145 Alps Road • 706-850-3400
footezkat.com

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

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**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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